

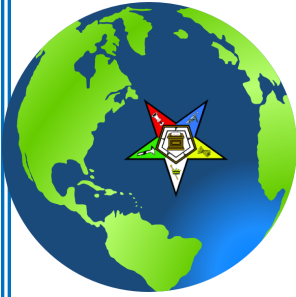
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From the Desk of the
Most Worthy Grand Matron

Marianne R. Shenefelt

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR®

My Sisters and Brothers,

The last several months haven't been Eastern Star as usual, but more a time of great stress and uncertainty complete with temporary changes to our comforting routines. It's also a moment in time when the work we do is at its most critical. We're at our best when we DO our best—supporting and encouraging each other and maintaining an OES presence in our communities. That is happening with mask making and other charitable activities that are taking place from the safety of our homes. I am grateful for your dedication and determination! I am not alone in being grateful for all you are doing. I have read emails, seen posts on social media and had phone conversations with those who have shared their heartfelt gratitude for the support and encouragement they have received from Eastern Star. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers!

I'd like to take this opportunity to talk to you about the "Circle of Friendship & Service Around the World" 50th Triennial Assembly that's coming up at the end of October, first part of November in 2021 in Salt Lake City, Utah. I know that sounds like a long time away, but it's really less than 1½ years away! I hope you will begin making plans to attend. The hotel information is in this issue of the *Journal*. I hope you will check it out! There will be banquets, a Hallowe'en Fun Night, special 50th celebrations—not to mention time to shop, time to talk, time to eat, time to laugh and probably very little time to sleep! Not that different from our Grand Chapter Sessions, right?! The Tentative Schedule and Registration info

will be available soon online at www.easternstar.org, "Triennial Assembly" tab.

I believe we must continue to practice every manner of precaution and effort to safeguard the health and lives of all of our cherished members until the pandemic is under control—a timeline that is impossible to know. For those Grand Jurisdictions whose governments have lifted or partially lifted the Covid-19 restrictions and the WGMs and their supporting Committees have indicated it is acceptable to begin re-opening, I urge each member to decide for themselves if becoming active is best for them. Please wear a face mask, maintain social distancing and wash your hands often no matter what!

There is no instruction manual for how to be at a time like we are experiencing. My list of worries, like yours I'm sure, is long—from family and friends; to the safety of you, my Sisters and Brothers; to the affect the "pause" we are encountering might have on our Order, but I am confident we can get through this together. Please continue to take care of yourselves, your loved ones and your Sisters and Brothers. Better days are ahead!

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:

As we enter into another month of the Covid-19 pandemic, our local, state, and national leaders are attempting to reopen the country and allow businesses and schools to operate, while providing information that will help flatten the curve regarding the virus and issue recommendations that will help keep us safe and well. This is a difficult job for all our leaders as they wrestle with what are often conflicting issues. I think we all understand the economic necessity to reopen businesses and schools and allow people to once again earn wages and pay their bills. And many experts tell us that children may be detrimentally harmed in the long term if they don't get back into a classroom learning environment within the relatively near future. Making these far-reaching decisions in this type of environment is a challenge, and I can only sympathize with anyone who is charged with these deliberations.

In our case of concern regarding Eastern Star, the decisions are fortunately not of such life-changing magnitude; but they do affect a way of life to which many of us have become accustomed in the past, attending meetings and events where we enjoy fellowship and camaraderie, while practicing our beautiful Ritualistic work.

But during this period of absence from our normal activities, it has been very apparent that we have not lost our sense of "caring" for one another. I have known of, and personally experienced, so many instances of our members practicing compassion and benevolence for others in many ways, including calling home-bound members, sending cards, bringing meals, offering to run errands, making and distributing masks and many more acts of kindness. And, that, my Sisters and Brothers, is very encouraging and heart-warming, and it is why I am confident that our Order will return stronger than ever when the pandemic is controlled. So, let me ask each of you to continue to care for yourself and your Sisters and Brothers, and let us all look forward to the time in the future when we can all be together again.

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 50th 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!

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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Order of the Eastern Star
Established November 1876

TO BE SHARED WITH OES MEMBERSHIP

July 27, 2020

My Sisters and Brothers,

I am disappointed, and I bet you are too, to know that for the most part the coronavirus has increased across the land. It was my hope to greet you with the exciting news of safer conditions for the return of Eastern Star closer to what we would like it to be, but the health and safety guidelines specified by the health experts and national and local governments have not been lifted (with some exceptions).

We all are more than ready to have our Star return to "normal," but the virus doesn't care! The risk to the health and lives of our members—our older members in particular because most of them are high risk—is still there. I urge you to refrain from placing our members in the difficult position of doing what is right for their health or doing what they feel obligated to do, which is to attend scheduled OES meetings, functions or activities. Please consider these circumstances could possibly endanger the well-being of all members. Every manner of precaution and effort to safeguard the health and lives of all of our cherished members is necessary until the pandemic is under control—a timeline that is impossible to know. Please wear a face mask, maintain social distancing and wash your hands often no matter what!

There is concern that Eastern Star will struggle to return when we can safely gather together once again. I do not share in this concern because I know that Eastern Star will return. I believe we will return even better and stronger than before, especially if we view this time as an opportunity to improve! I am proud of the successful efforts of keeping our members virtually connected together socially. I realize virtual connections are not like seeing each other in person and getting a warm hug, but it is the safe and right thing for us to continue to do at this time.

We're hanging in there tough and we need to remain vigilant for as long as it takes. We're not an organization that crumbles at the first sign of challenge or we would have been gone a long time ago! "What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a butterfly."
— Richard Bach.

In friendship and love,
Marianne Shenefelt
Marianne R. Shenefelt
Most Worthy Grand Matron

copy: Henry S. Martin, MWGP
Alma Bane, RWGS

For more special messages from our MWGM, please visit oesstrong.org

From the Desk of the
Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Alma Lynn Bane

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR®

The Year 2020 will long be remembered as a year of challenges, politics and pandemic. The phrase that “hindsight is 20-20” takes on a new meaning. As a recent quote sent to me stated that “if I had known that the last time I ate at a restaurant was my last time, I would have ordered desert.” Many of us are experiencing withdrawal pains due to the lack of our normal social interaction and of the ability to travel and attend events. This pandemic has made us spend more time with our family and in our homes. Many have begun new projects and some like me have finally finished projects. Maybe there is a small silver lining after all.

The staff at the International Headquarters are working every day to complete the processing of the GGC Subordinate Chapters' Annual Reports. There are many reports that are incomplete due to poor or non-existent mail service in many of the foreign locations of our GGC Subordinate Chapters. They are struggling with the challenges and setbacks of the Covid-19 virus like most of us in the United States. We have had to think outside of the box and develop new methods of communicating the reports necessary and the delivery of items such as Dues 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, we sent a set of Chapter paraphernalia from the Legacy Project inventory to a Chapter in Canada that lost everything, except Electa's Cup, in a flood that destroyed the Masonic Lodge Hall.

Many Grand Chapters have cancelled or postponed their Grand Chapter Sessions due to Covid-19 and CDC Guidelines. To communicate this to all members, the information is posted to the GGC Web page for Grand Chapter Sessions. Upon the recommendation of the MWGM and assistance of the Webmaster, the Grand Chapter Sessions link was moved to the website Home page.

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, Large Print Spiral Bound and Extra-Large Print Spiral Bound. 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).



For the 2018-2021 Triennial, this is the middle year and we have been working on the Proceedings. 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/>.

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

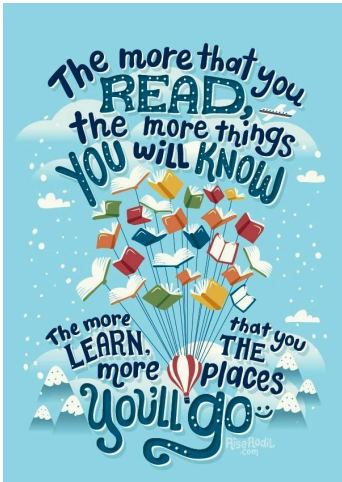
TAKE CARE, STAY WELL AND KEEP HOPE!

Fraternally,
Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary



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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



Loving quotes as I do, I searched for one that would be a “good fit” for this edition. Many of us grew up reading Dr. Seuss and this quote by him is timeless. I started thinking about the variety of books I read through my childhood (including *Gone With the Wind* in the 5th grade for a book report (whatever was I thinking!!!!) that opened my eyes and sparked my interest to continue reading and wow, what I have learned and oh the places I've travelled to! That brings me to our world of Eastern Star that you'll learn about and visit in reading the *Journal*, all from the comfort of your home.

I'm fortunate that I get a sneak peak at what's coming in the next edition and as many of our Jurisdictions have been dark since March, I am asking 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. So please 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.

Since the last edition, for Ed and I, a lot of our time has been spent on home projects, gardening, walks with “Wookiee” our Miniature Schnauzer and looking forward to when we will be able to attend Church and Star again. How we miss being social butterflies! Comcast continues to present issues and even today, another tech paid a visit to the pole outside our home trying to figure out what's going on. I continue to work with Comcast and GGC to resolve the challenges, including why it is ‘hit and miss’ on the sender receiving a receipt acknowledgment from either my personal or GGC's email. Don't you just love technology!

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 March 31, 2020.

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

—You should receive a receipt acknowledgment from either OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org or 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 mug of coffee, tea or a tall glass of sweet ice tea (mmmmm, after all it is summertime) and travel around the world of Eastern Star proving our Star continues to shine brightly during this pandemic.

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

Godspeed,
Nancy L. Ford, PGM of Maryland



Let's give a great BIG

“ROAR”
for the Eastern Star!



SAMPLE EMAIL "RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGMENT"

esjeditor@comcast.net

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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

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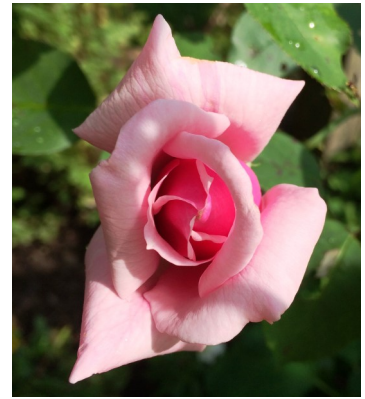
443-835-7038 (cell)

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/>

Let's show how brightly the rays of our beautiful Star continues to shine lighting the way to a better future.



*According to an American Indian Legend,
if anyone desires a wish to come true
they must first capture a butterfly
and whisper that wish to it.*

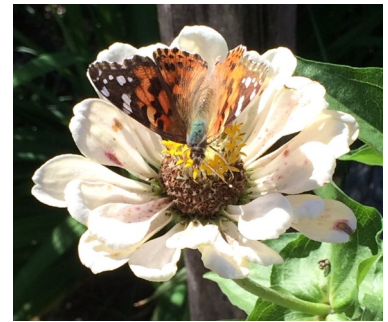
*Since a butterfly can make no sound,
the butterfly cannot reveal
the wish to anyone but the
Great Spirit who hears and sees all.*

*In gratitude for giving the beautiful butterfly its freedom,
the Great Spirit always grants the wish.*

*So, according to legend, by making a wish
and giving the butterfly its freedom,
the wish will be taken to the heavens and be granted.*

This rose's name is 'John Busky.' I have no idea what it's horticultural name is. Daddy was a policeman and John Busky was his partner. His wife gave Mommy a bouquet of roses from her garden when I was born. Mommy rooted a rose and she called it 'John Busky.' This beautiful rose bush and I every July 18 celebrate our birthdays together!

Butterflies visiting Dahlias in the Journal Editor's garden.



SUGGESTIONS

**Please send your suggestions for
future issues to**

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

Happy "snapping!"

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

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

Guidelines for the dates for submission and distribution of the **Resolutions** for the 50^h 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>March 1, 2021 * – (8 months prior to the Opening of the 50th 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>June 1, 2021 – (5 months prior to the Opening of the 50th 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>September 1, 2021 – (2 months prior to the Opening of the 50th 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:

(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 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, with the approval of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Grand Trustees. (AM 2009)

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

PARLIAMENTARY LAW ARTICLES ON THE GGC WEBSITE

*Richard Ashby, Registered Procedural Parliamentarian
GGC Parliamentarian
PGP of Alberta*



Our MWGM has very kindly instructed that a series of articles originally written to dispel some of the myths and misinformation about Parliamentary Law be made available on the GGC's Website (easternstar.org), under OES Info, then scroll down to Parliamentary Procedure. This information will present knowledge that our WM's and WP's can use to make our meetings productive, enjoyable and informative. The articles were written by myself, Richard Ashby, Registered Procedural Parliamentarian.

