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Do you know who you are? You are a member of a worldwide organization that "Believes in God and Family, Cares for Others and Loves One Another." There is not another organization in the world like the Order of the Eastern Star. May you always show pride and joy in being who you are!

My recent travels have taken me to the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, British Columbia & Yukon, Vermont, Georgia, South Carolina and Pennsylvania Grand Chapters. WGMs, WGPs, Sisters and Brothers - thank you for greeting me with an overwhelming love. The traveling from one Grand Chapter to another is an amazing experience. There was a first in Massachusetts where the WGM and WGP left the East and the WGM said "cover for me" and I was honored to step in. I received a drum in British Columbia & Yukon, so I must find time to practice a tune or two on this special drum of Elk skin and red cedar.

From the International Headquarters Project, we have received enough dollars to reduce the electrical bill by installing solar film on the windows. We do great things when we put our dollars together. The red zone is ahead in donations at this time but this could change and the yellow (MWGM) or green (MWGP) could move ahead.

While spending time at "our House" at 1618 New Hampshire, I watched Brothers Charles and Larry and Sisters Judy, Clara, Marilyn (the staff) performing their duties. I realized that you and I need to send a big thank you to these diligent Stars. There is a fellow called Paul who is volunteering his services, so he needs a big thank you, too. Do not forget Cynthia's hands that keep things shining in the our House.

The Eastern Star Journal is the best way to post notes of interest about the grand and glorious things happening worldwide. Sister Nancy Ford, Editor and Member of the GGC Eastern Star Journal Committee, encourages ALL to send in articles.

The membership is moving upward. On the website, there is information about the "Star Pal Program." If you have a Membership Program that is working, please continue but if you wish to receive information on the "Star Pal Program," just ask a member of the GGC Membership Committee. Webmaster Brother William Dyer has made it possible to find information on the Eastern Star website so take a look.

We can do a million dollars for each charity in 21-24. The Triennial Medallions are being purchased by the members in support of Cancer and Heart Research. Pennsylvania Grand Chapter purchased a medallion for each one attending their Grand Chapter. British Columbia and Yukon Grand Chapter members raised over \$20,000 for cancer. Georgia and South Carolina Grand Chapters have funds to purchase another Service Dog. I praise you for your dedication to giving of your talents and dollars for the well-being of others. Together we can be a "million dollar" organization!

Let us keep marching in step for this beautiful Order with teachings that enhance our lives with everlasting joy. Always remember that God has His eyes upon you.

We are marching on without Brother Henry Martin, PMWGP, and without many others the heart shall love forever. God shall give us peace in our time of loss, just "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart."

Marching Together, Glenda Winchester, MWGM Director of the Marching Family of Stars







Scripture: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whatsoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." St. John 3:16

On the road again, and our summer has arrived. Many of us are experiencing seasonally high temperatures. July is typically a very warm month of the year, and when publication of our *Journal* is posted on the GGC website, we will have celebrated Independence Day on the 4th of July.

Our May travelling was busy and attended several Grand Visitations along the way. We have attended eight GC Sessions and have attended one Subordinate Chapter Meeting since the last *Journal* printing. Sister Glenda and I attended the "Forever Friends" 125th Grand Session of the District of Columbia. Our next travel took us to Delaware for the 100th "Sands of Time" Grand Session. While there, we experienced a Northeaster. As we Buckeyes say, "Hang on Sloopy." A May destination was "Angels Gather Here," the 129th Grand Session in Maine (ME). This was a first time visit to ME for myself and my Barbara, and we truly enjoyed seeing more of our wonderful country. We then travelled to Massachusetts and attended the 145th "All Together Lovely" Grand Session. Our June visitation took us to the 149th "The Sunny Side of Life" Grand Session in Vermont. This, too, is a State that we had not travelled too previously, and we enjoyed our stay but did not see any moose or bear. Then off we were to Georgia's 120th "Follow Your Dreams" Grand Session. We truly missed seeing our dear and very special PMWGM, Sister Helen R. Cox. Next, we were off to attend South Carolina's 114th Session "Angels Among Us." We were pleased to be back with the "Band of Stars.", and home of our MWGM. The following week we attended Pennsylvania's 127th "With A Song in Our Hearts" Grand Session. We were sure happy to see our good friends, Brother Bob Penoyer, PMWGP, and, of course, his lovely wife, Sister Mariel.

We are blessed with the many friends that we have made along our Eastern Star journey. The message that I want to convey to each of our members is that it has been most rewarding to travel to the many destinations, see long-time friends, and meeting and making new friends as we travel. I do want to report that with each Grand Session, it was most evident that our members are more confident in dealing with the COVID-19 virus, and are attending Meetings and taking part in our Order. WE must ALL continue to encourage member attendance to our Chapters.

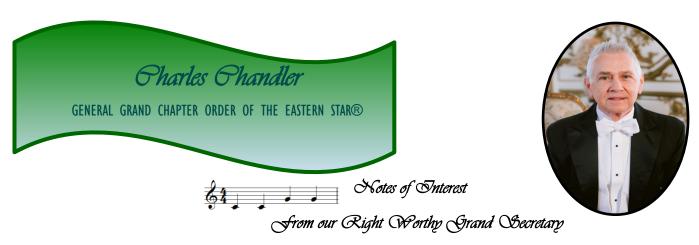
Till we meet again, take care.

Sisters and Brothers, let's keep Marching Together and Always Forward! Lon Lowry,

MWGP

Director of the Marching Family of Stars

Note: Please be advised that Brother Lon's email address is llowry@easterstar.org



The Blind Men from Bombay

Judy and I took the grandchildren to the Smithsonian Museum on the 4th of July. There was a large elephant in the center of the lobby. I asked Judy if she remembered the different images that each of the blind men encountered. I'm sure you remember them also. One man touched the ear and said, "The elephant is like a fan." Another touched his tail and said, "The elephant is like a rope." Another felt his trunk and said, "The elephant is like a snake." Another hugged his leg and said, "The elephant is like a tree."

They were all correct, yet their vision was so near-sighted that they were grossly wrong. By examining the parts of the elephant, they missed the grandeur of the elephant as a whole.

Very often, we are guilty of looking at our Order of the Eastern Star like these men of Bombay looked at the elephant. Some see Eastern Star as pageantry and it's true that that is a beautiful part of the Order. Another may be impressed by the Ritual and the memory work which holds special meaning to many members. Others see the fellowship and friendship that evolves over years of Meetings and travel. To some, that is the most important aspect of our Organization.

Some concentrate, as is often my case, on the food and the opportunities to break bread with our Sisters and Brothers. Truly, I know of no other organization that capitalizes on meals, parties and banquets quite like Eastern Star. Others see the Order as an opportunity to meet their counterparts in the next City, County or State. Many of those go on to attend national functions or international festivities, all based around that Star of the East.

Being a musician, I often concentrate on the beautiful music at the Meetings and the Grand Chapters. I started to mention some of my favorites, but to be honest, I love it all. Anyone making a joyful noise in Chapters or Triennials has my appreciation and approval. Just try sitting in a Meeting with no music, and you will get my point. Thank goodness we have Sisters and Brothers willing to provide appropriate music so that our ceremonies...well, you know the rest.

There is a place for everyone in Eastern Star, no matter what your talent or interest is. When we step back and view our Organization as a whole, it is indeed beautiful. I cannot imagine my life without it or the friendships I have made. Altogether lovely for all members.

Fraternally, Charles Chandler RWGSecretary Marching Band Director



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Notes of Interest From our Aitor

Sing a song Yes, a travel song When you gotta go somewhere 'Cause the fun is getting there Yeah, oh what the heck, I must confess I love a road trip. Travel Song

My nickname is "Pooh" and I love to quote him. One of my favorite Pooh quotes is, "As soon as I saw you, I knew an adventure was going to happen." Those that travel with me know that is so true for me. Everyday is a gift and an adventure! I enjoy travelling around our Eastern Star world, meeting our members and promoting our Journal. I offer a heartfelt thanks to those who have submitted articles and look forward to receiving future ones. Thank you also for the kind words letting me know how much you enjoy reading the Journal. I encourage ideas for articles and suggestions for improvement. It has been my pleasure to meet our members who have submitted articles. However, it has been disheartening to learn that many of our members don't know the Journal exists. Please be the voice promoting the Journal to your members in your Star world.

