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"Traveling—it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller."

Ibn Battuta

Where will our MWGM and MWGP be traveling in March, April, May and June?

- 3/7-14 Cruise
- 3/22-25 Louisiana Grand Chapter
- 4/19-22 Florida Grand Chapter
- 4/23-25 Connecticut Grand Chapter
- 4/26-29 Tennessee Grand Chapter
- 5/1- 9 Alaska Grand Chapter
- 5/14-16 Massachusetts Grand Chapter
- 5/17-19 Maine Grand Chapter
- 5/20-21 New Jersey 150th Grand Chapter
- 5/23-25 Puerto Rico Grand Chapter
- 6/4-7 Alberta Grand Chapter
- 6/12-13 Indiana Grand Chapter
- 6/13-17 South Carolina Grand Chapter
- 6/28-30 Washington Grand Chapter

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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,

Are you as amazed as I am that we are at the beginning of the year 2020?! I don't know about you, but I used to think 2020 was WAY FAR in the future and now here we are!

As we begin this new year, I would like to thank you for the beautiful, successful and rewarding year of 2019. It's amazing to me that the first year of this Triennium has been completed. So many wonderful events have transpired as I have traveled throughout our Eastern Star world. It was rewarding to hear about the awesome successes of each Jurisdiction as their efforts paid off in making very generous donations to the various meaningful charities each have sponsored. Your teamwork and dedication in helping make the world a better place to live is inspiring. Thank you.

I want to share with you the resounding success of our primary, permanent charity of Service Dogs due to your outstanding work and dedication! In one year's time, the Order of the Eastern Star has given over \$600,000 to reputable Service Dog organizations and Service Dog causes in communities around the world. You, my Sisters and Brothers, are amazing! You are putting into place a solid foundation for this initiative that has touched many lives and made a true difference to those in need; which will, in

turn, help OES go forward far into the future in our efforts to help mankind. *Thank you.*

The Eastern Star Journal has made its transition from a hard copy magazine to online. It is my hope that this transition will help make our communication around the world much easier and more efficient so everyone can read about what is going on in the world of OES. If you have news and pictures you would like to share, please send them to the Editor, Sister Nancy Ford. The directions about how to do this are in this edition of the Journal. I know we are making a positive difference in people's lives and helping mankind around the world because I've heard the uplifting reports and seen the results of the good work being done. Please share these successes so everyone can be encouraged and know the goodness that's going on around the world.

The many blessings I received in 2019 were awesome! I am deeply grateful for your kindness and friendship. Here's to a fabulous 2020!

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 Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers:

As we have traveled both near and far during this Triennium, it has been inspiring to meet the members of the Grand Jurisdictions and the Subordinate Chapters. Our Editor is seeking articles and photos showcasing these wonderful times spent in the company of our Sisters and Brothers. I'd like to share with you a supplemental report highlighting some of the recent events and duties that I have been privileged to have a part in. I hope you enjoy reading it.

During 2019, my addresses to the Grand Chapters have been focused on membership. This includes not only the acquiring of new Members, but the retention of these Members and the return to active status for our inactive Members. My messages have focused on mentoring new Members, including teaching them about our Order, giving them a meaningful job in the Chapter, allowing them to be Officers, calling them when they are absent and overall, making them feel that they are important and I believe that this is an important component to attracting and retaining Members.

It is most encouraging that during Sister Marianne's and my year we have seen remarkable growth outside of the North American continent. The enthusiasm and excitement that has been demonstrated has been not only encouraging, but forecasts a bright future for our beautiful Order.

During 2019, I have Instituted several Chapters in Brazil, two Chapters in Paraguay and another in Romania. And, because these new Chapters will need mentoring to be successful, I have appointed a new Deputy in Brazil and another in Paraguay. Also, we are finalizing the Bylaws for a Grand Chapter in the Philippines which is expected to be Instituted in 2020. This is very exciting as they have been working for several years to have a Grand Chapter. We have also Instituted one additional Chapter in the Philippines and my Deputy and I are working to Institute another one.

In addition, I have requests for new Chapters in several new countries, including Portugal, Spain, Albania and Bermuda. These requests are supported in all cases by the Masonic Grand Lodge of that Jurisdiction, a strong indicator of continued support and long-term success for the Chapter.

In addition to the message of membership, I have also addressed our International Headquarters, the Perry Belmont Mansion, and the fact that we have no an approved 501-C-3 IRS tax designation for the purpose of maintaining and preserving this magnificent historical building, and a Perry Belmont Foundation Board of Directors has been established to administer the funds. This means that any donations made to the Perry Belmont House Foundation will be tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Donations will be acknowledged with a letter from our Right Worthy Grand Secretary and me, thanking the donor and stating the amount of the donation which can be used when preparing one's taxes.

During my travels, our MWGM and I have been encouraged at the success of the Service Dogs, our primary and identifying charity as approved at the 2015 GGC Session. Members everywhere have adopted this program and are they having great success. With continued emphasis over the next 2 years, Eastern Star and Service Dogs will be inextricably linked together, and we believe that the benefits to our Order from this most worthwhile charity will, at the very least, make outsiders recognize who we are and what we do and more people will want to join us.

May God bless each of you and may our Order grow and prosper in the future.

Henry S. Martin, MWGP



From the Desk of the
Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Alma Lynn Bane

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR®

Again, welcome to the new era of the *Eastern Star Journal* (ESJ). I look forward to communicating my ESJ articles with all of our OES membership and interested individuals. With this article, I hope to let each of you know the tasks and projects of the International Headquarters Staff as we serve our Order.

Rituals – The SECOND printing of the 2018 GGC OES Ritual which was copyrighted in 2009 has been done for the Large Print Ritual in White or Navy Spiral Binding and we have sold out of the NAVY Rituals. We are in the process of reordering more Large Print White and Navy Rituals. We still have a supply of the Extra Large Print Ritual in Dark Purple Spiral binding. The Small Print Book Bound version of our 2018 GGC OES Ritual was printed and we have a supply of them in our inventory. Please remember that Rituals can only be ordered thru your Grand Secretary or Subordinate Chapter Secretaries whose Chapters are directly under GGC.

Resolutions – So far, I have received four (4) Resolutions for the 50th Triennial assembly to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in October 2021.

Reports – Monthly, I send to the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Chapters whose due date is within 60 days. In October and November, we mailed the 2019 GGC Annual Reports to the Subordinate Chapters directly under the Jurisdiction of General Grand Chapter. We have implemented a PayPal system for our non-US GGC Chapters to pay their Per Capita, International Headquarters Fees and Invoices. We no longer accept Credit Card information for payment due to security issues and international coordination of the transactions.

Proceedings of 49th Triennial Assembly – Last Fall, I received from our Session reporter the transcription of our Proceedings of the 49th Triennial Assembly held in Orlando, Florida, in October-November 2018. A big thank you to Sister Diane Davidson, PM, McLennan Chapter #639, Waco, Texas, for assisting in formatting the text to MS/Word. We are in the process of proofing the information in the text with the 2015-2018 MWGM and MWGP. Our MWGM, Sister Marianne Shenefelt, has completed the proofing of the Installation of the 2018-2021 General Grand Chapter Officers and Appointments. I will be working

on the remainder of the Proceedings before sending it to the printer for printing. There is still time to order a copy by selecting “Triennial Assembly” on the GGC Website for the 49th Triennial Assembly Proceedings Order Form at www.easternstar.org



Due to the outsourcing of our Accounting functions, many procedures and forms in the Office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary have been changed. Please be patient with us as we transition from an accounting application of the 1990s to an outsourced cloud-based application. We have removed the phrase “but we have always done it that way” from our verbal response.

The new Shooting Star Logo has caught on like wild fire and everyone is excited to display it on pins, badges, totes, shirts, banners and many other items. It was designed to help us GROW with new Members by using a “forward moving” logo – our new OES Brand. We still have our traditional OES Stars for our Members and they will never change. But, this new logo is creating enthusiasm and interest among non-members. We have a Vendor Agreement for vendors who want to provide items with the new logo. Additional information can be found at www.OESTools.org

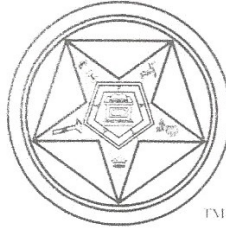
Our Beautiful International Headquarters, the Perry Belmont House, has become a venue for many outstanding events, educational seminars, private tours and community outreach programs, such as the General Grand Chapter Thanksgiving Feast for recovering Military Veterans in the DC area.

The Perry Belmont House Foundation, a 501-C-3 Foundation for the preservation and restoration of our beautiful International Headquarters, is actively seeking donations and support of this very important project. There is additional information on the www.PerryBelmontHouse.org website.

Until next time, please travel safely and share your smiles with everyone you greet.

Fraternally,
Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary





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April 2, 2019

TO BE SHARED WITH OES MEMBERSHIP

To: Grand Chapter Secretaries of the General Grand Chapter, OES
Deputies of General Grand Chapter, OES

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The General Grand Chapter has a permanent Disaster Relief Fund to provide immediate response to the need for relief funds by our members due to natural disasters and other catastrophic incidences that occur in all parts of our world. You have given generously to this Fund and we extend a sincere thank you for your continued support. Our fraternal bonds are strengthened when we reach out to our Sisters and Brothers and give help when it is most needed.

On behalf of the General Grand Chapter, we ask for your assistance in replenishing the funds that have been expended for those most affected by the many recent disasters. Grand Chapters, Subordinate Chapters, and individual members may designate their donations to the Disaster Relief Fund by sending their contributions to:

General Grand Chapter, OES
Office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary
1618 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009-2549

Checks payable to: GGC-OES Disaster Relief Fund.

The donor may designate the donation to provide relief for a specified disaster or relief effort, and all donations will be acknowledged to the organization or individual.

Again, THANK YOU for your continued and generous support of the Disaster Relief Fund. Your donations make a difference to those in need during a difficult time in their lives.

Fraternally,

Marianne R. Shenefelt
Marianne Shenefelt
Most Worthy Grand Matron

Henry S. Martin
Henry S. Martin
Most Worthy Grand Patron

Attested:

Alma Lynn Bane
Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary



Message from MWGM Marianne Shenefelt:

Order of the Eastern Star members,

In March, 2019, the General Grand Chapter Elected Officers and the General Grand Chapter Trustees voted to adopt a promotional brand logo. This commitment to a brand identity is an exciting development in the strategy to assist our membership in their efforts to increase public awareness of our Order, i.e., who we are and what we do. The traditional OES emblem will remain the same and will continue to be a part of our organization's information.

There are downloadable resources on the oestools.org website for those Jurisdictions who desire to begin using the newly adopted brand logo. As the path forward is defined to strengthen the OES brand; slogans, use of imagery, other branding components and resources will also be made available.

These are exciting times--a spark has been ignited! I'm confident we can fan the flame of improvement of our Order through the promotion of our brand identity to the world.

*In Friendship,
Marianne Shenefelt
Most Worthy Grand Matron*



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? Consider sharing them with our members.

We are also looking for pictures of the seasons to be displayed on the covers of our upcoming Editions. We would love to showcase the photographic talents of our members.

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

OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org

Happy "snapping!"



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September 9, 2019

In March 2019, a presentation regarding an Eastern Star Promotional "Brand Logo" was made to the General Grand Chapter Elected Officers. The purpose of the Promotional Brand logo was to present an image for the general public and public relations efforts of General Grand Chapter. This was the origination of the "Shooting Star" logo. A website is available with a "Shooting Star" logo for all General Grand Chapter Grand Chapters and other GGC entities at www.OESTools.org.

Due to the popularity of the "Shooting Star" logo, many inquiries regarding usage and availability of the "Shooting Star" logo have been received the GGC Elected Officers. This document is to provide basic information regarding the "Shooting Star" logo and guidelines for usage by Eastern Star members and Vendors. This "Shooting Star" logo does NOT replace our traditional Star Emblems.

Basically, there are three types of users of the Shooting Star Logo and they are:

1. **GGC OES Members** who will be using the Shooting Star Logo WITH THEIR GRAND JURISDICTIONS NAME for personal use on items such as letterhead, post cards, business cards, note cards – No Usage Fee is required by GGC-OES and the logo is on the website.
2. **GGC OES Members, Chapters, or Grand Chapters** that will be providing items to their membership that are created by a vendor of their choice using the Shooting Star Logo WITH THEIR GRAND JURISDICTIONS NAME – No Usage Fee is required by GGC-OES of the vendor and the logo is on the website.
3. **Vendors** who will be creating items with the Shooting Star Logo WITHOUT A GRAND JURISDICTION NAME for their company to sell – A one-time Usage Fee of One Hundred Dollars US (\$100.00) will be required. Upon request and payment of the one-time fee, the vendor will be provided the Generic "Shooting Star" logo by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Vendor usage will be revoked if used inappropriately or not in accordance with the Logo Style Guide on the www.OESTools.org website.

If there are concerns or questions, please send them to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary at RWGSecretary@EasternStar.org.