I have been studying Parliamentary Law for over 47 years and was the 4th to achieve that status in Canada. My brother was the 3rd! We got the exact same mark on the final test (we each got one question wrong; different questions if you were wondering). He got 3rd because his first name is closer to the beginning of the alphabet. Darn. I have helped many, many organizations with their bylaws, chaired many Annual General Meetings at the request of the President for organizations of which I was a member, just not the President. I was once appointed by court to chair an Annual General Meeting for an organization to hold their nominations and elections. A dispute was settled in court, and when asked by the Judge who they wanted to chair the "new" Annual General Meeting, both sides asked the Judge to appoint me to chair the meeting. Two hundred plus members present, 26 nominations for 18 positions. Nominations, balloting, counting of the ballots and announced the results in less than 20 minutes! Once chaired a meeting in which every single member at the meeting outranked me. Several thought to intimidate me. Didn't work. It doesn't when you know your stuff. Many more stories!! I am also the author of "Will of the Lodge," a Parliamentary Law manual specifically written for Masonic Lodges. There are a lot of myths and misinformation about Parliamentary Law. Just some of the more common myths are:

- the Chair must call for nominations three times;
- nominations need to be seconded;
- the rules are the same for all meetings;
- the absence of a quorum is okay if nobody brings it up;
- discussion first, motion later;
- seconds are really important - to the point that a motion adopted by the required vote but which lacked a second is null and void;
- a vote is needed for all reports; and
- motion is always necessary.

The answer to some of these myths is simply NO, they are not correct. Some are conditional, and some are simply misinformation. Answers and correct information on these and many other areas of interest can be found in the articles on the GGC Website, under OES Info, then scroll down to Parliamentary Procedure. Parliamentary Law can be very confusing and bewildering. A thorough familiarity with Robert's Rules is the only way that I have found the solution to some situations. Solutions in subjects that at first appear to be completely unrelated but really do make sense when carefully examined and analyzed. I'd like to note that all the information in the articles is provided in good faith as BASIC information and does not cover all situations. There are numerous nuances that have to be considered. All the suggestions and procedures in the articles are provided in good faith as general guidelines only as not all circumstances and situations can be covered in such short articles, and suggestions contained should be used in conjunction with relevant legislation, constitutions, rules, laws, bylaws and with reasonable judgement. Parliamentary Law, when properly used, will actually save time, not waste your time; will make your meetings more productive; preserves the rights of members; protects the minority, the individual, absent members, and the collective rights of all these groups. Its object is to allow deliberation and arrive at the will of the majority in a timely manner. The end result will be that a well-run meeting will be more enjoyable for yourself and others. I hope you find the articles to be of assistance.

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER FOR THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

*Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM
Burns Chapter #47, Burns
Harmony Chapter #53, Cheyenne
Wyoming*



Tradition was upheld and a special celebration for Christmas for the GGC Officers and their spouses/escorts was held at the magnificent Perry Belmont House, our Eastern Star Headquarters in Washington, DC. Plans began far in advance to ensure everyone would have a memorable and wonderful time. Meals were planned; fun activities set up like an ugly Christmas sweater evening; hanging of ornaments; a Christmas carol sing-a-long; free time to explore; gift exchange with trading of gifts; and the highlight of the event, a bus trip to New York City to see the Rockettes Christmas Show. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to Sister Holly Shenefelt for her dedication and hard work that made our Christmas Get Together the absolute best! A big thank you to the Right Worthy Grand Trustees, Brother Larry von Weigel and Sister Alma and Brother Bill Bane for their hospitality and willingness to welcome the 2018-2021 GGC Officers and spouses/escorts to the Perry Belmont House.

The fun began on Thursday, December 12, 2019, with the arrival of GGC Officers and spouses/escorts. Before the evening festivities began, the rooms of the House were filled with awe-struck Officers and guests looking at the splendor of this remarkable building and enjoying the Belmont House in all its glory. As with all good Eastern Stars, we gathered to EAT in the evening. For our meals we assembled together around the big, beautiful, antique table in the beautiful State Dining Room. We enjoyed good food, laughter and fellowship. We enjoyed an Italian buffet, had a pizza party and started each day with breakfast in this glorious room. Following dinner one evening, we had a fun gift exchange that included the game of trading gifts--you haven't seen the "true colors" of a GGC Officer until you've observed the game of trading gifts! Some of the other activities we enjoyed included singing Christmas carols and enjoying Christmas music with Brother Dennis Jordan, RWGTrustee Chairman, tickling the ivories of the famed gold piano that sits in the spectacular Ballroom of the mansion. Many of the GGC Officers and guests have lovely voices! We also hung ornaments depicting our State/Province on the beautiful Christmas tree in the foyer, spent free time exploring DC, which for some included a tour of the White House, and readying ourselves for the bus trip to New York City to see the Rockettes.

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A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER FOR THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

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The bus trip started early on Saturday morning, but everyone was aboard and ready to go! The bus driver was pleasant—the bus was a bit different than expected, but everyone was super accommodating and took things in stride. We arrived in New York City, made our way to the Radio City Music Hall and settled in for the show. It was a FABULOUS show! Those beautiful ladies can really kick high and always in unison. If you have never seen the Rockettes, you need to make plans now to see them (when it is safe to go). Following the show, we enjoyed a delicious dinner of burgers at Bill's Bar and Burgers, then boarded the bus for the long ride back to Headquarters. Sunday, December 15, was return home day for most of us.

When the Officers were asked for a word or sentence that described the experience of our Christmas Get Together, this is what they had to say: "A Grand Adventure; Joyfull!; A once in a lifetime experience; Together; Wonderful fellowship; I can't express the fun we had in New York City; Made it seem more like Christmas; There was a lot of leg showing; An awesome, once in a lifetime experience with dear friends that will be treasured forever; Good Food, Great Fellowship and Gobs of Fun; A once in a lifetime, exciting time spent with everyone; I'm still sad I couldn't be there; Heartbroken to miss it; I couldn't have spent my time with any finer people than these GGC Officers and their spouses/escorts; A really special Christmas celebration; and Incredible!"

And to all a Goodnight!



PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF DR. ROBERT MORRIS' SIGNET

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The Perry Belmont House Foundation was established for the preservation and conservation of the Perry Belmont House. The House is the GGC's International Headquarters for the Order of the Eastern Star, and contains a remarkable collection of furniture, artwork, objects and Eastern Star artifacts. It has been owned and beautifully maintained since 1935, but like any home, maintenance, preservation, conservation and rehabilitation are necessary and ongoing. The Perry Belmont House Foundation preserves and promotes the Perry Belmont House as the International Headquarters and as a significant example of Beaux Arts style architecture located in the DuPont Circle area of Washington, DC. We provide a program of public access that showcases this unique building and its collections within the context of architectural, cultural and fraternal history.



Through this program, the Grand Chapter of Illinois adopted one of our premier projects, the conservation and preservation of one of our most significant, if not unique, Eastern Star objects, the Signet owned by Dr. Robert Morris. The hand-painted animal skin on which the Signet is painted was cracking, fading and shrinking and needed to be repaired and preserved in a new airtight case.

Anne Kingery-Schwartz of Kingery Conservation, LLC of Washington, DC, was selected to undertake the project. She came highly recommended, has vast experience and is one the leading conservationists for such work. She is an objects conservator in private practice in Washington, DC, since 2011 and has worked for various Smithsonian museums, other local institutions and private clients.
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PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF DR. ROBERT MORRIS' SIGNET

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She recorded the existing conditions of the Signet before beginning conservation and provided written documentation. After carefully removing the plexi-glass covering from the case, she employed soft brushes, cosmetic sponges and a low strength vacuum to remove dust as safely as possible. Because of the warping and shrinkage of the animal skin, she carefully adhered bridges on the reverse side to stabilize it, provide a better Signet image and to hold some of the animal skin cracks together. Additionally, a new airtight case was constructed utilizing appropriate glass. The results were visually stunning and more importantly, the unique object of our Eastern Star history has been conserved and preserved for future generations.



Through this program, we hope you will adopt a project and help us to maintain this Flagship of the Eastern Star. Numerous similar projects, large and small, are featured on the Perry Belmont House Foundation website perrybelmonthouse.org.

If you are interested in supporting this project or any of the pieces, please contact Larry von Weigel, Headquarters Administrator, The Perry Belmont House. at 202-667-4737 or at lvonweigel@easternstar.org.



Closeup pictures of the beautiful Signet after restoration

GGC SERVICE DOG CRUISE

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The GGC Service Dog Cruise had 99 Eastern Star Members counting the days before gathering at Port Canaveral and then Boarding the Breakaway to set sail for the Caribbean. Our mission was to raise funds for GGC's Primary Lead Project, the Service Dogs.



Our MWGP was not able to cruise with us and we so missed him. From what I was told, he was doing well.

As Covid-19 was silently attacking many countries, we arrived at Port Canaveral. Such a big, big ship and a beautiful one as well. As we boarded, we were met with one of the employees of NCL to check our temperature. Prayers answered, we all were good and off we went to our cabins to unpack.



At 5:30 pm, we went to meet at the dining room. The VIP's we are, we were admitted to the dining room first and seated (all 99) in the same area. Seeing some familiar faces and especially our MWGM Sister Marianne started our evening off just right.

Then we were off to find entertainment, beverages, fellowship or whatever our little hearts desired. Recently I had hip surgery so I retired early every night--and prayed I would not get seasick. In the early months of the year, it is not uncommon to have a little bad weather. We did have rain and a little wind. Prayers once again were answered.



We were not able to go in the first port of the itinerary (Great Stirrup Cay) but no problem. Just one more day at sea to enjoy the pool, the spa, the dining experiences; so much offered for all to enjoy and oh yes, shopping.

On Tuesday, Sister Marianne and the GGC Service Dog Committee presented a presentation for our DOGS. The Service Dogs originally planned to be on the cruise was canceled due to the Covid-19. Our goal was to touch the hearts of all present. Sister Debi Thomas and Brother Frank Thomas from Indiana spoke to us about how much a Service Dog is needed and what they can do for you. Just, just, amazing. There went the heart strings, and we received \$4,780 from NCL!!!! Woo Hoo!!!!



The three remaining Ports of Call was Ochos Rios, Jamaica; Georgetown, Grand Cayman; and Cozumel, Mexico. Each Port offered tons of water sports, tours of the towns and swimming with the stingrays (yikes)!

By now what appeared to me, something terrible was happening all over this world. Being on a cruise we were not real sure, but our hands were always clean. No matter where you were, there was someone there telling you "Washy Washy." We did realize prayers were needed for those who were getting sick and the possibility of those who might catch the virus.



To keep our minds off the Covid-19, we had many choices to keep us occupied. A bowling alley, video, games, casinos, night time lounges, fitness center, spa, pool for adults and children, water slides, art gallery, Manhattan Room (the dining area assigned for our group) and my favorite, the Martini Bar. We all arrived safely back in Florida.

A wonderful memory and my thanks, along with all the Committee Members, to our MWGM and MWGP.



SELECTING A NAME FOR OUR SERVICE DOG



(L-R) *Minyon Shepherd, GGCCM Service Dogs General Chairman; Glenda Winchester, RWAGM; Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM; Henry Martin, MWGP; and Kaye Rackley, Ambassador to New York*

*Minyon Shepherd, GGCCM General Chairman
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Selecting a dog is not an easy job as I thought it would be. Last year, I was asked by the Director of PAALS (the organization South Carolina OES (SCOES) partnered with to support Service Dogs) to choose a name for the Service Dog we would be sponsoring. I was thrilled.

Along with the GGCCM for SC, SC Service Dog Committee Members, Grand Trustees and Grand Treasurer, we finally came up with a name. Keeping in mind this would be the first Service Dog sponsored for SCOES, choosing a name became a task for all.

Our very own Sister Glenda Winchester, RWAGM, was a thought. However, we recalled the devotion, the love and support Brother Harold Winchester, PGP, and husband of Sister Glenda has shown over the years. Great idea, we will name the dog "Winchester."

