

# Wisconsin OES Newsletter

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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

One year ago The Light of Thankfulness Grand Family was looking forward to a full schedule leading to Grand Chapter in May. Many of our Chapters were in recess with many events planned for the members in March, April and May. Wisconsin hosted the Michigan Wisconsin Exchange night in Janesville on March 7. On March 13 all Eastern Star events were suspended until further notice. After many conversations, the Grand Chapter Session in Stevens Point was canceled and postponed until May 2021. At that time, it was hoped that we would be able to start meetings by Fall of 2020. The spread of Covid19 prevented this. The health and safety of our members has always been the reason behind our decisions.

2021 dawns with the hope of an end to our current health crisis. There are still many questions to be answered before we will know what the future holds. At this time the Chapters will remain in Recess until we are assured of our members health and safety. No Eastern Star meetings or events will be held. I am including a tentative schedule for April and May. Plans are being made to hold a safe Grand Chapter. More news will be forthcoming.

Laramie Reissner  
Worthy Grand Matron

## Mark Your Calendars!

The following events remain on the WGM and WGP's calendar. Stay tuned for details!

Apr	6	Electa's 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Milwaukee
	17	Wine and Chocolate Event sponsored by SE & Triwaukee
	29	MN Grand Chapter in St Cloud
May	16-20	Grand Chapter in Stevens Point
	TBD	Martha's 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Jefferson

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## Cheer Committee

Dear OES Sisters and Brothers,  
The Cheer Committee is still conducting business and we have been since the quarantine started! While we are unable to hold any parties for our Three Pillar residents, the monthly birthday cards are still being written out and delivered. On Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, we delivered our annual Christmas gifts. This year, the Three Pillar staff handed them out instead of the Cheer Committee themselves. This is truly a 'labor of love' and we sincerely enjoy serving on this committee!

Happy New Year from all of us on the Cheer Committee: Rita Ludyjan, Evie Prunuske, Mary Johnson, Dorothy Schuetz, Karen Carpenter, Maria Boyer-Jensen, Inge Adams (pro tem!) and Julie Richards

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## Grand Chapter Telephone

The telephones at the Grand Chapter office were recently upgraded. To reach the Grand Secretary, dial 262-965-2200; extension 210.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**WE HOPE THAT 2021 IS  
EVERYTHING THAT  
2020 SHOULD HAVE  
BEEN AND MORE**

**THE LIGHT OF  
THANKFULNESS  
GRAND FAMILY**

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### ***Red Book Update Available***

As noted in the December monthly newsletter, the 2019 Red Book updates were mailed to Chapter Secretaries in early December 2020. If you have a Red Book dated October 2018, your Chapter Secretary received a set of updates for you. The updates are being provided at no cost to the members and should be inserted into the October 2018 version of the Red Book. Contact your Chapter Secretary to receive your Red Book updates.

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### ***Job's Daughters International***

- Did you know that Sister Maureen Wise (an Eastern Star member of West Allis Chapter) is currently the Supreme Guide of Job's Daughters International and that she will be installed as Supreme Guardian in 2022?
- Did you know that the Job's Daughters International Supreme Session will be held in Wisconsin in August 2023?
- Did you know that there is a Facebook Page where you can get more information?

Sisters and Brothers please join the JDI Supreme Session 2023 to find out all the exciting news about the upcoming session. You can support our Sister Maureen and Job's Daughters by participating in our fundraisers, sales, and much much more...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/JDISupremeSession2023> Not on Facebook? Contact Sister Janine Coley (414-588-3879; jacoley@wi.rr.com) for other ways to participate in these great opportunities. Your help and support will make

**Wisconsin the Place to be in 2023.**

## ***Triennial Assembly Salt Lake City, Utah***

You are cordially invited to attend the "Circle of Friendship & Service Around the World" General Grand Chapter 50<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly October 29, 2021 – November 5, 2021 Salt Palace Convention Center Salt Lake City, Utah

Currently, the following information is located on the GGC OES Website at <https://www.east-enstar.org/triennial-assembly/>

- Triennial Pre-Registration Form (fillable format)
- Triennial Assembly Tentative Schedule Brochure
- Triennial Hotel Information
- Triennial Hotel Reservation Form

Additional information will be added to the website as it becomes available.

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### ***Three Pillars Outreach***

Announcing the new Three Pillars' Outreach Program, formerly known as Live Better At Home.

Though the name has changed, the same high-quality and confidential service are offered for free to Masons and members of the Order of Eastern Star, along with their families, through-out the state of Wisconsin.

The program is led by Lauri Eckmann, a Senior Living Consultant at Three Pillars with over 25 years working with community programs. Lauri, and the team at Three Pillars, are ready to assist you with any life challenges or questions you have, topics might include senior services, caregiver support, senior housing, Meals on Wheels, etc.

