

Fox Valley Flyer

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

October – November 2023

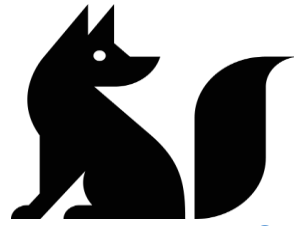
Helen Milam, Worthy Matron 815-838-3214
& Ed Milam, Worthy Patron, Elects

On behalf of the Officers of Fox Valley Chapter #265, we wish you a happy, healthy holiday season and, joyous New Year. Fox Valley and Batavia Lodge are looking great these days! Batavia Lodge has been working very hard redecorating and their efforts look great and so welcoming!

The Installation of Officers will be on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 7:30 P.M. with refreshments after the installation. The following officers will be participating in our Installation: Sister Cheryl Aronson, Grand Conductress as Installing Officer, Brother Lou Aronson, PGP Installing Chaplain and Sister Glenda Furnish, Pansy Chapter Installing Marshal. You are cordially invited to attend and watch the new officers take their offices for the year.

An important message to all our members, your Chapter needs you! It would be refreshing to have a full slate of officers at our stated meetings. We now hold our stated meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and typically they don't last long. We use the 4th Tuesday for fun events/service events. We have had pizza nights, game nights or meet somewhere in the local area for dinner or we help with other service activities that impact the community around us.

As we are now in the winter months, please keep our members that struggle with illness, loss and other difficulties in



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your hearts and your prayers. If you have a moment or two send a card or give them a call. I know that they would love to hear from their OES friends. So, if you happen to be near Batavia at 7:30 on the 2nd Tuesday of the month - STOP IN! We would love to see you! Or join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month for some fun and conversations.

Star Love to all!

Helen Milam,
Worthy Matron, Elect

Calendar

Start time is 7:30pm, if not stated.
Family & Friends are welcome to join in on the 4th Tuesday of the month for fun nights.* It's just a couple hours of good times with your star and non-star family and friends all in one place .

Dec 12	Anti Room Meeting 7:45 Installation of Officers
Dec 26	No Meeting – Enjoy
Jan 9	Stated Meeting
Jan 23	Uno Night
Feb 13	Stated Meeting
Feb 27	Trivia Night
Mar 12	Stated Meeting
Mar 26	Bingo Night
Apr 9	Stated Meeting
Apr 23	Rehearsal for OV
May 14	Official Visit Formal Affair

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A motion was made at the November 14, 2023 meeting regarding the reinvestment of the CD that matured in November, at Green State Credit Union. The motion is to move \$5000 to the checking for expenses and reinvest the balance into a new CD at the best rates available, for a period of 12 to 18 months.

A motion was made at the November 14, 2023 meeting regarding the reinvestment of the CD that matures in May, at Green State Credit Union. The motion is to reinvest the money into a new CD at the best rates available for a period of 12 to 18 months.

The motions will be voted upon during the January 9th, 2024 meeting.

2023 Fox Valley Committees Chairperson listed first

Budget

Carrie Becker	Jake Schulz
Luke Schulz	Pam Trinco
Ed Milam	

By-Laws

Pam Trinco	Carrie Becker
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Chapter Achievement

Ed Milam

Eligibility

Brenda Allen	Jake Schulz
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Examining/Credentials

Carol Becker	Zack Schulz
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Finance

Adam Schulz	Pam Trinco
Carrie Becker	Ed Milam

Newsletter

Lorri Schulz	Helen Milam
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Relief

William Beltz	Fran Beltz
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Sunshine/Visitation

Brenda Allen	Orville Grammer
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2023 Grand Chapter Committee Appointments

Brenda Allen – Alzheimer's
Fran Beltz – Eastern Star Home
William Beltz – Endowment Trust
Barbara Boyic – Administrative
James Boyic – Shrine Charities
Orville Grammer – Heart
Ed Milam – Photographer, Chairman
Adam Schulz – Service Dogs
Jake Schulz – Estarl
Lorri Schulz – Community Awareness
Luke Schulz – Vet Support/Honor Flight
Zack Schulz – Educational Assistance
Pamela Trinco – Board of Governors

Installation of Officers

Our Installation of Officers is December 12th and the lineup of new officers still has some openings. Star points are still needed. Call your Worthy Matron and volunteer. You do not need to be at a lot of meetings to participate, even though we would love that. Two events are key, the Installation and Official Visit, and any additional meetings would be a bonus.