Easy enough I thought. That is until the Director of PAALS called and advised me, "Minyon, it is not a boy, it is a girl!" Back to square one.

Making a long story short, we finally came up with "Lady Winchester." Yep, that will work. Everyone loved the name including those at PAALS. "Lady" is in high school now and hopes to graduate next year. Whomever she is placed with I know will fall in love with her. We did!!

MEET LOUIE! K-9 LOUIS THAT IS!

*Pat Burt, WM
Annapolis Chapter #46
Annapolis, Maryland*

For the Triennial period of 2015-2018, one of the Special Projects of the MWGM and MWGP was "Support Our First Responders." During that time, the members of the Grand Chapter of Maryland (MD) sold First Responder coins for \$10 each with \$8 coming back to MD to be used to support First Responders. Our three WGMs for this Triennial were Sisters Nancy Ford, Diane Smith and Madge Jones. It was their task to decide what to do with the money, which in the end totaled \$4,100. While still WGM, Sister Madge heard that another jurisdiction had bought a drug detection dog for the State and decided that she wanted to try to do the same and accepted some donations. When the Tri-line WGMs gathered, Sister Madge proposed combining the donations she had collected with the Triennial funds and donating it to the State Troopers for the purchase of a dog. They all agreed this would be a worthy use for the money.

On Thursday, November 29, 2019, they presented a check for \$6,100 to the Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) Lodge #96 at Waterloo Barrack in Jessup. At the time, the intent was that the dog would be a drug detection dog, but as the Troopers search began, they finally decided that the K-9 Division needed an explosives detection dog and so, after a time, Louie was found and purchased. He went through 16 weeks of training, and every 6 weeks, he goes for 3 days of refresher training. This is the first time ever for our Order to make a donation in this charitable area, and we should all be extra proud that our donation stays in and helps the residents of MD as a Working Trooper.

Louie's handler says that while he is a year and a half old, he acts like a young boy. He finds all the puddles and splashes through them, all the while attending to his training and task. He always needs a bath.



LOUIE DELIVERS VALENTINE SURPRISES

*Rochelle A. Hargis
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Indianapolis, Indiana*

Louie, the Indiana OES Service Dog in training, delivered loads of puppy love for ICAN's 2020 Valentine deliveries.

'Surprise' best describes how the Valentine recipients felt when they came to the lobby of their business or school to receive their special box of goodies. Louie was accompanied on his deliveries by WGP Robert DeRolf, his wife Melody and Rochelle A. Hargis.

"What's going on?" exclaimed Jessica Tooley when Bob and Melody presented her with her gift. Bob explained that Louie's training is sponsored by Indiana OES. He explained that ICAN (Indiana Canine Assistance Network) works with inmates, called handlers, at the men's prison in Pendleton and the women's prison on the west side of Indianapolis, to train the puppies. Bob stated that it's a win-win situation.

When Tricia McGuire received her valentine gift sent by her husband she exclaimed "Best Valentine gift ever!!!" She then had time to spend giving and receiving lots of hugs and puppy love with Louie.

Although Bob and Melody are self-proclaimed 'cat people' Melody said that both of them have immensely enjoyed supporting this project and seeing Louie interact with the people. "Dog instinctively seems to know what each person needs" she added.



Stacy Bristol and Louie share a special moment together.



Jessica Tooley (left) thanks Louie for her gift. Also shown are Rochelle A. Hargis and Robert DeRolf, WGP.

Tricia McGuire and Louie get face-to-face for a big Valentine hug.



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Welcome to the "CODE OF THE WEST" IGRA Newsletter #2 - JULY 2020

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I should explain about the "Code of the West." This phrase embodies the attitudes and lifestyle we in the West live by: Courage, Cheerfulness, Respect and Friendship. Without these qualities, our forefathers would never have endured the rugged winters and brutal summers. I am in awe how a mother could raise triplets born in a prairie shelter, 1/2 a mile from the river and miles from the nearest town. BUT she and her husband homesteaded the land. The reward was worth the hardship. This family must have had a deep faith, prayed often and always looked forward to a better life.

Where to begin in trying to chronicle the past year. In 2019, we attended Grand Chapter Sessions in Nebraska, Manitoba, North Dakota and Texas. Many cards were sent to Sisters and Brothers dealing with medical issues and sorrow and our Sisters and Brothers in Australia who were dealing with the terrible wildfires.

So here we are now making plans for events at the upcoming Triennial Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah. Eastern Star is moving forward under the superb leadership of Sister Marianne Shenefeld, MWGM, and Brother Henry Martin, MWGP. MWGM, thank you so much for your understanding and allowing this newsletter to be included in the Eastern Star *Journal*. By allowing this saves the Association many, many dollars in printing and mailing expenses... AND we are able to reach many who would not have otherwise read our news.

It seems in the blink of an eye, the Covid-19 virus was upon us. Now we pray for the safety and concern of all our Sisters and Brothers. Under the cautious direction of our MWGM, we try to understand the danger of coming together in fellowship and friendship. This is, of course, is the best asset of being a Grand Representative.

We now have to rely on FAITH. When we pray, we ask for understanding and guidance. When we pray, we are asking for our prayers to go to family, friends and for those afflicted by the virus.

Now for IGRA news worthy information:

At the upcoming Triennial Assembly, the IGRA will be holding their luncheon on October 30, 2021. More information concerning the luncheon will be forthcoming.

---Our Chaplain, Sister Betty Duncan, would appreciate that you would inform her when your Chapter has lost a Grand Representative (please include name, title (i.e., PM), Jurisdiction and any information you would like added). She would very much like to include this Sister or Brother in the Memorial Service at the IGRA's Triennial Assembly Luncheon. Her address is 7100 Crimson Court, Gillette, WY 82718 (email: stonduncan@aol.com)

---Sister Johanna "JP" Swank will be installed as the 2021-2024 IGRA President. Sister JP is from Swansea, South Carolina, and is an appointment of Sister Glenda Winchester, RWAGM.

---At that time, Sister Molly Viele of Yuma Arizona, will assume the position of 1st Vice President. Sister Molly writes, "Hi, I'm Molly Viele, 2nd Vice President of the IGRA. I am a 52-year member of the Order. I was initiated into Daphne Chapter #139, Milwaukie, Oregon. I hold Life Membership in Guiding Star Chapter #99 in Sumner, Washington (WA), and am a member of Kingman Chapter #17, Kingman, Arizona (AZ). I am the current Grand Representative of WA in AZ. My husband Grant and I have lived in AZ for 20 years and have enjoyed every minute of the time. We recently moved to Yuma and the small community of Meadview.

---I know all our Sisters and Brothers will enjoy getting to know these Sisters during the 2021-2024 Triennial Term.

The Gift of Friendship" is the 2018-2021 President's pin. When you purchase a pin, you will receive a gift card with a poem. The proceeds from the sale of this pin will benefit the Perry Belmont House Foundation. The pin makes a lovely gift for you and also for a friend. The cost is \$6. Pin orders may be placed by sending a check made PAYABLE TO IGRA in U.S. Funds to DOTTIE WEBB, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, at the address shown above.



The Association is open to all past, present and newly appointed Grand Representatives. It is not too late to join the IGRA as we have 1½ years before we will meet at the Triennial Assembly. There are lots of benefits to being a member and we hope you will consider joining.

The following form (also found on GGC's website (easternstar.org) under Contact Us+, International Associations) can be used for purchasing the President's Pin, the IGRA Pin, IGRA Handbook and Brocade Top which identifies you as a member. For more information, please email or call me or Sister Dottie at the information shown above. To date, we have 887 members in the Association. Please help us reach the 1,000 member mark!

In closing, we have been taught the lessons of Martha. Faith gives hope. With this promise, we have Faith that the virus will be controlled or eradicated and that our beautiful Order will one day be coming together, for all of us.

Make Peace and Harmony HAPPEN IN YOUR LIFE.

Faith in Eastern Star,
Patricia Harwood, IGRA President

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AUSTRALIA

*Pamela Paterson, PWGM
Grand Representative to Quebec
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I have been asked by my counterpart to submit an article to your *Journal* and I do so with great delight.

First let me introduce myself. I am Sister Pamela Paterson and my Grand Representative counterpart is Sister Brenda Shaw-Radford, PGM of Quebec and a member of Westmount Chapter #9, Westmount. At present, I am the Secretary of my Mother Chapter, Wallsend Chapter #98. Wallsend is a suburb of Newcastle, which is a City in the State of New South Wales, Australia.

My association with our beautiful Order commenced in 1971, when at the age of 20 I was initiated into Wallsend Chapter. At that time my Mother, Grandmother, two Aunties and one Great Aunt were all members of the same Chapter. In later years, my husband Alan along with my Father and Uncle also became members of Wallsend Chapter. At present, I am also the Associate Matron in my second Chapter, Mayfield Chapter #53, also located in Newcastle. I have served as WM many times, Worthy District Grand Matron 1999-2000 and WGM of New South Wales & the Australian Capital Territory (NWS & ACT) in 2008-2009. All things going as planned, my husband Alan will be installed as the MWGP in 2025 at our Sessions to be held in the State of Tasmania and you are all invited to come.

Like all Chapters at the moment we are in lockdown. Fortunately, our Grand Chapter Installation took place in March just before all the lockdown rules changed. Unfortunately, the Grand Chapter of Queensland and the Grand Chapter of Victoria are yet to have their Annual Installations. Those Chapters who have members on social media are meeting through Facebook and Zoom. Those whose members are not on social media are using the old-fashioned telephone system. We are all finding things very different at the moment, but we are staying safe and doing as we are told.



Our Grand Chapter of NSW & ACT is divided into three District Grand Committees: Illawarra DG Committee has five Subordinate Chapters; Parramatta DG Committee has four Subordinate Chapters; and Sydney DG Committee has four Subordinate Chapters. We also have four Subordinate Chapters with no District and they are directly under the Grand Chapter. It was at our Sessions of the United Grand Chapter of Australia held in

Melbourne in 2015 that the vote was taken to close all District Grand Chapters and make them Committees instead. In Australia, all our ladies wear white. Many of our Chapters have welcomed new members and we are all striving to continue the climb and increase our numbers.

Lockdown has been very difficult for many people. Our restrictions have changed during the last couple of weeks. We celebrated Mother's Day on May 3 and we were able to have two adult visitors during that week and children were not counted.

As of Friday, May 14, we can have a total of five people visit a household and children are counted in this number. Ten people can meet outside but keep the 1.5m distance. Hotels, restaurants and cafes can have 10 patrons only again keeping their distance. National parks, playgrounds and swimming pools are all open with some restrictions and our schools are slowly re-opening. Fingers crossed that this is not too soon.

I send greetings to all your members and readers and wish for everyone good health and please stay inside and safe during this time.



*There's a wonderful wealth of beauty
In a Rainbow in the sky
A depth of meaning in its colours
A symbol of God's Promise to you and I,
There's a wonderful wealth of love you'll find,
As you journey to the Rainbow's end,
Not in Gold, or Jewels,
Position or fame,
But in the sincerity of loyal Friends.*

A verse from my Rainbow days



HOME OF THE STARS

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The City of Barretos is recognized worldwide for being the reference of cancer treatment at the "Cancer Hospital - Pio XII Foundation," better known as "Hospital of Love." This hospital is a specialized center in preventing, researching and treating most of the different types of cancer. The Center has high technology and provides a free of charge service through the Brazilian Unified Health System. It receives more than 1,200 patients a day, coming from different parts of the country.



To offer support and accommodation primarily to members and family members from the Order of the Eastern Star who are undergoing cancer treatment, the "Home of The Stars" project was born in 2013. Recently it became a Foundation for better management.

The "Home of the Stars" started up in March 2019 at a location close to the Hospital of Love. It has 11 furnished and ready-to-stay apartments and 3 others are nearing completion. The goal is to have 24 apartments in the near future. Besides the apartments, the Home offers the patients other amenities, such as a kitchen, dining room, recreation area and garden, providing a feeling of comfort and well-being in such a delicate moment.



The Home of the Stars Foundation has as its sponsor the Grand Chapter of Sao Paulo, Order of Eastern Star. In order to maintain and finish its works, the place needs all sorts of donations and any amount can be deposited into the Foundation's bank account.

