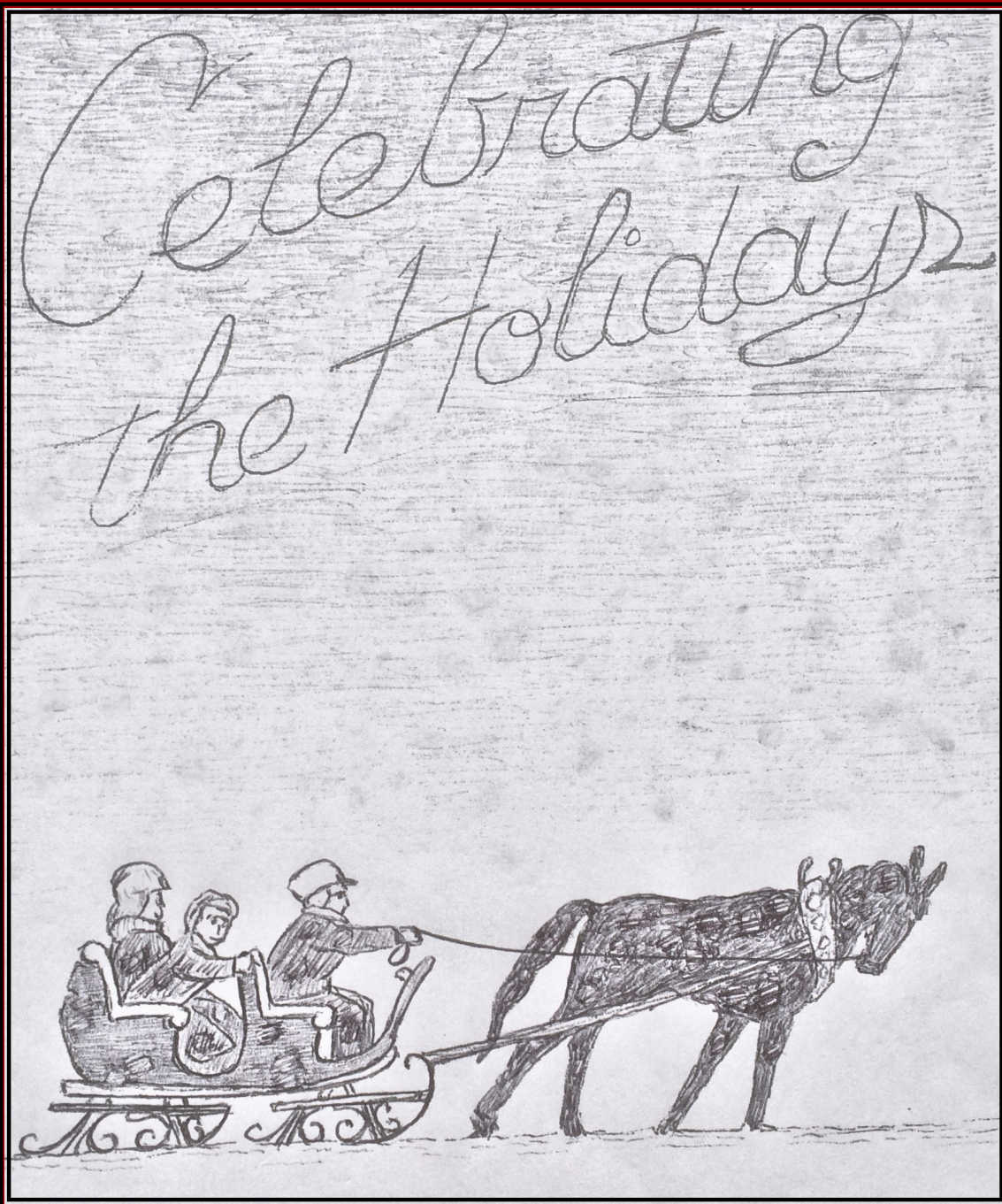


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From the Desk of the  
**Most Worthy Grand Matron**

**Marianne R. Shenefelt**

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR®

My Sisters and Brothers,

This year has brought unexpected challenges and I thank you for all the effort and dedication you've shown in these tough times. I wish you the very happiest and most peaceful of holidays and look forward to a New Year full of wins and successes, big and small.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about the wonderful success of the fundraising cruise for our Service Dogs Program that took place in March 2020. The generous, enthusiastic and supportive cruisers gave a total of \$4,405! This plentiful contribution to the GGC Service Dogs Program Community Fund will help make it possible to develop new promotional ideas and materials that will benefit all Jurisdictions. A huge thank you to the generous cruisers—and brave cruisers! I say this because we returned to our home port in Florida right before the declared national emergency for the Coronavirus Pandemic.

With 2021 just around the corner, the Triennial Assembly of GGC is on members' minds. The 50<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly will be held October 29 through November 5, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The big question I've been asked many times is, "Will there really be a GGC meeting in Salt Lake?" My Sisters and Brothers, it is too early to know if the virus will affect this scheduled meeting. It's the 50<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly and lots of work is already being done and much more work will need to be done—it will be a big meeting so the planning and all that goes into having a successful Assembly has to be going on now. You all are cordially invited to attend and I hope you will make plans to attend. There will be an All

Membership Banquet on Sunday night as a formal celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> and on Wednesday night there will be a "50's Golden Jubilee" Fun Night, an informal celebration where 1950's attire is welcome. Oh yes, and on Saturday night there will be a

"Fangs for the Memories" Halloween Party. You'll want to wear your best Halloween costume! The Tentative Schedule, hotel information and pre-registration form is now on the GGC's website at [www.easternstar.org](http://www.easternstar.org). Click the "Triennial" tab on the right-hand side of the page.

The year of 2020 was definitely not the year that anyone could have imagined or wanted. All of the wonderful acts of the love, caring and effort to keep our members safe, healthy and connected are a testament to our principles. Thank you for your dedication, commitment and love of our Order. The proverb "charity begins at home" comes to mind because it is necessary to take care of one's family before caring for others. I believe 2020 has made us better and stronger, and readied us for a remarkably successful 2021 in fulfilling our mission to help mankind.

Sending holiday hugs during this meaningful time of year. May your heart be warmed by the Season's JOY, touched by LOVE and filled with PEACE.

In friendship,  
Marianne Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron



**Spirit, our poster Service Dog**

**Our MWGM and MWGP have prepared a video as a tool to promote the Service Dogs Program.**

**Please take a moment to view this video**

**<https://vimeo.com/368077604>.**

**Let's share our Howling Success Stories**

**The Paws-Abilities are endless!**

**<http://www.oesservicedogs.com/media>**

From the Desk of the  
**Most Worthy Grand Patron**

**Henry S. Martin**

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR®

My Sisters and Brothers:

After completing an unprecedented year in which the novel coronavirus, Covid-19, was at the forefront of our concerns, causing heartbreak among many of our members and forcing changes in the way many of our lives, it may be more difficult to think of the many blessings we enjoyed. But, as we move into the Holiday season, we should remember the reason for the Season, the good news that it brings and the New Year with its many possibilities.

Let me particularly recognize our front-line healthcare workers and First Responders, many of whom are members of our Order, who have worked untold hours keeping us safe and treating us when we succumbed to an illness, and to all of the other essential persons who sacrifices have demonstrated that we are all in this together.

During this time of staying apart and isolation, it is heartening to hear of so many members who have used this time to brighten others' lives with phone calls, cards and other forms of friendship and remembrance. That is a large part of what this beautiful Order is about and I encourage everyone to do what they can to stay in touch with our members. I am confident that we will soon be able to enjoy the in-person relationships and "hugs" that we all miss so much. Now is a particularly challenging time in our world as we are all trying to determine how to move forward. I want all of you to know how much you are appreciated for who you are and what you do.

To those members of the Christian faith, let me wish for you, your family and loved ones the Merriest Christmas and the Happiest New year. May the good news of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, bring to you abundant joy.

I am well aware that all of our members are not of the Christian faith and may not celebrate this festive time in the same way, so let me say to you, "Happy Hanukkah to those of the Jewish faith, and for those members of other faiths, Seasonal Greetings and the New Year bring you much happiness."

In closing, may this Holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and life with laughter. "Whatever is beautiful; whatever is meaningful; whatever brings you happiness; may it be yours this Season and throughout the coming year."

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Henry S. Martin, MWGP



## *"Salt Lake is the One in 2021"*

*Come join us for the  
"Circle of Friendship & Service Around the World"*

*2021 Triennial Assembly*

*October 29, 2021 – November 5, 2021*

*Salt Lake City, Utah USA*

*The Triennial team has been very busy moving forward with preparations for the 50<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly! Reservations at the selected CFS hotels, the Downtown Hilton and Radisson, are being taken now at the official booking site. Jurisdictions are welcome to choose whichever hotel they prefer, Hilton or Radisson. Check out the web page: <https://book.passkey.com/go/50triennial>.*

*Stay tuned, more information will be forthcoming. We promise this is one Triennial Assembly you will not want to miss!*



To: Sisters & Brothers  
From: MWGM & MWGP



LOVE *Hope* PROSPERITY  
JOY HARMONY  
Goodwill  
PEACE  
*Good Health*  
Friendship  
HAPPINESS *Best Wishes*

From the Desk of the  
**Right Worthy Grand Secretary**

**Alma Lynn Bane**

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR®

As the Year 2020 winds down, I am looking forward to 2021 for many reasons. At the top of my list is the END of Covid-19 as the vaccines become available world-wide for all who want to take them. Next is the resumption of our Eastern Star meetings and events that we share with each other, especially the 50<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in late October and early November 2021. Each of us will most likely reconsider that which we feel is important in our lives. It is not fame or wealth, but family and health. Each of us who survived 2020 will always remember the sadness and sense of loss we felt when a "virus" robbed us of "normal" and many friends and loved ones.

The staff at the International Headquarters have completed the preparation and mailing (emailing) of the GGC 2020 Annual Reports for the Subordinate Chapters under the direction of General Grand Chapter. We had to think outside of the box and develop new methods of communicating the reports necessary, as well as the delivery of items such as Dues Receipt Cards and Charters. I will be submitting legislation to remove some of the pre-twentieth century restrictions for the Annual Reports. Email is a wonderful tool and scanned reports sent via email need to be allowed as official reports.

Along with the pandemic, the weather has been destructive in many areas. Recently, at the request of the MWGM, by approval of the RWGTrustees, a donation from the GGC Permanent Disaster Relief Fund was sent to the Grand Chapter of Louisiana. This donation was for relief assistance after multiple hurricanes destroyed portions of the State and impacted the residences of many of our Eastern Star members.

In late April 2020, we received our order of large print spiral Rituals in Navy, as well as White covers. If you have not purchased a 2018 Printing (2009 copyright) of the GGC OES Ritual, please contact your Grand Secretary to place an order. We now have an ample supply of Rituals in small print book bound, and large

print spiral bound Rituals. We have a limited supply of the extra-large print spiral bound Rituals. By law, I cannot sell a Ritual directly to a member. I can only sell to the Grand Secretaries and the Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters directly under the GGC (location where there is no Grand Chapter). Please place your order through your Chapter Secretary or Grand Secretary.