Our MWGM, Sister Glenda Winchester, and our MWGP, Brother Lon Lowry, are our Directors of the Marching Family of Stars. They are asking us to march with them and support the many GGC charities, as well as our individual Chapter and Jurisdiction charities, to show the world that the Eastern Star is alive and thriving and helping our fellow man by our many deeds of kindness. You can see from their schedule that they will be busy travelling around the world. Would it not be great to have an article from our members about their travels? Each Jurisdiction is unique and does things a little differently. Our members would enjoy hearing what those differences are.

This edition of the Journal faced several setbacks. One of the biggest setbacks was waiting for articles as we were just starting to come out of our Covid shutdown and meeting again. I was glad to see emails filling my mailbox again but the response has still been slow. This edition includes articles received through the end of May 2022. I have held back several articles for the next edition so if you do not see your article, be assured it will be posted in the next one. I also encountered a huge Microsoft security download that corrupted my profile. I think I've finally resolved that issue but as they say, when software works, its great; but when it doesn't work, you go no where fast! I understand that our MWGP was hacked so please note that his new email is llowry@easternstar.org. Be careful surfing the net; the dark web is very active and you can be hacked. And remember to back up your files!!!!

A few reminders:

- —When submitting an article you should receive a receipt acknowledgment from either OESJournalEditor@easternstar.org or esjeditor@comcast.net so please check your email for said email (see sample on the following page). It is very important to keep me advised if you are not receiving this acknowledgment. Please contact me if you do not receive the acknowledgment.
- —I encourage all submitting articles to include information (not just the word "Article") in the Subject line, proofread carefully, especially spellings of names, Chapter names and numbers, locations, etc. Also, please include the date of the event as often times we are crossing over years and Officers have changed. We all enjoy reading the correct spelling of our names, titles, etc.
 - —Guidelines for submitting articles can be found on the last page.

"Inquiring Minds Want To Know" what is happening in the Eastern Star world. My goal is to showcase each Jurisdiction and GGC Committee so I continue to call on our GGC Committee Chairman, WGMs/WGPs, Ambassadors and Deputies, Grand Representatives, WMs/WPs, our Youth and all our Sisters and Brothers to consider submitting an article. It is with heartfelt thanks to those who answered my calling and submitted articles.

Our members never tire of reading about our Eastern Star world. Keep spreading the word that the Journal is online and encouraging all to submit articles to the Journal when submitting them to your Jurisdiction's newsletter, local newspaper, Facebook/ Twitter, etc. Consider adding the link to the *Journal* to your Jurisdiction's website or newsletter.

Remember—"If you can post it, we can print it." So sit back in your comfortable chair with a mug of coffee, tea or a tall glass of sweet ice tea (mmmmm), and travel around the world of Eastern Star.

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

Godspeed.

Nancy L. Ford, Editor GGCCM, PGM of Maryland Let's give a great BIG

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May our Star continue to shine as we work together seeking a future for our Order. Godspeed,
Nancy L. Ford, ESJ Editor
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Calling on ALL Members



Please send articles to let our members and the world know we are alive and thriving. Looking through years of past editions, it was interesting to see how the Journal has changed. Many of the past editions contained stories, poetry, recipes, photos, in addition to showcasing the good deeds of our Order; the possibilities are endless and this is YOUR Journal. Keep in mind there's no time limitation on articles. Would it not be great to read an article on every Jurisdiction? If you can post it on Facebook/Twitter or Jurisdiction newsletters, it can be posted in the Journal. Consider adding the link to the Journal to your Jurisdiction's website or newsletter (link will be provided when the website construction has been completed).

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









CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

Do you enjoy taking pictures?

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

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

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

esjeditor@comcast.net

Happy "snapping!"



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Please send your suggestions for future issues to

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Let your Smile



Submitted by Peg Reiterman, GGCCChairman, PGM Sterling Chapter #74 Mount Sterling, Ohio

Researchers, Volunteers Join Forces to Drive Support for WFIRM

Members of the fraternal organization Order of the Eastern Star (OES) are aiming to raise \$1 million for the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM) RegeneratOR Test Bed, and WFIRM researchers are helping by leading online sessions designed to make OES members more knowledgeable as they seek to build philanthropic support.

"These are so helpful for us," **Peg Reiterman**, an OES leader from Ohio and chairperson of the General Grand Chapter's Regenerative Medicine Committee, said of the online sessions. "People will be on board with us if we can explain what regenerative medicine is making possible." Associate Professor **Sean Murphy, PhD**, was the latest WFIRM researcher to lead an OES talk. In October 2021, committee members from



seven states tuned in as he answered questions and spoke in lay terms about his work. He discussed organ -on- a-chip technologies for disease modeling and drug discovery, cell therapies to minimize scarring from injuries and 3D bioprinting of skin and other organ cells.

OES support for WFIRM began with a successful fundraising campaign from 2015-18 that generated nearly \$750,000. A new three-year campaign, running through 2024, began in November 2021. The 16-member OES committee will promote regenerative medicine and the work of WFIRM throughout the U.S., Canada and the world.

"Everyone is so anxious to hit the ground running, and we have adopted the name Team RM (Regenerative Medicine) as our official mantra," Reiterman said. "We will repeat it over and over because we are such believers!" Reiterman's Ohio chapter made regenerative medicine and WFIRM a permanent focus of its charitable work in 2019. In 2020, the chapter presented a \$40,000 check to WFIRM Director Anthony Atala, MD. In 2021, Reiterman said the chapter raised more than \$45,000 for WFIRM.

She said the committee's members are eager to "supersize" the \$1 million goal and surpass it.

"We have used 'WFIRM + OES = IMAGINE' as a slogan," she said. "For us, it captures how this amazing partnership can change the world and help mankind to not just treat but cure through regenerative medicine."

OES is the largest charitably focused fraternal organization in the world, with approximately 10,000 chapters in 20 countries and approximately 330,000 members under its General Grand Chapter, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C. It has raised millions of dollars to support national and local charities that have helped improve lives around the world.



Effort Combines Economic Development, Regenerative Medicine

The RegeneratOR Test Bed has officially launched, bringing together resources to advance the regenerative medicine field nationally and create an economic development engine for the region and the state.

The announcement of the RegeneratOR Test Bed comes from two driving forces of the regenerative medicine field: the RegenMed Development Organization, a nonprofit foundation headquartered in Winston-Salem and dedicated to advancing the field nationwide, and the Wake Forest Institute for

Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM), the world's largest regenerative medicine institute.

The RegeneratOR Test Bed, located in the Innovation Quarter, will serve as an economic development driver, helping to accelerate the growth of start-ups and scale up mid-to-large-sized companies with innovative and emerging technologies. Access to state-of-the-art biomanufacturing equipment, industry expertise, and talent to support novel prototyping and commercial product development is available.

Researchers, Volunteers Join Forces to Drive Support for WFIRM

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"Many of these companies are dedicated to a broad range of technologies, such as 3D printing, and cell and tissue therapies. Additionally, there are also businesses supporting the field in areas such as the production of reagents and diagnostics," said **Anthony Atala, MD**, director of WFIRM. "We believe this region has a lot to offer in terms of helping these companies be successful, and, at the same time, we can advance the regenerative medicine field nationally."

The RegeneratOR is a key component of the established Regenerative Medicine Hub (RegenMed Hub), an ecosystem that brings together and draws upon the resources and talent available through the Innovation Quarter and includes regenerative medicine-focused entities dedicated to advancing the field nationwide. A number of regenerative medicine start-ups and established companies already operate in RegenMed Hub and the region, offering expansive resources for entrepreneurs and life-science professionals.

