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# OES EMAIL BLAST

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Dear Sisters & Brothers,

My husband Dave had Cancer Surgery on Thursday Sept. 24, he will be in the hospital for about a week and then recuperating at home for a few weeks. I will be keeping my travelling and visiting at a minimum until he is recovered. He is a private person, not fond of cards, so just send your prayers and good thoughts our way. We appreciate all of the support that I know is out there in this great organization.

Star Love, Rosie Fiscus, AGM

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Alpha Chapter's October 1st Officer Visit has been changed to 6:30 p.m. (instead of the stated 7:30 p.m) by special dispensation. A meal will be served in the lower level of the Masonic Center at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Secretary of Alpha Chapter, Argyle  
Haila Miller

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Sparta #18 would like to invite you to our Official Visit with Grand Sentinel, Brother Gerald Bristol, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2009 at the Sparta Masonic Center, 603 N. Court St., Sparta, WI 54656. We hope to see you then.

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From the New York OES E-News:

*Copied from a newsletter, The "Idea Hub" put out by the Masonic Learning Center.*

*Sometimes it is worth our while to shift gears and enjoy things. It is with this in mind that I purchased yesterday a copy of the new Dan Brown book, The Lost Symbol.*

*I have to tell you that this is a book that's hard to put down. I'm already almost halfway through the 500+ page work and I'm really impressed. Not just because of the energy*

*Brown generates with his style of writing, but with his treatment of Freemasonry.*

*Now I am sure that there are plenty of Masonic Purists who will (accurately) devote much time to deconstructing the book and criticizing inaccuracies. But I think this misses the point.*

*In this book, Brown largely gets it right. In the first 100 pages he debunks many of the myths of the Craft. He even gives a very clear explanation describing the difference between a secret society and a society with secrets.*

*In short, Brown hasn't gone for the easy stereotypes in this book (he even mentioned that a character was a big donor to "Masonic charities."*

*Why do I bring this up? This book is going to be a big phenomenon. It should raise new interest in the Fraternity and all that we do, including the Learning Centers. Buy the book and read it. Give it to friends and then tell people you are involved with the Masons or a Masonic charity and see if this doesn't open a door to more discussion about the Learning Centers.*

*Let's make sure this isn't a "Lost" opportunity.*

*(If you want to read a review of the book, there is the LA Times review [here](#).)*

*Added Note:*

*(This is an opportunity to let your friends know about the Order of the Eastern Star and our relationship to the Masonic Fraternity!)*

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Party for Sister Michele Behlke, Grand Martha, and Brother Lavern Storkson, Grand Warder on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N. Century Avenue, Waunakee. Social Hour at 1:00 PM and Dinner at 2:00 PM. Cost is \$18.00 (no refunds). RSVP by November 6 to Florence Falk, 307 Martin Street, Fort Atkinson 53538.  
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**Prayers Needed for PMWGM Maxine Justice -**

(From the OEStar List, Digest 4449, 9/25/09)

To all the good O.E.S. members out there, we need prayers for Maxine Justice (P.M.W.G.M. in W.Va) She is still not doing good and fainted again. The doctors can not find out what is causing her problems. I do not think that she will be able to go to G.G.C. this year.

---Sue Leeper, P.M., Fairmont Chapter #34, Fairmont W.Va, and Opal #181, Cortland, Ohio

**Brother Bill Thompson, Chairman Eastern Star Journal -**

(From the OESStar List, Digest 4448, 9/24/09)

Just a note to let folks know that Brother Bill Thompson, Chairman of the Eastern Star Journal 2006-2009 and 2009-2012, is now at home recuperating after suffering a mild heart attack. He has had a stent inserted in one artery and is feeling much better. However it was discovered that he has sugar diabetes, so he and Beth are learning together about foods he can and cannot eat, etc. Unfortunately, Bill will not be able to make GGChapter next month, but it is important that he look after his health so that he can be back on tap for the Journal for Sister Rennie and Brother Fred's year.

If anyone would like to send a card or note to his address: 2837 Picken Street RR2 Westville. N.S. B0K 2A0. - I know he would be very happy to hear from his Sisters and Brothers.

---Diane Hayman, PGM, Westville Chapter No. 24, Cowley, Alberta, Canada

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