Sincerely,

Marianne Shenefelt
Marianne Shenefelt, PGM
Most Worthy Grand Matron

Attested:

Alma Lynn Bane
Alma Lynn Bane, PGM
Right Worthy Grand Secretary

CC: General Grand Chapter Elected Officers (10)



OES Alaska Official Visit

May 1 - 9, 2020

RSVP by March 15th, 2020

Deputy of MWGM for Alaska
Claudia Johnson

Email: alaskadeputy@gmail.com

Phone: (970) 398-2876



May 1 - Arrive Juneau via Alaska Airlines; Evening Meet/Greet/Dinner

May 2 - Official Visit Juneau Chapter # 7

May 3 - Fly Juneau to Anchorage

-Alaska Airlines Flight 65; Departs Juneau 1:00 pm, Arrives Anchorage 2:40 pm

-No Host Dinner @ Local Resturant

May 4 - Official Visit Denali Chapter #16 & Anchorage Chapter # 8

May 5 - Free day in Anchorage

May 6 - Drive from Anchorage to Soldotna (overnight in Soldotna)

- Official Visit with Star of the North Chapter # 17

May 7 - Sightseeing & Return to Anchorage (overnight in Anchorage)

May 8 - Travel Day Anchorage to Fairbanks (overnight in Fairbanks)

- Alaska Flight 538; Departs 11:30 am, Arrives Fairbanks 12:25 am

- Official Visit to Golden Heart Chapter # 6

May 9 - Depart Fairbanks via Alaska Airlines



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

OES Aruba Official Visit

July 15 - 19, 2020

July 15 - Arrive Aruba
July 16 - 6pm Dinner at OES; 8pm Meeting Aruba Chap. NR.2; 10pm Socialize
Meet in lobby 5:30pm
Dress code: Sisters Long Dress w/ Long sleeves; Brothers: Tuxedo
July 17 - Afternoon Island Tour
Meet in lobby TBD. Additional cost.
July 18 - Sunset Cruise and Dinner
Meet in lobby TBD. Additional cost
July 19 - Depart Aruba

To RSVP and for additional information, please email:
HMS@SilverLiningSolutionsLLC.com

OES GERMANY VISIT



September 8 - 16*, 2020

* Return home or go on to Romania & Italy

- Sept 8 -- Arrive Berlin
- Sept 9 -- Attend joint Berlin Chapter & Love Chapter Meeting
- Sept 10 -- Berlin Sightseeing
- Sept 11 -- Travel to Lübeck
- Sept 12 -- Lübeck Sightseeing
- Sept 13 -- Attend Esther Chapter Meeting
- Sept 14 -- Travel to Hamburg
- Sept 15 -- Hamburg Sightseeing
- Sept 16 -- Depart Hamburg



Email for travel info or assistance:
Holly Shenefelt at hms@SilverLiningSolutionsLLC.com

*“Here’s to the bright New Year and a fond farewell to the old;
Here’s to the things that are yet to come and to the memories we hold. Anonymous*

Welcome to the Roaring 20’s!!!!



Can you believe we have now entered the “Roaring 20s?” This is an exciting time for Eastern Star as is evident by this edition filled with great articles that I’m sure you’ll enjoy reading. We also have a new forward moving logo designed to help us grow showcasing our beautiful Star as a shooting star with paw prints in support of our Service Dog Project.

I think we will all agree that technology is great — when it works!!!! But oh what problems we ensue when it decides not to cooperate and we are left looking at a screaming red or the inevitable black screen? For me, the old desktop still has WIN7 which is no longer being supported meaning I need to upgrade to WIN10 and having to back up years of files before wiping clean and installing the upgrade. Thank goodness when my laptop started doing some strange things I did a complete backup because with the home remodeling going on, it was sorta dropped and you got it, not working anymore. So off to the store to get a new laptop that doesn’t cost a fortune without all the gaming apps, fast speed, etc. Now instead of WIN8, I have to acclimate to WIN10 and rebuild and of course, we never remember all that needs to be installed until you want to use that app and then scramble to install it. I think I’m close to being back to full operating speed but for those that have experienced this drama, it is time-consuming and frustrating. Now my goal is to only install the files I really need and keep this new laptop clean; we’ll see how I fare.

That being said, I’ve also experienced issues with Comcast and so I hope that I did not lose any emails that were sent to me. If you have emailed (or mailed) an article and it has not been included in this or past editions, please contact me to make sure it was received. This edition includes articles that were received prior to June 30, 2019. The next edition will include articles received prior to December 31, 2019. Please note that upon submitting an article, an automatic reply is being sent advising of the receipt (please advise if the acknowledgment receipt is not being sent). I encourage all submitting articles to 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

From the Desk of the
Editor, Eastern Star Journal

of our names, titles, etc. Guidelines for submitting articles can be found on the last page.

When the MWGM informed me that the *Journal* was moving from printed to electronic format to be posted on the GGC website, I wondered if the glass was going to be half empty or half full. I’m remaining optimistic but I am asking our Members to make others aware that the *Journal* still exists and available to both Members and non-members (there is no password). Unfortunately the *Journal* faces competition with other social media sources. Again, if an article can be posted on Facebook, Twitter, Grand Chapter newsletters, etc., it can be printed in the *Journal*. Next time you are posting, give thought to sending a copy to the *Journal*

Our MWGP’s article gives insight into just how busy they are and the amount of traveling both he and our MWGM do in a short span of time. However, with the exception of the Philippines, I’ve not received articles from the Jurisdictions where our MWGM an MWGP have made their Official Visit. Consider how great it would be if we could read an article from each of our Jurisdictions. Calling on our WGMs/WGPs, Ambassadors and Deputies, Grand Representatives, WMs/WPs, our Youth and all our Sisters and Brothers to consider submitting an article. YES—our members do want to read it!!!!

It’s always a pleasurable challenge working on the *Journal* and once again, I thank you for your kind words of encouragement and also the literary criticism I have received. This tells me the *Journal* is being read and I welcome suggestions. Speaking of suggestions, let’s showcase the talents of our members (i.e., photography, writing messages and poetry, recipes and art work).

As your fingers do the walking around our Eastern Star world, your heart will be warmed knowing that our Star is shining brightly encouraging others to join.

Food for Thought: perform a Random Act of Kindness and print a copy for those who want to read the *Journal* but do not have access to a computer.

Flood our mailbox so that we can fill the *Journal*’s pages with the “good work” our members carry out each day and instead of the glass being half full, it will be overflowing.

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!



Georgia Celebrates Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Helen R. Cox's Birthday Barbara A. Maaskant, WM Electa Chapter #6

Two hundred and sixty-five Sisters and Brothers gathered together at the YAARAB Shrine in Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the premier OES event of the year.



Helen R. Cox, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Helen R. Cox was celebrating her 90th Birthday. She was determined to do something special for her beloved Order and for the hundreds of OES Sisters and Brothers all over the United States and the world who supported her throughout her exciting and memorable journey.

The inspiration for this splendid event began almost 7 years ago. Elaine Wallace, PGA, wanted to do a tea and fashion show of her gowns with Miss Helen telling her stories. Elaine loved listening to her talk about her many experiences and thought it would be a wonderful way to share them. When unable to do this as hoped 2 years ago, Miss Helen called Elaine and suggested doing it for her 90th Birthday. Elaine was thrilled to see her personal dream come to fruition and was honored at being asked to be Chairman.



Elaine Wallace, PGA - Event Chairman and MC.

The 90th Birthday Gala would be a one-of-a-kind very special evening with all living Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons getting together. Miss Helen also decided that the proceeds from the event would be donated to the Service Dog Project.

The State of Georgia, under PMWGM Helen's encouragement, has long supported the Service Dog Project. Since the beginning of her term as State Chairperson (2001 – 2004), Georgia has sponsored four service dogs: Star; Mason; Kirby (given that name in memory of her husband Kirby Cox); and Wesley.

Gorgeous decorations set the stage for this elegant evening. Beautiful magnolias (her flower) made from white and green balloons accented an elegant entryway arch. Large candle-lit lantern table centerpieces and candelabras were also decorated with the magnolias.

Featured on the Welcome Table was a beautiful personalized porcelain lace doll wearing a tiny reproduction of Miss Helen's Installation gown. The doll was a gift to our PMWGM from the Florida OES General Grand Officers.



**Georgia Celebrates Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Helen R. Cox's Birthday
Barbara A. Maaskant, WM Electa Chapter #6 (Continued)**



Birthday cake made by Lora Mazzone, WM Athens Chapter.

Drawing your attention on entering the seating area was a beautifully designed and delicately decorated 3-tiered lime green Birthday cake.

Much to the delight of guests enjoying the elegant evening was the presence of three Service Dogs and their trainer from Georgia Canine Assistants <https://www.canineassistants.org/>

The loveable young retrievers (two golden and one chocolate) were certainly in their element with all the attention. Although, occasionally, a toy was more than what could be resisted.



Helen escorted by Dennis Lester, Escort to the PMWGM

A photo collection slide show and video of Miss Helen's Installation as MWGM (1985 - 1988) filled two display screens during much of the evening.

Attending the Birthday Party were many distinguished guests including Georgia's Worthy Grand Matron Kim Gunby and Worthy Grand Patron Ron Rowe, Grand Officers of the 2019 – 2022 Triennium General Grand Family and cherished Sisters and Brothers who shared so many experiences with her as Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons.



HEAD TABLE (R-L) WGM of GA Kimberly Gunby, PMWGM Helen R. Cox, MWGM Marianne Shenefelt



PMWGMs Helen J. Westmoreland (FL), Bobbi White (WV), Rennie Ofton (TX), Helen R. Cox (GA), Pat Rasmusson (MN), Barbara Benton (OK) and MWGM Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM (WY)

Georgia Celebrates Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Helen R. Cox's Birthday
Barbara A. Maaskant, WM Electa Chapter #6 (Continued)

The highlight of the evening was a fashion show featuring the many gorgeous gowns worn by our PMWGM throughout her exciting tenure. Twenty-five dresses were elegantly displayed by models who graciously navigated the elevated runway.



Models (L-R) Lora Mazzone WM , Marie Moody PGM, Geneen Gibson WM, Lynn Marie Jones PGM, Tina Culpepper PGM, Vivian Teasley PGM

For each dress, MC Elaine shared a brief history, the country where it was worn, event and introduced our model. She also related interesting facts regarding PMWGM Helen's personal adventures. The gorgeous hooped gowns and antebellum designs were reminiscent of Georgia's glorious traditions. Traditional dresses from the countries visited were as beautiful as they were unique. Our animated models and their obvious enjoyment at showing off their dresses captured the audience.



Brother Lynn Whitlock, PGS

The fashion show concluded with the presentation of an incredible and thoughtful gift to the Miss Helen. After being modeled by Past Grand Matron of Georgia (2017-2018) June Mathews, Miss Helen's Installation dress was placed in a custom made oak case handcrafted by Lynn Whitlock, PGS, and will reside at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.

The remaining dresses were sold via silent auction. Miss Helen's generous donation of her beautiful gowns and accessories served the dual purpose of not only providing a memorable and entertaining occasion for us to enjoy, but also further supported the Service Dog Project so dear to her heart. The

enthusiastic support for this endeavor was evident throughout the evening.

Every aspect of the evening was delightful. We were entertained throughout by Annelle Hammond, PGM, and Beth Nuss, Grand Organist, playing the organ accompanied by the beautiful voice of Carol Howard, PG Martha.



(L - R) Annelle Hammond, PGM and Carol Howard, PG Martha

**Georgia Celebrates Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Helen R. Cox's Birthday
Barbara A. Maaskant, WM Electa Chapter #6 (Continued)**



Card basket decorated with balloon magnolias

Everyone had a wonderful time. Members brought Birthday cards and filled out friendship tree cards at the registration table. We know Miss Helen will have many pleasant hours enjoying the more than 250 cards she received.

We sincerely thank her for her thoughtful approach to sharing her Birthday. The evening of friendship and celebration resulted in a gift to the Service Dog Project of over \$7,000. What a wonderful way to highlight PMWGM Helen R. Cox's years of service and love for our Organization.

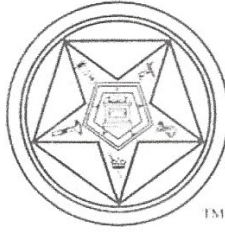
*Submitted by Barbara Maaskant, WM
Electa Chapter #6
Atlanta, Georgia*

PRESENTATION TO SCOTTISH RITE LEARNING CENTRE

*Whitman J. Giffin, PGP
Grace Chapter #8
Lunenburg
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island*



My term of service as a Member of the GGC Scottish Rite Charities expired at the end of the Triennium 2018. During my appointment, I was provided with opportunities to speak with Chapters and to address the GC Sessions in my own Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. One of the highlights was being invited on two occasions to attend the local Scottish Rite Learning Centre's graduation ceremonies and what a thrill it was. The energy, enthusiasm, the emotional and happy experience remains with me to this day. Throughout my service as a GGCCM, I received personal donations and gifts that I kept aside enabling me to present to the Learning Centre a cheque in the amount of \$500. This took place at their graduation celebration held at the Masonic Temple in Halifax on Sunday, November 4, 2018, at which time I was privileged to speak. In the picture, I am presenting the cheque to two of the students and N. Kent Clarke, Chair of their Board of Directors.



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TO BE READ IN OPEN CHAPTER

TO: Sisters and Brothers
FROM: Marianne Shenefelt, Most Worthy Grand Matron
DATE: January 12, 2020
RE: Resignation of GGC Service Dogs Committee General Chairman

I regret to inform you of the resignation of the General Chairman of General Grand Chapter's Service Dogs Committee, Sister Lynn Tague, Past Grand Matron of Iowa. Sister Lynn's dedication and assistance in laying the foundation for the success of our primary and identify charity of Service Dogs is greatly appreciated.

It is my pleasure to announce the current Co-Chairman of the Committee, Sister Minyon Shepherd, Past Grand Matron of South Carolina, has accepted the position of General Chairman. I am confident Sister Minyon's experience, enthusiasm and determination will bring even greater rewards and success to our Order as we continue our efforts to become known to the public for our main charity of Service Dogs.

Please note the following:

- >Please introduce Sister Minyon as the General Chairman, General Grand Chapter Service Dogs Committee, and welcome her accordingly.
- >GGC Service Dogs Committee Members only: please continue to contact Sister Minyon for your items to sell. Her contact information is email: minyonshepherdpgm@gmail.com; and phone: (843) 270-1980.

Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for the dedicated work that is being done throughout the majority of our Jurisdictions in support of Eastern Star's primary charity of Service Dogs. You are making a difference!

Marianne R. Shenefelt

MS OES STAR WEEKLY
"Golden Chain of Friendship"

LET ME BE YOUR SERVICE DOG BANQUET RESULTS

Margaret Woodward, WGM

Lee Barnes, WGP

Cindy Howard, PM, Editor

Good food, great fellowship, and absolutely fabulous crowd of Sisters, Brothers and friends make for a successful fundraiser for the Service Dog Project of Mississippi Eastern Stars. General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Sister Nanette Thompson and State Chairman, Sister Robin Nivens along with auctioneer Brother Larry Thompson, PGP, and their team of "worker bees", did an outstanding job with this project benefiting Mississippi. Our special thanks to Hub City Service Dog Executive Director, Angela Davis-Morris and Board Member, Elizabeth Foreman who presented a very informative program. We were also honored to have Jennifer Stanley and her Service Dog, Shannon.

After all was said and done, Mississippi raised \$5,390.00 as of February 14th, all of which stays in MS. Congratulations to Sister Nanette and Sister Robin and all the Sisters who helped with the auction. And thanks to Brother Larry for being our auctioneer. Great job!



