

A Message From the WGM & WGP

Christmas Greetings

The beauty of Christmas is all around us! Between the snow, the lights, the sights, smells of gingerbread and pine and the hustle and bustle of the shopping, what a wonderful time of the year!

Your Grand Family has been out and about and attending meetings all across the state. I couldn't be prouder of this bunch of wonderful sisters and brothers! Many chapters are dark in January, so be sure to call first before heading out on the roads.

We wish for each of you and happy, safe, loved filled holiday with family and friends, neighbors and or strangers! Merry Christmas!!

Star Love~ Your Soaring Amongst the Stars Grand Family,

Brenda Gaulke, WGM
David Schreier, WGP

Special Dispensations

If your chapter needs a Special Dispensation for an event in January please submit your request to our WGM before December 31st. She will not be available to make them out during January.



CHARITY OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER . . .

. . . is ESTARL.

Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership has been a permanent charity of the General Grand Chapter for over 60 years. We need your help to continue its effectiveness. The purpose of ESTARL is to provide monetary funds to help individuals who are preparing for religious service.

First, we need to ask members to find us candidates who are preparing for the ministry, chaplaincy, church music, etc. and who have been accepted by an accredited college, university or seminary. A short-term application is also available for laity attending workshops or classes to enhance their leadership role within their church. As a Chapter you have the opportunity to recommend persons to receive financial assistance. If a worthy candidate comes to mind, please provide them with our ESTARL brochure and scholarship application. Both are available on-line on our Grand Chapter website. After the candidate completes their application, no later than May 1st, a vote of their sponsoring chapter is required along with the Chapter seal. Once approved by the Chapter, the application should be sent to the Grand Secretary, 36275 Sunset Drive Dousman, WI 53118 by June 15th.

Secondly, we need your financial support. These scholarships are available due solely to your generosity. Education is so expensive that for many it would not be possible without assistance. As you busily prepare for Christmas, we ask that you individually and/or your Chapter consider giving a generous donation to help us continue with this important charity. Please send your donations to Nancy Ryburn, Grand Chapter Secretary. In the memo line please note if the donation is for ESTARL or the ESTARL Short-Term program.

Also, as a means of raising money to help provide these scholarships, we are again selling beautiful ceramic Christmas ornaments at a cost of \$12 per ornament. Please consider buying one to trim your own tree and pick up several more as gifts. The ornaments will be on sale at the Holiday Christmas Party on December 9th. For those of you who are unable to attend the party, please ask a Sister or Brother to pick one up for you or contact committee members: Susan Shefchik (920) 824-5022, Dolores Waltz (715) 639-4371, Susan Kurtz (715) 425-2226, or Moses Adams (715) 732-1384 and we can make arrangements for you to purchase them. Just like our U.S. Postal Service, "Neither rain nor sleet nor dark of night shall prevent us from delivering our precious packages."

... from the Kite Handler

How is your Chapter doing? Are you missing officers and/ or sideliners? What are you doing to bring back your inactive members? Do you have a plan?

If you have not initiated a new member in the last 2 years, you NEED to call Sister Laurie Twardy to help your Chapter develop and put into action a plan for your Chapter's membership.

If you need membership supplies, let Sister Laurie know and she will make arrangements to get them to you.

Remember to let Sister Laurie know when you read a petition and when the initiation will be. After the new member is initiated, be sure to send Sister Laurie the name and address of the new member.

We want to have as many flip flops on the kite as possible to keep it flying steady. Working together we can

Soar to New Heights!

If you would prefer to receive the Wisconsin OES Monthly Newsletter by email, or view it on the web site, please email the Grand Secretary at secretary.wioes@gmail.com to make the change. This will help keep costs down, you will receive it earlier, and it won't get delayed by bulk mail procedures.

And the winner is

The winner of the "Who's Who" contest from last month's Newsletter is . . . (drum roll, please) . . .

**Valerie Nelson
Ruth Chapter #23
La Crosse**

Sister Val was one of only four entries to correctly identify which twin is which, and won the drawing. Sister Tammy is Twin A; Sister Terri is Twin B.

