

## International Grand Representatives Association Of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star 2021-2024 Triennium



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## **IGRA Newsletter – June, 2022**

To our Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM, thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as President of the IGRA.

The officers elected to serve for 2021-2024 are Johanna "JP" Swank, President, from South Carolina; Marilyn "Molly" Veile, 1st Vice President, from Arizona, 2nd Vice President, Sue Hussel, from West Virginia; and Vicki Hurley, Secretary-Treasurer, from South Carolina. The appointed officers are Linda Kliethermos, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, from Kentucky; Neil Shepherd, Chaplain from South Carolina and Sarah Jane Schrodetski, PGM, South Carolina, Parliamentarian. All of these officers are ready to serve the IGRA membership. Our liaison from Ohio is Donna Miller.

The IGRA was organized in Dallas, Texas in 1964. Our purpose: To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas beneficial to the Grand Representatives; to work for the good of the Order, bringing love, happiness and enthusiasm to every Grand Jurisdiction recognized by the General Grand Chapter and to promote interest in the General Grand Chapter and support its officers. If your State or Province has an association, we invite them to join us also. Your officers are here to serve you in any way we can. You can find our addresses, telephone numbers and e-mails on the General Grand Chapter website. All past and present Grand Representatives are entitled to membership in the IGRA. The cost is currently \$5.00 per triennium. The IGRA pin is emblematic of our purpose; "Clasped Hands in Friendship". Please see the membership application form to order. Cost is currently \$6.00. Cost may be increased in the future if there is an increase in the production cost. The IGRA Handbook is \$7.00

Since I was not able to share my plans with you at the installation ceremony since by necessity we did not hold our usual General Grand Chapter Triennial Session, I would like to do so now:

President's Motto: On The Road Again

Fun Emblem: Passport

Symbol: Car

Scripture: Hebrews 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have

entertained angels unawares.

Flower: Tulip

Colors: Spring green and turquoise

Favorite song: Country Road Take Me Home

Our President's pin is deigned to encourage conversation regarding membership in the IGRA, and just what it means to you to have been honored by your appointment as a Grand Representative. It is also of a generic nature and could be worn by you at your attendance at other meetings or functions for the purpose to encourage similar exchange of ideas. A truly multi purpose pin!! It sells for \$6.00. The proceeds go to the Perry Belmont Restoration Fund, for the restoration and maintenance of the International Headquarters Building.

Our major fundraiser has been the publication of a Commemorative Triennial Cookbook 2021-2014, honoring Sister Glenda Winchester our MWGM. Complete with Sister Glenda's photo and a very special section called "Glenda's Favorites", it contains 500 plus recipes and has been very well received. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Evelyn Hall, PM of Georgia, for her long hours of dedication to this project and her help in making this cookbook the beautiful book that was created. To all those caring people who shared their secrets with us, I thank you from the bottom of my heart!!

Vicki Hurley and I attended Florida's Grand Chapter and were very pleased with the enthusiasm and comments for the cookbooks that were sold. We are going to Indiana's Grand Chapter in June, and will be in South Carolina later in the month. The cost is \$25.00 and if mailed, an additional \$5.00 is charged for mailer and postage. Please order soon as we are happy to say our supply is going down!! Yeah!!!

Please see the current Bylaws and the proposed Bylaw change. These documents are available on the General Grand Chapter Website, <a href="www.easternstar.org">www.easternstar.org</a> in the Contact US/International Associations/International Grand Representatives Association section

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