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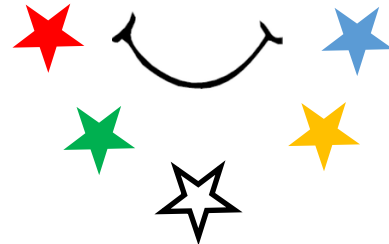
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## Florida Grand Chapter Presents Check to Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine

September 2022

Winston-Salem, NC

After a restful night and a sumptuous breakfast at the nearby Historic Brookstown Inn, a Florida delegation of over forty Order of the Eastern Star (OES) members drove to Wake forest institute for regenerative Medicine (WFIRM). Among those attending were three special OES guests, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Glenda Winchester; Peg Reiteman, Chairman of Regenerative Medicine Committee, GGC & PGM of Ohio; and PGM Nancy L. Ford, Editor of the Eastern Star Journal.



The delegation gathered in a conference room where they met with Ms. Geneva Kelly, Chief Philanthropy Program Officer. She outlined the day's activities which included lunch, a tour of the Institute, and a special meeting with Dr. Anthony Atala, Chair and Institute Director on September 21.

Ms. Kelly, a fellow OES sister, presented a short lecture on how WFIRM began, its mission and how the OES became involved. Open since 2004, WFIRM is a non-profit organization which depends upon governmental grants and private philanthropies, such as OES, for funding support. WFIRM's mission is to create a medical center to provide patients with affordable treatments and therapies with the goal of curing disease rather than just treating it. She explained how Wake Forest wants to be the trusted voice people can turn to when looking for treatment or therapy.

She explained Wake Forest Institute is a non-profit organization which does not accept money from big companies because of the strings that come attached to that money. She said medical treatments should be available to all people, not just those with money.

Although governmental grants provide 80% of its funding, it is often earmarked for specific military projects such as finding new ways to regenerate repairs to horrific injuries to make soldiers as whole as possible. It was this mission of helping wounded soldiers that drew the MWGM Helen Westmoreland to WFIRM and created the OES connection. WFIRM researchers have successfully engineered replacement tissues and organs. Their medical focus is multi-pronged: programs are not limited to repairing injuries, but include research into treatments and therapies for Alzheimer's, diabetes, post-traumatic stress disorder, cancer,

drug addiction, aging, and cardiovascular diseases to name just a few.

The tour followed a delicious Greek lunch buffet that left no one hungry. The OES delegation was divided into small groups and assigned a tour guide comprised of both staff and advanced students who were informative and delightful. Each group started on different floors or intervals to avoid any crossover. The groups were advised photographs were off limits while touring.

It was a lot to take in. Everything from organ engineering to the 3D bioprinter developed in 2016 using "cell ink." One of the most fascinating things seen on the tour was the "Body on a Chip" Project. This project grows miniature 3D organs like hearts, lungs, and livers called organoids and they can be used singly or linked together to test new drugs. These tests on the organoids can help make more accurate predictions of the human body's response to new medications, speeding up getting results in weeks instead of months or years.

After the tour, the OES delegation returned to the conference room to hear from Dr. Anthony Atala. This personable, humble man spoke about his research and his passion for regenerative medicine. He talked about how the loss of one young patient sent him on his remarkable medical journey, his first success with implanting a patient with a regenerated organ, and how Wake Forest convinced him this was the best place to achieve his goals. He said that regenerative medicine is the future of medicine because quality of life is important to everyone.



Dr. Atala talked about the importance of funding at all stages of research which is a 24/7 process. Data is the key to finding funding. With data more research can be done. He described the testing research stage as the "Valley of Death" because people want to see data, not ideas. This makes funding difficult to find at this stage. Without testing to create the data, a project can languish for months or years. This is why philanthropy is crucial for this stage of research.





After a Q&A with Dr. Atala, the MWGM Glenda Winchester, spoke on the support OES was with the regenerative program, how Wake Forest Institute aligns with OES's ideals, and without funding, there can be no research. And without research, there would be no medical cures.

Florida Grand Chapter members Margaret Nathurst, GGCCM, PGM and Grand Treasurer; Billy Williams, Co-Chairman of the Regenerative Medicine Committee GGC and PGP; William "Bill" Kranz, WGP; AGM Gail Jerrell, AGM; Brenda Keppin, GS; Debbie Rosenthal, GC and Sandy Leduc, AGC presented an \$87,000 check from Florida OES Grand Chapter to a very surprised and appreciative Dr. Atala. This was OES stepping in and filling the gap.



L to R: Peg Keppin, Chairman of Regenerative Medicine Committee, GGC & PGM of OES; MWGM Glenda Winchester; PGP Billy Williams, Co-Chairman of the Regenerative Medicine Committee GGC; Dr. Anthony Atala; WGP William "Bill" Kranz; AGM Gail Jerrell; GS Brenda Keppin; Margaret Nathurst, GGCCM, PGM and Grand Treasurer; GC Debbie Rosenthal and AGC Sandy Leduc.



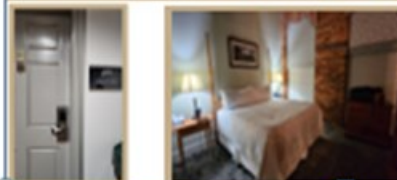
OES members returned to the Historic Brookstown Inn to join in conversation with wine and cheese at the Brookstown Inn's tradition before enjoying a wonderful catered Italian dinner and conversation in the banquet room.

As the evening wound down, guests headed to bed after having some milk and cookies, another one of the Historic Brookstown Inn's traditions.

To read more information about the WFIRM regeneration research and the Body On A Chip Project, visit their website at <https://school.wakehealth.edu/research/institutes-and-centers>.

Carla Girtman, Florida Stargazer Editor  
Pine Castle Chapter #321  
Orlando, Florida  
Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Florida

Courtesy of the Florida Stargazer Newsletter







## INSTITUTION OF THE ARASY BD CHAPTER

*Evandro Lecey*

*Deputy to MWGP for Brazil, West Region  
Deputy to MWGM & MWGP for Columbia  
Deputy to MWGP for Paraguay*

The 24th of February in Paraguay is celebrated on the DAY OF THE PARAGUAYA MUJER, and nothing better than celebrating this day working at the Institution of the ARASY BD Chapter, in the City of Encarnación.

On this occasion, the new administration 2023/2024 has already been installed.

The works were attended by sisters and brothers from the Ñanduti BD Chapter of Asunción. In addition to the entourage of the MWGP, Brother Evandro Lecey Deputy and the MWGM, Sister Eva Lecey, Deputy.

For us, a special ceremony where we reinforce the working ties with the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, because the WM of the Ñanduti UD Chapter, Sister Laura Coronel, is Arco Iris and worked in the Installation of the first WM of the Arasy UD Chapter, Sister Maria Solange Muller Lesme, who is also a Rainbow Girl.

We appreciate the trust of our MWGP Brother Lon Lowry, our MWGM Sister Glenda Winchester, RWGS Brother Charles Chandler, Sisters Alma Lynn Bane and Judy Chandler for all their support. Make a note in your diaries, when you come to Paraguay to visit the Chapters Ñanduti UD - Asunción and Arasy UD - Encarnación.

The name ARASY (Guarani) means MOTHER OF TIME.





# OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 1ST BRAZILIA MEETING OF CHAPTERS SUBORDINATED TO THE GGC

*Evandro Lecey*  
*Deputy to MWGP for Brazil, West Region*  
*Deputy to MWGM & MWGP for Columbia*  
*Deputy to MWGP for Paraguay*

Finally, at dusk on Friday, March 17, 2023, the opening of the 1st Brazilian Meeting of Chapters Subordinated to the GGC took place at the Noble Temple of the Grand Masonic Lodge of the Federal District.

The Board of Directors was composed of the following authorities: Jerry Oliver (brother of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Minnesota and Worthy Grand Patriarch of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota); Barbara Judith Fenner (Chairman of the Deputies of Brazil); Armando Assumpção (Serenity Grand Master of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Federal District); Glenda Winchester (Most Worthy Grand Matriarch of the GGC); Charles Jones (Freemason of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and Past Grand Patriarch of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts); and Franz Heredia Gómez (Freemason of the Grand Lodge of Bolivia and Worthy Grand Patriarch of the Grand Chapter of Bolivia).

After the command of the Chief of Ceremonies, Sister Guizelia Brito, the Brothers and Sisters gave entrances to the Templo Nobre. MDGM Glenda Winchester and the Most Serene Grand Master Armando Assumpção, with the blow of a gavel, declared the work of the 1st EBCS open.

Speaking, Brother Evandro Lecey delivered a plaque of thanks to the Most Serene Grand Master Armando Assumpção. Plaques were handed out marking the event.

In speaking, MDGM thanked everyone for their presence and declared that they were very happy to be participating in the meeting in Brasilia at this time.

The Chairman of Deputies Brazil, Judith Fenner, spoke of her joy in being there and that this is a moment of great joy for everyone.

The Most Serene Grand Master, Armando Assumpção, said that we should give more support to the Order of the Eastern Star and made a commitment to found at least one more Chapter in the Jurisdiction of the GLMDF.

The Worthy Matriarch Rosário thanked everyone for their presence and spoke of her happiness on this special night. After the opening ceremony of the Meeting, everyone moved to the tent for a delicious cocktail.





