

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

Ben Walker W.M. (316-288-8142)

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

**MAY 1 7:00PM TRUSTEE MEETING – UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES**

**MAY 8 6:00PM DINNER  
7:00PM STATED MEETING –**

**MAY 22 6:00PM DINNER  
7:00PM STATED MEETING -**

Hello Brothers,

There was discussion about the financial condition of the Lodge at the Retreat in January. Ideas were passed to the Trustees for further discussion. The Trustees presented to the Lodge an increase of \$21 be added to the dues for 2024. This amounted to the Lodge receiving \$80 and the Grand Lodge per capita tax of \$45. At the Lodge meeting of February 13, a motion was made to increase the dues to the \$125 total for 2024 and is tabled until the vote to be taken at the April 10 meeting. At the April 10 meeting the vote was taken on the dues increase and was passed. This increase will be shown on the dues notices in September 2023.

We are updating the records with Grand Lodge. We are looking for Veterans, (time in service and conflicts that were serve in), Wives/Significant Others Names and Month and Day of her Birthday, first responders and a picture of you. These can all be emailed to the Lodge email, [jvlmactr@gmail.com](mailto:jvlmactr@gmail.com). Thanks for helping us update this information. If there is anything else, we will be in touch with you personally.

There will 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.

There are a couple of items that need to be addressed at the Center. One being updating the fire suppression unit in the kitchen to the current code. This is about \$6,000 to update.

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

**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 in the Men's Lounge.

New wish list for Project 16:49

Web site <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2BZF8OD46F100>

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

TAMMY WISKIA W.M. (608-346-8124)  
RON RASMUSSEN W.P. (608-774-1613)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our chain has been broken by the passing of our sister Kelley Marotta. Her obituary can be viewed on the Henke-Clarson website. We extend our sympathy to her family.

**MAY 10 7:00PM STATED MEETING – HONOR MOTHERS**

**MAY 24 7:00PM STATED MEETING – GRAND CHAPTER REPORTS**

April 29th, we are having a sales table at the Jobies Vendor Fair. 9am-3pm, we will be selling candy bars and baked goods, please stop in and support us or feel free to drop off some baked items. We will also have a membership display.

We are selling Vande Walle candy bars, contact the Secretary if you are interested in buying any.

Elections were held at our 4/12 meeting The following officers were elected: WM Tammy Wiskia, WP Jeff Lichtfuss, AM Heidi Corro, AP Ron Rasmussen, Secretary Rosie Fiscus, Treasurer Larry Preston, AC Barb Englund. An open Installation of officers will be held June 28th after our short meeting.

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**

**APR 29 9 AM TO 3 PM VENDOR AND CRAFT SHOW - We still have spots available for interested crafters at \$40. We already have more vendors than the fall event and have a few outdoor vendors to help draw in people. A banner will be hung in the front of the building at the beginning of the month. The men of the lodge will be selling their, soon to be famous, pork sandwiches, Star will have a bake sale, and the Daughters plan on selling taco salads and broccoli cheese soup.**

**MAY 7 5:00PM OPEN MEETING –**

**MAY 13 GRAND BETHEL EXEMPIFICATION AND RECEPTION (SEE ATTACHED FLYER)**

**MAY 21 2:00PM STATED MEETING – Closed meeting members, parents, grandparents, guardians, and those with Masonic Affiliation are welcome.**

May 13 is Vanna's Home exemplification event and reception as GBHQ. We would love you all to attend both events and show the rest of the state that the Janesville Masons and Star members know how to support their youth group.

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!

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN Vanna, would still love to receive invitations to Masonic or Star or other appendant bodies events and would love to talk to any organization at any Masonic Center or event in WI about Job's Daughters International. Please send requests or invitations to [vbrinkman01@gmail.com](mailto:vbrinkman01@gmail.com) or contact Bethel Guardian Valerie Brinkman-Kampmann by phone or text at 608-201-5049.



# JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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## MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 TRUSTEES 7:00PM MEETING	2	3	4	5	6 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
7 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 5:00PM STATED MEETING	8 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	9	10 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM STATED MEETING	11	12	13 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
14	15 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM- 2:30PM	16 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 6:00PM	17	18	19	20 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
21 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM STATED MEETING	22 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	23	24 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM STATED MEETING	25	26	27 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
28	29	30	31			

**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 **MAY 15 AND JUNE 19**. These drives have been well attended with the appointment schedule filled but walk-ins accepted when schedule permits.



You are invited to  
Wisconsin's Grand Bethel Exemplification  
"It's Okay to not be Okay"  
and  
Grand Bethel Honored Queen Reception

May 13, 2023

Exemplification at 4:00 PM

Reception at 6:00 PM

Dinner, Karaoke, Music, and Dancing only \$10.

Jobie Sleepover for daughters and their chaperones at 10 PM

To Bes and Prospective members welcomed

Janesville Masonic Center  
2322 East Milwaukee Street  
Janesville, WI



This will be an open meeting; all are encouraged  
to attend.

We eagerly invite all Masonic Family to come and see  
who we are!

RSVP to Mom Valerie Brinkman-Kampmann at  
vbrinkman01@gmail.com or (608)201-5049 by April 30, 2023

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# Spring Vendor & Craft Show

Saturday April 29, 2023  
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  
vbrinkman01@gmail.com

## **Wide Variety of Crafters & Vendors**

Shop two stories of crafters and vendors for  
assorted crafts, handmade items, products  
& affordable gifts for everyone.  
Food will be available for purchase.



## 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. 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 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. 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.

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 \$80/day and November 15 to April 1 the rate is \$120/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.