Research Holds Promise for Hemophilia A Treatment

While people with severe Hemophilia A can be treated with Factor VIII replacement products two to three times a week throughout their lifetime, this treatment is short-lived, expensive and not always available. Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM) researchers are investigating the possibility of using a patient's own cells as vehicles to deliver long-lasting Factor VIII protein to treat their disease.

This study investigates the use of amniotic fluid-derived, neonatal and adult cells, and is the first in-depth analysis of any of these cell types for their use to deliver the Factor VIII protein. The research team also conducted the first detailed look at the levels of production of Factor VIII and its carrier protein, vWF, inside each of these cell types. The challenge for the researchers was to identify cells with the capability to create fully functional Factor VIII, which is a large and complex protein.

"We focused our investigation on cell types that we deemed to be most relevant to either prenatal or very early postnatal treatment and that could, ideally, come from the patients themselves," said senior author **Graça Almeida- Porada, MD, PhD,** a professor at WFIRM. "There is an urgent need for more effective, readily available and affordable treatments that provide long-lasting correction."

The study was published in the journal Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology.

https://giving.wakehealth.edu/impact-of-giving/researchers-volunteers-join-forces-to-drive-support-for-wfirm



To purchase a WFIRM + OES = IMAGINE pin, contact a member of the GGC Regenerative Medicine Committee or Peg Reiterman (email peg@fayettetravel.com)

JOIN THE MEMBERS OF THE GGC REGENERATIVE MEDICINE **COMMITTEE AS THEY CRUISE THE CARIBBEAN**

NOTE: The MWGM and MWGP will make their Official Visit to the Grand Chapter of Aruba during the cruise.

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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS RECEIVES DONATION TO THEIR CENTURY CAMPAIGN

Mary Adeline Bradford, GGCCChairman, Youth Committee, PGM Wicomico Chapter #91 Salisbury, Maryland

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG) is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. IORG was founded in 1922 by the Rev. W. Mark Sexson, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma (OK) and a PGP. IORG is a 501c3 charitable organization. Through leadership training, challenging study and public service projects, the girls learn important life lessons. In addition to countless hours of community service, members raise hundreds of thousands of dollars each year for charities. This past month, they held their 49th Biennial Session in

This past month, they held their 49th Biennial Session in Oklahoma City, OK. One of the highlights of the Session was the tour to the Supreme Temple in McAlester. The Supreme Temple was built in 1951 in the heart of McAlester. Designed by our founders as a working headquarters of functional offices, supply and shipping departments, it also includes artifacts from Rainbow Girls all over the world, a library, trophy room, several sponsored rooms displaying artifacts from different areas, as well as a large meeting room and stage which encompasses much of the third floor. Building materials from throughout the world were used in its construction. The Supreme Temple is architecturally significant as an excellent example of a mid-twentieth century Moderne Style building. A comprehensive assessment of the



Supreme Temple was done in 2012. It was found to be in very good repair for its age, except for the HVAC system which was original to the building. Plans began to establish a Century Campaign to address the needs of the building. In 2013, the Supreme Temple was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Century Campaign was started in 2016 and divided into three phases. Phase I was the replacement of the original HVAC system which was completed in 2018. Phase II is the re-glazing and sealing of windows and complete tuck pointing of the entire exterior of the building. Due to the pandemic, fundraising efforts have slowed considerably and raising the necessary funds to complete this phase has been difficult. Phase III will be the establishment of an endowment fund to maintain the building. The Supreme Temple was paid for on the day it opened largely with funds raised by the Rainbow Girls. The establishment of the endowment fund will ensure the necessary funds to preserve the Supreme Temple for future generations.

At the recent Opening Session of the Supreme Assembly on August 1, 2022 in Oklahoma City, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of OK, Mr. Scott Vincent, was joined by Mr. John L. Logan, Executive Director of the Masonic Charity Foundation of OK at the podium where they presented our Supreme Worthy Advisor, Mrs. Judy Fortenberry, with a check for \$100,000 representing a grant from the Masonic Charity Foundation of OK on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity of OK. These funds are intended to support the Century Campaign Phase II. In addition to this donation, the Masons of OK have challenged all supporters of Rainbow to support the restoration of the Supreme Assembly International Headquarters Century Campaign Phase II.

To that end, they have issued this challenge: the Masons of OK will match dollar-for-dollar up to \$100,000 on all donations made from August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. IORG is most grateful for the Masonic Charities Foundation of OK and all organizations and individuals who are assisting us with our Century Campaign. For further information, please contact the:

Supreme Assembly, IORG, 315 E. Carl Albert Parkway, McAlester, OK 74501.



© GGC HEART (AND CANCER) RESEARCH PROJECTS COMMITTEE



Lynn Marie Jones, GGCCM, Co-Chairman Heart Committee Martinez Chapter #364 Augusta, Georgia

Sisters and Brothers:

Did you know that heart disease is the No.1 killer worldwide and strokes rank second globally. Thus, there is a never-ending need for the education about heart disease. Even when those conditions don't result in death, they can cause disability and a diminished quality of life.

The members of the GGC Heart Committee want to help bring awareness to the members and non-members for the need to support heart research and reputable heart treatment centers to the Jurisdictions that each of us have been assigned to.

We would like to share with you some of our duties and ideas which include:

—If possible and we can travel to your Jurisdiction, it has been suggested that we may be asked to speak at Chapter gatherings for the purpose of educating members about heart disease. Chapters could also contact their local American Heart Association and invite them to have a representative come and speak at your meetings. Members could also get from their doctor's office or the American Heart Association literature to hand out at the meetings as well.

—I've had the pleasure to speak to each of the WGMs and the Grand Chapter Secretaries in the Jurisdictions that have been assigned to me advising them to let me know at the end of each October (thru 2024), how much money was raised for the support of Heart Projects each year. This will be very helpful for our Committee to compile a grand total for our report at the GGC Triennial in Myrtle Beach in November of 2024. I understand that many Jurisdictions do not have a designated Heart Committee Chairman but they do receive donations designated for a Heart Project so we encourage each WGM to appoint someone to raise monies for our Project. If possible, we'd also like to know what events were held that helped raise monies other than donations, memorials, etc.

—Since several Jurisdictions have already begun or are just beginning a new term or will be having their Grand Chapter Session later this year, we would like for this information to be passed on to the next incoming WGM. In return, I will be contacting them prior to their new term. An idea I have for this year in Georgia is seeking permission from our WGM to send each Chapter information on having a Bake Less Bake Sale throughout her term, then next year (2023), perhaps sell tickets for a drawing on a beautiful handmade guilt or perhaps a long weekend at a condo (which may be donated by one of your members). These have been very profitable and successful for other projects here. And the third year (2024), maybe host a lunch prior to an Official Visit. Since this Project will passed on to the next year's WGM, any ideas you have that we could share with one another would help us all, so please feel free to contact any of the GGC Heart Committee Members. We are all listed in the 'Who's Who" book.

—Instead of selling a pin this Triennial, members are being given the opportunity to purchase a Musical Medallion which costs \$5, of which \$1 will go to Heart Research and \$1 will go to Cancer Research. The medallions may be purchased by non-members as well, and we encourage having someone in your Jurisdiction help raise funds for this worthy Project in your Jurisdiction by selling them.

Sister Nancy Silvers is the Project Chairman and may be contacted at 864-901-5609 silvers0415@att.net

Per Sister Nancy, at the present time (until the postage goes up again), she can mail up to 25 medallions for \$9.45 (small flat rate box), or if possible and she is notified in advance, she would be glad to send whatever amount you want by someone who is coming to your Grand Chapter to save you postage. The medallions are to be purchased and paid for in advance when ordering them or having someone pick them up for you.