Keep watching the Newsletter each month – you never know when another contest will pop up! And don't be shy – try your luck.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 4** **Initiation** at Rainbow Chapter, Wisconsin Rapids, 7 PM
- Dec 4** **Initiation** (2 candidates) at Trillium Chapter, Crivitz, 7 PM
- Dec 4** **Northwest Area Club** Christmas buffet at Ready Randy's, New Richmond; 5:30 PM social, 6 PM dinner
- Dec 6** **Initiation** at Alpha Chapter, Argyle, 6:30 PM
- Dec 6** **Compass Night**, Dousman-Rob Morris Chapter, 7 PM; speaker on Ronald McDonald House
- Dec 6** **Star Point Night**, Melody Chapter, Middleton, 7 PM. Special Tribute by PGM Kris Gruber-Twardy
- Dec 6** **Initiation** at Alpha Chapter, Argyle, 6:30 PM
- Dec 9** **All State Christmas Party**, Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Stevens Point. 12 Noon Social, 1 PM Meal & Program
- Dec 10** **Honor All Members & "Not a Party" for Jesse Long, GR of SC in WI**, Lemonweir Chapter, Tomah, 1 PM pot luck with meeting to follow
- Dec 10** **Compass Night**, Kenosha Chapter, 7 PM
- Dec 13** **Appointed Officer Night**, Lila B. Graser Chapter, Colgate, 7 PM
- Dec 17** **Christmas Meeting**, Sparta Chapter, 12 Noon Pot Luck, 1 PM Honor 50 year Members (incl. Noreen Christensen)
- Dec 20** **Christmas Meeting & Cookie Exchange**, Melody Chapter, 7 PM. Christmas attire, bring 1-2 dozen cookies.

Our Newest Grand Representatives are . . .

Congratulations to our newest Grand Representatives in Wisconsin:

Dennis Brown	Willow River Chapter #37	Connecticut
Creg Scaf	Sparta #18, Viroqua #35	Rhode Island

Be on hand at the All State Christmas Party to see who the next new ones will be!

STARBURST NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Starburst Magazine is for Wisconsin OES members by Wisconsin OES members. All members are invited to share with the rest of the Wisconsin members the news about our travels and what our Chapter is doing. Please send your photos AND a quick story of the photo about the highlights of your trip or event and what you would like to share with your Sisters and Brothers.

Message From the Grand Treasurer

When writing your check for charity contributions, please make them out to Grand Chapter OES, not to Ronald McDonald House or Shaken Baby. Thank you.

RED BOOK HINTS

In the Red Book, Preliminaries, page 14 #12, it states that all Chapters will open in short form no more than three times a year. **What is long form or short form?** Long form or short form refers to the charges of the officers in the opening ceremony. In the ritual the bracketed sections of the duty and badge may be omitted for short form and Chapters may use short form three times a year at a stated meeting. All other stated meetings are to be opened in long form, with the officers giving their duty and explanation of their badge. The Secretary needs to write in the minutes if the meeting was opened in long form or short form; there is no such thing as "regular form." Special meetings may be opened in short form and do not count towards your maximum use of three short form openings.

News From General Grand Session

We would like to congratulate Brother Ron Pete on his General Grand Chapter appointment as Worthy Grand Organist. We are honored to be sharing him, along with the rest of the appointees, with the world for the next three years. Brother Ron is introduced after the WGM and WGP.

Effective November 1, 2018: Wisconsin new General Grand Chapter appointees are as follows:

APPOINTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
(presented after WGM and WGP)

Brother Ron Pete, Worthy Grand Organist of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Past Grand Patron and District Deputy of Wisconsin

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
(presented after GGC Officers)

Sister Karen Carpenter, a member of the Education Committee of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, and Past Grand Matron of Wisconsin

Sister Kris Gruber-Twardy, a member of the International Peace Garden Committee of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Past Grand Matron and Grand Lecturer of Wisconsin.

Sister Kristen Schoville, a member of the Service Dog Committee of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Past Grand Matron of Wisconsin and Worthy Matron of Dodgeville Chapter, Dodgeville

SPECIAL GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER APPOINTMENTS
(presented before District Deputies)

Sister Ann Johnson, Campfire Friend of the Most Worthy Grand Matron

Merry Christmas to all . . .

