

# 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"

JULY 1 NO TRUSTEE MEETING

JUNE 8 6:00PM DINNER  
7:00PM STATED MEETING –

JULY 13 JANESVILLE FARMERS MARKET

JULY 20 9:00AM TO 3:00PM JANESVILLE LODGE MASONIC CRAFT & VENDORS FAIR

JULY 22 6:00PM DINNER  
7:00PM STATED MEETING –

Hello Brothers,

June was a busy month for our Lodge, we had a Master Mason degree for Racy Stahl. Had a lodge BBQ, unfortunately the weather did not co-operate, and we had it in the basement of the Lodge instead of outside. An EA initiation for Nicholas Grob-Thayer was done on June 1<sup>st</sup>, this was a multi-lodge event with 2 candidates from 2 different lodges being initiated. We also elected two candidates to receive the Enter Apprentice Degree's. Also, the officers of the Lodge attended the Annual Grand Lodge Stated Communication in Madison on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

July will be just as busy if not more. There will be degrees for the new members as they travel on their Masonic Journey in the coming months. We are currently planning a Master Mason Degree Donald Stu Berry and two Enter Apprentice Degree initiations for our two new candidates (hopefully we can do them as a double). Keep an eye out for when these degrees occur and support our 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.

There will be a Craft Fair held at the Lodge on July 20<sup>th</sup> as a fundraiser for the Lodge. We will need volunteers to help set up tables in the lodge for the event. Please spread the word, we need more vendors. On July 13<sup>th</sup>, we'll be doing a Masonic information booth at the Janesville Farmers Market. If any Brothers would like volunteer to man the booth for a few hours, it would be greatly appreciated. I'll be there bright and early to set-up.

There still may be time to volunteer to work at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Milton. The festival runs from Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a fund raiser for the lodge, where the lodge will receive funds for every hour you volunteer. Please contact Derek Henze at (262) 473-9585 for more information.

**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.

Bro. Sven  
608-314-6964

There are NINE 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. This amounts to \$1,364 needed to operate your lodge. REMEMBER THAT THE DUES FOR 2024 YEAR WERE DUE DECEMBER 31,2023. PAST DUE NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT. 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.

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

JUDY WISKIA W.M. (608-346-8124)  
MARK NELSON W.P. (608-835-7701)

**JULY 10 6:00PM PICNIC AND STATED MEETING –**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are selling Vande Walle candy bars, \$1.50 each, please let us know if you would like to purchase any, we also have cookie jar mixes for sale.

Please join us for a meeting.

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.

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: Heidi Corro (608-) \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\* 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**

**JULY AND AUGUST – NO MEETINGS**

Christmas in July TBD

July 1st at 10am Meet at Hedburg Public Library to get Promotional stuff together for Parade.

July 4th Milton Parade Meet at Lodge at 9am Info to come out in emails.

July 12th 1pm-3pm Promotional Event at Rivers Edge Bowl Perspective Members free, Members \$5.00

July 19th @5pm Planning meeting for Jolly Jingle & Trunk or Treat

July 21st-27th Supreme Session in Omaha, Nebraska

We will have Candy bars, so if anyone is interested in Van de Walle's or Seroogy candy bars that can reach out to any of the daughters.

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!





# JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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**JULY 2024**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 TRUSTEES NO MEETING	2 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	3	4 	5	6 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
7	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 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM FARMERS MARKET
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 CRAFT & VENDORS FAIR
21	22 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	23 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM -9PM	24	25 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	26	27 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
28	29	30 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	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 **JUNE 17 AND JULY 15**. 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.