By selling them, you will earn your own money back. Many of us are wearing our pins on the ribbon of the medallion which helps from snagging our clothes, plus it saves a lot of time when getting ready. These medallions are already being proudly worn by our members at Chapter meetings, Grand Chapter Sessions and other Star events. As a matter of fact, they can be worn at any time throughout November 2024.

There are so many other ways for each of us to give support within and throughout this project, i.e., volunteering to assist heart patients and their families by offering rides to doctor appointments; picking up their medications or other needs; a heartfelt hug; a loving smile; a listening and understanding ear; a kind word of encouragement; a prayer, etc.

Sisters and Brothers, we ask that you help support the Heart (and Cancer) Research Projects and thank you for making this worthwhile Project a great success.



In summary! Together "WE CAN"! From our Heart to Yours! Lvnn Marie lmj19@comcast.net

SOUTH CAROLINA'S EASTERN STAR JOURNEY WITH A BOLIVIAN SHRINER CHILD AND HER MOTHER

Kathy Gerner, GGCCM - Credentials GGC Assistant Choir Director Grand Secretary Seneca Chapter #5 Seneca, South Carolina



It all began with an email I received on August 18, 2021, that I read but ignored. I thought it was an email scam. On August 26, I received a phone call from Sister Lou, Associate Grand Matron of Bolivia. Funny thing is, when my phone rang, my screen said UNKNOWN NAME, California. I thought to myself, "Ignore that call. Probably a Telemarketer." But then I thought I better answer it. I was really glad I did! Sister Lou told me all about this young girl and her mother that was coming to Greenville, South Carolina, for the child to go to the Shriners Hospital and have her leg amputated due to a medical condition, but first they had to be in quarantine for 2 weeks before she could have the surgery. YIKES!

Under normal circumstances, the child and her mother would just fly into Greenville and go directly to the Shriners Hospital and then on to the Ronald McDonald House for recouperation and therapy. But these times are not normal. COVID had reared its ugly head and had thrown a monkey wrench into everyone's plan.

Ana Berenice, age 14, and her mother, Ana Gabriela, flew from Bolivia, South America, to Miami, Florida (FL) then on to Charlotte, North Carolina, and then they finally arrived in Greenville. All this took place on August 29 and they arrived at the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport on August 30. I had 2 days to prepare and not a clue what to do or where to begin!! Due to COVID precautions, they had to be in quarantine for 14 days. Berenice was set to have surgery on September 16. She had to get her first COVID vaccination before surgery (in Bolivia, children under the age of 18 cannot get the vaccination) plus both she and her mother had to be COVID tested before surgery. Meanwhile, the Bolivia Shrine Temple got them situated in a hotel that was inexpensive.

The first thing I realized was if Berenice and Gabriela had to be quarantined, that meant that meals must be delivered to them. They did not have transportation; they did not speak or understand much English nor did I understand much Spanish. Oh my, I was getting more unsure of how things were going to progress. But something had to be done to help them and I was that person to get the ball rolling. So I sat down, pulled out my tablet and started making lists. First, I needed someone who spoke Spanish to go with me get them at the airport. My husband speaks some Spanish. Then I thought of my daughter-in-law who speaks fluent Spanish as she is from Mexico. But with her work schedule at the hospital, she could not go. However, my daughter-in-law's mother (who also is from Mexico and speaks fluent Spanish) said she would accompany me to pick them up at the airport. I thought how will this family know me. Then I had the bright idea that I would hold up a bright neon green sign with their names printed on it. Well, that worked, and yep, they spotted me a mile away! We got them settled in their room and we went home. I got to work asking two Chapters in the Greenville area to help me prepare and/or deliver meals a couple times a week during this quarantine period. Chapters were very, very gracious in their giving for these meals and other gifts for them to make the family feel welcome and loved.

Berenice had to have her lower right leg amputated due to a birth defect. She had never been able to walk without crutches. Can you imagine living 14 years of your life moving around on crutches? My husband, Rich, and I took them to Falls Park in Greenville for an outing and that child did amazing maneuvering up and down the steps and walkways. Wow, could that child move on crutches!!

Our Grand Chapter members, Chapters and Masonic lodge's have helped so much with monetary donations for this lovely family during their stay here in Greenville. My heart overflows from all the love and support that is being given to help them through this difficult time for them, being so far away from their family back in Bolivia.

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Berenice has 3 younger brothers. She was able to do Virtual Leaning with her schoolwork. She is a very smart young lady. She loves the violin. We were able to rent a violin for her to play during her stay. She plays very well. I play the piano and one late fall afternoon, I took Berenice and her mother to my Church and we spent some time playing Christmas carols. Berenice and I communicated very well via the Translator app! That became our lifesaving communications with each other!! One Chapter bought Berenice a Kindle and had it translated to Spanish so that she could read books in her native language. She was thrilled to receive this gift.

After Berenice's surgery, they were able to move into the Ronald McDonald House, which is located very close by to the Shriner's Hospital. The family enjoyed their time there. They had never experienced Halloween or Thanksgiving. They were so hoping to go back to Bolivia for Christmas, but they were not able to go at that time. They would be leaving on December 31 and arrive in Bolivia on January 1. Rich and I traveled to Greenville and brought them to our home to spend Christmas Day with our family. We all had a wonderful time.

Ron Mitchum, Grand Master of South Carolina, was a huge help in answering my many questions. He was so much help to me at the beginning of this journey in getting me contacts at Hejaz Shrine if I needed anything.

I have made new friendships along this journey, not only with Berenice and Gabriela, but with Mariam and Maggie of the Shriners Hospital in Tampa, FL. They answered all my calls, especially my panic calls on more than one occasion, and calmed me down in no time flat! Many, many thanks to you, Mariam and Maggie!

South Carolina Grand Chapter has been generous to pay for the hotel stay for most of the month of September for our Bolivian family. Through generous donations from Chapters, Lodges, members, friends and businesses, we were able to help them with many everyday items they needed but could not bring with them.

Because of the gracious donations we have received to reach out and help, the Bolivia Shriners Temple will be able to send another child to the Greenville Shriners Hospital in the near future.

Berenice and her mother did make it back to Bolivia just fine. Her family is amazed that Berenice can now walk and they are so happy to have them both back at home.

During this time of COVID and pandemic, it really warms my heart when we all pull together to help when and where help is needed. This has been a tremendous journey we all have taken. May our Eastern Star shine bright so we can help others.

Blessings to all.



ASSISTING CHILDREN TO COPE WITH FAMILY HEALTH ISSUES

Ed MacLaren, PGP Crystal #1, Charlottetown Montague #69, Montague Prince Edward Island

Camp Triumph, located in Margate, Prince Edward Island was the Grand Chapter's 2021-2022 Special Project. We raised approximately \$14,500 and received donations of 88 quilts, blankets and afghans made by members of our Chapters. What is Camp Triumph? It is the only program of its kind in Canada. It provides a unique and unforgettable experience for children who have a family member with a chronic disease or disability. A wonderful haven where children ages 7-16 take a break from their challenging lives. Campers take a part in physical and healthy activities, healthy eating, creative arts, self-esteem boosting, relationship building and relaxation. Each child has the freedom to be themselves, to grow and to better understand their complicated feelings; something they are unable to do at home. Camp Triumph relies on volunteers and the support from our tremendous community to provide our programs without cost to families. Camp Triumph is "a place where kids with a sick family member get to be kids again."







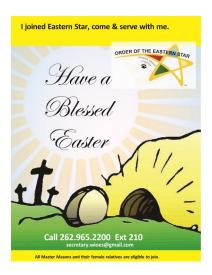
Several members with Ed MacLaren, PGP, and the Director and Founder of Camp Triumph, Katherine Sheriko

WISCONSIN PROMOTES MEMBERSHIP

Jerry Bristol, PGP Ellsworth Chapter #116 Ellsworth, Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Masonic Journal (WMJ) continues to support our Eastern Star by placing ads in their monthly Journal. It has been a membership outreach as the Masons and their female relatives are our primary source of new members. Also, the WMJ has made an effort to promote all of the Masonic bodies.













