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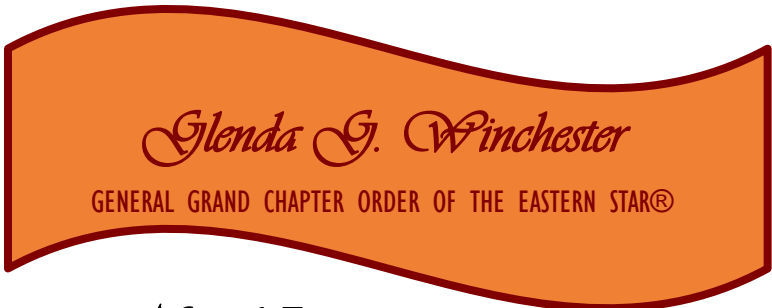


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Notes of Interest
From our Most Worthy Grand Matron

Time is marching on! In October 2024, we will be by the shore.

Since my last article, I have completed visits to the Grand Chapters of Rhode Island; Michigan; Quebec; Oklahoma; New Mexico; California; Hawaii; the December Board Meeting-DC; GGC Special Assembly-DC (photo below); Georgia's Memorial for Helen Cox, PMWGM; Myrtle Beach, SC, for meeting with the Triennial Assembly Committee; Aruba Chapter; the Cruise for Regenerative Medicine; the George Washington National Masonic Memorial's 100th Birthday Event in DC; 20 days in Brazil meeting with Subordinate Chapters and Sao Paulo; Grand Chapters of Kansas, Maryland, Connecticut, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and South Carolina.

Quebec's Chapters are now under GGC. With the help of Brother Charles Chandler, RWGS, and Deputy Sister Madeline Weidner, PGM, the paperwork is getting in place for the Chapters to receive their Charters. The members of Quebec are marching on and in step for the Order,

Another exciting event will be in February 2024 when the members of the Philippines will be getting a Grand Chapter Charter. This will be an amazing event for their members and myself.

Worldwide, the members are striving to increase their membership while spreading the Scriptural lessons and moral teaching of the Eastern Star. I sincerely appreciate the contributions to the charitable projects. Just \$1 per member, per project, per year will show that we are marching worldwide for a better tomorrow for we are people who Believe, Care and Love.

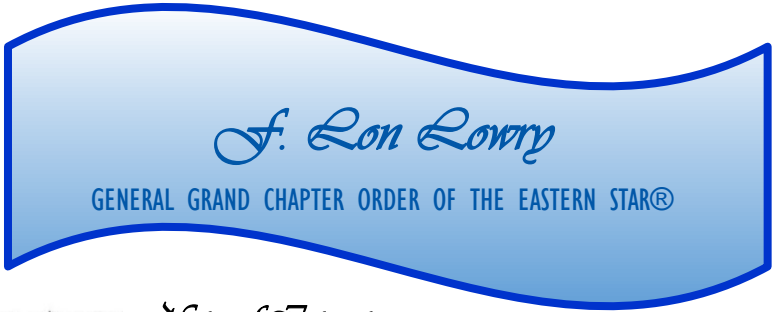
There are not enough pages for me to list all of the grand and wonderful gifts of friendship extended to me in my travels. I am grateful and blessed for personal gifts and prayers. A wonderful joy and pride fill my heart when I think of the support and dedication of the members for our beautiful Order.



We are marching on without Sister Helen R. Cox, PMWGM, and Brother Loyal Stark, 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. Always remember, God has His eyes upon us all the time!

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





Notes of Interest

From our Most Worthy Grand Patron

Spring has finally arrived, and winter is in the rearview mirror. Spring has always been a favorite season with flowering trees and bushes.

We have made Official visits to the Kansas Grand Chapter in Wichita, for the 147th “Be a Light” Grand Session. My Barbara and I enjoyed meeting many new Sisters and Brothers and the fellowship with their members and their many visitors.

We then travelled to Maryland’s Grand Chapter held at Cockeysville this April 2023 for the 125th “Celebrating Music of the Night Stars” Session. The Grand Chapter honored Brother Jon Thompson, Honorary GGC Officer, at an evening banquet. The Grand Chapter Session was held for the 1st time at the Maryland Grand Lodge Building.

In early May, we travelled to St. Cloud, Minnesota, for our Official Visit at their 114th Annual Session, the “Pathways of Joy” Session. We caught up with our good friend, Brother Ron Pete, the 2018 – 2021 Worthy Grand Organist, to share some memories and to catch up on events along the way.

In returning home, first thing we did on exiting our SUV was to walk around our condo, and see while travelling, our early spring flowers had expired, and the late bloomers were thriving. Our dwarf lilac had bloomed, and had little fragrance left. Good to be home. In two days, we were off to the Official Visit of the 100th Grand Chapter of Manitoba in Winnipeg.

