

**Eastern Star Journal**

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**Section II**

**QUEBEC MEMBER CELEBRATES**  
**100 YEARS**

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 Westmount Chapter #9, Montreal  
 Victory Chapter #34, Hemmingford, Quebec*



Sister Enid Mosher celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on October 24, 2018. She was feted (honored) by family and friends in the residence where she lives. Sister Judy Christiansen, PGM, was in attendance and took the photos. Sister Enid is doing well and really enjoyed her party. She was initiated on May 8, 1947 in Lennox Chapter #13 and after the demise of that Chapter, she became a member of Victory Chapter #34, Hemmingford, by affiliation on May 1, 1987. She received her 70-Year pin in 2017.

She never took an Office but supported her Chapters in other ways. Her mother was Sister Ethel Mosher who was WGM in 1946-47. Sister Judy presented Sister Enid with a plant and a gift from the Chapter in honour of this important milestone in her life.



**SISTER OTTILIE BULAKITES**  
**RECEIVES HER 70-YEAR PIN**

*William L. (Bill) Greene, WP  
 Ashlar Chapter #116  
 Wallingford, Connecticut*



*(L-R) Christine Smith; Sandy Nelson; Carol Pontecorvo; Laura S. Michnowski, WM; Otilie Bulakities; William L. Greene, WP; Anne Damon; Robert Harriman; Thelma J. Hammerman, PGM; and Margery Zurko (a 66-Year member)*

On October 10, 2018, at the meeting of Ashlar Chapter #116, Sister Otilie Bulakites was presented her 70-Year membership in the Order. Sister Otilie was made a member on September 8, 1948, in Rose Mary Chapter #85 in Stamford, and served as WM several times. Rose Mary Chapter has since merged with Marie Lafayette Chapter #111, Fairfield, and Sister Otilie remains a member of that Chapter.

When Ashlar Chapter #116, Wallingford, was instituted Under Dispensation on February 7, 2010, Sister Otilie was installed as WM and then served as the Charter WM when the Chapter received its Charter on December 8, 2010. She is currently the Secretary of Ashlar Chapter.

## HAPPY 98 YEARS OLD

*Susan Ocker, PGM  
Queen Esther Chapter #7  
Waterbury, Vermont*

Mrs. Ella M. Tewksbury, a resident of Joslyn House, Randolph, VT, was honored August 18, 2018, on the occasion of her ninety-eighth birthday and 80 years of membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Ella joined Morningstar Chapter No. 23, Waitsfield, at the age of 18 and held membership there until they consolidated in 1990 with Queen Esther Chapter No. 7, Waterbury.

The Order of the Eastern Star is an international fraternal organization which is comprised of both men and women and is part of the family of Freemasonry. The Order is dedicated to charity, truth and loving-kindness through fraternal, social and other activities which support local and national charities, youth scholarship programs and homes for seniors. Interestingly, until being sold in 1988, Joslyn House was formerly the Vermont Eastern Star Home.

Guests attending the party included family members, residents and staff of Joslyn House and Eastern Star members from throughout Vermont. The occasion was arranged by Queen Esther Chapter No. 7, Waterbury.

Everyone enjoyed the special birthday cake with ice cream and lemonade. Ella's 80-year membership was commemorated with a framed Certificate. She received many birthday cards, bouquets of mixed flowers and red roses, and a special gift of a hand-knit afghan in the Eastern Star colors.



Mrs. Tewksbury's profession was as a registered nurse. She was employed at Gifford Hospital and later the Tranquility Nursing Home as head nurse.

She and her husband raised four sons and a daughter. They established Tewksbury Funeral Home and later founded and operated The Steven Patrick Manor, a home for disabled children and youth. She was the nurse and the children fondly called her, "Miss Ella". It was not unusual for them to feign an injury so that they might see her for the tender loving care they knew they would receive.

She enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Canada, and after her husband died she drove alone in her VW "Rabbit" to the Mid-West and to Virginia to visit her children living there. She also visited Thailand with a son and daughter-in-law when she was 85. Her children say that she has always been a great storyteller and feel blessed she is their mother.

Ella was the owner and dispatcher for Metro Services taking calls, 24/7, for 5 area fire departments, as well as for private accounts of local professionals. She operated this business from her home for 45 years and was greatly surprised, when upon her retirement, the fire departments honored her with a surprise party to thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the departments and community. She is to this day admired and loved by many in her community.

Mrs. Tewksbury now lives at Joslyn House and is entering her sixth year of residency there. She participates in their activities and attends prayer group held there each week. Her gentleness and sweet spirit is esteemed by those privileged to know her.

*Courtesy of the Herald (Randolph, VT) and the  
Washington World (Barre, VT)*

## CELEBRATING A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

*Elizabeth Moxsom, PM  
GCCM Eastern Star Journal NS and PEI  
Elmsdale Chapter #55  
Elmsdale, Nova Scotia*



On June 16, 2018, Elmsdale Chapter #55 was honored to have Sister Christine McGillvray, WGM, present our last remaining Charter member, Sister Laura Blois, with her 70-Year service jewel.

Sister Laura was born in Massachusetts and moved to Arizona (AZ) with her family at the age of 5. She attended school in Brisbee for 8 years. She recalls her Mom had attended OES in AZ. The family moved back to Nova Scotia when Laura was 13. She and her mother made the long drive across country together to her new home in Isaac's Harbour. By 1951, Laura was living in Elmsdale where she met and later married Archie Blois in 1953. There they raised five children, four boys and a girl. Many years later, she became known as "Nanny" to three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sister Laura joined OES on June 14, 1948, in Isaac's Harbour. At the age of 19 she became the newest member of Pioneer Chapter #11. It was at this time that her mother and aunt were both Officers. She recalls paying the hefty membership fees of \$2 and still has her original membership card to prove it.

In 1956, Sister Laura was living in Elmsdale when she was visited by Sister Willa McGill and asked if she would be interested in helping form a new Chapter in Elmsdale. Much to the delight of the current Chapter members, Sister Laura agreed.

On January 21, 1956, a meeting was held at Brother Bill and Sister Willa McGill's home and the motion was made by Sister Willa, seconded by Sister Laura and carried that the Chapter be organized. The first meeting was held at the Elmsdale Legion and the first Conductress was none other than Sister Laura. It was Amethyst Chapter #28 members who helped with the Institution ceremony. Sister Laura remembers Amethyst Chapter member Sisters Jessie Moss, AGM; Hazel Muggah, WGM; and Brother Al Ruffee, WGP, were three of the many in attendance. There were 40 Charter members, with 4 more being added by the end of the year.

Sister Laura and Brother Archie remember times when Sister Laura would go to meetings with the Brother Robert and Sister Marjorie Thompson while Brother Archie would stay and babysit all the children. It was Brother Robert who convinced Archie to join the Masons in 1958. They are proud to have their Grandson Cody continue in the Masonic tradition.

Sister Laura not only served the Chapter with her volunteer work, she also visited numerous other Chapters throughout the years. She has attended numerous PM meetings and hosted many summer BBQ's at the cottage on the Noel Shore, which is a beautiful spot, and they continue to host us in the summer. Even when she and Brother Archie wintered in St. Petersburg, Florida, for 27 years, she continued to attend winter Meetings there.

Sister Laura took many Offices throughout her membership in the Order:

She served as our WM in 1957-58 and 1984-85. Sister Laura was appointed Grand Representative to Arizona in 1961.

She has also served in the various Offices of Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron, the Star Points of Adah, Ruth, Esther and Martha, Installing Officer and Installing Marshal. She admits that although she enjoyed serving as our WM, her favourite station was that of Ruth, which she filled for a number of years and did a beautiful job.

## 60 YEARS OF SERVICE CELEBRATED

*Betty Thompson, PM  
Laurel Chapter #67  
Berwick, Nova Scotia*



*(L-R) Sister Margaret Clark and  
Brother Arnold Dempsey, WGP,  
2017-2018*

In May 1958, Sister Margaret Clarke, PGM, was initiated in Mayflower Chapter #2 in Aylesford, when her parents, Sister Thelma and Brother Henry Larsen, were WM & WP. Sister Margaret was installed as a Star Point in October 1958 and the following year started on the line and became WM along with her husband, Brother Fred Clarke, as WP in 1962-63. That year, Mayflower Chapter was asked to be the mother Chapter for a new Chapter, Laurel Chapter #67, in Berwick.

Under the direction of the first WM and lots of senior members who received instruction from and through GGC, Sister Margaret and Brother Fred and their slate of Officers conferred the Degrees on the members of Laurel Chapter.

Since then, Sister Margaret has filled most Offices with the exception of the Organist, Warder and Sentinel and at one time, acted as a Pro tem for Secretary. She has served as GCCM on Jurisprudence, Benevolence and Arrangements. She was Grand Treasurer for 4 years and then started on the line being WGM in 1996 (after filling in for 6 months in 1995). She was honored to be appointed as GGCCM Shriners Charities and be the Canadian Chairman.

She has held the positions of GGC Worthy Grand Esther and traveled extensively with Sister Rennie Often, MWGM, and Brother Fred Clarke, MWGP, during the 47th Triennium. Unfortunately, Brother Fred passed away in December 2010 so he was unable to complete his term.

