



A Word from Our WGM & WGP

Hello Sisters & Brothers,

This year has truly been very exciting and lots of fun, but sadly it will soon be over. March was very busy with our Exchanges; here is a little recap of all three of them.

March 2, we hosted Illinois Grand Family at Janesville. We had 78 people join us for the day and we changed things up a little. We started our time together with a meet and greet, then we had lunch. After lunch we broke into groups and hit the town! We toured a greenhouse, winery, craft fair, quilt shop and the Main street area. We then gathered in the evening for dinner, entertainment from our own Marcia Earl and introductions. We took in \$1273 between the auction and raffle for our projects.

March 16, we were guests of Michigan Grand family at Mount Mary, Michigan. We spent the morning at Bronner’s Christmas Wonderland, a brewery, winery, a shopping mall and the Main street area of Frankenmuth. Once we arrived at the Exchange, we had time to mix & mingle, have a photo taken in the photo booth and more. After dinner, we adjourned to the chapter room where Michigan presented the flag, and then did their introductions. Then it was our turn for the introductions...and soon it was time for the entertainment by both Grand Families. We feel that our Grand Electa was superb and then your WGM & WGP were recruited for the Michigan skit. We also feel that we truly added to the skit!

March 23, we hosted Minnesota Grand Family at River Falls. The attendance from Minnesota was smaller than hoped for, but they are now in their Installation Season, and many were tied up with these. We had 60 people join us for the day and we followed the same format as in Janesville. After lunch we sent them in groups to tour River Falls and Ellsworth (for those fresh cheese curds). They toured local artisans, breweries, wineries, historical landmarks and Main Street. We gathered for dinner, entertainment by Mark Knight World Tour (Mark is my

uncle), then introductions. We took in \$1000.00 from the raffles and auction for the WGM and WGP projects.

On March 18th we were able to spend time with residents of Three Pillars at the “Shenanigans & Shamrocks” party. The Cheer Committee busily prepared for this with lots of cookies and snacks. The residents also enjoyed homemade Bailey’s Irish Cream, made by your own WGM. Thanks to our Grand Organist Jill Lotzow for being there to play the piano and lead us in the sing along.

So with Easter just around the corner and soon the flowers will be popping up from the frozen ground we are excited for the coming of warmer weather. It’s now flip flop season, so head out and visit our Sisters and Brothers and enjoy time spent with them!

Soaring Amongst the Stars Grand Family
Brenda Gaulke, WGM David Schreier, WGP

*Calling All Members . . .
We Need YOUR Help!*

Wisconsin Grand Chapter Session is quickly approaching! We need EVERYONE to help make this a successful Session. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron will be in attendance, along with other elected and appointed General Grand Chapter Officers. This is a time for OES of Wisconsin to shine – and an opportunity for YOU to share your talents with all of us.

There are several opportunities for members to get involved: Volunteer to be a Page, Teller/Collector, Usher, Assistant Sentinel, Choir member, Organist for session Preludes . . . There are many opportunities to be a part of YOUR Grand Chapter Session.

Here is who to contact to volunteer your time and talent:

- Pages Mary Mock marymmock@icloud.com
(262) 515-1518
- Teller/ Usher Marv Engelke engelm@tds.com
(608) 523-4134
- Assist Sentinel Leonard Pederson pedersonle@uwstout.edu
(612) 270-7021
- Choir Member Marcia Earl humady@aol.com
(262) 389-1803
- Preludes Brenda Gaulke brendagaulke59@gmail.com
(715) 307-0574

This year it has been our honor and privilege to appoint many Sisters and Brother with the honor of being a Grand Representative. Since many of you may not have heard about their appointments, we have listed them all here for you!

