NOTES OF INTEREST FROM MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON – JULY 2022

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 District of Columbia, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, British Columbia & Yukon, Vermont, Georgia, South Carolina and Pennsylvania Grand Chapters. Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, 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 Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron left the East and the Worthy Grand Matron 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 Charles, Judy, Larry, Clara, Marilyn, the staff, performing their duties. I realized, 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 the General Grand Chapter Eastern Star Journal Committee are encouraging 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 "Star Pal Program" just ask a member of the General Grand Chapter Membership Committee. Webmaster William 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 purchased a medallion for each one attending their Grand Chapter. British Columbia and Yukon members raised over \$20,000 for cancer. Georgia and South Carolina 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