The Hub City Service Dog Group: Front: Jennifer Stanley & Her Service Dog Shannon. Back: Angela Davis-Morris, Nanette Thompson, GGCCM; and Elizabeth Foreman. Davis-Morris & Foreman are with the Hub City Service Dog Group in Hattiesburg, MS.



Jennifer Stanley and her service dog Shannon.



Every Service Dog needs a nap!



Brother Larry Thompson, PGP, auctioneer for the Event, is calling for the next bid while Sister Robin Givens assures the bid.



l-r Sister Melinda Ryan, Sister Gayle Adams, and Sister Dana Miller having everyone sign in and take a program.



Sister Doris Moreton, AGC, shows a beautiful pitcher to be bid upon.

MS OES STAR WEEKLY
"Golden Chain of Friendship" (Continued)



Sister Linda Urban has a basket full of items for bidding.



Looking over the crowd, there sits two of MS's favorite PGMs, Sister Sandra Calhoun (second lady on the left), and Sister Helen Wright behind her.



Brother Ted Wilson, GGCCM of ESTARL, and his wife Sister Glynda Wilson, PGM, are waiting for the right item to bid on.



This beautiful Magnolia was among the items up for auction.

Courtesy of the Mississippi OES Star Weekly



Brother Larry Woodward, PGP, Grand Secretary making his necessary announcements about how to pay for what you buy.



Ooo! Wonder what Sister Margaret Woodward, WGM, has in her little bag?

DONATION TO MARYLAND STATE TROOPERS

*Patricia Burt, PM
Annapolis Chapter #46
Annapolis, Maryland*



(L-R) PGMs Nancy Ford, Diane Smith, Linda Sanner; the 2 trainers and Barrack Administrator; and PGM Madge Jones

On Thursday, November 29, PGM's Madge Jones, Diane Smith, Nancy Ford, and Linda Sanner presented a contribution of \$6100 to the Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) Lodge #96 at the Waterloo Barrack in Jessup, Maryland (MD), for the purchase of a drug-sniffing dog. Receiving the donation for the MTA were two top trainers and the administrator from the Barrack. Sisters Madge, Diane, and Nancy were the Tri-line Matrons from 2015 to 2018 under Sister Helen Westmoreland, PMWGM. Sister Linda, representing her husband, Brother William Sanner, WGP, had a brother-in-law who served with this unit and was favorably remembered by the two trainers.

One of Sister Helen's special projects for the 2015-2018 Triennial was "Support Our First Responders." This support was delivered through the sale of challenge coins. Individuals purchased the coins and then presented them to personnel in the First-Responder disciplines of law enforcement (Fire, EMS, Police and hazmat. Eight dollars of each \$10 coin purchased

came back to the Grand Chapter with direction from Sister Helen to direct those monies to supporting First Responders.

Our Tri-line PGMs agreed to use that money, with additional contributions, to provide funds for a dog with K-9, accelerant, drug or cadaver-detection training for MD. After discussions with the State Police, and in view of the opioid crisis in MD, everyone agreed that a drug-sniffing dog was the highest priority. The pup has been identified and should complete training in February or March. When the certified dog is delivered, the Eastern Star will be invited and the PGMs will provide an update for everyone.

Also in attendance were Brother Edward Ford, husband of Sister Nancy Ford, PGM, and Sister Patricia Burt, Co-Chairman of the GC's "Support Our First Responders" Committee.

Courtesy of the Maryland Old Line State Courier

Warrior Canine Connection (WCC) at Pentalpha Masonic Center in Germantown, Maryland



From left to right are Rick Yount, WCC Executive Director and dog, Cooper; Claudia Eaton, PGM, Member, General Grand Chapter Service Dog Committee in Maryland; Jennifer Wilder, WCC Director of Development and Communications and dog, Smith; Robin Stewart, Chairman, Maryland Service Dog Committee; Mezy MacKenzie, PGM, General Grand Chapter Service Dog Committee in the District of Columbia.

A very information program was given by the Warrior Canine Connection Officers and their dogs on our 5th Thursday in May celebration with members of Pentalpha Lodge No. 194, AF&AM, and Pentalpha Chapter No. 38, OES. Dinner was provided by the Masons. The Order of the Eastern Star provided the program to 60 members, families, and guests. The Warrior Canine Connection is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Rick Yount explained how he got started in the program and their concept of breeding Golden and Labrador Retrievers with Southern, slow temperaments, for Wounded Warriors. The Warrior Canine Connection enlists Service Members and Veterans with combat stress in the critical mission of training service dogs for fellow Wounded Warriors. He shared two videos, one showing how training the dogs assisted in healing warriors with combat stress. The other video was about a Wounded Warrior Recipient and his family and how the dog helped in the healing of the entire family. Warrior Canine Connection is located at 14934 Schaeffer Road, Boyds, MD 20841.

Go to www.WarriorCanineConnection.org to learn more about the organization and view their puppy cam.

Article submitted as published by Phyllis Johnson, AGC

SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS

*Wanda Fisher, PGM
Sunshine Chapter #261
Thedford, Nebraska*

2015-2018 GGCCM Support First Responders

*Barbara Blanton, PGM, Secretary
Inverness Chapter #65
Inverness, Florida*



Sister Wanda Fisher, PGM, and a Member of Sunshine Chapter #261, Thedford, Nebraska (NE), recently presented a donation check to Taylor Moore, a representative of the NE State

Volunteer Firefighters Association in the amount of \$1,976.

Sister Wanda was appointed as a Member of the GGC Support First Responders Committee beginning in 2015 and her term ended in November of 2018. There were Committee Members all throughout the United States. This donation is the proceeds from the First Responder Coins sold in NE during her term on the Committee. Each Committee Member, along with the WGMs who served in the States during 2015 to 2018, decided where the money was to be donated.

Pictured above are Sister Wanda on the left presenting the check to Taylor Moore, a representative of the NE Volunteer Firefighters Associations. *Courtesy of the Thomas County Herald*

On January 17, 2019, a donation of \$2,314 was made to the Nature Coast Emergency Medical Services of Citrus County, Florida, from money raised by the Support First Responders Committee of General Grand Chapter (2015-2018). The funds will be used to purchase generators for several school buses that were donated to Nature Coast and are being refurbished to be used for medical emergencies and evacuation.

Pictured below are Wayne Martin, Director of Administration; Holly Martin, Finance Manager, Todd Hockert, Director of Operations; Barbara Blanton, PGM; Carol Poole, Past Grand Esther; Mike Hall, President/CEO; Floyd Mead, Operations Manager; and Dan Brady, Operations Supervisor.

Photography by Heather Yates



*Valerie Harper, WM
Lakeside Chapter #271, Miami Shores
Tri-Gate Chapter #276, Ft. Lauderdale
Florida*

On February 9, 2019, Tri-Gate Chapter #276, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, held their yearly "Soup Sampler" Ways and Means project. The honored guests were



Susan Holden and John Jurgle, Fire Chief of Pompano. During the year, Sister Carol Hemmis (center above) served as Chairman of this area's First Responders Project. Both Tri-Gate Chapter and Pompano Chapter #187, Pompano Beach, supported

the men and women serving the area as First Responders who risk their lives to protect our communities.

A check for \$608, the combined efforts for both Chapters, was presented to both Susan Holden and John Jurgle that represent the Broward County 100 Club. This club provides assistance to the spouses and children of the fallen First Responders. There are over 200 members in this organization within this County. They are made up of business men and women and individuals wanting to make a difference. The funds raised were a combined effort of Sisters Carol Hemmis from Tri-Gate Chapter and Valerie Harper from Pompano Chapter.

As usual, OES comically stands for "Over Eaters Society" and yes, the Soup Sampler raised \$232 for the Chapter with 29 Members and guests sharing an awesome afternoon together. The Members provided seven different soups, abundant salads, tasty desserts and libations of various brands. "Those that eat together....stay together." 21

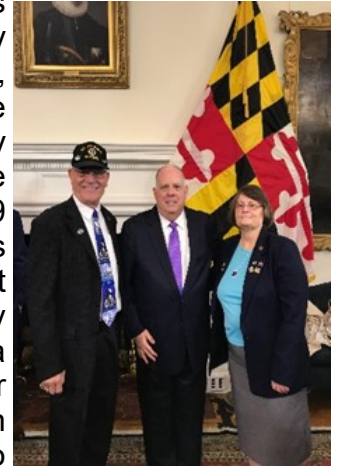
OES SUPPORT FOR MARYLAND PROCLAMATION

*Karen E. A. Calvert, WGM
Unity Chapter #112
Camp Springs, Maryland*



Governor Hogan of MD proclaims 2019 the
"Year of the Veteran"

Sister Karen Calvert, WGM (also Maryland's (MD) 5th Congressional District Commissioner for the MD Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Commission and Military Veteran), Brothers Randy Geck, PGP, and John Ertel, PP, were invited to attend the ceremony where Governor Hogan read the State Proclamation declaring 2019 as the Year of the Veterans because of several significant Military-oriented anniversary celebrations this year. It was a great honor to represent our Veterans, as well as our Eastern Star Order, as this fit so nicely into our WGM/WGP's theme, "Stars and Stripes Forever. Let Freedom Ring".



Karen Calvert and
Randy Geck with
Governor Hogan of
MD

Courtesy of the Old Line State Courier

FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION

*Vickie J. Riffey, PM
Areme Chapter #466
Knoxville, Tennessee*



A Food City grocery card was delivered to Station #15, Fountain City, Tennessee, by Sisters Yvonne and Brother Arthus Woods, PM and PP of Areme Chapter #466. Our local firemen were very appreciative. Receiving the presentation are Henry Michael, Matt Michalowski and Buddy Gibson.

VIETNAM VETERANS CELEBRATION

*William Sanner, WGP
Daughters of Job #74
Baltimore, MD 21234*

On Friday, March 29, 2019, the Grand Lodge of Maryland (MD) and the Grand Chapter of MD Order of the Eastern Star celebrated the 'Welcome Home and Thank You Vietnam Veterans Day.' Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Richard Naegele, gave opening remarks followed by the Sister Karen E. A. Calvert, WGM, and Brother William R. Sanner, WGP. We were honored by our speakers, Brother Mark Franklin from the United States of America 50th Anniversary Commemoration Office of the US Department of Defense and Ms. Dana S. Burl from the MD Department of Veterans Affairs. Brother Franklin provided the history of the Commemoration, its purposes and its importance in history. It should be noted that Brother Franklin is the sitting Master of Andrew Jackson Lodge #120 in Alexandria, Virginia. Ms. Burl talked about the role of the MD Department of Veterans Affairs and her understanding of the importance of honoring these era Veterans which she gained from family members and others she knew who had served in Vietnam.

Finally, presentations of pins from the DOD Commemoration Program were presented to all the Vietnam Veterans and their family members who are also an important part of the support for our Service members. Sister Karen and Brother Bill have been recognizing the Maryland Veterans across the State throughout this past year and have a special pin for those outside the Vietnam era and they presented several to Veterans of World War II and the Korean War during this celebration. Refreshments arranged and provided by several of our Eastern Star Members were enjoyed by all before and after the formal presentation.



All of the Vietnam Era Veterans in attendance

Mark Franklin, a representative of the Department of Defense Office of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and our keynote speaker and the on the far right is Dana Burl, the Director of Outreach and Advocacy of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs. Sister Karen Calvert, WGM, and Brother Bill Sanner, WGP, are holding a Proclamation from Governor Larry Hogan about the event. It will be on display at Session.



Courtesy of the Maryland Old Line State Courier

GO JUMP IN THE LAKE!!!

*Heather Greene Hinckley, PM
Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Vermont
Forest Unity Chapter #82
Sharon, Vermont*

On February 2, 2019, what were you doing? I would venture to guess that you were not jumping into a frozen lake in Vermont?! The wind chill down by the “water” was -30 degrees and, yes, a group of Vermont (VT) Eastern Star Members decided it would be a great time to jump in the lake.

Let me back up for just a second and let you know what started all this...simply put, Sister Diane O. Tracy, WGM, chose VT’s Special Olympics as her charity of choice for her term and in the heat of the summer, not too long after she was installed as WGM, a bunch of us said, “Sure I’ll jump in the lake with you to support the Special Olympics.” Little did we think, at that time, that it would be slightly cooler in February.

The months between June and February passed by very quickly and before we all knew it we were shivering at the “beach” and getting ready to jump in the balmy 36 degree water. What an adventure it was. Very brave Star Members, two grandchildren of Members and one nephew of a Member made up our Penguin Plunging team. As a group, we raised \$7,169 for VT’s Special Olympics which blew our original goal of \$5,000 totally out of the water!

We had a family of plungers, three generations in fact: Sister Joyce Fowler; her daughter, Sister Dawna MacLaren; and her grandson, Ryan MacLaren, who is also an athlete in the Special Olympics.



What other Sisters and Brothers and family members were in our group do you ask? Jody Small, WGP; Barbara Coleman, PGM; Associate Grand Conductress Mary Piper; Grand Marshal Howard Hinckley; Grand Warder Mike Wood; Grand Sentinel George Supernault; Julie Small; Merideth Supernault; and myself, Heather Hinckley. Other team members that jumped were Grand Treasurer Evan Coleman; Kate Coleman’s nephew; and Marilyn Chapin’s granddaughter, Rachel Borgeson. We had team members who couldn’t jump because of illness that helped raise money (Marie Perry, Grand Lecturer; and Emily Coleman, Kate Coleman’s niece).

This was actually not only a VT Eastern Star idea. We had the support of Brother Bob Weidner, WGP of Quebec. Did he jump? Nope, in fact, he said, “No way!” What Bob did do, however, was volunteer at the event and took the amazing photos that are with this article. His wife, Sister Madeline who is the Grand Marshal of Quebec, was one of the first people to hit the water with our team. Special thanks to you both for being a part of this crazy, fun and amazing day.

To be very serious Special Olympics is an amazing organization, the majority of which are wonderful volunteers and athletes. The many sports that the athletes participate in helps them solidify that although they may have been diagnosed with a “disability,” that they have soooo much ABILITY. In fact, our WGM’s sister Joanne has been an athlete for over 40 years and is still going strong and loving every minute of it.