For the 2018-2021 Triennial, this is the beginning of the third and last year and I have been working on the 2018 Proceedings. I am very close to sending the first draft to the printer for publishing. If anyone would like to pre-order a copy of the 2018 Proceedings, an order form can be found on the GGC Website at <https://www.easternstar.org/triennial-assembly/>.

A gentle reminder that MARCH 1, 2021 is the deadline for submitting Resolutions for consideration at the 50<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah. Please see pages 10-12 for details on submitting Resolutions.

We hope that each of you have survived Covid-19 and the Stay-at-Home orders in your area.

TAKE CARE, STAY WELL AND KEEP HOPE IN YOUR HEART!

Fraternally,  
Alma Lynn Bane  
Right Worthy Grand Secretary



**GUIDELINES FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE  
CONSTITUTION, RITUAL, BYLAWS, RULES  
and REGULATIONS, AND BOOK OF  
INSTRUCTION**

Refer to pages 10-12



From the Desk of the  
**Editor, Eastern Star Journal**  
 Nancy L. Ford, PGM of MD



The Christmas Star is shining brightly this evening as I review this edition one more time before sending to be posted. I briefly caught a comment on the TV about this Star coming at a time when we needed our spirits lifted. I thought of our beautiful Star and how by following the teachings of our Order, our members lift the spirits of so many through the many good deeds they perform. Just turn the pages of this edition and enjoy reading of some of them, even with the social limitations due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

I've received several inquiries asking if the *Journal* will continue during the Covid-19 Pandemic and the answer is "YES!" However, since many of our Jurisdictions have been dark since March, fewer articles are being submitted. I encourage our members to continue to submit articles. There's no time limitation on articles and looking at many of the Jurisdictions' newsletters, there are plenty of articles that our members would enjoy reading. Send in articles on how you and your Chapter are surviving Covid. Also, take a look back and reflect on the many good deeds, honorings, celebrations, poetry, photos, recipes—the possibilities are endless—and share these with your Sisters and Brothers.

If you have emailed (or mailed) an article and it has not been included in this or past editions, please contact me (contact information is provided on the last page) to make sure it was received. This edition includes articles on events through August 30, 2020.

—I have created a new personal email ([esjeditor@comcast.net](mailto:esjeditor@comcast.net)) that I will use when replying to articles so please check your email and reply with requested information.

—Send articles to **BOTH** emails: [OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org](mailto:OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org) AND [esjeditor@comcast.net](mailto:esjeditor@comcast.net)

—You should receive a receipt acknowledgment from either [OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org](mailto:OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org) or [esjeditor@comcast.net](mailto:esjeditor@comcast.net) so please check your email for said email (see sample on the following page). It is very important to keep me advised if you are not receiving this acknowledgment.

—I encourage all submitting articles to include information (not just the word "Article") in the Subject line, proofread carefully, especially spellings of names, Chapter names and numbers, locations, etc. Also, please include the date of the event as often times we are crossing over years and Officers have changed. We all enjoy reading the correct spelling of our names, titles, etc.

—Guidelines for submitting articles can be found on the last page.

My goal is to showcase each Jurisdiction and GGC Committee so I continue to call on our GGC Committee Chairman, WGMs/WGPs, Ambassadors and Deputies, Grand Representatives, WMs/WPs, our Youth and all our Sisters and Brothers to consider submitting an article. It is with heartfelt thanks to those who answered my calling and submitted articles.

Our Members never tire of reading about our Eastern Star world. Keep spreading the word that the *Journal* is now online and encouraging all to submit articles to the *Journal* when submitting them to your Jurisdiction's newsletter, local newspaper, Facebook/Twitter, etc. Consider adding the link to the *Journal* (<https://www.easternstar.org/eastern-star-journal-articles/>) to your Jurisdiction's website or newsletter.

So sit back in your comfortable chair with a cookie and a mug of coffee, tea or hot chocolate with marshmallows and travel around the world of Eastern Star proving our Star continues to shine brightly during this Pandemic.

"What did the salt say to the pepper?" (\*\*answer below)

Loving quotes as I do, here's one of my all-time favorites from Bob Hope:

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others.

Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

May our Star continue to shine as we work together seeking a future for our Order.

Godspeed,  
 Nancy L. Ford, PGM of Maryland



**\*\*SEASON GREETINGS\*\***



## SAMPLE EMAIL "RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGMENT"

esjeditor@comcast.net

7/13/2020 2:26 PM

Re: Fw: Article for Eastern Star Journal

To oesjournaleditor@easternstar.org

Dear Sisters and Brothers: This acknowledges receipt of your email. However, please make sure the following information has been submitted and if not, please resend. This will help in preparing your article for publication:

- Author's Name, Title , Chapter Name, Number and Location
- Contact phone number (will not be printed with the article)
- Title of Article
- Date of Event
- Any notes for the Editor about the article or photo to assist the Editor in determining how to publish the article
- If article has been published, please provide name of publication

PLEASE VERIFY SPELLING OF NAMES AND TITLES, especially if quoting in association with a picture

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation. Please encourage our Sisters and Brothers to submit articles and remind them when posting on social media (i.e., Facebook), to also submit the article to the Journal. "If you can post it, the Journal can print it!"

May our Star continue to shine as we work together seeking a future for our Order.  
Godspeed,  
Nancy L. Ford, ESJ Editor  
410-668-5278  
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**PLEASE SEND ARTICLES TO BOTH EMAIL ADDRESSES: OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org AND esjeditor@comcast.net**



### Calling on ALL Members

*Please continue submitting articles during this COVID Pandemic. Looking through years of past editions, it was interesting to see how the Journal has changed. Many of the past editions contained stories, poetry, recipes, photos, in addition to showcasing the good deeds of our Order; the possibilities are endless and this is YOUR Journal. Keep in mind there's no time limitation on articles. Would it not be great to read an article on every Jurisdiction? If you can post it on Facebook/Twitter or Jurisdiction newsletters, it can be posted in the Journal. Consider adding the link to the Journal to your Jurisdiction's website or newsletter <https://www.easternstar.org/eastern-star-journal-articles/>*





Warmth of joy,  
 Glow of prosperity,  
 Sparkle of happiness.  
 May you be blessed with all these and more.  
 Happy Hanukkah



Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall. Larry Wilde  
 Merry Christmas

*May the New Year bring everything you hope and dream of.*



### SUGGESTIONS

Please send your suggestions for future issues to

[OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org](mailto:OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org)

### CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS



Do you enjoy taking pictures?

Are you the Member that always has a camera in hand taking those awesome shots at OES functions? Consider sharing them with our Members.

If you enjoy taking pictures, we'd love to showcase the photographic talents of our Members so please consider sharing them also.

If you would like to share your pictures, please email them as a jpg to:

[OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org](mailto:OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org)

Happy "snapping!"

**GUIDELINES FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, RITUAL,  
BYLAWS, RULES and REGULATIONS, AND BOOK OF INSTRUCTION**

**SUBMISSION DATE GUIDELINES  
FOR THE FIFTIETH (50<sup>th</sup>) ASSEMBLY IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

Guidelines for the dates for submission and distribution of the **Resolutions** for the 50<sup>h</sup> Assembly to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on November 1, 2021 through November 4, 2021 are established in the General Grand Chapter Preamble, Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and Book of Instruction, commonly referred to as the Red Book. Specific citations from the **2018 Edition** are as follows:

Article XV. in the Constitution;

Chapters X. and XI. in the Bylaws for the Ritual;

Chapter XII. in the Bylaws for the Parliamentary Authority;

Chapter XIII. in the Bylaws for the Bylaws;

Section 92 in the Rules and Regulations for the Rules and Regulations;

And the Amendments; Amendments, Alterations and Additions in the Book of Instruction for the Book of Instruction.

Please review these items for complete information regarding the Guidelines and the processes for the submission of Resolutions for consideration.

All Resolutions are to be signed and submitted in writing to:

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, PGM

Right Worthy Grand Secretary

1618 New Hampshire Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20009-2549

Immediately upon receipt, the **Proposed Resolution** shall be sent to the **Jurisprudence Committee** for review and acceptance for proper form, or returned to the person submitting it, for suggested revisions to change it into proper form.

Prepared by Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, PGM

Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

Revised 12-20-19

The 2018-2021 Jurisprudence Committee consists of:

Mrs. Mary F. Lockridge, PGM of Michigan, Chairman  
 Mr. Perry E. Casazza, PGP of Arizona, Member  
 Mr. K. Alan Raby, PGP of Georgia, Member

The 2018-2021 Jurisprudence Committee Chairman and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary have established the following deadline dates:

<p><b>March 1, 2021 * –</b>                  (8 months prior to the Opening of the 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the General Grand Chapter)</p>	<p>Final date for submission of Resolutions to the Office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary</p>
<p><b>June 1, 2021 –</b>                  (5 months prior to the Opening of the 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the General Grand Chapter)</p>	<p>Final date for the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to mail Resolutions to all Grand Secretaries and all Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters directly under the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®</p>
<p><b>September 1, 2021 –</b>                  (2 months prior to the Opening of the 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the General Grand Chapter)</p>	<p>Final date for Resolutions to be in the hands of all Voting Delegates to the 49th Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah</p>

\* Date of submission of an original hardcopy of a Resolution will be determined using the USPS or other Postal Delivery Service Postmark Date on the envelope of the submitted Resolution.

Prepared by Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, PGM  
 Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star  
 Revised 12-20-19

## Sample Resolution for the 50th Assembly in 2021 Salt Lake City, Utah

**Format below may be used or Resolutions may be drawn up according to Robert's Rules so long as they are perfectly clear and contain all the pertinent information.**

### **Begin with a Statement of the Purpose of the Resolution:**

Resolution to identify the OFFICIAL DUES RECEIPTS (CARDS) information in the Constitution and Bylaws:

### **Resolution Statement:**

**Be it Resolved** that the following revisions be made to identify the Official Dues Cards of General Grand Chapter and its Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters under General Grand Chapter.