Home of the Stars is a dream come true! It was achieved through many hands and it overflows with dedication, detachment and love.

Be a voluntary donor!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LIMA, PERU?

*Flor de María Salazar Sanchez, GGC Deputy to Peru
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MAMA OCLLO CHAPTER #1 HOLDS CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The members of Mama Ocllo Chapter #1, Lima, Peru, held a Christmas Party on December 16, 2019, for families and children living in Gozen City, a very poor district in the south of Lima.

The Charity Commission and members attending were: (L-R) Margarita Torres, Adah; Nelly Mori, Associate Matron; Victoria Zapata, Secretary; Dante Reynoso, Treasurer; Luis Barrera, WP; Dunia Cespedes, WM; Angelica Gonzales, Esther; and Flor de Maria Salazar Sanchez, Martha and GGC Deputy to Peru.



INSTALLATION OF 2020 OFFICERS



(L-R) Angelica Gonzales, Esther; and Flor de Maria Salazar Sanchez, Martha and GGC Deputy to Peru

OFFICIAL VISITATION 2019 TO THE PHILIPPINES JURISDICTION

*Maria Theresa Fajardo, PM
Chairman of GGC's Official Visitation 2019
Philippines Jurisdiction*



Indeed the hour finally arrived after months of preparation for GGC's Official Visitation 2019 by Mayon Chapter #1, Philippines Jurisdiction. So excited and eager was I to meet our beloved Sister Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM, whom I only communicated with through email the past few months; Brother Henry Martin, MWGP; and their party.

GGC's Official Visitation held on February 20-22, 2019, hosted by Mayon Chapter #1, Philippines Jurisdiction, was indeed a resounding success!

The 3-day event was well attended by close to 180 delegates from all over the Philippines composed by 20 Chapters; namely Mayon Chapter #1, Sampaguita Chapter #3, Teodora Alonzo Chapter #4, Rebecca Parrish Chapter #5, 13 Martyrs of Cavite Chapter #6, Kalaw Chapter #9, Morning Star Chapter #10, Maria Cristina Chapter #13, Cadena De Amor Chapter #16, Mt. Apo Chapter #17, Bukang Liwayway Chapter #19, Pagadian Chapter #20, Catleya Chapter #21, Ma Makiling Chapter #23, Balanghai Chapter #28, Mt Banahaw Chapter #29, La Immaculada Chapter #33, Golden Jewel Chapter #34, Strawberry Fields Chapter #35 and a visiting WM, Sister Grace Capuno of Nellie Custis Chapter #169, Springfield, Virginia.

Gracing the event were no less than: Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM, PGM Wyoming; Holly Shenefelt, member of Wyoming and daughter of the MWGM; Henry Martin, MWGP, PGP Texas; Opal Martin, PM, and wife of the MWGP; Marian Edwards, GGC Ambassador to Guam, PGM Colorado; Richard Rogers; Robert Hudlow, GGC Committee Member, Chairman of the International Headquarters Committee, PGP Illinois; and Shilora Hudlow, PM Nevada, and wife of Robert Hudlow.

We were truly and deeply honored by their presence. A warm welcome banner and leis of everlasting flowers from Baguio City, Deputies Fe Suaco and Corazon Tandoc and Maria Theresa Fajardo, PM and Chairman of the GGC's Official Visitation 2019, greeted our MWGM, Sister Marianne Shenefelt; MWGP, Brother Henry Martin; and their party. Each received a lei and Welcome kits which composed of their official ID and planners with a complete schedule of the 3-day event.

Officers and guests escorted them to The Heritage Hotel where members of the Host Chapter, Mayon Chapter, were eagerly awaiting their arrival.

Photos above were taken at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport and at the Heritage Hotel with other members of the host Chapter, along with Deputies Fe Suaco and Corazon Tandoc, present.

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OFFICIAL VISITATION 2019 TO THE PHILIPPINES JURISDICTION

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Day 1 began with courtesy calls arranged with our Sovereign Grand Commander George L. So of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Supreme Council at the Scottish Rite Temple, followed by a visit with the Grand Master MW Ramon S. Momo at the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

Lunch was served at the Century Seafood Restaurant followed by the Examination of Books at The Heritage Hotel.



We had a sumptuous buffet dinner at Barbara's Heritage Restaurant followed by a cultural dinner show featuring different Filipino dances. Some of our guests were invited to try and dance the "Tinikling."



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OFFICIAL VISITATION 2019 TO THE PHILIPPINES JURISDICTION

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Day 2 was the highlight of the activities. T'was a full day of Exemplifications, Open Forum, photo ops and fellowship to the theme "We are One!" Indeed we were all one despite our differences, religion, nationality, political preferences, color, dialect and language...We are One Order of the Eastern Star! We shared our talents, treasures and time through various performances of dances and songs, and we had so much fun knowing each other through the block out game and line dancing. It was indeed a very memorable, meaningful and fun-filled day.



OFFICIAL VISITATION 2019 TO THE PHILIPPINES JURISDICTION

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Day 3 included a tour of the Malacanang Park Museum, shopping at Greenhills and dinner at the Choi Garden Restaurant.

We learned so much and we treasure the new friendships that we have discovered. We shall continue to nurture our Sisterhood and Brotherhood through the Order of the Eastern Star!

Good luck and until we meet again, farewell!

Florida Hosts Multi-State Conference



Multi – State: Tons of fun, fun, fun...

by Kathy Barlow—Stargazer Reporter

The weekend of July 12-13, Florida hosted the Multi State Get Together! What a fun weekend especially for a first timer!!

Even though we had Tropical Storm Barry churning out in the Gulf-everyone still managed to have a great time!! And we had OVER 250 Sisters and Bothers "invade" FSU in Tallahassee.

Friday evening "Never Grow Up" Banquet ...come as your favorite Disney Character. .. Oh my did they ever show up.

Sister Charlene Williams PGM and Brother Joe Earnhardt PGP was our Mistress and Master of Ceremony for the evening. The tables were all decorated with a different Disney Movie theme. A WONDERFUL job from the decorating committee. Compliments were abundant thru out the evening.

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Courtesy of the Star-Gazer of Florida Fall 2019 Edition

FLORIDA HOSTS MULTI-STATE CONFERENCE

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But I also need to make mentioned that we had Sister Helen R. Cox PMWGM & PGM of GA with us and she informed us that she is the Oldest living PMWGM that we have at 90 yrs young. And quick witted as well.

(Photos courtesy of Pat Cooper) & Kathy Barlow)

(Multi State Helen R Cox Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Grand Matron of Georgia)

(PGM Sharon Strosnider and PGP Billy Williams)



On Saturday a "Under the Sea" Luncheon was held with an assortment of shells and sand on the tables. With Sister Sharon Strosnider PGM and Brother Billy Williams PGP as the Mistress and Master of Ceremonies.

Grand Worthy Advisor Brooklyn Johnson joined us and gave a talk on Rainbow for Girls.



The "Be Our Guest" Banquet on Saturday evening was elegantly decorated.



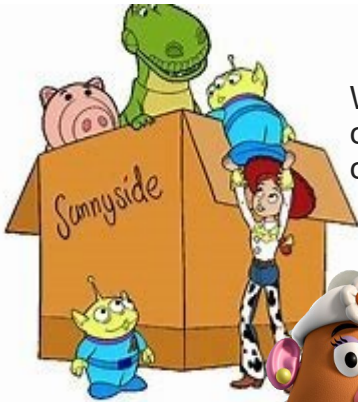
(Margaret Nathurst PGM & Carl Hargrove PGP & GGCCM)

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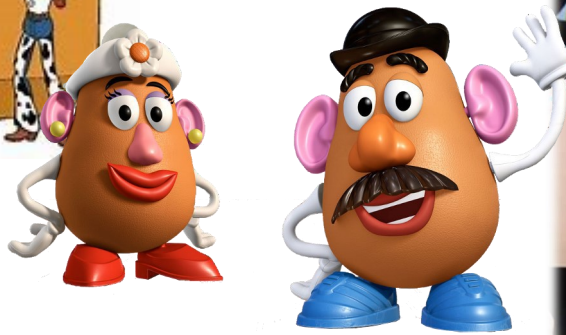
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We had ALL sorts of characters, with Our Grand Family being "Toy Story" characters. Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head acted as our WGP and WGM. A lot of characters were well represented as well as 7 Grand Jurisdictions.



The WGM & WGP from these areas entertained us with a few games... They had to open candy kisses using ONLY their hands while wearing oven mitts.... though a few said it was difficult, Florida prevailed and came out the winner... then they played bed sheet ping pong-if you never heard of it-no worries- some of us hadn't either. But it was fun to watch!!



Then to see these distinguished guests attempt to learn a dance now that was fun!!!!



The theme of "Never Grow Up" was followed well!!!

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Even had a Beautiful backdrop for pictures to be taken-that was used by everyone. Whether taking a picture themselves or by Sister Pat Cooper...this area was a hit!!!!!!!

A wonderful dinner was enjoyed by everyone...and then we had the attendance award given....although Florida couldn't participate - we had 141 Sisters and Brothers in attendance. Georgia won the award this time with 43 in attendance.



We were also entertained by Ms. Jessica Vickers. A wonderful guitarist and singer and a Shrine Patient Ambassador.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the following for their Hard Work and Dedication to not only making this a Very successful event But to Our Beautiful Order as well. PGM's Sylvia Morrow, Floye Hyslop, Grand Sentinel Bill Kranz, and Mary Alice Main.

To our exceptional Decorating Committee: Friday Evening- Shannon Mason and Terri Green;

Saturday Evening-Grand Secretary Brenda Hendricks and Sylvia Walsingham.

**The next Multi State will be in Missouri
July 10-11, 2020.**



**MWGM AND MWGP ATTEND NOVA SCOTIA &
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND JULY 2019 SESSION**



MWGM and Sister Jane Wooldridge, NS/PEI
GGCCM, Service Dogs



MWGP and Sister Opal

ARKANSAS DIAMONDS



Sister Sherri Hodges, WGM, and
Brother Daniel "DC" Dodd, WGP and the
2020 Grand Officers

Patricia Robbins, PM
Cabot Chapter #508
Cabot, Arkansas



Star Point Officers in the fabulous shirt
aprons made by the WGM



Sister Jodie Jennings, AR
Chairman, is selling everything
Service Dog...from socks,
scarves, pop sockets, Dog Bone
key fobs and of course jewelry!
supporting Service Dogs in AR.
All profits from embroidered items
are donated back to the Service
Dog Project.



University City Chapter #495, Fayetteville,
had a wonderful evening on March 3,
2020, starting with a Chapter fundraiser,
baked potato bar and auction for the
WGM's Service Dog Project. We were
blessed to have Grand Officers come and
help us initiate three candidates (Shawnda
Raso, Lee Campbell and Kerry Campbell).
Another petition was read. Thanks to all
who joined us for this exciting evening.
Sister Sharon Luttrell, WM

CAN-AM WEEKEND 2020

*Corley Anne Byras, GGCCM Credentials, PGM
Electa Chapter #2
Bowdoinham, Maine*



Chairman Richard Farnsworth

Beneath the Pines of Maine was the theme of the CAN-AM 2020 weekend held at the Samoset Resort on the Ocean in Rockport, Maine (ME), February 28-March 1, 2020. Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, PGP (Grand Organist of ME) was the Chairman for this event. There were almost 400 members and guests in attendance. The Jurisdictions invited were Connecticut (CT), ME, Massachusetts (MA), New Brunswick (NB), New Hampshire (NH), Nova Scotia and PEI, Ontario (ON), Quebec, Rhode Island (RI) and Vermont (VT). Members from Arizona, Georgia, Kentucky, New York and Ohio were also in attendance.

Friday afternoon commenced with Registration from 3-6 pm with a 5 pm Social Hour followed with a delightful The Way Life Should Be buffet dinner. The entertainment was light that evening with L.L. Bean gift cards being awarded to the winners of Bingo that was on unusual facts of ME. The favors at the table were a small counted cross stitch outline of ME attached to a magnet for all to place on their refrigerator to recall a fantastic Beneath the Pines of ME weekend.

