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Ellsworth Chapter #116 cordially invites you to join us in honoring:

Jerry Bristol

Grand Sentinel of Wisconsin

Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Hancock Masonic Lodge

400 Highpoint Drive, Ellsworth, WI

12:00 pm Social Time

12:30 pm Lunch

followed by Entertainment and Introductions

Cost is \$5.00 per person (no refunds)

Please make checks payable to Ellsworth Chapter #116

RSVP by January 23, 2010 to

Kris Webster

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Ellsworth, WI 54011

715-273-3430

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Please join us in making this a special celebration for Brother Jerry!

From PGM Theda

Sad News:

Maxine Kral, Mable Chapter, Rhinelander and Grand Marshal for the In His Hand Grand Family passed away on Dec. 26th. There will be a memorial service later in the spring.

Don Brunner, Rice Lake, now member of Chippewa and Frederic chapter, escort to Grand Esther Nancy Brunner from the In His Hand Grand family passed away on Dec. 28th. Eastern Star and Masonic services were held in Rice Lake on Jan. 3rd.

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Wauwatosa Chapter invites you to Chaplain, Marshal and Organist Night on January 13 at 7:30 PM. All Present and Past Chaplains, Marshals and Organists are invited to come. Also we have several traveling stoned. Then on January 27 we are Honoring Secretary and Treasurer.

Sue WM

Richard WP

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Please join LaBelle Chapter, Mukwonago for fun and fellowship:

January 14th Luau Night honoring all Chaplains, Marshals, Organist

January 28th Honor Warder and Sentinel

February 11th Mardi Gras Night honoring all Star Points; Heart Fund
Presentation

We would love to have you join us! Our meetings start at 7:30 pm.

Nancy Ryburn, W.M.

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Reminder - - Madison Area Tychopea Club meets Sat. January 16, 2010 at Starlight Chapter in Sun Prairie with Breakfast at 9:00AM. Bring finish & unfinished Lap robes and don't forget to read about the penguins. Let us believe that warm smiles bring warm weather that day

Debbie Ross Holum

President

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Honor Chapter will be having only their Stated Meeting in January and February; we will NOT have a second Special meeting. If the weather does not permit us to have our Stated on the first Thursday of the month, it will be held on the third Thursday of the month.

Bonnie Kohn

Worthy Matron

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Triwaukee Past Matron's Dinner

Friday, February 26

Klemmer's Banquet Center

10401 West Oklahoma Avenue

West Allis 414-541-0401

5:30 Social with refreshments – 6:30 Dinner, Introductions, Entertainment

Cost \$23.00 Per person due by February 16, 2010

Choose 1) Sirloin Steak 2) Stuffed Filet of sole 3) Herb roasted chicken

All Past Matrons/Worthy Matrons/potential members/Members who would like to go East/Men are also welcome

RSVP Laura Dessereau

4338 South Nicholson Avenue #128

St Francis, WI 53235 414-481-5935

WGM Sister Bobbi Jo will be initiated. PGM Sister Kris will assist in initiation.
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Pep Talk -

(From the OEStar List, Digest #4546, 1/2/10)

A special wish for the year 2010, Happy New Year. This is a time to set goals and make plans to have a wonderful year and it is up to each one of us to work even harder this year to increase our membership in this wonderful Order. It does not matter how young or how old we are we know people who are able to join we just have not offered it to them. Have a tea and invite them in for information, hold an open house, put up posters in lodge halls accepting new members. If we want to maintain our future we should be looking at our grandchildren, children of our Masonic friends and locate the nearest International Order of Job's Daughters group, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay for boys groups and let them know the names of children so they can at least include them in their promotional events.

As for ourselves, we need to develop the BRAG habit for the new year. "Bring Relatives And Groups" into our chapters. Talk about Eastern Star as a safe social group, share your excitement, include your friends and relatives on the bus trips some star groups have, invite them to the teas, card events, pot lucks socials, open houses. The list goes on. If each one of us brought in one new member in 2010 imagine how much this Order would grow. Stand up Members and be proud of our lifestyle which does not leave us lonely, or friendless. Safe social groups are at a premium and our Order is such a group. Where else can we find friends of all ages, friends of like minds, friends that truly help the less fortunate without wanting something for themselves. We want to hear about chapters who initiate more than one new member. We want to be proud of the work of sharing this wonderful group. Let us hear this news.

My wish if granted for 2010 would be that at least half of us (which is impossible, yet I can dream) would bring in a new member this year. If not half then why not try for at least 1 tenth of us to bring in a new member and brag about it on this network. Let us hear of your excitement of a new member joining your chapter. This might inspire each of us to do the same. Think about this. If a city has 3,000 Masons then that would mean a huge increase in Eastern Star membership, if they all joined. If only half of them joined that would be 1,500 new star members! 10% would be 300 new members. Great thought and now the work should begin!

