



Minnesota – Wisconsin OES Exchange

Saturday, March 23, 2019

River Falls United Methodist Church
127 S 2nd Street, River Falls, WI 54022



10:00 AM – Meet and Greet Session

11:30 AM – Lunch (Fun outfits)

1:00 PM – Tours of local artisans and other cool things

*5:00 PM – Social – 6:00 PM - Dinner for all OES Members
(Business Casual attire)*

Program to follow

\$20.00 per person

Please make checks payable to Kinnickinnic Chapter #80

Send your reservations and remittance with names and titles to: Carl Gaulke
221 W. Hamilton Dr., River Falls, WI 54022 (715.425.6698) brendagaulke59@gmail.com

No Refunds – No Reservations Accepted after March 14, 2019

Lodging available Campus View Best Western, River Falls. Block of rooms under Eastern Star

From Our WGM and WGP

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I sit here and write this, I am reminded of a few things learned while in Sunday School. Have faith. We also talk about have faith and how we walk by faith not by sight. All things can be healed with Faith and so much more. I have faith that the Groundhog who didn't see his shadow was right. An early Spring is in store for us! But wait...I have had over 24" in three snowfalls and additional 8 – 16" is predicted this week, seriously? Have Faith, it will melt, the beautiful flowers will start to spring up from the frozen ground. We just need to have that faith Mother Nature will be nice again. No need for a Plan B!

So as this snow begins to melt, flowers start to spring up, roads are more cleared and so much more, remember to have faith. Get out and visit! Many chapters were dark in the months of January and February and they would love to have visitors. Take a car load of sisters and brothers and make a short video of the adventures and more! Have fun.

We have lots of fun and exciting things happening now in the spring also. Be sure to check out the website for all of the forms for Grand Chapter. We are looking for assistance from you the members who can help as Tellers, Ushers, Pages, Choir Members, Vendors and Organists!! So check out the forms and have fun and take a leap of Faith!! Grand Chapter is May 21 – 23rd, but we have lots of things happening on Monday, May 20th so please join us!!!

Hope to see you On the Road!!
Soaring Amongst the Stars Grand Family,
Brenda Gaulke, Worthy Grand Matron
David Schreier, Worthy Grand Patron

INSIDE THIS EDITION . . .

. . . you will find the correct Grand Chapter Session Meal Reservation form. It can also be found on the website under the "2019 Grand Session Registration" tab.

You will also find additional information about Grand Chapter Session. There's a lot of opportunities to participate this year, so come join us!



Show Your Creative Side!!

It's a contest for all to have fun with! We are looking for a member to draw up our Outgoing March to go along with the Brenda Gaulke March music. It should include a short version for Grand Officers and then a longer version to include escorts, Pages, Ushers, and Tellers. It doesn't have to include our emblems.

*There will be an awesome prize for this contest!! **Good Luck!!***

Submit your entry with detailed drawings and instructions to Brenda Gaulke, WGM, by March 17th.

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 Chapter Organists**

We are calling on all Chapter Organists to have a chance to show their talent during the Prelude of each session.

You are invited to sign up and then play for about 10 minutes prior to the choir's performance while at Grand Chapter.

Join us!! Contact our WGM Brenda Gaulke brendagaulke59@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

Mar 2	10:00 AM	Wisconsin-Illinois Exchange, Janesville
Mar 3	10:30 AM	Oregon Chapter 125th Anniversary Oregon Masonic Center
Mar 11	7:00 PM	Initiation at Willow River Chapter New Richmond
Mar 12	7:00 PM	Friend's Night at Everett Chapter Marshfield (RSVP for lunch) & speaker
	5:30 PM	Soup Supper before the Meeting &
	7:00 PM	Sheboygan-Ozaukee Consolidat'n Port Washington Masonic Center
Mar 13		Fond du Lac Chapter/Lodge Membership Event
Mar 14	7:00 PM	Kilbourn Chapter, WI Dells Triple GR Party, honoring Charlotte Davies, June Rogoza, and Dorothy Gant
Mar 15-17		WI-MI Exchange in Michigan – bus trip
Mar 23	10:00 AM	Minnesota-Wisconsin Exchange River Falls United Methodist Church
Mar 26	7:00 PM	West Allis Chapter, West Allis Compass Night & speaker
Mar 29	7:30 PM	Vega Chapter, Milwaukee Compass Night
Mar 30	6:30 - 9 PM	Wine, Beer & Chocolate Tasting at Three Cellars (7228 S. 27 th St, Oak Creek) to raise money for World of Youth scholarships and Service Dogs.
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 Chapt, Mukwonago to benefit WGM & WGP's Projects. \$25/person. RSVP to Janine Coley by March 25 th
Apr 12	3:00 PM	GC Committee Reports due to Grand Secretary for inclusion in Session Book
Apr 20	12noon	pot luck and GR party for Rene Campbell (Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island) at Trillium Chapter, Crivitz