During the next Triennium, Sister Margaret was given a Special Appointment as "Forever Friend" of the MWGM, Sister Barbara (Bobbi) Browning White.

In June of 2018, Sister Margaret was installed as WM in her home Chapter, Laurel Chapter. Sister Margaret is a true Goodwill Ambassador as she continues to travel extensively, visiting Chapters and Grand Chapters throughout the Eastern Star world.

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## SISTER SHIRLEY RABY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

*Barbara A. Maaskant, PM  
Oglethorpe Chapter #122  
Sandy Springs, Georgia*



In addition to the honor of celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Organization's Founder, on September 24, 2018, Oglethorpe Chapter #122, Sandy Springs, had a very special highlight to the Rob Morris event. Our Sister and longtime Secretary, Shirley Raby, celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a member of Eastern Star. Awarding Sister Shirley with her 60-year pin is her very proud husband, Brother K. Alan Raby, PGP, and currently GGCCM Jurisprudence (one of several GGC appointments he has held).

Sister Shirley first joined Juno Chapter #44 in 1958 while Alan was attending Law School. Between 1960 and 1992, as a Military spouse, Chapter visits could be no more than sporadic. She and Alan moved 17 times to follow his career in the Judge Advocate General Corp. Once they returned to Atlanta, she was able to again take an active role and affiliated with Oglethorpe Chapter in 1992. Shirley has been

Grand Representative to South Dakota, Past Grand Adah and a B.F.F (Best Friends Forever) to Sister Bobbi White, PMWGM. Like many of our dedicated members who serve in the Secretary role, she has been a key foundational member of our Chapter. Her more than significant contributions to Oglethorpe Chapter and our Order are sincerely appreciated. We take great pride in congratulating Sister Shirley for her 60 years in Star.

## A SURPRISE 50-YEAR PRESENTATION

*Alma Bane, RWG Secretary, PGM  
McLennan #639  
Waco, Texas  
Federal Chapter #38  
Washington, DC*



In October 2018, Sister Norma Blalack contacted Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary, about a tour of the GGC International Headquarters for her sister and her daughter. The connection of Sisters Alma and Norma is more than their being Eastern Star Sisters; they are connected by Brother Bill Bane's heart. Brother Bill is a PGP of District of Columbia (DC). In 1993, Brother Bill had quad-bypass surgery at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas. He has had annual checkups for many years with Dr. John Erwin. Dr. Erwin is Sister Norma's son-in-law and recently Sisters Alma and Norma discovered their connection. Sister Norma always wanted to visit the International Headquarters in Washington, DC, so when Dr. Erwin had a conference in DC, Sister Norma, her daughter

Suzi Erwin and Norma's sister, Sister Mary Lou Giggy, traveled with him to DC and booked a tour. Sister Norma wanted to do something special for her sister, Sister Mary Lou, who is a 50-Year member, so it was arranged that part way thru the tour, Sister Alma would introduce herself to Sister Mary Lou and Suzi and make a special presentation of a 50-Year Pin and Certificate. Sister Mary Lou was not only surprised but elated at the presentation made in front of the Rob Morris Signet in the Library of the International Headquarters.

Fifty years ago, Sister Mary Lou was initiated into the Order and her sister, Sister Norma, was serving as WM of Sedgwick Chapter #201. In 1973, Sister Mary Lou served as WM of Sedgwick Chapter as it celebrated their 75th Anniversary of the Chapter. In 1984, Sedgwick Chapter consolidated with Paris Chapter #5, Paris.

Sister Mary Lou wrote, " I want to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for presenting my OES 50-Year pin to me. What a wonderful surprise and great honor to receive it from you at the International Headquarters of OES ... What a wonderful time we had in Washington, DC. I must admit the highlight of the trip was meeting you and your husband and having the grand tour of the Belmont Mansion. What a beautiful facility for the International Headquarters and thank you for sharing your home

away from home with us. You both are such a gracious host and (L-R) Mary Lou Giggy, Norma iBlalack, hostess who run the operations of the organization and the mansion Alma and Bill Bane very well. "



### CELEBRATING OUR SILVER & GOLDEN STARS

*We welcome articles on our Sisters and Brothers receiving their Years of Service Certificates. However, we'll also welcome a picture of this memorable event and showcase our members on a shining star. Please include their name, Chapter name, number and location and Years of service.*

*Let's fill the page with pictures of our 25, 50 and 50-Plus Year members on their special night!*

# 80th ANNIVERSARY OF SMITHVILLE CHAPER #374

*Patricia Wilt, WM  
Smithville Chapter #374  
Smithville, Tennessee*

Where were you on August 23, 1938? In Smithville, Tennessee (TN), at Liberty Lodge #77, F&AM, they were holding an Institution ceremony for Smithville Chapter UD. Twenty-seven people were initiated, Officers elected and dues of \$1.50 a year were paid. The Officers learned their Ritual work and the Chapter grew quickly. Since 1955, the Chapter has been honored with Sisters and Brothers serving as WGM (2000-2001), GGCCM (2006-2008), Grand Sentinel (1970-1971), Grand Esther (2013-2014), Grand Organist (2014-2015), 12 Grand Representatives, 5 Grand Instructors and 29 Grand Chapter Committee members. Although no Charter members remain, there are 10 50-Year and 16 25-Year members.

In the year 2000-2001, Sister Carolyn Williams was elected WGM. That year, the Grand Chapter celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary at her Nashville "Truck Full of Memories" Session.

During the 2018-2019 year, Smithville Chapter #374 participated in the various projects of Sister Linda Pepper, WGM. "Fill the Jug for St. Jude" is a mason jar placed in the Chapter Hall to collect loose change for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The "My Hometown" project was accomplished by Chapter members collecting stuffed animals for Haven of Hope Counseling, a service that addresses the cognitive, emotional and behavioral aspects of functioning in order to deal with root issues and facilitate permanent life change. For the "TN Heroes" project, the Chapter collected over 50 stuffed animals, placed in plastic bags (for cleanliness) and donated them to Sheriff Patrick Ray and his Deputies to carry in their patrol cars for children in time of need.

An 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is planned at the Chapter's Friendship Night with a 1938 theme!



*(L-R) Rita Bell, Office Manager (far left) and Kay Quintero, Counselor, Assistant Executive Director, Haven of Hope Counseling (far right); with Carolyn Williams, PGM; Pat Wilt, WM; and Joel Dawes, Treasurer*



*(L-R Front Row) Patricia Tallant, Associate Conductress; Guylene Atnip, Conductress; Wanda Gard, Martha; Carolyn Williams, PGM (L-R Back Row) Laura Chandler, Ruth; Joel Dawes, Treasurer; Mary Gottleid, Associate Matron; DeKalb County Sheriff Patrick Ray; Pat Wilt, WM; and Robert Atnip, Chaplain*



*Summer Flowers  
Courtesy of  
Vicki Reynolds,  
Adah Chapter #8  
Boise, Idaho*

## 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.

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# HISTORY OF LACHUTE

## CHAPTER #56

*Freda Gordon, PGM  
Westmount Chapter #9  
Montreal, Quebec*



*Lachute Chapter #56's last meeting.  
(L-R Front Row) Linda Rodger, PM; Dorothy Gauley, WM;  
Ralph Hall, PGP and WP; and Freda Gordon, PM and  
Secretary Pro tem*

On April 22, 1972 the dream of having an Eastern Star Chapter in Lachute, came about with a great gathering of many members from all over Quebec and our close neighbours from the U.S. and other Jurisdictions. What a wonderful day we had and after 46 years, we dwindled down to a few very dedicated members and it was time to consolidate to remain proud members of the Order.

On June 28, 2018, we consolidated with Westmount Chapter # 9 in Montreal. It was with great pride that those who remained to join Westmount Chapter consisted of 5 of the Charter members of that memorable day 46 years ago: Sister Dorothy Gauley, WM, who was the WM at the beginning and was WM at the ending. Other Charter members at the beginning were Sisters Freda Gordon, PGM, who was serving as the Associate Matron; Elaine Wilson, PM, serving as Adah; and Linda Rodger, PM, serving as Treasurer; and Brother John Meyer, who was an Auditor. We were also joined by Brother Calvin Atkin, PP.

It is with pride we were able to donate our remaining funds to The Lachute Residence and the local Hospital.

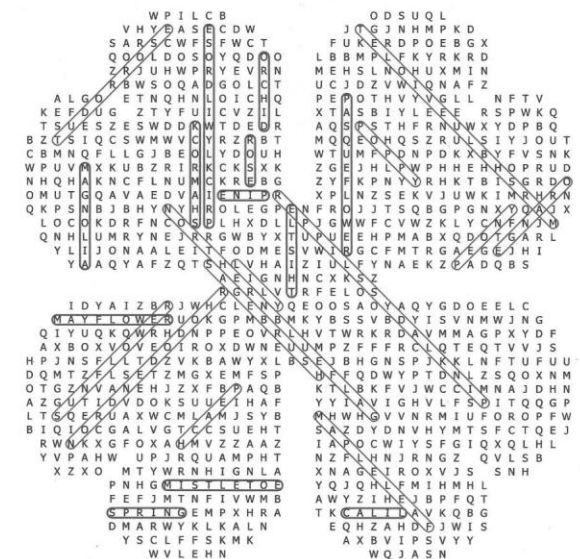
We will also be able to contribute to our new Chapter. Over the years we worked hard holding suppers which were well supported by the local citizens.