Saturday morning the host Chapter, Rumery Chapter #46 which meets in Addison, opened in Ritualistic form and Introductions of Distinguished Guests were made and then the meeting recessed for the 20/20 Star Vision Luncheon. Saturday afternoon Rumery Chapter reconvened, and a Multi-Jurisdictional Degree Team performed the Degrees. Grand Officers of the various Jurisdictions served their Grand Chapter Offices as respective Chapter Officers: Sister Brenda Hall, WGM of ME; Brother Ronald Keith Bateman, WGP of NB; Evelyn L. Bogue, AGM of MA; Brother Darrell Munn, AGP of NB; Sister Karen E. Grabau, Grand Secretary of MA; Brother Gary Bayes, PGP and Grand Treasurer of ON; Sister Jane Zimmerman, Grand Conductress of ON; Sister Karen D. Tuttle, Associate Grand Conductress of NH; Brother Dennis A. Tuttle, Jr., Grand Chaplain of New Hampshire; Brother Jon R. Thompson, Jr., Grand Marshal of ME; Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, PGP and Grand Organist of ME; Sister Kathy Lackey, Grand Adah of ON; Sister Toni J. Freeman, Grand Ruth of NH; Sister Donna L. Cahill, Grand Esther of MA; Sister Janice Flowers, Grand Martha of ME; Sister Amy Herschel, Grand Electa of VT; Sister Debra C. Sherpey, Grand Warder of RI; and Brother Matthew J. Graves, Grand Sentinel of VT. While the candidates were being prepared for the Initiation, "Imagine" by John Lennon was sung by the following members: Sisters Ruth P. Holden, PM; Rebecca G. Thompson, DDGM #11; Martha Ellis, DDGM #6; and Brother John H. Combs, PGP.

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Our friends visiting from Ontario



CAN-AM WEEKEND 2020

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Saturday evening the Beneath the Pines of ME formal dinner was held. In the center of each round table was a glass lily bowl with floating candles, surrounded by a wreath of pine, pinecones and winter berries. Each member received a special glass to take home as a remembrance keepsake. The entertainment for the evening was Tim Sample who has been widely acknowledged as New England's premier native humorist. He is famous both for his presentation and his ME accent. Two raffles were held with the 50/50 recipient Brother Robert Weidner, PGP and WGP of Quebec, receiving \$400 and the Service Dogs receiving the other \$400. The pieced quilt that Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, had made earned almost \$600 for the Perry Belmont House. It was awarded to Sister Eleanor Carbonaro of CT.

Sunday morning a So Long, Farewell breakfast was held and then the members departed to travel back to their home Jurisdictions knowing they were being invited to meet in VT who will be the host Jurisdiction for CAM-AM 2021 the last weekend of January.



Bingo anyone?



Yummy Yummy!

Join us in Vermont for CAN-AM 2021



CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

*Gee Gee Plyer, GGCCM Eastern Star Journal
PGM, Grand Secretary*

On Friday, December 13, 2019, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania Order of the Eastern Star, at the invitation of Centennial Commandery No. 55, participated in the Christmas Observance held at the Masonic Temple in Coatesville, PA.

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Orpha G. Kemmler, read the Old and New Testament scriptures of Isaiah 21:1-5 and Luke 2:1-14 during the formal part of the evening. The invitation to attend this celebration was extended to all members of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Social Order of the Beauceant, the Order of the Amaranth, all Sir Knights of any Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America and of any Commandery under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Commandery (Prince Hall Affiliation), as well as any Brother of the Fraternity or Prince Hall Lodge. The formal program was followed by a covered dish dinner. A wonderful evening of worship and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.



*Courtesy of PA OES Magazine "PA
Eastern Star Happenings" Spring 2020*

BRACELETS AND MORE PROJECT FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER

*Petey Sorteno de Ramirez, PGM, WM
Juanita Chapter #1
San Jan, Puerto Rico*

During our Stated Meeting of May 2019, the members of Juanita Chapter #1, San Juan, Puerto Rico (PR), came together for a community project.

The Sisters gathered to make OES Bracelets and More to raise funds to provide comfort and joy to children with pediatric cancer. What fun we had learning to make bracelets and other jewelry! The Brothers helped us sell our beautiful creations at the PR's Annual Grand Chapter Session, Official Visits and mail orders to members residing on mainland USA. We shopped for toys and gifts for the children: blankets, socks, baby bottles, drawing pads, colored pencils, story books, crossword and Sudoku magazines, table games, craft kits and other toys.



*Bracelets and More
by Juanita Chapter #1*



Members from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, PR Subordinate Chapters and Juanita Chapter donated items for the children: crochet blankets and beanies, healthy snacks, coloring books, crayons, non-toxic clay, games and lots of toys. We were also blessed with money donations. Before visiting the children, we held a special meeting to prepare the gift bags.

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Julia Matos, PM

(L-R) Dodie Wise, PM; Lucy Narváez; Godofredo Ramírez, PGP; and Sonya Lepastat, PM



Salvador Matos, WP



BRACELETS AND MORE PROJECT FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER

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As a result of the numerous member donations and the delightful and surprising success of Bracelets & More Sales, the Chapter exceeded the established "fundraising" goal. Therefore, we were able to visit the San Jorge Women's and Children's Hospital in San Juan on two occasions. By reason of the children's medical condition, the hospital allowed a minimum number of visitors.

First Visit (Photos of children with parental consent)



(L-R) Godofredo Ramirez, PGP; Petey Sorteno, PGM, WM ; mother and daughter; Wanda Ramirez, AGM; and Willie Santiago, PP

Our first visit to the children of the Pediatric Cancer ward was on Dec. 12, 2019, just before Christmas. The children, parents or caregivers were delighted by our joyful Christmas music and carols, gifts, snacks, wishes for a Merry Christmas, prayers for a full recovery and a New Year filled with happiness and good health. The children laughed, loved the music and joined us by singing and dancing in their beds.

Second Visit (Photos of children with parental consent)



The second visit to the Pediatric Wards was on February 6, 2020, just before Valentine's Day. We were graciously greeted and escorted to each room by Mariana Campos, San Jorge Hospital Public Relations Officer. Ms. Campos thanked us for visiting and giving of our time to the children. On that day, we were able to visit three pediatric wards: Cancer; ICU; and General Pediatrics. The children greeted us with smiles that turned to "oohs and aahs" when they opened their gifts and they wanted their picture taken.

Our visits to the children were extraordinary, memorable and rewarding experiences. The parents thanked us time and again and expressed their gratitude for visiting their children, especially so close to special holidays and occasions. The smiling faces of the children spoke louder than words and warmed our hearts. By giving to the children, our Chapter received far more in blessings and joy.



(L-R) Mariana Campos; Petey Sorteno, PGM WM; Sonia Santana de Ayala, WGM; and Godofredo Ramirez, PGP

MISSISSIPPI GRAND LODGE EVENT 2020

*Robin Nivens, PM
Armory Chapter #41
Armory, Mississippi*

Brother Harold Norton, PP, Corinth Chapter #27, Corinth, was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi (MS), F&AM on Marth 14, 2020. Sister Louise Putt, PGM, had the honor of placing his Jewel around his neck.

One of the many highlights of that Grand Lodge Session included the presence of the Bible on which our First President, George Washington, took his oath.



OES members with President Washington's Bible

Sister Dottie Norton, First Lady of Master Masons in MS, received her commission as Grand Representative of Oklahoma at a Grand Lodge Luncheon.



Sister Dottie and Brother Harold devote much of their time and love to our Order. They are dedicated and loving members of their Chapters and the Grand Chapter.

LINDA YALE TURNS 107 AND CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

*Ann Lysholm, PGM
Langley Chapter #50
Langley, British Columbia*



Linda Yale turns 107 years young!

Sister Linda Yale was initiated into Richmond Chapter #73 on January 8, 1970. The WM at the time was Sister Jocelyn Boyd and the WP was Brother William Dibben. Richmond Chapter consolidated with Langley Chapter #50, Langley, British Columbia, in March 2019.

Sister Linda never went through the chairs or held an office. She was head of the Cancer Dressing Station for 15 years. She was always ready to substitute as an Officer and if not being a substitute, would welcome all at the door before the meeting.

Sister Linda is an inspiration to all. Many when they join later in life say they will never be a 50-Year member. Sister Linda is here to prove you wrong. She joined when she was 57 and I am sure she didn't think she would be a 50-Year member. I think we should all take a page out of her book and prove, "In life you can do things if you really want to."

At 102, she fell headfirst down a flight of stairs and broke her hip. Many months later, she was so ready to come back to Star when she healed.

She was a quilter, still plays cards twice a week and goes on long walks with her walker.

She celebrated her 107th birthday on December 28, 2019!!!! and received her 50-Year pin on January 8, 2020.

I pick her up each month to take her to our meetings and she is so pleased to go and get together with the other members.

Congratulations Sister Linda! We are so proud of you.



Ann Lysholm, PGM, presenting Linda Yale with her 50-Year pin and Certificate

Members of the former Richmond Chapter (L-R) Pat Cassidy, PM; Karen Yoshioka, PM; Pat Haywood, PM; Linda Yale; Ann Lysholm, PGM; Daphne Keith, PM; and Jan Illott, PM



75-YEAR MEMBER PRESIDES AT SPECIAL CHAPTER MEETING

*Jean Stephens, PM
Pisgah Chapter #198
Brevard, North Carolina*



Two days after reaching 75 years of membership in Eastern Star on January 23, 2020, Sister Carolyn Winchester, PGM, assumed her station as WM of Pisgah Chapter #198 in Brevard, North Carolina (NC). It was a special meeting to host the Official Visit of Sister Louise Taylor, WGM, who was accompanied by Brother Mike Underwood, WGP. Over 110 people had traveled to Brevard for the meeting and to help Sister Carolyn celebrate this momentous occasion.

The celebration began with a dinner of roast beef with all the trimmings on tables decorated with fall flowers and vintage John Deere and Tru-Scale farm toys. Mayor Jimmy Harris presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sister Carolyn and a key to the City of Brevard to Sister Louise.

Sister Carolyn presided over the meeting with her usual excellence and grace, welcoming 5 PGMs, 5 PGP's, 14 members of the Taylor-Dillion Grand Family, 5 Grand

Representatives and many other enthusiastic well-wishers.

Sister Louise read a letter from Sister Glenda Winchester, RWAGM, written to Sister Carolyn for this special occasion, and discussed the dedication and commitment required to reach this milestone – especially leaving such a great legacy.

Sister Beverly Trotman, PGM, and Sister Carolyn's daughter, Alyse Hollingsworth, were escorted to the East for the presentation of the 75-Year veteran's medal which was pinned by Sister Beverly. In her response, Sister Carolyn said, "If getting older is better, I must be approaching magnificence."

The Grand Family's favor for all attendees was a large diamond ring on a key chain, representing Sister Carolyn's diamond jubilee event.

Sister Carolyn has fond memories of Masonry and Eastern Star. Her dad was an active Mason and her mother and maternal grandmother were very active in Hialeah Chapter #53 in the Miami, Florida, area. When Sister Carolyn turned 18, instead of the key to a car that she was hoping to receive, she received an application to join Eastern Star – complete with the necessary fees and her dad's Masonic dues card.

After graduating from college and marrying a young man from Brevard, Sister Carolyn moved to NC, affiliated with Pisgah Chapter, and began the life of wife, mother and high-school teacher. In 1956, when she began her journey to Pisgah Chapter's East, she had two little boys. She gave birth to her third son while she was Associate Matron, and in August after leaving the East, along came twin girls – a record no one else wants to match.

Sister Mildred Fisher, a member of Esther Chapter #12 in Asheville, was WGM during Sister Carolyn's first term as WM and wanted to recommend her as District Deputy Grand Matron (DDGM), but with five children to raise, Sister Carolyn regretfully declined. She continued to be active in her Chapter (this 2019-2020 term is her fifth time as WM) and attend Official Visits in the area; she told herself to just enjoy what she could do and not regret what she couldn't do.

Those twin girls didn't stay toddlers long. By 1975, they were in high school, and Sister Carolyn was able to accept the position of DDGM of the then 20th District which contained 18 Chapters.

