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Dear Sisters and Brothers of Wisconsin OES,

We are facing a challenge unlike any we have faced before. Today Wisconsin will have over 1000 Covid19 cases. There was an article today that Wisconsin will not see the peak in cases until May 22. All meetings and events are currently in suspension. Our Code of Laws states that Subordinate Chapter Officers will be elected at a Stated Meeting in April. It is unlikely that we will be able to meet in April. **Elections will be held at the first Stated meeting after we are allowed to meet again.**

The following is a statement from Marianne Shenefelt MWGM:

These are challenging times. Yes, I know we have rules and regulations, BUT we must realize the health of our members takes precedence. We must do what is right to keep our membership safe, healthy and protected. In time, we will be able to return to our schedules, our normal meetings, etc. I believe being flexible and compassionate in this time of uncertainty serves our members best.

My prayers are with all of you. Stay safe and well. Keep in contact by phone and email. Do not put yourselves in danger.

With Love
Laramie Reissner
Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron Laramie and Worthy Grand Patron Ian have asked that Resolutions to be presented at Grand Chapter -- **when-ever that will take place** – be made available to the membership. Resolutions are included in this newsletter.

See letter of 3/31/2020 from Most Worthy Grand Matron Marianne Shenefelt on page 2.

Upcoming Events

If you have been following the frequent updates on Covid 19, you already know that all group activities have been cancelled through April 30, 2020. Meetings, Grand Representative Receptions, Fund-Raisers, etc. may be rescheduled after the nation-wide quarantine is lifted. Please keep watching the monthly newsletter and the Blast for further information on the re-scheduling of events.

REMINDER

Please let Elaine Engelke know if you are bringing items for the Silent Auction at Grand Chapter. 100% of the Silent Auction proceeds go to UW Cardiovascular Research Center. You can contact Elaine at engelm@tds.net or 608-523-4134.

Love that Vande Walle candy? Kilbourn Chapter is still selling it for their scholarship fund. Contact Mary Rasmussen (608-345-8890) or Paul Triglith (608-643-6252).

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March 31, 2020

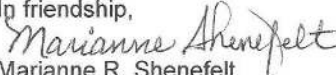
My Sisters and Brothers,

With the President's announcement of the extension of the guidelines that include social distancing until April 30, 2020, I strongly urge you to continue to observe these guidelines for the safety and well-being of our membership. It is our responsibility as loving Star members to do so and it is our duty to do what is right to help stop the spread of the virus.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how proud I am of the leadership of each Jurisdiction for their role in making some very difficult decisions in these unprecedented times. Thank you for putting the health and safety of your membership FIRST and understanding this is what must happen in these uncertain times. There is *nothing* we do that is worth putting any member's health and life at risk—no meeting, no gathering, no function. I am aware the present situation puts a great deal of uncertainty on upcoming Grand Chapters, as well as Subordinate Chapter meetings, etc. I note there have been some innovative ways of staying connected together. However, I do want to caution you about using Skype or Zoom. **The use of Skype or Zoom CANNOT be used for any CLOSED MEETING at any time, NOW OR IN THE FUTURE, because doing so would be unacceptable and ILLEGAL.** We will have time in the future, in the near future I hope, to "right the ship" and get back to our regular routines.

These are indeed stressful times, but I anticipate that in the sense of true Eastern Star we will not only survive, but will come out of this with more connection and support for each other. I recently read this great African proverb: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." We can go far, my Sisters and Brothers.

Please take care. Stay healthy, stay safe and stay in!

In friendship,

Marianne R. Shenefelt
Most Worthy Grand Matron

copy: Henry S. Martin, MWGP
Alma Bane, RW Grand Secretary
RW Grand Trustees
GGC Jurisprudence Committee

PER WGM LARAMIE:

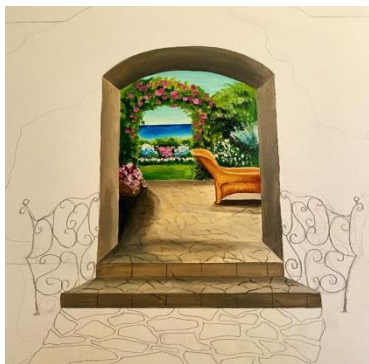
All charitable giving is to be sent to the Grand Chapter office, post marked March 31st.

All WGM Accomplishment Award paperwork is to be sent to Jan Winget by April 10th. Jan's address is: 507 14th Avenue, Union Grove, WI 53182.