# 1st BRAZILIAN MEETING OF CHAPTERS SUBORDINATED TO THE GGC

*Evandro Lecey*  
*Deputy to MWGP for Brazil, West Region*  
*Deputy to MWGM & MWGP for Columbia*  
*Deputy to MWGP for Paraguay*

On the afternoon of March 18, 2023, at 1 pm in the Álvaro Palmeira Auditorium, at the Eurípedes Barbosa Nunes Events Center (Grand East of Brazil), the third part of the 1st Brazilian Meeting of Chapters Subordinated to the GGC of the Order of the Eastern Star took place . We had a lecture by Brother Charles Jones on the theme of Regenerative Medicine, a project supported by the Order where everyone was surprised by the great advances in medicine and the future perspectives.

Afterwards, we had the Lecture with the theme Casa das Estrelas Foundation - Barretos - SP on which President Clude Aparecida de Castro Dutra e Cunha presented the house, commented on the fact that we need to complete (furnish) another 13 apartments which are already with the material work ready, that the welcomes don't stop and all help is welcome. Deputy Evandro Lecey made an appeal to Brothers, Sisters and Chapters to support Casa das Estrelas, perhaps by allocating a small percentage of the Chapter's monthly fee for worker for the house. In the Rituals that are sold, a value is allocated but the house needs a lot of support.

The Most Worthy Grand Matriarch, Sister Glenda Winchester, said that she was very happy to be able to be reunited with everyone. She brought a hug from all the Brothers and Sisters from the GGC and thanked each one for their presence, for the joy of living this moment.

We had the demonstrations as planned by Brother Jerry Oliver, Great Worthy Patriarch of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, which has been initiated into the Order for more than 40 years and brought the fraternal embrace of the Brothers and Sisters of Minnesota. Brother Charles Jones brought the fraternal embrace of the Brothers and Sisters of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. The Worthy Grand Matriarch of the Grand Chapter of Bolivia, Sister Lourdes Orozco, in the use of the word, brought the fraternal embrace of the Brothers and Sisters of Bolivia and invited everyone to participate in the Grand Session that will take place in the month of July.

Our Sister Vilma Siviero, Grand Worthy Matriarch of the Grand Chapter of São Paulo, presented a brief history of how the Order was established in São Paulo and the foundation of this which is the 1st Grand Chapter founded in Brazil and took the opportunity to invite everyone to the Grand Session that will take place at the weekend.

The Ambassadors of Brazil, North Region, Sister Peg Oliver, and South Region, Sister Rogéria Pontes, spoke about the work carried out by them.

The Brazilian Deputies summarized the activities carried out, starting with the North Region Armando Correa Junior / Maria Rejane da Silva. then Espirito Santo, José Carlos Soares and Verena Soares, moving on to the South Region, Elizon Costa, concluding with his Brother Arribamar Barroso, from the Northeast. Brother Evandro Lecey (Centro Oeste) and Judith Fenner (Centro Oeste and Rio de Janeiro, made their demonstration throughout the meeting.

The Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Brazil, Múcio Bonifácio Guimarães, accompanied by the President of the Federal Legislative Assembly, Arquiariano Bites Leão (Brother of the Planalto Central Chapter #29) and the Master Masons Ademir Candido da Silva, Adalberto Aluizio Eying, respectively elected Grand Master General of the GOB and Deputy Grand Master General of the GOB. Participating in the 1st EBCS, Brother Evandro Lecey, accompanied by Chairman Brazil, delivered a plaque of thanks to the Grand Master for the support received at the meeting, as well as in the founding of new Chapters with the sponsorship of GOB Stores. The President of Casa das Estrelas delivered the pin to the Grand Master General of GOB, and the House's promotional video was presented.



# 1st BRAZILIAN MEETING OF CHAPTERS SUBORDINATED TO THE GGC (Continued)



SAFL President Brother Arquiariano, as well as Brothers Ademir Candido and Adalberto Eyng, received their pins from the house of stars.

Brother Charles Jones gave the Grand Master of the GOB a copy of his lecture on the work of Regenerative Medicine.

Castilian-speaking Deputies Eva Lecey (Paraguay), Narjara Almeida (Colombia except Bogotá) and Evandro Lecey (Colombia, Ecuador and Paraguay) delivered to MDGM, Sister Glenda Winchester, the pin and coins of the Castilian-speaking Deputies, as well as to our MDGP, Brother Lon Lowry

Deputy Eva Lecey and Deputy Evandro Lecey delivered a plaque of thanks to our MVGM and the MVGP for all the support received in Paraguay.

It was agreed among those present that the meetings should take place on a biannual basis and an organizing committee will be formed, consisting of one member from each Deputy Region. It was agreed that the next meeting will then be announced by the organizing committee in the future. Congratulations to the Planalto Central Chapter #29 in the people of the Worthy Matriarch Rosário and the Worthy Patriarch Gonçalo. We thank you for the fantastic work carried out. Our gratitude for accepting the challenge and materializing it.



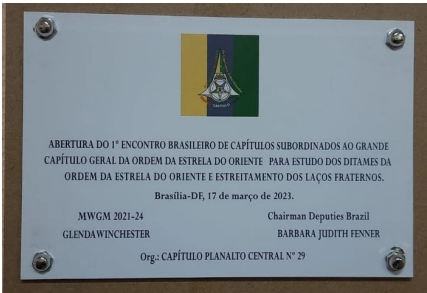
# VISIT OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRIARCH TO THE CHAPTER ROOM PAULO FERNANDES DA SILVEIRA

*Evandro Lecey*

*Deputy to MWGP for Brazil, West Region*

*Deputy to MWGM & MWGP for Columbia*

*Deputy to MWGP for Paraguay*



In the evening of March 17, 2023, the Most Worthy Grand Matriarch, Glenda Winchester, accompanied by the Chairman of Brazilian Deputies, Barbara Judith Fenner, visited the Paulo Fernandes da Silveria Chapter Room,

The Chapter Room is located at the Headquarters of the Grand Masonic Lodge of the Federal District, where the Planalto Centra Chapter #129 and the Flor do Cerrado Assembly (Arco Iris) operate. Afterwards, everyone moved to Templo Nobre where the official opening of the 1st EBCS took place.





# MORNING OF STUDY AT ROBERT MORRIS/ROBERT MACOY COLLEGE OF STUDIES

*Evandro Lecey*  
*Deputy to MWGP for Brazil, West Region*  
*Deputy to MWGM & MWGP for Columbia*  
*Deputy to MWGP for Paraguay*

On the morning of March 18, 2023, the work of the Robert Morris/Robert Macoy College of Studies took place at the Euripedes Barbosa Nunes Convention Center (Grand East of Brazil) as scheduled in the 1st EBCS, with our Chairman of Deputies Brazil as instructor, Sister Barbara Judith Fenner.

In addition to the Brothers and Sisters from the Subordinate Chapters, the Brothers and Sisters from the Grand Chapter of São Paulo also participated, as well as the Brothers and Sisters of the Grand Chapter of Bolivia, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Grand Chapter of Minnesota and the Deputies of Columbia and Paraguay.

The work started at 9:30 am and continued until 11:45 am.

Our Most Worthy Grand Matriarch, Sister Glenda Winchester, actively participated paying attention to everything.

The Brothers and Sisters asked our Chairman several questions, thereby resolving any possible doubts, as well as making suggestions.

After the School closed and the 2nd part of the Brazilian meeting, the Brothers and Sisters went down to the Agape Hall to share a beautiful lunch.



## 29th CENTRAL PLATEAU CHAPTER

*Evandro Lecey*

*Deputy to MWGP for Brazil, West Region*

*Deputy to MWGM & MWGP for Columbia*

*Deputy to MWGP for Paraguay*



Brasília, August 26, 2023, at 2 pm sharp, the Worthy Matriarch Sister Maria do Rosário Fialho, with the Worthy Patriarch Brother Gonçalo Pessoa on her left side, begins the activities of the 29th Central Plateau Chapter. GGC Deputy Brother Evandro Lecey, to sit at his right hand on this special day for the Chapter and our Order. The work on that day did not take place in the Chapter hall, but in the condominium of the Grand Masonic Lodge of the Federal District. The entry of the Brazilian flag was immediately carried out.



After completing all formalities, 11 new members of the Chapter were initiated on this date: Albanysa Rolim, Alexandre Braune, Carolina de Faria, Francisco Leão, Julia Soares, Livia Costa, Maria Cristina Leão, Michelle da Costa, Sheyla Martins, Tania Nobre and Vanessa Braune. With the works concluded, the Serenissimo Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the Federal District, Brother Armando Laurindo Assumpção, Serenissimo Grand Master and now Brother Francisco Carlos Miranda Leão (Masonic Grand Lodge of Amapá), Eminent Grand Master of Honor of the Grand Lodge, entered. Masonic State of Tocantins and Supreme Deputy of the Arco Iris Order, Brother Alexandre de Oliveira Braune, and Brother Wellington (Secretary of the Paramaçônicas of the GLMDF), to sit next to the table of the Worthy Matriarch (in the case in question in the East). The treats of the 29th Central Plateau Chapter were handed over to the initiates, at which time, at the invitation of the Deputy of the MDGP, Brother Evandro, the Most Serene Grand Master, they were handed over to the Grand Master and Brother Leão, Supreme Deputy Alexandre, Cristina-in-law and Vanessa.