We look forward to our membership in our new Chapter as the members of our Order are very special to all of us.



*Lachute Chapter making a \$1,500 donation to the local hospital Foundation.  
(L-R) Dorothy Gauley, WM; Freda Gordon, PM; with a member of the hospital Foundation*

### FLOWERS AROUND THE WORLD - Part 2



**WORD LIST:**

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| LILAC             | NORTHERN BLUE FLAG | PINK LADY'S SLIPPER | SPRING     |
| LILY              | ORANGE             | POPPY               | SUNFLOWER  |
| MAGNOLIA          | ORCHID             | PRICKLY WILD ROSE   | THISTLE    |
| MAPLE LEAF        | PASQUEFLOWER       | RHODODENDRON        | TUDOR ROSE |
| MARSH BLUE VIOLET | PEACH              | ROSE                |            |
| MAYFLOWER         | PEONY              | SAGEBRUSH           |            |
| MISTLETOE         | PINE               | SHAMROCK            |            |

Created by Renee Bearden,  
Grand Warden of Florida 2019 - 2020

**Answer key Crossword Puzzle**  
**(How many did you find?)**



## WITH HEARTFELT THANKS....

*Andrienne Pedneau, PM, Secretary  
H. C. & M. E. Duncan Chapter #161  
Pineville, Louisiana*



PhotoScan by Google Photos

Hello, my name is Sister Andrienne Pedneau and I'm writing to brag of the sisterly kindness and love of the Sister and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction in Louisiana.

I joined H. C. & M. E. Duncan Chapter #161, Pineville, in 1989 when I was 18 years old. My parents moved here from Texas (TX) where they held membership in Independence Chapter #1044 in Corpus Christi where my mother had served a few years as Secretary. After relocating, they quickly moved their membership locally.

My father was originally from New Orleans where his mother, Sister Etta Eugenie Kiern, was born in 1914. She was initiated into Metairie Ridge Chapter #169 in 1944. Originally Grandma was not able to be as active as she would have liked because she was working as a private duty nurse at Mercy Hospital and raising a family. In 1973 at the age of 60, she moved to Fairhope, Alabama, where she joined Fairhope Chapter #27 and served as WM a few times. In 1983 when her health began to decline, she moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia, to live with my aunt and joined Starlight Chapter #421.

In 2005, they moved to Cypress, TX. Grandma would often say, "The move to TX was the beginning of a new adventure and had she known how much she would like TX, she would have moved there sooner." They join Lakewood United Methodist Church and were very active in it.

She lived many years after her husband passed. When I was very young, he was buried in Masonic Cemetery #2 in New Orleans. We no longer had any close relatives still in New Orleans that we knew of.

After my grandmother passed in 2016 at the age of 102, she requested to be buried in the old Masonic Cemetery also. My father, who had passed in 2010, still had one brother living in Baton Rouge. He had never expressed interest in Masonry at all but was impressed at my father's passing with the large turnout and respect shown from both Orders for him and our family.

Very shortly after Grandma's passing, we were notified of her wish and desire for an OES funeral in the historic Masonic Cemetery. Not knowing who to call to arrange this undertaking, we contacted our Grand Secretary at the time, Sister Terri C. Castay, PGM, who lives there and who my mother had worked very closely with for many years as Secretary of two Chapters here in the Central part of the State.

Sister Terri quickly went to work and found relatives I was unaware of who lived close by. Sister Jerry Ann Butters found Sister Susan Rabb Williams, my long-lost cousin.

They got a delegation of OES members who agreed to serve a luncheon at Noon for the funeral of someone I know most of them had never met. The day was overcast and rainy, but they came for a 70-Year member and with the highest of decorum and respect represented OES for which we will forever be grateful.

My mother and I were unable to attend because Mom was not able to endure the long drive or flight, but both of my brothers who are 4th generation Mason's did attend.

Afterwards, the family hosted a luncheon at the historic Ralph's On The Park Restaurant on City Park Avenue just down from the cemetery in Grandma's honor in which everyone was invited.

We were extremely saddened to not be able to make the trip and visit with her sisters and brothers., but we rest assured Grandma got the best of all tributes and send-offs to glory at that very historic Cemetery.

## A “GOD WINK” STORY

*Linda Sipple, PM, DGM  
Wyoming Chapter #1  
Wyoming, Pennsylvania*



Theirs is an interesting story. First of all, Sister Christina, PM, and Brother Shawn Bookwalter, PP, recently celebrated their 29th birthdays just a few weeks apart. He is already a Captain in the Army and has served in the Middle East. They are both Pharmacists, having attained their Degrees and Certifications at the same time. They met while both were Freshmen at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre. Brother Shawn graduated from a local High School while Sister Christina lived and graduated in Toms River, New Jersey. While at Freshmen Orientation at the University, his buddies dared him to get her phone number so he tried and she blew him off...at first! Finally giving in, she gave him the number and soon they were chosen to be on the same Lab Team...a 1 out of 12 chance...and they then became Lab partners. Soon after they became a couple.

It was also discovered by their mothers that they were both due to be born on the same day, May 4, but as it was, Brother Shawn came a week early and she was a week late. The story continues that they fell in love and married (they even took dance lessons from me for their wedding reception and he does a mean “Tango dip”).

Upon graduation from college, Brother Shawn went into the Army after serving in the ROTC program at school. They moved from place to place and were stationed in Louisiana where they joined Pinehurst Chapter #33 in DeRidder as dual members. In 2015, they served together in the East but were unable to finish the full term as WM and WP because the Army moved them again. They now reside in North Carolina (NC) and in July will become first time parents.

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, they attended the Stated Meeting of Wyoming Chapter #1, Wyoming, and Sister Christina jumped into the Station of Ruth as a last minute substitute. When the Floral Offering was taken and returned to the Secretary, there was a check in the amount of \$4,000 in the basket. Brother Shawn immediately asked permission to speak. He explained that because the Chapter sponsored he and his wife to receive Educational Scholarships while they were members, they wanted to donate all the money back by way of Wyoming Chapter. He then made a pledge to donate enough money each year for a scholarship for one student. These two young members are a fine example of hard work and dedication.

We at Wyoming Chapter are so proud that they have accomplished so much in their young lives and we wish only the best for them in all their future endeavors.

I believe their paths were meant to cross and all the incidents that have happened along the way have been “God Winks.”

*Editor's Note: Sister Linda provided the following update:*

Brother Shawn and Sister Christina have kept their promise with a \$1,000 donation to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania Educational Scholarship Program. Also, Brother Shawn's parents, Sister Connie and Brother Bill Bookwalter, are members of Wyoming Chapter #1 in Region 12A.

Since the original story was written, Brother Shawn has received a promotion from the United States Army to the rank of Major. His ceremony will be held on September 27, 2019. He continues to work in NC as a Pharmacist at the hospital at Fort Bragg. Sister Christina continues to work as a Pharmacist and also does clinicals with diabetic patients. Baby daughter, Rachel Ruth, celebrated her 1st birthday at the end of July 2019 and currently keeps all the workers on their toes at her day care center.

## FREEDOM AND CHALLENGER

*Nancy L. Ford, PGM*

*GGCCM Eastern Star Journal Editor*

*Highland Chapter #33*

*Dundalk, Maryland*



American's celebrate the 4th of July with picnics, parades and fireworks. The bald eagle was officially adopted as the emblem of the United States in 1787. President John F. Kennedy wrote to Charles Callison of the National Audubon Society on July 18, 1961: "The founding fathers made an appropriate choice when they selected the bald eagle as the emblem of the Nation. The fierce beauty and proud independence of this great bird aptly symbolizes the strength and freedom of America."

Isaiah 40:31 states, "But those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak."

Consider the story of Freedom. This injured baby eaglet came into the life of Jeff Guidy in 1998. She was brought to the Sarvey Wildlife Care Center in Arlington, WA with two broken wings and unable to stand. After surgery, she stayed at the vet's office and Jeff took her under his wings, tube feeding her and talking to her, urging her to fight to live while she seemed to remain lifeless. In the 4-6 weeks after surgery, her recovery showed very slow improvement and a decision was made to put her down if she could not stand. But Jeff never gave in and continued to work with Freedom. On the final day, Jeff writes as he was led to Freedom's cage, she was finally standing, on her own. "Freedom definitely wanted to live. Just about in tears, I was thankful beyond means."

Freedom was taken back to Sarvey where Jeff volunteers. Not able to fly, she was glove-trained and they started doing educational programs and soon their story was made known to the public. But that is not the end of the story. Freedom is truly a miracle pet for in the spring of 2000, Jeff was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. During his treatments, on good days he would take Freedom out for walks and would often have dreams that Freedom came to help him fight the cancer. After 8 months of treatment, Jeff received the news the cancer was in remission and



*Jeff and Freedom*

he wanted to soar on wings like eagles. On his next walk with his girl Freedom, they walked to the top of a hill. He writes that he had not said a word to her but she turned and looked at him and wrapped both of her wings around him and he was engulfed in eagles wings. She touched his nose with her beak and stared into his eyes. A magical moment - a gift from God. You see God brought Freedom into Jeff's life so that he could give life to an injured eagle only for Freedom to then give life back to Jeff in his time of need.