And the Journey continues....



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



Pictures from the Regenerative Medicine Committee’s January Cruise

Left: Group photo on the grand staircase

Right: Sister Glenda and Brother Lon with Sister Peg Reiterman, Chairman; and Sister Geneva Kelly, WFIRM





Notes of Interest

From our Right Worthy Grand Secretary

New Beginnings

And just like that... Halloween is over, Thanksgiving is finished, Christmas presents are opened, and we are standing on the cusp of a new year. Every time this happens, I try to reflect on what went well the past year and what did not go so well. I also try to set goals for myself.

There is a mountain road in Virginia (VA) near where I was raised in West Virginia that boasts the longest curve in the VA. It's almost like being frozen in time because you just hold the steering wheel steady for what must be several minutes. I used to joke with my kids that if you looked quickly, you could watch yourself go around the curve.

This phenomenon, even though made up by me, would be quite like the mythical Roman God Janus, from whom we get the name for the month of January. Janus had two faces, one facing the future and the other facing the past. The face looking backwards is haggard and tired, while the face looking toward the future is young and vibrant. We should all take a good hard look at both where we have been this past year, and where we are headed. The statistics speak for themselves; we are looking to our past more than we are looking to our future. And who can we blame? Only ourselves if we have not worked at giving petitions to our potential Sisters and Brothers.

My past year has been extraordinary. I am very thankful for those who blazed the trail I am traveling, those who took me under their wing and those who are traveling with me. If I haven't thanked you yet, let me do so now.

One of my previous careers was that of Superintendent of Schools. I had the opportunity for over 13 years to address high school graduates. My favorite parting challenge was: "Do you know why the windshield in your car is so large and the rear view mirror is so small?" The answer is, because it is far more important to see where you are going than where you have been. Oh, it's important to see where you have been, and may we never lose sight of that in Eastern Star, but let's know where we are going, and chart a course for success.

Fraternally,
Charles Chandler
RWGSecretary
Marching Band Director



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Nancy L. Ford

Editor, Eastern Star Journal Committee



Notes of Interest From our Editor



When I was in Junior High (is that dating me?), I was in a play and sang a song that included the lyrics, "Where do you suppose, Time goes when it goes? Flying swiftly by and soon it is tomorrow." I have a collection of watches and clocks but as my husband will tell you, I always try to stretch 1 minute into 10 and often "I'm late for an important date!" Well, not always but preparing for my husband's year as WGP and mine as Grand Lecturer, time did get away and that's one reason why the *Journal* is a bit late. The other reason is simply, I was waiting for articles. Seems they come in spurts and I am glad to say this edition is filled with many GGC happenings, as well as the good deeds of our Chapters and members.

This edition includes articles that were submitted through the end of March. However, I am once again seeking articles for the next edition as I have currently have 10 beginning April till June. I've read several Jurisdiction Newsletters and found articles that our members would also enjoy reading. We are finally breaking out of Covid and visiting and attending meetings and events. Let's show the world that Eastern Star is alive and well! Remember, the *Journal* is not the only publication or social media venue that promotes Eastern Star BUT the *Journal* IS a publication that can be read by members and non-members while many of the other sources are restricted (i.e., subscription, password required, etc.). Submitting articles for the *Journal* is one of the best tools to help promote our Order. Wouldn't it be great to read an article from each Jurisdiction? In my travels, I continue to hear that our members don't know it exists. Be the member that helps promote our *Journal*. Ask your Jurisdiction to post a link to the *Journal* on their newsletter and also include the link on the various social media venues. When submitting articles to your Jurisdiction's newsletter, local newspaper, Facebook/Twitter, etc., include an email to the *Journal*.

You never know, your article might just be the reason someone wants to join Eastern Star!

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. I continue my goal of showcasing each Jurisdiction and GGC Committee so I will 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 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 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



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Thanking you in advance for your cooperation. Please encourage our Sisters and Brothers to submit articles and remind them when posting on social media (i.e., Facebook), to also submit the article to the Journal.

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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.



International Headquarters decorated for Christmas Special Assembly December 2022

Photos submitted by Sister Corley Anne Byras, GGCCM



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.

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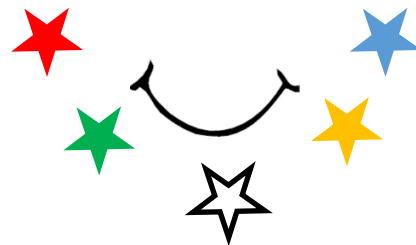


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Smile*



*be the face of
Eastern Star!*

In Tribute to the Life of

Henry S. Martin

Henry S. Martin, Jr. was born on March 10, 1939 to Henry S. Martin and Vera Adelle Aull Martin in Columbia S.C. At the age of ten months, the family moved to Chattanooga, TN, where he spent the next nine years. In 1948, the family moved back to Columbia. He graduated from Dreher High School, where he was active in the band program. As a HS senior, at the request of the USC Band Director, he played with the University of South Carolina band. He then attended the University of South Carolina and graduated with a BS degree, serving as Band President his senior year. He later received a MBA from the University of Dallas.

