

Fox Valley Flyer

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

May 2024 – October 2024

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Where did summer go? I hope all our members have stayed safe during the storms that have rolled into the area this past spring and summer. It will not be long now; Thanksgiving is right around the corner and soon Christmas will be here. Just in case you are wondering about Fox Valley Chapter, here is a recap what has been happening:

Our Official Visit was on May 14th from the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and the Grand Family of 2024. Everyone that attended had a nice visit and all the serving officers did an outstanding job! I could not be prouder of the work they did. It was nice to see the Chapter Room so full of members from all over the state.

As the Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in Illinois, the Worthy Patron and I attended the Pennsylvania's Grand Chapter again this year. We reconnected with friends we made from last year's visit and were again impressed with all the activities, especially all the GLITTER & GLITZ. It was a Sparkle Fest for sure! They even had their very own fireworks display for the 4th of July holiday! I have not seen that many sparkly, rhinestones, shiny, and glitzy high heels in one place!

We wish to welcome members from Geneva Chapter into Fox Valley Chapter! The Worthy Grand Matron announced in July the merger of Geneva Chapter with Fox Valley Chapter effective immediately. Fox Valley Chapter is happy to welcome the members from Geneva Chapter and we are looking forward to working, playing and other fun stuff in support of our Order. We currently have one Stated Meeting a month



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which is held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. and we use the 4th Tuesday of the month as a "Fun Night" (time may fluctuate depending on the activity). Past activities have included Bingo, Trivia, a progressive dinner in downtown Batavia, Game Night, etc. We welcome all to join us!

The Grand Chapter Session was wonderful with members attending from the far reaches of our State. It was wonderful catching up with other chapters that were in attendance and visiting with members we met along the way. We congratulate all the new officers that will serve this year and wish them safe travel.

In closing, if you are tired of watching reruns on your television or looking for something to do, join us for fun and friendly conversation on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. We will love to see you.

Star Love to all!
Helen Milam, Worthy Matron

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.

Nov 12	Annual Meeting Dinner 6:30
Nov 26	Installation of Officers
Dec 10	Stated Meeting
Jan 14	Stated Meeting
Jan 21	Fun Night

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A motion was made at the August 13th 2024 meeting regarding the reinvestment of the CD that matures in October, at Green State Credit Union. The motion is to reinvest the CD into a new CD at the best rates available, for a period of 12 to 24 months.

A motion was made at the September 10th, 2024 meeting regarding the use of the funds received from Geneva Chapter. The motion is to donate \$5000 to Batavia Temple Association for repairs to the roof.

Discussion and voting on these motions will take place at the Annual Meeting on November 12th, 2024.

Advance Night

The future Associate Matron is working on plans for an Advance Night on August 26th, 2025.

Geneva Chapter Merges into Fox Valley Chapter

On July 8, 2024, the Worthy Grand Matron announced that Geneva Chapter has become part of Fox Valley Chapter. Geneva Chapter had been discussing a merger but were unable to reach a quorum required to put it to a vote, so the Worthy Grand Matron made the decision. We are happy to have the Geneva Chapter members join us and look forward to seeing them at meetings and other social gatherings. Some of the records are a little out of date so we may need some help in locating current member addresses.

Tentative Upcoming Events

Installation of Officers

Our Installation of Officers is tentatively scheduled for November 26th, 2024. It is close to Thanksgiving so we have concerns. There are still open stations, please contact your Worthy Matron to volunteer. A station doesn't require regular attendance, even just attending special nights would be helpful and make them more fun.

Official Visit

The Worthy Matron is making plans for the Official Visit on May 27th, 2025. The Worthy Grand Matron has not confirmed but it is looking good.

Missing Members

Any information on these members is appreciated. Currently the missing members are:

Joyce Langeness
Helen Miles
Adele Tate
Sharon & Carroll Lowery

Thanks for Donations

Thank you to the following member for her donation to Fox Valley for Chapter expenses or to Grand Chapter funds. Small or large, we want to let you know that your contribution is truly appreciated!!