*Challenger turns 30 this year!*

Challenger's story began when he was blown from his Louisiana nest in a storm at 5 weeks of age. He was rescued and hand-raised by well meaning people and since he cannot live in the wild is now in the care of the American Eagle Foundation. He received his name in honor of the lost space shuttle crew and is the 1st bald eagle in American history trained to free-fly into stadium and arenas during the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner. Challenger has helped educate millions of people about the need to protect the bald eagle, once on the brink of extinction. The bald eagle is no longer on the Endangered Species list thanks to the caring Americans working together to keep our nation's living symbol of freedom alive and strong.

We are all familiar with the song, "On Eagles Wings." It was written in 1976 by Michael Joncas for the wake and funeral of his classmates' father. It is based on Psalm 91: 4, "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge." and Isaiah 40:31 "They will rise on wings like eagles."

How many of us are as fortunate as I am to live where one can witness the majestic eagle fly freely. I have named the two my husband, Brother Ed, and I frequently see "America and Freedom." Often times when I see American and Freedom, I sing the refrain from "On Eagles Wings" and am reminded that God our Heavenly Father is holding each one of us and our Nation under His mighty wings.

May God Bless America!

*Fireworks picture courtesy of Sister Vicki Reynolds, Adah Chapter #8, Boise, Idaho*

*Resources: Freedom (<https://www.guideposts.org/friends-and-family/pets/service-animals/freedoms-angel/>)*

*Challenger (<https://www.eagles.org/meet-our-birds/bald-eagles/challenger/>)*

# HONORING OUR WORLD WAR 1 VETERANS

*Heather Combs, WM  
Lily of the Valley Chapter #4  
Bozeman, Montana*



This November 11 marked the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. For this occasion, I had the honor in sharing a part in a very special and what I believe to be an important ceremony commemorating this event with our Sisters and Brothers in British Columbia.

A member of my own Chapter, Lily of the Valley #4, Bozeman, Montana (MT), Sister Celinda Williams, who is also a member of Ypres #48, Surrey, in British Columbia and Yukon (BC), along with Sister Mernie Sutton, PGM and a member of Crescent #10, Nanaimo, BC, share with me a project that some of the members in BC were participating in. The poppy is worldly known as the symbol of remembrance of WWI, the project of poppies was collaborated with the intent that 6,000 handmade poppies handcrafted of coat hangers and red foam paper, one for each of the BC soldiers whose life was lost in that brutal war. Hearing of this great endeavor of our Sister and her fellow members in BC, our Chapter wanted to show our support for such an amazing and touching tribute so we gathered and cut wire coat hangers to help provide stems, even helping create a few hundred poppies to send to support the cause.

On November 10, 2018, a ceremony took place that included a number of dignitaries to include Consul Generals of France, the Netherlands, Belgium; several Honorary Colonels and President of the Naval Officer's Association of BC; members of the Korean Veterans Association of Canada; and four Cadet Organizations. A small class of school children presented a poppy to each of the dignitaries.

After the ceremony, the 6,000 poppies were planted on the gravestones of WWI soldiers and Korean War Veterans. Candles were lit amongst the gravestones and an all-night candlelight vigil was held.

Although I was not able to attend in person, I had the privilege of being a part of this historical event not only in the creation but in the beautiful pictures and videos shared with us through the whole event. I am most honored to have shared such a beautiful tribute.

This ceremony was one of peace and remembrance and for all those that attended. It was a dignified way to pay tribute to all those that have given us our freedom. It was nice to see how the BC Jurisdiction honored and supported their Veterans.

## LEST WE FORGET



## INITIATION IN MAINE

*Corley Byras, PGM  
Grand Secretary Emeritus  
Electa Chapter #2  
Bowdoinham, Maine*



On June 23, 2018, Maine's 2018-19 "Through the Eyes of the Child" Grand Family was hosted by Lakeside Chapter #60, Sabattus, when the Subordinate Chapter did the Opening and Closing and the Grand Officers performed the Degrees. The three young candidates came from three different Subordinate Chapters. Electa Chapter #2, Bowdoinham, has as a new Sister, Emiline S. Ferguson. Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, now has a new Sister by the initiation of Brandy Burns and Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, has Sister Machella Weeger as a new member. Sister Georgia Pashley, WM, served as a courtesy candidate as Maine always does an even number of candidates and the maximum number is four.

One hundred fifty three members were in attendance at the Auburn Masonic Hall. A rehearsal was held in the morning with a meatloaf luncheon served by Pine Cone Chapter #26, Auburn. After pictures and some socialization time, the Official Meeting was held. Sister Flora M. Stack, WGM, and Brother Brett Jervis, WGP, were pleased that their entire core of Grand Officers were present for this first Grand Family. Also in attendance were 16 of the 18 DDGMs, 3 GGCCMs, 10 PGMs and 11 PGP.

Pictured above are Sisters Flora M. Stack, WGM; Brandy Burns; Machella Weeger; Emiline Ferguson; Georgia Pashley (courtesy candidate); and Brother Brett Jervis, WGP.

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## FAMILY AFFAIR

*Corley Byras, PGM  
Grand Secretary Emeritus  
Electa Chapter #2  
Bowdoinham, Maine*

On July 25, 2018, at Beacon Chapter #202, Damariscotta, four sets of biological sisters were in attendance at its Stated Meeting. We know that as we attend meetings, we have many fraternal Sisters but to have four sets of actual sisters was highly unusual. The Sisters in the picture from left to right are: Julieanne B. Irving, PGM, and her sister, Rebecca S.



Bibber, PGM and Grand Treasurer; Norma Hall, DDGM #11 with her sister, Jane Decelle; Cathy McDaniel and her sister, Louise Brown; and Ruth P. Holden, PM, and her sister, Martha P. Ellis, WM. Beacon Chapter was constituted in 2007 when Pogonia Chapter #161 of South Bristol and Pemaquid Chapter #178 of Bristol consolidated to form the new chapter. Sister Rebecca Bibber who is in the picture was the WGM at the time of the consolidation. This year Crescent Chapter #54, East Boothbay merged with Beacon Chapter.

## REMEMBERING CLARA BARTON

*Susan Stone, PM, Secretary  
Clara Barton Chapter #63  
Oxford, Massachusetts*



Clara Barton Chapter #63, Oxford, was constituted on December 9, 1898. On June 29, 1906, Miss Clara Barton became a member. She was 85 years old. The Secretary's record stated, "It was an occasion long to be remembered as with feeling of pride and pleasure we witnessed the work so impressively and gracefully rendered and received. It was with quite reverential feelings that at its close we were privileged to take her by the hand as our Sister." Miss Barton was escorted around the Chapter Room, but during the lectures a chair was placed for her convenience as she was quite frail.

Although she wasn't a member for many years as she passed away in 1912, Sister Clara was proud to be a member of the Order. I was told by two elderly members of our Chapter whose mother's jewel I proudly wear that Sister Clara held that jewel in her hand that was presented to Sister Mary H. Putnam in 1905 and commented how nice it was that her name appears on the jewel and Chapter.

Every year, an OES star is placed on Sister Clara Barton's grave by the WM of Clara Barton Chapter.

*Editor's Note: Clara Barton is known as a pioneer of the nursing profession and founder of the American Red Cross. Little know that as the Civil War was coming to a close, she found a new way to help. Her solution was the Missing Soldiers Office. Working out of the DC boarding house where she lived, she and her small staff received over 63,000 requests for help finding their loved ones missing in action. They were able to locate over 22,000 men, some of whom were still alive. The Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum is open for tours. <http://www.clarabartonmuseum.org/visit/>*

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## 11th ANNUAL ROB MORRIS PICNIC

*Bob Davis, PP  
Lewisburg Chapter #318  
Lewisburg, Tennessee*



On Aug.11 2018, members of the Star Friends met for their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rob Morris Picnic in Pulaski. Some 10 Chapters from the Southern Area of Middle Tennessee gathered for food, fellowship and fun. The food was in the finest tradition of Southern cooking and the fellowship with everyone was everlasting and also Southern style.

When it comes to fun, well an old south auction was in line and raised a just amount to donate towards the MGWM's foremost objective for First Responders. We were proud to send a check for \$1,400 for this endeavor.

Thank God for our Military and First Responders who protect us.

