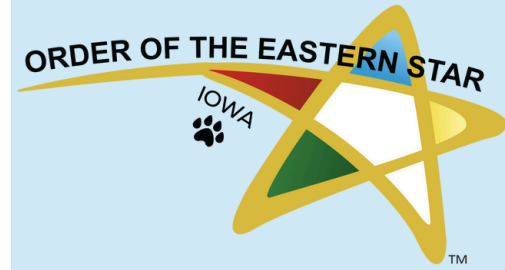


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MESSAGE FROM THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Submitted by: Mary Reicks and Joe Reed

Life truly is a journey. We have enjoyed traveling the state of Iowa attending District Schools, stated meetings, youth events, and events with other Masonic organizations as well as traveling to other Grand Jurisdictions. Our lives are so enriched by our Eastern Star friendships whether renewing old friendships or kindling new friendships along the journey.

Everywhere we have traveled in Iowa we have enjoyed seeing the proficiency we cherish in Iowa and truly appreciate all that the District Instructors do to help us retain our proficiency. We can be proud of our ritualistic work.

Each chapter is unique, yet each is bound to the others with our ritual and our belief in our Obligation. It was such a pleasure to see so many chapters' officers participating in the District Schools. We saw many who refreshed their work for their Schools and many who learned a different part to help at their Schools. We even saw many members doing the work for the first time! It was great to see so many different people around the state working to bring our Ritual to life. We know our new initiates will be impressed when they hear the lessons of our Order.

It has been a pleasure to see our Signs given at all of our meetings. We enjoy the different ways Chapters are adapting to be sure we continue to do our Ritualistic work and stay proficient.

CONTINUED: MESSAGE FROM THE WGM AND WGP

Your District Instructors enjoyed visiting each Chapter to instruct on the business of our Chapters and helping each Chapter ensure our Ritual is followed while working with the officers available. They praised all that the Chapters are doing.



A huge thank you to Joe for all the work he did coordinating the trip this year. He planned some great activities that are once in a lifetime for many including a fish boil, a ferry ride, and lunch at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Enjoy a few pictures (left) of our journey.



Members are encouraged to invite family and friends of all ages to the Fun Days and other upcoming events. Reach out to others to join in the Mystery Dinner Theaters, 5K, and TLC days. We are looking forward to having FUN this summer.

MARY AND JOE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES



Jurisdiction	Grand Representative
South Carolina	Amy Lindell
Rhode Island	Joni Snyder
District of Columbia	Peggy Cunningham
Pennsylvania	Vicki Jackson
Montana	Brenna Bruns
North Carolina	Charlotte Rodgers
Utah	Guardis Krider



UPDATES FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Submitted by: Nancy Ramthun

Greetings from the Grand Secretary's Office,

Well, in my opinion I think we have had enough rain for the time being, but I do understand if was much needed.

Just a reminder, if you are planning to attend the Golf Outing June 28th you need to send in your reservations. Are you planning to golf, get your team together, are you coming to enjoy the meal, or possibly sponsoring a golf hole either way make sure to send those forms in as soon as possible.

Chapter Secretaries, I will be sending a chapter packet out within the next few days. It include the 2025 dues cards along with an invoice for the amount due. Please send the yellow portion back with your payment.

I have revised supply order form to comply with changes from General Grand Chapter. I have included a new postage amount for mailing 50-yr certificates only. If you are ordering the pin and certificate you will continue to use the \$10 or \$15 dollars shipping which ever applies. I have been asked if when ordering the pin is there a cost for the certificate also, the answer is no, there is no cost for just the 50-yr certificate itself other than the new added shipping cost. I asked that you use the revised supply order for only, it may also be found on the OES website. Please do not use OLD Supply Order forms as there have been price changes and updates.

New guidelines have been created by the Jurisprudence Committee for anyone wishing to write and present legislation to be read at Grand Chapter in November 2024. All proposed legislation must be in the Grand Chapter Office and date stamped before the July 15, 2024 deadline.

