

CONSTELLATION LODGE NO. 81 205 6TH AVE E. ALEXANDRIA, MN



Greetings Brethren,

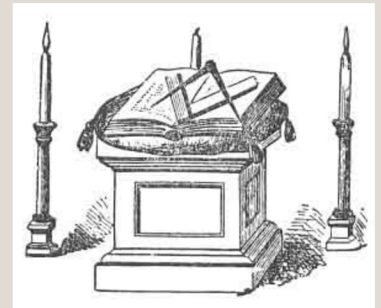
As I write this our lodge is now dark for the summer months. I hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having so far.

Our last meeting at lodge before going dark was our Awards night and I was looking forward to a great night with the Grand Master and Grand senior Warden attending, and all of the awards and two Scholarships being presented. On the Friday before I started feeling ill and by Saturday was worse. I ended up with a very bad head and chest infection which lasted about two weeks before I really felt good again. Needless to say I did not attend the Awards night.

I reached out to a few Brothers Zach, Darryl and Jim G. to let them know I was not doing well and asked if they would be OK without me. I was told by them not to worry and that they would handle it. The morning to afternoon of the event I seen I had an urgent message from Rudy's wife saying nothing was set-up. After calling the Brothers, I was told it was being handled and would get done before the event started. The day after I was sent an update saying the Awards night went very well.

I would like to say THANK YOU! to the Brothers who helped make the awards night successful! Also a special Thank you to WB Zach, WB Darryl, WB Jim G., and Brother Rudy! I am thankful to have all of you

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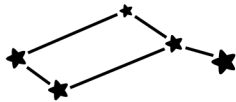
as Brothers and cannot say thanks enough.

We had a week prior to the Awards night a First Degree put on in Lodge for Candidate, now Brother Caleb Conklin. The degree work was very good as usual, and WB Zach did an excellent job of conferring the degree. Welcome Caleb to our lodge we are very excited to have you as our newest Brother.

We have a new fundraiser event to try out this summer. On Sunday June 29 the Alexandria band festival is being held and our lodge chose this day to try out putting on a "Smash Burger" sale. It is hoped that with the extra people in town for the festival we will have a good turn out. The menu is simple with us offering Smash burgers, with condonements, Chips, and water. All food is basically take and go with some tables available if anyone wants to eat at the lodge, but no waiters/servers. Should be an interesting trial and hopefully we can make a few fundraising dollars in the process. If you are available to help out even for a short period on that day please contact either myself or WB Zach Conover.

I am sure there are other topics I should have brought up, but I did not want to be too lengthy. I would like close by reiterating, how thankful I am for all of you. I thought that maybe I should write something educational about masonry, but I really do not see the need when you look at what all of you did for me when I needed you at awards night. That in itself is lesson enough as to what a Mason is!

Ron Mikel  
Worshipful Master



## Lyra Chapter No. 166

Lyra Chapter #166 once again had a successful Salad Luncheon on May 14th. Thank you to all our members who worked so hard to make salads and bars, set up and work at the luncheon, and all those who attended!

The Glenwood community looks forward to this each year and attendance is always wonderful. This year we again had a huge crowd, estimated at around 140 people.

This fundraiser benefits Pope and Douglas Counties hospice programs and U of M Masonic Cancer Research matched by MN Masonic Charities.

Thank you!



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## NEWS FROM THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

In 2025, the National OES General Grand Chapter voted to revise the qualifications for females petitioning membership into The Order of the Eastern Star.

In the past, females needed a direct connection to a Master Mason to apply. The new qualification for application is to be sponsored by a Sister and a Brother in good standing of the Order.

This will open our membership to females from the general public and extended family wanting to do charitable work. This is an effort to boost our membership numbers. Males petitioning OES are still required to be a Master Mason.

Thus, all are welcomed to petition for OES degrees and we welcome any of you to be part of Lyra Chapter #166. The Alexandria Constellation Lodge #81 and Lyra Chapter #166 have an old and rich community history and we are encouraged to work together to fulfill our OES principles of fidelity, consistency, loyalty, faith, and love. In the process we are doing community charity and building friendships.