## 37 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CANCER PATIENTS IN OHIO

*Cindy Chadwell, AGC  
Grove City Chapter #502  
Grove City, Ohio*



*(L-R Front Row) Clara Jo Rike, Vilora Severence, Lynda Duhl, Cindy Chadwell, Marilyn Rowley, Raymond Belfrage, Linda Ayers, and Mary and John Ryan  
(L-R Back Row) Janice Welch, Carol Graney, Carrie McGlaughlin, Maxine and Norris Jeffers, Pat Evans and Joe Rike wearing the vests worn in the Cancer Walk-A-Thon each year.*

In 1979-1981 while Brother Raymond Belfrage, PGP, served on the GGC Cancer Research Committee, Ohio Eastern Star became involved in raising money to support this research. As Chairman, Brother Ray started a statewide variety show, the "All Ohio Cancer Research Night." Each District was asked to send their very best talent and a wonderful variety show was held at the downtown Columbus Masonic Temple. Tickets were \$5 and over 1,100 people attended. The event raised over \$14,000 being presented to Dr. James T. Milton at OH State University to support his cancer research for an entire year.

During Brother Ray's triennium of service, he reported an unprecedented contribution of \$101,446 from the generous OH members, and throughout all Grand Jurisdictions, over \$2 million was raised. In today's dollars, that equates to over \$5 million that Eastern Star members like you contributed to cancer research.

In 1983, Sister Marilyn Rowley, WGM, had wanted to continue District 17's involvement with cancer research during her term. She hoped to have some type of hands-on project rather than continuing to ask our members to donate money. Her wish was granted when Brother Raymond gathered Eastern Star members to discuss the possibility of making cancer dressings for the Columbus Cancer Clinic. With typical Eastern Star enthusiasm and their overwhelming desire to help others, the District 17 OES Cancer Project was born! Members organized and secured the initial funding with donations from all 25 Chapters, the 17<sup>th</sup> District Association and the 46 Club, as well as various other auxiliary groups and individual members. The first cancer dressing station daytime workshop opened at Bexley Chapter #524, Bexley, and 5 days later, the first evening workshop opened at Groveport Chapter #440, Groveport. Two more dressing stations opened at Robert Morris Chapter #372, Columbus, and the Columbus Cancer Clinic, bringing the total to four within our district.

We purchased materials and autoclaves and made several different sizes of dressings, packaged, sealed and sterilized them. The dressings were then distributed free of charge to both OES members with cancer and also to the Cancer Clinic. The Clinic's visiting nurses and patients' doctors agreed that our dressings were as good as, and often better than, the ones purchased from medical supply companies.

As word of this project spread, additional cancer dressing stations were formed in other districts around the State. We sent them the materials, they made the dressings and returned them to us for sterilization and distribution. Some stations also made patient bed pads. In just the second year of operation, members of 8 dressing stations in 4 districts had volunteered over 17,000 hours making almost 39,000 bandages and 25,000 bed pads.

Our role with the Cancer Clinic changed over time. When cancer dressings evolved to include medication within the dressing, we were no longer qualified to make them. We did not want to end our partnership with this essential agency so our creative members discovered a new way to support adults and children living with cancer. They began making comfort items to help nourish the spirit of cancer patients. These are specialty items that cannot readily be found in the marketplace. Some examples include soft warm hats for patients who have lost their hair to chemotherapy, heart shaped mastectomy pillows to protect tender surgery sites, muslin surgery dolls to aid doctors in visually explaining an operation to a child, relaxing neck pillows and tray favors to brighten a patient's hospital food tray.

In addition to supplying comfort items for patients, many of our Chapter members donate nutritious food items and paper products like facial tissues, paper towels and toilet paper to the Cancer Clinic. These supplies are distributed by the visiting nurses to those patients who have to forgo these necessities in order to pay for their cancer treatment and medication. Over the years, we funded a wig room that is still in operation today at the Columbus Cancer Clinic, and we paid off the van that the clinic owned.

## 37 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CANCER PATIENTS IN OHIO

*(Continued)*

The major funding for the generous donations of the 17<sup>th</sup> District Cancer Project came from the Annual Cancer Walk-A-Thon which began in 1981. Since our first walk, we raised over \$375,864.55. Over the past decade, the annual funds from these walks was divided in thirds; one third going to the Columbus Cancer Clinic and the remaining two thirds designated specifically to cancer research through the Grand Chapter Cancer Research Fund, the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Nationwide Children's Hospital, both in Columbus.

The 17<sup>th</sup> District Cancer Project held their last Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, June 2, at Homestead Park in Hilliard. They raised over \$9,000 which was given to support cancer research once again. A huge thank you to the 22 Sisters who served as Presidents of the Cancer Project over the years including Eva McCallister, Faye Grace, Jackie Howard, Evelyn Rowe, Jody Lanning, Vilora Severence, Mabel Poe, Ramona McCulty, Lydia Bell, Lorine Simmons, Julie Tucker, Evelyn Meyers, Sally Salzgaber, Fran Horton, Betty Hull, Sue Wright, Nancy Bartholomew, Darla Bohenko, Jennifer Pietrowski, Joyce Pike, Karen Clark and Jo Carpenter.

They could not have done the work they were able to do without the support of the Sisters and Brothers who served as Chairman of the Annual Walk-A-Thon: 1981 and 1982, Juanita Melsop; 1983 Russ Carnes; 1984 Carolyn Lane; 1985 Evelyn Lewis Hardesty; 1986 Sue Ward; 1987 Vilora Severence; 1988 Barbara and Bob Miller; 1989 and 1990 Joann and Guy Corkwell; 1991 and 1992 Harold and Julie Tucker; 1993 and 1994 Lydia and Lou Bell; 1995 Mary and John Ryan; 1996 and 1997 Marsha and Craig Heyder; 1998 Sue and Bob Thomas; 1999 and 2000 Clara Jo Rike; 2001 Amy Monte and Denise Swartz; 2002 Carol Graney and Vilora Severence; 2003 Ron Hardesty; 2004 Darla Bohenko and Maxine Jeffers; 2005 Jill and John Henry; 2006 Jill Henry; 2007 Carol Henry; 2008 Jennifer Pietrowski; 2009 Carol Stewart; 2010 Betsy Abshire; 2011 Carrie McGlaughlin; 2012 Cindy Chadwell; 2013 Pat Evans; 2014 Donna Snyder; 2015 Suzanne Scott; 2016 Liz Compton; and 2017 Linda Whitesel; and 2018 Linda Ayers and Linda Duhl.

And the rest of the story is...the gift of life is yours to give. We believe that every form of cancer has a cure and we understand that every cure will be discovered through research. Eastern Star members fund research! Our Walk-A-Thon has run its course, and the books of our District Cancer Project have closed; however, the members of District 17 will continue to find ways to support cancer research and to provide comfort items to patients in Central OH for years to come!



### BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

*Luanne Burg, WM  
Tri-Gate Chapter #276  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida*

Members of Tri-Gate Chapter #276, Ft. Lauderdale, assisted Lighthouse of Broward with their Back to School Bash with donations of three overstuffed backpacks, a box of school supplies and cash donations.

Attending the August 4, 2018 event were Sisters Luanne Burg, WM, and Carol Hemmis who manned the Balloon Guess game station. Over 25 clients attended the event and 25 backpacks were given away. Everyone who attended had a great time playing the various balloon games, eating hotdogs and making ice cream!

Sisters Luanne and Carol are pictured with the various volunteers and clients at the Back to School Bash.





## BROTHER DAVID FETTY RECEIVES ROB MORRIS AWARD

*Cayla Morris, Secretary  
Williamstown Chapter #58  
Williamstown, West Virginia*



October 18, 2018, Williamstown Chapter #58, Williamstown, awarded a member with several honors for his dedication to the Chapter for many years. Brother David Fetty, WP, was awarded the Rob Morris Award from the GGC for bringing in new members to the Chapter. In the last 3 years, Brother Dave has signed 15 petitions for new membership. He was presented the award by Sister Janet Hughes, WM, and was pinned with his award by his daughter, Sister Belinda Fetty (pictured above).

Brother Dave was also bestowed a trophy from the Grand Chapter of West Virginia for his involvement of



bringing in new members to the Chapter.

On this night, Williamstown Chapter also presented Brother Dave with a Lifetime Membership for all he does for the Chapter. He sets up the Chapter before meetings, turns on the heat or air conditioning, sets up and runs a Golf Scramble, helps members as they are learning about the Order and has brought in many new members. Brother Dave helps so many in his community and the Chapter wanted to show their appreciation and bestow on him the honor of a Lifetime Membership as a sign of their appreciation for all he does.

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## WEARING PINK HONORING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

*Frankie Hawk, PM  
Martha Washington Chapter #231  
Rockford, Tennessee*



The members of Martha Washington Chapter #231, Rockford, wore pink at their October 2018 meeting to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Having two survivors in the Chapter, Sisters Jean Loveda, WM, and Donna Carroll, AM, really brings this awareness front and center.

Members brought 152 snack items which were delivered to the Cancer Center at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville by Sisters Jean Loveday and Frankie Hawk, PM.

The Center greatly appreciated the snacks as they help patients as they receive treatments.

*(Editor's Note: The tradition will continue with members wearing pink at their upcoming October 8, 2019 meeting.)*

## Hoffner Chapter AREME Thermals Project for Mary Magdalen House

**Cincinnati, OH :** Worthy Matron Joan Allen of Hoffner Chapter met Cary Powell, Director of the Mary Magdalen House and learned about a dire shortage of thermal underwear sets and socks vital to helping homeless in the Cincinnati area with their personal hygiene. Mary Magdalen House uniquely serves Cincinnati area homeless with showers, warm clothing, and laundry among other services.