Report from General Grand Chapter 2018 Orlando, Florida

Resolutions for the 49 Triennial Assembly

Resolution # Topic of Resolution Adopted/Failed/Amended

1. To Allow Past Matrons and Past Patrons to vote at GGC Triennial Assemblies Failed
2. To modify the WM's address regarding ties to the Masonic Fraternity. Adopted with Amend #2
"My sister, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star are related by the dearest ties to the members of the Masonic Fraternity. "
3. **Withdrawn**
4. To simplify the eligibility requirements for a female petitioner, using the words "by birth, marriage, or adoption. " Adopted
5. To allow for the removal of the candidate on a ballot with the least amount of votes. Adopted
6. To allow sponsorship of a female petitioner of good moral character by an affiliated Master Mason in good standing. Defeated Amendment-withdrawn
7. To clarify what is a Valid Dues Card for visitation. Adopted
8. To allow the RWGT to sell or dispose of obsolete, broken or unusable contents of the International Headquarters with the vote of the Assembly. Adopted
9. To allow members to wear hats and gloves in a chapter room for religious reasons. Adopted
Amendment: changed "and" to "or" Adopted
10. To modify membership eligibility -to make their own decision regarding the eligibility of Prince Hall Masons and their female relatives. Adopted
11. To add the Purpose of the Order to the beginning of the constitution and ritual. Adopted
12. To define the governing structure of the Order in the Constitution. Adopted
13. **Withdrawn**
14. To allow all Special Meetings to open in Short Form. Failed
15. To allow the Secretary to send out Minutes in electronic format. Failed

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IN MEMORIAM Nicholas (Nick) W. Schultz

Once again, our Golden Chain has been broken with the passing of Past Grand Patron, Brother Nicholas (Nick) Schultz. Brother Nick and his beloved wife, PGM Sister Doris Schultz, were in Stevens Point to attend the party for the Grand Officers of the Soaring Amongst the Stars Grand Family when he passed away very unexpectedly on October 21, 2018, one day before his 75th birthday.

Nick was born on October 22, 1943 in Milwaukee. He was united in marriage to Doris Sprecher on June 9, 1973 at Blackhawk UMC in Blackhawk, WI.

Nick graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Madison with a Master of Business (MBA) and went on to work at the University in Madison in the Accounting Department as an auditor. In 1986 he moved to Milwaukee where he took a position at UW-Milwaukee Campus as Assistant Dean in the graduate program in charge of grants and funding until his retirement. Being the active fellow he was, he took a 20 hour a week job at the Piggly Wiggly Store in Cedarburg, bagging groceries. He thoroughly enjoyed every minute of meeting and chatting with people.

Nick gave much of his life to Masonry and various organizations within the Fraternity. He was an active member and Past Master of Ozaukee Masonic Lodge #17 as well as the Ozaukee Chapter Order of the Eastern Star #147 in Port Washington. He was also a member and Past Patron of Starlight Chapter in Madison. Nick was appointed Grand Sentinel by PGM Phyllis Eklov and PGP Harley Bennett in the "Precious Memories" Grand Family. Like Brother Harley stated, "When Sister Phyllis and I were choosing Grand Officers, you were the first one who came to mind and you haven't disappointed us a bit." That was so true; he was installed as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Karen Stauffer, Worthy Grand Matron, in the "Garden of Knowledge" Grand Family. Their watchwords were Hug and Kisses: Harmony Unites Generations and Kinship is Something Special in Eastern Star. His Bible Verse was: The mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of trees: Matthew 13:32. Nick served the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin on so many committees, as well as General Grand Chapter on the International Peace Garden Committee.

Nick was a member of Cedarburg Community United Methodist Church. He was a member of The American Legion Post #288, belonged to Tripoli Shrine, where he was a member of the Highlanders Bagpipers. Nick enjoyed playing

Uncle Sam at the Ozaukee County Fair; many will remember him as their Uncle Sam.

Nick is survived by his wife Doris, his children, Alyson and Nicole Schultz; and grandson, Kegan White. He is further survived by his two brothers, one sister and other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of life was held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018, at Eernisse Funeral Home in Cedarburg, WI. Visitation was held at the funeral home from noon until the time of service. Nick will be laid to rest at Sunset Memory Gardens in Madison, Wis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials were asked to be directed to the Order of the Eastern Star Heart Fund (Grand Secretary OES, 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118-9349.