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75-YEAR MEMBER PRESIDES AT SPECIAL CHAPTER MEETING

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She later served as Grand Representative of Arizona. After continued support from Sister Mildred Fisher, PGM, and lots of encouragement from Sister Mae Williams, PGM, and Brother J.B. Solesbee, PGP, Sister Carolyn allowed her name to be placed in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress and was installed as WGM in 1983. But wait, those twins were not done yet. One set a wedding date in April 1983, just before Sister Carolyn was to be installed as WGM, and the other one chose to be married in May 1984, during the height of Sister Carolyn's preparations for the Grand Chapter Session, "Our Majestic Mountains," held in Asheville.

During that 1983-1984 Grand Chapter year, Sister Carolyn's leadership and inspiration led to the creation of the NC Eastern Star Foundation providing financial assistance to residents at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

Eastern Star hasn't been the only thing occupying Sister Carolyn's time during the past 75 years. While she was on leave from her job as a beloved high-school Spanish teacher to be a stay-at-home mom, her Church asked her to begin a kindergarten class (her Certification was K through 12). She taught for two years, and when kindergarten was added to public schools, the school began providing services for younger children. The school is the longest running (62 years in March) Preschool in the county. Sister Carolyn has served on the Preschool Committee continually since its establishment, and there is a scholarship named for her to provide assistance for children whose parents cannot afford the tuition. She served her church as Moderator of Presbyterian Women, Chairman of Mission Outreach and as Elder three times.

During her retirement, she was elected to the Transylvania County Board of Education and served on the County Jury Commission.

The members of Pisgah Chapter are very proud of Sister Carolyn and echo Sister Mildred Fisher's, PGM, assessment of her as "One of God's Precious Jewels."



Evening's favor was a diamond ring key chain in honor of Sister Carolyn's diamond jubilee.



Sister Carolyn with the 2019-2021 Grand Family



*PGMs and PGPs in attendance
(L-R) Helen Lentz 2017-18; Janet Dorsett 2011-12; Ann McGlaughlan 2003-04; Carolyn Ferguson 1997-98; Beverly Trotman 1993-94; Carolyn Winchester 1983-84; Virgil Torrence 2000-01; Robert McGlaughlan 1993-94; Lavaun Taylor 2002-03; Rex Evans 2015-16; and Robert Miller 1987-88*



Mayor Jimmy Harris presenting the key to the City of Brevard to Louise Taylor, WGM

MARSHAL LIVINGSTON CHAPTER #206 HONORS
75- AND 50-YEAR MEMERS

Carolyn Burchfield, PM
Marshal Livingston Chapter #206
Livingston, Tennessee



SISTER ELIZABETH QUALLS
CELEBRATES TWO MILESTONES

On December 9, 2019, Sister Elizabeth Qualls, PM, was awarded her 75-Year pin by Sister Linda Edens, Grand Conductress.

Sister Elizabeth was initiated into Livingston Chapter #206, Livingston, Tennessee, on April 29, 1944. She served the Chapter as WM in 1985.



Sister Elizabeth celebrated her 100th birthday on February 10, 2020.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Sister Mayme Swallows was awarded her 50-Year pin by Sister Linda Edens, Grand Conductress, on December 9th, 2019.

Sister Mayme was initiated into Livingston Chapter #206 on April 22, 1969.



CELEBRATING OUR 50- AND 60-YEAR MEMBERS

*Sandra Ewart, PGM, Secretary
Maple Leaf Chapter #2
Stanbridge East, Quebec*

Maple Leaf Chapter #2, Stanbridge East, Quebec, recently celebrated milestones for two of our members.



On February 10, 2020, Brother Raymond Wescott, PP, received his 50-Year service pin at our February meeting. He was initiated into the Order on January 28, 1970. He served as WP with Sister Norma Rhicard, PM, in 2009 for the 100th Birthday of the Chapter.

Raymond Wescott, PP; Donna Jenne, WM; and Gordon Young, PGP



*Donna Jenne, WM; Robert Farnam, PP; Charlotte Wescott, PM;
Pierre-Denis Léger, WP; and Robert Weidner, WGP*

Sister Charlotte Wescott, PM, received her 60-Year service pin at our March 3, 2020, meeting. She was initiated into our Chapter on March 23, 1960. Sister Charlotte served as WM with Brother Robert Farnam, PP, in 1965. She also served as Secretary for several years and Organist until retiring from this Station in 2016.

CELEBRATING 50-YEAR MILESTONES IN WEST VIRGINIA

*Sue Leeper, PM
Morgantown Chapter #35, Morgantown
Naomi Chapter #12, Grafton
West Virginia*

At the recent Grand Visitation in Morgantown Chapter #35, Morgantown, West Virginia, Sister Sylvia Dial received her 50-Year pin from Sister Linda J. Fowler, WGM, and Brother Steven Chapman, WGP.

In the picture are Sisters Linda Fowler, WGM; Nikkie Hoffman, WM; Diane Moss, Secretary; Sylvia Dial; and Brothers Ed Moss, WP; and Steve Chapman, WGP.



We need to congratulate two special people, Sister Dawn and Brother Tom Fox, as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary this past summer. Sister Dawn and Brother Dawn said, "I do." on August 22, 1969.

Sister Dawn is a PGM and is the Worthy Grand Advisor of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in West Virginia. Brother Tom has served as WP of Grantsville Chapter #73, Grantsville, over 20 times and also chaired several Grand Chapter Committees.

They are the proud parents of three sons and three daughters-in-laws (Russ and Alicia Fox; Matt Fox and Jutima Simsirawond; and Jay Fox and Jessica Pressman; plus several wonderful grandchildren.

Several OES members and Sister Dawn's group of Bird Watchers attended the celebration.

The food was delicious and was prepared and cooked by their sons.



John Fichner used a chainsaw and made a carving out of a tree trunk for Sister Dawn.

“PEARLS, THE GEM OF THE SEA” CARNIVAL

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

The carnival season is in full swing down on the Mississippi (MS) Gulf Coast. On February 15, 2020, several members of Long Beach Chapter #51, Long Beach, MS, attended the Krewe of Venus 30th Anniversary Ball. Venus celebrated “Pearls, the Gem of the Sea.” Long Beach Chapter members, Sisters Ida Rebecca Ross Antie and Suzanne Stafford, PM, are also Venus members. Sister Suzanne was this year’s Co-Ball Captain for the Krewe. Sister Pam Taylor, PM; Brother Tommie Taylor, PP; and Sister Ellen Lindsey, PM, were guests for the evening and enjoyed the formal tableaux which was followed by a breakfast buffet and dancing to Centre Stage Band. Johnny Wolfe, Past Potentate of Joppa Shrine, also attended with his wife Kelly.



*(L to R): Pam Taylor, PM;
Tommie Taylor, PP; Suzanne
Stafford, PM; and Ellen
Lindsey, PM*



*(L to R): Johnny Wolfe,
Past Potentate of Joppa
Shrine, and wife Kelly*



*(L to R): Krewe of Venus 29th Court
Maid Barbara Homan, Maid Cindy Wilson, Queen
XXIX Sharon Sasso, Maid Suzanne Stafford and
Maid Darlene Owen (not pictured Maid Mary Smith)*



*(L to R): Cousins at the Krewe of
Venus Ball 30th Anniversary
Maid Marsha Johnson Cluff; Johnny
Wolfe, Past Potentate of Joppa
Shrine; Rebecca Ross Antie; and Joe
Wolfe*



*(L to R): Pam Taylor, PM; Suzanne
Stafford, PM; and Ellen Lindsey, PM*

“CHRISTMAS IN CAMP”

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



*(L to R): Michael and Minley Brumley; Lynette McVey, PM; Larry McVey, WGP; Sandra McKelvey, WM; Yola Stevens; and Donna Hall, PM
(Front Row): Kitsaa Stevens, PM*

On December 21, 2019, members of Long Beach Chapter #51, Long Beach, Mississippi, attended Christmas in Camp hosted by Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library. Long Beach Chapter members attending were Sisters Lynette McVey, Grand Esther; Sandra McKelvey, WM; Kitsaa Stevens, PM; Yola Stevens; and Brother Larry McVey, WGP. Sisters Donna Hall, WM, Perkinston Chapter #376, Perkinston; and Minley Brumley, Ann Grayson Chapter #50, Biloxi, also joined. Sister Minley Brumley is also a member of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Biloxi Assembly #45. Guests stepped back into time to experience an authentic 1860's Christmas in Camp with Civil War reenactors.

Our gallant boys in grey were joined by their brothers in blue to come around the campfire and share in the Christmas spirit. They reminisced of Christmas times past before the Civil War and enjoyed the companies of their brethren during the holiday. Beauvoir also hosted a Holiday Social in the Presidential Library. Music and refreshments were enjoyed in the Beauvoir Room.

Our gallant boys in grey were joined by their brothers in blue to come around the campfire and share in the Christmas spirit. They reminisced of Christmas times



Scene of the Christmas in Camp reenactment which was moved indoors due to inclement weather.

Christmas in Camp reenactors.



OES MAKES DONATION OF WATER TO LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICE AGENCIES

May 19, 2019

By Dwayne Page (Radio Station WJLE, Smithville, Tennessee)

“TOGETHER WE BUILD A BETTER LIFE”

In keeping with that motto Smithville Chapter #374 leaders of the Order of the Eastern Star showed their appreciation to local first responders and emergency personnel Wednesday by donating three cases of bottled water to six different departments.

Worthy Matron Pat Wilt, Worthy Patron Dr. Jerry Paul Vanatta, Organist Gay Vanatta, and Chaplain and Chairman of the Health Committee Dr. Robert R. Atnip personally brought the donations and thanked the agencies for their service to the community including the Smithville Police and Fire Departments, DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, DeKalb 911 Center, DeKalb EMS, and the Smithville-DeKalb County Rescue Squad.

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women of all faiths may belong. Only men who are Masons are eligible and only women with specific Masonic affiliation may be members. Eastern Star is a social order comprised of persons with deep religious convictions and spiritual values reflecting the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together for good. It gives them the opportunity to give a part of their time to many projects that benefit mankind.

(PICTURED: #1 Smithville Chapter #374 leaders of the Order of the Eastern Star showed their appreciation to the Smithville Police Department Wednesday by donating three cases of bottled water. Pictured: Police Chief Mark Collins, Eastern Star Chaplain Dr. Robert R. Atnip, Police Sergeant Lance Dillard, Eastern Star Worthy Matron Pat Wilt, Police Captain Steven Leffew, Eastern Star Worthy Patron Dr. Jerry Paul Vanatta, Police Officer Brandon Donnell, and Eastern Star Organist Gay Vanatta)

(PICTURED: #2 Smithville Chapter #374 leaders of the Order of the Eastern Star showed their appreciation to the Smithville Volunteer Fire Department Wednesday by donating three cases of bottled water. Pictured: Eastern Star Organist Gay Vanatta, Worthy Patron Dr. Jerry Paul Vanatta, Eastern Star Worthy Matron Pat Wilt, and Eastern Star Chaplain Dr. Robert R. Atnip)

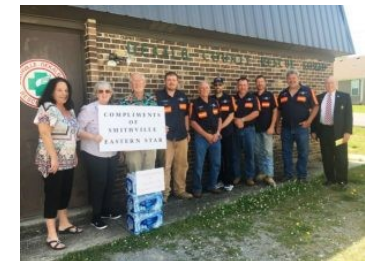
(PICTURED: #3 Smithville Chapter #374 leaders of the Order of the Eastern Star showed their appreciation to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department Wednesday by donating three cases of bottled water. Pictured: Eastern Star Organist Gay Vanatta, Worthy Patron Dr. Jerry Paul Vanatta, Eastern Star Worthy Matron Pat Wilt, and Eastern Star Chaplain Dr. Robert R. Atnip with members of the Sheriff's Department/Jail Staff)

(PICTURED: #4 Smithville Chapter #374 leaders of the Order of the Eastern Star showed their appreciation to the DeKalb County Emergency Communications District (Central Dispatch/911 Center) Wednesday by donating three cases of bottled water. Pictured: Eastern Star Organist Gay Vanatta, 911 Dispatcher Chrystal Reed, Eastern Star Worthy Matron Pat Wilt, Worthy Patron Dr. Jerry Paul Vanatta, 911 Dispatchers Sasha Avera and Shelly Mulford, and Eastern Star Chaplain Dr. Robert R. Atnip)

(PICTURED: #5 Smithville Chapter #374 leaders of the Order of the Eastern Star showed their appreciation to the DeKalb EMS/Ambulance Service Wednesday by donating three cases of bottled water. Pictured: Eastern Star Organist Gay Vanatta, Eastern Star Worthy Matron Pat Wilt, EMS-AEMT Misty Green, EMS- EMT-B Michelle Haggard (kneeling), Worthy Patron Dr. Jerry Paul Vanatta, EMS Director Hoyte Hale, EMS- EMT PCC Kenny Moffitt (kneeling), EMS-EMT-P Tim Briggs, and Eastern Star Chaplain Dr. Robert R. Atnip)

(PICTURED: #6 Smithville Chapter #374 leaders of the Order of the Eastern Star showed their appreciation to the Smithville-DeKalb County Rescue Squad Wednesday by donating three cases of bottled water. Pictured: Eastern Star Organist Gay Vanatta, Eastern Star Worthy Matron Pat Wilt, Worthy Patron Dr. Jerry Paul Vanatta, Harlan McCloud, Joe Johnson, Robert Sartin, Rescue Squad Captain Dustin Johnson, Luke Judkins, Larry Maddux, and Eastern Star Chaplain Dr. Robert R. Atnip)

Article submitted by Patricia Wilt, WM, Smithville Chapter #374



CAROLINE CHAPTER #62 T-E-A-M FOR CHARITY



(L-R) Joel McGinnes, III, WM; and Pearl Johnson, PGM, WM

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

The members of Caroline Chapter #62, Denton, Maryland, worked together supporting the projects selected by Sister Pearl Johnson, PGM and WM, and Brother Dr. Chris Jensen, WP, during the 2019-2020 term. During the year, several fundraisers were held including a yard sale, a bakeless bake sale, a beautiful homemade quilt raffle and donations from members.