Follow your bylaws concerning conducting business during recess. If you don't have something in your bylaws for paying bills during recess contact as many members as you can to get a consensus on the bills.

Final Month to Honor your Chapter Member or Loved One lost to Heart Disease

Our Artist has begun painting our Memorial Painting (see below). She plans on finishing by early May in time to ship it to Wisconsin. There is still plenty of time to honor a loved one or a Chapter member you have lost to heart attack, stroke, or other cardiovascular issue. Loved ones honored do not have to be Star members. Remember, this will hang at UW Cardiovascular Research Center in Madison. 100% of the proceeds go to the WGM and WGP Special Project - UW CRC! The painting will be 30 inches by 40 inches. \$50 made out to WGM WGP Special Project and send to Elaine Engelke, 400 N. Main St., Blanchardville, WI 53516 with your loved one's name printed.



Finish the Step-Up Challenge

March 31, 2020 saw the end of the WGM/WGP's Step-Up Challenge. Be sure to send your steps for March (and any other month you have not sent them in for) to Elaine Engelke AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that she may finish adding the steps up for each member and Chapter.

HELP NEEDED AT GRAND CHAPTER!!

Regardless when Grand Chapter Session is held, the help of many members will be needed to make it a successful Session. Members will be needed to help as:

Assistant Sentinels – any member can sign up **contact** Doug Moorhouse at 262.344.3439

Pages – WM's and PM's are asked to sign up **contact** Vicki Kuharske at 414.975.2203

Tellers & Ushers – all Brothers can help **contact** Jerry Bristol, PGP at 715.273.4263

Your participation in YOUR Grand Chapter is greatly appreciated.

The Cheer Committee is looking for donations of Birthday Cards for the residents of Three Pillars. If you have any extra cards you'd like to donate, please give them to any Cheer Committee member you see on the Star Trail!

Thank you,

Julie Richards Evelyn Prunuske

Rita Ludyjan Dorothy Schuetz

Mary Johnson

Karen Carpenter, PGM

Maria Boyer-Jensen

**AGM TERRI HUNDHAUSEN
AGP LEONARD PEDERSON
ANNOUNCE “HATCHLINGS”**

It wasn't the usual get-together of Plan A, but The Plan B Announcement Party came off without a hitch on Sunday, March 29, 2020. Thanks to all who were able to watch Terri's Facebook page live as she announced their appointed 10 officers for 2020-2021:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lynda Ferguson | (159, 219) |
| Kim Gascoigne | (71, 164) |
| LuAnn Hansen | (92) |
| ANNOUNCED AS THE GRAND ORGANIST | |
| Andrea Hraban | (94) |
| Gail O'Connell | (147) |
| Judy Paust | (208) & Iron
Mountain Chapter (MI) |
| Holly Swenson | (40) |
| Kathleen West | (37, 98) |
| Paul Twardy | (283) |
| LeRoy Kifer | (289, 118) |
| ANNOUNCED AS THE GRAND SENTINEL | |

CONGRATULATIONS to the appointed 10 Grand Officers for the 2020-2021 year! May your service as a Grand Officer be fulfilling and great fun!

Update on Perry Belmont House Foundation

Recently, the Perry Belmont House Foundation Board approved the distribution of updated information regarding the Perry Belmont House Foundation's efforts to raise funds for the Preservation and Restoration of the International Headquarters of the General Grand Chapter.

Brother Henry S. Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron and President of the Perry Belmont House Foundation Board, has requested that I send to the following information to be distributed to each Subordinate Chapter:

- | Perry Belmont House Foundation President's letter – see attached
- | Updated Perry Belmont House Foundation Donation Form – see attached
- | NEW Perry Belmont House Foundation brochure.