Take care my friends and Happy 4th of July



Nancy

OH THE "PAW" SIBILITIES

Submitted by: Janice Megel

Coming up there are many ways to support the Special Project for this year. " Oh the Pawsibilities"; RETRIEVING FREEDOM SERVICE DOG PROJECTS. Retrieving Freedom trains service dogs to serve the needs of veterans and children with autism.

Be on the look out for information about and plan to attend the OES Golf Outing, Mystery Dinner Theaters, and the 5K Run/Walk.

Iowa Eastern Star is supporting [Retrieving Freedom's Shindig for the Dogs](#) event that is being held in October. We even have an Eastern Star member on the planning committee!! A handmade quilt is being donated by Eastern Star members to a silent auction at the Shindig and Chapter secretaries will receive information about an additional way our Chapters can support this event. There is a save the date in this Galaxy with more information about sewing the quilt.

You are encouraged to invite a representative from Retrieving Freedom to visit your chapter to share information about what they do. It would be a good opportunity to work with your Masons and your youth.

Please contact Calvin Mer Mulm
@ 605.951.2956.



If you are aware of donations made to Retrieving Freedom because of the awareness brought to the organization by Eastern star, e-mail Janice Megel: adamsara3@msn.com



TLC COMMITTEE

Submitted By: Carolyn Smith

The love keeps growing! There are a lot of busy sewers and knitters across the State of Iowa. Sandra Trainer in Northwest Iowa has been busy knitting baby hats. She made a nice donation to Mercy Medical Center in Mason City. Claudia Hauser has been working on flannel hearts for her local hospital. And did you hear Mary Hicks has made 66 port a cath pillows for Methodist and Mercy Hospitals in Des Moines. That is just phenomenal! I met a nurse, Emily Wilson, at the University of Iowa Healthcare in Bettendorf and donated 17 port a cath pillows to the Cancer Infusion Center in Bettendorf. I have received a bundle of crochet angel gowns from Ophir Chapter, Osceola. Jewell Pringle also made quite a few crochet angel gowns and crochet burial wraps. I greatly admire their precious creations.

If you need patterns, there are some on our Iowa OES Facebook page under Files tab or please contact me. I am in the VIP book or my email is jimcarolynsmith@yahoo.com.

After our successful sewing day in Hills I was able to make donations to two hospitals in Cedar Rapids and to University of Iowa Healthcare in Iowa City. Everyone was extremely thankful and sent lovely notes.



Left: Erin Weber, RN, BSN, MA with UIHC was all smiles with a donation of 7 fleece pads, 1 extra large crib sheet, 1 premie knitted hat, 41 flannel hearts, and 3 angel gowns.

Right: Carolyn Smith delivering donations to Jennifer Heavenly, Manager of NICU and Pets, St. Lukes.



Carolyn Smith delivering some of the completed TLC projects to Sara Jordan at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids.

I know there is more work in progress from the wonderful Star members in Iowa. I do appreciate receiving emails of other activities in progress. I thank you and be assured that those benefiting from our work are grateful too.



Pictured are 5 knitted hats made by Sandra Trainer, Northwood. The hats were donated to Mercy Medical Center in Mason City. Recently, Sandra has lovingly knitted an additional 18 baby hats to Mercy Medical Center. (Premature knitted baby hat pattern under the files tab at top of Iowa OES Facebook page.)

Doris Rice, Storm Lake, has delivered 16 port-a-cath pillows to the Buena Vista Hospital in Storm Lake

The University of Iowa Healthcare has a need of fleece pads. They request a single layer of fleece size 22" x 30" and have a serged edge or turn under and stitch so the fleece won't stretch. They prefer a solid color of fleece.

As Nurse Erin Weber said: "We appreciate you so very much. Wish we could do more to show it." Those are the only words we need — a grateful heart.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

Submitted by: Ellen Knupp

As we travel around the state, Mom and I have been looking for the Little Free Libraries that are already out and about. Those who register their libraries are given a plaque with a number and are listed on the Little Free Library website making them easier to find. You don't have to register your library, but if you do your location will be added to the website. So far, we've placed books in Algona, Glidden, Vinton, Anamosa, Hiawatha, Marion, Shellsburg, Oelwein and Independence. We've found 25 Libraries and donated 340 books as of May 16th. We still have hundreds of books to donate to libraries so let us know as soon as you have your Library up and running.