The athletes and their coaches have such an amazing bond and family atmosphere that it not only compels you to be more involved but inspires you to do so. I spoke to one athlete who told me that she had done the Penguin Plunge six or seven times and when I asked her why, she said that she wanted to support her fellow athletes and help let everyone know about all of things that she “can” do. This is just one simple example of how these ladies and gentlemen feel and care about each other.



Grand Sentinel, George Supernault, leisurely entering the lake

ALBERTA DONATION TO THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES!

*Carol Chisholm, PM
Persona Trustee to Mary Wescott, WGM
Edith Cavell Chapter #25
Calgary, Alberta*



At the ‘Fiat Lux’ (“Let There Be Light”) 108th Grand Chapter Session held on June 6-9 in Calgary, Sister Mary Wescott, WGM, raised \$47,377.16 for her year’s Special Project, the Ronald McDonald Houses (RMHC) in Alberta. The mission of RMHC is to support families seeking vital medical treatment for their seriously ill or injured child. Their warm and compassionate houses provide a home away from home for families who need to travel for medical reasons. When those families are experiencing one of the most difficult times of their lives, the houses offer them comfort in being able to stay together. There are three houses in Alberta with the fourth to open in December 2019 in Medicine Hat.

The funds were raised through the sale of lighthouse and hummingbird pins, raffle tickets on beautiful quilts, a diamond and sapphire ring, a hummingbird sun catcher (made by the WGP) and a hand-embroidered tablecloth along with gift cards which added to our success. It took the whole village of OES Members, their family and friends to make this all possible and we thank them all from the bottom of our hearts!

In addition to RMHC, the Grand Chapter made presentations to the following charities:

- \$23,218.00 Alzheimer Society
- \$21,074.00 Cystic Fibrosis
- \$23,218.00 Caregivers Alberta
- \$5,000.00 Alberta Guide Dogs
- \$5,000.00 Courageous Companions
- \$500.00 Alberta Job’s Daughters
- \$500.00 Alberta DeMolay Association
- \$1,725.00 Service Dogs from our ‘Basket Draws

The grand total for all our charity donations for the year was \$127,612.16! So proud to be a Member of this great Order!

TENNESSEE'S WGM AND HENDERSON RAINBOW ASSEMBLY #3 SUPPORT THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

*Karen Lewis, Treasurer and Mother Advisor
Hendersonville Chapter #477
Hendersonville, Tennessee*

Sister Linda Pepper, WGM, and Advisory Board member of Hendersonville Rainbow Assembly #3, encouraged Chapters across Tennessee to support the Alzheimer's Foundation or another health-related charity this year as one of her projects. While many Chapters followed her lead, Hendersonville Assembly #3, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, led by Zealan Hoffman, Worthy Advisor, also supported the same cause. In November 2018, on a very cold morning, the Rainbow Girls and adults walked in the Walk to End Alzheimer's at the MTSU campus in Murfreesboro and contributed over \$650 to the cause.

Sister Linda's Chapter, Hendersonville #477, is proud to boast that we currently have an active Chapter with 18 members who are either current Rainbow members or are Majority Rainbow Girls. Our Advisory Board heartily supports our Rainbow Girls and is proud to call them our own.

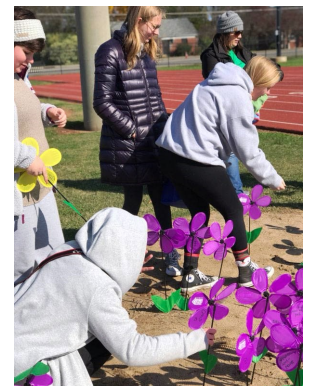


Our group picture shows many of our OES members who actively support this youth organization. (L-R) Elizabeth Sadler, WM; April Douglas; Alisha Kauffman; Laura Taylor; Carrigan Brummett; Debora Coe; Brenda Collins; Linda Pepper, WGM; Karen Lewis, Mother Advisor; Caitlyn Brummett; Walter Pepper; Beth Williams; Megan Sadler; Nicole Brummett; and Angie Shumate



*Hendersonville Chapter Members with our Hendersonville Rainbow Assembly
(Front Row L-R) Megan Sadler, Teige Andersen, Jalise Gleaves
(Second Row L-R) Renee Hoffman, Elizabeth Sadler, Caitlyn Brummett
(Back Row L-R) Karen Lewis, Zealan Hoffman, Kaitlyn Mayo, Carrigan Brummett, Nicole Brummett*

Rainbow Girls "planting" flowers in a special garden at the Alzheimer's Walk in remembrance of those who have been affected by this disease.



GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSOURI SUPPORTS SHRINERS HOSPITAL AND VETERANS HOME

*Billie Kraemer, PGM
Pomegranate Chapter #397
St. Louis, Missouri*

One of the WGM's objectives for Missouri (MO) Members was to support the Shriners Hospitals for Children in St. Louis. In an effort to fulfill the WGM's wishes, Sister Ada Tanner of Pomegranate Chapter #397, St. Louis, made 19 lap throws and 2 neck scarves for the hospital. When Sister Ada contacted the hospital to deliver the lap throws and scarves, she was informed that since building the new hospital they do not have room to store such items.

Support of our Veterans was another project of the WGM and Sister Ada was familiar with the MO Veterans Home in St. James as her uncle had been a resident there. She knew they always welcome lap throws and scarves. She and her sister took a trip to St. James to deliver the items. Lorie Steen, Supervisor of Volunteer Services, was delighted and thankful to receive the gifts since they were low on lap throws at the time.



*(L-R) Ada Tanner and Lorie Steen, Supervisor
Volunteer Services*



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TRAVELS OF A GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

*Pamela Taylor, PM
Long Beach Chapter #51
Long Beach, Mississippi*

Being a Grand Representative is an honor and a privilege that enables a Member to represent her Chapter, her State and the Order of the Eastern Star wherever she may travel. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to travel to many Grand Chapters in other Jurisdictions this year as the Grand Representative of Ohio (OH) in Mississippi (MS). My husband, Brother Tommie T. Taylor, PP, and I attended Grand Chapters in Louisiana, Minnesota, Georgia (GA) and OH, as well as MS and the GGC in Orlando. We were presented with Honorary Memberships in LA and GA, and I was given an Honorary Membership to the Buckeye Links in OH.



*Ohio Grand Chapter
(L-R) Pam Taylor with her
counterpart, Julie Morrison*



*Pam and Tommie Taylor at
Minnesota's Grand Chapter*



*General Grand Chapter
(L to R) Thelma Boos (Pam's Mother), Lotus
Chapter #477; Pam and Tommie Taylor; and
Diane Worcester, Lotus Chapter*

BLEST BE THE "TIE THAT BINDS"

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



OES has brought together a rare relationship that has and still grows with pride and affection. Sister Doris Hillier, Evening Star #28, Halifax, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island (NS/PEI), was awarded a Grand Representative to Massachusetts (MA) and immediately wrote to Sister Diane Ricci, Priscilla Chapter #52, Reading, Massachusetts (MA), who was slightly confused as she had not been presented with hers yet. Sister Diane and five others travelled to NS/PEI the following summer for their Session where Sister Doris and her late husband Jake took her to dinner. In Sister Diane's words, "Sister Doris adopted me the moment we met." After one of the Sessions, Sister Doris took her back to the room where Chapter Members were gathering for some fun and initiated her in "a fun ritual" and she still has her lovely gold turtle pin. The following year, Sisters Doris Hillier, Janet Hue and Doreen Edgar all went to MA. Since Sister Doris had never been on a plane before, it was a *very memorable* trip. Sister Diane returned to Grand Chapter being held on PEI the following year and still enjoys the memories of that trip. Sister Diane and her husband recently came in to Halifax Harbour on a cruise ship and I managed to get Sister Doris over to a restaurant where Sister Diane and her husband met us for supper. Sisters Doris and Diane have written to each other on a regular basis for over 12 years. I have been around for over 50 years and never heard of such a relationship lasting as long. Thank you and congratulations to both of you for sharing your experience with us. (L-R) Diane and Doris are pictured above.

QUAD STATE EXTRAVAGANZA

*Deanna Phillips
2020 Grand Historian
Adah Chapter #15
Midvale, Utah*



(L-R) Dennis Casteel, WGP; Linda Prawitz, WGM of Nevada; Barbara Boster, WGM of Wyoming; Linda K. Glines, WGM; and Lee M. Rogers, WGP of Utah

Thirty-one members from Nevada, two from Idaho, two from Wyoming and thirty-five from Utah (UT) descended on Southern UT's Dixie for a weekend full of fun and getting to know Members in other Jurisdictions and seeing friends.

An auction of baskets and purses was held and the proceeds were divided within the four Jurisdictions for their charities.

We were entertained by Rodney Asay, Sandra Souza, and Rebecca Day and had a very good buffet in St. George.



Sandra Souza, Rebecca Day, Fran Townsend, Grand Organist Emeritus all from Bethany Chapter #9, Green River Utah



Rodney Asay



Nevada's contingent

Courtesy of the Utah Mason



Utah's contingent

THE STORY OF THE SCITUATE CROWN

Submitted by a Dear Friend in Honor of Sister Doris Johnson Hastie



My history began at an Institution of Scituate Chapter #213 in 1928 in Scituate, Massachusetts, where I was worn by assorted ladies whose last names can be seen on streets and buildings around the little seaside town between Plymouth and Boston. However, a new face emerged from Hadassah (Hebrew for Esther) Chapter in Boston where Sister Doris Johnson Hastie served as WM in 1955 and had belonged to Boston Assembly #1, International Order of Rainbow for Girls from the age of 12 (1930). Sister Doris wore me in Scituate for close to 40 years as she served Scituate Chapter. She was one of the ladies who formed the backbone of Scituate Chapter. I sat on her head as she explained Esther's history and principles to countless Sisters and Brothers during Initiations. It was always a fresh and inspiring presentation that made my gems sparkle a little more. Afterwards, she would put me away and hurry off to provide refreshment for the Chapter. Many times, she would move me aside in the closet to find a punch bowl or another implement to serve the Members and friends at a function. She made me proudest when she quietly helped Sisters and Brothers in many ways that were unknown except to Sister Doris and the people she helped. One would not expect less from a woman who moved her parents into her home and took care of them for decades, then included her husband's maiden sister and his parents, also.

When her daughter joined Rainbow, Sister Doris included Scituate Assembly in her circle of care as a board member, then as Mother Advisor. And, not only did she have family and fraternal activities, but was also a pillar of her church and a leader of the Scituate Garden Club where she was a founder of the award-winning Wildflower Garden. Her own garden supplied harvest bounty to many.

All this was done without expecting anything but the sense of helping as her reward.

When the Chapter needed a Secretary, Sister Doris stepped in and helped out for several years. I missed her, but other heads held me up high until she lovingly placed me on her head once again.

Scituate Chapter consolidated with Dorothy Bradford Chapter (which consolidated with Sandwich Chapter #221, Sandwich) and I was presented to Sister Doris with my scepter. She put me lovingly away and continued to help others in her new Chapter. The years passed, and in 2007, Sister Doris was appointed Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in Massachusetts. However, she now was unable to travel because her husband was suffering from dementia and needed her. She took care of him at home until he died. She is remarkable—a true Esther—undying loyalty to her husband, family, and friends, all while those blue eyes sparkle.

When a close friend of hers was appointed Grand Esther, I was brought out and presented to her. Off I went to Initiations (Esther wears the crown in MA), Grand Esther Honor Nights (where Past Grand Esther's wear their crowns) and at our Grand Chapter.



October 4, 2018 was Sister Doris's 100th birthday. I proudly traveled to Orlando, Florida, to GGC where I carried Sister Doris's sparkle as I was carried onto the floor and rested on Worthy Grand Esther's pedestal throughout the Triennial. As the new Worthy Grand Esther was installed, I blinked a blessing on her, too.

I am looking forward to nestling in Sister Doris's arms once again. It was because of her fidelity to kindred and friends that her life sparkles and I had the opportunity to represent all the Esther's in quiet tribute to Sister Doris.



QUEEN ESTHER #1 CELEBRATES 130 YEARS AND DONATES LAP BLANKETS TO LOCAL NURSING HOME



*Diana Plant, PM
Queen Esther Chapter #1
Raton, New Mexico*

Queen Esther Chapter #1, Raton, New Mexico (NM), donated 40 handmade lap blankets to the residents of the Raton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The Blankets were crocheted, knitted and some were quilted or machine sewn. Each Member had a part in this project by doing the sewing, donating thread, fabric, yarn and/or money. This project was 2 years in the making. It was started by the Chapter and Sister Betty Brown, PM, and finished and donated by the Members and Sister Jan Schumpert, WM.

Queen Esther Chapter celebrated 130 years of continuous service in Raton. The first meeting was held November 6, 1888 in downtown Raton. Queen Esther Chapter was constituted 24 years before New Mexico became a State in 1912 and 14 years before NM Grand Chapter was organized 1902. Members celebrated this occasion at their Stated Meeting on November 6, 2018.

Our Secretary, Sister Mollie Wilkins, gave a history highlights of the Chapter during Good of the Order. Birthday cake and Ice cream were served by the Sister Jan Schumpert, WM, and Brother Russ Sharpe, WP, who is also a PGP of Colorado.

Pictured with a few of the lap blankets: Mollie Wilkins; Della Mae Butt; Marie George; Jean Mobley; Betty Brown; Mary Laumbach; Marie Scharpe; Jackie Stulc; Diana Plant; Kendra Walter; Jan Schumpert, WM; Reuben Vigil; John McCord; Russ Sharpe, PGP, WP; Finis Roberts; Joe Hadad; and Duane Plant.

Photo Courtesy of Diana Plant

IT ALL BEGAN 100 YEARS AGO IDEAL CHAPTER #61



*L. Mielke, WM
Ideal Chapter #61
Smith Falls, Ontario*

In the year 1919, the 61st Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Ontario was established in Smith Falls. One hundred years later, in the year "Living Our Legacy 2018-2019," Ideal Chapter #61, Smiths Falls, celebrated their centennial. The room was decorated in aqua, white, black and gold, colours of the year. Sixteen Members of the Grand Family and their escorts were in attendance to celebrate with the Members of Ideal Chapter, visitors and guests. Close to 100 guests were greeted by first time WM, Sister Miranda Coulter, and Brother Jeremy Coulter, WP. Included in the list of special guests were Sisters Helen Delaney, GGC Right Worthy Grand Trustee, PGM; and Betty St. Onge, GGC Ambassador to New Jersey, PGM. Sister Miranda gave a history of Ideal Chapter. All in all, it turned out a beautiful day for a wonderful celebration with Eastern Star family and friends.