In the use of the word, Brother Leão, said that the works for the implantation of the Order of the Estrela do Oriente in Pará, take strength and vigor, thanks for the welcome to him and Sister Cristina. Brother Alexandre highlighted the importance of paramasonic entities, highlights the importance of having Chapters of Estrela do Tocantins, giving the opportunity to our older nieces from Arco Iris, as well as sisters-in-law, granddaughters of Mason Masters.

The Most Serene Grand Master Armando congratulates the Chapter for having started two more friends and brothers, as well as the sisters-in-law, nieces, granddaughters who on this day join Estrela do Oriente, confirms his commitment to our Order.

Deputy Evandro thanks the work of the Brothers and Sisters of the Chapter, the Worthy Matriarch and Worthy Patriarch. He speaks of the joy of being on this day participating in the Initiation of two friends and brothers who he is sure will spare no effort to expand our constellation of welcoming the new Sisters. This was the day that SIGMA DO ORIENTE showed its brilliance in honor of our founder Robert Morris. The Digna Matriarch thanked the presence of our Sister from Chapter Sophia 29, from the City of Sorocaba, who honored our work on this day and then closed the work, invited everyone to take the picture and that afterwards we would have an agape in honor of the started, remembering that the decoration and snacks were made by our nieces from the Flor do Cerrado Assembly nº 1 (14).

On this occasion, we also had the presence of our DeMolay nephews and our APJ nieces and nephews. Long Live the Stars of Brasilia—Long Live the Grand General Chapter—Long Live Robert Morris

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## HELEY de ABREU CHAPTER UD INITIATION

*Nathan Mateus, Secretary  
Heley De Abreu Chapter UD  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*



*Members of various Chapters of "Rio de Janeiro" Eastern Star with the new Members.*

September was a very busy month for Eastern Star in the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro. Besides the routine Stated Meetings, "Heley de Abreu" Chapter UD held a Special Meeting for its first Ceremony of Initiation. Five candidates, now our two new Brothers and three new Sisters, received the rays of light of the Eastern Star in a Ceremony full of emotion, after months of preparation.

All the Ritual work was carefully done by the Officers thanks to all Brothers and Sisters from other Chapters in Rio de Janeiro who support "Heley the Abreu" Chapter since its inception, especially our Brother Agnaldo Sá, Deputy to the MWGP, and his wife Sister Amália Sá (Past Matron of "Rio de Janeiro" Chapter #2), who did multiple rehearsals with the Chapter.



*The new Members with Brother Agnaldo Sá (third from left to right), Deputy of the MWGP*

All regular Chapters in Rio de Janeiro attend the meeting: Electa Chapter #1, "Rio de Janeiro" Chapter #2, "Grande Rio" Chapter #4 and "Nova Iguaçu" Chapter #5, with over 30 Brothers and Sisters in attendance.

"Heley de Abreu" Chapter was named after a Brazilian teacher who saved 25 children from a criminous fire on a public school



*Chapter's Institution past March. From left to right: Glenda Winchester, MWGM, "Judy" Fenner, Chair of Brazil Deputies, and Agnaldo Sá.*

in 2017. She is considered to be one of Brazil's Heroines and received the National Order of Merit *in memoriam*.

The Chapter was Instituted on March 13th, 2023, by occasion of the visit of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Glenda Winchester, and her escorts to Brazil. Among those attending were Sister "Judy" Fenner, PGM of Massachusetts and Chair of Brazil Deputies, and Sister Ruth Jones, Ambassador to Brazil. It had 28 Charter Members, and is since led by Sister Bianca Darski, WM, and Brother Jan Darski, WP.

The good work cannot end, and the Chapter already has another 3 candidates balloted to be initiated and expected to see the Star in the East later this year. Long may live the Order of the Eastern Star in Rio de Janeiro!

## MICHIGAN GRAND CHAPTER HONORS THE GGC APPOINTMENTS

*Pamela Waack, Worthy Grand Warder  
Victoria Chapter #290  
Livonia, Michigan*



Michigan Grand Chapter honored their GGC Appointments for their service at a Monday Night casual banquet on October 10, 2022. Each appointment was honored by the Sister Dawn Torpey, WGM, and Brother David O'Connell, WGP. They were then honored by their Chapters during this fun-filled evening.

They are depicted in the picture from right to left:

At the right of the podium is Sister Pamela Waack, Worthy Grand Warder  
At the left of the podium is Brother Robert Otte, Youth Committee  
William Kennedy, International Temple Committee  
Nancy Martin, Cancer Committee  
Norma Wojack, ESTARL Committee  
Patricia Ahl, Heart Committee  
Rosita Brown, Special Appointment-Liaison to Peru  
and at the far left, Michael Waldo, Service Dog Committee.

The theme of the evening was from Alice in Wonderland "Through the Looking Glass." What a delightful surprise as each of us entered the room through the rabbit hole. Our AGP was dressed as the Mad Hatter and his wife was dressed as Alice, both in authentic costumes. Each table was decorated with characters from the story carrying out the theme. As you can see from the participants in the pictures, it was a very enjoyable and fun-filled evening. At the end of the evening, there was music and dancing. It was so much fun to have Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM, and Brother Lon Lowry, MWGP, dancing with us as well. Michigan was honored to have the following GGC Officers visit during the Session, Sisters Billie Bradfield, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Linn McNary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer; Sue White, Worthy Grand Marshal; Diane Bargfrede, Worthy Grand Adah; and Bonnie Youngblood, Worthy Grand Esther.



## MARYLAND GRAND CHAPTER HONORS HONORARY GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER



*Jon and Wilma Thompson*

*Nancy L. Ford, GGCCM, ESJ Editor  
Highland Chapter #33  
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The Grand Chapter of Maryland honored our Brother Jon Thompson, Honorary Grand Chapter Officer, at a very fun-filled banquet on Tuesday evening, April 25, 2023, during our Grand Chapter Session. Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM, and Brothers Lon Lowry, MWGP, and Robert Penoyer, PMWGP, and several members addressed Brother Jon thanking him for all the laughs he has given us through the years and also for all he has done in his years of service to our Order. Brother Jon was “roasted” by Sister Rhonda Johnson, GGCCM International Headquarters, PGM of Pennsylvania, and had the room in tears of laughter—what an appropriate way to say thanks to Brother Jon. And then Elvis entered the room. Sadly we had to end this fun evening to attend our evening Session. A wonderful time of fun and fellowship; what a beautiful tribute to our Brother Jon.



*Masonic Book carved in paper*



*Rhonda Johnson*

### MESSAGE FROM JON THOMPSON HONORARY GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER

*My Sisters and Brothers, I was so pleased to see so many of our Maryland members and guests at my Honoring on April 25 during our Grand Chapter Session. Each of you is an important part of my Eastern Star life and your love, your time and your appreciation mean so much to me. I thank you each and every one. I was so pleased with the gift of the Masonic Book carved for me with our Masonic emblem and my name by Brother Scott Cameron of Frederick Chapter #79 and given to me as a gift from the Grand Chapter. And also the inscribed boot. They will remind me always of my special Sisters and Brothers and a special time in my Eastern Star life. Sister Madge Jones and her Committee did a wonderful job and I thank them so very much.*

*It was special to have my Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Glenda Winchester, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lon Lowery, and so many General Grand Chapter Officers and members from out-of-state in attendance. I especially thank Sister Rhonda Johnson, GGCCM, from Pennsylvania, as a part of the program.*

*My Club Board President Sister Elaine Niemeyer presented the Worthy Grand Matron of West Virginia, Sister Teresa Cisco, with a check for \$5,500 for the Mountain Laurel Club to be used during the 2027-2030 Triennial Assembly.*

*The painting by me that was raffled off was won by Suzy Conklin of Parkton, a patron of our family tavern. I had the privilege of presenting it to her on Thursday evening, April 27t Again, a big thank you to each of you for your love and support.*

*My love, Brother Jon*



# BIRDIES, EAGLES, DOGS AND BALLS: ALABAMA OES GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Terri Robinette, PM  
Golden Rule Chapter #6  
Trussville, Alabama*

Cloudless blue skies and fresh cut grass welcomed golfers at the Alabama OES golf tournament to benefit Service Dogs. The tournament was held on May 6, 2023, at the Lagoon Park Golf Course in Montgomery, Alabama. Two special guests, Serafina and Epic, arrived to greet the golfers, and a representative from the organization gave a short speech of appreciation. Seeing the sweet babies and learning their stories helped golfers and spectators alike to understand the importance of this worthy cause.

The Service Dogs lounged around in the shade of the pavilion getting their well deserved rest as 16 teams lined up for tee off. Men and women zipped around on golf carts from hole to hole with a desire to win battling with fun and laughter. Several holes offered golfers an opportunity to win cash or prizes. Golfers quietened with anticipation at the chance of hitting the elusive hole-in-one for a grand prize of \$10,000.

There were various avenues to raise money in addition to the tournament. Signs were spotted around the course reflecting the names of Chapters, Lodges and the memory of dear loved ones. A ball drop was held, and balls rained from the sky with two finding the hole. Donations were made towards the win of some wonderful prizes. including Alabama football tickets and a golf ball display cabinet.

Sister Faye Hood Stewart, Chairman of the State Committee, worked diligently with committee members, family and volunteers to raise money to support Service Dogs and ensure everyone had a good time. And everyone must certainly did with the first prize team coming in 17 under par. The smiles on the young men's faces were almost as powerful as the immediate bragging rights.

Alabama looks forward to the 2024 OES golf tournament. Pick up your clubs and come join us for a day of fun and fellowship, and just maybe a hole-in-one!