WORKING WITH THE WARRIOR CANINE CONNECTION TRAINING SERVICE DOGS FOR OUR VETERANS

Karen Calvert, PGM Unity Chapter #112 Camp Springs, MD



I am a member of the Maryland Veterans Commission, having been first appointed by Governor Martin O'Malley in 2006, to represent the 5th Congressional District. Part of the responsibility of the Commission is to serve as an Advisory Commission to the Governor on matters relating to Veterans in Maryland. We meet four times a year and receive briefings from a variety of agencies regarding their projects and programs which aid Veterans and their families. One such program that came to my attention was through the University of Maryland School of Nursing asking for military Veterans who suffer from PTSD and who would be interested in helping to train Service Dogs. Having been diagnosed with mild PTSD from a domestic violence situation during an early marriage, I was interested along with the fact of the GGC adopting Service Dogs as our major philanthropic charity so I immediately applied.

I had to apply, then be interviewed along with taking a 6-week on-line course showing me how to train dogs for service working alongside folks with disabilities. Then I had to meet in person with the coordinator every other month for three visits to be tested for a variety of physical responses while answering a large binder of questions. Most of the questions dealt with my mental and emotional feelings and thoughts.

Once I completed all of the requirements, I was invited to travel to the Warrior Canine Connection (WCC) complex in Boyds, Maryland, to begin working with the dogs who were in various stages of training. I traveled once a week and attended a class to learn various terms and commands that I was to reinforce with "my" dog of the week. This is where I met Buzz, Danny, Healy and Purple (picture on following page). This part of the program was only for 6 weeks and went by quickly. I do not need a full-time Service Dog to help me as so many Veterans do, but I must admit I felt so relaxed and full of life and happiness following each of my trips "working" with the dogs. They move through the program in a matter of months, and it is rewarding yet somewhat sad when they move on to their mission.

After my work with the adult dogs, I requested to work with the newborn puppies not realizing the time with them would be so short. Each litter grows so fast and are quickly assigned to "puppy parents" who take on the task of truly teaching them the basic commands and determining if they are suited to serve. There are a variety of special needs the dogs can be trained to do, such as pulling wheelchairs, picking up items that have been dropped; comfort dogs who can detect when loving support is needed in anxious moments, etc. It takes truly special and dedicated folks to take on this responsibility as the puppies are only in their care for 12 to 18 months and then they return to move on to the next stage. I equate their dedication to that of military service boot camp instructors or lower grade elementary school teachers who can welcome young students, spend 9 months with them, work with them to be independent and then say good-bye knowing there is so much more to learn and do. Some folks do it over and over and others just once and the sadness of giving up a wonderful working animal is more than they can handle. That is why there is such a great need for puppy parents. One can also volunteer to serve as "puppy sitters" to fill in when a puppy parent needs to go away and the dog cannot accompany them.

My time at WCC has become a family affair as my granddaughters go with me when school allows. They love their time with the puppies and inquire constantly as to when they can go next.

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs has been given the oversight of programs that provide services and programs to Veterans within our state. We are privileged to have five Service Dog training facilities, along with a number of equine operations with each providing a variety of services. I am fortunate to be able to participate but only wish the facility was closer to my home so I could volunteer more often. I hope my article sparks an interest in others to hopefully participate as they are able or more importantly, spread valuable information to a Veteran who might need this most worthwhile program.

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Meet Healy - This week I met Healy with whom I will be working the next couple He comes from out-of-state at one of the other Warrior Canine Connection (WCC) facilities. WCC often names their Service Dogs in honor of Veterans and Healy is named for US Marine Corps Corporal Dennis Healy, a Purple Heart recipient and a Vietnam Vet. He is about 8 months old and is quite the flirt. We went to the local Giant where I was able to teach him a few more commands. First was "wait" before entering the car and the store. The photos show him entering the store, strolling down the aisle and receiving a reward. He did very well until we reached the meat and fish department and we did a quick turnaround and headed for the car, where he promptly fell asleep. No concern; just a young pup who posses a very good and strong nose who just became very distracted by all the wonderful aromas and smells that caused him to lose his attention and thus lost interest in doing his training.

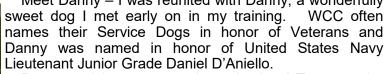
Later I worked with him and was able to teach him to get "dressed," which is when the handler holds the vest and gives the command "dress" and the dog walks through the vest and prepares to have it tightened around their body. He took to the command very quickly, as well as the command "touch." For this the dog is taught to hit a variety of buttons, especially the ones located at the doors with the handicap feature. We are scheduled to go out again and visit a local mall or store to help him to adjust to a variety of distractions, which should prove interesting. The one thing that does distract him is Evie. She is another dog in the program that was getting groomed and Healy tried his very best to gain her attention, but she was having none of it. She is such a diva!



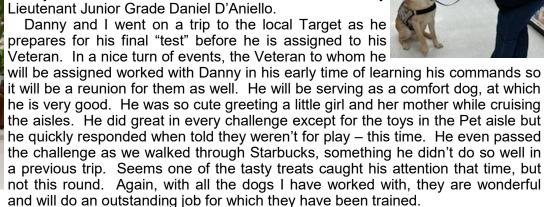
(L-R): Buzz, Fauci and Purple

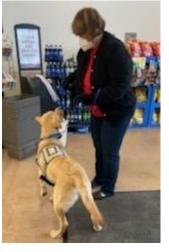
In other news, Purple has reported for her first day of duty and I am sure is doing a terrific job. She is named after a call sign and will serve as a comfort dog working with a former Navy Chaplain now working as a Sheriff's Office Chaplain. Her purpose will be to arrive on the scene of traumatic events to offer support to the victims and to the officers who might need a bit of comfort to relieve the stress of such events.

I miss seeing and working with her but am glad to know she will be helping so many in her new position. These dogs are truly working dogs, and this is such an awesome effort of which OES is a partner. Meet Danny – I was reunited with Danny, a wonderfully













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I was able to take my granddaughters to visit over the Christmas holiday. While waiting to start my session, I was witness to a class of "puppy parents" and their new charges. Among them were Mr. Red and Mr. Green (shown with my granddaughters). The girls were so excited they can't wait to go back this summer. Leigha exclaimed on the way home, "Best Thursday ever!" One can never start too young to help others.

The puppies have now been given their names and have started their training. I hope I get to see them again and watch their progress. I am not sure what is next for me as I have completed this phase of my training but whatever it is, I look forward to this awesome task

When unable to work with the dogs due to the unavailability of my trainer, I find that without being with the dogs, my Thursdays just aren't the same. The program I joined is also supposed to assist in training Veterans to overcome their issues as well and when not training, proves to be a challenge for me.

Mr. Red



As our members enjoy looking at photos of the puppies, I thought I would share the following link: Warrior Canine Connection - Puppy Whelping Camera | Explore.org. It contains the link to the Puppy Cam site where one can click on and watch the various age groups of the puppies any time of the day as they grow and prepare to enter training. Up until the time they go to their puppy parents, they are all called Puppy and are identified by the color of their collar when they go outside for exercise.

I love that our members enjoy reading about the adventures of the Service Dogs in training and becoming so interested. This has been and will continue to be an exciting journey as we learn about the dedication and time it takes to train the dogs that will assist our Veterans.

These dogs are truly working dogs, and this is such an awesome effort of which OES is a partner.