What is a birthday without gifts? Sister Miranda presented (Sister) Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, WGM, with an Honorary Membership to Ideal Chapter and Brother William (Bill) Chatwell, WGP, received his Honorary Membership from Brother Jeremy. In turn, (Sister) Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe presented Sister Miranda with a beautifully stitched Bible marker. Our own District 13 DDGM Sister Betty Fraser-Smith and Bonnie Walther, WM, Leeds Chapter #255, Newborough, GCCM on Benevolent, received Life Memberships from Sister Miranda and Brother Jeremy. Everyone enjoyed a tasty meal and great fellowship.

Happy Birthday Ideal Chapter. We wish you growth and longevity.

OLIVET CHAPTER #3 CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

*Shannon Horton, PM
Olivet Chapter #3
Lander, Wyoming*

Olivet Chapter #3, Lander, Wyoming (WY), was Instituted on May 14, 1894, under authority of the GGC, OES, and was one of the original eight Chapters to form the Grand Chapter of WY on September 14, 1898.

Olivet Chapter is now the oldest Chapter in WY celebrating its 125th Anniversary at the Official Visit of Sister Barbara Boster, WGM, and Brother John Krmpotich, WGP, on March 16, 2019. Also in attendance was Sister Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM.

Sister Shannon Horton, PM prepared a booklet with interesting facts from our 125 years of history. A few of those are below:

125 Years of History of Olivet Chapter #3 by Shannon Horton, PM

There is a yellowed piece of paper hanging on the Chapter wall in a frame that cost \$3.25. The ink is fading, but the names are listed as the Charter Members of Olivet Chapter #3. The date is May 14, 1894. The history is almost as faded as the ink. There are some things we know, and some others that we have imagined.

We know the first meetings took place in the members' homes, and sometimes they brought their own rocking chairs to sit in. We know they arrived by horse and buggy. We know there were 38 Charter members. We know they struggled to have meetings and many times the minutes read "no quorum" or nothing at all. We know they did not always have Star Points present.

We know that today in 2019 we have 38 members of Olivet Chapter #3. We brought rocking chairs to this celebration to sit in. We arrived by automobile. We often don't have the Star Point Offices filled. We often struggle to have a quorum to hold our meetings.

We know that for 125 years the members of Olivet Chapter #3 have been devoted to the great moral and social purposes of the Order of the Eastern Star. We have been dedicated to the sublime virtues taught by the heroines of the Order. We have all believed in the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We have all tried to be cheerful companions as we aid, comfort and protect our Sisters and Brothers.

And so, we are not so different from the members of 1894.

June 1, 1906, was the first time Olivet had been visited by a Worthy Grand Matron. Prior to this there was no way to reach Lander except by wagon. The railroad came to Lander and made a visit by the Grand Chapter possible. However, the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Ellen Tilton, did note the train had to stop to open gates across the rails, pull through, and then close the gate again.



*Original Fabric Star with Incandescent Bulb
Used in the early 1900's in the East of Olivet
Chapter No. 3
Shown here at the 125th Anniversary
Celebration on March 16, 2019.*

*Entire Group Assembled at the 125th Anniversary Celebration
Front row: Marianne Shenefelt, MWGM (in black dress); Barbara Boster,
WGM, in red dress; Carol Errickson, WM, in white skirt, black top with
red roses; Richard Gist, WP; and John Krmpotich, WGP*



OLIVET CHAPTER #3 CELEBRATES 125 YEARS (Continued)

A new Altar, Pedestals and Labyrinth rug were purchased in 1952 with funds raised during the year from bake sales, rummage sales, card parties and special donations.

Grand Chapter of Wyoming was held in Lander six times. In 1907, 1921, 1933, 1959, 1969 and 1978. In 1959 they were expecting between 750 and 1,000 to attend and there were only 250 motel rooms in Lander. A newspaper article noted that rooms in private homes were urgently needed. The article stated, "Most home-owners are charging from \$2.50 to \$6.00 a night, depending on the number of guests they can handle. The delegates are in need of rooms only with bath available, but not meals. Call Ruth Foster at 317."

To quote the words of Sister Hannah Harrison, Worthy Matron of Olivet Chapter #3 in 1907 when she welcomed the Grand Chapter of Wyoming to the first Grand Chapter Session held in Lander:

"In behalf of Olivet Chapter #3, I extend to you a most cordial welcome. For us the future has much in store. Today we have gathered here, sisters and brothers of this great Order, for mutual help and inspiration. We trust much good will result. May we go forth to our different fields of labor laden with renewed zeal and courage; may our hearts be replenished with the sublime virtues of the heroines of this Order; and may we, for so much as we love one another, extend, for the good of humanity, Charity, Benevolence, Truth and Loving Kindness."

So May It Ever Be.....



Star Points wearing satin capes made by Sister Donna Fluckiger in 1992.



Antique rocking chairs used at each station because in our early history our members met in homes and brought their own rocking chairs to sit in. The walnut pedestals were used prior to 1952 and hand painted incandescent bulbs shed a subtle beautiful light. The precious emblems have been retired, but used on this special day. The crown has purple jewels with elongated pearls, while the scepter has a star on the end of the two foot long wooden staff. One side with a purple jewel and the other side, a green jewel.

The Officers of Olivet Chapter #3 and Grand Officers of Wyoming gathered on March 16, 2019 at the Official Visit of Sister Barbara Boster, WGM, and Brother John Krmpotich, WGP. We were most honored by the presence of the Sister



75 GOLDEN YEARS IN OES

*Sue Eaton and
the Sisters and Brothers of
Esther Chapter #9
Evanston, Wyoming*



On May 11, 2019, Sister Shirley Ulrich was presented a 75-Year pin and certificate at her home by Brother Harry W. C. Oberg, III, PGP of Wyoming.

Sister Shirley has been a very vibrant example for the Order of the Eastern Star. She's also very dedicated to her husband Carl, family, friends, community and support for their local fossil gallery.

Officials urge Sister Shirley never to forget the 75 years of memories she's made and wait for the ones still to come. They said the best thing is that she already knows why they are Sisters and Brothers.

CHARTERS MEMBERS RECEIVE 50-YEAR PINS

*Lynn Wagner, Secretary
Lynnhaven Chapter #184
Virginia Beach, Virginia*

At a dinner on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, organized by Charter Member Sister Elsie Stovall, 50-Year pins were presented to Charter Members Sisters Ruth Fletcher and Betty Overfelt and their husbands, Brothers Jim Fletcher and Marvin Overfelt.

Sisters Ruth and Betty were part of the 59 Members initiated when Lynnhaven Chapter #184, Virginia Beach, Virginia, was instituted on October 5, 1966. Their husbands, Brothers Jim and Marvin, were both initiated on March 13, 1967. Sister Ruth served as our second WM serving in 1968-69 with Sister Better and Brother Marvin serving as WM and WP in 1969-70.



Our Chapter is very proud to recognize the Eastern Star accomplishments of each of these Members.

PRESENTATION OF 80- AND 70-YEAR PINS AND CERTIFICATES

*Billie Kraemer, PGM
Pomegranate Chapter #397
St. Louis, Missouri*

While wintering in Florida (FL), Sister Billie Kraemer, PGM, and her husband, Brother Bob Kraemer, visited with a Member of their Chapter, Sister Bernice Roffler. The purpose of their visit was to present Sister Bernice with a pin and Certificate representing her 70-Years of membership in the Order.



Billie Kraemer with Bernice Roffler

Sister Bernice has a long history of Masonic membership. She began as a Rainbow Girl and upon reaching age 18 was presented with a Petition of membership in the Order. She began as a Member of America Chapter #484 where her older sister, Sister Loraine, was a member later transferring to Pomegranate Chapter #397, both in the St. Louis area. She held many Offices in America Chapter before being elected Associate Conductress and advancing to WM which she served with her husband Brother Vernon Ebersohl in 1967. In 1972, she was offered the commission of Grand Representative of New Brunswick which she thoroughly enjoyed. In 1985, she was selected as DDGM by Sister Louise Meffert, WGM, for the then 60th District. She then served the Grand Chapter as Grand Marshal in 1986.

Sister Bernice added to her Chapter's membership by bringing her husband, daughter and two sons into her Chapter. Due to Brother Vernon's health, the two of them moved to FL with her son Butch and daughter Vicky following. Unfortunately, Brother Vernon was later called to the Grand Chapter on high followed by Butch some time later. Sister Bernice enjoyed her second marriage with Brother Rex Foeffler until he, too, was called to his Eternal Home. Sisters Bernice and Vicky remain active in their Dual Chapter in FL, Crescent City Chapter #200, Lake Como.

While visiting, Sister Bernice mentioned that her sister must be an 80-Year Member so upon returning to Missouri (MO), Sister Billie with the help of MO's Grand Secretary and fellow Member, Sister Karen Dixon, did some investigating and found that Sister Loraine Oldani was indeed a Member for 80-Years and living in a retirement center in Herculaneum, MO, outside of St. Louis. She was active in her Chapter but never wanted to be WM. She said she didn't want to be in the spotlight preferring to be Adah, which she was for many years.

When her 80-Year Certificate and pin were obtained from Grand Chapter, a group of Members visited Sister Loraine to present these to her. Attending were Sisters Billie Kraemer, PGM; Joyce Hartoebben, PGM; Sister Karen Dixon and Brother Bill Nausley, WM and WP of Herculaneum Chapter #325, Crystal City; the DDGM of the District; and other Members. Sister Loraine was a delight to visit with and at age 98, still very spry. For someone who didn't want to be in the spotlight, this was truly her day.



Billie Kraemer, Loraine Oldani and Joyce Hartoebben



*Sue Leeper, PM
Morgantown Chapter #35
Morgantown, West Virginia*

**60-YEAR PIN PRESENTATIONS
AT QUADRUPLE GRAND
VISITATION**



(L-R) Jane Mullen; Frances Wolfe; Judy Chandler, WGM; and Clayton Home, WGP

For the first time in West Virginia we had a quadruple Grand Visitation with Ellenboro Chapter #20, Ellensboro; Pennsboro Chapter #26, Pennsboro; Harrisville Chapter #29, Harrisville; and Cairo Chapter #39, Cairo, with all WM's presiding in the Meeting and it went off extremely smooth.

Several PGMs and PGPs were introduced along with Sister Sue Hussell, MWGM Campfire Friend. We had around 126 PMs and PPs in attendance. It was very nice to see that they are still traveling but what does that tell us about our Order? We need new Members!

Sister Judy Chander, WGM, and Brother Clayton Home, WGP, presented Sisters Jane Mullen, PM and Organist; Frances Wolfe, PM; and Rosetta Reeves, Marshal, with their 60-Year pins.

50 YEARS OF DEDICATION



West Virginia Grand Chapter has had the pleasure of presenting several 50 and 60-Year pins and even a 70-Year pin this year!

The latest recipient is Sister Charlene Cather, Good Hope Chapter #109, Good Hope Community, who received her 50-Year pin in 2019.

Sister Judy Chandler, WGM, and Brother Clayton Horne, WGP, were at the Meeting to present Sister Charlene (in red) with her 50-Year pin.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

*Barbara Brackebusch, Secretary
Crescent Chapter #26
Hartsville, Tennessee*



Recently Members of Crescent Chapter #26, Hartsville, Tennessee, presented Sister Lorene Gregory with her 50-Year pin. Sister Lorene has been a member of Crescent Chapter since November 11, 1966. For years Sister Lorene was our Martha and when asked if she still knew it, she proudly said she did. When she wakes up at night, she says Martha's part. We tried to get her to come to the Official Visit and sit in Martha's chair but she sweetly declined. Sister Lorene cannot see out of her right eye and everything is blurry in her left eye. She is 91 years young and still lives by herself. She has a lady to come in every morning and cook for her and then she can warm her supper in the microwave. She also has someone to clean for her. She goes to the Doctor's every 6 months and he just tells her to come back in 6 more months! How many of us

can say that? The highlight of the visit was her showing us her doll room. I have never seen so many dolls in my life for one person's personal collection.

Pictured above are Sister Janice Scruggs, WM, presenting Sister Lorene Gregory with her 50-Year pin.

In the group picture are left to right: Helen Murley, Barbara Brackebusch, Lorene Gregory, Vicki Fadeley and Janice Scruggs, WM.



BUILDING MEMBERSHIP

*Sue Leeper, PM
Morgantown Chapter #35
Morgantown, West Virginia*



West Virginia WMs are hard at work getting new Members and building our membership in the Organization.

At Morgantown Chapter #35, Morgantown, Sister Nikki Byrne-Hoffman, WM, initiated her husband, Noel Hoffman, and new Member Megan Butler in February 2019. Last summer, Sister Fran Lemley, GGCCM Education and PGM, helped initiate her husband, Chuck Lemley. Chuck is currently serving as Worshipful Master of Waynesburg Lodge No. 153, F&AM, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

Fairmont Chapter #34, Fairmont, Sister Sarah Vandergrift, WM and Deputy Instructor, initiated her better half, Rodger Vandergrift, and her friend, Cecil Canfield, in January 2019.

It's about time!

PIONEER CHAPTER #11 INITATES NEW MEMBERS

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



New Members with their families

What a fantastic finish to the year of 2018 when three Rainbow Grand Officers became Members of Pioneer Chapter #11 in Lisbon Falls, Maine (ME), on Saturday evening, December 29, with 60 Members in attendance. Katherine Leckbee, Grand Patriotism; Madison Leckbee, Grand Hope; and Melissa Labbe, Grand Drill Leader; were surrounded by many former Rainbow Girls as they were initiated into the Order. Melissa Labbe's mother, Sister Clarissa Labbe, served as a courtesy candidate with her daughter. The Conductress, Sister Joanne Leckbee, is the mother of twins Katherine and Madison, and the Associate Conductress, Sister Gail Morgan, is the grandmother of all three new Members. It was totally awesome to view three generations at the Altar for the Obligation.

Both fathers, Brothers Michael Leckbee and David Labbe, were in attendance for this special evening. The late Brother Roland Morgan's picture was in the East as he was a PP many times over and the grandfather of the three new Members.