During a visit by the WGM & WGP a celebration of success among Hoffner Chapter and the Mary Magdalen House with help from Dorcas Chapter about the completion of this project to



help many in our Cincinnati community. We are so proud of this and other ways chapters across Ohio “Make a Difference – Make It Happen” in response to the WGM Sandi Hermann and WGP Dave Sexton calling for emphasis on community outreach with AREME (Adah Ruth Esther Martha Electa) Projects this year.

Pictured are PGM Jean Watters (Dorcas Chapter), Debbie Nungester (Hoffner Chapter), Cary Powell (Mary Magdalen House), Sandi Hermann & Dave Sexton WGM & WGP of Ohio, Joan Allen and Rachel Schroer (Hoffner Chapter).

Joan Allen first shared this need with the members of Hoffner Chapter #286 late in 2017 starting with a goal of getting 100 thermal underwear sets. Dorcas and Seven Hills Chapters in our district also helped collect thermal sets and socks. **Chapter members surpassed the original goal supplying 500 thermal sets plus socks so that no one had to be told, “Sorry our inventory supply is exhausted.”**

*Mary Magdalen House is located in Saint Anthony Center at 1629 Republic Street just north of Liberty Street in downtown Cincinnati. It is open daily except Sundays. For more details about MMH see the website [www.marymagdalenhouse.org](http://www.marymagdalenhouse.org).*

**Courtesy of Hilltop Press**

**Article submitted by Dianne Schreck, AM, Hoffner Chapter #286, Cincinnati, Ohio**

## BUILDING OUR CHAPTER WHILE HELPING THE COMMUNITY

*Tammy Ogles, PM  
Murfreesboro Chapter #363  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee*



Greetings Sisters and Brothers from the Members of  
Murfreesboro Chapter #363 in Murfreesboro!

At the August 16, 2018, meeting of Murfreesboro Chapter held at the Mt. Moriah Lodge #18, F&AM, Murfreesboro, we celebrated all our various community service endeavors and the dress code for the evening involved wearing T-shirts from the various organizations we support. The Chapter Room was awash in clever slogans and vivid colors as we worked through our business. All those slogans and colors were a reminder of the lives we are trying to improve with our service but also, they reminded us how much that service improved our lives and our Chapter.

*(L-R Front Row) Glen Lanier, Associate Patron; Bruce Rogan, PP, WP; Carol Poteete, WM; and Alicia Villines, PM, AM  
(L-R Second Row) Collier Hopson, Marshal; Lela Woodin, PM, Organist; Veva Dalton; Claire Mobley, PM, Conductress; Craig Maddux, PP; Daune Jordan, PM, Secretary; Karla Maddux, PM, Electa; Renee Bolden, PM, Treasurer; and Tammy Ogles, PM, Esther*

For many years, Murfreesboro Chapter has had the honor of sponsoring and supporting the Masonic Youth organizations in our community but in the last 10 years or so, we've branched out to include the Breast Cancer Walk in Nashville, the American Heart Association's Rutherford Heart Walk and the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End ALZ in Murfreesboro and Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. (PHWFF), a Military Veterans organization that supports disabled Veterans.

We all know that our Eastern Star organization was founded on the belief that we needed to be of service to those in need so our community work done in the name of our Chapter was just an answer to that calling, but we've discovered that our community work has benefited us and our Chapter as well.

The Masonic Youth work has paid dividends for our Chapter almost since its beginning. Sponsoring Masonic Youth organizations is a great benefit for the community because it gives youth in your community the opportunity to learn important moral lessons, how to speak in public and leadership skills, all of which will benefit them for the rest of their lives. The Henry Lee Fox #85 Rainbow Assembly and the Murfreesboro DeMolay Chapter not only help with Chapter dinners but also the physical labor that's a little easier to do with young backs. These two organizations have been a constant source of well-trained new Officers for our Chapter as the years have gone by. Imagine your Chapter consistently initiating 20-year-olds who have been doing memory and service work for half their lives already and who have been impressed from a young age with goals and aims of our Eastern Star! Many of our most active members are former Rainbow and DeMolay members. We would not be the Chapter we are without them.

But what about all those other organizations? We started out doing these walks, in part, because we had family members and Eastern Star friends who suffered with these illnesses. We started working with PHWFF because we had Military Veterans in our Chapter who had a heart to help other Veterans who had come home from war missing some part of themselves. We saw a need and we wanted to meet that need, but we've discovered again that our work has benefited us as much as we benefited the organization we helped. We've raised thousands of dollars over the last decade for these organizations to support research for curing the diseases and help those currently suffering with them. We've also walked many miles in our work and we've had a good time! Those miles and the fellowship has added vitality to our members. We are better for having been a part of those walks and free publicity never hurts an organization like ours. People in our community who might never have heard of the Eastern Star before now have because they walked beside us towards a common goal.

Sisters and Brothers, we hope that your Eastern Star work affords you as much benefit and pleasure as ours has us.

## DONATIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

*Sara Myers, PM  
Martha Washington Chapter #231  
Rockford, Tennessee*

The members of Martha Washington Chapter #231, Rockford, came together for a community project.



We purchased school supplies for the Rockford Elementary School.

Sisters Wanda Carter, PM; Mable Keller, PM; and Sara Myers presented the supplies to Robin Williamson and Megan Stines at the school.



The Chapter plans on donating more supplies in January.



## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 2018

*Fran Deakins, Associate Conductress  
Limestone Chapter #262  
Limestone, Tennessee*



*(L-R) Ann Shelton, Associate Matron; Mr. Story; Hontas Bailey, Esther; and Fran Deakins, Associate Conductress*

On August 13, 2018, members of Limestone Chapter #262, Limestone, participated in the Back to School Bash again this year for South Central Elementary School in South Central Community.

At our July Chapter Meeting, it was brought up again to help the community since it was highly appreciated last year by another school. Our WM, Sister Ruth Mathes, asked the Chapter their wishes and it was unanimously voted to make a donation of \$150 for school supplies, backpacks, etc., and deliver them to the school. With the help of our members making extra donations, we were able to spend \$265 for supplies.

Mr. Joe Story, School Counselor, and the school staff greeted us with a hearty welcome and much appreciation. He thanked the Order and told us what a big help this would be.

We asked if there were any other needs we may help with and he said if we could help with the children's winter coats, that would be a great help. We assured him we would keep that in mind.

Sometimes if we reach out to our community, they look at you like, "Were have you been?" We need to reach out and introduce ourselves more often as a organization that cares and truly wants to help. They love to know there are places to turn to when all else fails. It was a pleasure to help the community in this way because our children are our future.

## HONOR NIGHT AT MT. ZIRCON CHAPTER #142

*Darlene K. Hayden, WM  
Grand Representative to Vermont  
Mt. Zircon #142  
Rumford, Maine*



I am WM of a small Chapter in Western Maine, Mt. Zircon #142, Rumford. This is my first year in the East and is it also my WP's first time. Minus the nerves, we have had so much fun. On September 24, 2018, we honored four of our members of the Grand Family and a GGCCM Youth, Brother Lowell Farrington. He is a perky old man and always wants to help. He often asks to fill the Office of Sentinel and occasionally a Star Point so on his Honor Night, one of his DDGMs headed a group to grant him this wish. He was given a tour of the Star Points with Brothers Keith Bennett, our current Sentinel, as Adah; Montel Kennedy, our current WP, as Ruth; Martha was absent; and Bernard Frost, our current Treasurer, as Electa. As he visited each Star Point, he gained his gown, and hair and a hug. You guessed it - he become our Esther! (see picture above). Our Grand Secretary, Sister Rheanne Frost, was also honored with a skit of her home in her office dealing with multiple calls and showing a totally different side of herself. She is also our current Secretary. Only a secretary would understand this one. The DDGM of District #5, Sister Barbara Robinson, was also honored with a delightful bell ringing program. Our Grand Electa, Sister Edleen Winslow, avoided all this by being ill. Brother Montell Kennedy, WP, and myself were also honored with a surprise program by our Grand Conductress, Sister Catherine Wood, and her husband, Brother Donald Wood, PP. A memory to add to our Star Life.

At our October 22 meeting, we had two young boys come with their families to share a meal and excitedly tell us about their week at a residential camp they had this past summer due to the efforts of our Chapter to earn enough to allow them to attend.

It was so wonderful to hear them tell about their adventures and appreciation, not only from them but also from their families who were also very appreciative of this opportunity. It makes your heart swim to know you can give to others and make their lives better.

We have also had public suppers from June (when the mud dries) through December and again, we meet our community members, provide some companionship and a good meal. This has been a great experience. In November, we plan to allow all Veterans and/or First Responders who attend to join us as our guests to thank them for their service .

Star has given me a family to be proud of and I feel a part of this wonderful Order and plan to continue to serve again next year.