At the end of their term, on February 10, 2020, the WM, WP and several members met with the Joel McGinnes, III, Master of Temple Lodge #128, AF&AM, Denton, and presented a check for \$1,000 to be used for the replacement of the Masonic Building roof where the Chapter meets. The Lodge was most appreciative of the donation and the Lodge now has a new roof.



Above Front Row (L-R) Elsie Embert, Joel McGinnes, III, Pearl Johnson and Dr. Chris Jensen
Back Row (L-R) Fred Smith, Nancy Morgan and Cliff Friel

Right (L-R) Leanne Gower, Shelter Director; Bonnie Johnson, President of the Board of Director; Pearl Johnson; and Dr. Chris Jensen

On February 24, the WM and WP presented a check in the amount of \$1,500 to the Caroline County Humane Society. Little did we know that within a month, the Humane Society like so many other businesses, would have to shut down to the public due to the spread of the Covid-19 virus. The Humane Society was so grateful for our donation that came at such a critical time.

Many thanks to the members who worked so hard to raise a total of \$2,500 for the WM's Special Projects. Yes, we are a Team (Together Everyone Achieves More).



LIVINGSTON CHAPTER #206 DONATES TO THE TEACHERS CLOSET



*Carolyn Burchfield, PM
Marshal Livingston Chapter #206
Livingston, Tennessee*

On January 7, 2020, Sisters Ruth Norris, PM, and Carolyn Burchfield, PM, Livingston Chapter #206, Livingston, Tennessee, delivered and presented to Mr. Brandon Cross, Principal of A.H. Roberts Elementary School, items the Chapter collected for donation to the Teachers' Closet. These items will help teachers better serve students in need.

DIARY OF A GRAND MARSHAL



Karen Calvert, Karla Light and Bill Sanner on the evening I was announced to serve as their Grand Marshal for the 2018-2019 Grand Year

*Karla Light, PM
Grand Marshal 2018-2019
Julia Halla #107
Hollywood, Maryland*

Have you ever wondered what the life of a Grand Marshal is like? Each Grand Jurisdiction is different, and the duties of the Grand Marshal vary greatly also. Let me share my story. My name is Karla Light, and I had the great honor of serving as the Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter of Maryland (MD) for the 2018-2019 "Stars and Stripes Forever; Let Freedom Ring!" Grand Year. Little did I know when I accepted this position what a wild and crazy ride it would be! Never have I been so busy, so exhausted and having the time of my life at the same time. I was most fortunate to be Grand Marshal for a special friend of mine, Sister Karen Calvert, PGM. I was thrilled to be asked.

In MD, the Associate Grand Conductress selects her Grand Marshal and Session Chairman early to help her plan and prepare for her year in the Grand East. The incoming Grand Officers are not announced until a few months before the Grand Session. It's kind of hard when you know that far ahead of time who the Grand Officers are going to be but can't talk to any of them until they are announced. When asked to be a Grand Officer, you're instructed to keep it a secret until the announcements are made. And believe me, it's a lot easier said than done. The Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron make their announcements in the individual Chapters after the last Grand Visitation. The first announcement is the Grand Marshal. As each incoming Grand Officer is announced, the group grows traveling to the next announcement

During the 'prep time' before the Grand Year even starts, the Grand Marshal is very busy. One of the myriad of tasks is making the handbooks for each Grand Officer. These include a calendar of events, contact information for everyone, dress code for the various events, duties of each Grand Officer, etc. I also made the carrying pieces for Installation and corsages for the Installing Officers. The Grand Marshal also makes reservations for a block of rooms when we are traveling around the State. Coordinating outside activities is on the list, too.

Grand Visitations kept me very busy. I was responsible for setting up the WGM's themed items (Bible, gavel, mascot, term items, etc.). I reserved seats for the Grand Officers, asked dignitaries to sign the WGM's Bible, took official Chapter photos, directed the Grand Officers in greeting the members, etc. The most important job was to keep 'on the lookout' to make sure everyone was presented in the proper order under Reception of Guests. I also had to gather up the gifts left for the Grand Officers who weren't in attendance. At the end of the meeting, I gathered up everything for the trip to the next Chapter. Sometimes I felt like a pack mule but kept telling myself that I was 'getting in my steps and my weight-bearing exercises'. It was also important to gather up programs, photos, favors, etc., for the scrapbooks. These are presented to the WGM and WGP at the end of the year. There were always lots of great photo opportunities.

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DIARY OF A GRAND MARSHAL

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It was wonderful to see all the great Ritual Work in the Chapters. It was heart-warming to see all the love and hard work each of the Chapters put in to make each evening special. Even though each Grand Visitation had the same Order of Business, they were all different. The hospitality, generosity and programs were all very special.

Being the Grand Marshal, you're expected to be at every event during the year. Sometimes you meet yourself coming and going. It didn't take long for the Grand Officers to become a family. We all formed special bonds with each other. We began calling ourselves 'The Kool Kidz.' Our Grand Esther made shirts for all of us with that logo on the front. We loved all the travelling and making new friends.



Karla and "Marvin"

Our Grand Family had our own mascot, which was an unexpected surprise. At the Grand Visitation at Howard Chapter #20, Elkridge, when the Conductress presented the Grand Officers, she announced me as Grand "Martian" instead of the Grand Marshal. I liked the new title and decided to work it into the rest of the year. Later on, at Ionic Chapter #73, Reisterstown, the home of our Grand Sentinel who was serving in the East with his wife, presented me with "Marvin." When they gave him to me, they said, "We always knew you weren't of this planet. I loved it! He travelled with us the rest of the year. At the request of the WGM, he sat beside me at the Grand Session. We had a lot of fun with him.

The Special Project for the year was the 'Check-6' Foundation. It is a non-profit organization helping children of Military families battling health issues and helping Veterans and their families. We were able to raise a considerable amount of money for them. In addition, in coordination and a great amount of generous aid, we were able to provide an 8-passenger golf cart to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home to aide in patient transportation. During this event, we also managed to donate two other golf carts to two of MD Veteran Cemeteries so all visitors could access grave sites which before had been hard to reach.

One of the highlights of each evening was when Sister Karen Calvert, WGM, and Brother Bill Sanner, WGP, presented the Veterans of the Chapter in the West. A special recognition was given to the Vietnam Era Veterans. It was very humbling and heart-warming to see the look of pride on the Veteran's faces to have someone remember them and acknowledge their service. They also presented family members with special recognition for their support and sacrifice during the time their Veteran served. It made me proud to be an American.

With all the activities going on, the year just flew by. I was astounded at the end of the year when I added up all the miles I had travelled in the 'Grand Marshal Mobile.' The Grand Session is held at the end of April. The Session Committee did a wonderful job decorating the Grand Chapter Room and organizing everything. It was wonderful to see old and new friends, hear the various Committee reports and celebrate the year. I was exhausted at the end, but wouldn't trade a minute of it for anything.

Thank you, Sister Karen and Brother Bill for this adventure of a lifetime and for letting me share this journey with you!



Proceeds from the sale of the 2018-2019 WGM and WGP's pin were donated to the Check-6 Foundation

MYSTIC CHAPTER #69's WINTER BLUES BUSTER

*Corley Anne Byras, GGCCM Credentials, PGM
Electa Chapter #2
Bowdoinham, Maine*



Mike Nicholas and Charles Izzi chatting with a band member

On February 3, 2020, Mystic Chapter #69, Litchfield, Maine, was certainly a Winter Blues Buster as feet were tapping, fingers moving to the beat and some members singing along as the Route 17 Ramblers performed their mellow sounding country music. There were fiddle songs, love songs, yodeling and simply down to earth music. It put a smile on everyone's face. Some of the songs were "Keep on the Sunny Side," "Wabash Cannonball," "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You," "You Are My Sunshine," "Red Wing," "Take Me Home Country Roads," "Truck Drivin' Man," "Rollin' In My Sweet Baby's Arms," and ended with "Goodnight Irene."

There were eight Chapters present and following the Ritualistic Opening and the Introductions, which included Brother David M. Cole, WGP, a recess was declared for refreshments and entertainment.

Following the refreshments and enjoyable music, the members returned to the Chapter Room still tapping their feet and with a relaxed feeling from the fantastic evening of music.

The Route 17 Ramblers' music and light humor brighten the atmosphere wherever they perform. The Ramblers are a traditional country group formed in the fall of 2015 by Anne Danforth of Chelsea (guitar/vocals), Donna Ryder of West Gardiner (guitar and vocals), Lise Bécu of Martinsville (fiddle/mandolin/vocals) and Rosey Gerry of Lincolnville (autoharp/banjo/guitar/vocals). With an emphasis on blended harmonies, the Ramblers present a good mix of music for all types of audiences, with arrangements of traditional country, gospel and a few French songs eased in.

Route 17 Ramblers



MOOREHEAD CHAPTER #164 DONATES TO THE JEREMIAH PROGRAM

*Scott Morrissy, Associate Grand Patron North Dakota
Mecca Chapter #5, Fargo, North Dakota
Moorhead Chapter #164, Moorhead, Minnesota*



On Tuesday, January 28, 2020, members of Moorhead Chapter #164, Moorhead, Minnesota (MN), presented checks totaling \$4,458 from various Chapter fundraisers, including a matching grant from MN Masonic Charities, to the Jeremiah Program of Fargo-Moorhead. Attending the presentation from the Chapter were WM Sister Leretta Smith, WM; Brother Matt Voulgaraikis, WP, Sisters Marie Thress, Conductress; Iretta Smith, Associate Conductress; and Judy Bauman

The Jeremiah Program's goal is to provide a holistic, two-generational model which proves that we can break a family's cycle of poverty and propel the parent and child into sustainable prosperity.

EDITH CAVELL CHAPTER #25 SUPPORTS KIDS CANCER CARE CAMP KINDLE

*Carol Chisholm, PM
Edith Cavell Chapter #25
Calgary, Alberta*



(L-R) Karen Filbert; Karen Oaks, WM; and Karlee Lewis

An Open Meeting was held on October 15, 2019, celebrating the 103rd birthday of Edith Cavell Chapter #25, Calgary, Alberta, and to make a presentation of \$6,203.05 to Kids Cancer Care - Camp Kindle. Sister Karen Oaks, WM, chose Kids Cancer Care – Camp Kindle, as her charity for 2019. It was an informative evening as Karlee Lewis gave a Power Point presentation on her journey with cancer starting when she was three years old and her experience at Camp Kindle with her brother and family. Karen Filbert from Kids Cancer Care gave a talk on how the Camp has evolved into 160 acres of rolling hills, forests and waterways located in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, an hour northwest of Calgary. Their vision is to create a magical camp experience for children fighting cancer and their families. They believe in the power of friendship, trust, empowerment and teamwork to build a life time of memories. The fundraising efforts were achieved with wooden carvings, made by the WM's father, raffled off throughout the year, proceeds from Electa's Cup and a Chapter donation.