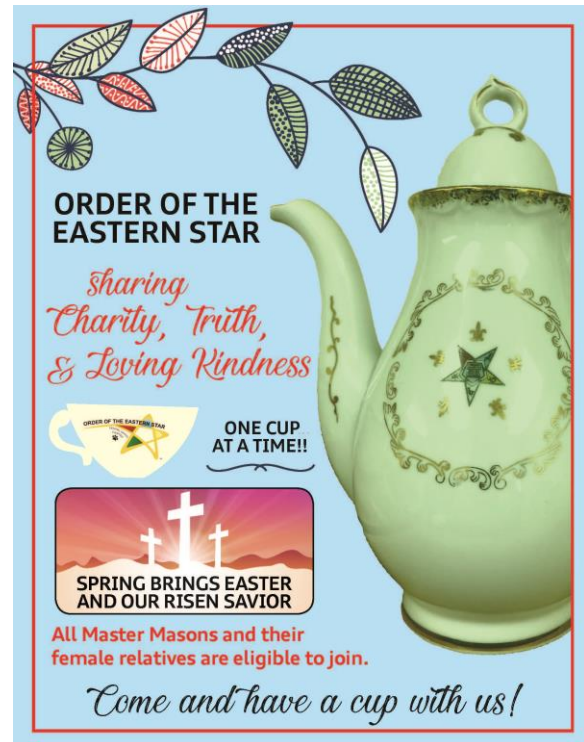
Attachments can be found at the back of the newsletter.

Also, the Perry Belmont House Foundation website has been updated and we invite all members and friends of Eastern Star to view it at:

www.perrybelmonthouse.org

Multi-State Exchange To Be Hosted by Michigan on August 8, 2020

The Exchange between Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin will be held in Michigan this August. If you have never been to a Multi-State Exchange, you need to experience it at least once! Invitation and information about the Exchange are on pages following the Resolutions. A great time will be had by all!



We will all be back together again soon!

RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

The following Resolutions have been approved by the Constitutional Amendments Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee to be presented for discussion and vote at the upcoming Grand Chapter session:

Resolution No 1-2020

The purpose of this Resolution is to change The Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star to clarify the Qualifications for Office.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following ~~revision~~ be made to The Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star Article IV Qualifications for Office, Paragraph 5, Section 1. **which now reads:**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any Worthy Matron, Past Matron, Worthy Patron or Past Patron in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction and a legal resident therein shall be eligible to any Grand Office in this Grand Chapter. The Grand Organist must be a member in good standing but need not be a Past Matron or Past Patron of a Subordinate Chapter. All Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Organist and Grand Trustees, must hold a current proficiency card in order to be installed. In order to be nominated to any Elected Grand Office, with the above exceptions, the candidate must hold a current proficiency card. A Grand Trustee must be a Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron or a member in good standing of any subordinate chapter of Wisconsin.

Be changed to read:

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any Worthy Matron, Past Matron, Worthy Patron or Past Patron in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction and a legal resident therein shall be eligible to any Grand Office in this Grand Chapter. ***If elected to a Grand Office, he/she must remain a legal resident of this Grand Jurisdiction during their entire term. If legal residence in Wisconsin cannot be maintained, he/she must resign.*** The Grand Organist must be a member in good standing but need not be a Past Matron or Past Patron of a Subordinate Chapter. All Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Organist and Grand Trustees, must hold a current Proficiency Card in order to be installed. In order to be nominated to any Elected Grand Office, with the above exceptions, the candidate must hold a current Proficiency Card. A Grand Trustee must be a Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron or a member in good standing of any subordinate chapter of Wisconsin.

Rationale:

To be able to effectively serve Wisconsin Grand Chapter and be able to conduct the business efficiently the Officer must live in Wisconsin during their entire term. There are requirements for the office that make it prudent for the Officer to live in Wisconsin. Residency throughout the term would make it easier to hold meetings, control mileage costs, attend required meetings, be able to sign any required documents that needed signing and to attend events and interact with the membership.

Signed by:

Rosemary Fiscus
Rosemary Fiscus, PGM,
Grand Lecturer
Oregon #49/Janesville #69

Laramie Reissner
Laramie Reissner, WGM
Willow River Chapter, New Richmond #37
Northwest Chapter, Clear Lake #98

Kristen Schoville
Kristen Schoville, PGM
GGCC- Service Dogs
Dodgeville Chapter, #39

Laurie Twardy
Laurie Twardy, PGM
Kenosha Chapter #92

Terri Hundhausen
Terri Hundhausen, AGM
Electa Chapter #75

Tammy Hundhausen
Tammy Hundhausen, GC
Electa Chapter #75

Debra Bower
Debra Bower, AGC
Melody Chapter Middleton #150

Kris Gruber-Twardy
Kris Gruber-Twardy, PGM
GGCC- International Peace Garden
Starlight Chapter, Madison #283

95% NEEDED TO PASS

Resolution No. 2-2020

The purpose of resolution is to change the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Wisconsin. It is to change specific sections in paragraph 6 to specify the term of a Grand Trustee and to allow for nomination of Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Trustee and Associate Grand Conduress to be submitted prior to Grand Chapter if they so choose.