Sister Flora M. Stack, WGM, and Brother Brett Jervis, WGP, were honored to sit in the East for the evening and gave pleasing remarks following the Initiation.

Sister Debora A. Redmond, Supreme Inspector in ME, presented the new Sisters with their Eastern Star Bibles. Sister Debra Greim, WM, presented the new Sisters with Eastern Star pins on behalf of their Rainbow Assembly, Lewiston #14.

Throughout the evening, the Organist played appropriate Christmas music and in the Southwest corner a beautifully decorated Christmas tree was enjoyed. The ornaments on the tree were made by the WM who had crocheted white snowflakes edged in the Rainbow colors as gifts to those participating in the evening. The degree team was made up of Members of Pioneer Chapter and other guest Officers, many having a Rainbow background.

- Worthy Matron Stephanie J. Dupal, PGM
- Worthy Patron John L. Cousins, Sr., PGP
- Associate Matron Lucille A. Nanos, PGM
- Associate Patron Richard A. Farnsworth, III, PGP
- Secretary Corley Anne Byras, GGCCM
- Treasurer Cynthia Mathews, Grand Adah
- Conductress Joanna Leckbee, PM
- Associate Conductress Gail A. Morgan, PM
- Chaplain Debra Greim, WM
- Marshal William H. Stretton, PGP
- Organist Debbie E. B. Cole, PM
- Adah Phyllis Greim
- Ruth Debora A. Redmond, PM
- Esther Harriet L. Stretton, PM
- Martha Josephine V. Dupal, PM
- Electa Linda E. Gray, DDGM #4
- Warder Stuart Smith, PP
- Sentinel Betty J. Perkins, PM



Degree Team



WGM and WGP with new Members



Snowflake favor

PINE CONE CHAPTER #26 INITIATES NEW MEMBERS

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

How often does a current ESTARL recipient join the Order of the Eastern Star? And on top of that, 3 months ago he was married and his wife joined the Order with him. Brother Forrest Genthner and his wife, Sister Molly, became Members of Pine Cone Chapter #26 of Auburn, Maine (ME), at a Special Meeting held the last day of November with guest Officers assuming the Stations. Those Officers had served on the ESTARL Committee during the years that Brother Forrest has received ESTARL Scholarships from the ME's Grand Chapter. There were almost 60 Members in attendance.

The Sunday evening that commences our May Grand Chapter Session always commences with a Vesper ESTARL Service chaired by Sister Jerri A. Holt, PGM, who has been the ESTARL Chairman for over 30 years. At the 2016 Session, Brother Forrest gave the sermon entitled "Standing On the Promises of God." He has assisted at the other services while receiving scholarships. Of special note, his mother, Sister Cathy Genthner, was also an ESTARL recipient and is a Member of Corner Stone Chapter #193, Portland, and was present for their Initiation.

The special Initiation team was composed of the following Members:

Worthy Matron Sister Flora M. Stack, WGM
Worthy Patron Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, PGP
Associate Matron Sister Julieanne B. Irving, PGM
Associate Patron Brother David Cole, Associate Grand Patron
Secretary Sister Corley Anne Byras, GGCCM
Treasurer Sister Rebecca S. Bibber, Grand Treasurer
Conductress Sister Susan A. Gaines, PGM
Associate Conductress Sister Rheanne E. Frost, Grand Secretary
Chaplain Brother Brett Jervis, WGP
Marshal Brother Bernald A. Frost, PP
Organist Sister Debra Greim, WM
Adah Sister Jerri A. Holt, PGM
Ruth Sister Elisabeth Brown, PM
Esther Sister Carol A. Potter, PM
Martha Sister Josephine V. Dupal, Campfire Friend
Electa Sister Lucille A. Nanos, PGM
Warder Brother Arthur Dunlap, Grand Sentinel
Sentinel Brother Louis Bryson
Soloist Brother James A. Owens, PGP



*WGM with new Members
Sister Molly and Brother
Forrest Genthner*



WM and WP with the new Members



WGP presenting Bibles

While the Associate Conductress prepared the Candidates, Brother James A. Owens, PGP, sang *Silver Bells*. Throughout the evening, most of the organ music was Christmas songs which the Members really enjoyed.

Following the completion of their Initiation, Brother Brett Jervis, WGP, presented the candidates with special OES Bibles that they had used to take the Obligation.

LUCKY QUEBEC CHAPTERS

*Brenda Shaw-Radford, PGM
ESJ Correspondent for Quebec
Westmount Chapter #9 & Victory Chapter #35
Montreal, Quebec*

January 2019 was a fantastic month for new Members in the Jurisdiction of Quebec when eight new Members were initiated in four Chapters.

Lake St. Louis Chapter #45, Pointe Claire, initiated Sister Anne Marie Ashcroft and Brother Brian Greenaway. Brother Brian is the husband of Sister Patricia Dota, who is Esther in the Chapter. It was the first time that Sister Patricia had participated in an Initiation and her Ritual work was very good. For Brother Peter Kandalaft, WP, it was also his first time to initiate Candidates and his Ritual work was also very good.

Next, Maple Leaf Chapter #2, Stanbridge East, initiated two new Members, husband and wife Brother Herman Gravenhorst and Sister Liliانا Charry Palacios, with Brother Gordon Young, PGP, filling in as WP. At the time, we did not know that Brother Gordon was suffering with pneumonia and yet he did a marvellous job of the Ritual work.

The third Chapter having an Initiation was Fidelity Chapter #55, Pierrefonds. They initiated Sister Riham Reda. Brother Robert Evans, PGP, filled in as WP and, as usual, knew the Ritual very well and made the Initiation very meaningful. They also expect to initiate another new Member in March.

Finally, Cowansville Chapter #17, Knowlton, initiated three new Members: Brothers Fred Wallet; Razvan Mitchell (the son of the WM and WP, Sister Donna and Brother Bryan Mitchell, PGP); and Sister Makayla Hume, the partner of Brother Razvan. The WP was Brother Gordon Young, PGP, who again performed marvellously despite being sick. Brother Razvan was escorted by his sister, Sister Lara Mitchell, who is already a Member of Cowansville Chapter.

We hope that all these new Members will enjoy the Order and get great satisfaction from their membership.



*Maple Leaf Chapter
(L-R) Janet Patch
WGM; Darlene
Ditcham, WM; Liliانا
Charry Palacios;
Herman Gravenhorst;
Eric Sanborn, WP;
and Robert Weidner,
WGP*



*Fidelity Chapter
(L-R) Janet
Patch WGM;
Audrey William-
son, PGM, WM;
Riham Reda; and
Robert Evans,
PGP, WP*



*Cowansville Chapter (L-R) Janet Patch, WGM;
Donna Mitchell, WM; Razvan Mitchell; Mykala
Hume; Fred Wallet; Norman Cook, WP; and
Robert Weidner, WGP*

CEILIDH CHAPTER #10 PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY PROJECT

*Joyce Roode, PM
Ceilidh Chapter #10
New Glasgow, Nova Scotia*

The Trinity United Church of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, has a project of assisting the homeless called the Shepherd's Lunchroom. A different organization every week prepares a full-course meal free of charge for needy folks in the community. Ceilidh Chapter #10, New Glasgow, now takes part with those volunteers and know they have left their mark on the community.

Pictured above (L-R) are Patricia McLellan-Lockhart, Joyce Roode, Jean McComb, Diana Read, Mary Reid, Rosemary Hayter, Doris Cullen, Lynn Simpson, Maureen Roddick and Allen Reid.



Valerie Harper, WM

*Lakeside Chapter #271, Miami Shores
Tri-Gate Chapter #276, Ft. Lauderdale
Florida*

SHARING FELLOWSHIP

In the past year, the Members of both OES and the Masons have become a family worth bragging about. Together we have had a holiday party which included a fantastic meal, gift exchanges and our Masonic Brothers singing Christmas carols. Other events included the Installation of the Masonic Officers dinner and attendance to a lambskin presentation to five new Master Masons. Lakeside Chapter #271, Miami Shores, Florida, has initiated six Masons to our fowl. Lakeside Chapter had a fundraising project for the Broward County Humane Society and collected \$100 with a giant bag filled to the brim with toys, blankets and beddings for both the kittens and dogs that are desperately needing a forever home. Our WM recently adopted a beautiful calico and is encouraging all to give of themselves and provide a forever home for these forgotten fur babies.

Our Chapter is encouraging all to embrace new Members, give them hospitality and not sit in groups already formed. We are including them in our circle of friendship by enjoying refreshments with them and putting them in the kitchen when needed. The spirit of love is important to all our Members. There is a tradition of hugging shared by all. Come visit us. We are the only Chapter in Dade County.



Christmas festive occasion hosted over 30 members of OES and our Masonic Brothers. (L-R) Valerie Harper, WM; Sam Newton, Secretary; and Joe Basler, Worshipful Master; surrounded by Brothers who had been entertaining us with traditional Christmas carols.

SPUDS DINNER

The Members of Lakeside Chapter have thought of an ingenious way to raise money this year for the Chapter. The Members wanted to be innovative to draw the members of both the Brothers of Village Lodge #315, F&AM, Miami Shores, and Chapter Members who have been absent due to lethargic motivation. It was a success. The Members provided the biggest potatoes one has ever seen with all the trimmings (chili, sour cream, butter, shredded cheese and bacon bits). On what a delight to see everyone eat to their hearts content.

This is an easy way to include vegetarians. This is the second Spuds dinner held and another success. Members supplied the items; therefore the dinner netted a 100% profit. Over 20 Members and guests attended. Fellowship followed the dinner and all stayed around past the serving time. This was a great success and plans for the upcoming Installation were completed.



(L-R) Ellie Barns, Sam Newton, Richard Ottis, Carrie Williams Leisenring, Leonard Harper, Valerie Harper, Key Morgan, Joe Basler, Maryann Mancini Pagliari, Era Williams, Carol Hemmis, Virgil Salisbury and his Lady

SOS! “SAVE OUR SCHOLARS”

*Shirley Radder, PM
Santa Cruz Redwoods #273
Santa Cruz, California*

SOS! “Save our Scholars” was the theme for the evening of March 30, 2019, held at the Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge in Fresno, California. The event organized by Brother John and Sister Donna Herring (PGM) and hosted by all Eastern Star Chapters in the Central San Joaquin featured decorations of little red schoolhouses on each table with a slit in the roof to accommodate monetary donations. Alongside the tables were plastic red apples with a tag attached that read: Please take me home! Fill me with your daily pocket change. When I’m full, donate the total to the OES Scholarship Fund.



The 135 guests entered the dining hall to the music of the String Quartet students from Clark Middle School in Clovis and then were escorted to their assigned seating.

Along one side of the room was a display of 34 gift baskets donated from Members, Chapters and the Youth Orders. This silent auction raised approximately \$1,846. Along another wall was a table full of handmade OES items, as well as buttons and pins for sale.

After a meal served by the Rainbow Girls of green salad, trip tip, chicken, potatoes, green beans and Claim Jumper pies for dessert, four recipients of scholarships from Eastern Star were asked several questions (i.e., relate the importance of supporting the Scholarship Fund; your dreams for the future; the first thing you will do when you graduate; and if you won the lottery, would you quit college?).

Naturally the answers varied, but all the students responded to the question regarding the lottery with a resounding “NO.” They all agreed that receiving the scholarship money was an asset and were very grateful for the financial support, but the best was the caring feeling of having the backing of the Masonic Family.



A special highlight of the evening was the presentation of an 80-Year Certificate to Sister Norma Meek, who as a young girl of 18 joined OES. She was asked to join after a Member heard her play the organ in Church and wondered if she would be interested in becoming the Organist for the Chapter. She came from a Masonic Family background, so she joined, was the Organist for her first year and that was the only Office she held. Although she traveled, she never quit her membership in Clovis Chapter which consolidated with Legacy Chapter #555 in Fresno. Her sister joined 2 years later and both women were holders of their 75-Year pins at the same time.

This special dinner and entertaining evening resulted in a total of \$6,483.28 raised for the California OES Scholarship Fund. If you are so inclined, feel free to donate \$16.82 to make it an even \$6,500!



QUEEN ESTHER CHAPTER #22 SUPPORTS UMOM IN PHOENIX

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

For several years, Queen Esther Chapter #22, Phoenix, has been supporting the community's United Methodist Outreach Ministries (UMOM) New Day Care Center, also located in Phoenix. UMOM is the largest homeless shelter for families in Arizona (AZ) supporting over 170 families and providing 350 units of affordable housing. In addition to donating toys, clothing and money, Queen Esther Chapter Members rotate every month to assist serving a dinner prepared for those assisted by UMOM.

AZ's Eastern Star Foundation, a 501(c)(3) adjunct organization of the AZ Grand Chapter, exists to assist Eastern Star Members with their scholarship and other charitable endeavors. This year, Queen Esther Chapter applied for a grant from the Foundation to assist their Chapter's charity and were delighted to have their request approved for \$5,000! Assisted by Queen Esther Chapter Members, Sister Alicia Dela Cruz, WM, presented the \$5,000 to the UMOM representative on February 27, 2019.

Shown left to right are: Susan Jamison, Conductress; Kay Akers, WM; Alicia Solomon-Dela Cruz, AP; Tony DiCola, UMOM representative; Donna DiCola, Adah and Grand Treasurer; Henry Desenberg, Warder; Linda Beck, Secretary; and Linda Desenberg, AC.

AZ Chapter Members and especially Queen Esther Chapter Members, are very proud of the support they give to their Chapters and to local community service and crisis centers and urge all Eastern Star Members to seek out and assist their own communities. Remember, it is better to give than to receive, and it is so very rewarding to help both our own Members and the members of our communities. Go out and make a difference!



7th ANNUAL POT-OF-GOLD CHILI COOKOFF

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

Long Beach Chapter #51, Long Beach, Mississippi (MS), held their 7th Annual Pot of Gold Chili Cook-off on March 16, 2019, at the Southern Star Lodge #500, F&AM, in Long Beach. A big thank you to all who supported this event. Special thanks to our volunteers Biloxi Assembly #45 International Order of Rainbow Girls, Biloxi, friends and Members. We could not do it without you!

Attendees voted on the chili winners by blind taste testing. Congratulations to the 2019 winners of the fabulous gift baskets and the Steve Stevens Memorial Traveling Trophy!