They will provide you with the guidance, resources, and support you need to overcome the challenge you are dealing with at the time.

For more program information, please watch the short overview video at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnDGO-caHyu9LMupASNIfoqqDHdK8aIbT>.

To use this free service call 888.546.8885 and ask for Lauri, or send her an email at [outreach@threepillars.org](mailto:outreach@threepillars.org)

## *Grand Officer Nominations*

At Grand Chapter in May 2019 a motion was made and passed that nominations for Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Associate Grand Conductress and one Grand Trustee for a three-year term are to be submitted to the Grand Chapter Office to the Grand Secretary no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> of the election year so nomination information may be sent to Chapters in March. Only the nominee's Name, Chapter, Chapter number, City, and their qualifications for office are to be mentioned. This does not prevent a nomination to be done the day of elections at Grand Chapter.

With the cancellation of Grand Chapter 2020, the Worthy Grand Matron has determined the nominations for two elected Grand Officer candidates published in the February 2020 newsletter do not need to be resubmitted for consideration at the 2021 Grand Chapter session. Additional nominations are to be received by the Grand Secretary no later than February 1, 2021. Please refer to the clarification by WGM Laramie Reissner to the motion that was published in the December 2019 newsletter.

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## *OES Foundation*

Hello all

As President of the Wisconsin O.E.S. Foundation, I thought I would update the membership of our Wisconsin OES Chapters on how to apply for assistance.

The Foundation is not part of the Grand Chapter operating budget and has its own income stream allowing the Foundation to give assistance to those in need.

In order for Foundation to know that a member is in need, the Foundation Board must receive a Foundation application that provides information on why the member may need assistance. Each chapter secretary has a copy of the Foundation application, but the most current application can be found on line at [www.wioes.org](http://www.wioes.org) under the tab "Forms". You can then scroll down the page to "Foundation Application" and print it out to complete. You must also attach the copies of the bills that you need assistance with.

The Wisconsin O.E.S. Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity so donations to the Foundation are tax deductible charity donations.

The Foundation Board is held on a quarterly basis in March, June, September, and December. These quarterly meetings are the only time applications are discussed and acted on. Applications should be received at the Grand Chapter office two weeks before the meetings so that the Board Secretary has time to put the application on the agenda for discussion. The next Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2021.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and I look forward to seeing many of you in this coming year.

Ian Watts  
Wisconsin O.E.S. Foundation President  
Worthy Grand Patron

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# **You Don't Want to Miss This!!!**

**Save the dates:**

**January 6 at 7:00 pm and/or January 7 at 1:30 pm  
January 19 at 7:00 pm and/or January 20 at 1:30 pm**

**These are the most exciting events that will  
happen since last March.**

## **Let's ZOOM!!!!!!**

**Let's find out what we have all been doing. Or what you haven't been doing. All members are encouraged to attend the Statewide ZOOM. If you don't know how to join on your computer, contact Laurie Twardy ([wiladybug@gmail.com](mailto:wiladybug@gmail.com)) or Brad Bingheim ([bbingheim6@gmail.com](mailto:bbingheim6@gmail.com)). If you don't want to join on a computer, call in. We want to hear from you and you'll be able to hear all of us.**

**The second set of zoom get togethers, we will talk about how to reopen our Chapters and Grand Chapter, when the time comes. Also what can we do to make sure our Chapters are doing our Mission during the pandemic.**

**Here is the sign in information for the Zoom on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm CST**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87185945266?pwd=SElIVXBtZUU3SFNIZi9GaEUvOE8zUT09>

Meeting ID: 871 8594 5266

Passcode: WIOES

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 871 8594 5266

Passcode: 848024

**Here is the sign in information for the Zoom on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm CST**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89591498022?pwd=NEprVW1LY2ZGYkxsUVNtSUNoZzhPZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 9149 8022

Passcode: WIOES

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 895 9149 8022

Passcode: 744723

**Since our first meeting is right after New Year's, let wear our holiday hats, horns and noise makers. Let's let 2021 know that we are here and ready to go.**

Next meetings:

January 19th at 7 pm

January 20th at 1:30 pm

February 3 at 1:30 pm

February 4th at 7 pm

The sign on information for the next meetings will be in the Blast, the next newsletter and sent to Chapter Secretaries.

**LET'S ZOOM!!!!!!!!!!**



I joined Eastern Star, come & serve with me.



# 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



I want to wish all of the  
Sister and Brothers a  
very happy and healthy  
New Year. May you  
succeed in all of your  
resolutions and lose a  
few pounds too!

- PEYTON



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



Call: 262.975.2200  
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All Master Masons and their female relatives are eligible to join.