Be it Resolved that the following revisions be made to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, ARTICLE V. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, PARAGRAPH 6 SECTION 1. MUST BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED ANNUALLY; and (a) ELECTED OFFICERS: and 1 and 2 which now reads:

PARAGRAPH 6, SECTION 1 MUST BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED ANNUALLY

The Grand Officers, except Grand Trustees of this Grand Chapter, shall be elected or appointed annually. No elected Grand Officer may serve for a period of longer than ten (10) consecutive years.

Any person aspiring to the office of Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer shall be nominated from the floor during elections at Grand Chapter. After nominations are closed and the nominees are introduced from the Grand East, the voting member nominating the candidate shall read their qualifications for office. No elected Grand Officer may nominate a successor to her or his office. In the event that a Worthy Grand Matron appoints and installs a Grand Secretary or a Grand Treasurer to fill a vacancy in either of those offices, the person so appointed may seek election to that office for nine (9) consecutive years.

(a) ELECTED OFFICERS:

1. The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron for the following year shall be individually nominated by a voting member. The voting member proposing the nomination shall only do so after having previously ascertained that the nominee will serve if elected. Only the nominee's Name, Chapter, Chapter Number, City and Office for which she or he is being nominated shall be mentioned. No seconding shall be necessary. If there is only one nomination for each office, the presiding officer shall close the nominations and instruct the Grand Secretary to cast the ballot and record the office as being filled. If there is more than one nomination for an office, election shall be by secret ballot.
2. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be individually nominated by a voting member. Nomination shall be made by a voting member only after the voting member has ascertained that the nominee will serve if elected. After the nominations are closed each nominee, if there is more than one, shall be invited to the Grand East, and be introduced to the Grand Chapter by the presiding officer, but shall not speak. The voting member nominating the candidate shall read the individual's qualifications for office. If there is only one nomination for each office, the presiding officer shall close the nominations and instruct the Grand Secretary to cast the ballot and record the office as being filled. No second shall be necessary for nominations. If there is more than one nomination for an office, election shall be by secret ballot.

The Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and one Grand Trustee for a three-year term shall be individually nominated by a voting member. Nomination shall be made by a voting member only after this voting member has ascertained that the nominee will serve if elected. Only the nominee's Name, Chapter, Chapter Number, City, year served as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, any Grand Chapter Offices or Committees and Office for which she or he is being nominated shall be mentioned. After the nominations are closed each nominee, if there is more than one, shall be invited to the Grand East, and be introduced to the Grand Chapter by the presiding officer, but shall not speak. If there is only one nomination for each office, the presiding officer shall close the nominations and instruct the Grand Secretary to cast the ballot and record the office as being filled. No second shall be necessary for nominations. If there is more than one nomination for an office, election shall be by secret ballot.

Be amended to read:

Section 1. Must be Elected or Appointed Annually.

The Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, except Grand Trustees who will be starting their second or third year of their three-year term, shall be elected or appointed annually. No elected Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer, may serve for a period longer than ten (10) consecutive years. No Grand Trustee may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. No elected Grand Officer may nominate a successor to her/ his office. In the event that a Worthy Grand Matron appoints and installs a Grand Secretary or a Grand Treasurer to fill a vacancy in either of those offices, the person so appointed and installed may seek election to that office for nine (9) consecutive years.