These are in order by commission date:

British Columbia	Jodi Wooding	Ellsworth Chapter
& The Yukon Territories		
Montana	Evonne Hurst	West Allis Chapter
New York	Mike Allen	Lila B. Graser Chapter
District of Columbia	Sue Kurtz	Kinnickinnic Chapter
New Jersey	Nancy Loper	Sparta Chapter
Australia	Susan Fox	Sparta Chapter
West Virginia	Jane Brokaw	Eagle Chapter
Alabama	Elaine Hines	Ellsworth Chapter
Indiana	Amy Radtke	Sparta Chapter
New Mexico	Rita Jordan	Starlight Chapter
Kentucky	Marie Desens	Fidelity Chapter
Nevada	Robert Dorsey	Ozaukee Chapter
Connecticut	Dennis Brown	Willow River Chapter
Idaho	Lynn Simon	Eagle Chapter
Maryland	Kay Beix	Burlington Chapter
Michigan	Yvette Presnell	West Allis Chapter
New Brunswick	Donna Schauf	Union Grove Chapter
North Dakota	Sue Steiner	Loyalty Chapter
South Carolina	Sharon Bruun	Shullsburg Chapter
South Dakota	Mike Shore	Dodgeville Chapter
Utah	Rae Barnes	Wautoma Chapter
Wyoming	Chuck Fick	Trillium Chapter
Scotland	Bob Barnett	Starlight Chapter
Maine	Brenda Pierro	Kenosha Chapter
New Hampshire	Marvin Cormican	Northwest Chapter
Arkansas	Romelle Kelly	Kinnickinnic Chapter
Iowa	Mary Jo Unger	Starlight Chapter
Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island	Bonnie Clark	Lemonweir Chapter

There are still three appointments to be announced yet; stay tuned!

WGM Chapter Accomplishment Award

In case you have missed the information in the Blast, all Chapters need to check their Award plaque to check out how many plates you have left. If you are out of plates (or will be next year) PLEASE let Carol Mc Allister know. We have new plaques ordered and need to know what Chapters need them.

Upcoming Events

Apr 1	7:00 PM	Sparta Chapter Friends' Night , honoring Marshals & Organists with pound auction and quilt raffle afterward
Apr 2	7:00 PM	Electa Chapter Star Point Night
Apr 3	7:00 PM	GR reception for Diane Moore -TX and Paul Twardy (Italy), Starlight Chapter, Madison
Apr 5	6:30 PM	"Paint 'n Nosh" at LaBelle Chapter, Mukwonago to benefit WGM & WGP's Projects. \$25/person. RSVP to Janine Coley by March 25 th
Apr 9	7:00 PM	Rainbow Chapter, Wisconsin Rapids Friends' Night and honor Soaring With the Stars Grand Family
	7:00 PM	Ozaukee Chapter's reception for Sue Skaros, Karen Rudolph, and Laurie Ziegler, Grand Representatives
Apr 12	3:00 PM	GC Committee Reports due to Grand Secretary for inclusion in Session Book
Apr 13	2:00 PM	Wauwatosa Chapter, Brookfield, reception for Mary Johnson, GR
Apr 15	7:00 PM	Kenosha Chapter reception for LuAnn Hansen, GR
Apr 16	7:00 PM	Ellsworth Chapter stated meeting & reception for Kris Webster, GR
Apr 20	12noon	pot luck and GR party for Rene Campbell (Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island) at Trillium Chapter, Crivitz

Please send wishes for a Happy 103rd Birthday to Sister Lucille Ott on April 2nd at 5000 S. Mockingbird Lane, #A202, Greendale, WI 53129.

Hello Sisters and Brothers,
 I want to say a heartfelt "thank you" on behalf of my husband Shawn and myself for all the well wishes and prayers. We both are still recovering from the accident and get better every day. We hope to be back to walking and normal activities by the end of April. A big thank you goes to my Home Chapter 71 of Union Grove, for all their assistance in adjusting their schedules during my absence.

Fraternally,
 Cindy Ryan, W.M.
 Union Grove Chapter

If you are presenting a program, giving a response, or opening a session for us at this coming Grand Chapter, please

remember to limit remarks to three (3) minutes, and send an electronic copy of your program to WGM Brenda, so she has it in her records. Remember that her email has changed... brendagaulke59@gmail.com

All programs, responses and Opening Sessions are to be given to the Grand Secretary at the time of your presentation or may be sent electronically ahead of time to secretary.wioes@gmail.com.

All Committee Reports are to be sent to the Grand Secretary as an electronic file by April 12, 2019 in order to be included in the Session Book. Thank you!!