### **Location(s) affected by the Resolution:**

CONSTITUTION of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®,  
Article VII, POWERS OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, (d), page 15

### **Current Wording Portion:**

#### **Which now reads:**

(d) It shall be the exclusive judge of the qualifications of its own members, shall prescribe and determine the qualifications for membership in the Order, and shall prescribe and determine the Official Dues Receipts for all members in the Order. (AM 1982) (AM 2009)

### **New Wording Portion:**

#### **Be changed to read:**

(d) It shall be the exclusive judge of the qualifications of its own members, shall prescribe and determine the qualifications for membership in the Order within a Subordinate Chapter directly under the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter, or a Subordinate Chapter directly under a Grand Chapter under General Grand Chapter, and shall prescribe and determine the Official Dues Receipts for all members in the Order within a Subordinate Chapter directly under the jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter, or a Subordinate Chapter directly under a Grand Chapter under General Grand Chapter. (AM 1982) (AM 2009)

### **Other Location(s) affected by the Resolution:**

BYLAWS of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star®  
CHAPTER II, OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, DEPUTIES AND AMBASSADORS (AM 2003)  
5. RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY: (m), page 38 (AM 2009)

#### **Which now reads:**

(m) Act as the agent of the General Grand Chapter in the purchase and sale of officers' jewels, Rituals, blanks, books, seals, signets, receipts, forms, and other articles and supplies to be furnished to Grand Chapters, their Subordinate Chapters and Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. Act as the agent to determine the color, format, design and contents of the Official Dues Receipts for all members in the Order with the approval of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Grand Trustees. (AM 2009)

#### **Be changed to read:**

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### **Reason for the change in layman terms:**

#### **Rationale:**

To clearly identify the Eastern Star Dues Cards for General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

### **Signatures of Delegate(s) proposing the Resolution:**

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. Mary Sunshine, PGM*

*In Memoriam*

*Rennie J. Ofton, PMWGM*

RENNIE J. OFTON  
MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
2009 – 2012

WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
1978 - 1979

AT REST  
September 16, 2020



To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter,  
Officers and Members of the Grand Chapters,  
Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters under  
the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Mrs. Rennie Ofton was born in Austin, Texas on August 31, 1929. She was married to the love of her life, Mr. Paul Ofton, and this union was blessed with one daughter, Laura Lynn Frambs. Paul operated a trophy shop for many years. During her working years, Rennie served as Executive Secretary to the commanding general, San Antonio Air Logistics Center at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, a very responsible position.

A member for most of her adult life, Rennie was initiated into the Order of The Eastern Star on April 26, 1955. Rennie and Paul were life-long active and supportive members of Harlandale Chapter #750 in San Antonio, with Rennie serving in several stations. During these years, Rennie also worked extensively with Rainbow and, later in life, was awarded the Grand Cross of Color. She also received her majority. She served as Worthy Matron for the first time in 1961-62, Deputy Grand Matron in 1965-66, District Deputy Grand Matron in 1967-68, and was Grand Examiner—at Large in 1968-69. Rennie was elected Associate Grand Conductress of Texas in 1975, and served the Grand Chapter of Texas as Worthy Grand Matron in 1978-1979 with Worthy Grand Patron Mr. T.L. "Duke" Weaver of Templar Chapter. Her Grand Chapter was the Ninety-seventh "The Nature of God's Love" Session in San Antonio. The Grand East had a single full-blossomed tree standing against a background of green and white, representing the full cycle of the Grand Chapter year from the "Tree of Life" Installation. Her theme was "Caring and Sharing" and her Special Thought for the year was "Life is for Living, Love is for Giving; and the best way to show you are Caring, is to do a lot of Sharing".

This theme would be reflected throughout her remarkable life. During her year as Worthy Grand Matron, Rennie had Exchange Visits with New Mexico, Louisiana, and Arkansas, and these were all well-attended and enjoyed. As Sister Rennie's year concluded, there were 115,747 members in 739 Chapters throughout the state of Texas. Members still talk of her extraordinary consideration and love for the membership and of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Sister Rennie Ofton was first introduced to General Grand Chapter by serving as a Personal Page to Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, in 1976. She was elected as a Right Worthy Grand Trustee of General Grand Chapter in 1994, and served two terms, culminating as Chairman in 1997-2000, a total period of six years. She was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress in 2000 at the General Grand Chapter Assembly held in Detroit, with a large number of Texans in attendance to support her candidacy. Three years later, she ascended to Right Worthy Grand Conductress in Portland, Oregon, and was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron in 2006 in Minneapolis. Our favorite "Texas Cardinal" was elected and installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter in 2009 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with her Most Worthy Grand Patron, Fred Clarke, a Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Unfortunately, Rennie lost Brother Fred, as he passed away less than midway into their three-year term. Fred was succeeded by the Right Worthy Associate Grand

Patron, John Grobler, a Past Grand Patron of Washington state, who Patron, John Grobler, a Past Grand Patron of Washington state, who very capably served out the remainder of Fred's term, and supported Rennie in every way. During her years of service as Most Worthy Grand Matron, Rennie sponsored a GGC Committee focused on Service Dogs and, during her assembly, was presented a check for \$1.2 million, illustrating the amount that had been raised for Service Dogs during her years in office. Rennie held her 47<sup>th</sup> General Grand Chapter "The Nature of God's Love Around The World" Assembly in 2012 in Ft Worth, Texas, which was well-attended by members from the United States, Canada, and many other countries around the world.

Rennie was always active in her community and particularly in her church, Crestholme Presbyterian, where she served for many years. She taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, worked with the youth, was the first female deacon in the church, and was ordained as an Elder in 1968. In the Presbyterian church, being ordained as an Elder is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a lay person in the congregation.

Throughout her exceptional life, Sister Rennie was a devoted friend to a multitude of people, particularly the Eastern Star membership of Texas, and she showed her compassion and thoughtfulness in everything that she said and did. Her life was a shining light and her smile and warmth endeared her to all who knew her.

Sister Rennie, your life was an inspiration and a source of joy to not only those in Texas, but around the world, and your service to our beautiful Order will always be treasured. To those of us who were fortunate enough to share a portion of our lives with you, we are much better for the experience. You will never be forgotten.

Written by: Henry S. Martin, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, 2018-2021  
Past Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, 1998-1999, Order of the Eastern Star



"But when I walked through heaven's gates  
I felt so much at home;  
When God looked down and smiled at me  
From His great golden throne.  
He said, "This is eternity  
And all I've promised you;  
Today your life on earth is past,  
But here life starts anew.  
I promise no tomorrow,  
But today will always last;  
And since each day's the same way,  
There's no longing for the past.  
But you have been so faithful,  
So trusting and so true;  
Though at times you did do things,  
You knew you shouldn't do.  
But you have been forgiven  
And now at last you're free;  
So won't you take my hand  
And share my life with me?"  
So when tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here in your heart."

*Words shared by Brother Ralph Swinamer,  
Worthy Grand Patron, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
At the Forty-Seventh Triennial Assembly  
During the Necrology Program  
In Fort Worth, Texas*



In the Memory Card shared at her families' Memorial Service for her were the words to "Imagine" by Michael Podseta,

*Imagine  
Stepping onto a shore and finding it heaven  
Imagine  
Taking hold of a hand and finding it is God's hand  
Imagine  
Breathing air and finding it celestial air  
Imagine  
Feeling it invigorating and finding it immortality  
Imagine  
Passing from storm and tempest to an unknown calm  
Imagine  
Imagine walking and finding home.*

*In Memoriam*

*Harles I. Creech, PMWGP*

HARLES IRA CREECH  
MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
2000 – 2003

WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
GRAND CHAPTER OF LOUISIANA  
1980 - 1981

AT REST  
February 25, 2020



To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter,  
Officers and Members of the Grand Chapters,  
Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters under  
the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Our hearts are heavy and saddened as we mourn the passing of our Brother Harles I. Creech, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Louisiana, Order of the Eastern Star.

As everyone knows, Harles was just a “Good Ole Country Boy” his entire life and never met a stranger. Brother Harles was born September 17, 1927 and passed away February 25, 2020, residing in Oak Grove, Louisiana. He is preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Claudie Creech. Harles was the eldest of 12 children and played the role of caretaker to all his siblings. He combed hair, wiped a runny nose, doctored a scraped knee and comforted the heart when daddy saw fit to give someone a spanking. He had to walk several miles to school – no bus service, but completed his high school education with many honors and also played basketball. At home it was plowing, picking cotton by hand and running the syrup mill.

Harles met the love of his life, Estelle Salters, and they were married on March 13, 1948. After a few years of farming, he decided to go to Texas and try the oil fields. He brought home \$190 every two weeks and that was good living! His goal was to pay for the farm and start a Salvage Yard, which was always his dream - to operate his own business with his feeling “treat everyone as you would like to be treated”, which he always believed. The Creech Salvage Yard is still operating - since 1954! He was also an active sponsor of the Little League Ball Club and was President of the Cannoneers Riding Club for 25 years. Harles and Estelle had three children; Diane Creech Gunter and husband Danny, Steven Creech and wife, Peggy and Carol Creech; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

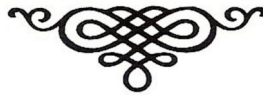
His travels through the Order of the Eastern Star began on his initiation date of October 18, 1965 at Guiding Star Chapter No. 66 in Oak Grove, which he and Estelle loved dearly. He served as Worthy Patron ten times. He was then elected and served as Worthy Grand Patron of Louisiana in 1980-1981 with Sister Pat Cleveland in the “Our Heritage in the Sand” Session. He was appointed, by Sister Helen R. Cox, as a General Grand Chapter Committee member and served the 1985-1988 Triennium on the “International Peace Garden” committee. Climbing up this prestigious ladder, Brother Harles was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron from 1997-2000 and served as our Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter with Sister Dorothy Dewing in the “Peace Around the World” Session 2000-2003. Sister Dorothy always said Harles would be an asset to our Order because of how he cares for others! They traveled extensively over the entire world instituting new chapters in Vienna, Austria, Brazil and Mexico.

Harles looked as good in his black coat and bow tie, with his full head of white hair, as he did in a straw hat, barefoot and overalls which he wore, along with some of our other Louisiana Past Grand Patrons, in the “fun night” at the Grand Chapter Session in 2008. This PMWGP and a few of the PGP’s of Louisiana actually had lots of “fun” kicking up a leg or two and bending their knees, to the best of their ability, to “Turkey in the Straw”. He was certainly a great sport and would do anything asked of him! Please keep in mind, one of his most famous sayings that came straight from his heart:

*“Remember – it just don’t cost nutten to be kind to  
one another” – I Love Ya All!*

Sympathy is extended to Sister Estelle, his loving wife of 72 years, his family, Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction, Sisters and Brothers of the General Grand Chapter and everyone around the world he came in contact with by touching their lives during his many years of traveling. They just don’t come any better than that country fella, Brother Harles I. Creech, who will certainly be missed by all of us, all around the World.

In tribute to his loving memory, this Memorial is being sent to you and you may share it with others



*“This world, however beautiful,  
was never meant to be  
the place that we would call  
our home for all eternity.  
And though we would not  
choose to leave,  
a loving God knows best.  
And in his time He lifts us  
to a place  
of peace and rest.”*

*Words shared by Brother Floyd H. Powell, Jr.  
Chairman, Necrology Committee  
At the Forty-fourth Triennial Assembly  
During the Necrology Program  
In Portland, Oregon*





*In Memoriam*

*Paula M. Argus, RWS Trustee, Emeritus*

PAULA M. ARGUS  
RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TRUSTEE,  
EMERITUS

WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
GRAND CHAPTER OF UTAH  
1983-1984

AT REST  
July 19, 2020



To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter,  
Officers and Members of the Grand Chapters,  
Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters under  
the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Sister Paula was born in Tooele, Utah to her beloved parents Helen and Ernest Mantes. She was high-school English teacher for thirty years, encouraging and inspiring her students to become true learners, joyful readers and open-minded thinkers.