He is predeceased by his parents, and a younger sister, Vera Lynne Martin Lewis. He is survived by his wife, Opal Faye Wall Martin and two nephews, Eric Martin Lewis and Scott Hayne Lewis, both of Greenville, S.C. & his Boston terrier, Rocky.

Henry was initially brought to Dallas by Frito-Lay. He later joined Texas Pacific Oil, which was later bought by Sun Oil, and he retired from Sun Oil. He then joined UT Southwestern Medical Center, where he retired in 2009. For nine years, he taught night classes of Computer Science at Richland College, and was an Adjunct Professor of Computer Science at the Graduate School of Management of the University of Dallas.

Henry loved music and was active in music for most of his life. After college, he formed a rock and roll band. In later years, he played with several community bands, two church orchestras, in addition to several groups affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

Henry was active in Masonry for most of his life, receiving his 60 year Service Award from both Texas and South Carolina Grand Lodges. In the York Rite, he was HP of Dallas Chapter #47 RAM, TIM of Dallas Council #18, and Commander of Indivisible Friends Commandery #13. Active in Scottish Rite, he received the 33rd degree IGH in 2017. He was a member of Hella Temple Shrine, where he played in the Concert Band and Drum and Bugle Corps. He was awarded the Grand Cross of Color from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Legion of Honor from Demolay.

Henry was active in The Order of The Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter nine times. He served on many Texas Grand Chapter committees, including OES Home Endowment, Jurisprudence, and Purposes and Policies. He was Executive Chairman of the Texas Grand Chapter in 1996-97, and elected to serve as Worthy Grand Patron of Texas in 1998-99. He was then asked to serve as General Chairman for the 2012 General Grand Chapter Assembly held in Fort Worth. In 2012, he was elected by the General Grand Chapter as Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, elevated to Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron in 2015, and Most Worthy Grand Patron

in 2018, serving three years as the top male officer of the worldwide organization.

Henry received a number of accolades, including being named an Admiral in the Texas Navy by Governor George W. Bush.

He loved his Boston terrier. Service Dogs were the number one charity of General Grand Chapter, Grand Chapter of Texas raised enough money to buy 3 Service Dogs in his honor and Henry had the honor to name them Bandit and Martin, Rosebud is in training.



*Father, we ask you to give us
patience in affliction, faith during
separation and courage for the
sorrow that seems to engulf us.
Comfort those who have drunk from
the cup of sorrow. Strengthen the
weak and grant that we may grow
into further knowledge and
understanding of Thee.*

From a prayer by Margo Helickson
Worthy Grand Chaplain
At the Fiftieth Triennial, Washington, D.C

***In Memoriam
Henry S. Martin
MWGP 2018-2021***

*In Memory of Brother Henry S. Martin, PMWGP, who entered
eternal life on May 16, 2022
Obituary courtesy of the General Grand Chapter*

Hummingbirds open our eyes to the wonder of the world and inspire us to open our hearts to loved ones and friends. Like a hummingbird, we aspire to hover and to savor each moment as it passes, embrace all that life has to offer and to celebrate the joy of every day. The hummingbird's delicate grace reminds us that life is rich, beauty is everywhere, every personal connection has meaning and that laughter is life's sweetest creation.

Whenever we see a hummingbird and its flurry of activity, we will remember our Florida friend, Sister Helen Westmoreland, and the precious memories she brings to us on the wings of love.

Written by Michael Berry, PGP
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron



In Memoriam

Helen J. Westmoreland

Helen Jean Gordon Westmoreland peacefully transitioned from her earthly life to “that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at the age of 86 years old. She was born on April 3rd, 1936, in Munson, Florida, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gordon. After graduating from Red Level High School in 1953, she met Victor Sloan Westmoreland of Charlotte, North Carolina, on a blind date. They married on October 15, 1954. Having a small ceremony and wearing a blue dress, Helen committed the next 50 years of her life to him.

Shortly after her wedding, Helen began her career as a telephone operator on Eglin AFB. However, five years later, Victor was stationed in Bovingdon, England; Helen joined him on their first great adventure together and she loved every minute of living overseas. They returned to Florida in 1962 and purchased their home in Valparaiso, where they lovingly raised their daughter, Karen.

Helen finished her career working as a comptroller for the Eglin Finance Office. She took great pride in her work and was highly awarded for her many professional accomplishments. Having a humble upbringing in rural Alabama as the oldest of seven siblings, she was certainly not a stranger to hard work, honesty, and perseverance; these traits were further honed during her thirty-five year civil service career.