Calling All Nurses

Your services are needed! We would like to get a list together of all the nurses we have in our Grand Chapter. Jenna Gapinski and I will be available for this year at Grand Chapter. We would like to know who you all are and we know there are many of you out there! Please stop by the table we will have in the Grand Chapter room or in the Wisconsin Room where we will have a clinic area. You may call, text, email, or stop by to give us your information.

Thank You,
Mitch Behlke mitchrn507@hotmail.com
920-988-0608

CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED!

Congratulations to Sheila Barber; she drafted the winning Outgoing March. We would like to thank all of the members who submitted entries! As promised, Sheila received a very special gift, a Wal-Mart gift card



Congratulations Sheila!

World of Youth Scholarships

From the World of Youth Committee: Applications for World of Youth Scholarships are available on the Wisconsin Jobs Daughters website (www.wijobsdaughters.org) and the Wisconsin DeMolay website (www.widemolay.org). Completed applications are due to the Committee by March 31st.



Current and Former Grand Officers

Our Worthy Grand Matron is requesting that all current Grand Officers and former Grand Officers have group pictures taken this year by office. Pictures will be taken on the Grand Chapter floor during pre-session/break times. Because we all need to be in several places at the same time, and time on the Grand Chapter floor is limited, please be prompt for your group's picture. Thank you. Schedule below.

TUESDAY:

10 AM-ORGANISTS	10:15- CHAPLAINS
10:30- MARSHALS	4 Pm- SECRETARIES
4:15- TREASURERS	4:30- WARDERS
4:45- RUTHS	5 PM- MARTHAS

WEDNESDAY:

7 AM-ELECTAS	7:15- ADAHS
7:30- ESTHERS	

CLARIFICATION OF CHAPTER INTRODUCTIONS

If you have visiting guests with a title to be introduced at your meeting, all chapter members with a title should be presented and introduced along with the visiting members.

Members of your chapter who hold a current or permanent Eastern Star title are eligible to be presented and introduced at their own chapter meetings.

It is at the chapter member individual's discretion if they want to be presented and introduced at each meeting of their own chapter.

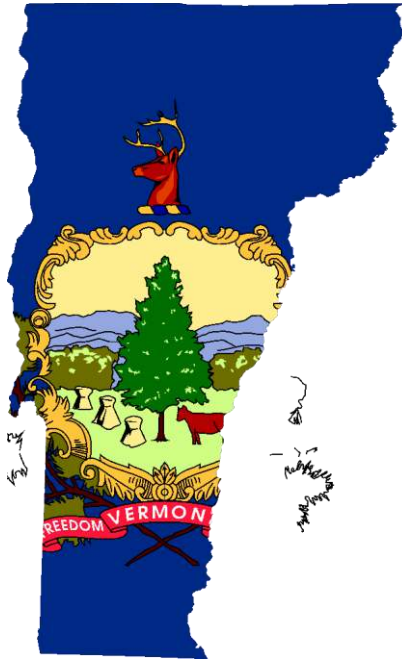
If all members of your chapter who hold a current or permanent Eastern Star title of the chapter agree, they can be recognized as a group with the suggested wording: "The chapter recognizes the (chapter name) members who hold Eastern Star titles."

Or
"The chapter recognizes the following members who hold Eastern Star titles and list their names and titles.

Approved by the WGM
Submitted by the Proficiency Committee

Deadline for ESTARL applications is May 31st. If you know someone who may qualify to receive an ESTARL scholarship, please encourage them to apply and submit the completed application to the Committee by May 31st. This includes current/previous recipients who would like to apply for continued scholarship.

Join Kenosha Chapter
In Celebrating
Sister LuAnn Hansen
Grand Representative of Vermont in Wisconsin



Monday, April 15, 2019

7 pm

Kenosha Masonic Center

115 56th ST

Kenosha, WI

Please RSVP to Laurie Twardy

wiladybug@gmail.com or 262-697-9364



Ellsworth Chapter #116
will honor



*** TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2019 ***

Following our stated meeting which starts at 7PM

400 Highpoint Dr., Ellsworth, WI - Hancock Lodge

Please join us!

RSVP to Ellen Sherry

ellenj312@gmail.com

715-307-4222

Resolutions to be presented, discussed and voted on during the Grand Chapter Session in May are attached here. It will be helpful if you bring your copy with you to Grand Chapter Session.