(L) *The Winning Team*



(R) *Aren't I adorable?*





# GEORGIA GRAND CHAPTER “HERITAGE OF FAITHFULNESS”



The “Heritage of Faithfulness” Georgia Grand Chapter was held at the Macon Marriott Center from 8-11 June, 2023. The event was both exciting, as we welcomed a new Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Dana Tippens, and a new Associate Grand Patron, Brother Mike Nichols, into the Grand Family, and also sad, as we said goodbye to Sister Joyce Royal, PGM and Brother John Wigger, PGP. Moving into the WGM and WGP positions are Gwen Payne and Tim Hollifield, respectively.

Outgoing Officers, Joyce Royal, PGM, & John Wigger, PGP



Incoming WGM, Gwen Payne & WGP, Tim Hollifield (FY'23-'24, Illuminance Grand Family of Georgia)



FY 23-24 WGM of Georgia, Gwen Crews Payne, is escorted by her father Felton Crews, PGP of GA



The POW flag is presented by Chris Gunby. Escorts are Brenda Reed, Grand Chaplain & Tami Awe, Personal Secretary to the WGM, Illuminance Grand Family



Heather Dowdy, Grand Lecturer



Three members of Frances Bell #75 were selected to be in the Illuminance Grand Family of GA: Brenda Reed, Grand Chaplain, Katie McDaniel, Assistant Grand Drill Director, and Tami Awe, Personal Secretary to the WGM



Dana Tippens, newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, OES, Georgia, is escorted by her husband, Wayne.



Mike Nichols, newly elected Associate Grand Patron, OES, Georgia

*Tami Awe  
Cleopatra Chapter #265  
Frances Bell Chapter #75  
Harlem, Georgia*

*Courtesy of the Magnolia Newsletters*



◆ Georgia Associate Grand Conductress Forms Clubs

We all know that one of the most exciting events to happen at Grand Chapter is the election of the Associate Grand Conductress. This beautiful lady will be the newest member of her state's Grand Family and we, the members of OES, will support her for the next four years.

Georgia elected Ms. Dana Tippens as their Associate Grand Conductress in June of 2023, in Macon, GA. Dana has been a member of Eastern Star for 10 years and previously served in the capacity of Grand Ruth, Personal Secretary to the WGP, and various committees.

In Georgia, the top four grand officers individually form a District "Booster" Club and a state club that raises funds and provides entertainment throughout the grand officer's time in the chairs. Dana's Booster Club is called the *Good Vibes*, the mascot is *Shelly the Sea Turtle*, and their mission is to spread love and kindness across the state.



Pictures from L-R: 1. Gwen Payne, WGM of GA and Dana Tippens, AGC of GA; 2. Carol Powell, PGM, Dana Tippens, AGC, and Kim Gunby, PGM. Carol and Kim will serve as Dana's Advisors/Planning Committee; 3. Inner S's: Sharon Haynes, Sheri Crowe, Dana Tippens, AGC, and Shirley Byess.

For her state club, Dana chose the *Honeycombs* as her club title and bees and bears as her emblems. She took the opportunity to have a huge fundraiser at her club formation where she sold formal gowns, jewelry that included an incredible diamond OES ring, and a mink coat! Ms. Jo L. Cullifer, RWGT, Chairman, modeled the mink beautifully!



Dana Tippens, AGC in GA



Gwen Payne, WGM GA, & Jo L. Cullifer, RWGT, Chair



Kim Phelts & Sheri Crowe ell 50/50 tickets



Ron Rowe, PGP, Dana Tippens, AGC, & Kim Gunby, GCCM



Jo L. Cullifer, RWGT, Chair

Above: Brenda Reed, Grand Chaplain, GA and Tammy Leonard, Honeycombs, Treasurer



Kim Gunby, GGCCM, Dana Tippens, AGC, & Tami Awe, Personal Secty to the WGM in GA

Tami Awe  
Cleopatra Chapter #265  
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## INSTALLATION OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL BETHEL 18



*Sarah Smith, PM  
Shelby Chapter #170  
Shelbyville, Kentucky  
Guardian Secretary*

We are excited to share an picture of Bethel 18 during their Installation Ceremony. We have four new members! They are joined here by Bethel 24 from Sellersburg, Indiana, performing the Living Cross. Bethel 18 meets the second Tuesday at 7:30 of every month at Jeffersontown Lodge Hall, 10411 Watterson Trail, Louisville. We hope this article makes our members aware of our efforts to grow this Bethel and we hope to initiate several more in the next few months. Please come visit us!

## OUR HEROINES NAMES

*Barbara Redburn, PM  
Irene Chapter #97  
Ellsworth, Maine*

My Sisters, the meanings of your names are of interest to Chapter members and have been described for each Star Point Station of the Eastern Star. May your colors' rays shine as a star ornament of friendship, ever abiding with love in the name of our God and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sister Adah: The name Adah means Ornament. It is an appropriate choice, not only because Adah's innocent spirit and faultless character were her own personal ornaments, but that a daughter who exemplified these virtues was an ornament to her father's life. This blue flower represents fidelity, integrity and obedience, as illustrated in the life of Adah.

Sister Ruth: Friend is the meaning of the name Ruth. Her friendship with Naomi is one of the greatest examples of the true meaning of friendship. The story of Ruth teaches us to serve our fellow man and to extend the hand of friendship to all who may have a need. Loyalty, constancy and humbleness to duty are represented by this yellow flower.

Sister Esther: The name Esther means star in Persian. Her actions were like a star of hope and encouragement to her people, who were enslaved and distant from their native land. Thus her name was very appropriate for this outstanding biblical personality. This white flower symbolizes the purity, peace and light of Esther's character.

Sister Martha: Martha means fortitude, abiding and instructed by Christ. Martha had the fortitude to maintain her faith, even when her brother died, by abiding in the Word of God as she had been instructed by Christ. Faith in God's promise of eternal life through Christ is represented by this flower of green.

Sister Electa: Lady, called of God and honorable is the meaning of the name Electa. Electa, that honored Christian Lady, through her life and through her death, answered the call of God to testify to the love of the Father through the love of the Son. Fervency, hospitality and Christian love are represented by this red flower.



## KRAZY KOP HIKE FOR KIDS 2022

*Kathy Williamson, PM  
Pine Cone Chapter #26, Auburn  
Mountain View Chapter #97, Buckfield (Secretary)  
Maine*

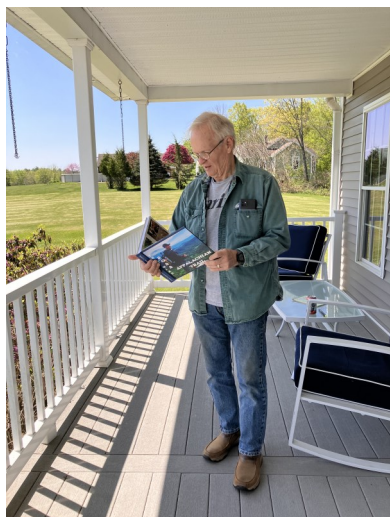
Sister Jocelyne Jervis knew something was brewing with her 75-year-old husband. He had taken to watching hiking videos on the internet. He was working out. Hi-tech outdoor gear was starting to appear in their riverfront Greene home. It wasn't until after he had booked a plane ticket to Georgia that Brett confirmed what she already suspected; he was planning to embark on the walk of his life, one that would take half a year and more than 2,000 miles. He was about to hike the Appalachian trail. In a Facebook post in the summer of 2021, Brother Jervis wrote, "I put down the potato chips, Peps, and got off the couch... I will attempt to walk home to Maine via Mt. Katahdin on the Appalachian trail. I will be doing this as a fundraiser for the Shriners Children's Hospital." He'd go on to raise thousands during his adventures as chronicled in a series of YouTube videos titled, "Krazy Kop Hike for Kids 2022." It was an achievement that combined the latest technology with old-fashioned grit and sweat. Its start was delayed by dangerous weather and halted for a time when Covid struck and again when he was forced to rest from a back injury.

Even though he calls meeting new friends "the greatest experience of my entire life," solitude of the trail is what Jervis truly enjoyed. "I never hiked with other people except for the first week," he recalled. There's a lot of kids and they're fast and I'm not, so I got up early and started off alone and I preferred that." Jervis averaged 13 miles a day with 23 miles on the final day including the descent of Mt. Katahdin and the official goal was reached that ended in a hard fall resulting in broken bones. Friends were able to follow his journey on the internet and Jocelyne watched his progress via GPS, only losing track of him for one anxious day.

Of the thousands of hikers who tackle the Appalachian hike each year, only a quarter will finish. For his success, Jervis credits preparation and an understanding of his own capabilities and goals. "Hike your own trail," he advises.

Brett Jervis' next adventure is also a fundraiser: the Trek Across Maine, a long-distance cycling challenge for the American Lung Association. He won't need to train quite as hard for this one, being a former bike racer and still in pretty good shape from the Appalachian Trail hike. Donate at <https://tinyurl.com/48sj3r2r>.

*Note: Sister Jocelyne and Brother Brett belong to several Chapters, including Pine Cone #26 and Genesta #73 (Bath).*



## HEART AND SOUL GRAND FAMILY RECEPTION

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

Prior to reading this article about the Maine Grand Family reception held on Saturday, July 29, 2023, please think about the following ...

What sound does a chicken make as it lays an egg?;

How does a farmer call in the cows?;

Do you recall listening to Elvis sing the first line, "You ain't nothin' but a hound dog?";

And can you stand and do the wave?