The labels for the books are now on the [Iowa Eastern Star website](#) so if you have books you'd like to donate, you can label them and place them in your local libraries. Just remember to take a selfie so you can share it with all of us. It's one of the [2024 photo challenges!](#)

Also, it appears that Allan Tedrow is busy working on Little Libraries, so if your chapter would like one, be sure to let him know. It would be a dream come true if every Masonic Lodge could have a Little Library outside.



PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Click [HERE](#) to submit the online survey.

One survey per chapter. If you aren't able to use the online survey, please e-mail answers to the questions to birksac@hotmail.com

In the [last edition of the Galaxy](#), the Public School Committee shared multiple ways that our Eastern Star Chapters could support our local public Schools.

Now they want to know all that our chapters did!

The committee would like to know:

1. Did you try more than one of the suggestions?
2. Which suggestions were most helpful?
3. Did you take pictures to share and did you share them?
4. What did you find most rewarding during your experiences with the children?
5. Did you try something that was not suggested on the original list and if so what was it?
6. How often did your chapter participate in the activities during the year?

Additional Comments:

If time got away from your chapter and you weren't able to support your public school in the Spring, start thinking about what you can do to support them in the Fall.

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QUILTS OF VALOR

Submitted By: Pat Burch

The Quilt of Valor sewing day held on April 21st was a great success! Locations across the state included Mt Ayr, Waverly, Comanche, and Pleasant Hill. We had 59 attend the event and have over 35 quilts that will be awarded in the near future. Thank you to all the members who participated that day OR who have made and donated Quilts of Valors. Your special talents are so meaningful to the Veterans who receive the Quilts.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Chapters and individuals who donated money toward this event! Your generosity helped to defray the costs of fabric and batting.

If you have a Veteran or Active Duty Soldier that you wish to award a Quilt of Valor, please send the name and branch of service to paburch14@gmail.com.

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Our Ritual's Relevancy vs. Marketing Our Order

Submitted by: Danelle Essing

Have you ever seen an Eastern Star Ritual carved in stone? Neither have I.

At some point, every Masonic organization purports that our principals and beliefs are written in stone, while our rules and regulations are not. (Speaking metaphorically, of course.)

As I was recently sorting through boxes and tote bins (trying to downsize, and not always successfully), I ran across some old mail and publications my dad had saved. What caught my eye were some Scottish Rite Journals from 1994 and 1995. Those issues spoke to the argument that Masonic organizations are no longer relevant to society and how "there just isn't time for Ritual in the world today."

The author of the article, "Reality and Ritual", noted that "...Ritual, in one form or another, is central to our lives." Getting out of bed in the morning leads to a ritual to prepare for the day. Paying bills is a form of ritual—although electronic banking has ramped up the glamour of the process. Going to work—yes, there's another example of ritual; hanging up the coat, turning on the computer, getting a caffeinated beverage before sitting down at the desk. Birthdays have rituals. Holidays have rituals. Rituals shape our lives and give meaning to our days. And when individuals organize around the enjoyment of a particular activity or purpose, a strong bond is formed and shared. Rituals give us the sense of "connectedness" with our family, with our friends, with our faith.

As Eastern Star members (as for other Masonic organizations), it is our ritualistic experience at Initiation which binds us together as a community. (No, Initiation is not intended to be an endurance test to see who is wearing the most uncomfortable shoes.)

What is it, then, that keeps us coming back to the regular meetings when there is no Initiation? Friendships, philanthropic efforts, educational events and fun. And food. I didn't mean to forget food! I'm sure you can add to that list without much effort.

