

Christmas Fulfillment

This Christmas, may you have the fulfillment of seeing around you the people you love the most. May you have the satisfaction of creating special memories they will remember with pleasure forever.

This Christmas, may you feel peaceful and contented, knowing what Christmas means, and celebrating it your way.

By Joanna Fuchs

Merry Christmas

From
The Light of Thankfulness
Grand Family

Laramie Reissner
Worthy Grand Matron

Ian Watts
Worthy Grand Patron

Merry Christmas



Charity of the month for

DECEMBER – E.S.T.A.R.L.

The Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (E.S.T.A.R.L.) program was created in 1952 by General Grand Chapter for the purpose of helping individuals who wish to dedicate their lives to religious service by assisting them with their financial needs. Scholarships are awarded regardless of age, race, color, national or ethnic origin, or religious belief. Candidates are screened on the basis of academic record, citizenship, character, and financial need. All funds for ESTARL scholarships raised in Wisconsin are awarded to Wisconsin candidates. Funds for these scholarships are entirely dependent upon your gifts and donations.

Wisconsin has two types of scholarship awards: the regular scholarship for applicants who are studying for full time Church leadership and the short-term grant for laity attending workshops or classes to enhance their leadership role within their Church. Additional information and application forms are available on the OES website (www.wioes.org).

From the Grand Lecturer

Thank you to the Chapters for working together for the OV1 and for welcoming the Elected Grand Officers into your Chapters. Thanks also for your cooperation on the OV2 and welcoming the Appointed Grand Officers into your Chapters. We feel that the process was successful.

In reviewing some of the Grand Officer reports, the following are some of the irregularities:

- The Associate Patron remains in his station for his initiatory lecture in the west. (Red Book, page 160)
- The American Flag should be presented and retired at every Stated and Special meeting. Any member can carry the flag. (Red Book, page 61 #1 & #3)
- Members installed at a later date, should sign the top of the Installation minutes. (Red Book, page 175 #4)

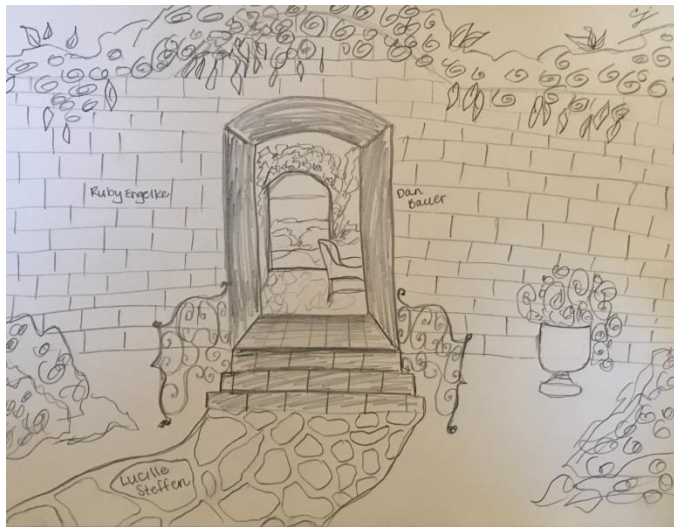
PGM Rosie Fiscus, Grand Lecturer

Up-Coming Events

Check with the Worthy Matron before traveling to Chapters, as calendars may have changed from what is printed in the Roster Book.

- 12/9 1 P.M. Lemonweir Chapter, Tomah, Friend's Day. Lunch at 11:30 AM
- 12/10 4-8 P.M. Culver's Share Night fundraiser for Starlight Chapter. Culver's on Mineral Point Rd, Madison.
- 12/11***7P.M. Wauwatosa Chapter, Brookfield, honors Star Points and initiates **THREE new members**. Also collecting non-perishable food items for food pantry. Pot Luck dinner at 5:30 PM; contact Vicki Kuharske (vickikuharske@att.net) for dinner reservations.
- 12/14 **Grand Family and Cheer Committee at Three Pillars for annual Christmas celebration.**
- 12/15 **Grand Officer Party for Joan Burr, Grand Chaplain, and Karen Kaas, Grand Martha, at Beja Shrine Center, Green Bay; 11:30 am**
- 12/16 1 P.M. Sparta Chapter Christmas Meeting & Honor 50-yr Members. Pot Luck lunch at 11:30 AM
- 12/24-25 **Grand Masonic Center closed for Christmas.**
- 12/31-1/1 **Grand Masonic Center closed for New Years.**