RED BOOK TIPS

As your Worthy Grand Matron, I have spent many years in Eastern Star, including 8 times as a Worthy Matron and at least 20 years as Secretary. I have learned many little tricks or tips over the years and I would like to share some of them with each of you.

Let's start with basics:

- Always stand when addressing the East or speaking to all.
- No prompting...we have a Marshal and he or she is capable of doing this.
- Keep chatter out of the meeting as it is difficult for others to hear the conversation that is actually taking place.

Now for a few others:

- Only the Warder opens or closes the door...sorry Sentinels
- In the East and West, the Ballot box drawer faces the one who has to open it and report
- Men are always closest to our heart, but women are always right...not only true for the Conductresses, but even in the East and West. So, if you have to say where they are...remember men left, ladies right.
- Don't wait for the music to start after direction has been given. If you don't have an Organist, consider using a DVD Player, cell phone, tablet or sound system. Music is better than no music or people humming along to nothing.
- Chaplain returns to the front of chair after prayer.
- Chaplain uses the East Marching line to the North Marching line when leaving their station for prayer.
- After opening and closing the Bible, all Officers and members face the Worthy Matron and remain facing her until direction is given to the Warder, then they turn back to their regular positions.

These are just a few tips; one can always refresh by reading the Red Book and, of course, our Ritual. I hope that you have either learned something or have been reminded about something.

Soaring Amongst the Stars! Brenda Gaulke, WGM

NOTIFICATION TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS IN WISCONSIN; February 2019

Resolutions pertaining to ritual changes; adopted at the 49th Triennial Assembly, Orlando FL and automatically take effect in Wisconsin

GGC Resolution #2, Ritual page 77. Initiation.

To modify the WM's address regarding ties to the Masonic Fraternity. "My sister, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star are related by the dearest ties to the members of the Masonic Fraternity". The rest of the sentence after the semi-colon has been deleted ("however, the Order is no part of that Ancient Institute.")

GGC Resolution #4, Ritual page 163. Membership:

Eligibility for the Degrees

To simplify the eligibility requirements for a female petitioner. Will read: "Affiliated Master Masons in good standing and any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption to Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members-either active for three (3) years or Majority

-- in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or in the Job's Daughters International, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star."

GGC Resolution #9, Ritual page 50. To allow certain members to wear hats and gloves in a chapter room for medical or religious reasons. Will read: "The Associate Conductress informs the candidate that hats and gloves must not be worn in the Chapter room, except for medical or religious reasons, while the Chapter is in session."

GGC Resolution #10, Ritual page 163 and page 166. To modify membership eligibility-to make their own decision regarding the eligibility of Prince Hall Masons and their female relatives.

GGC Resolution #11, Ritual, insert a paragraph on page 4. To add, "the Purpose of the Order": "The Order of the Eastern Star is a Fraternal Order composed of Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, their female relatives, and the Order of the Eastern Star sponsored youth organizations the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters International, where the members join in a search for TRUTH, and to support each other in the journey of Life by fulfilling the principles of CHARITY and LOVING KINDNESS. The General Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapters, and the Subordinate Chapters shall endeavor to educate and support the members of the Order of the Eastern Star to this end."

GGC Resolution #20, Ritual pages 86-90. To require the giving of the first two paragraphs and last paragraph of the AP Initiatory Lecture. Adopted. Amendment-person instead of officer. Wisconsin Red Book requires the AP lecture be given in its entirety so this resolution is not relevant.

From General Grand Chapter Right Worthy Grand Secretary Alma Bane

Just an update on Secret Work and Rituals:

1) There were NO changes to the GGC Secret Work; the 2009 version is the current version.

2) 2018 Rituals will be first printed in the large print spiral bound format with a white cover. Cost and availability of the new Rituals will be announced when we have this information. Large print Rituals will NOT be printed in hard-bound copies.