So, we've identified what makes O.E.S. a special community, and we've listed the things which hold our interest. It should be a short hop to put together a winning equation:

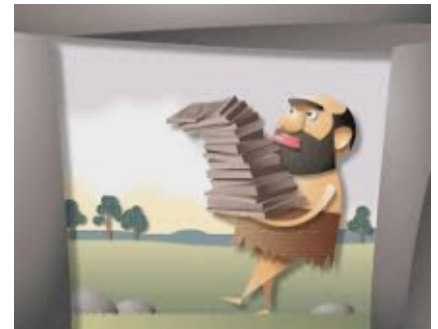
$$A \text{ (Ritual)} + B \text{ (engaging, enjoyable activities)} = C \text{ (Relevancy)}$$

Winning!!! Unless we lack the ability to change...and that's a whole other issue. Related, but different. "Let us move forward, then...intent on preserving what ought to be preserved, perfecting what needs to be perfected..." The Harry Potter fans among you will recognize that as part of a quote from Dolores Umbridge. I can't quote the whole speech here, because her train of thought does go completely off the rails with that entire speech. But the message portion here works for us as we should strive to keep the best of the O.E.S. Ritual and trim the portions which do not contribute toward enhancing our fundamental tenets. We need to be willing to adapt to use society's newest tools of communication, so Masonry can lead the way toward making this a better world; starting in our homes, in our communities and in our nation.

The September 2017 issue of the "Iowa Alumni Magazine" ran a very small article announcing how the University Of Iowa Tippie College Of Business was phasing out its full-time M.B.A. program. Instead, it will "...expand graduate programs that serve working professionals. Demand has shifted heavily..." Among the changes being made were offering professional certificates and expanded online course offerings for M.B.A. studies.

The Dean of the Tippie College of Business was quoted saying: "Adapting to the market is key for growth in any organization, and we're seeing clear shifts..."

What she said! Thirty years later, we are still talking about Ritual and Reality. Change is inevitable and adapting is necessary. We can keep our Order relevant and meaningful, but it will take work, not magic wands.



TLC Sewing Day

Submitted By: Christa Guthrie

We will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the dining room of the Masonic Temple. Come for an hour or two, or stay the entire time—whatever fits your schedule. We will break for a potluck lunch around noon.

This year Grand Chapter of Iowa Eastern Star's primary emphasis for the TLC project is on angel gowns and hearts and receiving blankets for Hospital NICU's.

Bring your projects to work on. There will be hearts to sew, angel gowns, porthacath pillows, and more. If you have material and supplies to share, please bring them along. Also bring your tools you may need for sewing. You are welcome to bring a sewing machine and extension cords, but this is not necessary.

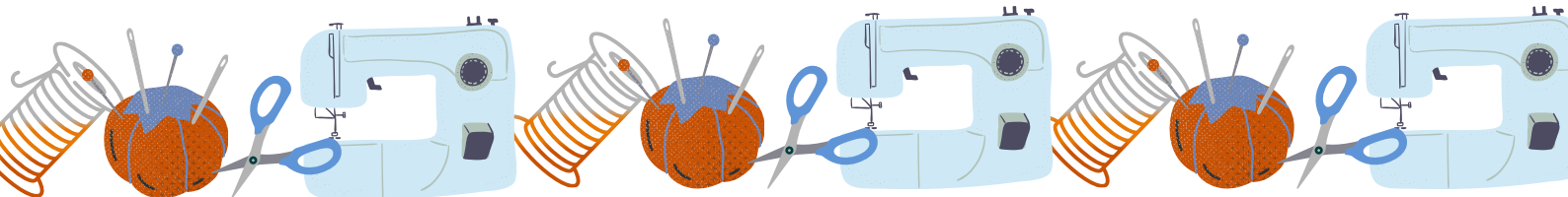
All sewers and non-sewers are welcome. You are also welcome to bring friends and family who might like to join us.

TLC SEWING DAY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10,
2024
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
MASONIC TEMPLE
304 FIRST ST SE, MASON CITY,
IA

Plenty of free parking- elevator available.

Potluck lunch will be served. Tableware, coffee, and bottled water will be available.

RSVP TO: Sandra Trainer, TLC Committee; Home Phone: 641-324-1554; email: jstrain@wctatel.net



Eastern Star Tailgate Party



Saturday Sept 7 AT THE AMANA COLONIES

Featuring BBQ from Tackett's Tackett. Joel Tackett, Pitmaster.

Join for food, contests, and prizes while cheering for your favorite football team.