She was a beloved leader in the Order of the Eastern Star in her local Tooele Valley Chapter #25, statewide in Utah and internationally as a General Grand Chapter Trustee. Paula was initiated on February 23, 1963 making her a 57 year member. She served as Worthy Grand Matron of Utah in 1983-1984. She served as Worthy Grand Organist from 2000-2003 for Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Dorothy Dewing. Paula served as Ambassador to Aruba OES in 2003-2006 for Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Patricia Rasmusson. In 2006, Paula was elected to serve as Right Worthy Grand Trustee for a nine year term, 2006-2015. She served as Chairman of the Board in 2012-2015 and she was granted Trustee Emeritus status at the 48<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly in 2015.

She traveled all over the world with life-long colleagues and friends. She tinkled the ivories with effortless élan. She speechified with oratorical vigor and a few “interesting” jokes. She was a fabulous dancer; cutting the rug with a beautiful combination of exuberance and elegance. She played a pretty good hand of bridge. Her shrimp dip was renowned. She cherished her friends and was fiercely cherished by them in return.

She died peacefully in her sleep and is survived by her brother George and his wife Mary Ann Mantes, her daughters Cathy Argus and Camille Argus, and son-in-law Andrew Posey, granddaughter Hallie Hemingway and her husband Joey Schultz and their children Elliot and Lincoln, grandson David King, nephew Ernie Mantes, niece Stacey Kouris, her husband Mark Kouris and grandnieces Gabrielle and Zoe.

Due to Covid-19, there were no services, but please raise a glass and toast her on her way to her next great adventure. Donations to a charity of your choice or to the Grand Chapter of Utah’s Education Fund.

The General Grand Chapter extends our sympathy to her family, friends and members of Tooele Valley Chapter #25.

In tribute to her loving memory, this Memorial is being sent to you and you may share it with others.



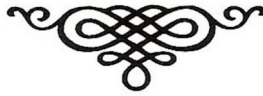
I am standing on the seashore.

A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean  
She is an object of beauty and strength and I stand and watch her at length until she hangs like a speck of  
white cloud just where the sea and sky come together.  
Then someone at my side says: There, she is gone.

Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all.  
She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, just as able to bear her load of  
living freight to the place of her destination.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her; and at the moment when someone at my side says, "She is gone"  
there are other eyes watching and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes!"

*Words shared by JOSEPHINE I. KOZACEK,  
WORTHY GRAND CHAPLAIN  
At the 44<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly  
2003*



Faternally,

*Marianne R. Shenefelt*

Most Worthy Grand Matron

*Henry A. Marku*

Most Worthy Grand Patron

*Alma Lynn Bane*

Right Worthy Grand Secretary



*Editor's Note: All Obituaries were printed under the  
seal of the MWGM*

## *ANOTHER DAY*

*Before us lies another year  
Which seems a long array,  
Of all the seasons and the months  
And weeks that pass away.*

*But years are made of days you know  
And day are made of hours.  
The longest walk is made of steps  
As raindrops make the showers.*

*And great things come from little things  
From seeds the forest grow.  
From drops of water come the brooks  
And then great rivers flow.*

*And God can take our little tasks  
And multiply the seeds,  
Of loving kindness and of toil  
To great and mighty deeds.*

*So as we face another year  
And long for things great to do,  
May we be friends doing little things  
Each day that are sincere and true.*

*Billie Hill, PM  
Jasper Chapter #124  
Jasper, Tennessee*



*Thanks to Sister Diane Brackett, Secretary of  
Jasper Chapter, for sending this beautiful poem*

**MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT #11 SERVICE DOG AWARD PRESENTED TO  
LONG BEACH CHAPTER #51 FOR THE  
DIMES AND DOLLARS FOR DOGS CAMPAIGN**

*Suzanne Stafford, PM  
Long Beach Chapter #51  
Long Beach, Mississippi*

On June 16, 2020, Long Beach Chapter #51, Long Beach, Mississippi, was presented the Service Dog award for being the highest donor in District #11 by Sister Pam Taylor, PM, and Service Dog Committee Representative for the 11<sup>th</sup> District. District #11 donated \$500 to the MS Grand Chapter's Dimes and Dollars for Dogs Campaign. The District #11 donations also included a generous donation from Lotus Chapter #477, Perrysburg, Ohio, Sister Pam's primary Chapter. The donations will stay in MS and go towards the expense of providing trained Service Dogs for individuals with medical disabilities. The District #11 Service Dog award is a stuffed Snoopy Dog that will be displayed at the Chapter and was accepted by Brothers Kevin Rapier, WP, and Larry McVey, WGP. In past years, members of Long Beach Chapter have participated in the Hub City Service Dog Organization's Annual Dog Days 5k and 2 Mile Walk in Hattiesburg. The event was canceled this year due to the pandemic. As Service Dogs are one of the primary charities of the Order of the Eastern Star, members are encouraged to continue supporting this worthwhile cause.



*(L-R) Kevin Rapier, WP; Pam Taylor, Service Dog Committee Representative for the 11th District; and Larry McVey, WGP*



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Deputy for the Most Worthy Grand Patron  
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Porto Alegre, 16 de Abril de 2020.

To  
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Cc  
Sister Nancy Ford, PGM  
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Chapter Highland central number 29 exceed the barrier of the social isolation.

The Chapter Highland central 29, of Distrito Federal, realized in the night of 13.04.2020 your first video reunion for presentation of a lecture with the title "Bible and some reflections".

At 8pm, The Most worthy matriarch, Maria do Rosario Fialho, declared open the night of studies, thanking the presence of the Deputy of MWGM Judith Fenner, region Center West - Brazil (Participating directly from USA), the Deputy of MWGP Evandro Lecey, region Center West - Brasil & Paraguay, the most worthy matriarch of the chapter South Cruise 32 - Porto Alegre - RS, sister Maria Cecilia Holderbaum, Past Worthy Matriarch of the Chapter Fronteira Sul 28, the sister Miriam Lais D'Avila. The most matriarch of the chapter of Serra, Regina Bozzi worthy matriarch of the chapter Vitoria's Island, Orlando Marquetti, Sister Rosa Verena and the Deputy brother Gregório d'Avila.

We also emphasize as the presence of Most worthy matriarch of Chapter of Serra, Regina bozzi and Most worthy patriarch Orlando Marquetti, Most worthy matriarch of the Chapter Vitoria's Island, Sister Rosa Verena and the past Deputy Brother Gregorio D'Avila.

Our sister Judith Fenner said a prayer of the thanks to our heavenly father for another night we met. Then the worthy patriarch brother Gonçalo realized a lecture leading all presents to reflect about the theme.

It was a memorable night where the shine of the stars of the District Federal, United the stars of Rio Grande Do Sul and Espirito Santo, forming this constellation of studies.



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It was defined that our next meeting will be 27 of April of 2020, where there will be presentations of the work of the brother Eduardo Lecey and the sister Lenira Engel, member of South Cruise 32.

We are counting in this night with 27 connections but the total number of participants, it went from 37 brothers because some brothers e sisters were in one connection. It is important to have representatives of the Chapter Distrito Federal, two of the chapters of Rio Grande do Sul and other two of Chapters of Espirito Santo.

After the manifestation of brothers and sisters, the Deputy Judith Fenner said of her joy to had do opportunity to share this night.

The worthy matriarch Rosario, thanked the presence of all and asked to the brothers and sisters of the chapter Highland Central 29 to rise your glasses to the toast.

The Deputy Evandro Lecey closed the night where we dismiss the meeting saying "Up until other meeting".

Images and text Evandro Lecey.

Sincerely

Evandro Bandeira Lecey  
Deputy MWGP  
Central West and District Federal – Brasil  
Paraguay



## CONVITE Capítulo Planalto Central 29.

Venha participar da nossa primeira vídeo reunião, onde teremos a palestra do Digno Patriarca Irmão Gonçalo, com o tema "BÍBLIA ALGUMAS REFLEXÕES".

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Mária do Rosário Fialho  
Digna Matriarca  
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# **STUDY NIGHT AND INTEGRATION BETWEEN SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

*Evandro Lecey, PGP  
Deputy of MWGP for Central West Region*

As scheduled, it happened on the night of May 11, 2020 at 8 pm, plus a video meeting of the Central Planalto Chapter #29, of the Order of Estrela do Oriente - Brasilia - Federal District - Brazil.

The dignified Matriarch, Sister Maria do Rosário Fialho, received all the Sisters and Brothers, as always with great joy and then passed the word on to the Worthy Patriarch, Brother Gonçalo, who offered a prayer for the opening of our work.

We highlight the presence of the MWGM Deputy for Brazil and the Midwest Region, Sister Judith "Judy" Fenner; MWGM Deputy for the States of Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo; Sister Tatiana Sathler; and the MWGP Deputy for Paraguay and the Midwest Region of the Brazil, Brother Evandro Lecey, as well as the former Deputy Brother Gregório D'Avila (Capitulo Fronteira Sul 28 - Bagé).

The Central Plateau Chapter could not miss the date of May 11, 2020 when Mother's Day was celebrated and paid a simple tribute, through a card, containing the colors of the heroine Electa and the sky with the stars seen from Brasilia.

I continued to have a lecture by Brothers Eduardo Lecey and Lenira Engel (Chapter Cruzeiro do Sul 32 - Porto Alegre - RS), with the title, "THE EVOLUTION OF A RITE FOR AN ORDER."

On this occasion, the Sisters and Brothers were very attentive to every detail that was presented where we could see that our Order, which was founded in 1850, had as its main landmark its reorganization in 1921.

This is a topic that deserves a deep reflection because thanks to this evolution, our Order has prospered more and more.

Our Sister Narjara Souza, Chapter Electa #01 and Chapter Moral and Justice #35, speaking, congratulated the speakers and took the opportunity to suggest another source of studies.

An invitation was made for Sister Narjara, in the second semester, to be the speaker of one of our meetings.

Sisters and Brothers from 10 chapters in Brazil, 5 States, 1 Federal District, 1 Chapter from the United States and 3 Deputies were present at our 3rd Meeting.

Ceara  
Chapter Charlotte Mendehal UD  
Chapter Great Ceará

Federal District  
Central Plateau Chapter #29

Espirito Santo

Victoria Island

Minas Gerais  
Chapter Moral and Justice #35  
Chapter Estrela de Minas UD

Rio de Janeiro  
Chapter Electa #01

**STUDY NIGHT AND INTEGRATION BETWEEN SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

*(Continued)*

Rio Grande do Sul  
Southern Frontier Chapter #28  
Chapter Light of the West #27  
Cruzeiro do Sul Chapter #32

USA  
Massachusetts  
Masona Chapter #134

Our next meeting will take place on May 25, 2020 at 8 pm in the same room and password, where we will have another lecture, at the end of our video, the certificate of participation was forwarded to the Sisters and Brothers present.