STELLA CHAPTER #3 SUPPORTS WORCESTER VETERANS HOMELESS SHELTER

*Barbara M. McDuffie, PM
Stella Chapter #3
Auburn, Massachusetts*

For the past several years, Stella Chapter #3, Auburn, Massachusetts, has chosen the Worcester Veterans Homeless Shelter as their Christmas project. The shelter has approximately 90 residents. Each resident receives a Christmas gift bag filled with a knit hat, knit gloves, socks, bath towel and face cloth, along with at least a dozen various toiletries. The members of the Chapter contribute either monetarily or donating items.

Following our December meeting, we set up an assembly line to fill the bags. This is our Chapter's way of celebrating Christmas by remembering others who are less fortunate. These men served our country so we may be free.



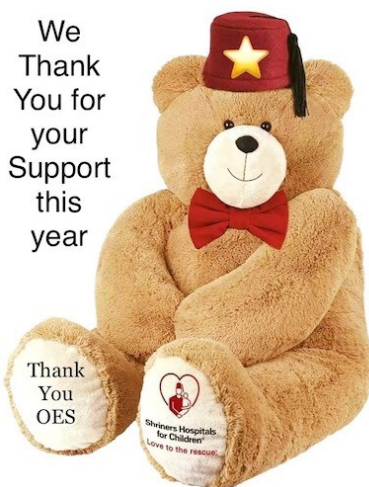
THINK SNOOPY CAN BECOME A SERVICE DOG?

*Nancy L. Ford, GGCCM Eastern Star Journal Editor, PGM, WM
Highland Chapter #33
Dundalk, Maryland*

Sister Anna Meyers and Brother Ed Ford, Highland Chapter #33's 2019-2020 WM and WP, chose Shriners Hospitals for Children Philadelphia as their Special Project. Several monetary donations totaling over \$2,200 were made to the Hospital in honor or memory of our members, in addition to a donation to the WGM/WGP's Special Project at Grand Visitation. Everyone knows how I love to shop and so on one of my excursions to Kohl's in Timonium after Christmas, there was a display of Snoopy dogs marked 1/2 price. That peaked my interest and I soon found out that they had lots more than were just on display. Knowing our WGM and WGP were asking for items to be given to the children at the Hospital, I made several calls and all agreed (including our WGM) that the children receiving Snoopy dogs would brighten their spirits. I'm not sure how happy the store clerks were when I asked for all they had in the store but about 45 minutes later, I walked out with 113 Snoopy dogs in 3 huge boxes and 3 big bags (and we had the Impala and not the Equinox). Both Brother Ed and the store clerk earned their keep trying to find ways to get all in the car and still have room for him, Wookie (our Miniature Schnauzer) and myself. Then we get home and it's where do we put all of this till we can get it to the School of Installation? Up to the attic was the decision in the space I just cleaned out! A few days later we were in another Kohl's and guess what, they had a few Snoopy dogs so we brought home 7 more for Grand Chapter and 20 more for another Star project. They also found their way up to the attic. You have no idea how much I asked that it not snow on the date of the School (and I love snow!) so that all 120 Snoopy dogs would begin their journey to a new home. Our WGM and WGP were very pleased to receive them and in time, we know they will bring smiles to so many children's faces. Highland Chapter is pleased to have been able to support our WM and the WGM and WGP's Special Project and maybe Snoopy just became a "service dog" bringing joy and comfort to a child in need of a friend to hold and talk to.



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NECHAKO CHAPTER #40 MEMBERS VOLUNTEER TO RAISE MONEY FOR CANCER COMFORT FUND

*Dianne Graham, PM
Nechako Chapter #40
Prince George, British Columbia*

The members of Nechako Chapter #40, Prince George, British Columbia (BC), geared up this winter to raise money for Cancer!

The Nechako Chapter Star Sisters and Brothers, along with additional volunteers from the local Masonic Lodges and the Job's Daughters Bethel, all helped to raise much needed funds for the Comfort Fund at the BC Cancer Agency of the North.

The Prince George Cougars, the local Junior A Hockey team, offer local community groups the opportunity to volunteer during their regular home games. The Star members helped with ticket taking, guests services and ushering. Volunteer community groups can then designate where the hockey club will make a charitable donation in their name. During the 2019-20 hockey season, the members and friends of Nechako Chapter made the commitment to provide 20 volunteers for 6 home games. The Chapter also had an information booth at each game and they also received name recognition during the game. It was a win-win for both the Chapter and the hockey club.

Nechako Chapter is looking to celebrate the donation of \$3,600 to the Comfort Fund. These funds will greatly assist cancer patients during their treatments. Everyone had fun helping, and they are looking forward to the opportunity again next year with members and friends already offering to sign up for shifts.



QUEEN ESTHER CHAPTER #22 SUPPORTS JUSTA CENTER

*Martie MacKidd, PM, Chapter Crisis Committee Chairman
Queen Esther Chapter #22, Phoenix, Arizona
Sunrise Chapter #60, Bullhead City, Arizona
Manchester Chapter #449, Downey, California*

Queen Esther Chapter #22 in Phoenix, Arizona (AZ), is proud to support its community crisis centers, including the Justa Center which provides life-sustaining resources, services and support to assist homeless seniors on their path to finding viable housing, and includes support services to help prevent their return to homelessness. Justa Center was established in 2006 and was named for the Canaanite woman in Matthew 15:21-28 who reached out to Jesus to heal her daughter, thus adding the Gentile as a new focus in His ministry. It is the Nation's only agency serving a hidden population of seniors experiencing homelessness, and maintains its promise to treat everyone with respect, dignity and autonomy in making their life choices. In 2006, Justa Center provided help and hope to 136 seniors and in 2019, that number surpassed 1,200, with nearly 300 being returned to housing. Justa Center continues to be the only agency to exclusively serve this growing population. In addition to providing various goods, this year Queen Esther Chapter sought the assistance of the AZ's Eastern Star Foundation, a 501(c)(3) adjunct organization of the AZ Grand Chapter, which extended a grant for \$5,000 to the Justa Center.



The check was presented by Foundation Treasurer, Sister Marsha Young, Treasurer Emeritus, to Sister Susann Holland, WM, and Brother Tony DiCola, on January 11, 2020, when Queen Esther Chapter joined Glendale Chapter #20, Glendale, to provide soup and snacks during the Glendale Glitters event. Both Chapters support Justa Center.

The photo below shows Glendale Chapter Brother Donn Bernhardt, WP and Past Grand Master of AZ F&AM; and Sister Mary Beth Bernhardt, WM; together with Sister Donna DiCola, Grand Treasurer; Sister Susann Holland, WM, Queen Esther Chapter; Sister Susan Warren, WGM; Sister Martie MacKidd, District Instructor; Brother Tony DiCola, WP, Queen Esther Chapter; Sister Pam Wade, PM; and seated (L-R) Sister Linda Beck, Grand Lecturer; Brothers Rady Dela Cruz, PP; and Jack Wade, PGP, all members of Queen Esther Chapter.

This Chapter also continues to support the United Methodist Outreach Ministries (UMOM) New Day Care Center in Phoenix, which is the largest homeless shelter for families in Arizona, supporting over 170 families and providing 350 units of affordable housing. In addition to donating toys, clothing and money, Queen Esther Chapter members monthly assist serving dinner at UMOM. We take our OES obligation to heart and urge all Chapters to do what they can to support and assist local community services and crisis centers.



2020 IS THE YEAR OF THE WOMAN IN MARYLAND

*Honoring Karen E. Calvert, PGM
Unity Chapter #112
Camp Springs, Maryland*



Governor Larry Hogan has proclaimed 2020 to be the [Year of the Woman in Maryland](#).

MDVA will be highlighting the dedicated women in Maryland who volunteer to serve on state commissions which support Maryland in this and future editions of the e-newsletter.

To continue this series, Commissioner Karen Calvert who serves on the [Maryland Veterans Commission](#) is featured. Karen provided the following information:

Commissioner Karen Calvert represents the 5th Maryland Congressional District for the [Maryland Veterans Commission](#). She was initially appointed in February 2010 by then Governor Martin O'Malley and has been re-appointed by Governor Larry Hogan to continue to serve on the Commission. She was also appointed to serve on the [Maryland Commission for the Establishment of Women in Military Service Monument](#) in September 2014.

A native of St. Louis, MO, she enlisted in the US Air Force on June 27, 1969 immediately following her graduation from Pattonville High School. While on active duty, she became a Field Representative for the [Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation](#) encourage service women to register and become a part of the living history for women veterans.

She retired after 24 and 1/2 years of service, holding the rank of Senior Master Sergeant to take a full time position with the Memorial Foundation and she served from just before Groundbreaking until shortly after Dedication of the Memorial, which stands at the entrance to Arlington Cemetery.

Karen then went to work for the Department of Defense and ended her working career as a Protocol Officer with Bolling AFB, later re-designated as Joint Base Anacostia Bolling. She retired this time as a civilian in December 2013. She is an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Maryland, 2018-2019, overseeing the "121st Stars and Stripes Forever; Let Freedom Ring!" Session in Ocean City, MD in May 2019. She has 3 children; son, Tim King, TSgt. USAF (Retired), married to Virginia; and daughters, Kristie Heiston married to Aaron, and Briane Larkin, married to Jon—both Air Force veterans. They have blessed her with 8 wonderful and loving grandchildren.

Courtesy of MDVA News February 28, 2020

LEBANON NO. 108 DONATION TO SCOTTISH RITE

Recently the Junior Past Matron and Patron, Jim and Linda Quillen, of Lebanon Chapter #108, Manchester, Maryland (MD), presented a \$500 check to The Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center in Baltimore. Receiving the check was Ill. Marlin L. Mills, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in MD and RWDGM and a member of Victory Chapter #40, Aberdeen. Also pictured is Debby Calhoun, Chairman of the Worthy Matron's Special Project. In attendance at the meeting (not pictured) was Fred Spicer, Daughters of Job Chapter #70, Baltimore, representing the Hilgenberg Childhood Speech and Language Center.



(L-R): Debby Calhoun, Jim and Linda Quillen and Marlin Mills

Courtesy of the MD Old Line State Courier

SUPPORTING FIRST RESPONDERS

*Dee Scott, WM
Old Hickory Chapter #203
Old Hickory, Tennessee*

Sister Lawanna Johnson, 2019-2020 WGM of Tennessee (TN), asked all Chapters across the State to provide bottled water for First Responders as one of the choices for their Chapter Honor Award. This was the perfect project for Old Hickory Chapter #203 in Old Hickory, TN, which is a suburb of Nashville.

Sister Debbie Edgen, Associate Matron, was appointed Chairman for the project since she was retired from the Nashville Metro Fire Department. Sister Debbie is also a volunteer with the Box 55 Association. Box 55 is a non-profit volunteer Association that provides water, Gatorade, snacks, hot chocolate and other necessary supplies to Firefighters and other First Responders when they are battling fires or are needed in other emergency situations throughout Davidson County and surrounding counties. They have two fully equipped trucks in which to respond, as well as volunteers driving their own vehicles to more remote areas. The Association relies on donations and other fundraisers to keep the trucks stocked.

Representatives of Box 55, President Buck Dozier, retired Nashville Fire Chief, and Rick Short, were guests of the Chapter at the banquet prior to the Official Visit of the WGM on October 3, 2019. Old Hickory Chapter was pleased to present them with 55 cases of bottled water, 14 packs of Gatorade and several boxes of snacks.

Old Hickory Chapter plans to continue this project for 2020. The Master of Old Hickory Lodge #598, F&AM, has expressed his desire for the Lodge to work with the Chapter in this service project. We hope to double our donation to Box 55 in 2020 with this added support.



(L to R): Bobby Scott, WP; Jim West, WGP; Buck Dozier, President, Box 55; Dee Scott, WM; Rick Short, Box 55; and Lawanna Johnson, WGM

(L-R): Rick Short, Box 55; Lawanna Johnson, WGM; Dee Scott, WM; Buck Dozier, President, Box 55; Jim West, WGP; and Bobby Scott, WP



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