(a) Elected Officers

1. The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, and Grand Conductress shall be individually nominated by a voting member for the following year. The voting member proposing the nomination shall ~~only~~ do so only after having previously ascertained that the nominee will serve if elected. Only the nominee's Name, Chapter, Chapter Number, City and Office for which she/he is being nominated shall be mentioned. No second is necessary. If there is only one nomination for each office, the presiding officer shall close the nominations and instruct the Grand Secretary to cast a ballot and record the office as being filled. If there is more than one nomination for an office, election shall be by secret ballot.
2. The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Associate Grand Conductress and one (1) Grand Trustee for a three-year term, shall be individually nominated by a voting member in writing. The voting member proposing the written nomination shall ~~only~~ do so only after having previously ascertained that the nominee will serve if elected. This written nomination must be submitted to the Grand Secretary no later than February 1st of the election year so the written nomination information may be sent to the Chapters in March. Only the nominee's Name, Chapter, Chapter Number, City, and her/his qualifications for office are to be mentioned. This does not prevent a nomination to be made on the day of election of officers at Grand Chapter. The voting member, nominating the candidate, shall read the individual's qualifications for office if the nomination is made on the day of election of officers at Grand Chapter. If there is more than one nominee, **the nominees** shall be invited to the Grand East during Grand Chapter, and be introduced to the Grand Chapter by the presiding officer, but shall not speak. If there is only one nomination for each office, the presiding officer shall close the nominations and instruct the Grand Secretary to cast a ballot and record the office as being filled. No second is necessary. If there is more than one nomination for an office, election shall be by secret ballot. No elected Grand Officer may nominate a successor to her/his office. In case of there are no nominations for the positions of Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer, the Worthy Grand Matron-elect shall fill such vacancy by appointing a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron until the next Grand Chapter Session. In the event that a Worthy Grand Matron appoints and installs a Grand Secretary or a Grand Treasurer to fill a vacancy in either of those offices, the person so appointed may seek election to that office for nine (9) consecutive years.
3. From the time a Sister's or Brother's nomination has been received and acknowledged by the Grand Secretary, an introduction as a candidate may be made. The candidate may then have the privilege of introducing herself/himself to the Worthy Matrons and club presidents. Those officers will then be aware of a candidate's presence whenever a candidate visits a Chapter or club. She/he may be introduced from the sideline, no remarks may be made by any candidate.

4. Speeches regarding her/his candidacy may not be made by the candidate, or anyone else on behalf of the candidate. There will be no distribution of printed material or postings on any type of social media concerning the candidate. This will be interpreted as electioneering. This includes flyers, business cards, personal websites or any other types of social media.
5. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will be reviewed by the Worthy Grand Matron and/or the Jurisprudence Committee. ~~and~~ If a violation has been found, all chapters will be notified of the violation. This would be in accordance with Section 2: ELECTIONEERING FOR OFFICE.

REASONING: These are important positions that have an impact on the future of our Grand Chapter. This would give all voting members an opportunity to get to know who the candidates are ahead of time so they can make a more informed decision during the voting process at Grand Chapter. All members would still need to follow the code of Section 2 of no electioneering for the office for which a member is being nominated.

Signed by:


 Linda M. Schreier

Worthy Matron of Vega Chapter #76, Milwaukee

Past Matron of West Allis Chapter #172, West Allis

12/19/2019

Required to pass: 95%

Resolution No. 3-2020

Purpose: To amend the Code of Laws, Article XIV, Standing Committees and Duties, Paragraph 15, Section 1 to include Service Dogs as a continuing Grand Chapter of Wisconsin standing committee.

Article XIV, paragraph 15, section 1 currently reads:

The Standing Committees of this Grand Chapter shall be appointed by the incoming Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing year, immediately after she is installed. The first named member shall be Chairman of the Committee. The number of members that shall constitute each of the several committees shall be as follows:

- a. Appeals and Grievances, three members
- b. Consolidation or Surrender of Charter, six members
- c. Constitutional Amendments, three members

- d. Finance, Ways and Means, composed of five (5) members: three (3) Past Grand Matrons, or Past Grand Patrons and two (2) voting members. Each year two(2) new members will be appointed – One (1) Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron, and (1) Voting members at-large. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee. The Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron serving in the third year of their three-year term on the Finance, Ways and Means committee will be designated the chairperson of the committee.
- e. Fraternal Relations, one or two members
- f. Jurisprudence, five members
- g. Necrology, one member
- h. Uniformed Proficiency Committee, four or five Past Grand Matrons, providing the fifth member is the Worthy Grand Matron going out of office, Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.
- i. Registration, eight members
- j. Revision of Subordinate Chapter By-Laws, three members (one appointed each year)
- k. Unfinished Business, three members

Be amended to add:

- l. Service Dog Committee, two or three members. If there is a General Grand Chapter Service Dog Committee Member from the Jurisdiction of Wisconsin, she/he shall be designated as the Chairman of the Committee; otherwise a member in good standing appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron shall be designated as Chairman.

Article XIV, Standing Committees and Duties, paragraph 15, section 2 would be amended to add:

Section 2: Duties of Committees

The Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter shall perform the following specific duties:

(1) Service Dog Committee

1. Shall be responsible for fund-raising efforts in the name of the Grand Chapter to support the financial goals of the Committee. All monies collected shall be paid to the Grand Secretary for deposit in the designated Grand Chapter Charity account for Service Dogs.