And so, after 10 pm, our Worthy Matriarch, Sister Rosario, thanked the presence of all those present and raised the traditional toast by speaking:

UNTIL ANOTHER DAY.  
UNTIL ANOTHER VIDEO.



CAPÍTULO PLANALTO CENTRAL 29

Maria do Rosário Fialho

Digna Matriarca

Judith Fenner  
Deputy MWGM

Evandro Bandeira Lecey  
Deputy MWGP





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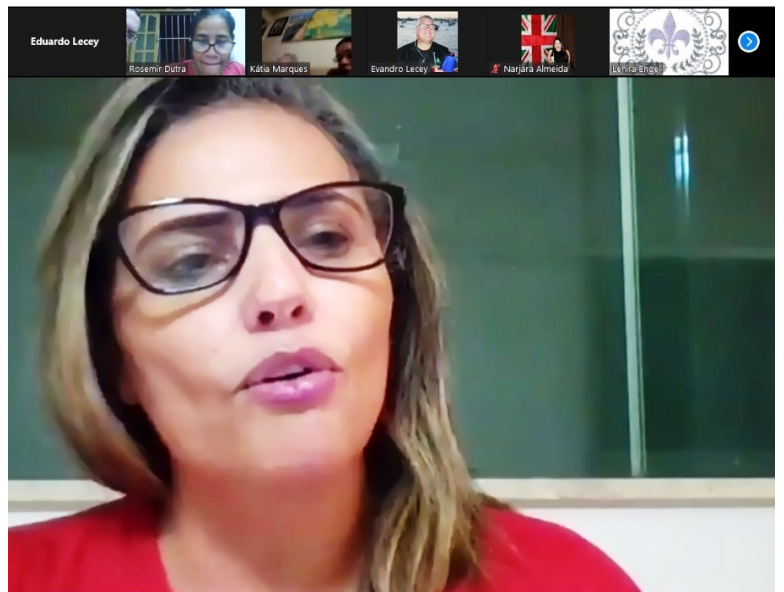
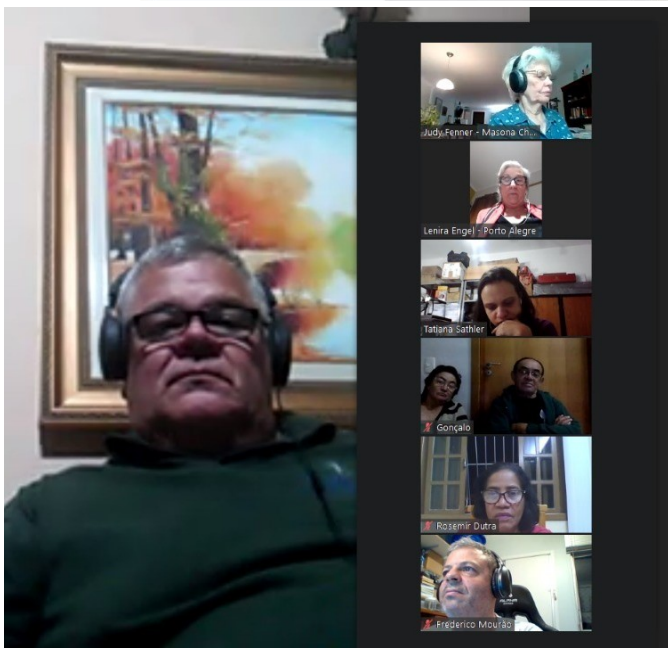
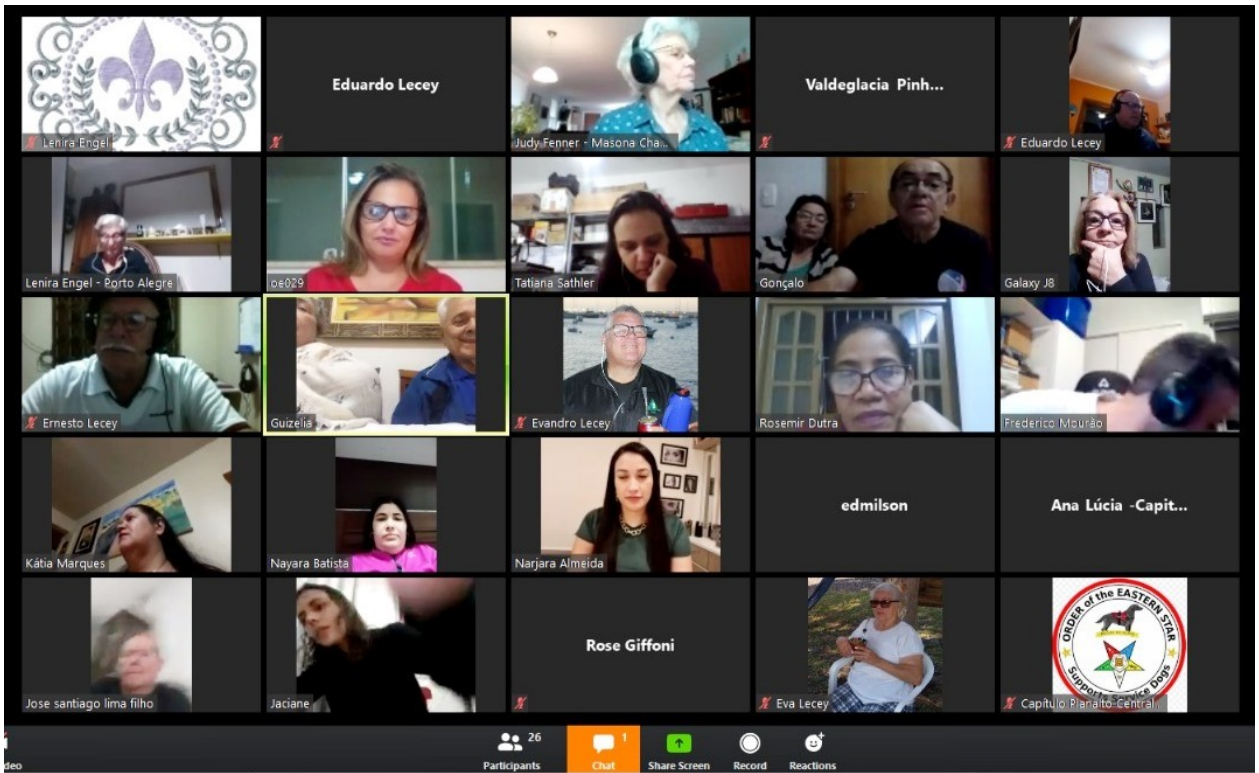
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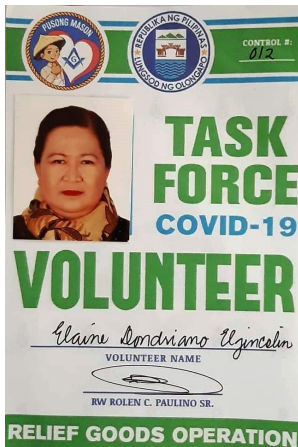
**A ORDEM DA  
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DE ADOÇÃO.**

A EVOLUÇÃO DE UM RITO PARA UMA ORDEM.



# RELIEF OPERATION PROJECT 2020: LABOR OF LOVE A COMMITMENT THAT MAKES US UNIQUE

*Elaine Dondriano-Elgincolin, WM  
Rebecca Parrish Chapter #5  
Olongapo City, Philippines*



“A never-ending commitment to the community because we care.” This is the perfect slogan for our Relief Operation Project and absolutely describes Rebecca Parrish Chapter # 5, Olongapo City, Philippines, for this term 2020.

Faith, Hope and Unity are the essential core values and the center of our Chapter for this term 2020. A day after our 66th public Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers when a catastrophe hit the Province of Batangas and nearby areas. Taal Volcano erupted last January 12, 2020, causing heavy damage to both lives and worst, many totally lost their homes and means of living which caused them immeasurable pain, misery and suffering in life. We know what the people from Batangas and nearby areas felt. We were in their shoes 19 years ago when Mt. Pinatubo erupted. Now it was our turn and commitment with a noble cause to help them to rise again. We, Rebecca Parrish Chapter, acted fast by spearheading the donation drive campaign and purchasing those essentials and basic needs to be included on the relief package. We were able to manage and provide relief goods to nearly 300 families. As they recuperate and start a new beginning, we gave them hope as they don't know how and where to start. Regardless of the issues with logistics and the struggle of transporting the goods from where we are at to them, we trudged on. It was not easy, but we managed to get through the 250km distance between the City of Olongapo and the Province of Batangas.

Just when we thought we got through that hurdle, here came another crisis that affected not only one Province or City. This time a pandemic struck the whole world. We are now faced with an invisible enemy, the highly contagious Covid-19 virus. It is so lethal and our health is more valuable than what material compensation can offer. The economy came to a halt when our Government called for an enhanced community quarantine last March 17, 2020 up to the present with no other recourse but to stay home. We have the resources and manpower to help and so we took on the challenge of giving assistance to the families who temporarily lost their means of living, and those underprivileged. This time we had to step up so together with our Masonic Brothers and Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers, we are able to aid and extend assistance through packing and distributing relief goods to nearly a thousand families in Olongapo City daily.

We, of course, are in fear of the unknown, but we stand with the other frontliners in making sure that no one dies due to hunger. Our selfless and courageous efforts as Task Force Covid-19 volunteers are unmeasurable.

With our noble cause, we are able to prove again that no barriers, walls and differences can set aside our sincerity and our compassion as Masonic and Eastern Star members from one another because we consider the community as our extended family because “We Care as One.”



# RELIEF OPERATION PROJECT 2020: LABOR OF LOVE A COMMITMENT THAT MAKES US UNIQUE

(Continued)





Worthy Grand Matron – 1962

# In Loving Memory of

## Sister Blanche H. Shaw

WORTHY GRAND MATRON 1962-1963  
PEACE GARDEN COMMITTEE 1964-1967  
WORTHY GRAND RUTH 1976-1979  
AMBASSADOR TO NORTH GERMANY 1988-1991  
GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS

*Called Home* – FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020



Worthy Grand Ruth – 1964



Standing: L-her cousin.  
Barbara Sargent, P.M.;  
R-Varna Terlemezian, P.M.,  
both "Shawlites"



AT CENTER: Sister Blanche, our Senior Past Grand Matron, at a Honor Night  
for our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons



Sister Blanche at her 100th  
Birthday celebration on  
October 7, 2017.



Sister Blanche with  
Brother Victor U. Taggart, P.G.P.,  
GGCCM OES Journal



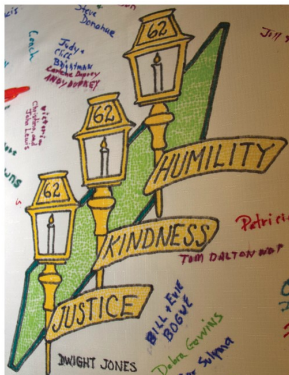
Sister Blanche with Sister Diana Spurrell, P.M.,  
S.E., and Grand Chapter Official Photographer



Reception Line:  
Joan M. Atkinson, P.G.M. and Sister Blanche



Sister Blanche at the microphone  
during a Grand Chapter Session  
with Sister Constance Vick, P.G.M.