We are dedicated to serving others and practicing the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth through service, fellowship and education. Lyra does this through supporting the local food shelves, United Way, high school scholarships, and county hospice programs on an annual basis. We also support the Masonic Cancer Center, MN Masonic Home, and OES State Scholarship programs. Petitions are available at the Lodge. Come join us!

# JULY 2025














Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4 HAPPY 4th of July Stewartville Summerfest 1:00PM	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Henning 4:15 PM	12 Menahga 5:00 PM
13	14	15 Alexandria Shriners Social 6:00p Dinner 6:30p @ Garage	16	17	18	19
20 National Ice Cream Day	21	22 Annual York Rite Masonic Family Picnic (see back page)	23	24	25	26 Battle Lake 5:00 PM
27 OES picnic 11:00 Waterama Glenwood 10:30 AM	28	29	30	31	1	2





# AUGUST 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Watkins 8:00 AM 
3 Parkers Prairie 10:30 AM 	4 <i>National</i>  <i>Cookie</i> DAY 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 OES Lyra Ch. No.166 Meeting 7:00p Stuff the Bus	13 	14  Trestle Board Articles, Photos, & Reports Due Today	15  Douglas County Fair 13th - 16th	16
17 Kenyon 9:00 AM 	18	19  Alexandria Shriners Social 6:00p Dinner 6:30p @ Garage	20	21	22	23 Donnelly 11:30 AM 
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <b>State Fair</b> TBD 
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

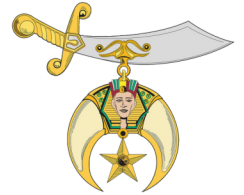


# The Alexandria Shrine Club, Calliope, and 4-Wheelers

Greetings Nobles,

Though the weather seems to have tried stealing the spotlight. Our much-anticipated June 13th Shrine Circus was rained out (who invited the storm?), but the show will go on — rescheduled for Monday, June 30th, depending on when this newsletter reaches you. July and August bring our busiest months for parading, and we're looking forward to revving up the Calliope and hitting the streets. A special thank-you to Lady Jan Pray for helping keep our parade schedule in order — we'd be going in endless figure eights without her. Parade dates are listed below and on the calendar spread. Dust off your fezzes we need YOU out there waving (even better if we can get you on a 4-wheeler).

Fraternally,  
Noble Scott Giannone  
Secretary



## Current Parade line-up

Times listed are our departure from the Shrine building.

**Bold** is Temple Parade



- **Fri, July 4th Stewartville Summerfest 1:00PM**
- Fri, July 11th Henning 4:15 PM
- Sat, July 12th Menahga 5:00 PM
- Sun, July 13th Brooten 11:30 AM
- Sat, July 26nd Battle Lake 5:00 PM
- Sun, July 27th Glenwood 10:30 AM
  - OES picnic @ 11:00
- Sat, Aug 2nd Watkins 8:00 AM
- Sun, Aug 3rd Parkers Prairie 10:30 AM
- Sun, Aug 17th Kenyon 9:00 AM
- Sun, Aug 23rd Donnelly 11:30 AM
- **Sat, Aug 30th? State Fair TBD**

## Potluck Schedule:

- June 17th: Pork Loin
  - Sponsors: **Mike Pray**, Ron Mikel, John Davenport, Mike Denke, Jim Irvine
- July 15th: Hamburgers & Brats
  - Sponsors: **Brian Golde**, Bill Lindholm, John Phillips, Pat Harlow, Bruce Cerney
- August 19th: Fish Fry
  - Sponsors: **Jim Bridenstine**, Bill Weaver, Lamoine Hatton, Lee Johnson, Merrill Pederson, Jake Holck
- September 16th: Ham
  - Sponsors: **Scott Giannone**, Ralph Tvrdik, Frank Peterson, David Conover, Axle Anderson



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