Watch for more details about the event on the Iowa OES webpage.

Annual Golf Outing



Registration begins at 8:00 and you can register the day of the outing.

Non Star Members Welcome.

Plan to join the putting contest before the golfing begins. There will also be a silent auction and chipping contest.

For more information visit the [OES website](#).

Hiawatha Mystery Dinner Theater Event

Submitted By: Vivian Pitlo

Put July 13, 2024 on your calendar to attend a SPECIAL EVENT at the Hiawatha American Legion Post, 207 Robins Road, Hiawatha, IA at HIGH NOON! You will experience a MURDER MYSTERY DINNER!!! You, your friends, family and neighbors are invited to participate in "HIGH NOON AT DEADMAN'S SALOON."

It is 1870 in the town of Dead Man, Kansas, USA. There is a big crowd whoopin' it up in Dead Man's Saloon. The clock on the wall shows high noon, but then, it always does. All at once word spreads that there's going to be a shootout on Main Street. The crowd rushes outside to watch, but the street is deserted. Suddenly, two shots ring out from behind them, inside the saloon.

The crowd hurries back in to find the dead body of Deputy Drinkwater, shot through the heart. Was it Belle Bandit, a feisty stage coach robber who takes no nonsense from anyone, Buffalo Bob, an elderly gentleman, owner of the Buffalo Bob Traveling Wild West Show, full of useless fatherly advice; Calamity Jill, a clumsy cowgirl always running into things, cusses a lot, is fond of telling stories about her crazy adventures where she is the hero who saved the day. OR.....WHO KNOWS, PARDNER? MAYBE IT WAS YOU!!!



The cost for the Event is \$35.00 for snacks, pulled pork with all of the fixin's and dessert!!!

- If you are interested in being one of the characters, or have questions please contact Vivian Pitlo @563-599-0786, email: jvpitlo@iowatelecom.net or one of the other members of the committee. Registration information is on the [flyer available on the Iowa OES website](#).
- Participate in a special silent auction "WHAT'S IN THE BAG!" Donate usable purses, totes, backpacks, briefcases, etc. Fill with item/s and label with a clue for what is in it. Bidding will be as in a silent auction to conclude the event!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YA ALL AND PLEASE LOOK FOR THE "PARKING" SIGN AND PARK ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE BUILDING!!!

There is limited handicapped parking in front of the building and we will provide rides from and to if needed.

Spencer Mystery Dinner Theater Event

Submitted By: Rhonda Wedeking

Are you a great detective? Come join the fun at the OES Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, Saturday, July 27th at the Grace United Methodist Church in Spencer. The event is open to all, including non-Star members.

Go back in time - it's 1946 and the war is over. To honor those brave soldiers who fought to bring peace back to the land, Lord Winchester is having a party. Known for his diverse guests, lavish decor and free flowing drinks, any gathering at his London Manor is always the talk of the town. As guests are enjoying a cocktail - the lights go out and when they come back on, Lord Winchester is dead. What was the motive? Revenge? Jealousy? It is up to you to find out!



The fun begins a 5:30 with dinner served at 6pm. Our meal will include pork loin with brandied peach sauce, cracked green beans, ranch potatoes, and dessert - thanks to a generous donation from the Clay County Pork Producers. Throughout the dinner our suspects will be introducing themselves and providing clues to who is the murderer! Tickets are \$30 and reservations are due by July 13th.

Interested in being a character? There are 14 interesting personalities to fill. Prizes are awarded for best costume and best actor. NO memorization is required! There will also be a silent auction that night with all the proceeds going to the Worthy Grand Matron's project Retrieving Freedom - a non-profit organization specializing in service dogs for veterans and children with autism based out of Waverly, IA.

Registration information is on the [flyer available on the Iowa OES website](#). For questions call Rhonda Wedeking 712-320-5420. Checks should to be sent to Nancy Ramthun, Grand Secretary, P.O. Box 72, Knoxville, IA 50138.