Personal Note: We are thankful, Brother Nick, for your well-spent life, what you gave to our beautiful Order and the many "Precious Memories" your sisters and brothers from the Precious Memories Grand Family were happy to share with you.

We request that this Memorial be read at the first Stated Meeting and the Charter be draped for a period of thirty days in memory of our dearly departed Brother.

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16. To declare Regenerative Medicine as one of the primary and permanent identifying charities in the Constitution and in the Bylaws. **Failed**
17. To allow each Grand Chapter to decide individually if it will admit to membership women of good moral character who lack the Masonic relationship if certain conditions are met. **Failed**
18. To establish a procedure for progressive chairmanship of the Service Dogs Standing committee. **Adopted**
19. To establish uniform introduction of MWGM & MWGP to include the jurisdiction where they served as WGM or WGP. **Adopted**
20. To require the giving of the first two paragraphs and last paragraph of the AP Initiatory Lecture. **Adopted**
Amendment-change "officer" to "person" **Adopted**
21. To expand the membership eligibility for Degrees to include sponsorship by two members (one must be a brother) of the chapter. **Failed**
22. To remove the restriction on the number of Elective Offices a Plural Member can hold in multiple chapters. **Failed**

- 23. To make the word "arise" optional, if the candidate is not kneeling. Failed
- 24. To allow Members At Large to be granted in Grand Chapters, if this may best serve special circumstances of the Grand Chapter. Failed
- 25. To allow sponsorship of women without Masonic Relationship who are of good moral character and over the age of 18. Out of Order
- 26. To update the Investment and Reinvestment of all funds of the General Grand Chapter. Adopted

Submitted by Brenda Gaulke, WGM

The Proficiency Committee has updated the demit form. The 10/2018 version is a one page document and clarifies what Chapter the member was initiated in and what Chapter they are demitting from. Please destroy all copies of the old demit and start using the new one immediately. The updated form is available on the website (www.wioes.org).

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN STAR
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF WISCONSIN



This **DEMIT** documents that (Print Name) _____,
 whose name appears on this form, requests a demit from _____ Chapter # _____ of (city) _____,
 Wisconsin.

Having paid all dues and being free of all charges, she/he (circle one) is at her/his own request lawfully asking to be demitted as a member of above Chapter.

Given under my hand, and the Seal of said Chapter, this day
 _____ of _____, 20____

(seal)

Initiated in (Chapter Name) _____

Worthy Matron _____

Date _____ Chapter Location _____

Secretary _____

Signature of Member (is needed with a Petition for Affiliation and this form if they wish to be admitted to membership at a

later date): _____

Signature

Date Revised 10/2018

PROMENADE 2019

Never went to Prom in High School?

Want to relive it because it was that wonderful?

Perhaps you'd like a redo...?

Come to Prom 2019 hosted by
Martha Chapter #66, Order of the
Eastern Star



Theme: Traveling Through Time

When: Saturday May 4, 2019, 7:00 PM to Midnight

Where: Jefferson County Masonic Center

617 Masonic Blvd., Jefferson, WI 53549

Tickets are \$10.00 per person (non-refundable)

Must be 18 or older

For tickets:

- See a member of Martha Chapter, or:
- Mail check, payable to Martha Chapter #66, to:

Kate Smillie, 402 Whitewater Ave, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

- Include first and last name for each ticket
- Include a list of songs each person likes to dance to

Have fun with your attire! Wear your favorite gown/suit, or wear a gown/suit like the one you wore to your prom.

Bring a photo of yourself from prom for everyone to see.

Questions? Contact Worthy Matron Kate Smillie: ksmillie75@gmail.com, or call/text 920-397-0399

How do I get tickets?!?!?!?



Ha





Swingin' with the Blues

Music performed by the lively DB Orchestra big band

Saturday, February 9th

2019 at 6:00-11:00pm

at the Chandelier Ballroom in Hartford, WI.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts
provided to all guests.

Cash bar available from open to close.

\$25/person admission and payment to be received by
the Valley Secretary 414-727-3153 or at the door

supporting our area Blue Lodges and hosted by
the Scottish Rite – Valley of Milwaukee

*All proceeds donated to the Scottish Rite
Grand Almoner's Fund which provides direct relief
to members and their families



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