3) Small Rituals will be printed in book binding only, and will be printed after all other versions are printed. Cost is not known at this time.

4) At this time, the Grand Chapter Office has not decided if we will routinely carry the Extra Large Print Rituals (spiral bound only).

5) Single page updates for the General Grand Chapter Code of Laws will not be printed. Only complete 2018 contents and NEW tabs will be available for purchase.

I have not yet heard about the eventual availability of paste-in pages for Ritual changes to bring your 2015 Ritual up-to-date. When I know, you will know.

As has been the case in previous Trienniums, the new Rituals will probably not be available until late summer or early fall, so **PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY THE CHANGES IDENTIFIED ABOVE** and begin using them immediately.

At present, the Office still has an ample supply of 2015 large print, spiral bound Rituals for sale for \$27.00 + postage. And, of course, we have plenty of the new Red Books available for sale. If the first page of your Red Book does not say "reprinted; Oct 2018," you don't have the most current one.



Starlight Chapter #283

Invites Y'ALL to

Tour Italy with a Texas Twist

We will be honoring

Diane Moore Grand Representative of Texas

AND

Paul Twardy Grand Representative of Italy

APRIL 3, 2019

FOLLOWING OUR STATED MEETING WHICH WILL START AT 7PM

TOUR WITH US IN OUR DINING ROOM

RSVP TO LORI WILLIAMS, WM @

LJACKSONRNCND@AOL.COM

OR 815-275-0323





**Trillium Chapter #208. Crivitz
will honor
RENE CAMPBELL
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF NOVA SCOTIA
AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND IN WISCONSIN**

**On Saturday April 20, 2019
Noon Pot luck
1:00 PM Meeting and Reception**

PLEASE JOIN US!!

**RSVP to Judy Paust at:
jkpaust@gmail.com
(715) 929-8008**



CHAPTER SECRETARIES, PLEASE READ THIS AT YOUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

IN MEMORIUM

JEANNE KNUDSEN JOHNSON, PGM

Once again the Angel of Death has summoned one of our own Past Grand Matrons, with the passing of Sister Jeanne (Knudsen) Johnson who left us to be with our Heavenly Father on February 24, 2019. Sister Jeanne was born January 10, 1921, in Superior, Wisconsin, to Henry R. W. Knudsen and Lillian (Lund) Knudsen. She was a graduate of Superior Central High School, earned her B.E. degree from Superior Teachers' College in 1941 and her Master of Library Science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1942. She taught and was a librarian in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Quantico, Virginia; New Rochelle, New York. After returning to Superior, she taught at the University of Wisconsin, Superior, where she was also head cataloger and then established and served as librarian at the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. In the 60's and 70's she was often seen on stage in the Superior area for local theatrical productions and her famous interpretations of Erma Bombeck's writings.

She married Clarence "Johnny" Johnson in 1948. Her memberships and past presidencies of many service organizations was beyond comprehension, but included her 77 years as a member of OES; founding member, first woman member, and longest-serving member of the UW-Superior Foundation for 45 years; PEO Sisterhood; and many other such organizations of noteworthiness.

She served as Grand Ruth in 1957-58 and was elected to the office of Associate Grand Conductress in 1958. She proceeded through the line of Grand Chapter and was installed as Worthy Grand Matron in 1961, where she served with Past Grand Patron Brother Curt Lang in their 1962 "Harbor Session." In her acceptance address she said, "There are two thoughts I would like you to keep in mind. First, there is no substitution for constant work and effort in Eastern Star progress, apply our teachings in your home, community and social life, that others may point to you as outstanding citizens of dignity, with a devotion to ideals, adherence to principles, and loyalty to right and duty. Second, may every utterance of yours be tempered with love and interest for the welfare of our Order." In conclusion of her year, in her report she stated, "Without an audience, the best performances would be lost.

"The year was new when I came from the West,

And tarried in honor here;

My one great hope was to give my best,

And meet each day without fear.

I tried to be the kind of a friend

Who would give a helping hand

To all in need, and now at the end,

Upon that record I stand--

Whatever mistakes I may have made,

Your charity will forgive;

While the love we shared will never fade,

And only the good will live.

Sister Jeanne is survived by her sons, Joel (Joy) Johnson and Jim (Janet) Johnson, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. A memorial service at United Presbyterian Church, Superior, will be held on Saturday, March 2, with visitation from 3 p.m. until the 4 p.m. service.