Helen was initiated into Niceville Chapter #254, Order of the Eastern Star, on February 16, 1968, and subsequently met some of her closest friends while she served her subordinate chapter and Grand Chapter. She served as Worthy Grand Matron of Florida with Robert Fidler in 1996-97 before being elected as a member of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees of the General Grand Chapter in 2000. Over the next 15 years, she progressed through the line, culminating with her election as Most Worthy Grand Matron. Serving in that exalted position was an immense responsibility which she executed with the utmost dedication. Through various benefit events, fundraisers, and charities, Helen supported a myriad of organizations with regenerative medicine and first responders being particularly near and dear to her heart. She never let an opportunity pass to tell people about the organization which meant so much to her. She and her Most Worthy Grand Patron, Robert Penoyer of Pennsylvania, welcomed the world to

Orlando, Florida, for the “Precious Memories on the Wings of Love” 49th Annual Triennial Assembly from October 25th to November 2nd, 2018.

In her private life, Helen was a voracious reader, a lover of the TV shows “JAG” and “NCIS” and would often drink black coffee by the pot. She had a gift for remembering names and details about peoples’ lives and as a result, had a Christmas card list that was a mile long. Many years, she would still be writing Christmas cards on New Year’s Eve, but Helen didn’t mind because she wanted to make sure that no one would miss getting a thoughtful handwritten note from her. Helen was a devoted member of Crosspoint Church in Niceville, and when she was in town, she rarely missed attending Sunday School.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Karen Madruga; 2 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters, and many extended family and friends.



Legend says that hummingbirds float free of time, carrying our hopes for love, joy and celebration.



IN MEMORIAM

Helen J. Westmoreland
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
2015 - 2018
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron of Florida
1996 – 1997

Member of Niceville Chapter No. 254
Born April 3, 1936, Munson, Florida
Passed Away August 13, 2022, Destin, Florida

**In Tribute to the Life of
Helen J. Westmoreland
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
2015 – 2018
Past Grand Matron of Florida 1996 – 1997**

Saturday morning, August 13, 2022, heaven became a little brighter as our cheerful Hummingbird, Sister Helen J. Westmoreland (Gordon) entered her eternal home.

Helen’s life began on April 3, 1936, in Munson, Florida to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gordon. She was raised in rural Alabama and was the oldest of seven children. Living on a farm and helping to care for her siblings taught her many life lessons that over time made her the amazing woman she was. Helen’s constant sense of responsibility, determination, honesty, and work ethics endeared her to every person she ever met.

Helen graduated from Red Level High School in 1953 and soon after met Victor Sloan Westmoreland of Charlotte, North Carolina on a blind date. He was her knight in shining armor in that Air Force uniform. The happy couple were married on October 15, 1954, in a simple ceremony and they shared 50 amazing years together. During the first few years of their marriage Victor was stationed in Bovington, England. Helen was filled with excitement and our little farm girl joined him on their adventure of a lifetime.

The highlight of their lives was the birth of their daughter Karen in 1964. This little bundle of joy brought a special kind of love with exciting new hopes and dreams for their future.

Helen began her thirty-five-year civil service career as a telephone operator on Eglin AFB and due to her loyalty, dedication, and good work ethics, she was highly recognized and achieved several promotions and awards. At the time of her retirement, Helen was serving as comptroller for the Eglin Finance Office. It was difficult for her to say good bye to those for whom she

had so much respect and admiration. She continued to praise the military, first responders, and all who served our country.

Being diagnosed with cancer in 1967, our Hummingbird did not let it slow her down one bit and was proud and thankful to be a “cancer survivor”. Being a member of numerous organizations such as Daughters of the Nile, Order of the Amaranth, ABWA, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, and of course her beloved Eastern Star, Helen was obviously a “people person”. Just like a Hummingbird, she did not sit still for long and was up flitting around the room talking with friends and introducing herself to strangers no matter where she was. She would start by introducing herself, then asking where they were from, about their families and asking if they were Military, Masons or Eastern Star. Her favorite pastime was reading, and she spent every free moment she had reading her many books.