Resolution No 1 - 2019

The purpose of this Resolution is to change the wording in the Wisconsin Floor Work and Instructions (Red Book) to align with the change made at the 49th Triennial Assembly in Orlando FL regarding wearing hats and gloves in the Chapter room.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following revision be made to the Wisconsin Floor Work and Instructions (Red Book), page 15, #14 **which now reads:**

14. Hats and gloves are not permitted to be worn in the Chapter room.

Be changed to read:

14. Hats and gloves are not permitted to be worn in the Chapter room, except for medical or religious reasons.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that the following revision be made to the Wisconsin Floor Work and Instructions (Red Book), page 141, #2, **which now reads:**

2. The Associate Conductress should memorize her lecture. She should also see that the candidates do not enter the Chapter room wearing gloves, hats, coats, or carrying purses.

Be changed to read:

2. The Associate Conductress should memorize her lecture. She should also see that the candidates do not enter the Chapter room wearing hats or gloves, except for medical or religious reasons, coats, or carrying purses.

AND BE IT RESOLVED that the following revision be made to the Wisconsin Floor Work and Instructions (Red Book), page 196, #4 **which now reads:**

4. White covers for the Rituals may be used. Choir robes lend dignity to the ceremony but it is not necessary. Hats, gloves and formals should not be worn by officers taking part in the ceremony. Soft music may be provided.

Be changed to read:

4. White covers for the Rituals may be used. Choir robes lend dignity to the ceremony but it is not necessary. Hats and gloves, except for medical or religious reasons, and formals should not be worn by officers taking part in the ceremony. Soft music may be provided.

Rationale:

The Ritual (page 50) states hats and gloves can be worn for medical reasons. A resolution was adopted at the 49th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter (GGC) in October 2018 to add religious reasons. The Ritual indicates a person with a belief in a "Supreme Being", with the requisite Masonic Relationship, can be a member of our Order. Given that we have non-Christian members in our Order, we need to be sensitive to the religious requirements they may have. Our Code indicates when a Ritual change is made by the GGC it shall immediately be in force in Wisconsin without need of a resolution to have it accepted into our Code of Laws, but we need a resolution to have it updated in our Red Book.

Wisconsin Code of Laws, Title XXIV Rules of Order for Subordinate Chapters, Paragraph 49, Rule #10 Members shall remove gloves and hats before entering the Chapter Room except for medical or religious reasons.

Code Changes Required Passage by GGC adopted resolutions
Red Book Changes required for passage – Majority

Resolution No 2 – 2019

The purpose of this Resolution is to address who is eligible to present and retire the Flag.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following revision be made to the Wisconsin Order of Eastern Star Floor Work and Instructions, page 61, #3 which now reads:

The Associate Patron will act as Standard Bearer, Conductress and Associate Conductress as the Guard of Honor. If the Associate Patron is not present, any member may be appointed to act as Standard Bearer.

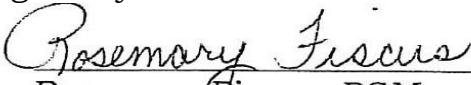
Be changed to read:


The Associate Patron will act as Standard Bearer, Conductress and Associate Conductress as the Guard of Honor. If the Associate Patron is not present **or physically unable to carry the flag**, any member may be appointed to act as Standard Bearer.

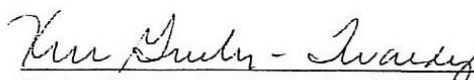
Rationale:


In the last few years we have been instructing members that anyone can present the Flag if the AP is not present or if he is not able to. To be consistent in our verbal instructions, it should be included as instruction in the Red Book.

Signed by:


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Brenda Gauke, WGM
Kinnickinnic Chapter #80
Northwest Chapter #98


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Required to Pass --- Majority

Resolution No 3 - 2019

The purpose of this Resolution is to change the manner in which the Star Points hand out the colored ribbons of her station and the procedure she should take while explaining the colors.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following revision be made to the Wisconsin Order of Eastern Star Floor Work and Instructions, page 154 #41 2nd paragraph which now reads:

STAR POINT: (Ritual)

After the word (Blue, Yellow, White, Green or Red), she steps forward to give the ribbon to each new member and then continues speaking. Adah, Ruth and Esther start with the new member closest to the Altar and work south; Martha and Electa start with the new member closest to the Altar and work north. The Star Point will remain with the last new member until she finishes the explanation of the color.