Mr. Green



Grooming Mr. Red and Mr. Green



Mr. Red giving a handshake



The Valor Litter





The Honor Litter



ATTENTION WOMEN VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Karen Smith, PGM Unity Chapter #112 Camp Springs, Maryland

The Grand Chapter of Maryland will be hosting a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery on Monday, September 12, 2022. Our MWGM, Sister Glenda Winchester, and MWGP, Brother Lon Lowry, will join our WGM, Sister Carol Newman, and WGP, Brother Richard Naegele, in the wreath laying ceremony. This event will be followed by a luncheon reception at the Women's Memorial at the entrance to the Cemetery. The Women's Memorial is the leading Memorial and Education Center for honoring women's contribution to their service of our Nation. As the only historical repository documenting all military women's



service, it educates and inspires through innovative and interactive exhibitions, world-class collections and engaging programs and events for all generations. The Memorial honors the commitment, contributions and experiences of every woman who serves(ed) in, or with, the Armed Forces.

The Heart of the Memorial

The Register is a one-of-a-kind interactive database that records and preserves the names, service information, photographs and memorable experiences of each registered servicewoman. The Register records and preserves the history of the powerful women who have defended this Country—both past and present. From the earliest days of the Nation, women have been serving alongside men to gain and preserve liberty, but it was difficult to find them in our history books. There was no repository of women's service to the United States. That all changed in April 1987. Not long after legislation authorized the Women In Military Service For America Memorial (WIMSA) and 10 years before the Memorial would open to the public in 1997, the Register was created. Servicewomen and women Veterans were invited to make their military experiences visible by "registering" their service. By completing a simple form with their dates of service, branch of service, awards and decorations, at least one memorable experience and a picture in uniform, women took their rightful and visible place in history for all time. For the first time in American history, there was a place to learn about the extraordinary servicewomen who defend our country. For more than 30 years, the Memorial has been permanently documenting military women's experiences and their impact on American, military and women's history. Visitors are invited to look up servicewomen in the Register and learn about their impact on our collective history. You may purchase a print of individual profiles as a keepsake.

If you know a servicewoman or woman Veteran—please take advantage of the FREE registration to ensure HER story joins hundreds of thousands of individual stories that make up our *Register*. History is not complete until every military woman's story is told. To register yourself or a family member or friend, please visit their website at https://womensmemorial.org and complete the form. If you are already registered, you may also logon and update your service history at any time.

It is our desire to provide a list of names of those OES members who are registered to the Memorial staff and have those stories displayed on the giant screen in the center of the Memorial on September 12. In order to do this, we are asking anyone registered to send the following information to phsgrad69@gmail.com or Charee_r@yahoo.com with the subject line "WIMSA Memorial Reception." Please provide current name, name(s) under which served, branch of service and dates, along with Memorial registration number. If the number is not known, it may be obtained by searching your registration on the website.

If you are in the area on September 12, you are welcome to join us at either the wreath laying ceremony, lunch or both gatherings. Please email the above Sisters if you wish to attend so we may look for you and prepare for your attendance. Any additional questions may also be referred to the emails above.

WESTVILLE CHAPTER #449 DRAPES ALTAR IN MEMORY OF SISTER BARBARA BENTON, PMWGM

Soneeta Ballenger Past Grand Lecturer & Past Grand Esther Westville Chapter #449 Westville, Oklahoma

February 10, 2022

Westville Chapter #449, Westville, observed the solemn Draping of the Altar for Sister Barbara Benton, PMWGM, with all participants being members of the Oklahoma Red Jackets Club. Sister Phyllis Hagan read the Obituary; Sister Roberta Jackson, WM; Brother C. Dean Jackson, Chaplain; and Sister Soneeta and Brother Charles Ballenger draped the Altar. To honor Sister Barbara, they wore the Red Jacket attire, with beads, pins and other items. Sisters Phyllis and Soneeta, and Brother Charles wore their Indian Warblers pins of the Red Jacket Choir which sang at the Installation of Sister Barbara as MWGM and Brother (L-R): Soneeta Ballenger, Past Grand Lecturer and Past William E. Owen as MWGP in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 2006.



Grand Esther; Roberta Jackson, Past Grand Electa and WM; C. Dean Jackson; Phyllis Hagan, Past Grand Warder; and, Charles Ballenger

Courtesy of Stars for Oklahoma Newsletter

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS YOUNG!

Kelly Pickering, WM Greeneville Chapter #223, Greeneville Associate Conductress Mosheim Chapter #292, Mosheim Tennessee



Helen L. Paxton celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday with family at Life Care Center, 725 Crum St.

Paxton was born Feb. 26, 1922, in Greeneville, Tennessee. Her parents were Walter and Caveta Laughlin of the Glendale community. She is the oldest and only surviving sibling of four, Hal Laughlin, Mary Katherine Laughlin King, and Lillian Laughlin Cutshaw. She is the widow of Frank "Shorty" Paxton.

She was a longtime associate of Belk's in Greeneville, working into her 80s.

She was also formerly a partner in Paxton's Jewelers.

Paxton was an active 68-year member of Mosheim Chapter No. 292, The Order of The Eastern Star, as long as her health permitted. She has served in numerous stations through the years in the Mosheim Chapter, including Worthy Matron in 1963 with her husband, Frank, as Worthy Patron. She has also held numerous positions in the Tennessee Grand Chapter, The Order of the Eastern Star, including Grand Instructor, Grand Ruth, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Matron, Fraternal Correspondent, and as a Youth Scholarship advisor twice. In 1984, she was elected to be Worthy Grand Matron of Tennessee Grand Chapter, The Order of The Eastern Star.

She is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, in Greeneville, and attended as long as her health permitted.

Her daughters are Pat Paxton Easterly, Cheryl Paxton and Judy Paxton. Grandchildren are Mark Easterly, Andy Easterly, Brian Payne, Julia Payne, Travis Payne, Jason Gulledge and Matt Gulledge. She also has seven great-grandchildren, Adam Easterly, Erika Easterly, Caroline Easterly, Alex Frye, Ethan Frye, Ava Payne and Paxton Payne.

In Memorium

Sister Helen passed away on March 19. Friends and family gathered for her Eastern Star Memorial Service and Homecoming Celebration to celebrate this beautiful live.

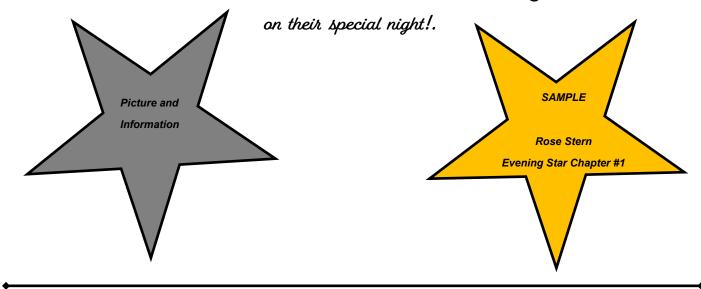
Celebrating Our Silver and Golden Stars

We welcome articles on our Sisters and Brothers receiving their Years of Service
Certificate. However, we will also welcome a picture (if available) of this memorable event.

If a picture is not available, we can showcase our members information.

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



CELEBRATING 103 YEARS YOUNG!

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



Sister Florence Dares celebrated her103rd birthday. She is still a devoted member of Queen Esther Chapter #69 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and served many years holding many Offices. It is difficult for Sister Florence to attend Chapter now but has many fond memories and enjoys visits from our members.

60-YEAR MEMBER CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

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



Sister Marion Tizard of Queen Esther Chapter #61 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, has celebrated a major milestone. She started her OES journey in Westwood Chapter #63 on May 18, 1961, and served as WM. Upon its closure, Sister Marion joined Ruth Chapter #57 and served as WM. Before its closure, she joined Queen Esther Chapter # 61 in 2015. Sister Marion has served as a Grand Representative of Minnesota in 1990-92 and of Mississippi in 2009-2011. She served as Grand Adah in 1970-71 for the "Star Trails Session" for Sister Megan Church, WGM, and Brother Keith Mackinnon, WGP. She also served as DDGM on 2008-2009 for Sister Edith Conrod, WGM, and Brother Ted Caulier, WGP.

Her 60-year pin was presented and pinned by Brother Kenneth Conrod, PGP.

Having personally known this Sister over many years, I can say she has served her Chapters over the years with great dignity, love and compassion for our Order.