## CAMDEN CHAPTER # 121 DONATES TO FOOD PANTRY

*Adreonna Holland, Secretary  
Camden Chapter #121  
Camden, Tennessee*



*(L-R) Sarah Thatcher, Electa; Lori Lockhart, PM, Treasurer; Diane Holland, PM, Conductress; and Lawanna Johnson, Associate Grand Matron, Organist*

On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, Camden Chapter #121, Camden, delivered an assorted collection of non-perishable meat products to the local Benton County Ministerial Alliance's Food Pantry. The members had collected donations over a period of several months in order to supply the local food pantry with meats to go along with their stores of vegetables for those in need throughout the county. This much appreciated contribution was just in time for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

## OES APPRECIATION

*Debbie Ledford, WM  
Greeneville Chapter #223  
Greeneville, Tennessee*



On August 2, 2018, Sister Linda Pepper, WGM, presented Brother Royce "Pete" Peterson with a Certificate of Appreciation at the Official Visit of Greeneville Chapter #223, Greeneville. Brother Pete has many accomplishments besides being a 42-year member; Past Master of Greeneville Masonic Lodge #3 F&AM; PP of

Greeneville Chapter; Junior Grand Deacon in 1980, Grand Lodge of TN; Past High Priest, Greeneville Chapter #135, Royal Arch Masons; Past Illustrious Master, Greeneville Council #77, Cryptic Masons; Past Commander, Watauga Commandery #25, Knights Templar; Past Illustrious Grand Master, 2002, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of TN; North East TN York Rite College #153; TN Lodge of Research; Royal Order of Scotland; Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies; Jericho Shrine Temple; Knight York Grand Cross of Honor; Order of the Purple Cross; Distinguished Andrew Jackson Service Award from the Grand Lodge of TN; Red Cross of Constantine; along with being a very good cook and handyman.

Sister Debbie Ledford, WM, Greeneville Chapter, is pictured with Brother Pete .

Congratulations Brother Pete!

## SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

*Susan Thames, PM  
Hasson Chapter #179  
Rogersville, Tennessee*



*Alisa Wright, WM,  
and Kelsey Seals*



*Alisa Wright, WM, and  
Brittany Walker*

Hasson Chapter #179, Rogersville, has presented a \$500 scholarship to a deserving senior from Cherokee High School, Rogersville, since 2004. Members have had various fundraisers, such as pre-meeting meals, chili dinners, Praise Box donations, etc., throughout the years to support the cause. This year, Sister Alisa Wright, WM, sponsored a bake sale and a July 4<sup>th</sup> country breakfast at Overton Masonic Lodge #5, Rogersville, F&AM, which allowed the Chapter to present Kelsey Seals and Brittany Walker each with a \$500 scholarship in June 2018.

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## NEW OES CHAPTER SIGN

*Kathy Stover, PM  
Bob Reavis #71  
Martin, Tennessee*



Bob Reavis Chapter #71, Martin, is proud and excited about a new sign donated by Sister Rita Glover, Chapter Secretary, in memory of her husband, Brother Charles Glover, a 50-Year member of the Martin City Lodge #551 and PP of Bob Reavis Chapter. The sign was installed by Martin City Lodge on July 10, 2018.

*(L-R) Ozzie Harrell, WP; Tracy King, WM; Rita Glover, Secretary;  
and Robert Stover, Worshipful Master, Martin City Lodge*

## TABS FOR AUBREY

*Helen Burgess, Secretary  
Cookeville Chapter #152  
Cookeville, Tennessee*



(L-R) Aubrey Sauvie, Helen Burgess, Chris Sparks, Rodney Whitehead, Jeff Mahler, Mia Huddleston and Carolyn Sauvie

Cookeville Chapter #152, Cookeville, collects tabs for Aubrey. Aubrey was born with both hands missing and goes to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Louisville, Kentucky. Aubrey is the great niece of Sister Helen Burgess, Secretary of Cookeville Chapter, and collects the tabs. Aubrey lives in Murfreesboro and is the daughter of Jennifer and Martin Sauvie. Jennifer's father, Donald Huddleston, is married to Peggy Dyer, sister to Sister Helen. The Shriners collect the tabs and also accept monetary donations. The Three-Degree Masonic Motorcycle Club (MMC) of Cookeville donated several gallons of tabs to Sister Helen and plan the Three-Degree MMC ride to Murfreesboro later this year and will present more tabs for Aubrey.



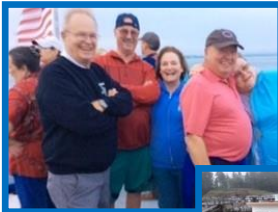
*Aubrey Sauvie and Chris Sparks, Worshipful Master, Cookeville Lodge #266 and MMC Secretary, on the motorcycle. Standing: Mia Huddleston, cousin; Carolyn Sauvie, sister; Helen Burgess, great-aunt; Jeff Mahler, Senior Deacon, Cookeville Lodge and MMC President; Rodney Whitehead, Junior Warden, Livingston Lodge #259 and MMC Marshal; and Madison Kartchner, friend.*

## SUNSET DESSERT CRUISE

*Corley Byras, PGM  
Grand Secretary Emeritus  
Electa Chapter #2  
Bowdoinham, Maine*



Each summer on a Friday night, Naomi Chapter #25, St. George, sponsors a Sunset Dessert Cruise with the Monhegan Boat Line in Port Clyde. Regularly the Elizabeth Ann carries passengers and mail to Monhegan Island year-round. Home port for the Elizabeth Ann is the picturesque fishing village of Port Clyde at the tip of the St. George Peninsula. The road to the dock curves with the meandering St. George River, passing saltwater meadows, clapboard farmhouses, a few small art galleries and the cluster of weathered buildings that is Tenants Harbor. Launched in 1995, the Elizabeth Ann is a comfortable and stable passenger vessel which was built according to the latest advances in marine architecture and engineering. Sixty-five feet long, she offers seating in the heated glassed-in cabin on the covered stern and up on the sightseeing deck.



On July 27, 2018, over 100 members and guests boarded the Elizabeth Ann for this delightful cruise. The members of Naomi Chapter provided all types of delightful goodies to enjoy while on this trip. Through this yearly fundraiser, they are able to support many Grand Chapter projects along with local charities.



Monhegan Island is a small, rocky island 10 miles from the nearest Mainland and scarcely a square mile in area. It is accessible only by boat and there are no cars or paved roads on the Island. Since long before the explorer John Smith visited it in 1614, it was known to Native Americans as a prime fishing area, though today its economy is more invested in tourism than it is in lobstering or fishing. The year-round population has seldom exceeded 65 in recent times.



## WITCHES VISIT CHAPTER



*Corley Byras, PGM  
Grand Secretary Emeritus  
Electa Chapter #2  
Bowdoinham, Maine*

October 15, 2018, was a dark, dreary, spooky, rainy night in the village of Bowdoinham. The wind could be heard whistling through the trees but one couldn't see their hand as it was a moonless cloudy night. All of a sudden at the door to the Preparation Room, the loud knocker was being slammed over and over against the door. The room vibrated with the force of the knock and the members and guests of Electa Chapter #2, Bowdoinham, were captivated when two witches on their brooms flew into the Chapter Room.



The members were quaking and quivering as the witches moved about the room bringing fear in the eyes of those in attendance which soon turned into laughter. The atmosphere was filled with the anticipation of a magical night. Whatever coven these two witches had come from, it wasn't one in which they had gotten their beauty sleep. In a potbelly cauldron, they mixed up a concoction and drank the whole potion of it in one gulp. The spells they used were erased from the memories of those present.

The two witches, Sisters Debra Greim, WM, Pioneer Chapter #11, Lisbon Falls; and Darlene Bearse, PM, Irene #97, Ellsworth, were accompanied by Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, PGP, when they sang "I Feel Pretty." (picture on left).

Brother Brett Jervis, WGP, was the center of their attention as they bewitched him with a special spell that was not shared with the members (picture on right).

It was a magical October evening for Electa Chapter and over cider and doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall, they lingered and enjoyed the rest of the evening. Sister Linda Gray, WM, and Brother Mark Gray, WP, had truly planned a bewitching night for the members.



## FEZTIVAL OF TREES



*Kora Shrine tree*

*Corley Byras, PGM  
Grand Secretary Emeritus  
Electa Chapter #2  
Bowdoinham, Maine*

*Anah Shrine tree*



Leading into the Christmas Season of 2018, the Kora Shrine Center in Lewiston, and the Anah Shrine Center in Bangor, both hold their annual FEZtival of Trees where the Christmas spirit reigns with the amazing trees that are decorated by local businesses and organizations. This was the 13th year that the Kora Shrine and 7th year that Anah Shrine have hosted this event. They had 60 trees on display in Lewiston with every kind of tree imaginable, including an upside-down one.



*Mt. Zircon Chapter tree*

Attendees purchase tickets and place them in the containers by the trees they would like to win. The tree, the decorations and all the gifts with the tree go home with the winning ticket drawn for each tree. The tree and items vary in value and one of the higher ones had \$3,200 worth of items donated with it.