Now that you have a picture in your mind of these four items ... you'll have an idea of what went on at the reception. It was a five star production with Sister Lynn and Brother Charles Izzi as the Chairpersons for the Heart and Soul Grand Family reception held at Jeff's Catering in Brewer with almost 125 members in attendance.

Following a delicious buffet luncheon, the Izzi's handled the introductions by commencing with Sister Lorena M. Fenlason, WGM, Brother Peter A. Stinson, WGP. Those with GGC appointments were: Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, Ambassador to Peru and Grand Representative of Kentucky; Sisters Rebecca S. Bibber, GGCCM ESTARL and Grand Treasurer Emeritus; Marjorie E. Pfeiffer, GGCCM Registration and Grand Organist; and Rebecca E. St. Pierre, GGCCM Youth and Grand Treasurer. PGMs were Sisters Jerri A. Holt, Susan M. Hawes, Corley Anne Byras (Grand Secretary Emeritus), Julieanne B. Irving, Flora M. Stack, Brenda L. Hall, Catherine J. Wood and Evelyn B. Cookson. PGP's were Brothers Donald B. Wiswell, Ronald G. Forrest, Edwin A. DeWitt, James A. Owens (Grand Secretary), Arthur C. Dunlap and Russell E. Babb. The Elected Grand Officers introduced and warmly welcomed were Sister Jolene D. Farnsworth, AGM; Brother James Wakem, AGP; Sisters Rebecca G. H. Thompson, GC; Darcy R. Merrill, AGC; and Brother Jon Thompson, Grand Sentinel. The Appointed Grand Offices were Brothers Charles J. Izzi, Grand Chaplain; Michael Potvin, Grand Marshal; and Sisters Rachel C. White, Grand Adah; Sylvia Joy, Grand Ruth; Janis McLaughlin, Grand Esther; Jane Ritchie, Grand Martha; and Casey Getchell, Grand Electa. The District Deputy Grand Matrons introduced were the following Sisters: Pamela Precourt (#1), Heather Stewart (#3), Vicki Kelley (#4), Barbara E. Robinson (#5), Martha P. Ellis (#6), Paula Nicholas (#7), Sandra LeClair (#8), Beverly Noonan (#9), Ann Marie Leight (#11), Marie Pottle (#12), Judith Hanson (#13), Patty Carter (#14), Bonnie Lyons (#15), Judith C. Van Norman (#16), Judith Getchell (#17) and Charlene Buzza (#19). Star Assistants were: Brother Robert Farrington and the following Sisters: Teresa Potvin, Lynette Ramse, and Alice Stinson. Sister Rheanne Frost was introduced as Grand Secretary Emeritus.

Prior to nine Grand Representatives introducing themselves, the WGM and WGP presented to Sister Linda Potvin the appointment to South Dakota.

Then the five star program at last began. Sister Lynn explained that during Covid she had knitted many, many pairs of mittens and had finally gotten tired of doing that and looked around for something different to do. She decided to take up hypnosis. She demonstrated with her husband how easily it works. And then she had her husband select from the members four volunteers for her to practice on.

Brother Charles went among the audience and selected Sisters Rheanne Frost, Rebecca E. St. Pierre, Rebecca S. Bibber and Brother James A. Owens.

Sister Lynn then had the opportunity to hypnotize them and assign what they were to do when certain words were said. Sister Rheanne was to sound like a chicken laying an egg every time the word "Star" was said. Brother Jim was to sing, "You ain't nothin' but a hound dog." whenever the word Brother was given. Sister Rebecca St. Pierre was to "Call the cows in" when Sister was used, and Sister Rebecca Bibber was to stand and do the wave every time the word Grand was said.



## HEART AND SOUL GRAND FAMILY RECEPTION

*(Continued)*

Sister Lynn and Brother Charles commenced by having the Star Assistants join them at the front of the room ... and as soon as the word Star was said, Sister Rheanne could be heard all over the room laying an egg. And much laughter ensued. Then when the Sisters were introduced we heard the cows being called, and when Brother Robert was introduced, Jim singing "You're nothing but a hound dog." caused even more laughter.

Using your imagination, you can hear the sounds and see the wave as the District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Grand Officers were honored. This will be an afternoon long remembered for the unusual sounds and for the laughter that kept bubbling throughout the room.

The WGM and WGP closed the afternoon by thanking those who attended and especially thanking Sister Lynn and Brother Charles for hosting this wonderful event. The WGP said they feel blessed in how this year is going. Brother Charles closed the gathering with a special prayer of thankfulness and wished all safe travels. The afternoon was truly one of love and laughter.

Special gift bags had been provided for gifts to those being honored and all honorees were given a rock with a cardinal painted on it as a remembrance of this current Heart and Soul Grand Family.



*Peter Stinson, WGP; Lynn Izzi, Co-Chair; Lorena Fenlason, WGM; and Charles Izzi Co-Chair and Grand Chaplain*



*WGM and WGP presenting Sister Linda Potvin with her Grand Representative appointment.*



## MAINE ATTEMPTS TO BREAK THE RECORD OF THE LARGEST ELVIS IMPERSONATORS GATHERING



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

On August 15, 2023, lots of Elvis impersonators came to Augusta, but not enough to break the Guinness record. Sister Stephanie J. Turgeon, a 37-year member of Electa Chapter #2, Bowdoinham, and her daughter, Mallory, looked stunning in their outfits complete with large gold-framed sunglasses and black hair. It was just the right look to salute the King of rock n' roll.

The event coincided with Elvis Week 2023, a series of events at Graceland, his Memphis mansion that's now a museum.

*Mallory and Stephanie as Elvis impersonators*

## 2011-2012 GRAND FAMILY REUNITED



Sister Michelle Pinette, WM of Electa Chapter #2, Bowdoinham, honored the Grand Family of 2011-2012 as she had served as Grand Marshal in it. The event took place during the Stated Meeting on August 21, 2023, and she was thrilled to welcome her fraternal Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Stephanie J. Dupal served as WGM with Brother John L. Cousins, Sr. serving as her WGP. Because of

work obligations at the Maine State Music Theatre, Sister Stephanie was unable to be in attendance. Her note to the Chapter stated, "It was such an honor to serve the Grand Chapter of Maine as WGM and I could not have been blessed with a better partner than Brother John. We discussed each of our appointments to our Grand Family. Each appointment, Grand Officer, District Deputies, Special Assistants or Grand Representatives was a joint decision and we were delighted when each of you accepted our offer. I have so many wonderful memories from this year. If I had to pick one highlight, it would be when Brother John and I placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I am so proud of each and everyone member of our Grand Family."

Brother John had brought his Bible and marker which were placed on the Altar for the evening and a black lab painting that had been given him was placed in the East. He shared memories and is making a donation to the Cancer Fund of Grand Chapter in honor of Michelle and the rest of the 2011-2012 Grand Family.

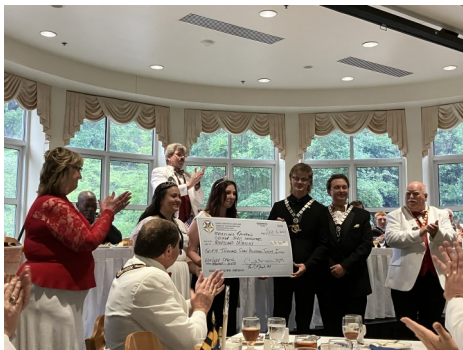
The members of the 2011-2012 "Let Our Star Shine" Grand Family who introduced themselves were: John L. Cousins, WGP; Corley Anne Byras, Grand Secretary; Rebecca E. St. Pierre, Grand Conductress; Bernald W. Tufts, Grand Sentinel; Debra L. Greim, Grand Chaplain; Michelle D. Schwarz Pinette, Grand Marshal; Richard A. Farnsworth, III, Grand Organist; Healthier I. H. Ellsmore, Grand Martha; Russell E. Babb, Grand Warder; Heather E. Stewart, DDGM #3; Judith A. Tufts, DDGM #4; Paula M. Nicholas, DDGM #7; Evelyn B. Cookson, DDGM #16; Frances A. Hewins, Special Assistant; Michael D. Nicholas, Special Assistant; Brett Jervis, Grand Representative of Mississippi; Sarah Favreau, Grand Representative of Ohio; Linda Gray, Grand Representative of Delaware; and Nylene Page, Grand Representative of Wisconsin.



## MARYLAND DeMOLAY CONCLAVE

*Dad Carl Michael, Jr.  
Executive Officer*

In July 2023, Maryland DeMolay attended our Conclave, our annual brotherhood weekend at Salisbury State University; we elected new State officers and had loads of fun. We started the weekend with getting our rooms, splitting the DeMolays and advisors into teams and playing a volleyball game. Throughout the weekend, we had various challenges and competitions. After the volleyball game and dinner on Friday, we ended our day with a stated Statewide meeting. We had our elections of the new officers for the year. In Maryland DeMolay, the young men elect two State leaders, the State Master Councilor and the Deputy State Master Councilor. The State Master Councilor plans a year-long term and has various State events to grow the brotherhood and improve membership across the state. The Deputy State Master Councilor helps the State Master Councilor run his term and begins planning his own term for the following year. This year, I have the privilege to be the State Master Councilor of Maryland DeMolay and Ethan Shoemaker is the Deputy State Master Councilor. On the following day, we had various activities and challenges like archery and "minute to win it" games. During this time, we also held our Annual Ritual Competition where many members showed their impressive ritualistic capabilities. The winners of these competitions can go on to compete this fall in a regionwide competition. In the evening, we carpooled over to Crown, which is a sports complex. There the members enjoyed various games and sports from soccer to laser tag to sumo wrestling in padded sumo suits. Following that, many of the members had pizza and either played cards, pool or just visited with each other. On Sunday, following the morning religious service and breakfast, the DeMolays cleaned up and got ready for the Annual Banquet. At this Banquet, we installed the new officers, handed out awards and fellowshipped with not only our DeMolay brothers but our entire Masonic family.



