

Fox Valley Flyer

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

November 2024 – February 2025

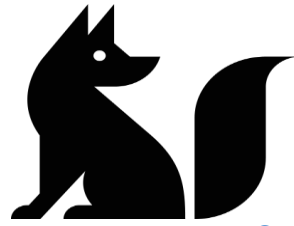
**Helen Milam, Worthy Matron 815-838-3214
& Luke Schulz, Worthy Patron**

Welcome to Spring! Just kidding! I hope all our members are tucked in from this cold weather and staying warm and safe. According to Ground Hog, Punxsutawney Phil, he did see his shadow this year so it is predicted that another six weeks of winter is in store for us in the Fox Valley area. Something we're all looking forward to, I'm sure.

Even though the weather isn't the greatest, we have been keeping busy inside with having our Fun Night on the fourth Tuesday of the month. In January we played Bingo with prizes furnished by one of our members, Sister Sue Bell. It was nice getting together playing Bingo and casually chatting about what else is going on in our order.

There are a ton of events happening in any given month. This quarter, some events that might be of interest to you are the Blackhawk area luncheon on March 1st, the Chicago / Northern IL Patrons' Club Dinner Dance, Michigan/Illinois Exchange Nite and the start of Official Visits for the year. The PAGO luncheon is also on the calendar for March 16th. If you are interested in learning more about activities and events scheduled for the 2025 year check out the calendar for OES Fox Valley Chapter or the Grand Chapter Calendar, on our website: foxvalleyoes.org.

We wish to congratulate, Brother Ed Milam, Marshal of FV, for his appointment as the Grand Representative of Georgia in Illinois. Brother Ed was surprised when his



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Lorri Schulz, Secretary 630-659-8814

name was called and excited. He has already made plans to attend the Grand Chapter held in Macon, Georgia. We will be having a reception for him during our Official Visit on May 27th. Please mark your calendars to attend and help us celebrate Brother Ed's first appointment by joining us.

Other activities planned for this year include our volunteer activity with Rover Rescue, St. Charles Paddlewheel Riverboat, an Indoor Picnic/Potluck, Pizza at Riverside and Beans or No Beans Chili Cook-Off. We are also going to Yorkville Chapter for an Exchange/Friends Nite and Halloween at Fox Valley. In November, we will again have our Chinese Take-Out Dinner before our Annual Meeting.

I am hoping that some of these activities will encourage you to 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 Fun Nights, most 4th Tuesdays

Feb 25	Fun Night – Uno Flip
Mar 11	Stated Meeting
Mar 25	Fun Night - Senior Expo
Apr 8	Stated Meeting
Apr 22	OV Practice Night
May 13	Stated Meeting
May 27	Official Visit & Reception

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A motion was made at the February 11th 2025 meeting regarding the reinvestment of the CDs that mature in April and June, at Green State Credit Union. The motion is to reinvest each CD into a new CD at the best rates available, for a period of 12 to 24 months.

Discussion and voting will take place at the Stated Meeting on April 8th, 2025.

Grand Chapter 2025 Appointments

Ed Milam – Alzheimer's & Photographer
Helen Milam – Alzheimer's
Brenda Allen – Cancer
Fran Beltz – Educational Assistance
William Beltz – Regenerative Medicine
Barbara Boyic – Star Home Grounds Improvements
James Boyic – Administrative
Orville Grammer – Honor Flight
Adam Schulz – Regenerative Medicine
Jake Schulz – Educational Assistance
Lorri Schulz – Diabetes
Zack Schulz – Shrine Charities

Fox Valley 2025 Officers

Worthy Matron – Helen Milam
Worthy Patron – Luke Schulz
Associate Matron – Carrie Becker
Associate Patron – Adam Schulz
Secretary – Lorri Schulz
Treasurer – Jake Schulz
Conductress – Pamela Trinco
Associate Conductress – Barb Boyic
Chaplain – Sue Bell
Marshal – Ed Milam
Organist – William Beltz
Esther – Fran Beltz
Warder – Zack Schulz
Sentinel – Jim Boyic
Instructress – Carol Becker