2. The Committee Chairman will discuss with the current Worthy Grand Matron the selection of a reputable organization or organizations that possesses either a current ADI (Assistance Dogs International) or IGDF (International Guide Dog Federation) accreditation or both. No organization will be awarded monetary funds if they do not possess these requirements.

Rationale: At the 48th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter, Service Dogs were accepted and established as the primary and permanent identifying charity of the General Grand

Chapter along with the adoption of a Service Dog Committee as a new Standing Committee of the General Grand Chapter. General Grand Chapter has requested ALL Grand chapters establish a permanent Service Dog Committee and that it be made a permanent standing committee of each Grand Chapter.

Kristen Schoville, GGCCM, PGM

Kristen Schoville, GGCCM – Service Dogs,

PGM Dodgeville Chapter #39, Dodgeville

James Schoville
James Schoville, PP – Dodgeville Chapter, Dodgeville

95% needed to pass

Resolution No. 4-2020

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW PLURAL MEMBERSHIP IN SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

The purpose of this resolution is to change the Constitution, Code of Laws, to permit Plural Membership in the Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin.

Be it resolved that Constitution, Article XIII, Revenue, Paragraph 14, Section 2, Dues from Chapters, Page 14, which now reads:

Every Chartered Chapter shall pay annually to the Grand Chapter on or before the 1st day of August of each year the per capita tax which was in effect on the preceding June 30th, and also the Masonic Home Assessment which was in effect on that day, for each member in good standing, including Life Members and Dual Members as listed on the 30th day of June, preceding the making of the Annual Report and every Chapter shall pay for each initiation the fee per the current fee schedule and a fee for an member who affiliated or was reinstated during the year, per the current fee schedule.

Be amended to read:

Every Chartered Chapter shall pay annually to the Grand Chapter on or before the 1st day of August of each year the per capita tax which was in effect on the preceding June 30th, and also the Masonic Home Assessment which was in effect on that day, for each member in good standing, including Life Members, Dual Members and Plural Members as listed on the 30th day of June, preceding the making of the Annual Report and every Chapter shall for each initiation the fee per the current fee schedule and a fee for any member who affiliated or was reinstated during the year, per the current fee schedule.

Passage of this Resolution requires that the following portions of the Constitution be changed accordingly. (One vote passes or rejects all):

Article	Section	Page
III	6(d)	3
VII	1(j)	12
XIII	1(f)	14
XIII	2	14
XV	1	19

Article XIX, Section 5 (a) would be changed to read: Status of Dual/Plural Member--The Dual Chapter of the member automatically becomes the Home Chapter. A Plural Member may choose which Chapter becomes her/his Home Chapter.

Rationale: This resolution and those listed above would permit plural membership in subordinate Chapters in Wisconsin.

Submitted by:

Ronald D. Pete, Past Grand Patron
Superior Chapter 252, Superior

Required to Pass: 95%

Resolution No. 5-2020

RESOLUTION TO PERMIT PLURAL MEMBERS IN SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

The purpose of this resolution is to change the Constitution, Code of Laws, to permit plural membership in the Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin.

Be it resolved that Constitution, Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters, Title XIII, Initiation, Paragraph 38, Section 5, Page 47, which now reads:

Section 5. ~~No person shall be a member of more than two (2) Chapters.~~

Be changed to read:

Section 5. A member may belong to as many Chapters as she/he desires, but must remit Chapter dues and Grand Chapter per capita to each Chapter in which she/he holds membership.

Passage of this resolution would also require housekeeping changes to the Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters in the sections listed below. All references to "dual" be changed to "plural."

Paragraph	Section	Page	Paragraph	Section	Page
29	1	35	39	3(e)	49

29	1(c)	35	39	3(f)	49
34	1	42	39	4(g)	51
34	1(d)	43	39	4(i)	51
34	6	43	40	4(e)	53
37	4	45	40	6(a)	53
39	Title	47	40	1	54
39	3	48	41	2(b)	54
39	3(a)	48	44	1(a)	56
39	3(b)	48	50	2(c)1	61
39	3(c)	48	Article X	2	70
39	3(d)	48	Article X	2(a)	70

Grand Secretary to create a petition for plural membership with sample to be included in Constitution.

Rationale: This action was permitted by a decision by (then) Most Worthy Grand Matron Barbara White in 2013 that each Grand Jurisdiction has the right to determine if they will allow plural membership. We have members who wish to belong to more than two Chapters and they should be allowed to be voting members in those Chapters.