During the Banquet, the Grand Chapter of Maryland of the Order of Eastern Star presented all three Masonic youth groups in Maryland a very generous check. With their donation, we will be able to fund various events and membership growth plans for years to come. Many awards were presented to Chapters and individuals. Also, the results for the Ritual Competitions were presented. Following this was the Installation of Officers took place where Ethan, various Appointed Officers, and I were declared officially the leaders of the Maryland State Association of DeMolay Chapters. We are looking forward to fall as our State officers travel to visit various Chapters. Events are planned

throughout the State to encourage prospects to find out about our organization. We will also be attending the various collateral bodies events representing our jurisdiction.



We thank the Order of the Eastern Star for their longtime support of DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters. Your continued support has enabled us to teach and mentor the leaders of tomorrow for over 100 years!

Matthew McKay  
State Master Councilor Maryland DeMolay

# MARYLAND GRAND CHAPTER SUMMER FUNDRAISERS

*Nancy L. Ford, GGCCM, ESJ Editor  
Highland Chapter #33  
Dundalk, Maryland*

During the summer of 2023, we held 2 fun-filled fundraisers to support the WGM and WGP's Special Project, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM) and our Service Dog Project, Warrior Canine Connection.

On July 29, members, family and friends attended a **Theme Party** to benefit WFIRM. Each Chapter chose a theme and decorated their table, provided a craft activity and served a light appetizer in keeping with the theme. Chapters donated a variety of baskets for the raffle. No Star event would be complete without a delicious homemade meal and desserts. It was fun-filled afternoon showing the creative talents of our members while enjoying fellowship as we raised money for WFIRM.



The summer break ended with the **Great Duck Derby** on Saturday, August 24, 2023. The Catocin Creek Park and Nature Center was the perfect location for the race. The Service Dog Committee planned many activities, including the duck race at the creek, good food, a silent auction table, chance table and prize winning table, plus games like Jenga blocks and duck drawing. Along with tickets purchased, each person received a duck bag with duck race numbers. A warm afternoon enjoyed by all as we raised money for our Service Dog Project, Warrior Canine Connection.





## VISIT TO WYOMING GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

*Yuemei Bai Urick, PM  
Elkton Chapter #84  
Elkton, Maryland*

August of 2023 was a hot one for me, not only due to the temperature, but also the activities. As appointed Grand Representative of Wyoming in Maryland, I had the honor and opportunity to attend the 125th Wyoming Grand Chapter "Heritage and Harmony" Session. It took place August 9-12 at the Grand Ball Room of the Best Western in Casper. The Session was informally opened on Wednesday by Sister Wendy Lewandowski, WGM, and Brother Michael James, WGP. Featured speakers included the Mayor, the Hotel coordinator, the Most Worshipful Grand Master and introduction of various Masonic bodies and OES jurisdictions.

The Session was formally opened on Thursday for following agendas: Entrance of Bible and Emblem Bearers, Introduction of Grand Officers (with characters and humorous factors of each), Entrance of Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Grand Representatives, and Grand Officers. When the marching music "We are Family" by Sister Sledge rose in the air, a light and humorous atmosphere filled room. The WGM explained that she chose to use this song; it is not conventional. The Presentation of Flags in an order of: American; Canadian; Wyoming flag was presented by their very own sister Marianne Shenefelt, PMWGM; South Carolina Flag was presented by Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM, who is from South Carolina; followed by the Eastern Star, Christian, Masonic, Job's Daughters and DeMolay flags. The flags of 23 Subordinate Chapters of Wyoming Grand Chapter were also presented. This was followed by the introduction of Distinguished Guests.

Friday morning, the Session re-opened formally to continue various committee reports. The WGM and WGP gave annual reports. The Fraternal Correspondence Report was given by Sister Vicki Moxley, AGC, and participated in by the Grand Representatives. I was proud to carry the Maryland Flag. Agendas also included Introduction of Travel Award Recipients, Memorial Tributes and Memorial Service for members. During the Session discussions, the sound controller would make an applause or emotional sound like the comic show does sometimes, providing a humorous effect.

Election and Installation of Grand Officers were Saturday's highlights. The Grand Sentinel was an elected station. Meanwhile, 28 of 50 –year and plus Members from all jurisdictions were presented. They add up to 1,681 years of service. This program was combined with retiring the

Bible and Emblem Ceremony and retiring Jewel Ceremony.

The total registered attendance: 222 pre-registered; 212 total presented members 146 Members and 64 visitors).



Visiting Grand Representatives



The outgoing WGM/WGP colors were red, black and purple. Emblem: Music Staff with 8th notes (WGM was introduced as a singer ,as well). Fun symbols were Santa Claus/ Mallard Drake and TAZ. These elements were well presented in the entire event's decoration. The small picture frames in the front and at the sidelines showed all the PGMs/PGPs during the past 125 years. The incoming WGM/WGP's theme is "All Things Bright and Beautiful." Sunflowers were the highlight of the installation night.

## VISIT TO WYOMING GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

*(Continued)*



me and a herd of bison

Even though I didn't have the opportunity to meet my counterpart who could not attend, I was able to talk to several Members who knew her and passed my token of greetings through Sister Tammy Smith, a Member from the same Chapter. Meanwhile, a number of Maryland WGM's Smiley Star pins were distributed as gifts of friendships. Two of the greeting phrases used by the WGM more than one time were from Winnie the Pooh: "A friend is someone who helps you up when you're down, and if they can't, they lay down beside you." and listen, "A hug is always the right size." These, were what I have received and tried to give, during the Session.

On a side note, for a first time visitor it seemed there was no excuse not to check out the Yellowstone National Park. We took a turn to bask in the beauty of nature, admiring the magnificent views. Doing so we learned the beauty and boundaries of the native animals. We were reminded by

the WGP that this year, due to plenty of rain, the grass and plants were still green in August instead of the usual brown. Thanks to God for the icing on the cake.

Wyoming population 578,803 in 2021, least in the United States, with 97,914 square miles land. We were so easily lost in the mountains, just as we are so easily immersed in the ocean in Maryland.

My memory will always remind me of the great trip to Wyoming.



## SISTER DOROTHY BARRE CELEBRATES HER 105TH BIRTHDAY

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



Sister Dorothy Barre is a 75-year Member of Clara Barton Chapter #63. She is an amazing woman with all she has done. Sister Dorothy recently celebrated her 105th birthday. Just before her birthday, the Town of Oxford dedicated a park in her honor and she was able to attend the dedication of The Dorothy Taft Barre Park. Sister Dorothy is a WWII Veteran Army Nurse and was present at the Battle of the Bulge.



Congratulations Sister Dorothy.

# GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF TEXAS IN MISSISSIPPI VISIT TO GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS SESSION

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

Brother Tommie Taylor, PP of Long Beach Chapter #51, Long Beach, was recently appointed as Grand Representative of Texas in Mississippi. He and his wife, Sister Pamela, PM, along with Brother Larry McVey, PGP, and Sister Lynette McVey, PM, both of Long Beach Chapter, recently attended the Grand Chapter of Texas. It was held at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel in Addison Texas, August 16-19, 2023. Brother Tommie and Sister Pamela attended the Grand Representative's Breakfast, the "All Good Things" Banquet, the Rob Morris Banquet and the Paws for Celebration entertainment and fundraiser. Brother Tommie and his counterpart, Sister Amanda Duckworth, Timpson Chapter #1144, Timpson, Texas, were in the Parade of Flags, carrying the Mississippi flag.



*(L-R) Tommie Taylor, Pamela Taylor, Lynette McVey and Larry McVey*



*Tommie Taylor and his counterpart, Amanda Duckworth*



*Carrying the Mississippi flag*



## NEW MEXICO MISPLACED PET PROJECT

*Cindy Breen, PM  
Roswell Chapter #10  
Roswell, New Mexico*

The Calf Canyon Fire began in January, 2022, from a prescribed burn. The Hermits Peak Fire began in April the same year. The two soon united to become the largest fire in New Mexico's history. These fires were north of I 40 and east of Santa Fe. They burned approximately 533 square miles of forest lands and 600 homes. Some homes had been there since the early 1700s. People were forced to abandon their homes where they had lived for generations, abandon their property and their beloved pets that were free- ranging on the property. These included dogs and cats, goats and sheep and chickens. They did not have time to catch pets and livestock before they had to flee. They were not allowed to return, not even to check on their livestock and pets, due to the ever present fire danger.

When the Firefighters came on sight they found these traumatized, injured, stunned and hungry animals. All the forest and undergrowth where these animals had lived and forged for their food was gone, incinerated. The earth was literally scorched. The fire was so hot it sterilized the soil.