1st place - Steven Stevens, 2nd place - Matt Dawson, 3rd place - Bob & Del Schultz. The 2019 Steve Stevens Memorial Traveling Trophy winner was Miriam Chapter #67, Wiggins, represented by Brother Ken and Sister Deb Cameron. This is the second year in a row that Miriam Chapter has received the trophy. Who will win the 1st place apron next year? Which OES Chapter will take home the trophy on Saturday, March 7th, 2020?

This event supports Harmony Chapter #51 Gulfport, special charities: Support Our Troops; Gulf Coast Women's Shelter; Make-A-Wish; Mississippi Grand Chapter; OES ESTARL Educational Fund (Seminary or music ministry education); OES Benevolence Fund; and Masonic Youth Organizations (Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Boys).



*2019 Pot of Gold Chili Cook-off Winners
(L-R) 2nd place - Matt Dawson
1st place - Steven Stevens
The 2019 Steve Stevens Memorial Traveling Trophy
winner Miriam Chapter #67 represented by Ken
Cameron
3rd place - Bob Schultz.*



*2019 Steve Stevens Memorial Traveling Trophy winner
Miriam Chapter #67
Ken and Deb Cameron accepting*



*Long Beach #51 Members Yola
Stevens and Dean Patrick, PM
are ready for chili tasters.*



THANKSGIVING CHEER TO THE FISHER HOUSE AND MISSISSIPPI OES CEREAL DRIVE

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

Sister Margaret Woodward, WGM, and Brother Lee Barnes, WGP, 2018-2019, challenged Mississippi Chapters to participate in a cereal drive as one of their special projects. Long Beach Chapter #51, Long Beach, collected 25 boxes of cereal at their November meeting. The cereal was donated to the Grace Lutheran Church food pantry.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, on Wednesday, November 28, Sister Lynette and Brother Larry McVey, Long Beach Chapter, and members and adults from Biloxi Assembly #45, International Order of Rainbow Girls, delivered a home-cooked feast for guests staying at the Fisher House on Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi.

The Fisher House is a compassionate-care facility on Base within walking distance of the hospital. The House provides a comfortable place to stay, serving patients and families from all Branches of the Military and Veterans receiving active treatment at the Keesler Hospital and the Biloxi Veterans Administration Medical Campus. The House provides a safe and comfortable home away from home for families in need.



(L-R) Mark Hopkins, PP, Vancleave Chapter #300, Vancleave, and Past Potentate Joppa Shrine; Marsha Kaufmann; Pat Ziegler; Larry McVey, AGP and WP; Lynette McVey, PM; Stephanie Mitchell, Rainbow Girls Mother Advisor; Mea Hopkins; Audrey Ugas; Shelby Hart; Sara Grace Thielinus; Minley Brumley; Natalie Mitchell, Worthy Adviser; Cindy Thompson; and Mary Brumley

Judy Smith, PGM and WM, and Larry McVey, AGP and WP, with Chapter's November cereal drive



*Barbara Blanton, PGM, Secretary
Inverness Chapter #65
Inverness, Florida*

INVERNESS CHAPTER #65 SUPPORTS CASA, LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER AND HURRICANE MICHAEL RELIEF FUND



Inverness Chapter #65, Inverness, is collecting items to be donated to Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA), a domestic violence and abuse center, as part of our community charity projects. Members are encouraged to bring in items as per a list provided by CASA and the project will be ongoing throughout the year. Pictured left to right are: Eleanor Underwood, Sentinel; Patricia McDonald, Martha; Shirley Harman, Ruth; Georgetta Doland, Warder; Susan Jones, Esther; Donna Gann, Associate Conductress; Carol Poole, Worthy Matron; Barbara Blanton, Secretary; Mary Moody, Pro-Tem; Gary Blanton, Worthy Patron; Barbara Lupton, Adah; Diana Kreisle, Marshal; Patricia Richardson, Conductress; Sally Lemma, Organist; Marianne Wetherington, Electa. Not pictured: Ann Mell, Associate Matron; Tony Martin, Associate Patron; and Berley Underwood, Treasurer.

Photo above by Heather Lynn Moyer, Conductress, Belleview Chapter #122

Inverness Chapter #65, Inverness, is collecting items to be donated to the Animal Shelter in Inverness. A list of items needed at the Animal Shelter was provided and Members are encouraged to bring in items. The project will be ongoing throughout the year as part of the community service provided by the Chapter. Pictured left to right are: Patricia McDonald, Martha; Eleanor Underwood, Sentinel; Gorgetta Doland, Warder; Barbara Blanton, Secretary; Donna Gann, Associate Conductress; Carol Poole, Worthy Matron; Susan Jones, Esther; Shirley Harman, Ruth; Gary Blanton, Worthy Patron; Mary Moody, Pro-Tem; Patricia Richardson, Conductress; Diana Kreisle, Marshal; Sally Lemma, Organist; Marianne Wetherington



Members of the Blanton-Ford 2017-2018 Grand Family held their first Christmas Party in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on December 8, 2018. It was decided to donate to the Hurricane Michael Relief Fund rather than purchase Secret Pal gifts this year. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, Jim Ford, Earline Harrell, Candy Cordero, Vylene Ritter, Elizabeth Youngs, Melissa Haines, Carol Poole, Kay Ann Bauder, Katie Mason and Nancy Bice. You made your Mumsy proud!

DONATING EYEGLASSES FOR A GOOD CAUSE



(Lion Duane Hull, Lion Becky Krout (also a member of OES), Linda Watson, PA Grand Conductress, Lion D. Michael Craley, and Lion Theresa A. Craley)

Fate sometimes brings two different, but equally amazing organizations together for a common cause. Linda Watson, Grand Conductress, (Hershey Chapter #509) was hosting her club luncheon, Season of the Heart, in York, PA on February 23, 2019, and happened to notice that the Lions Club was also there for a Leadership Institute training. At Linda's 2017 AGC Testimonial, 20/20 Vision, she started the practice of collecting eye glasses from members attending her yearly State events. Our PA Grand Conductress and the Lions hit it off immediately, and the Lions took the box of over 100 glasses off of her hands. Additionally, Linda was told that the Lions now accept used hearing aids! So, start collecting these as well and turn them in at Linda's future events. The newly found partnership between these two organizations will bring joy into so many lives and help so many people as both the Lions and the Eastern Star organizations provide services for not only their community, but throughout the world. Coincidental fact: Linda was Grand Electa in 2007-08, and the symbol of Grand Electa – the Lion! - Submitted by Diane E. Hicks

Courtesy of the Pennsylvania OES Magazine Fall 2019

CEILIDH CHAPTER #10 PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY PROJECT

*Joyce Roode, PM
Ceilidh Chapter #10
New Glasgow, Nova Scotia*

The Trinity United Church of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, has a project of assisting the homeless called the Shepherd's Lunchroom. A different organization every week prepares a full-course meal free of charge for needy folks in the community. Ceilidh Chapter #10, New Glasgow, now takes part with those volunteers and know they have left their mark on the community.

Pictured below (L-R) are Patricia McLellan-Lockhart, Joyce Roode, Jean McComb, Diana Read, Mary Reid, Rosemary Hayter, Doris Cullen, Lynn Simpson, Maureen Roddick and Allen Reid.



RINGING THE BELL

*Carol Branham, PM
Greenville Chapter #223
Greenville, Tennessee*

On December 19, 2018, Greenville Chapter #223, Greenville, Tennessee, rang the Bell for the Green County Ministerial Association for the Food Bank.

Those ringing the Bell were Sisters Debbie Ledford, WM; Loretta May, Associate Conductress; Diane Crum, PM, Associate Matron; and Carol Branham, PM, Secretary. Not available for the photo are Sisters Betty Gregg, PM, Conductress and Shirley Jayne, PM, Martha.



(L-R) Debbie Ledford and Loretta May

Diane Crum



Carol Branham

“H” NOTES BENEFIT CHARITY



On October 12, 2018, Sister Judi Lewis, PGM, and Brother Craig Brown, Grand Sentinel, traveled to Concord Hospital in Concord, New Hampshire. Sister Judi served as a member of the 2015-18 GGC Heart Committee and collected “H” note \$1 bills at the suggestion of Brother Craig. During the past few years, she was able to collect \$2,056 which was presented to Gail Dexter, Director of Annual Giving, and Pamela Buleo, Chief Advancement Officer for the Heart Unit of the hospital.

TOYS FOR TOTS

*Barbara Blanton, PGM
Inverness Chapter #65
Inverness, Florida*



Citrus Masonic Lodge #118, F&AM, and Inverness Chapter #65, Inverness, Florida, collected monetary gifts and toys which were donated to Toys for Tots. A dinner was held at the Lodge and presentations were made.

Pictured left to right are Mrs. Claus, Jayne Wunschel; Wayne Baker, Worshipful Master; Toys for Tots Representative, Paul Pilny; Santa Claus, Wayne Wunschel; and Shirley Harman, WM.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

*Grace Boudreau, PM
Grand Representative to British Columbia
and Yukon
Scotia Chapter #49
Smith Settlement, Nova Scotia*



All Members in attendance at the closing Meeting

In August 2017 sadly, Crescent Chapter #70, Lockport, Nova Scotia, surrendered its Charter. The WM and WP, Sister Vicky and Brother Mike Molyneaux, were unable to receive their PM jewel and PP bar that they so deserved. Several Members of that Chapter still get together for fun and fellowship and to discuss the good times and at one such event, Sister Vicky received her PM's jewel and Brother Mike received his second WP bar by Brother Ron Boudreau, PGP.

The last meeting of Crescent Chapter was also the Official Visit of Sister Christine MacGillivray, WGM, and Brother Arnold Dempsey, WGP (2017-2018).

All Members were issued Demits and encouraged to join other Chapters. Although our Chapter is gone, we never forget the wonderful years together and encourage Chapters to continue to carry out the beautiful work of our Order and encourage others to join.



ANNUAL BANQUET



The Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 266, Tracy City, hosted their annual banquet September 6, at the Masonic Lodge in Tracy City. This event celebrated the visit of the Grand Officer and other special guests. Associate Matron, Betty Cyr, gave the welcome speech and presented the official visitor, Linda Edens, with a gift.

The chapter was instituted August 23, 1923, with Fannie Beakley and J.W. Beakley as presiding officers. The chapter is celebrating their 95th year with a newly published cookbook that can be purchased from members.

Pictured at the Order of the Eastern Star banquet are – First row (l to r): Larry Phipps, Associate Patron; Betty Cyr, Associate Matron; Glenda Brewer, Worthy Matron; Mildred Brown, oldest member, age 97; Charles Brown, Worthy Patron; Barbara Cagle, Treasurer; Lindsey Meeks; and Nancy McClendon, Grand Warder. Second row (l to r): Rosemary Sanders, Grand Marshall; JoAnn Phipps; George DeMotta, Warder; Jennie DeMotta, Electra; Elaine Andrews, Martha; Linda Edens, Official Visitor and Associate Grand Conductress; Hollie Bailey, Esther; Lindsey Gipson, Chaplain; Leda Foster, Associate Conductress; Edna Nunley, Adah; Jamie Hunt, Ruth; and Nadene Moore, Conductress. Not pictured: Charlotte Johnson, Secretary.

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WGM BIRTHDAY PARTY AND BINGO PARTY

*Elaine Niemeyer, PM
Towson Chapter #70
Towson, Maryland*

On Friday, March 29th, 2019, the Bonnie Blink Committee of the Grand Chapter of Maryland (MD), sponsored the annual WGM's Birthday party at the MD Masonic Homes (known to the locals and Members as Bonnie Blink) in Cockeysville starting with a Bingo party. Our WGP, Brother Bill Sanner, was the caller for the afternoon. Everyone had fun playing and winning and afterwards, enjoyed conversation, cupcakes and drinks that were served by the Sisters and Brothers of the Committee, in addition to WGM, Karen Calvert; Linda Sanner, PGM; Grand Officers (Deborah Raynovich, AGM; Tim Schupfer, AGP; Donna Runyan, Grand Secretary; Richard Naegele, Grand Trustee; Karla Light, Grand Marshal; Nancy Natkin, Grand Organist; and Susan Henninghausen, Grand Ruth).



As silk corsages and boutonnieres were taken around and pinned on each resident, a special lady was announced to the group. Ms Madeline Niner was celebrating her 99th birthday that day! She is amazing; she and her friend walk the grounds of Bonnie Blink or the corridors everyday for exercise! Everyone in attendance broke into "Happy Birthday" and a round of cheer! What a great way to end the day! Before leaving, Sister Pat Burt, coordinator of the afternoon, made sure each resident received a personal gift to take away with them!

Courtesy of the Maryland Old Line State Courier

A TRIP ON THE DOCK

*Sherry Cook, WM
Sam Davis Chapter #290
Smyrna, Tennessee*



On March 9, 2019, Sam Davis Chapter #290, Smyrna, Tennessee, Sister Sherry Cook, WM, her 2018-19 Officers and their significant others rounded their year off with a visit to the General Jackson Showboat in Nashville. Due to inclement weather, they were unable to cruise down the river but still enjoyed the wonderful buffet and exciting show. Sam Davis Chapter Officers, Sisters, Brothers and visitors have lovingly worked hard this year for their mission to provide Charity, Truth and Lovingkindness to all they have encountered and to those they know have a need.

STORY OF THE RINGS

*Kathleen Taylor, PM
Kedron Chapter #120
Chairman, Marketing Committee
Princeton, Minnesota*



On a 'side trip' from GGC, Sisters Sandy Driscoll, Past Grand Electa and PM of Rainbow Chapter #276, Cottage Grove, Minnesota, and Kathleen Taylor, Past Grand Esther and PM of Kedron Chapter #120, Princeton, spent a few days in Key West. Upon arrival at the hotel, we were greeted by a very lovely and helpful desk associate. It had been a very long day and we were exhausted. As we were dangling our hands over the counter, the associate made a comment about 'seeing the Star in the East' which went right over our heads. We had a very nice conversation about stuff in general, then the associate extended her hand and gave 'the grip'. FINALLY, the light bulb came on. WOW! A Star Sister! Right here in Key West! She noticed our rings! Suddenly, we were wide awake and carrying on a delightful conversation with a new-found Sister, Rutanya Hardin-Dorilas, who is now Associate Matron at Myrna E. Sawyer Key of the Gulf Chapter #5, PHA, in Key West. We were treated like royalty at the hotel and were grateful for being able to spread a little Star happiness around! You never know when your ring, shirt, cap, tote or whatever, will start a conversation or find a new Sister or Brother!