Carol Becker

In Memoriums

Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
Still loved, still missed and forever dear.



Sister Dr. Nelly E. Lee, age 84, of Mt. Sterling, formerly of West Chicago, passed away, on April 21, 2020. Sister Nelly was initiated into Henrietta Chapter #162, Order of the Eastern Star, September 8, 1960. Henrietta Chapter merged into Fox Valley Chapter #265, July 2, 1991, where she remained a member until the time of her passing. She was a valued member of the Order for over 59 years, at the time of her passing.

Sister Carol Ann Johnson, 82, of Pingree Grove, formerly of St Charles, passed away on December 14, 2023. Sister Carol was initiated into Geneva Chapter #952, Order of the Eastern, on August 16, 2010, where she remained a member until the time of her passing. She was a valued member of the order for over 13 years.

Sister Judith Ann MacNerland, age 80, of West Chicago, passed away, on January 20, 2024, after contracting Covid while on vacation. Sister Judy

was initiated into Henrietta Chapter #162, Order of the Eastern Star, November 17, 1977. Henrietta Chapter merged into Fox Valley Chapter #265, July 2, 1991, where she remained a member. She was a valued member of the Order for over 46 years, at the time of her passing.

Brother Daniel Jurgens, age 87, died June 16, 2024, at Westminster Suncoast Manor, in St Petersburg, FL. Brother Daniel was initiated into Wheaton Chapter #506, October 19, 1978. In April 2010, Wheaton Chapter merged into Fox Valley Chapter #265, where he remained a member. He valued member of the Order for over 45 years, at the time of his passing.

Sister Barbara Jean Wheeler, of St Charles Illinois, passed away in July of 2024. She is the mother of David M Wheeler, who the Batavia DeMolay was named after. Sister Jean was initiated into Bethany Star Chapter #898, Order of the Eastern, on May 21, 1973. She affiliated with Geneva Chapter #952 on March 19, 1984, where she remained a member. She was a valued member of the Order for 51 years at the time of her passing.

Sister Sharon Dale Korty, age 75, of Wheaton, passed away in August of 2024. Sister Sharon was initiated into Evanston's Pentalpha Chapter #534, Order of the Eastern Star, on June 15, 1989. She affiliated with Wheaton Chapter #506, Order of the Eastern, March 16, 1995. In April 2010, Wheaton Chapter merged into Fox Valley Chapter #265, where she remained a member until she passed. She valued member of the Order for over 35 years.

Please ensure that your family members notify us of your passing and whether or not you desire an Eastern Star funeral service. It would be an honor to perform a funeral service for our members that have services locally.

Sickness and Distress

We have an update on Sister Pam Trinco's daughter, Sister Tori Shute's and Sister Maddie Upham's sister. She has had the second tumor removed and is recovering

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

It is time to order home-made Raspberry Jam and Peanut and Pecan Brittle! 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 are interested in purchasing some delicious goodies, you can email your orders to JamNBrittle@gmail.com. If you have any questions, you can reach the fundraiser chairman, Brother Orville Grammer, at 630-202-9559 or co-chairwoman Pamela Trinco 630-217-9450. These items make wonderful treats for guests during the holidays or excellent gifts. Deliveries can be made to local OES events or picked up in Batavia. Last year Sister Pam and Brother Orv made a trip to Springfield to make deliveries to the Home in Macon in November. There is a good chance that can happen again this year. Place your orders now!

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for the Batavia Food Pantry. For those that may not be aware, the pantry also operates the Clothes Closet, which accepts new and gently used clothing and small appliances. Our donation collection box is in the lobby, outside our Chapter room. Come out and visit and bring a little something to drop in the box.

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. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for an evening like this, contact you Worthy Matron.

Multi Masonic Group Community Service

Harmony Assembly has a community service project that has turned into a multi masonic group event. All members are welcome to join in helping to fold and label newsletters for Rover Rescue, a local non-profit, all volunteer, animal rescue. We will be meeting at the Batavia Lodge on October 29th, 2024 at 6:30pm. It normally takes about 2 hours to complete. See you there!