

Fox Valley Flyer

Fox Valley Chapter #265
Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois

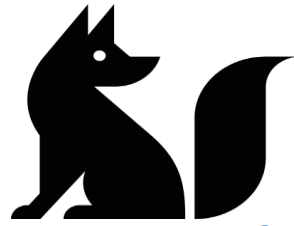
November 2022 - January 2023

Pamela Trinco, Worthy Matron 630-217-9450
Luke Schulz, Worthy Patron

Welcome Everyone to 2023! On behalf of the Officers of Fox Valley #265, we wish for you a very happy and healthy New Year. Things are a bit different around here, but change is good. The Chapter room looks a bit different, see the photos on page 4. We have moved to having 1 stated meeting each month and using the 4th Tuesday for fun events and guest nights. We had a Zoom meeting at the end of January hoping to see more of your faces. On the zoom call, we played a little game called "No Wrong Answers". The question posed to each member attending was "If you could only smell one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be?" and we got some funny answers. Overall, the most votes went to roses as the smell. For me, it's a tossup between Fresh baked bread or bacon cooking. What about you?

Our time together is very enjoyable and we hope you make the effort to join us either in person or when we meet "virtually". It seems the world needs a little uplifting these days, and the best way I know to uplift my spirits is to spend time with my OES friends and family.

As January blows its blustery way out of here, we think of our members struggling with illness, loss or other difficulties and send them healing



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Lorri Schulz, Secretary 630-659-8814

thoughts and grace-filled prayers.

This issue has the calendar and committees for the rest of 2023. If you are able to join us for one (or more) of the fun events that we have planned, please come! The more the merrier! I especially look forward to our fundraiser "Sunday with Sinatra" and the Music appreciation night. Our secretary will say I am taking up too much space in the flyer, so I will sign off with Star hugs to you all.

Pam Trinco
Worthy Matron

Calendar

Start time is 7:30pm. if not stated.
Family & Friends are welcome to join in on 4th Tuesday fun nights.*

- Feb 14 Stated Meeting
– Valentine's Day theme
- Feb 28 Pizza and Root Beer at Lodge*
- Mar 14 Stated Meeting
- Mar 28 Easter Egg Coloring at Lodge*
- Apr 11 Stated Meeting
- Apr 25 Advance Night
- May 9 Stated Meeting
- May 23 Progressive Dinner in Batavia*
- Jun 13 Stated meeting
- Jun 27 Music Appreciation at Lodge*
- July 11 Stated Meeting - Official Visit
- July 25 Batavia River Walk Event*

2023 Fox Valley Officers

Pamela Trinco, Worthy Matron
Luke Schulz, Worthy Patron
Helen Milam, Associate Matron
Ed Milam, Associate Patron
Lorri Schulz, Secretary
Wendy Meyer, Treasurer
Carrie Becker, Associate Conductress
Adam Schulz, Chaplain
Jake Schulz, Marshal
William Beltz, Organist
Fran Beltz, Martha
Zack Schulz, Warder
Brenda Allen, Sentinel
Carol Becker, Instructress

By-Laws Changes

In the last newsletter, we provided all the proposed changes to the by laws. The most notable change was to our meeting nights. Stated Meetings have been reduced to once per month and will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The 4th Tuesday will be used primarily for social events. Many of these social events can include non-members. Check out the calendar and start making plans with family and friends!

Advance Night

Advance Night will be on April 25th, 2023. Sister Helen Milam, Associate Matron and Brother Ed Milam, Associate Patron, will be in the East. Sister Carrie Becker, Associate Conductress, will also be honored this evening.

Official Visit

This year's Official Visit has been rescheduled to July 11th, 2023. We would love to see you there. It is sure to be a lovely evening.

2023 Fox Valley Chapter Committees (Committee Chairman listed first)

Budget

Wendy Meyer	Adam Schulz
Carol Becker	Zack Schulz

By-Laws

Lorri Schulz	Carrie Becker
Lois Pahl	

Chapter Achievement

Ed Milam

Eligibility

Jake Schuls	Ed Milam
Luke Schulz	

Examining/Credentials

William Beltz	Carol Becker
Fran Beltz	

Finance

Luke Schulz	Carrie Becker
Helen Milam	Ed Milam

Newsletter

Lorri Schulz

Refreshments

Helen Milam

Relief

Helen Milam	Lorri Schulz
Lois Pahl	

Sunshine/Visitation

Brenda Allen

New 50 Year Member

Congratulations to this member who turns a 50-year member of the Order in 2023. Members receive certificates and pins to honor this achievement. We would like to present them at our Official Visit so please let us know if you can attend.

Catherine Mathews

Sickness and Distress

In November, Sister Fran Beltz informed us that they are making new plans for surgery and there will be two of them: one dental surgery and then the heart surgery.

In January, Brother Adam Schulz reported that he has been suffering with planta fasciitis making it very painful and difficult for him to walk. Brother William Beltz had to have a tooth removed and is home recovering.

Please remember our members in your thoughts and prayers. If you have anything to report, or would like contact information for any of our members, please reach out to the Chapter Secretary. Having your family members notify us of changes in your health would also be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for Donations

Thank you to the following members for their donations to Fox Valley for Chapter expenses or to Grand Chapter funds. Small or large, we just want to let you know that your contributions are really appreciated!!

*Linda Banke
Margaret Braddock
Nancy Esterling
Sarah Field
Wendy Meyer
Pamela Trinco
Geraldine Walker*

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

. We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. Our donation collection box is located in the lobby, outside our Chapter room.

Website

Google is updating their sites and we are going through some growing pains right now. You will find the website out of date until we get the new layout created and completed. The system will not allow us to update our old page while this is in process. In the future you will still find us at www.FoxValleyOES.org. When we are back up and running, please consider viewing some of your newsletter issues on the website. It will help us to save on postage expenses, It will not eliminate all mailings but if you are interested in receiving an email notice that the newsletter has been updated on the site rather than a mailed copy, please notify the Chapter Secretary. The website also includes meeting dates (including the refreshments committee), special events, the current officers and their photos, current committees, Grand Chapter appointments, Grand Chapter calendar of events, newsworthy events and event photos. Your suggestions for other things you may want to see included are welcomed.

Just a reminder to make sure that the email we have on file for you is up to date. Just send the Secretary an email, at lorri.schulz@gmail.com.

Grand Chapter Funds In Need

Please remember the funds that are truly important to the Order and keeping the Home running. The Endowment Trust Fund, Eastern Star Home Fund and Administrative Fund. Every donation counts!

Photos of the updated Batavia Masonic Lodge



A view toward the East – new painted wall with new columns, flag hung permanently, secretary's desk changed direction.



A view toward the South – new church pews, new spot for George Washington print, past masters photos on the wall.



A view toward the North – new artwork on the walls, impressive in person. Youth flags are hung on the West walls.