1/2/20 Deadline for submitting Resolutions to be considered at Grand Chapter Session, May 2020 (must be received by Grand Chapter Office by 1/2)



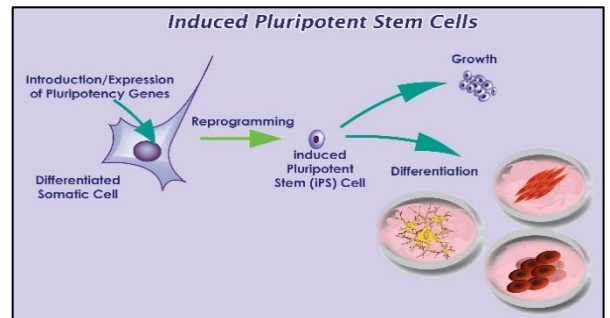
This is the artist's conception of the Memorial Painting for the fundraising project for UW Cardiovascular Research Center. You can have the name of a Loved One added to a "brick" as shown above for \$50. All proceeds go to UW CVRC. To order, go to the link on OES website (<http://wioes.org/memorial-fundraiser>). The painting will be displayed at Grand Chapter in May and then will be displayed at UW Cardiovascular Research Center.

One Example of Projects Going On At UW-CVRC

A PATCH TO HEAL A BROKEN HEART

Myocardial infarctions, or "heart attacks", usually occur when arteries supplying blood to the heart become suddenly blocked, starving the cells of the heart of precious nutrients and leading to their death. If a person survives the heart attack, the dead cells of the heart are replaced by scar tissue, becoming a source of cardiac arrhythmias and leading to the condition known as "heart failure". **Dr. Timothy Kamp**, Professor of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin and member of the

Cardiovascular Research Center (CVRC), and **Zachery Gregorich**, Postdoctoral Fellow in Dr. Kamp's lab and CVRC trainee, are part of a collaborative team that is designing a "heart patch", which is a three-dimensional segment of engineered tissue composed of the different types of cells that make up heart muscle. With the heart patch, they aim to replace the scarred or damaged tissue and reinstall all the functions of healthy, beating heart muscle.



Heart patches are formed from *induced pluripotent stem cells*, or iPS cells. iPS cells are derived from skin or blood cells that have been reprogrammed back into an embryonic-like pluripotent state that enables the development of an unlimited source of any type of human cell needed for therapeutic purposes. For example, iPSC can be prodded into becoming beta islet cells to treat diabetes, blood cells to create new blood free of cancer cells for a leukemia patient, or heart cells to treat myocardial infarctions.

Until now, heart patches have been grafted in animal models of myocardial infarction, but Dr. Kamp and colleagues are moving closer to applying heart patches to human patients.

NOTICE

Per Sister Alma Bane, PGM, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, paste-in sheets for the Rituals with the changes made at General Grand Chapter in 2018 will not be available for 2015 and earlier Rituals, due to a change in format of the 2018 Rituals. Cost of a new Ritual is still \$27 for large print spiral-bound Ritual.

Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"? Peter Collington, Clement Moore, Christopher Van Allsburg, or Raymond Briggs.

This information Must be read in Chapter

From Laramie Reissner, Worthy Grand Matron

Clarification of the motion made at Grand Chapter regarding Election of Grand Officers:

The person nominating a candidate will list their own name, chapter, chapter number, city and title only.

They will list the candidate's name, chapter, chapter number city and qualifications for the position.

Qualifications for the position may include any year served as Worthy Matron or Patron, Grand Chapter Office or Committees served. Any other qualifications must pertain specifically to the Office that the candidate is nominated for.

Nominations will be sent separately but at the same time as the March Newsletter. They **MUST** be read in Chapter. This is the acknowledgement by the Grand Secretary. Candidates may then approach the Worthy Matron or her pro tem and the club presidents. They **MUST** be introduced from the sidelines following the regular introductions; wording for introduction:

I have the pleasure to introduce Sister (Brother) Jane Doe who is a candidate for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. No other wording. No remarks can be given by the candidate.