Firefighters found these traumatized critters terrified, confused and hungry. Some animals were burned and suffered smoke inhalation. The compassionate Firefighters, who had pets of their own, gathered as many of these precious abandoned pets as they could and took them back to their Base Camp. They were hoping their parents would be able to claim them. These Firefighters did not have enough food to feed these hungry critters so they shared their food that had been graciously donated to them. There was just not enough to go around. Other supplies were needed for the animals, like wipes and soap to clean them, cages to keep them safe, bowls for water and food. Any container that would hold water would do but there just wasn't enough for all the pets.

With the fires out, the spring rains come and caused flooding and more devastation. Floods are sweeping the remaining ash over good, undamaged soil causing it to become sterile and unusable. Erosion has taken precious top soil and deposited it in water reservoirs clogging up pipes and filling the reservoirs with silt making the water non-potable. It will be years before the land will be able to sustain life.

One Friday evening in May, I heard a news cast from an Albuquerque station that a Girl Scout Troop was collecting and donating feed for the animals. I thought, "We can do that." Sure this was in a different part of our State but it was still part of OUR State and Eastern Star could help. There was definitely a need. I remembered a young lady I knew who lived near the burning area. I contacted her through Face Book and she immediately put me in contact with the young woman who was heading up the Project. She gave me a list of things they needed. After a couple of phone calls to some Members, I had all the backing I needed. Roswell Chapter #10 held a meeting that next week. They were excited to help. The Chapter dedicated the coin drill to the Project. They were very generous. I took the money to Sam's and bought all the dog and cat food I could get. I also purchased other items that were requested, such as paper towels, food dishes, puppy pads and wipes and zip bags to sort and divide the larger bags. They needed bleach and laundry detergent to clean and sanitize dishes and to wash the animals. In less than a week, I had accumulated 370 pounds of dry food and several hundred dollars of miscellaneous supplies. We added Cool Whip containers, ice cream buckets and other disposable dishes. A friend was going to Angle Fire, New Mexico, for Memorial Day weekend. This was where the Base Camp for the Firefighters was located. My friend graciously agreed to delivered all we had to Las Vegas.

I went to Petsense and the manager I spoke with allowed me to put up a poster asking for help. The employee was very interested in what I had to say. When I finished my spiel, he told me he had been Fighter Wild Land Firefighter and had experienced similar situations. Petsense was extremely generous as was their customers.

## NEW MEXICO MISPLACED PET PROJECT

*(Continued)*

Eddy Masonic Lodge, in Carlsbad, had invited the Artesia Chapter #18, Carlsbad, to a picnic in June. Sister Jenny Appleton, Artesia Chapter's WM, was asked to tell about our project. She not only told the Masons about our project but challenged them match our donations. By the end of the picnic, our Brother Masons and Stars had decided to challenge Roswell Masons and OES to join in on the competition resulting in a stiff contest. Together we collected over 4,000 pounds of feed worth over \$3,000. There was another \$1,000 worth of supplies donated.

All together, we made three trips to Las Vegas to deliver the badly needed goods. On the last trip in September, I visited the distribution center. Besides giving feed for the animals, they were providing household supplies, clothing and furniture to the people who had lost everything.

Every item we sent had an identifying OES sticker on it, the one with our new Logo letting those in peril know Eastern Star and Masons DO CARE and ARE WILLING to offer a helping hand.

Anyone can contribute:

Roswell Chapter – Sister Debbie Davis's Mother's donated 50 Ice Cream buckets with the lids. They were thrilled with them because not only could they feed or water out of them but they could load the buckets with feed to hand out! Cash will be used for chicken and goat feed and other miscellaneous items. Dry and canned dog and cat food are always needed. Any containers that would hold water and or food were found useful. Clothing and household items, such as kitchen items, furniture, tables and chairs, lamps and chest of drawers, to mention a few things, were desperately needed - anything you would need to keep house they can use.

These folks have lost all of their worldly possessions, including their water wells and their electricity. The forest where they obtained fuel for heating in the winter was been burned. The soil that had been there for centuries was now covered with ash and scorched so badly that nothing could grow. The floods that come with the rain eroded the land and washed good top soil away. All that was left was scorched and damaged land and their animals. Think how you would feel if you were in this position. Many had very little money left for medications and food. They did not know how they were going to feed and care for their best friends. They were desperate! We could help!

Any usable items in good shape was appreciated.

Remember:

Most disasters start and end in a few days – This is a long-term disaster! Yes, we can help! We can show our communities that Eastern Star and Masonic Brethren are willing to help our friends and neighbors when disaster strikes.

UPDATE: With the heavy snows in the winter of 2022 and 2023 and the coming of unusually early and heavy rains, flooding is still a great problem. There is still a need for assistance. If you want to help, please contact me at [christyabreen@hotmail.com](mailto:christyabreen@hotmail.com).

This project can be done anywhere there is a need. Just look around and you will find someone that needs a helping hand. Come on Eastern Stars – get out there in your communities and show how much we care and are willing to help. Be creative!

You never know, you might just find some new members and make new friends.



## MEMBERS CELEBRATING MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TOGETHER

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



*Sisters Doris Hillier, PM; Wilma Verge, PGM; and  
Doreen Edgar, PM*

Sister Doris and her husband, the late Brother Jake Hillier, had applied for a MTG where I worked. Since they were going to buy a Mini Home in the park where I lived, they came to my home to complete the paper work . The phone rang and I excused myself to assist an OES member on the phone. Brother Jake looked at Sis Doris and Sis Doris said "no, I'm not joining." I was a little confused. Brother Jake recognized some of my words on my call. He

was a Mason. A few months later, both were imitated into to our Chapter where both served in many offices. When they were both in the East together and it was time to have a new election, Sister Doris nominated me to take over the job as Secretary. I declined as I was only in my first year as Treasurer. No one else was nominated so she tried again and I said no. No one else took the job. I finally gave in as I did not want my Chapter to fold. It was time to nominate a Treasurer and I paid her back and nominated her as the Treasurer. It was an experience both of us managed to complete. Sister Doris retired two years before me. I was fortunate when I had a health issue someone did take over for me and the Chapter decided to honor the both of us at a "Tea" in our honor with may OES members attending, even her niece Deborah (who is a member in Edith Cavell Chapter in Calgary) along with her granddaughter. Sister Doris's family attended as well.



## GOSHEN CHAPTER #382 STAR NEWS

*Barbara Bowman, Associate Matron  
Goshen Chapter #382  
Goshen, Ohio*

Our Chapter is growing. Slowly but consistently over the last 3 years, we have initiated 5 active members and have a petition to be voted on at the next meeting. Sadly, we lost several beloved members during that time. However, we have increased our membership by 3 since our last inspection. Our newly appointed Membership Committee has been busy initiating new programs to spread the word about OES. They gave an OES presentation to the Butlerville Masonic Lodge members on April 8 and to the Goshen Masonic Lodge members on April 14. Plans are being made to sponsor an Open House with our Goshen Masonic Brothers on May 13 at the Goshen Masonic Lodge. We hope that those interested in OES or Masonic membership will stop by. This is a step in the right direction, and we hope this outreach will benefit both our organizations.

The 2023 Officers are busy continuing with our traditional activities and initiating new ones. This Chapter has been and continues to be a charitable and compassionate Chapter living up to the principles of our beautiful Order. We support our members in need, our community, our District, and the Grand Chapter of Ohio. We are proud to have the continued love and support of our wonderful PGM, Sister Marie Williams. She is a real shining Star, always ready to welcome new members, attend and help with our events and meetings; an inspiration to the Officers and fun to socialize with. And socialize we do at dinner prior to our stated meetings, special activities and events.

On Friday, March 24, we had our first "Family and Friends Bunco Fundraiser." Snacks were provided, prizes given and a challenging game was played. This turned out to be a game for everyone. You can be a beginner as it only takes a few minutes to catch onto the game once the rules are explained. Our members are looking forward to another Bunco night social event, not only for the funds we will raise, but for the fun and laughter.

On Saturday, March 25, we had our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. Luckily the rain had stopped, the day was bright but a little cold. That was most likely the reason for the low attendance. We filled over 1,000 eggs with candy and the 20 kids had a great time filling their bags and baskets with eggs. An article with pictures was submitted to a local newspaper. A picture of a little girl taken sitting on the table with her eggs in a basket was captioned on the front page with the message "Order of the Eastern Star, page 2" where the story and pictures appeared.

On April 18, we had our annual Inspection. We were honored to have Brother Rick Miller, WGP, as the Inspecting Officer. There were three PGMs and three PGP's, as well as Deputies, Grand Representatives and visitors attending. We had two first-time Star Point Officers, and our newest member was the Warder. The members are very proud of all the 2023 Officers as they are dedicated and active. After the meeting, visitors and members retired to the dining room decorated to express the WM's theme "Bloom Where You Are Planted." A variety of flowers and a wooden cross served as centerpieces on the navy-blue tablecloths. Refreshments of a delicious cake and ice cream were served. Everyone enjoyed a sociable evening. All in all, the evening was a complete success.

Currently the Scholarship Committee is in the process of reviewing and choosing the recipients of our two scholarships. We have received eight applications from very deserving students, but sadly can only choose two. It is a difficult decision as they all appear to be very impressive young people. Some of us will be attending the schools award ceremony on May 16 to present certificates to the recipients. Since that is the same night as our Stated Meeting, we will not be able to stay to celebrate. We will continue throughout 2023 and into 2024 confident that we are on the right track to strengthen our Chapter and make a difference because we care.