Sister Blanche with  
Sister Marilyn Gerrish, P.G.M

Sister Blanche's Watchwords  
for her "Grand Shawlites"



Brother James W. Spurrell, PP escorting  
Sister Blanche into the Chapter room



2015: George Haile, WGP and Patricia Darby, WGM celebrating Sister Blanche's  
98th Birthday and 75th OES Anniversary.

*And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly,  
and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God?" (MICHAH 6:8)*

*In Loving Memory of Sister Blanche Shaw, PGM, GTE, whom I lovingly called my "Fraternal Grandmother". This would always make her smile. Sister Blanche was indeed a Grand Lady whom I will dearly miss, as will everyone in the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts (MA) and beyond. Collage prepared for all of us in the Grand Jurisdiction of MA by Sister Diana T. Spurrell, PM, Secretary Emeritus, Palestine Chapter #114, Newtonville, MA, Grand Chapter Official Photographer*



## GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSISSIPPI DONATES \$5,000 TO FISHER HOUSE

*Suzanne Stafford, PM  
Long Beach Chapter #51  
Long Beach, Mississippi*



*(L-R) Pat Anderson DDGM 11<sup>th</sup> District; Lynette McVey, Grand Esther; DeLois Langston, WM; Fisher House Manager Larry Vetter; Sandy Henderson, PM; Larry McVey, WGP; and Jo Ann Tarrant, PM.*

On May 20, 2020, Brother Larry McVey, WGP, and his Forever Proud Club Members presented a check for \$5,000 to Fisher House Manager Larry Vetter on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. Groups and Chapters across the State raised funds for the Special Project throughout the year by selling pins, donations, etc. The attending members included Brother Larry McVey, WGP, along with Sisters Lynette McVey, Grand Esther; Pat Anderson, DDGM 11<sup>th</sup> District; DeLois Langston, WM; Jo Ann Tarrant, PM; and Sandy Henderson, PM. After the presentation, the group was treated to tour of the lovely facility. Previously, Long Beach Chapter #51 had donated \$1,000 to Fisher House in honor of Brother Larry McVey, WGP.

The Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher House at Keesler Air Force Base (AFB), Biloxi, provides a comfortable home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill patients at the Keesler Medical Center and the Biloxi/Gulfport Veterans Health Administration Hospitals. The criteria for occupancy are that the guest be either a member of the "support team" of the patient hospitalized at these facilities or a patient in an outpatient status. Built in 1992 at no cost to the Government, the 5,000 square foot, two-story Keesler Fisher House is the sixth of 59 Fisher Houses donated to those in need of lodging by the late Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher of New York. The intent was, and still is, to provide home-like accommodations. Operating costs are underwritten by nominal guest fees and by contributions to the non-profit Fisher House of Keesler, Inc., a MS 501(C)3 tax-exempt corporation. Their hope is that with enough donations, they can reduce or eliminate guest fees altogether in the future.

The Fisher House is a compassionate-care facility, located on Keesler AFB within walking distance of the hospital. The House provides a comfortable place to stay, serving patients and families from all branches of the Military and Veterans receiving active treatment at the Keesler Hospital and the Biloxi Veterans Administration Medical Campus. The House provides a safe and comfortable home-away-from-home for families in need. Guests must live outside a 50-mile radius of the hospital. Availability of rooms is provided on a space- available basis.

For more information, visit <https://fisherhouse.org/programs/houses/house-locations/mississippi-keesler-medical-center/>

# UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE OES GUIDEPOST

*Karen Tuttle, Associate Grand Conductress  
Crescent Chapter #45  
Pittsfield, New Hampshire*

When COVID-19 hit, the Worthy Grand Matron of New Hampshire, Sister Joan Smith said “one thing OES desperately needs right now is a crew of individuals to post, hopefully daily, motivational messages to keep the NH OES family motivated”. She was seeking help to keep the membership motivated and inspired. Maybe posting on Facebook and via the New Hampshire E-Guidepost daily email would do the trick? Utilizing the New Hampshire Membership Committee, she came up with the framework for a set of daily inspirational posts titled “Until We Meet Again”.

**Membership Monday** – featuring ways our membership matters, recognizing those who are working at their jobs or in their communities, providing medical and community support.

**Tech Talk Tuesday**- ways to stay connected – techy ways to do things like game nights online, how to provide secure Zoom meetings, or just deal with general technology questions to keep our older members from becoming disenfranchised.

## Surprise Saturday!



*"A friend is someone who thinks you are a good egg even though you're slightly cracked!"*

When I go to the store and pick up a dozen eggs, I always check them right by the egg display. Chances always seem to prove that's a good idea. Sometimes I check 3 or four boxes! Many times I've wondered if the ones I bring home may have a slightly invisible crack. I imagine that we all are slightly cracked in one way or another. Some people make a business of finding cracks in other people. The IRS will be looking for cracks in your tax return. I guess if you look far enough and deep enough you will find cracks, imperfections, in everyone. Friends try to overlook the cracks in their friends. Some people I love dearly I wouldn't want to work with 40 hours a week. Others I meet seem to be perfect eggs until we are in a meeting together. Frankly, I can't think of anyone I know who doesn't have a slight crack. I know some of my cracks. I suspect as you have observed me you have discovered some of my cracks that I am quite unaware of. Perhaps we can practice the art of being a friend to someone slightly cracked and treat them as a good egg. Chances are God knows all our cracks and is well acquainted with our sins as well. That's something we might think about and sing about. Jesus loves even me!

**Wellness Wednesday** – tips on how to relieve stress and tension in these crazy times by using yoga, exercise, or meditation along with inspiring messages to keep us motivated and positive.

**Throwback Thursday** – using historical photos to post memories of days gone by, such as past Grand Chapters or events at local Chapters.

**Friendship Friday** – Inspirational posts about friendship or motivational posts about how friendship has impacted our Order.

**Surprise Saturday** – Thought provoking posts about our Order.

**Service Sunday** – Spiritual and uplifting messages including presentations about hymns and live

*For more information, visit the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire's website [nheasternstar.org](http://nheasternstar.org)*

*Courtesy of The NH OES Guidepost*

## STAY-AT-HOME TEA

*Madeline Weidner, Grand Conductress  
Victory Chapter #34  
Hemmingford, Quebec*

The Grand Chapter of Québec's Committee on Arrangements raises funds every year to support our Grand Sessions. Our Jurisdiction relies on these funds to hold our annual meeting at the Hotel Castel in Granby. This year our fundraising has been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. But give an Eastern Star member a challenge and they rise to the occasion. Sister Anne Gallacher, PM, a member for over 50 years, remembers when our Jurisdiction would hold a tea party without a party. The concept is similar to a bakeless bake sale. So we thought that with National Tea Day being observed on April 21<sup>st</sup> we would invite our members to a STAY AT HOME TEA. Invitations were sent to members with help from our Chapter Secretaries.



I am proud to report that this fundraiser was well received by the members and we even had a group meet virtually.

Even though we have to be separated during this challenging time, it was a blessing to connect socially.

### **Stay At Home Tea**

Bryan Mitchell, PGP  
Donna Mitchell, AGC

### **Virtual Tea**

Sister Carol Fink  
Joyce Dryden, PGM  
Sister Andrea Gendreau  
Helen Black, PGM  
Veronica Heffernan, WM  
Linda Wilkinson, WGM  
Louise Wilkinson, PGM  
Diane Mendigorin, PM

*Submitted by Madeline Weidner, Grand Conductress*



# GROVE CITY CHAPTER'S SENTINEL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

*Cindy Chadwell, Grand Conductress  
Grove City Chapter #502  
Grove City, Ohio*

Grove City Chapter #502, Grove City, Ohio, came together to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Brother Louis Ardit. Brother Lou grew up in Grandview and served in several campaigns in Europe during World War II. He served Grove City Lodge #689 F& AM as Worshipful Master in 1972, then WP of our Chapter in 1977. He has continued to be active in Chapter where he has served as Sentinel more than 17 times! He is currently serving as the Honorary Grand Aide to Sister Cindy Chadwell, Grand Conductress (pictured on the left).



He belongs to the Aladdin Shrine Past Masters Unit and can be found marching in many parades or working the parking lot at the Memorial Tournament in Dublin. He is also a member of the Shrine's Antique Car Club and the Scioto Car Club with his 1930 Model A Ford and 1936 Plymouth.



A member of the Chapter arranged for the Mayor to proclaim July 5, 2020 Louis Ardit Day in the City and a drive-by parade was held with both a Grove City Police Department and Jackson Township Fire Department escort.

Brother Lou received over 100 birthday cards from many of his Masonic and OES Sisters and Brothers! Congratulations Brother Lou. We wish you many more!



*Jennifer Neider and Sherri Rieser got into this parade thing!*



*Worshipful Master, Brother Josh Lindley and Lou*

# AN UNUSUAL CELEBRATION FOR A SPECIAL 100th BIRTHDAY FOR SISTER IRIS TROSPER

*Sarah Norris, PGM  
Grand Treasurer Emeritus  
President, International Grand Treasurers Association  
Harmony Chapter #53  
Cheyenne, Wyoming*



*(L-R) Amber Mathisen, WGM; Iris Trosper; and Marianne Shenefeld, MWGM*

Sister Iris Trosper, a longtime member of Eastern Star, turned 100 in May. Because of the COVID-19 virus and living in a retirement facility where even her daughter could not come to see her, Sister Iris expected her birthday to be a quiet day in her room reading or watching TV. She thought her birthday would pass quietly. Little did she know what was planned! Since ideas of a special party for her were impossible until a later date, so the idea of a card shower and car parade was planned!

Sister Iris was allowed to sit outside the building and cars drove by wishing her a Happy Birthday. A microphone was provided so each car occupant could say a few words or sing to her. The parade was started with the Sheriff coming by in his official car with lights flashing. Next came a Deputy Sheriff in a pick-up, also with lights flashing. At least 50 cars and 1 motorcycle followed in the birthday procession. Many of these cars had signs attached to them which were taken off and given to Sister Iris. She also received over 150 birthday cards!

Sister Iris Virginia Schroeder was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming (WY) on May 18, 1920. She married Brother Clayton Trosper on January 30, 1939 in Fort Lupton, Colorado. They had two daughters, Cherrie and Bonnie. She moved to Pointe Frontier in 2011 after living in her home alone for 17 years after her husband's death on October 16, 1994.

Sister Iris and Brother Clayton Trosper were initiated into Mizpah Chapter #36 on November 10, 1954. They gave their proficiency on December 8, 1954.

Sister Iris held many offices in Mizpah Chapter. She was installed as Esther in 1956, Chaplain in 1958, Electa in 1968, and was elected Associate Conductress in 1969. She served as WM in 1972-73. During her year, there were Initiations almost every meeting and 24 new members were obtained. She was appointed Grand Representative to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in 1981-82. She served as Chaplain again in 1990, Emblem Bearer in 1996, Martha in 1997 and Adah in 1999.