Speeches regarding the candidate may not be made by the candidate or anyone else. There will be no handing out of any media or posting on social media. No campaigning will be allowed. The definition of campaigning is "a series of activities designed to produce a particular result."

This section of the Code was not part of the motion and is still in force.

Code of Laws

Article 5 Paragraph 6 Section 2

Electioneering for office in the Grand Chapter shall be a penal offense, and the penalty for such offense, on conviction after trial, shall be expulsion from all rights and privileges of the Order.

(a) The term electioneering as used in the previous paragraph shall be understood as absolutely prohibiting the solicitation, oral or written directly or indirectly of support for or opposition to, any member as a possible officer of the Grand Chapter. It shall not be meant as preventing and honest and bona fide seeking or imparting, when requested, of information relative to the merit or qualifications for holding office in

the Grand Chapter of any member of the Order. It shall not prohibit asking a member if she or he will serve this Grand Chapter if elected.

Questions may be asked of candidates and information given. Candidates may not give unsolicited oral or written information. Supporters or opponents of any candidates will be held to this standard.

Erin Go Bragh!

The Wisconsin fun trip for Terri and Len will be to Ireland in August 2020! The trip is being arranged through CIE Tours and leaves Chicago on August 8, returning on August 18, 2020. A flier with full information will be sent out soon, but information and prices and booking can be found at www.cietours.com/510306.aspx You will need a passport for this trip.

Questions about the trip can be directed to AGM Terri at TerriOES2021@gmail.com. What a wonderful Christmas gift to help someone see the 40 shades of green and answer Ireland's Call!





Find the Christmas trivia questions and send your answers to the Grand Secretary for the chance to win "Fabulous Prizes!" Entries due by 12/24/2019.

If you were to receive all of the gifts in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," how many gifts would you receive?
a. 144 b. 284 c. 364 d. 424

THE LIGHT OF THANKFULNESS OES LEAP DAY FUN DAY!!!

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Fond du Lac Masonic Center
500 W. Arndt St.
Fond du Lac, WI 54939

All Family and Friends are Welcome
Casual Attire

11:00 AM Taco Bar - 12:00 PM Carnival Games
2:00 PM Silent Auction Announcement & Carnival prizes

All proceeds go to the WGM/WGP Project
Heart Fund Research Group, UW Cardiovascular Research Center



Reservations & Remittance of **\$15.00** per person to Diana Kifer,
375 Emma St. Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Deadline for Reservations is February 24, 2020

No Refunds


Please let Sister Elaine Engelke (engelm@tds.net) know if you have a silent auction item
you wish to donate by February 24, 2020


Please let Sister Jane Blackwood (stormkat@sbcglobal.net) know if you have Carnival prizes
you wish to donate by February 24, 2020



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

*Sharing
Charity, Truth,
& Loving Kindness*

 **ONE CUP
AT A TIME!!**

 *Christmas*
**OUR FAITH IN
GOD IS RENEWED**

**All Master Masons and their
female relatives are eligible to join.**

Come and have a cup with us!

Our Sister Esther was faithful to her people to save them from destruction. Mary was faithful to bear her Son to save us from destruction. Christmas is a great time to take a plate of cookies to your host Lodge as many lodges as well as Chapters go dark in January and February.

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My Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin,

In this season of thankfulness and blessings, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the many fond memories I have from my time spent with all of you at your "Soaring Amongst the Stars" Grand Chapter Session. Thank you for the wonderful honoring of Brother Ron Pete, Worthy Grand Organist.

Your warm welcome, hospitality and friendship, plus the generous courtesies extended to me as Most Worthy Grand Matron by the Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin, made my Official Visit a very treasured memory. Extra special blessings including "love gifts" and lovely personal gifts added to the pleasure of my time with you. Thank you, Wisconsin Eastern Star!

In friendship,

Marianne Shenefelt
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Most Worthy Grand Matron

The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron will be traveling to Alaska and to Aruba in the near future for their Official Visits. If you are interested in joining either trip, please contact the Grand Secretary for information.

What was the first artificial Christmas tree made of: glass, plastic, feathers, or silk?