Fox Valley 2025 Committees (Chairman Listed First)

Finance – Carrie Becker
Pam Trinco Ed Milam
Jim Boyic Helen Milam

Budget – Luke Schulz
Jake Schulz Adam Schulz
Pam Trinco Jim Boyic
Helen Milam

Sunshine / Visitation – Pam Trinco
Brenda Allen Orv Grammer

Relief – William Beltz
Fran Beltz

By-Laws – Carol Becker
Carrie Becker

Examining – Barb Boyic
Jake Schulz Sue Bell

Refreshments – Carrie Becker

Eligibility – Jim Boyic
Zack Schulz

Newsletter – Lorri Schulz
Helen Milam

Website – Ed Milam
Lorri Schulz Helen Milam

New 50 Year Members

Glen Cunningham
Margaret Braddock

Congratulations on turning 50-year members in 2025. Please join us at the Official Visit in May for your pin presentation by our Worthy Grand Matron.

Upcoming Events

Senior Expo

Sister Pamela Trinco is putting together a night of information. Senior Solutions for you and your parents. Aging in place, finances, housing services and more.

Official Visit & Grand Reception

The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Pam Brandenburg, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Gene Ferguson are making their Official Visit to Fox Valley on May 27th, 2025. This is also the Reception for Brother Ed Milam, Grand Representative of Georgia in Illinois. It will be a great time to see good friends.

Advance Night

Sister Carrie Becker, Associate Matron has an Advance Night scheduled for August 26th, 2025. The theme will be Golden Girls.

Exchange Night

We have Exchange Nights planned with Yorkville Chapter. It is always a good time spend with good people. Fox Valley will serve at Yorkville on October 22nd and Yorkville will serve at Fox Valley on October 28th. See you there!

Fun Nights

The Worthy Matron is bouncing around some ideas for fun nights, going out locally. Pizza Pub, Ferryboat, Movie...What would you like to do?

Associate Grand Matron Luncheon

The Worthy Matron asks that we join her in supporting Sister Cheryl Aronson by attending her luncheon in Springfield, on April 5th, 2025. Our very own Sister Carrie Becker will be serving as Mistress of Ceremonies. Details can be found on our website.

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 contribution is truly appreciated!!

Geraldine Walker

Carrie Becker

Pamela Trinco

Mary Mason

Carol Becker

Marie Tenzinger

Sickness and Distress

Sister Pam Trinco's daughter, Sister Tori Shute's and Sister Maddie Upham's sister, had some additional complications early this winter but she is steadily improving; however next they had to manage Norovirus. Sister Pam's husband had knee surgery, while recovery was a bit more painful than one would have liked, he is doing much better now. Sister Maddie's husband has been suffering with serious vertigo.

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.

Missing Members

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

Kimberly Swanson
Joyce Langeness
Helen Miles
Adele Tate
Sharon & Carroll Lowery

Need a Ride to a Meeting?

If you are interested in attending a meeting from time to time but do not have transportation. Give the Chapter Secretary a call. We may have someone in your area that you can car pool with on occasion.

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.

Our Website FoxValleyOES.org

While it has taken a while for our website to rebuild and be fully functional, it is up and available for viewing. It is still a work in progress but is growing in information every day. Check it out. Your feedback and requests / suggestions for additional information to publish are welcome.

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 your 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 April 1st at 6:30pm. It normally takes about 2 hours to complete. See you there!

Youth Groups

If you know of a young person that would benefit in a club that teaches leadership and community spirit, contact the advisors below.

Harmony Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls – Carrie Becker, Mother Advisor 815-245-4861

David M Wheeler Chapter, Order of DeMolay – Dawn Hoehn, Chapter Advisor 630-336-1837