NEWBIE LUNCH DATE

*Susan Sebelist, PM
Fernandina Chapter #355
Fernandina Beach, Florida*



Fernandina Chapter #55, Fernandina Beach, Florida, had their monthly luncheon (called "Newbie Lunch") at Salt Life Restaurant, Fernandina Beach. Everyone had a good time and

*(Left side from front) Judy Campbell, Anna Kelly,
Susan Sebelist, Dennis Sebelist, Renata Latza.
(Right side from front) Patrick Meires, Kim
Grubs, Betty-Jo Nix, Shirley Ramsey, Andrea
Latza-Meires*



*(L-R) Betty-Jo Nix, Kim Grubbs and
Patrick Meires*

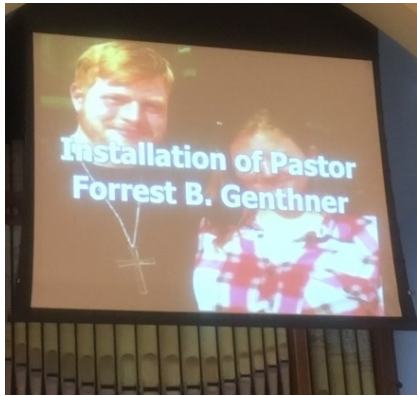
Andrea Latza-Meires, Shirley Ramsey and Betty-Jo Nix



Dennis Sebelist and Renata Latza

INSTALLATION OF ESTARL RECIPIENT

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



To the strains of Mr. Rogers' song *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, the processional to commence the Installation of Pastor Forrest B. Genthner began on Sunday, June 2 at the First Baptist Church of Livermore Falls, Maine (ME).

Pastor Forrest received 5 years of ESTARL Scholarships as he pursued his goal to become a Minister. He and his wife, Sister Molly, are not only Members but Officers in Pine Cone Chapter #26, Auburn. He is

serving as AP and her as Esther. Brother Forrest's mother, who is a Member of Corner Stone Chapter #193, Portland, was awarded 5 years of ESTARL Scholarships as she studied to become a full-time Minister and today, has the title of Rev. Dr. Cathy Genthner.

Brother Brett Jervis, Jr., PGP, opened the Service with prayer. Sister Jerri A. Holt, PGM and ESTARL Chairman in ME, shared how the Order of the Eastern Star through our ESTARL Program had been part of Brother Forrest's life recalling when he would attend our Vesper Service at Grand Chapter with his mother and how through the years, he had been involved in our gatherings. Following her, the Most Worshipful Rev. Mark E. Rustin, Grand Master of Masons in ME (an ordained Congregational Minister) gave pleasing remarks directed at Brother Forrest and his wife, Sister Molly.



Brother Arthur Dunlap, AGP, and Brother Steve Peterson read Scripture selections from the Bible of Ashlar Lodge #105, AF&AM, Auburn.

Brother Forrest's favorite television program was Mr. Rogers Neighborhood and his mother, (Sister) Rev. Dr. Cathy Genthner, based her sermon on "who is our neighbor?" Mr. Rogers always wanted people to remember three things: *Be kind, Be kind, Be kind.* Brother Forrest will be serving two Churches: the First Baptist Church of Livermore Falls; and Moose Hill Free Will Baptist Church. One of the Pastor search members told him that the average age of the

members of the Moose Hill Free Will Baptist Church was around 72 and George Burns was someone they identified with. Brother Forrest asked, "Who's George Burns?" and advice he was given was to make the opening and closing of a sermon close together.

The Church was filled with members of the two congregations, community members, Masons and Eastern Star Members. At least 11 Members of Pine Cone Chapter were there to support their Brother Forrest.

As Brother Forrest thanked those who were in attendance and those who had participated, he presented Sister Jerri A. Holt with a yellow rose for all her assistance as he'd filled forms and requested assistance through the ESTARL Scholarship award program. Brother Forrest did his studies at Saint Joseph's College in Standish and the Chicago Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. Following the close of the Installation, a reception was held with a fantastic barbeque on the Church lawn.



Mom, Forrest and Jerri



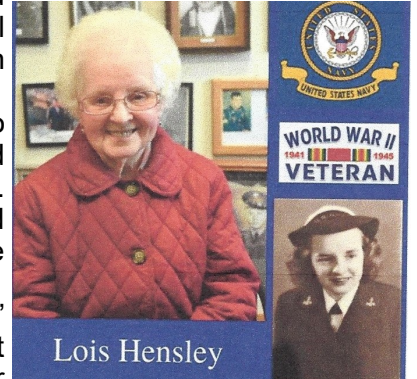
LOIS HENSLEY—A BEAUTIFUL SHINING STAR

*Doris Holbert
Mountain View Chapter #358
Maryville, Tennessee*



(L-R) Louise and Lois

We have a lovely lady in our Chapter who is very faithful in attendance and we want to feature her in this issue. She is Sister Lois Hensley and is currently serving as Conductress at Mountain View Chapter #358, Maryville, Tennessee (TN). She was born on September 23, 1923, in New Philadelphia, Ohio (OH), along with her twin sister, Sister Louise. Sister Louise passed away in Mary 2015. Sister Lois graduated from high school in 1941 in Ravenna, OH. WWII started in 1941. In 1942, Sister Lois joined the US Navy. She was in communications until the end of the War when she received an Honorable Discharge.



Lois Hensley

She met James Hensley on the bus going to Kent State University and they became good friends, eventually marrying on July 20, 1946.

Sister Lois and James had three children: Joyce Ann; Steven Dean; and Thomas James. Her husband, James, was an ammunition inspector for the Army, thus they moved to lots of different States.

In May 1956, back in Rovenna, they both joined the Order. Sister Lois' parents were serving as WM and WP at that time. In traveling to different States and overseas (Germany), they both kept their membership in other Chapters. While in Germany, they were WM and WP. While stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, Sister Lois was involved in starting the Order of Rainbow for Girls and also being Mother Advisor.

Upon returning to the States, they were stationed in Pennsylvania, then on to other States, When stationed at Rock Island Arsenal, they lived in Davenport, Iowa, where they served as WM and WP. While there, they became active in the Order of the White Shrine and served as Worthy High Priestess and Watchman of Shepherds.

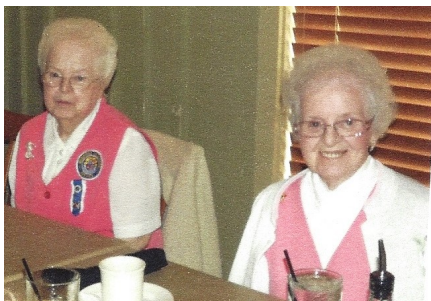
Brother James retired in 1980 and Sister Lois retired in 1985. They then moved to Tennessee to be near their daughter and enjoy better weather that out West. They both joined Martha Washington Chapter #231 in Rockford. While there, Sister Lois had the honor to serve on the Calendar Committee and later was honored by being appointed Grand Representative to Iowa. Sister Lois served as WM 7 times and as Conductress 5 times.

Sister Lois is now a member of Mountain View Chapter where she has served as Conductress approximately 4 years. Sister Lois has been a member of the Order for 62 years.

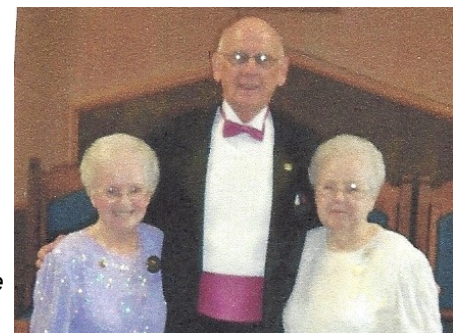
Sister Lois has always desired to be a volunteer at the Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville. She said moving around so much made it impossible. When she moved to TN and settled near Maryville, she was able to become a volunteer at the hospital in 1986. She has enjoyed volunteering 3 days a week for 33 years now.

Sister Lois was recently featured on the Facebook website of the Local Blount County Veterans Affairs. This is a quote from that website dated January 8, 2019, "We had a great visit today with Navy Veteran, Lois Hensley. Lois was on Honor Air Knoxville Flight #23. We are very proud of your service in the Navy and WWII! We love your beautiful smile!"

Thanks for all your many years of service to the Military and to the Eastern Star!



(L-R) Louise and Lois



(L-R) Lois, Herk Holbert and Louise

GEORGIE FOYE
LONGSTANDING AND FAITHFUL VOLUNTEER

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



Sister Georgie Foye, a Member of the Eastern Star since 2007, belongs to Celtic Star #19 and is being recognized for her service as a volunteer by Glen Haven Manor. She has been a volunteer at the Glen Haven Manor for over a decade and for Sister Georgie, her community volunteerism has become an important part of her life. Sister Georgie first began volunteering at Glen Haven many years ago when her mother first became a resident. From the moment she began in a volunteer capacity, Sister Georgie loved to be around the residents of Glen Haven and to help them in a variety of ways. She is very dedicated and faithful to her volunteer role and you can count on Sister Georgie to be found at Glen Haven several times a week, almost every week. She enjoys helping residents with their meals, getting them to and from their resident care areas and the many recreational activities onsite and also helping staff take them to and from in-house Church Services and Masses.

Sister Georgie says she loves to get to know the residents, to find out where they came from, about their careers and backgrounds and to help when she can with their interests and needs. A lifelong resident of Pictou County, Sister Georgie worked in the Sterilization Department at the Aberdeen Regional Hospital and also prior to her 12 years there was employed at CP Smith's as head of the Drapery Department for many years.

She says residents enjoy wonderful personal care at Glen Haven and that both the residents and the staff are all very friendly, warm and welcoming. Sister Georgie can be found not only supporting residents to attend the many musical performances offered by Glen Haven but she has also been known to be a good dance partner and often puts a big smile on the faces of those residents who love to dance. Sister Georgie tells that once she almost took a job at Glen Haven but decided to stay at CP Smith's. She said Glen Haven stayed on her mind and as life would have it, the long-term care facility still became a very big part of her world, both as a family member and as giving and loyal volunteer.

Sister Georgie describes volunteering as very rewarding and says that she looks forward to seeing the residents and staff each and every day she is there. "I love to help the residents in whatever way I can." Sister Georgie says with a big smile. Residents, in turn, look forward to seeing her on a regular basis and know that they can count on her generous, kind and helpful manner. Sister Georgie is always very devoted to our residents." offers Donna MacLean, Glen Haven's Director of Community, Relationships and Engagement. We appreciate her gentle personality, dependability and strong volunteer work ethics. The Order of the Eastern Star is also very proud to call her "one of our own."

CHURCH NURSERY REDEDICATION

*Virginia Phillips, PM
Victory Chapter #40
Aberdeen, Maryland*



The members of Grace United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, Maryland, renamed the Church's Nursery in memory of our late Sister Glenys Perry. Sister Glenys, a native of Wales, was a long-time Member of Victory Chapter #40 in Aberdeen, along with her husband, Brother Ralph Perry. Brother Ralph is a Past Patron and also served as Treasurer for many years. Upon the completion of the Nursery's renovation, the Church held a Rededication Service renaming the Nursery the "Glenys Perry Child Care Room" as a tribute to the many hours she spent caring for the babies and youngsters of the congregation.

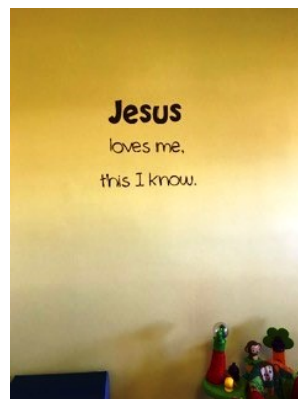
Sister Linda Edwards wrote this beautiful tribute to her Mom:

"My Mom always took care of and had such a love for kids for as long as I can remember. She worked for the Harford County Public Schools in

Special Education for almost 20 years. She only gave up that job because her grandson was born and she then took care of him full-time.

For well over 20 years, she took care of countless babies in the cribbery at Grace United Methodist Church. A lot of her babies now have kids of their own and they now come to Church.

We were approached to see what we thought of redecorating that room and naming it in her honor. What a wonderful way to honor her years of dedication. On All Saints Sunday, we dedicated that room. So much planning and love went into that project and it looks amazing. There is a tree painted in the corner. Our family all put our handprints on it and we're working on getting all of her "kids" to do the same. It's beautiful. My mom was my hero. She left her whole family in Wales to come to a Country where she knew nobody. She made this her home and because my Dad was in the Army, she had to do things without the support of family when he was away. She had that same strength and more when she was diagnosed with cancer. Her family called her a Welsh Warrior and she certainly was. An amazing lady who is missed so much. I know I can't see her but I think she's looking down on the newly decorated room and smiling. A very nice honor for someone who truly loved her time in there."



BEAUTIFUL MASONIC QUILT ON DISPLAY IN STATE MUSEUM

*Susan Thames, Grand Organist
Hasson Chapter #179
Rogersville, Tennessee*



Hasson Chapter #179, Rogersville, Tennessee (TN), is honored to be represented in the TN State Museum in Nashville with a Masonic quilt created by one of their founders and first WM, Sister Sarah Eleanor "Sallie" Hasson which dates 1880-1900. This quilt displayed in the "Between the Layers: Art and Story in Tennessee Quilts," actually depicts the floor of the Lodge her father frequented in Virginia prior to coming to Tennessee to join Overton Lodge #5, F&AM, Rogersville. Her sister, Ann Eliza, created a similar quilt to reflect Overton Lodge.

Looking closely at the quilt, one can see Sister Sallie's name applied on the quilt in the top right corner. Each symbol is applied by machine and the thread was changed to the appropriate color. The quilting was all completed by hand.

Hasson Chapter celebrated 100 years in 2017. Sister Teresa Blevins and Brother Larry Price served as WM and WP in 2019



Sister Susan Thames, Grand Organist 2019 and Associate Conductress of Hasson Chapter in front of Sister Sallie Hasson's quilt.



"Between the Layers" display from the TN State Museum along with a photo of Ann Eliza's quilt

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