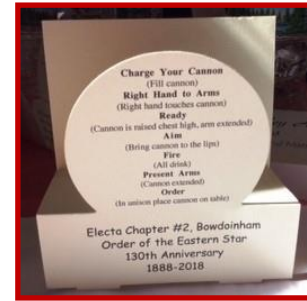
Sister Flora M. Stack, WGM, and Brother Brett Jervis, WGP, appointed Brother William H. Stretton, PGP, and his wife, Sister Harriet, PM, to be in charge of the Kora Shrine tree and Sisters Lorena Fenlason, PM, and Jane Ritchie, WM, to chair the Anah Shrine tree. Both used the theme of the current Eastern Star year, Through the Eyes of a Child. Letters were sent to the Maine Chapters for donations of decorations or items for children to be placed under the trees. As you can see from the pictures, the members were generous.

One Subordinate Chapter, Mt. Zircon #142, Rumford, always decorates a tree for the Kora Shrine Center and have been doing so even longer than the Grand Chapter. Raffles, 50/50 drawings, crafts and lots of food are also a part of the enchanted day, along with pictures with Santa Claus. For many, Christmas simply wouldn't be Christmas without visiting one of the Shrine FEZtivals.



# ELECTA CHAPTER CELEBRATES 130 YEARS

*Corley Byras, PGM  
Grand Secretary Emeritus  
Electa Chapter #2  
Bowdoinham, Maine*



One hundred and thirty years ago, on September 4, 1888, 31 interested ladies and gentlemen embarked on a course of Brotherly Love and Fraternal Friendship as the second Eastern Star Chapter in the Maine

(ME) was to be instituted in Bowdoinham.

The Chapter was instituted by a warrant issued by Sister Lorraine Pitkin, who was at the head of the Order in the U.S.. At that time, the Grand Chapter of ME had not been organized so all the early Chapters were directly under the jurisdiction of GGC.

The Chapter was originally called Overcome #2 because at that time there was considerable opposition among the Masonic Order members to the formation of Eastern Star Chapters. However, in 1889, the Chapter was renamed Electa #2 at the suggestion of Brother James H. Little. He felt the new name was appropriate because having overcome so much opposition, we should "love one another."

Over the years, Electa Chapter has assisted Village Lodge #26, AF&AM, with the upkeep of the Hall, such as contributions for a new furnace, the venetian blinds, the dishwasher, purchasing the windows for the Fellowship Hall, as well as a commercial refrigerator, small freezer, curtains and drapes. The Chapter and Lodge work together for the betterment of the two fraternal organizations.

To celebrate the 130th Anniversary, the Chapter chose to have a Table Lodge with the members of Village Lodge preparing and serving the 6-course meal. Sister Linda E. Gray, WM, and her husband, Brother Mark R. Gray, WP, presided over the affair.



Shot glasses were filled with ginger ale and the following procedure was used after each toast:

- ◆ **Charge Your Cannon** (Fill cannon);
- ◆ **Right Hand to Arms** (Right hand touches cannon);
- ◆ **Ready** (Cannon is raised chest high, arm extended);
- ◆ **Aim** (Bring cannon to the lips);
- ◆ **Fire** (All drink);
- ◆ **Present Arms** (Cannon extended); then
- ◆ **Order** (In unison place cannon on table).

The following toasts were given by various members of Electa Chapter:

- ◇ To our Country, the United States of America. "Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light protect us by your might, great God our king.;"
- ◇ To our WGM and WGP: May they direct our Grand Chapter with wisdom and justice and plan with a vision worthy of the Order of the Eastern Star.;
- ◇ To Electa's Charter Members, those 31 men and women who became Sisters and Brothers to commence Overcome Chapter in spite of opposition among the Masonic Order. The Chapter was later renamed Electa.;
- ◇ To the current members of Electa Chapter who continue to share fraternal fellowship and uphold the precepts of the lessons taught by the five points of our Star: Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love.;
- ◇ To the Sisters and Brothers who have come today to celebrate with Electa Chapter. May your contributions to our Order inspire us to earnestly dedicate our lives to the service of mankind.;
- ◇ To our Service men and women, Firemen, and Police Officers that protect and serve us so that we may live in this wonderful land.;
- ◇ To the members of Village Lodge. May our many years of working together continue to prevail. May we continue to encourage each other in our endeavors and be a constant presence in this area.

Both Sister Flora M. Stack, WGM, and Brother Brett Jervis, WGP, gave pleasing remarks and were presented with Honorary Membership in Electa Chapter.

Sister Norma F. Crabtree, GGCCM Eastern Star Journal, brought the greetings of Sister Helen Westmoreland, MWGM, and Brother Robert Penoyer, MWGP.

It was an enjoyable afternoon for those in attendance and over and over the remark was made that the members were amazed and pleased that Village Lodge cooked and served the meal, as usually it is members of the Eastern Star cooking and serving the Lodge Brothers.

## FROM NOWHERE

*Charles Chandler, PGP  
Worthy Grand Organist 2015-2018  
Princeton Chapter #53  
Princeton, West Virginia*

When I was doing part of my residency in Florida, Judy and I decided to use our circumstances as an opportunity and have a short vacation. She boarded a plane in West Virginia with our two boys and met me in Fort Lauderdale. We rented a car and drove around the Sunshine State, exploring all we could in a limited time.

One of our favorite spots in Florida was Tarpon Springs, an old Greek village in Pinellas County. We had a wonderful time looking in the shops and eating ethnic food, but we were most excited about taking an excursion boat on the Gulf of Mexico.

It was a beautiful day, the sun was shining and a soft breeze was blowing. We could not have asked for a more pleasant afternoon. That being said, we were shocked when the guide said we were turning around and had to get back to shore quickly.

When the boat turned around, we were shocked again. The sky to our backs had turned ominously black. A chill filled the air, and the quiet turned to rolls of thunder. The darkness was then punctuated with sharp bursts of lightening. In pure Chandler fashion, my two sons began to sing the Gilligan's Island theme song about a "three-hour tour." No one was amused.

Halfway back to our destination, the boat stopped. The engines were running, but we were not moving. That is when the captain told us we were caught on a sand bar. He thought for a moment, then made an announcement. All the men would get into the water and push us off the sand bar. No one, including me, moved a muscle. I could only think of safety lessons about never going into the water during an electrical storm. That's when it happened. From nowhere, a native sponge diver brought his boat alongside ours and pulled us free.

How many times in my life have I been coasting in "beautiful waters" only to find myself in turbulence? And how many times has God come to my rescue, from seemingly nowhere? Yet, like the Tarpon Springs incident, God has constantly been with me, a quiet presence.

My prayer is that I can more fully rely on God in both good times and bad. I know he does not come "from nowhere," yet I need to be more conscious of Him in my daily life. He is watching over our beloved Eastern Star at this very moment. As we approach every new day, may we remember from where He came then and from where He comes today.



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### Our Fraternal Youth

#### Job's Daughters, Rainbow and DeMolay



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*Where will our MWGM and MWGP be traveling in October & November 2019?*

<p><i>"Traveling—it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller."</i> <i>Italo Calvino</i></p>	10/1-2	Nevada Grand Chapter
	10/3-5	West Virginia Grand Chapter
	10/8-9	Michigan Grand Chapter
	10/10-12	Utah Grand Chapter
	10/16-19	150th New York Grand Chapter
	10/20-22	Oklahoma Grand Chapter
	10/23-26	New Mexico Grand Chapter
	11/2	Honoring for RWAGM—South Carolina



**GATHERINGS — SPECIAL EVENTS**

- 11/1-2/19 Honoring of RWAGM Glenda G. Winchester  
Greenville, South Carolina
- 11/1-3/19 International Weekend Groton, Connecticut
- 3/7-14/20 Service Dog Cruise Western Caribbean
- 7/10-12/20 Multi-State Gathering St. Louis, Missouri

(see pages 56-60 for Flyers and Forms)

*Let's fill this page with the upcoming Gatherings and Special Events. Please include flyers and contact information.*



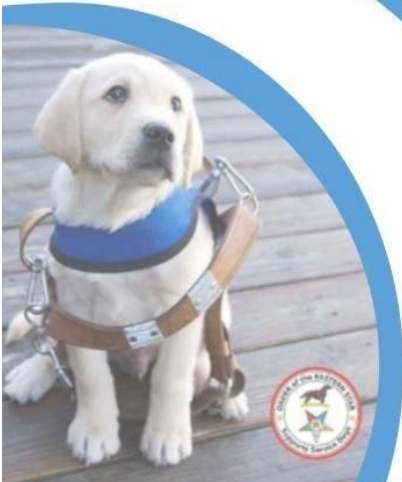
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Information on area attractions will be in your registration packet. But you may check online for advance information.

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Norwich, CT 06360  
860-887-1128 nawatson@snet.com

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**Friday Evening buffet:** Choice of roast beef wrap, turkey wrap, or tuna salad wrap \$26.00

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Maryann Pronovost, PGM  
139 Marine Street  
Thomaston, CT 06787  
860-283-6194 mdpronovost@optonline.net

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Vegetarian or gluten free meal available upon request.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken      \_\_\_\_\_ Sole      \_\_\_\_\_ Beef

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The Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees has given the above name to our Foundation to collect donations on behalf of The Perry Belmont House. It has had several names, which have been referenced in previous issues.

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The Pins of The Perry Belmont House are still available and so are the Star-Point-Color-Ribbons. The Donation Form is also in this Issue and gives the details for the amounts needed to receive these keepsakes for your donations.

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