5K Run/Walk



Submitted By: Karen Wood

Our "Da Doo Dog Fun Run" 5k run/walk planning is well underway! We haven't nailed down a location yet, but we will be in Central Iowa. The date for the event is **October 5**, which is great for weather! No one likes to run or walk in our Iowa summers. The best part of this 5k is we are not limited to just OES members. We all know runners and walkers. Some of them may even be in a running club. When we get our invite posted, please share with those folks and your friends. The more word gets out, the better our participation - and we'll create more exposure for Iowa Eastern Star. We are running and walking for "Oh the Pawsibilities" benefiting Retrieving Freedom, placing service dogs with veterans and folks with autism. That's a great reason to run and walk!

We are hoping to set up a virtual 5k run/walk for those of you that would like to participate but won't be able to travel for the event. We look forward to sending out more information - and don't forget, all entry fees include a t-shirt specially designed for this event.

TRAVELS AND TALES OF THE WORTHY GRAND ADAH

Submitted By: Diane R. Bargfrede, Worthy Grand Adah,
Past Grand Matron of Iowa

Louisiana Grand Chapter

Brother Craig Bargfrede and I set off on a journey to visit the 124th Session of Louisiana Grand Chapter, "Love, Loyalty and Friendship which was held in Baton Rouge during the month of March.

We had lots of fun attending Louisiana Grand Chapter's social event the All-Membership Banquet entitled, "Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!" (Let the good times roll.)



Pictured on the right (l to r), Worthy Grand Martha Kaye Rackley from South Carolina; Diane Bargfrede, Worthy Grand Adah; and Jennifer Bailey, Special Triennial Appointment Colorful Note from South Carolina.

Photo to the left is the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Susan Rabb-Williams and Brother Charles R. Smith, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana leading their guests in all the fun.



TENNESSEE GRAND CHAPTER

"Standing on the Promises of God", the 122nd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee Order of the Eastern Star was held April 21-24, 2024. On my recent adventure to Tennessee Grand Chapter, I was visiting with Sister Sherry Carver. In sharing with her I was from Iowa, she told me she had been a Grand Representative to Iowa.

Sherry had attended the session, but it was a long time ago. She remembered it was in Altoona at an Adventure Park. Sherry told me her sister counterpart was older but had a daughter who lived in Tennessee. Then Carver went on to say that her counterpart's son was the grand organist in Iowa the year she visited.

I asked Sherry if her counterpart was Lorraine Roorda and if the session, she attended was patriotic with a red, white and blue theme, she replied yes. I then told her that was my session, "Salute to Liberty" and I had given Sister Lorraine her commission. The Grand Organist was Hess R. Roorda.

We always say, "it's a small world", how blessed I am that our paths crossed. The amazing impact of a Grand Representative appointment long after the commission is through.



Pictured above are Sister Diane Bargfrede, Worthy Grand Adah and Sister Sherry Carver from Tennessee.

Where has the WGM been?

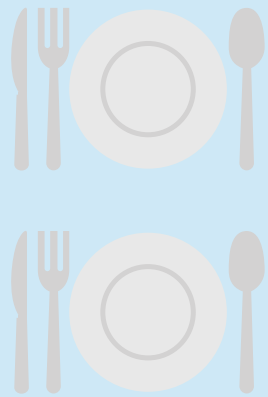
SEE HOW MANY YOU CAN IDENTIFY BEFORE ANSWERS ARE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE GALAXY



GREENFIELD CHAPTER SERVES CRUSADE LODGE

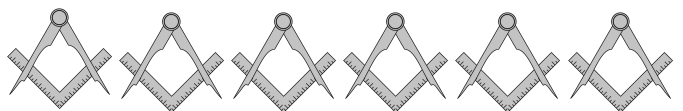
Submitted By: Polly Miller, PGM

Thursday, April 25, Greenfield Chapter #91 members served a meal for Crusade Lodge #386 prospective members. Five prospective members and spouses attended the meal. After enjoying the pork loin dinner, everyone retired to the Chapter room where the Crusade Lodge members introduced their guests, any family present, and shared their thoughts about their Masonic experience. Those members in attendance had a wide range of experiences from twelve years of membership to sixty-four years of membership. We look forward to assisting our Lodge members in another dinner in the future to help increase membership in their Lodge and hopefully in our Star chapter.