## AKRON'S EASTERN STAR CHAPTER IS HELPING OTHERS

*Bill Murphy, Public Relations Chairman  
Billow Chapter #483  
Akron, Ohio*

NEWS RELEASE April 28, 2023

No, it is not the Christmas season, but the ladies of Billow Chapter #483, Order of the Eastern Star, have been busy with a labor of love. Over the years, they have been making Linus Blankets which are donated to the Akron Children's Hospital and given to children with serious illnesses and injuries. They also knit scarves, hats and headbands which are donated to both the Cooper Cancer Center and the Akron Public Schools.

The Linus Blankets, on average, take around 2 hours to make. It requires gathering material, cutting, fitting, stitching, knitting and tying it together. This project was started in 2016 and since that time, over 300 blankets have been donated. The scarves and hats are knitted and often adorned with a pom-pom or some other decorative stitch. They provide protection and comforting warmth on a cold winter's day. Since 2016, over 2,000 scarves and hats have been donated to the Akron Public Schools and the Cooper Cancer Center.

The headbands donated to the Cooper Cancer Center are more intricate and demanding to make as they are manufactured on a loom. Sister Lisa Fruedeman, one of the Billow Chapter members, said that "I researched this for about a year, and after watching many hours of YouTube videos, I finally found a pattern using a loom!" As with the knitted hats, sometimes a flower or bow is added to give the headband some flair. Hundreds of these headbands, in children's and adult sizes, have been donated.

The members of Billow Chapter have also donated to the Summit County Battered Women's Shelter. They not only make monetary gifts, but also Blessing Bags full of toiletries and underwear, as well as backpacks for teens.

The Order of the Eastern Star is one of the largest fraternal organizations in the world to which both men and women may belong. Its tenants are fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. The members of Billow Chapter take these principles seriously and work hard to live up to them. Members can also participate in a wide range of family-oriented activities. For more information about Eastern Star, please contact Nancy Chancey at 330-670-0841.



*Members of Billow Chapter #483, Order of the Eastern Star, show some of the many items that they make and donate to worthy causes.*



*Lisa Fruedeman, a member of Billow Chapter #483, models one of the headbands that Eastern Star makes and donates.*

# ASHLAND CHAPTER #92 CELEBRATES 125TH ANNIVERSARY 1898-2023

*Shirley Bixby, Associate Matron  
Ashland Chapter #92  
Ashland, Ohio*

On May 16, 2023, Ashland Chapter #92 held a celebration at the Ashland Masonic Temple in Ashland, Ohio. Sister Diana Coleman, WM, and Brother Tom Lautzenhiser, WP, welcomed 72 guests to a meal provided by Fergie's on Main.

The Theme: Many Became One

Chapters merging with Ashland were Loudonville, Lodi, West Salem, Seville, Sullivan, Wellington and Wooster.

Special guests included Sister Debby Pitts, WGM, and Brother Rick Miller, WGP; Brother Dennis Lawson, GGC International Headquarters Committee, Grand Trustee and PGP; Sisters Amy Young, Grand Warder; Cathy

Howard, Deputy Grand Matron; Grand Representatives Donna Garrett (Iowa) and Mary Lee Lowe (Puerto Rico); June Calderhead, Charities Director; Association of the District 4 Officers Brenda Gotter, Vice President, and Eileen Balliett, Treasurer.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Stan Kopp, District Deputy Grand Master 20<sup>th</sup> Masonic District.

Refreshments were served following the celebration.

**The Order of Eastern Star** is a worldwide fraternal organization open to men and women. The fundamental principles of the Order are based on the teachings of the Holy Bible. The Organization's purposes are charity, education, fraternal and research based.

### **Mission**

Our Mission is to provide a means by which fraternal and community relationships can be encouraged and improved.

### **Vision**

Our Vision is to work for the betterment of our community and for each other. We live our vision by encouraging our members to:

- Work for the benefit of the community, extending generous support for charitable purposes;
- Respond to the needs of others and give assistance in adversity and support in the practicalities of day-to-day living;
- Live life enhanced by Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love;
- Enjoy the social activities of the Order and the interaction with each other; and
- Be honest and truthful in dealings with each other.

Live a life that is a reflection of the principles taught in the lessons of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A highlight of the year has been the addition of 7 new members.



*(L-R) Rick Miller, WGP; Diana Coleman, WM; Tom Lautzenhiser, WP; and Debby Pitts, WGM*



## MARTHA WASHINGTON CHAPTER #231 SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION

*Karen Dixon, Secretary*  
*Martha Washington Chapter #231*  
*Rockford, Tennessee*

The members of Martha Washington Chapter #231, Rockford, donated school supplies for their local community school of Rockford Elementary. They were delivered on by a couple of the members. The school was very appreciative and thanked them for the donation.



## VOLUNTEER PROJECT FOR DEKALB SMITHVILLE CHAPTER #374 AT HOPE CENTER

*Debbie Mathis, Secretary*  
*DeKalb Smithville Chapter #374*  
*Liberty, Tennessee*

On February 23, 2023, the members of DeKalb Smithville Chapter #374 participated in a Hope Center activity where donations of all types were received, sorted and prepared for distribution to anyone in the area needing help or assistance. The activity was a rewarding experience for all attending. The effort was a community project that allowed our Eastern Star Chapter to help individuals and families in need. Several of our members donated substantial amounts of clothing, houseware items and miscellaneous items. This is an ongoing project where items are received each Thursday and prepared for distribution on Friday to anyone expressing a need for the merchandise. This allows us to share in expressing God's Love and our sister and brotherly love toward others.

One of the goals of the project is to provide spiritual and physical assistance to others. This allowed us to express and demonstrate the Eastern Star charitable attitude.

Worthy Matron, Guylene Atnip  
Worthy Patron, Danny Adamson

## CRESCENT CHAPTER #26 HELPS PREGNANCY CENTER

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

Crescent Chapter #26, Hartsville, collects new baby items, especially larger size diapers for the Hartsville Pregnancy Help Center. On September 14, 2023, the Center was having a yard sale and we also donated items they could sell to raise money for the Help Center. We left the Help Center with warm feelings we were helping babies and their mothers.



*(L to R) Colleen Wynne, OES Coordinator; Vicki Fadely; Barbara Brackebusch; Helen Murley; and Rhonda Carman, Help Center Employee*

## “QUILTS OF VALOR”

By Dee Phillips, Utah Grand Chapter Committee for the Eastern Star Journal, Grand Martha of Utah Grand Chapter and a member of Adah Chapter #15 in Midvale, Utah

On July 20, 2022, Lee Anne Asay was presented with a “Quilt of Valor” for her service during the Viet Nam War and awarded a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin. The presentation was made at the home of Dee Phillips who was hosting a Get Together. It was a nice surprise for her. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed snacks and dinner. Lee Anne Asay is a PGM of Utah Grand Chapter. After a meeting of Mount Olympus Chapter #23, another veteran James Harvey was awarded a Quilt of Valor. There will be more being presented by Jennifer Lee at Utah Grand Chapter in October.

Jennifer Lee (Adah Chapter) who has been on the Quilts of Valor Foundation since 2003, and on the Board of Directors since 2020 did both presentations. The Foundation has awarded more than 300,000 quilts. Their Mission is to provide healing and comfort to veterans. Jennifer Lee has pieced 307 quilts as of this writing. The quilt was made by Lois Wille, also of Adah Chapter. We all would like to thank Jennifer Lee for her service.

If you want to know more about Quilts of Valor or would like to nominate a veteran to receive a Quilt of Valor, go to <https://www.qovf.org>.



Receiving Pin from Jennifer Lee



Showing the quilt, with Lois Wille creator of the Quilt.



Jennifer Lee presenting quilt to Lee Anne Asay

This article about Jim Harvey was in our internal newsletter that is sent out to all of our chapters. It is called the Chapter Chatter.



### **JIM HARVEY AWARDED QUILT OF VALOR**

**Submitted by Debra May Madsen**

At the Close of Mt. Olympus' Grand Visitation, before the Officers retired, Sister Jennifer Lee presented Jim Harvey with a Quilt Of Valor in a moving and heartfelt presentation. Jennifer spoke of the thousands of quilts that have been presented to Veterans throughout the US. Congrats to Jim and thank you to Jennifer for your many years of service to this project.





# UTAH GRAND CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS

*Deanna Phillips, Grand Martha  
Adah Chapter #15  
Midvale, Utah*



**Mini Golf Statistics**

72 MEMBERS, FAMILY, & FRIENDS ENJOYED A BEAUTIFUL,  
WARM & FUN DAY AT MULLIGANS IN SOUTH JORDAN

Several fundraisers were held this year to raise funds for the WGM and WGP's charities: Shriner's Camp Un-Limb-ited; Service Dogs; Cancer Research for children; and the Happy Factory who supply children all over the world with a free handmade wood toy.

We are proud of the results of our charities this year. Thanks to the donations of members and friends, we are able to send a person to Shriners Camp Un-limb-ited. The Camp supplies support and training to be able to teach them white water rafting or skiing.

**CONTEST WINNERS**

**BEST HAT**  
Barbara Keyt



**BEST DRESSED**  
Holly Campbell



**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Al Hokins



**MOST CREATIVE**  
Chuck Warren



**DERBY WINNERS**

Among the winners of the Derby were:  
David Keyt, Bill Mullins, Susan Baird, Bob Cook, Paul Wordelman, Sylvia Hokins, Gayemarie Ekker, & Larry Gooding..



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