Helen was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star in 1968, in Niceville Chapter No. 254 and held several positions in her chapter prior to becoming Worthy Matron in 1972, serving with Brother Charles Cooper, Worthy Patron. Her Eastern Star journey did not end there. She was a “rising star”, as one of her good friends commented. Helen served as Grand Marshal in the 1981-1982 “Seasons of Love” Grand Family, Anita Atkins, Worthy Grand Matron and Dr. Alfred Massam, Worthy Grand Patron. Helen was elected and served as Associate Grand Conductress in 1993 - 1994, Grand Conductress in 1994 - 1995, and Associate Grand Matron 1995 -1996. Then our vivacious Hummingbird was elected and served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1996-1997 with Brother Robert D. Fiedler, Worthy Grand Patron, and the “Precious Memories” Grand Family in the Ninety-Second Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Florida. Her outgoing personality continued to gain her recognition, and later that year Helen received an appointment to the General Grand Chapter Mental Health and Mental Retardation Committee. Her ambition and dedication to Eastern Star brought new challenges and excitement for Helen and the Grand Chapter of Florida when she was elected Right Worthy Grand Trustee in 2000 - 2006. At the 2006 Triennium, Helen was elected and served as Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress from 2006 - 2009, Right Worthy Grand Conductress in 2009-2012, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron in 2012-2015. Our Hummingbird followed her dream and was elected and Installed Most Worthy Grand Matron, serving with her good friend Robert C. Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron along with their General Grand Family, affectionately called the “Flock” in the 2015-2018 Triennium. The Forty – Ninth Triennial Assembly “Precious Memories on the Wings of Love” was held in Orlando, Florida, October 25 – November 2, 2018, with sisters and brothers from around the world attending.

As Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen chose Regenerative Medicine as her special charity, hoping the world would be a safer and better place with this modern technology. Yes, Helen had big dreams and high hopes, but she also felt the future of medicine would be in Regenerative Medicine. She continued to promote recognition and support of all First Responders around the world in addition to numerous other charities.

One of Helen's favorite song was "The Wind Beneath My Wings" because it made her feel that her loving husband, Vic, her precious daughter Karen, her amazing grandchildren, Jamie and Austin and her great-grandsons were with her, and always in her heart as she traveled the world. When she was home, Helen made frequent trips to Georgia so she could attend birthdays, Holidays, and sporting events with Karen and the grandchildren. As soon as she returned home to Florida, she would stop in to visit friends, and over a few cups of coffee, share stories about what Karen and the children were up to and how proud she was of her family. While at home, Helen loved attending her church, Crosspoint Methodist Church in Niceville, and rarely missed a Sunday School class with Mr. John Macon.

We extend our deepest sympathy and love to her daughter, Karen Madruga; her grandchildren, Jamie Topliff (Josh) and Austin Madruga (Abbye); her great-grandchildren, James, Benjamin, and Peter Topliff; her sisters, Faye Dean and Peggy Peabody; her brothers-in-law Robert Westmoreland, James Westmoreland, and Don Kearns; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

There is a long and winding road,
Along which each must go.
It leads beyond the hills of time,
Into the sunset glow.
But only for a little while,
Our loved ones leave our sight,
For, just beyond the hills they wait,
In God's Eternal Light.
(author unknown)

*Submitted with fraternal love,
Joy Feit, Past Grand Matron of Florida*

In Memoriam

Helen J. Westmoreland
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
2015 – 2018

Past Grand Matron of Florida
1996 – 1997

“The Hummingbird”

By Harry Hibbard Kemp

*The sunlight speaks, and its voice is a bird:
It glitters half-guessed, half seen, half heard,*

Above the flower bed, over the lawn...

A flashing dip, and it is gone,

And all it lends to the eye is this -

A sunbeam giving the air a kiss.



Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the passing of Helen J. Westmoreland, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Florida on August 13, 2022.

Sister Helen was born on April 3, 1936 in Munson, Florida to the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gordon. After graduating from Red Level High School in 1953, she met Victor Sloan Westmoreland of Charlotte, North Carolina, on a blind date. They married on October 15, 1954 in a small ceremony. Helen committed the next 50 years of her life to him.

Helen began her career as a telephone operator on Eglin AFB. Five years later, Vic was stationed in Bovingdon, England; where she joined him on their first great adventure together. She loved every minute of living overseas. They returned to Florida in 1962 and purchased their home in Valparaiso, where they lovingly raised their daughter, Karen, who was born in 1964, and became the apple of Helen's eye. Helen continued her civil service work and was promoted to Eglin's Communications Squadron. She finished her career working as a comptroller for the Eglin Finance Office. She took great pride in her work and was highly awarded for her many accomplishments as a civil servant. Having a humble upbringing in rural Alabama as the oldest of seven siblings, she was certainly not a stranger to hard work, honesty, and perseverance; these traits were further honed during her thirty-five year civil service career and later as a member of the Daughters of the Nile, the Order of the Amaranth, American Business Women's Association, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, but most prominently as a General Grand Chapter Officer in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sister Helen was initiated into Niceville Chapter No. 254, Order of the Eastern Star, on February 16, 1968. She served as Grand Marshal for the Grand Chapter of Florida in the Atkins/Massam Grand Family in 1981-1982. In 1993, she was elected as Associate Grand Conductress, going on to serve as Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Florida in 1996-1997 with Brother Robert D. Fiedler by her side as the Worthy Grand Patron. Their Session was named "Precious Memories" Session. With the support of Florida, she was elected at the 2000 Triennial of General Grand Chapter held in November to the position of Right Worthy Grand Trustee. Sister Helen became known as Florida's Hummingbird. She had many years of traveling as she advanced through the line until in 2015 when she was elected and installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter with Brother Robert C. Penoyer as her Most Worthy Grand Patron. During these 3 years, Sister Helen supported a myriad of organizations with regenerative medicine and first responders being particularly near and dear to her heart. She never let an opportunity pass to tell people about the organization which meant so much to her. Orlando was the place to be seen in 2018, as hummingbirds and supporters flocked for the Forty-Ninth General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly, "Precious Memories on the Wings of Love".