SUPPORTING AREA MASONS

There are many ways we can support our Masonic Brothers. Some of our Chapters clean the buildings and maintain the landscaping, some provide lunches for our Brothers or help at their fundraisers, but recently our Worthy Grand Matron was asked to repair Masonic Aprons. What are you doing to help support your Masons? Please share how your Chapter supports your Masons for the next Galaxy.



ANKENY NEW HOPE CHAPTER AND LOGIC LODGE PRESENT SCHOLARSHIP

Submitted By: Diane R. Bargfrede, Worthy Grand Adah, Past Grand Matron of Iowa

Ankeny New Hope Chapter and Logic Lodge presented a scholarship to Chloe Andersen at the annual Senior Spotlight Night at Ankeny High School.





Batons

Where, oh where, are the batons? Has your Chapter had one yet? Here Decorah Chapter members are “stealing” the baton from New Hampton Chapter members. Remember, the goal is to have a baton in November and bring it to Grand Chapter for a prize!



CHAPTER BINGO

How is your Chapter doing on your Chapter Bingo. There are many opportunities this summer to work on it. Inviting Joe and Mary to a stated meeting would take care of the first one!! We hope each Chapter will work to complete as much of the card as possible. If you haven't set up for each of your meetings up to this point- start now and note that on your card and we will accept it!! There are many ways to complete your card- have some fun!



CHAPTER BINGO

Let's thrive together.
Can your Chapter get all twenty-five to be recognized at Grand Chapter?
Write in what you do and send to:
iaoesbingo24@gmail.com

Invite guests to a Stated meeting	Proficiency class or all proficient	Attend another District's School	Volunteer in community as a chapter	Do a Chapter Fundraiser
Support our youth organizations	Support Retrieving Freedom	Support Golf Outing	Invite speaker from Retrieving Freedom	Support GOV
Have a special meeting	Honor your Masons	Share your activities on Social Media, Galaxy, or news.	Support your local school	Attend a Sewing Day

Chapter Fundraiser

Submitted by: Sandra Ley

Algona Chapter is doing a fundraiser involving the dog quilt pictured. If you are interested in participating or would like additional information, contact Sandra Ley or another chapter member.





50 YEAR MEMBER

Submitted by: Janet Vincent

Jeanne Davis, Worthy Matron, presented Wanda Linder with her 50 year membership. Also in attendance to celebrate the occasion were Jana Jennings, Scott Davis, Worthy Patron, Linda Messer, and Janet Vincent.



YOUR 2024 OES JOURNEY

Have you started snapping pictures for the [2024 OES Journey](#)?

Check out the many ideas for ways you and your chapter can be involved in Eastern Star.

As the saying goes "Picts or it didn't happen!"

Capture fun and share the great things Eastern Star is involved in with your friends and communities. That could be via social media or a publication such as a newspaper or newsletter.

YOUR 2024 OES JOURNEY

- PARTICIPATE IN THE DA DOO FUN RUN
- ATTEND A MYSTERY DINNER THEATER
- SNAP A PHOTO WITH THE NEW BANNERS
- REPRESENT STAR IN A PARADE/COMMUNITY EVENT
- VISIT A CARE FACILITY
- HELP WITH QUILTS OF VALOR
- LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE-SHOW YOU ARE A STAR

By attending the Fun Run or Mystery Theaters with a Star shirt or hat (word is the banners will be there) you can earn a lot of points.

A NOTE FROM THE GALAXY COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles for this issue. We would love to hear from all of the Chapters in Iowa this year!

If your chapter hasn't submitted something this year, please send over something for inclusion with the next newsletter. You might share: recent community involvement, a fun day or friendship night your chapter hosted, how you supported other Masonic organizations, participating in the [2024 OES Journey Scavenger Hunt](#) or [Chapter Bingo](#), recognizing one of your members, etc.

Please submit articles (and pictures!) anytime by e-mailing iaoesgalaxy@gmail.com. The deadline for the next issue is August 16th.

Your Galaxy Committee Members: Elizabeth Reicks, Kerri Meredith, and Victoria Means