Be changed to read:

After the word (Blue, Yellow, White, Green or Red), she steps forward to give the ribbon to each new member. Adah, Ruth and Esther start with the new member closest to the Altar and work south; Martha and Electa start with the new member closest to the Altar and work north. After the Ribbons are presented, the Star Point will then back to the side of her chair and continue speaking by giving the explanation of the color.

Rationale:

By presenting the ribbons to the new members without speaking, then explaining the meaning of the color while at the side of her chair, the Star Point is able to address the new members collectively rather than speaking only to the last new member to receive the ribbon. From the side of the chair, she can make eye contact with all of the new members while giving the explanation of the color.

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Red Book Changes - required for Passage --- Majority

Resolution No 4-2019

The purpose of this Resolution is to change the wording for the Prayer circle in the Wisconsin Floor Work and Instructions (Red Book) to clarify who does not join the Prayer circle.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following revision be made to the Wisconsin Floor Work and Instructions (Red Book), page 157, #49 (2) **which now reads:**

49. (2) All officers, with the exception of the Conductresses, new members, Worthy Patron and Warder, move immediately as per line of march in the Diagram of the Labyrinth. (Worthy Patron and Warder do not leave their stations.)

Be changed to read:

49. (2) All officers, with the exception of the Conductresses, new members, Worthy Patron, Organist, Warder and Sentinel, move immediately as per line of march in the Diagram of the Labyrinth. (Worthy Patron, Organist, Warder and Sentinel do not leave their stations.)

Rationale:

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Resolution No 5- 2019

The purpose of this Resolution is to change the wording to make the Wisconsin Floor Work and Book of Instruction (Red Book) consistent with the Ritual of the Order of Eastern Star.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following revision be made to the Wisconsin Order of Eastern Star Floor Work and Instructions, page 39, #3 and page 57 Closing the Bible and Prayer, Page 58-59, #7 **now reads:**

(Page 39) 3. During Closing Ceremonies

(Page 57) Closing the Bible and Prayer

#1. The same directions are to be observed by the Chaplain and Conductress in the performance of their duties in the closing ceremonies as stated in the opening ceremonies. Refer to Ritual (Closing the Chapter).

(Page 58-59) #7. As the Conductress reaches this position, ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS including the Worthy Patron drop their hands to their sides and ALL, except the Chaplain and Conductress who remain facing the Altar, turn to face east to direct their attention to the Worthy Matron during the remainder of the Closing Ceremony. All remain in this position until the Chapter is declared closed and the Worthy Matron has completed her orders to the Warder.

Be changed to read:

Order of the Eastern Star Floor Work and Instruction (Red Book)

#3. During Closing of the Chapter

Closing the Bible and Prayer

#1. The same directions are to be observed by the Chaplain and Conductress in the performance of their duties in the closing of the Chapter as stated in the opening ceremonies. Refer to Ritual (Closing the Chapter).

(Page 58-59) #7. As the Conductress reaches this position, ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS including the Worthy Patron drop their hands to their sides and ALL, except the Chaplain and Conductress who remain facing the Altar, turn to face east to direct their attention to the Worthy Matron during the remainder of the **Closing of the Chapter**. All remain in this position until the Chapter is declared closed and the Worthy Matron has completed her orders to the Warder.

Rationale:

The Ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star does not say that the closing is considered a ceremony. Only the opening is considered a ceremony, therefore our Red Book of Instruction should not call it a ceremony in the three instances above. It should just be the "closing of the Chapter".

The Wisconsin Code of Laws, Article II, Order of Business, Section 1. #19. Closing Ceremonies Changed to Closing of the Chapter.

Red Book Changes – Required to Pass -- Majority
Code Changes -- Required for Passage by GGC

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LIGHT OF THANKFULNESS ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019
11:30 SOCIAL
12:30 DINNER
ANNOUNCEMENT TO FOLLOW

THE RIDGES COUNTRY CLUB

2311 GRIFFITH AVE

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

\$24 adults \$17 children 10 and under
Send remittance and titles to

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2530 Branwood Dr
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494