Submitted by:

Ronald D. Pete, Past Grand Patron
Superior Chapter 252, Superior

Required to pass: Majority

Resolution No. 6-2020

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW FOR REMUNERATION TO THE PERSON(S) PREPARING THE PROCEEDINGS

The purpose of this resolution is to amend the Constitution, Code of Laws, to allow reimbursement to the person(s) transcribing and preparing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter Session.

Be it resolved that Constitution, Article VI, Powers and Duties of Grand Officers and District Deputies, Paragraph 7, Section 5 (e), Page 9, which now reads:

(e) The Grand Secretary shall, unless otherwise ordered, publish the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter Session under direction of the Junior Past Grand Matron. ~~The Proceedings may be compiled and typed by someone other than the Grand Secretary, but at no cost to the Grand Chapter.~~ (Stricken sentence to be deleted)

Be changed to read:

(e) The Grand Secretary shall, unless otherwise ordered, publish the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter Session under direction of the Junior Past Grand Matron. The Grand Secretary shall ensure that an electronic recording of the Grand Chapter Session be made of the entire Session and provide said electronic recording to the person(s) transcribing the Proceedings. Remuneration for transcribing and preparing the Proceedings for printing shall be in an amount established annually and brought forth as part of the proposed budget presented at the Grand Chapter Session and accepted by a majority vote of the voting members at the annual Grand Chapter Session.

Rationale: This will provide a permanent method of having the Proceedings finished and distributed to those entitled to receive them and this resolution makes permanent a motion made at the 2019 Grand Chapter Session which was good for only one year.

Submitted by:

Ronald D. Pete, Past Grand Patron
Superior Chapter 252, Superior

Required to pass: 95%

ALL ABOARD

U.S.S. MULTI-STATE

INDIANA

OHIO

WISCONSIN

MICHIGAN

ILLINOIS

KENTUCKY

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE "CRUISE INTO MICHIGAN"

MULTI-STATE GATHERING SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020

AT THE: COMFORT INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER

2424 S. MISSION ST.

Mt. PLEASANT, MI 48858

REGISTRATION 5:00 PM

SOCIAL HOUR 5:00 – 6:00 PM

DINNER 6:30 PM

PROGRAM TO FOLLOW

PLEASE INCLUDE NAMES AND TITLES FOR ALL RESERVATIONS

ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO :

GRAND CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN, OES

RESERVATION WITH REMITTANCE OF \$45.00 TO:

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DEADLINE IS JULY 31, 2020

NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 31, 2020

Dress Code: Cruise Ship Casual
(capris appropriate, no jeans please)



MULTI-STATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

August 8, 2020

Mt. Pleasant, MI

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION: Comfort Inn and Suites and Conference Center
2424 S. Mission Street.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
7989-772-4000

Reservations Booked under: **ORDER OF EASTERN STAR**

Room Rates start at: \$103.00 plus 11% combined taxes. Call hotel directly to book your reservations. 1-989-772-4000.

Other Hotels in Mt. Pleasant:

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Soaring Eagle Water Park & Hotel
5665 E. Pickard Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Baymont by Wyndham
5858 E. Pickard Street
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Hampton Inn
5205 E. Pickard
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Court Yard by Marriott
2400 East Campus Dr.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Holiday Inn & Hotel Suites
5280 E. Pickard Street
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Fairfield Inn & Suites
2525 S. University Pk Drive
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Super 8
2323 S. Mission
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Days Inn & Suites
5770 E. Pickard
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

INTERESTING THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN AREA

1. Visit the Michigan Masonic Pathways, and enjoy a tour of our Masonic Home and all the fantastic things Michigan offers to their Masonic Families. Located in Alma, MI just a short 15 minute drive.
2. Soaring Eagle Casino Museum only 20 minutes to tour this museum, then go and play at the Soaring Eagle Casino.
3. Lewis Cass Casino Night, they give you \$200 play money and they teach you at each of the tables and everyone can play the games (Friday night or Saturday Afternoon)
4. Midland is only 30 minutes away:
 - A. Dow Gardens and Whiting Forest – General admission grants you access to both Dow Gardens and Whiting Forest of Dow Gardens.
 - B. Center for the Arts Museum –Midland – A.B. Dow Museum
5. Dow Chemical Museum - Herbert H. Dow Historical Museum in Heritage Park, displays chronological the life of the founder of Dow Chemical. Allow 1.5 hrs for this. Admission is Free.
6. Frankenmuth is an hour and 14 minutes away, you can take in a dinner and show on Friday night then go to the hotel. It's the home of the famous Bronnor's Christmas store, plus Birch Run Outlet Mall is there for your shopping enjoyment.