Sister Helen is preceded in death by her husband, Victor Westmoreland. She is survived by her daughter Karen Madruga, grandchildren, Jaime Toploff, spouse Josh and Austin Madruga, spouse Abbye, great-grandchildren, James, Benjamin and Peter Topliff, sisters, Faye Dean and Peggy Peabody, brothers-in-law Robert Westmoreland, James Westmoreland and Don Kearns. Visitation was held at McLaughlin Twin Cities Funeral Home in Niceville, Florida on August 19, 2022. Funeral Services were held at Crosspoint Church of Niceville, Florida on August 20, 2022 followed with a reception.

Sympathy is extended to her family, the members of Niceville Chapter No. 254, the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction, the Westmoreland/Fiedler Grand Family and the Sisters and Brothers of the General Grand Chapter that she loved so dearly.

In tribute to her memory, let this Memorial be read in each Subordinate Chapter at the first stated meeting after its receipt and the Altar be draped for thirty days or two stated meetings.

Michelle "Mickey" Wise
Worthy Grand Matron

Bill Kranz
Worthy Grand Patron

Brenda E. Keepin
Grand Secretary



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SENTINEL

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

Maine is extremely proud of Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, Ambassador to Peru and Grand Organist for Maine, who served as the Pro-Tem Worthy Grand Organist for the "Special Assembly" that was held at the GGC International Headquarters on December 3, 2022, for a special election and installation. He then served officially as the organist for the Installation.

Sisters and Brothers from around the world gathered on December 3 at the Perry Belmont House, our International Headquarters, in Washington, DC.

The house was tastefully decorated for the Christmas season; poinsettias, garlands, ribbons and lights bedecked nearly every banister and mantel, while a pair of large nutcrackers served as a sentry over the foyer.

The ballroom served as the GGC Chapter Room, with the centerpiece being the red Holy Bible which had been presented to Sister Frances Haun, MWGM in 1937. The Star Point pedestals and emblems were presented to GGC as a gift from the Grand Chapter of Quebec.



A musical prelude consisting of Christmas hymns was provided by our own Brother Richard. Following the prelude, the Worthy Grand Marshal escorted Sister Bobbi White, PMWGM; Sister Marianne Shenefelt, PMWGM; and Brother Robert Penoyer, PMWGP, to seats in the East.

The GGC Officers entered and proceeded with the ceremony of Opening the GGC rand Chapter. In addition to Brother Richard, Sister Judy Chandler, GGCCM, PGM of West Virginia, served as Worthy Grand Ruth Pro-Tem, and Sister Doris Owen, GGCCM, PGM of Oklahoma, served as Worthy Grand Esther Pro-Tem.

The Credentials report showed 43 Jurisdictions represented, including delegates from Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM, declared the office of the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel vacant due to the resignation of Brother Jon Thompson, PGP of Maryland. Brother F. Lon Lowry, MWGP, then presided over the election. The name of Brother Eddie Yaun, Worthy Grand Chaplain and PGP of Tennessee, was placed in nomination, seconded and voted unanimously.

Sister Glenda introduced Sister Bobbi White, PMWGM, as the Installing GGC Officer, and with the assistance of those listed in the program. Brothers William (Bill) Shoulders, PGP of Indiana, was installed as Worthy Grand Chaplain, and Brother Eddie Yaun, PGP of Tennessee, was installed as Right Worthy Grand Sentinel.

The GGC was then closed, the GGC Officers retired from the GGC Chapter Room and refreshments were served in the dining room.

Following refreshments, the installed and pro-tem GGC Officers each placed a special ornament on the Christmas tree with an explanation of its meaning. Some ornaments were emblematic of their home state, their office or theme when they were WGM or WGP. When the ornaments had been hung, a sing-along was held, accompanied by Brother Richard. A special moment was when the WGP of Puerto Rico sang two verses of Silent Night, which was enjoyed by all.

OHIO'S HOMECOMING CELEBRATION FOR OUR MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

*Bonnie Youngblood, Worthy Grand Esther
Past Grand Matron of Ohio*



The place to be on Friday, September 23, 2022, was The Sharonville Convention Center in Sharonville, Ohio (OH). Sisters and Brothers from Grand Jurisdictions all over the USA and beyond gathered to honor and to welcome our MWGP, Brother F. Lon Lowry, home to his beloved Grand Chapter.