75 YEARS OF EASTERN STAR PGM ESTHER E. FRAZIER WISCONSIN GRAND CHAPTER

Kris Webster, WM Ellsworth Chapter #116 Ellsworth, Wisconsin

Ellsworth Chapter #116 member PGM Esther Frazier, celebrated her 75th anniversary as an OES member on March 17, 2022. Sister Esther presided over the "Bells of Peace" (98th) Grand Session at the Brown County Arena in Green Bay, WI, from May 16 to May 18, 1989. Her WGP was Brother Phillip Schanke.

Her Watch Words were: Friendship and Peace and her Scripture was "Live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you." Il Corinthians 13:11. Her Motto was: Take Time for Friendship, and the Emblems were the Dove and Bell. Esther's Fun Emblem was the Ladybug and Phillip's was the Loon.

members.



PGM Esther presided over 168 Chapters and 23,685 (L-R): Charlie Webster, WP; Kris Webster, WM; Esther Frazier, PGM; and Leonard Pederson, WGP

Esther was initiated at the Durand (WI) Chapter on March 17, 1947 and came to Ellsworth Chapter #116 after consolidation with Chippewa Falls. She is a mentor to Worthy Matrons and other Officers here and a member who is highly respected and loved. Many of you know she has been an avid doll collector and shared her collection with Chapters, not to mention the many miles she traveled going to conventions and collector shows.

Congratulations Esther! Thank you for your service to the Order and your friendship.

SISTER VIRGINIA ROUSE, PGM, CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

Sandra Budden, PM
Marcum Chapter #61
Member of the Triennial Assembly Committee, Webmaster Assistant
Ceredo, West Virginia

On January 20, 2022, at a regular Chapter Meeting of R. Douglass Chapter #15, Ravenswood, West Virginia, celebrated the birthday of Sister Virginia Rouse. Sister Virginia, who remains active in Eastern Star member, turned 100 years old on January 29. She served as WGM in 1974–1975 at the "Treasures of the Heart" Grand Session.









In addition to the birthday party at R. Douglass Chapter, on February 1, 2022, the City Council of Ripley presented Ms. Rouse with a key to the City.

Front Row (L-R): Mayor Carolyn Rader, Virginia Rouse and Councilwoman Carolyn Waybright Back Row (L-R): Councilmen Rick Buckley and John McGinley Photo by Suzette Lowe



HONORING 50-, 60- and 70-YEAR MEMBERS AT THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF SMITHVILLE CHAPTER #374 AND DeKALB CHAPTER #488

Carolyn Williams, PGM, Secretary Smithville Chapter #374 Debbie Mathis, Secretary DeKalb Chapter #488 Smithville, Tennessee



On October 9, 2021, Sister Phyllis Matherly, WGM, made her Official Visit to Smithville, Tennessee, for the joint meeting of Smithville Chapter #374 and DeKalb Chapter #488. There were 123 members from across the State present.

(L-R) Mary Lou Lawson; Gay Vanatta;, Phyllis Matherly, WGM; Wanda Gard; and Carolyn Williams, PGM

Worthy Grand Matron: Phyllis Matherly Worthy Grand Patron: Jimmy McClain

2018-2021 General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Van Mathis, Eastern Star Journal; Sue Hastings, ESTARL; and Lowell Gregg, Scottish Rite Charities.

Past Grand Matrons in Tennessee: Ruth E. Graves, Carolyn Williams, Kay Rickman, Jane Bowne, Debby Linson, Kay Southern, Beverly Rogers and Linda Pepper.

Past Grand Patrons in Tennessee: Kenneth Stephens, Sr., Bob Collins, Glen Choate, Gene Ross, Roger Stokely, Daryl Isham, Glenn R. Hanna and Jim West.

Elected Grand Officers: Linda Edens, Associate Grand Matron; Jerry Paul Vanatta, Associate Grand Patron; Mary E. Wolfe, Grand Secretary; Laurel Harrison, Grand Conductress; and Rita Hill, Associate Grand Conductress.

Appointed Grand Officers: Gordon White, Grand Chaplain; Renee Fowler, Grand Marshal; Kim Hagy, Grand Adah; Pat Sullivan, Grand Ruth; Janice Moon, Grand Esther; Carol Stout, Grand Martha; Glenda Davis, Grand Electa; and Larry Mick, Grand Sentinel.

Most Worthy Grand Matron's Special Appointment: Shirley Gregg, Campfire Friend.

Others in attendance were Grand Representatives, Grand Instructors, Grand Committees, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Worshipful Master of Center Hill Lodge #77 (Danny Adamson) and several other Sisters and Brothers.

After presentations to the WGM and WGP by both Chapters, the WGP gave his remarks. The WGM then asked the Conductress to present Sisters Gay Vanatta and Mary Lou Lawson at the altar to be introduced and escorted to the East. She presented each with a 50-year membership pin with her congratulations. Then the Conductress escorted Sisters Carolyn Williams, PGM, and Wanda Gard to the East. She presented Sisters Carolyn with her 60-year membership pin and Wanda Gard with her 70-year membership pin with her congratulations. The WGM said this was a first for her to present this many pins at one meeting. She gave her address and the Chapters were closed.

FOUR GENERATIONS OF STAR MEMBERS

Kathy Barlow, WM Myrtle Grove #302 Pensacola, Florida

On Tuesday, April 26, 2022, Myrtle Grove Chapter #302, Pensacola, held a Special Meeting for Initiation. You know the old saying that "It takes a village"... well, my village stepped up and helped to get Kaitlin Johnson initiated. We had all 6 chapters in District 1 represented, as well as 2 members from Ft Walton Chapter #202 in the village! And having Brother William 'Bill' Kranz, WGP, and Sister Heather Earnhardt, GGC Colorful Note, PGM, in attendance was an honor in itself.



4 Generations as of tonight!!!!



(L-R): Kaitlin Johnson, our newest member; Nikki Johnson, Associate Conductress; Kathy Barlow, WM; and Matriarch, JoAnn Trawick, Conductress



with William Kranz, WGP

HELPING HANDS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS

Letha Peters, WM Shawanee Chapter #436 Harrogate, Tennessee

Sister Letha Peters, WM of Shawanee Chapter #436, is involved in the local Girl Scout Troop #219 with her two young daughters. The Girl Scouts do several community projects throughout the year and our Shawanee Chapter decided to team up together during the Christmas holidays to help out local families in the area. The Girl Scouts were collecting hygiene items for the local group, Claiborne County Family Justice Center, that helps women, men and children during domestic violence situations. Our members were able to collect blankets for family members that have been temporarily rehomed due to domestic violence at home. On December 14, 2021, the Girl Scouts invited our members to come along to visit the Claiborne County Family Justice Center to get a tour of the new facility and learn what all they do to help out these families throughout the whole year. It was a pleasant experience to be able to work with the Girl Scouts to be able to assist in this wonderful outreach of community service in our hometown. It was amazing to see all the donations from the girls and our members giving back to those less fortunate than ourselves. We hope to continue to be able to work with the Girl Scouts throughout the year.





NAOMI CHAPTER #3 PRESENTS DONATION TO MARYLAND'S RAINBOW GIRLS

Robert Starr, GGCCM - Heart, PGP Naomi Chapter #3 Washington, DC

On March 18, 2022, at the Grand Assembly of Maryland, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Sister Vickie Starr, WM of Naomi Chapter #3 and a member of the GGC Cancer Committee, presented the Grand Worthy Advisor, Sister Kristin Kile (an Eastern Star member) a Chapter check for \$3,000 to help defray the costs of the girls travel expenses to their Supreme Assembly to be held in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma. The Supreme Assembly will be celebrating their 100th Year Anniversary of the Rainbow Girls Organization.

Naomi Chapter also made similar donations to Cancer Research, the Heart Fund, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, the GGC Disaster Relief Fund, as well as other charitable

organizations. They plan to make more donations later in the year.