“CRUISE INTO MICHIGAN BANQUET”
Saturday, August 8, 2020
Mt. Pleasant, MI

Banquet will be \$45.00
The Banquet will be a Hawaiian Themed Dinner

We will offer a cash bar for your enjoyment.
We will also be holding a Share the Wealth raffle with proceeds going to Masonic Pathways Media Center, in Alma, MI.

Please include a form for each reservation: If you are bringing a bus load please give Colleen Wilcenski a call and she will handle group reservations for your convenience.

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

JURISDICTION: _____

Make check payable to **Grand Chapter of Michigan** and mail form and check to:
Colleen Wilcenski, PGM, Co-Chairperson
10696 Ferry Road
Charlevoix, MI 49720

If you have questions you may reach Colleen at Email: cmwilcenski@gmail.com or by phone 231-675-2273. Or you may contact **Janice Fowler PGM – Chairperson**, at djfowler9650@comcast.net or by phone 517-467-6086. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in August.



Perry Belmont House Foundation ®

To Be Read In Open Chapter

March
3, 2020

My Distinguished Sisters and Brothers,

As your Most Worthy Grand Patron, I want to address with you an important topic of our beautiful Order, and one that is close to the heart of every member.

The brochure accompanying this letter provides information and pictures of the International Headquarters of The Order of The Eastern Star, the Perry Belmont House, completed in 1909 and located in Washington, D.C. This home is an architectural treasure filled with an abundance of magnificent and irreplaceable antiques. The Order acquired this extraordinary property in 1935 and the membership has been faithful in its stewardship through the intervening years in restoring, refurbishing, and maintaining the property, with our having been recognized with an Award of Excellence in Historic Preservation by the DC Preservation League in 2015. Several major improvements and upgrades have been completed within the past few years, due to the unfailing generosity of our members, including a new elevator, roof, air conditioning system on the second floor, and heating plant.

In 2017, we were fortunate to receive a 501-C-3 IRS Tax Designation, which makes donations for maintaining and restoring the Perry Belmont House tax-deductible to the extent of the law. All donors receive an acknowledgement letter stating the amount of the donation, which can be used for tax purposes. The Perry Belmont House Foundation was established as a formal legal entity, as a part of obtaining the IRS designation, and donations must be made payable to the Perry Belmont House Foundation to be tax-deductible. The Foundation has a separate group of officers and a Board of Trustees charged with management and administration. All stewardship of donated funds is maintained separate and apart from those of the General Grand Chapter. Your MWGP serves as President of the Foundation, with the MWGM, Sister Marianne Shenefelt, as Vice-President, and a distinct Board of Directors. When funds are needed for a necessary repair, the General Grand Chapter Trustees submit a request to the Foundation for the specific funds, and the Foundation officers make the decision to fund the request.

And now, we are starting a major fundraising campaign to focus on the preservation and restoration of the home's beautiful interior and its contents, including not only architecture, but artwork, memorabilia, and furniture much of which were acquired by the Belmont family. There have already been significant and generous donations made by Grand Chapters, Chapters, and individual members. To preserve our heritage, this generosity is needed in the future.

There are three levels of donations being recognized, with beautifully engraved brass plaques for individual donors or for someone you might want to recognize. We also ask that you consider legacy bequests that will permanently endow our beautiful Perry Belmont House in the future. Donations may be sent to:

Perry Belmont House Foundation
1618 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20009-2549

As President of the Perry Belmont House Foundation, let me express my thanks for your generosity in the past and may I sincerely request that you consider a future donation, of any amount, to help our Order preserve and maintain this magnificent treasure, our International Headquarters, both now and for future generations.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Mr. Henry S. Martin, MWGP, President
Perry Belmont House Foundation, President

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Cc: Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM, Vice President of the PBHF Board
Michael E. Berry, RWG Sentinel, Secretary/Treasurer of the PBHF Board

No Goods or Services were provided in exchange for this contribution.

The Perry Belmont House Foundation is an exempt organization as described in Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code and donations to it are Tax Deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor for deductibility.

The Perry Belmont House Foundation
1618 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20009-2549



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Donation Information: Please make Checks Payable to “Perry Belmont House Foundation”
and Mail to 1618 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009

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