The ballroom was filled to capacity with 432 members waiting for the dinner party to begin. The sound of a Drum Major's whistle signaled the start of the processional parade. The GGC Appointed Officers marched behind the OH Grand Chapter's own "Music Man" who is the current WGP, Brother Rick Miller. They had various miniature and regular sized musical instruments, whistles and pom poms as they marched around the perimeter of the room. The sounds of horns, drums, trombones, trumpets and whistles filled the air with Sister Carol Kauffman, PGM, playing

"Seventy-Six Trombones" on the keyboard. Marching at the end of the lively processional and greeted with cheers and wild applause were Sisters Bobbi White, PMWGM; Glenda Winchester, MWGM; and last and most important, Brother F. Lon Lowry, MWGP, and his lovely life's partner, Sister Barbara.

After the honored guests were seated, all were entertained with a rousing rendition of "Seventy-Six Trombones" sung by Brother Rick Miller dressed as the Music Man. Dinner was served followed by the usual introductions, remarks and presentations. Prior to the closing remarks by our MWGP, a musical selection was performed by our "Music Man" who sang that famous song, "Gary Indiana" from the musical. Whenever he was to sing the words, "Gary Indiana", he replaced them with "Delaware, Ohio" since that is the hometown of our MWGP, to the delight of all assembled. It brought a laugh and nod of appreciation from Brother Lon. It was a perfect ending to a wonderful evening!

Brother Lon's Homecoming was a joyous occasion and The Drum Corps Steering Committee was honored to oversee the planning. It was a time for renewing friendships and to enjoy the camaraderie, fun, good food and that special tie that binds us together as Sisters and Brothers. All of this as our members joined one another in paying tribute to our 2021-2024 MWGP. OH is extremely proud to claim him as one of our own!



KENTUCKY HONORS MICHAEL E. BERRY "ALL ABOARD!"

*Marsha K. Porter, GGCCM, Co-Chair Eastern Star Journal Committee
Past Grand Matron of Kentucky & Winners Circle Member*

"All Aboard" was the welcome given to everyone as they boarded the Bell of Louisville for an evening cruise honoring Kentucky's (KY) own Michael E. Berry, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. Brother Mike was there to greet everyone and by his side was our favorite Arizonaian, Sister Billie Bradfield, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron. Members of the Winner's Circle were on hand to welcome 350 OES members from KY and several members from other Grand Jurisdictions.

The weather was beautiful and there was abundance of love and fellowship among all who attended. A delicious BBQ meal was served. When we were planning Brother Mike's Honor Night, we asked him what he would like and he replied, "Please do something that is fun and everyone will want to attend." A cruise on the Bell of Louisville was perfect.

KY is extremely proud of Brother Mike and his knowledge of our Order is phenomenal. In KY, we have looked to him for many years to keep us straight. He not only works tirelessly for our Order, but he serves as the Commissioner of Tourism for the State of KY.

The Winner's Circle works continuously in supporting Brother Mike and his journey to Most Worthy Grand Patron. A Dinner/Auction is held every year and we are always looking for new and exciting auction items. We also have beautiful Winners Circle bags, shirts, Louisville stoneware pottery items, and By Bee Pottery items. If your interested, please contact us in KY.

We had several large contingents from other States at our Grand Chapter Session in September 2022 and we are looking forward to at least the same or a bigger crowd in September 2023. KY has a rich heritage that we would like to share, along with Brother Mike, to our Eastern Star members around the world. If you come to visit, look for a large dose of Southern Hospitality.

For more information on the Winners Circle Club, please visit:

<https://www.winnerscircle2027.com/about>

CALIFORNIA HONORS WORTHY GRAND MARSHAL



Susan White, Worthy Grand Marshal

In a short after-lunch session on October 27, 2022, the California Grand Chapter honored Sister Susan White, 2021-2024 Worthy Grand Marshal, as well as the eight other GGC Appointments. Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM, and Brother Lon Lowry, MWGP, made their Official Visit to the Jurisdiction in the City of Visalia, a quaint wine-growing region in the middle of the State.

Sister Sue suggested a different kind of event, opting to exchange a banquet for shared three-minute presentations of the six GGC Committee Members and two Triennial Special Assembly Committee Members. Each selected a special friend, spouse or associate to introduce them. The presenter related interesting or unknown facts, stories or amusing anecdotes for which the recipients attempted to be grateful, surprised or embarrassed about in their own responses.