In respect to the memory of our beloved sister, we ask that this memorial be read at the next stated meeting of every subordinate chapter and the charter draped for 30 days.

Brenda Gaulke, Worthy Grand Matron

David Schreier, Worthy Grand Patron

Nancy Ryburn, Grand Secretary



GRAND CHAPTER CHOIR

Event Description Heading

Join the Grand Chapter Choir! We need you and would love to have our sisters and brothers from across the state join in. Our Director will be Marcia Earl. Please email her at humady@aol.com be sure to state if you are S, A, T or B. There will be a small charge of \$20.00 for the music and practices to be determined later.

Thank you!

Brenda Gaulke, WGM & David Schreier, WGP

**Join the Grand
Chapter Choir!**

**Don't be shy-we
would love to
have you with us!**

**Music makes the
world a happier
place!**

**Under the
Direction of
Marcia Earl**

**See you
May 21st – 23rd**

**ORDER OF THE
EASTERN STAR**
Grand Chapter Choir
Marcia Earl, Director

CALLING ALL WORTHY MATRONS!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Worthy Matrons - or their designee - are needed to be Grand Chapter Pages at the Session in May 2019. This is YOUR opportunity to be a part of the action and the fun of Grand Chapter!

WHAT DO PAGES DO, YOU ASK?

Well, they assist the Grand Officers:
*Pro-temming while the Officer needs to leave the Grand Chapter room;
Fetching water, Kleenex, etc for the Officer; or whatever is reasonably asked by the Officer. You might even be assigned to be Page for our Most Worthy Grand Matron!!*



Pages may be assigned to assist the Hospitality Committee by:

Delivering messages to attendees (all that note passing in Jr. High will now pay off)

Delivering flowers, running errands

Assisting our Distinguished Guests as needed



HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Contact Mary Mock at 262-515-1518 (call or text)

OR email her at marymmock@icloud.com or

mmock@cjubeer.com

Don't delay; contact her today!



SOARING AMONGST THE STARS



GRAND SESSION

MAY 21-23, 2019

CALLING ALL ASSISTANT SENTINELS

Sisters and Brothers are needed as Assistant Sentinels at Grand Chapter to
Greet and Welcome Sisters and Brothers at the doors to Grand Chapter.

Times:

Mornings 7:45 – 11:30

Afternoons 12:30 – 4:30

Evenings 5:45 – 10:00

We are looking for at least one member from each chapter to make the task easier for all.
Perhaps a buddy system will help. Bring a Star friend.

Return the form below by May 1, 2019 to:

Leonard Pederson
10278 Red Pine Court
Minocqua, WI 54548 pedersonle@uwstout.edu

Please let me help.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Chapter Name & Number _____

City & Zip _____

Time(s) you would like to help.

Tuesday Afternoon _____

Wednesday Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Thursday Morning _____

Called to *Serve*

LOOKING FOR GRAND CHAPTER USHERS & TELLERS.....

Event Description Heading

Time to don your tuxedo or dark suit and a blue tie and join us as a Grand Chapter Usher. Your job is simple, just stand at the base of the stairs and offer a hand to our guests. No need to escort them all the way, just a start is great. This along with a smile and kind hello is a great first impression. Be sure to contact Marv at engelm@tds.net

Thanks!!!

**Serve as an
Usher or Teller**

**It's a great way to
greet our guests**

**Plenty of room for
help**

**Just wear a Blue
Tie with your tux
or dark suit.**

**Marv Engelke,
PGP is the
chairperson.**

**GRAND CHAPTER
Holiday Inn & Convention
Center
1100 Amber Avenue
Stevens Point, WI**

May 21-23, 2019

Grand Chapter Order of the
Eastern Star of Wisconsin
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Message to All Worthy Matrons and Subordinate Chapter Secretaries from Rosie Fiscus, PGM:

Each of you have been sent via 1st class mail or email a form to complete regarding 2019 “Light of Thankfulness” Official Visits. The forms are to be returned to PGM Rosie by April 15, 2019. If all Chapters are timely in their responses, Rosie will be able to complete the Official Visit schedule prior to Grand Chapter and you, the Chapters, will get timely information for planning your calendar!

Tax Deadline AND the day your OV form is due to Rosie!