Brother Clayton served Mizpah Chapter as WP twice, once in 1965 and again in 1993.

Sister Cherrie was initiated into Mizpah Chapter in May 1958 and is a 62-year member of Harmony Chapter #53 (formally Mizpah Chapter). Sister Iris is also a member of Harmony Chapter now.

Sister Iris visited all 50 States, but WY was always her home. All her 100 years were spent living in Cheyenne!

Because of the COVID-19 virus, the MWGM and the WGM of WY have not been traveling. Coincidentally, both of these ladies live in Cheyenne and both were able to be at this special "party." Both Sister Iris and her daughter were speechless that these two came! There were also many Harmony Chapter members driving by. Sister Leesa England is shown holding one of the birthday greetings.



*Photos courtesy of Lauren Boothe*

## AN UNUSUAL CELEBRATION FOR A SPECIAL 100th BIRTHDAY FOR SISTER IRIS TROSPER

*(Continued)*

Brother Clayton was a State Farm Insurance agent and Sister Iris was a faithful employee in their office. They enjoyed working side by side until they retired.

Sister Iris was Grand Guardian of Jobs Daughters International in WY in 1964 – 1965. In her words, "I enjoyed every minute that I worked with the Jobies." From what I have heard, the girls also enjoyed being with her.

Sister Iris loved to entertain and, in the past, a picnic was held after every Grand Chapter Session for all the Mizpah Chapter members who had attended Grand Chapter. Many of these picnics were held in her backyard. It was not at all uncommon to be sitting at a picnic table (or perhaps on a chair or on the grass) eating dessert on a crystal snack plate!

At one of these picnics, the WP came on his motorcycle. Sister Iris got the idea that she would like a ride on the motorcycle. The WP's wife drove home to get a helmet. There were 4 Sisters and 1 Brother over 90 attending this picnic. One of the Sisters left early and the Brother wouldn't get on the motorcycle. The other three Sisters, including Sister Iris, went on a ride and seemed to really enjoy themselves!

Sister Iris is always looking for adventure and ready for a good time. A couple of years ago some maintenance work was being done on the ceiling in the main entrance of Pointe Frontier (probably at least 15 feet in the air). The workman had a lift to elevate them to a height sufficient to do the work on the ceiling. Sister Iris asked the workmen if she could go up in the lift also, and they obliged her. They had never had a lady over 90 with them on the lift before, and probably won't ever again!

Sister Iris may now be 100 years old but that won't stop her from trying something new and exciting if the situation presents itself!

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY IRIS!!!

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## BROTHER EARL BANKS CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

*Doreen Edgar, GCCM, ESJ  
Evening Star Chapter #28  
Halifax, Nova Scotia*

Evangeline Chapter #15, Kentville, Nova Scotia, pays tribute to our 100-year-old member, Brother Earl Banks, PP. In the beginning, Brother Earl's mother was the first to sign the Register when Evangeline Chapter was Constituted in June 1945. Then his wife, Sister Patricia, joined two years later while Brother Earl was still involved in his Military career. Brother Earl joined Blomidon Chapter in March 1989 and when they closed, he affiliated with Evangeline Chapter in November 1998. Brother Earl was presented with a Life Membership when he turned 90 and we know he was honored by the Masonic bodies on his 100th birthday on September 27, 2019. Maybe living in the beautiful cove in Tantallon with the water near his back door has added to a long life-well lived. Congratulations Brother Earl, enjoy many more.

A funny story. One of Kentville Masons who was at the Masonic presentation said to his seat mate, "I don't like him." to which he asked "Why, you don't know him." to which the bald man replied, "Look at that head of beautiful grey hair!" I once told him and Brother Dave Waterbury, PGP, when I sent them a picture I had taken of the two of them that they had found "the fountain of Youth." Must be the "salt air?"

### **Birthdays**



**EARL L. BANKS**  
**Happy 100th Birthday!**

Happy 100th Birthday Dad!  
Squadron Leader Earl L. Banks of  
Tantallon, Halifax Co., celebrates  
his 100th birthday on September  
27th. Lots of love and best wishes  
from all your family and friends.

## TWO 70-YEAR PIN PRESENTATIONS IN QUEBEC

*Donna Mitchell, PM  
Cowansville Chapter #17  
Knowlton, Quebec*



*(L-R) Donna Jenne, AGM; Donna Mitchell, PM; Evelyn Lewis, PM; Beverley Sanborn, PGM; Brenda Stone, PGM, Grand Secretary; and Bryan Mitchell, PGP*

On December 4, 2019, several members of Cowansville Chapter #17, Knowlton, Quebec, presented Sister Evelyn Lewis with her 70-year membership certificate and pin. Sister Evelyn who lives with her son Michael and his family in Montreal was attending a Christmas lunch hosted by the Fordyce Branch of the Woman's Institute in Cowansville. They graciously allowed us to make this presentation while Sister Evelyn was in the area.

On January 17, 2020, 12 of Cowansville Chapter #17, Knowlton, and Maple Leaf Chapter #2, Stanbridge East, Quebec, gathered at the home of Sister Adelaide Lanktree, PM, and Sister Louise Hall for a celebration. Sister Adelaide was presented with her 70-year certificate and pin following which we had a good catch up with Sisters Adelaide and Louise over tea and cake.



*(L-R) Adelaide Lanktree, PM; and Beverley Sanborn, PGM*

## CELEBRATING OUR 50- AND 70-YEAR MEMBERS

*Doreen Edgar, GCCM, ESJ  
Evening Star Chapter #28  
Halifax, Nova Scotia*



*(L-R) Elsie Brinkschulte, PM; DiAnne Campbell, WM; Daniel Campbell, PGM and WP; Mary Smith, PM  
Standing in front Mildred Wagner, PM*

Evening Star Chapter #28, Halifax, Nova Scotia, was able to celebrate 2 very special members serving in our Order for over 50- and 70-years recently in a closed off room in a restaurant with 30 members present, all using rules of social distancing. Brother Danny Campbell, PGP and WP, made the presentations with the members choosing who they wanted to pin their 50/70-year pin on them.

On the far left is our 50-year old member, Sister Elsie Brinkschulte, PM, who joined the former Prince Charles Chapter #27, New Brunswick, on June 10, 1970, and later moved to Nova Scotia and joined the former Westwood Chapter #63 (Dartmouth) on June 10 1986. Over the years Sister Elsie would find herself belonging to the former Chapters Honourable Joseph Howe Chapter #20, Ruth Chapter #57, Kwebec Chapter #27 and finally in December 2017, Evening Star Chapter. Sister Elsie has served in all the Line Offices and as a WM five times. She has also served on Grand Chapter Committees and as a Grand Representative. Her pin was pinned on by a longtime friend, Sister Mary Smith, PM.

Standing in the front is our 70-year member, Sister Millie Wagner, PM, who joined Amethyst Chapter #28 (Amethyst Chapter and Emerald Chapter #58 merged forming Evening Star Chapter) in February 1950. On her journey to the East, Sister Millie served as all five Star Points, Chaplain, Marshal, Treasurer, all Line Offices and finally WM. She served as Grand Martha 1992-93 and 2013-2014. She has received her 50- and 60-year pins, along with the Rob Morris Jewel. She has served on the Ways and Means Committee and has been a Trustee. Sister Millie affiliated with Mystic Star Chapter #40, St. Margaret's Bay, in June 1976 and has held Offices in the Chapter for most of her 44 years as a Chapter member. She served as WM 6 times and has been active for all of the 70 years. In October 2017, Sister Millie joined Grace Chapter #8, Lunenburg, taking the Station of Electa and is still serving as Electa at the age of 90. She was pinned by Brother Daniel Campbell, PGP and WP.



## CELEBRATING OUR 50- AND 60-YEAR MEMBERS

*Lynn Marie Jones, PGM  
GGCCM Registration  
Alice Warren Chapter #463, Augusta, Georgia  
Clinton Chapter #65, Clinton, Iowa*

On January 16, 2020, Alice Warren Chapter # 463, in Augusta, Georgia, celebrated its 62<sup>nd</sup> Chapter birthday. We were honored to present a 50-year pin and certificate to Sister Anne Gomillion and 60-year pins and certificates to Sisters Jane Golden, Barbara Woodward and JoAnn Farr at our meeting.



*50-year member Anne Gomillion*



*(L-R) 60-year members Jane Golden,  
Barbara Woodward and JoAnn Farr*

Since it was our Friends Night, it really made it an extra special evening. This past year (2019), we have 8 members who received their 50-year membership awards and 8 members to obtain their 60-year membership awards. We are proud that these four ladies are active members in our Chapter.



*(Bess Browning 60-years)*

At our 60<sup>th</sup> Chapter birthday celebration on January 18, 2018, Sister Bess Browning who is our one and only living Charter member, received her 60-year pin and certificate. Her daughter Nancy and son Tim, who are not members, were there to share with her this special moment, so we held her presentation prior to our Chapter meeting.

I am happy to say I am a 55-year member of the Order as of this past February and I'm sure at the blink of an eye, 60 will be here before I know it. I am also proud to say that I have had perfect attendance for 29 years since affiliating with Alice Warren Chapter from Clinton Chapter #65 in Clinton, Iowa, even while serving as WGM of Georgia in 2011-12. We are so blessed to be members of this beautiful Organization and hopefully before too many more months, we will be able to meet and greet again, 'cuz we sure do have a lot of huggin' to get caught up on! God be will you till we meet again.

*Suzanne Teague, PM  
Silver Star Chapter #40  
Montrose, Colorado*



## **50-YEAR PIN PRESENTED TO FAITHFUL OES MEMBER**

Silver Star No. 40, Order of the Eastern Star in Montrose is not meeting during the COVID-19 shut-down but that did not prevent Worthy Matron Cindy Wardlaw, PGM, and Worthy Patron, Len Wardlaw from safely assembling seven members to surprise Carlene Dougan and present her with her 50-Year pin. Carlene was initiated into Garnet Chapter No. 39 in Delta on May 4, 1970 and served as Worthy Matron in 1981-82. She has also held all offices in the Chapter except for Secretary, Treasurer and Organist. She was

Grand Escort in 2008-2009 for her friend, Lucille Elgin and travelled the State with her. Presently, she is serving as Warder in Silver Star Chapter. Garnet Chapter affiliated with the members of Silver Star in 2016 and many of the Delta members continue to be active, supporting the Montrose Chapter.

Carlene was also Past Nobel Grand of Alberta Rebekah Lodge in Delta where she has been a member for over 50 years. She has also served as a Pink Lady at Delta County Memorial Hospital for 15 years.