THE TIE THAT BINDS

Barbara Brackebusch, Secretary Crescent Chapter #26 Hartsville, Tennessee

On April 9, 2022, at a meeting of Hartsville Lodge #113 F&AM, several members of Crescent Chapter #26 and the daughters of the WM and WP helped prepare a meal for the Masons before their Entered Apprentice Degree for Brandon Anthony, who is pictured on the front row between the Worshipful Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Master Tennessee. Crescent Chapter regularly prepares a meal for their Masonic Brothers before Degree work and other functions of the Lodge.



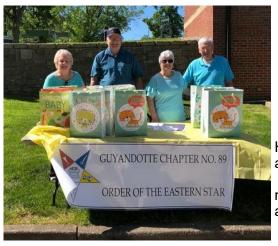
First Row (L-R): Ashleen Hawthorne, Alexandra Hawthorne, Jimmy Parker, Freddie Rivera, Barbara Lowe-Brackebusch, James Chambers, Lonnie Taylor, Helen Murley, Eddy Gregory (Worshipful Master), Brandon Anthony, Robert Waldron (Most Worshipful Grand Master), Harold Scott (Grand Lecturer District 8), Brandon Gregory and Robert Smith.

Second Row (L-R): John Graves, Jeff Skelton, James Grimsley, Justin Vogelgesang, Melvin Luhrs, Joseph Sebers, Nickey Baggett, Greg Stallings, Drew Mullins, Daniel Hawthorne (WP), Hannah Hawthorne and Harmony Hawthorne.

Third Row (L-R): Joseph Thayer, Bob Hart (Worshipful Grand Pursuivant), Sarah Hawthorne (WM) Fourth Row (L-R): John Brown, John Bowlin, David Stafford (Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain), Tim Roberson, Tim Gerrard, Donnie Cates

Not pictured is Vicki Fadeley, Grand Representative to Oregon

GUYANDOTTE CHAPTER #89 HOLDS DRIVE THROUGH BABY SHOWER



(L-R): Pat Meadows, Dale Meadows, Phyllis Wilcox and Damon Wilcox

Sandra Budden, PM
Member of the Triennial Assembly Committee
Webmaster Assistant
Marcum Chapter #61
Ceredo, West Virginia

On Friday, May 13, 2022, Guyandotte Chapter #89, located in Huntington, West Virginia, participated in a drive-thru baby shower at the Veterans Home in Huntington.

There were 20 organizations that made up 12 goodie bags for new and expectant moms. Our Eastern Star Chapter was assigned to make bags for ages 0-12 months.

The new or expectant mothers drove by, stopped and we put the bags in their cars.

They currently have seven pregnant women veterans so the extra bags will be held for them in the future.

It was a blessing working with the expectant moms so we are considering this to be an annual project. The families were very grateful and we enjoyed talking to them.

Just an interesting sidebar fact - there are more girls (future OES members) being born than boys at this time!

LEBANON CHAPTER #108 VISITS BONNIE BLINK MASONIC HOME

Dr. Rena Robey, PM Lebanon Chapter #108 Manchester, Maryland



On Friday May 20, 2022, 8 members of Lebanon Chapter #108, Manchester, gathered to make 130 goodie bags for residents who live at the Bonnie Blink Maryland Masonic Homes. In 1927, the Grand Lodge of Maryland purchased the mansion, farm and barn with 293 acres. Bonnie Blink means beautiful view in Scottish and even today, the building looks like a Scottish castle high atop a hill offering a beautiful view below.

Each resident received a bag containing a ChapStick, tissue pack and hand lotion affixed with a handmade stamped tag. An evening of fun, service and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Sister Linda Quillen, WM, pulled the ticket for our Sister Deb Calhoun who won the door prize of a sunny Gerber daisy. Supplies for the project were donated by Lebanon Chapter members, as well as a cash donation from our Masonic brothers from Lebanon Lodge #175.

This annual Lebanon Chapter tradition commemorates our members and loved ones who enjoy(ed) excellent care at Bonnie Blink.





CELEBRATING 105 YEARS OF SERVING OUR BEAUTIFUL ORDER

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

105 years ago today, January 23, 1917, several members of Patterson Chapter #19, Baltimore, led by the light of the rays of our beautiful Star, lit the light of Highland Chapter #33's Star. We became the 33rd Chapter in the Grand Chapter of Maryland being instituted on 1/5, chartered on 1/23 and constituted on 2/16. Our Country was heavily engaged in WW1 fighting for our freedom, yet the brave Sisters and Brothers took a leap of faith and became willing workers in Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness. Thanks to their efforts, we are gathered here today to celebrate this legacy. Today our Chapter is a compilation of 9 Chapters that came to us through consolidations and are pleased that both of our Daughter Chapters returned to their Mother Chapter. While we currently have over 180 members, like most Chapters today, we no longer have a full core of Officer having less than 20 active members. We are grateful to our loyal substitutes and consider you one of us.

I would ask that you join with me as we raise our glass and offer a toast to honor this legacy (light a candle for each toast):



- —Here's to those members that had worked so hard to make Highland Chapter reach its goals of Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness;
- —Here's to our current members that are working so hard to continue keeping our past traditions of brotherly and sisterly love alive; and
- —Here's to the future that we will continue to create an environment that makes Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness grow.

Our Meal Blessing will be "A Sunday Prayer by Dr. Rob Morris, and offered by Brother Le Roy Dill, PGP "Dear Lord, help me to find time every day for some definite task, some unselfish thing that I may do without the hope of reward. Teach me to love some service with such indefinite tenderness that I may do it unconscious of the task. Give me the courage to forget myself in the great and holy thought of others. That I may attain this beautiful ideal, show me a few moments each day by the light of the Star in the East. Amen"

I hope you all enjoyed the delicious meal we were served today. We are pleased to have Dave Dietz with us today. (Dave surprised us by presenting the Chapter on behalf of the Lodge with the Meritorious Service Award metal for our loyal support of the Lodge. He also surprised us with a presentation on behalf of the Stephen J Ponzillo Jr Chapter Order of the DeMolay with a Certificate of Appreciation for our generous commitment to the community and the Chapter.

When I was considering a theme to celebrate this awesome milestone, one night as were driving on a clear, crisp night, I noticed how bright the moon was shining and the stars looked like they were dancing. One star was shining brilliantly in the darkened sky, and I thought of the Wise Men who followed the Star in the East and found the Christ Child and worshipped Him. For over 2,000 years, wise men still follow that Star. We, as members of the Eastern Star, have followed the beautiful blue, yellow, white, green and red rays of the Star in the East since Dr. Rob Morris founded our beloved Order in 1867.



(L-R): Nancy Ford, WM, with Dave Dietz

CELEBRATING 105 YEARS OF SERVING OUR BEAUTIFUL ORDER

(Continued)

There are many songs and poems written about that Star and its guiding light and so I chose the theme of "This little light of mine." John 8:12 tells us that, "Jesus is the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Each of us were given a light that shines within and

outside of us and we are taught to let that light shine so that others may see our

good works.

Each of you will receive one of these candles to take home. They were chosen not only for their fragrance but also because they have 3 wicks. I hope that as you light them, you will remember to follow the light of our beautiful star and its principles of Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness.

May the blue ray of Fidelity, the yellow ray of Constancy, the white ray of Loyalty, the green ray of Faith and the red ray of Love continue to shine upon our Chapter and bless us as we work together for the good of the Order. For as we sing, "This little light of mine, I'm goanna let it shine – let it shine, let it shine."



Bless this Chapter and all within it, Let no harsh spirit enter in. Let none approach who would betray; None with a bitter word to say. Grant these friends from year to year May build their happiest memories here.

Bless this Chapter and those who love it;
Fair be the skies which bend above it.
Endow this place with lasting wealth,
The light of love, the glow of health.
In the sweet oils of gladness steep it;
God bless this Chapter and those who keep it.





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