Official Visit

The Official Visit is set for May 14th where we look forward to a visit from our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharyn Brooks and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Marke Bobbitt. Please come and join us.

**Grand Chapter
148th Annual Session
“Always In My Heart”**

The session was held at the new venue, the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, in Springfield, September 30th - October 4th, 2023. While the Session went well and the members had a good time at the events, the same could not be said for the hotel experience. The elevator broke down due to abuse from other guests and made getting to and from events take an incredible amount of time for our members. We have assurances from the hotel that this will not happen again in the future.

Grand Chapter Funds

If you are looking to donate to Grand Chapter, please remember the funds that are truly important to the Order and keep the Home running. The Endowment Trust Fund, Eastern Star Home Fund and Administrative Fund. Every donation counts!

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 want to let you know that your contributions are truly appreciated!!

*Linda Banke
Carol Becker
Margaret Braddock
Kathy Ciccolella
Mary Mason
Bob & Wendy Meyer
Marie Tenzinger
Pamela Trinco*

New 50 Year Members

Congratulations to these members who turn 50-year members of the Order in 2024. 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.

*Eleanor Eberhardt – July
Helene Okerstrom - October*

Sickness and Distress

Sister Geraldine Walker, Sister Lois Pahl and Brother Ed Milam all took spills in recent months but have since recovered. Sister Lois Pahl was also one of the several members at the home that had covid this November. They seem to have a good handle on things at the home and hope to have it out of there soon.

Please remember our members in your thoughts and prayers. Please let us know how you are doing and ask your family members notify us of changes in your health, if you are not able.

Jam N Brittle Fundraiser

Time is running out to order home-made Raspberry Jam and Peanut and Pecan Brittle! If you are interested in purchasing some delicious goodies, you can email your orders to JamNBrittle@gmail.com. An 8-ounce jar of raspberry jam is \$7. A bag of brittle is \$14 per bag. Each bag is approximately 2 pounds of brittle. If you have any questions, you can reach the fundraiser chairman, Brother Orville Grammer, at 630-202-9559. These items make wonderful treats for guests during the holidays or excellent gifts. Place your orders now!

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

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Fundraising Ideas

We are always looking for new ideas for fundraising and/or growing our membership. If you have any thoughts or ideas, give your Worthy Matron a call. Something that would get you out to attend, has a good chance of being something that others would like to do too. We can use the 4th Tuesday of the month for a fundraising event. Right now, these fun nights are a great way to introduce someone to the membership. Bring someone to attend. The next planned nights are included on the calendar on page 1.

An idea in the planning stages is a progressive dinner. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for an evening like this, contact you Worthy Matron.

Community Event

Twice a year the member of the Chapters, Masons and Youth Groups that meet at the Masonic Lodge get together to help Rover Rescue, a local non-profit dog rescue, with their mailings. It gives all the groups a chance to spend a couple hours together working on a simple task to help another group in the community. Come and join us. The next one is in May.

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Harmony Assembly #118

We're looking for members! Harmony Assembly #118, Rainbow for Girls, is one of the Masonic Youth groups that meets at the Batavia Temple. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is an organization for girls between the ages of 10 and 20 that focuses on leadership, friendship, service, and charity. Members learn vital skills that they are able to take with them into their adult lives, such as public speaking, running a meeting, and organizing events. Throughout the years, Rainbow Girls have raised money for a number of different charities including: Ronald McDonald House, American Cancer Society, and the American Lung Association. Each year in Illinois, the Grand Worthy Advisor picks out a charity or service organization for the Illinois jurisdiction for which to help raise money and awareness. This year the Grand Charity is an organization call "No Stigmas" which is a group that is working towards eliminating the stigmas surrounding mental health and encourages people to take their mental health seriously. Sometime this spring, we are hoping to set up an event at Batavia centered around this topic so be on the lookout for more information. If you know a young lady who you feel could benefit from the lesson in Rainbow, please feel free to reach out to the Mother Advisor, Carrie Becker: cbecker821@gmail.com or 815.245.4861 (mobile).