*Courtesy of Delta County Independence May 20, 2020*

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## **SILVER STAR CHAPTER #40 MOVES CHARTER TO BROOKDALE RETIREMENT CENTER**

One of the most exciting things we did before COVID-19 was to move the Charter of Silver Star Chapter #40, Montrose, Colorado, for the December 5, 2019 Meeting to the Brookdale Retirement Center where several of our members now reside. Because they cannot attend Chapter, we decided to take Chapter to them! The small media room made for a cozy meeting, but we had a delightful time. Our installed Chaplain could not be with us that evening so Brother Lee Casto, PP ("Treasured Memories" Grand Chaplain 2012-1023), stepped in and did the work. No Ritual, no prompting, just like the pro he is! (He is one of the members living in the retirement facility.) We had lovely refreshments served just outside the Media Room in the "Coke" room and the facility furnished coffee and cookies along with our own refreshments served by our members that evening. Several ladies stopped by to ask what was going on. One of those was Sister Billy Jean Walker, Life Member of Bethlehem Chapter #56, Monte Vista. She promised to come back to the meeting, but we suspect she fell asleep! Nevertheless, it was a wonderful meeting, and we will do it again. TV trays served as pedestals and the Altar, covered with a white tablecloth. It was well worth the \$3 Dispensation and transporting the emblems and Charter.

## FOUR GENERATIONS

*Cindy Chadwell, Grand Conductress  
Grove City Chapter #502  
Grove City, Ohio*



June 25, 2020, marked a very special event in the history of Grove City Chapter #502, Grove City, Ohio, when Sister Kaylee Jean Chadwell was initiated. Sister Kaylee was one of three candidates that evening. She turned 18 in February, petitioned Chapter that month, was elected to receive the Degrees of our Order in March and then the COVID-19 Pandemic hit. That March Inspection was canceled, her Senior Prom was canceled and her high school graduation was turned into a drive-by event. Fortunately, we were finally able to initiate her into our Order when restrictions of the MWGM and Sister Margi Wheeler, WGM, were lifted.

There to assist and celebrate this event was her father, Brother Jason Chadwell, PP, serving as Chaplain. At the Secretary's desk was Sister Cindy Chadwell, Grand Conductress, and her grandfather, Brother John Chadwell, PP, was on the sidelines that night. Her great-grandmother, Sister Marilyn Rowley, PGM, serving as prompter for the evening, beamed behind her COVID mask. The Conductress that led her through our Labyrinth was Sister Liz Compton, her father's girlfriend. Four generations are now linked in charity, service and fellowship in their local community and in support of their Sisters and Brothers.

Congratulations to all the initiates and best wishes on a long and proud membership in our beautiful Order, Kaylee!

## A YO-YO CHRISTMAS TREE FOR A YO-YO YEAR

*Pearl Johnson, PGM, WM  
Caroline Chapter #62  
Denton, Maryland*



Little did I know that like so many of you, I'd be spending a considerable amount of time at home during the Covid-19 Pandemic. During this time, I've made many masks for family and friends once the elastic shortage was resolved. I've always enjoyed doing crafts and sewing. I had found a pattern for a Yo-Yo Swag and thought these little yo-yos would make a cute decoration for a Christmas Tree and so I went in search of Christmas fabric, ribbon and buttons. That was easier than trying to find elastic for the masks which no store had for several months. I've received many compliments on my snow-covered Yo-Yo tree and even Cody the cat enjoys battling the yo-yo's around (at least these ornaments aren't breakable). Like playing with a "yo-yo," this year has been filled with lots of ups and downs but also a lot of fun times.

Guess this was the appropriate year to make my "Yo-Yo Christmas Tree.

Merry Christmas!



*Directions for making a Yo-Yo Swag are on page 45.*

## DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING A YO-YO SWAG

### Yo-Yo Swag Blooms Big In Rooms!

A COUNTRY SPIN'S put on spring decor by this pleasing posy noverl from Pat Ford of Arlington, Texas.

The idea originally sprouted from the yo-yos Pat enjoys making. "It's a favorite thing to do," she describes of assembling the gathered fabric circles.

"This time, I attached yo-yos to raffia I braided into a swag. It looks really pretty arching over a door or pecking up a kitchen window."

#### Materials Needed:

Tracing paper and pencil

Compass

44-inch-wide 100% cotton or cotton-blend fabrics—1/4 yard each or scraps of light green, pin-dot for yo-yo leaves, dusty rose print and dusty rose and cream check for yo-yo petals and light blue and white print for yo-yo flower centers

Matching all-purpose thread

Hand-sewing needle

Lightweight cardboard

Natural raffia—40 to 50 strands,

each about 30 inches long

Markers—green, rose and blue to match fabrics

White buttons—two 3/4 inch and

three 1/2 inch

Two 18-inch lengths of 18-gauge

craft wire

Pinking shears (optional)

Scissors

Glue gun and glue stick

**Finished Size:** Yo-yo flower swag measures about 9-1/2 inches tall x 20 inches long.

#### Directions:

**MAKING YO-YOS:** Use the compass to draw a 3-in. circle and a 5-in. circle on tracing paper and fit ten 1-1/2-in. circles onto lightweight cardboard. Cut out circles.

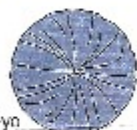
Cut 3-in. circles from the following fabrics: Six green pin-dot and three each of blue and white print, dusty rose print, and dusty rose and cream check. Also cut two 5-in. fabric circles from dusty rose print.



Fig. 1 Making yo-yo



Fig. 2 Finished yo-yo



Thread hand-sewing needle with two strands of matching thread and knot ends together. Turn under an 1/8-in. hem as you sew a running stitch around one 3-in. fabric circle as shown in Fig. 1, leaving long thread ends.

Use markers to color the center of one side of each cardboard circle, coloring six circles green, three blue and six rose.

Center a matching cardboard circle colored side up on the wrong side of stitched fabric circle. Pull threads gently to draw up fabric around cardboard and fasten off. Distribute gathers evenly around cardboard circle with your fingers and center opening as shown in Fig. 2. Repeat, making a total of 18 small yo-yos with cardboard centers.

Make two large dusty rose print yo-yos without cardboard centers.

**ASSEMBLY:** Referring to the photo above, glue three small dusty rose print yo-yos and three dusty rose check yo-yos in a circle with edges overlapping. Glue a blue and white print yo-yo to the center of the circle. Glue a green pin-dot yo-yo to the back on each side for leaves.

Glue a blue and white print yo-yo to the center of a large dusty rose print yo-yo. Glue a green pin-dot yo-yo to each side of dusty rose print yo-yo. Repeat using remaining yo-yos.

Stack strands of raffia together. Tie any color thread around raffia about 5 in. from one end to secure. Divide raffia into three equal bundles and make a flat

braid about 18 in. long. Tie end of braid with thread to secure. Trim ends of raffia braid to desired length.

With pinking shears or straight scissors, cut two 1-1/2-in. x 18-in. strips from dusty rose and cream check. Tie each in a bow. Glue a bow over thread at each end of raffia braid.

Glue large yo-yo flower to center of raffia braid and the smaller yo-yo flowers to each side of center flower as shown in photo.

Glue 3/4-in. buttons to centers of bows and 1/2-in. buttons to centers of blue yo-yos.

Thread the 18 in.-long craft wires through braid on back. Make a small loop at center back of one wire for hanging. Bend braid into a gentle curve to shape swag as shown in photo. □

## VOLUNTEERS CALLED TO HELP DURING PANDEMIC

*Lee Anne Asay, PGM  
Bethany Chapter #9  
Green River, UT*

As with the rest of the world in early March 2020, our local rural hospital, Moab Regional Hospital, in Moab, Utah, put out a call for volunteers to make masks and gowns. Having no idea what we were getting into, my sister, Sister Keven Lange, and I, members of Bethany Chapter #9, Green River, Utah, volunteered to help out.

We started out slowly with supplies we had on hand, sheets donated by local hotels and a local quilt store, Canyonlands Quilts, providing a gown pattern and elastic to get us started. We developed a pleated mask pattern from a paper one from the hospital. We made a few gowns and several face masks for the hospital but that was the tip of the iceberg.

Sister Paula Poglejan, WGM, asked me if we would make masks for any of our members who wanted one. A message was posted on the Utah OES Facebook page and several members were grateful for the opportunity to receive one. We made and mailed them to members throughout the State.

But still, it was only starting. Next, our brother and sister-in-law, Kerry and Lorrie Lange, who own a small business in Moab, asked if we would make some masks for them to give away. Little did we know what we were getting into.

Sister Keven put out a request on the local Facebook page asking for donations from fabric stashes so we could continue to make masks and we received several generous donations. We made a hundred or more masks and gave them to Desert West Office Supply, my brother's company, and they put them out on a table for people to take. Some would not take them unless they could pay for them, so a donation jar was put out. The result: to date, July 11, 2020, we have made more than 1,300 masks, most of which went to the store. With the donations we have received, we have been able to purchase elastic, thread and more fabric to keep our little sewing project up and running.

In addition to the 1,300 masks, I personally made 100 adult and 100 kids masks and donated them to the Navajo Nation.

We are both retired and not only happy to have something to keep us busy during this trying time but to have a way to contribute to our Sisters and Brothers wellbeing.

We wish you all good health and will be happy when we can once again meet with members, socialize and perhaps not need facemasks!



## HONORING OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

*Diana T. Spurrell, PM, Secretary Emeritus  
Palestine Chapter #114  
Newtonville, Massachusetts  
Grand Chapter Official Photographer*

Sister Diane Gravina Newcomb and her husband, Dave, have been joining us for our Palestine Chapter #114, Newtonville, Massachusetts, bi-monthly Zoom get-togethers. That was when I became aware of her project honoring our healthcare heroes. I was impressed and so proud of her efforts and it is with her permission that I submit this story and, in so doing, honor Sister Diane.

It all began in March, when she honored her cousin and two friends who are “frontline workers” in direct contact with Covid-19 patients during the Pandemic. Sister Diane met with each of these ladies and gave them each nine additional gifts to share with their colleagues. After posting the photos on Facebook, she was contacted by several friends offering to help by sponsoring these gift bags.

Sister Diane continued her project and, to date, she has honored 100 healthcare and essential care workers in the following organizations: Shriners Hospitals for Children, Boston; Brigham and Women’s Hospital; Roche Bros Supermarket; Brookdale Assisted Living; Partners Home Healthcare; Bethany Health Care Center in Framingham; Beth Israel Hospital; Heywood Hospital in Gardner; Fresenius Dialysis Center in Framingham; and Bright Star Care.

Each gift bag contains a thank you note of appreciation, Moisture Therapy Hand Cream and Body Lotion. These are wrapped together, tied with a bow and delivered. A BIG thank you goes out to all those who generously contributed to the effort and its success.



*Sister Diane joined our Order in 2013 and has enjoyed serving as Star Point Adah in Wistaria Chapter #138, Westwood. She is a retired educator who served 35 years teaching Kindergarten through Grade 3. Both she and her husband, Dave, are active in Masonic organizations and in raising funds for Masonic and women’s charities. Both participate as clowns in support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Sister Diane is “Daffy-Dill” (see photo)! Charitable participation is part of their lifestyle and how wonderful it is that they are part of our wonderful Order!*



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