---Joan Leffler, PM, Daylight Chapter No 326
Star of the Nile No 308, Nilestown, Ontario, Canada

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Connie Shrum, editor, Stars of Washington enews:

I just finished reading Lakeshore Christmas by Susan Wiggs and I am going to share some Christmas gift suggestions as written by Oren Arnold (1900-1980), an American writer and editor!

Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.
 To an opponent, tolerance.
 To a friend, your heart.
 To a customer, service.
 To all, charity.
 To every child, a good example.
 To yourself, respect!

A happy New Year! Grant that I
 May bring no tear to any eye
 When this New Year in time shall end
 Let it be said I've played the friend,
 Have lived and loved and labored here,
 And made of it a happy year.

-- Edgar Guest

And a wonderful 2010!

XOXOXO

Connie

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Interesting Idea ... GOOD IDEA!

New Hampshire has digitized their chapters' charters and has them saved on DVD's and filed in the Grand Secretary's Office.

That's a good idea! Last winter 3-4 of our towns had major half-block fires. Luckily none of these fires involved Masonic Buildings. With digital cameras being commonplace now, have you ever thought about taking a close-up picture of your Chapter's Charter, saving it to a CD and storing it in a bank safe deposit box, just in case the unthinkable should

happen?

If you should decide to do this, I'd suggest setting the camera on the highest pixel setting available. By using the highest setting, if the photo is enlarged, it should still be a clear picture, otherwise it might blur when enlarged. Also, because of the glass in the picture frame, to avoid reflection and glare when the camera flash goes off, you'll probably have to carefully remove the Charter from the picture frame.

You might want to consider taking a digital picture of your Charter so you still have a copy of it in case it would meet with misfortune.

---Martha Hendrickso**17 January (3rd Sunday)**

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January 17th

BIRTHDAY OF BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, 1706

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man. - Benjamin Franklin

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How I learned to mind my own business:

I was walking past the mental hospital the other day and all the patients were shouting, '13....13....13.'

The fence was too high to see over, but I saw a little gap in the planks, so I looked through to see what was going on..... Some idiot poked me in the eye with a stick! Then they all started shouting '14....14....14'...

Out bicycling one day with my eight-year-old granddaughter, Carolyn, I got a little wistful. 'In ten years,' I said, 'you'll want to be with your friends and you won't go walking, biking, and swimming with me like you do now.' Carolyn shrugged. 'In ten years you'll be too old to do all those things anyway.'

Stars of Washington enews
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Winona Olson has a new email address in Arizona:

wkoangel3@yahoo.com

Mary Norgard

Frederic Chapter

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Marjorie Gehlhaart Metzfeld,

Marjorie Gehlhaart Metzfeld, 81, of Dousman and formerly of Milwaukee, moving to Tomah after her marriage to Robert Metzfeld of Tomah, died Thursday, December 24, 2009, at the Dousman Health Care, Dousman Wisconsin.

In 1941 she was initiated into the International Order of Job's Daughters (IOJD), Bethel 5 of Milwaukee. She received her Majority Degree in 1961 and was elected to the Guardian Council as Guardian Secretary. In 1957 She was elected Bethel Guardian. Marjorie was appointed Grand Bethel Guardian of Wisconsin and elected as Grand Guardian of Wisconsin in 1968. She was later elected Grand Secretary of Wisconsin and held the office for 15 years. She was the chairman of the Wisconsin Jamboree Craft Workshops and a major supporter of the official philanthropic project of the IOJD - The Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund Fashion Shows.

Marjorie was very active in the Tomah community as a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, the Parkway Garden Club, the Railroad Auxiliary, Friends of the Tomah Library, and Bethel Guardian of Bethel 56, Tomah. As Bethel Guardian she worked with the Job's Daughter members in decorating doors at Senior Citizen homes for each holiday. She was elected several times as Worthy Matron of the Tomah Chapter #6 Order of Eastern Star and completed several years as the Secretary until she moved to Dousman Masonic Home.

Marjorie is survived by her bother, Richard (Shirley) Gehlhaart of Lakeview, AK;

Brother in-law (Louie), nieces and nephews; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and sister Carolyn Gehlhaart Ledebuhr.

A Memorial Service will be held on January 9, 2010, at the Ewald Compass Point Chapel, Three Pillars (365 Sunset Drive, Dousman) with Pastor Ruth officiating. Visitation at 12:30 pm, followed at 1:00 pm an OES service and Memorial Service .

Krause Funeral Home in Milwaukee is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences are available at www.funeraldirector@krausefuneralhome.com

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