The PGMs and PGP's honored were: Brother Bill Prentiss, GGCCM Cancer; Sisters Chris Dias, GGCCM ESTARL; Alyson Grant, GGCCM International Headquarters; Sarahann Shapiro, GGCCM Jurisprudence; Terri Ewing, GGCCM Service Dogs; and Linda Hoeser, GGCCM Youth. The Special Assembly appointments were Sisters Beverly Cratsenburg, PM, Colorful Note and Personal Page; and Nancy Jordan, Faithful Note. The delegates attending the Session then caught a glimpse of what the Committee duties entailed in the responses.

Brother Alan White, the Worthy Grand Marshal's husband, presented Sister Sue telling several personal stories, awards and background of his former school teacher wife, her athletic and scholarship honors, including High School mascot Fanny Falcon. Her Eastern Star background, accolades and many Fraternal and Grand Chapter chairmanships were also proudly listed.

Two highlights completed this event. Her 50-year pin was proudly presented by Sister Glenda, once worn by her mother Hildegard Smith, PGM. The final straw was a rousing rock serenade of "Run Around Sue" by Brother Jake Bankson, former Grand Sentinel of CA.



INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS PROJECT PRESERVATION OF OUR FLAGSHIP

The International Headquarters of the Order of the Eastern Star is considered one of the finest examples of classical architecture in Washington, DC. Construction began in 1906 as a residence for Perry and Jessie Belmont to facilitate his work with the Federal Government and for entertaining on a lavish and grand scale. By 1929, the Belmont's no longer occupied the house and in 1935, GGC purchased the building.



The GGC Right Worthy Grand Secretaries and the Grand Trustees have been excellent stewards of the house for almost 90 years, managing its preservation to the highest standards. This has included hundreds of projects over the years that have dealt with many of the practical and decorative needs of a building that is now 117 years old.

Recently though, Brother Charlie Chandler, Right Worthy Grand Secretary; Sisters Jo Cullifer, Helen Dulaney and Brother Art Dreschler, Grand Trustees; the Perry Belmont Foundation; and Brother Lawrence Von Weigel, International Headquarters Administrator, have looked more closely at managing the Headquarters in a different manner. Energy conservation and sustainability are now paramount to its preservation. As such and with the financial assistance of the Pennsylvania (PA) Grand Chapter; Sister Rhonda Johnson, PGM of PA; and the GGC International Headquarters Committee, current projects address how they will benefit the long-term management and costs of preserving the Headquarters. There are two excellent new projects that serve as models.

The second floor features 19 large-scale French doors wrapping around the three sides of the house and the top floor has 27 windows. Although the second floor is air-conditioned, the large panes of glass challenged the system. Clear Vista Window Tinting Nano-Ceramic window film is a smart home improvement that significantly improves indoor comfort. With the same low reflectivity as glass, it has a clear look and maintains the natural glow of light. This film also reduces heat transmission and helps protect our historic furnishings from fade-causing sunlight rays. This installation has significantly reduced the summer monthly electrical costs.

Additionally, the Grand Salon, the Petit Salon and the Ballroom have magnificent parquet floors which require significant routine maintenance and after events at the house. In an effort to reduce such costs, the floors have been refinished and hardened with Ultra Violet (UV) light. We will no longer have to routinely polish the floors, which will reduce the wear, scuffs and other damage. The UV hardening of the newly refinished floors simply requires dust mopping and periodic cleaning with a soft mop and a spray cleaner.

We look forward to continuing these badly needed projects with our members and in cooperation with the International Headquarters Committee to protect our home and its sustainability for the future of the Eastern Star. You are always welcome to visit us and our beautiful Nation's Capital. For information about future preservation projects, please feel free to email our Brother Charlie Chandler at rwgsecretary@easternstar.org or call at (202) 667-4737.

Article written by Paul Dolinsky

Larry von Weigel, WP—International Headquarters - Administrator
Federal Chapter #38 Washington, DC

*Linda Hyatt, GGCCChairman, International Headquarters Committee, PGM
Goldenrod Chapter #142
Wilmington, North Carolina*



Sisters and Brothers,

You all are just the best. With donations received, we have been able to assist in reducing some operational costs in our GGC Office.

In July 2022, the Committee purchased and had installed solar film for the windows for \$17,000.00 with thanks to the attention and generosity of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. We also assisted with another need in February 2023. The skylight over the staircase had rotted seals. We provided half of this cost. Rain was coming in while heat was going out. The solar film has lowered the heating and air conditioning costs and repair of the skylight will reduce them even more. A third project happened in January 2023. The committee was asked to assist with the cost of refinishing the wooden floors on the second floor. By going to a matte finish, that would reduce cleaning by two complete steps. That would reduce the money spent on cleaning supplies and reduce the hours it takes to clean each week; sometimes twice and occasionally three (3) times. We were able to contribute the \$13,000.00 needed after an insurance claim of \$10,000.00 and a contribution of \$5,000.00 from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in memory of Sister Helen Westmoreland, PMWGM.

Currently, the **Yellow Region leads** with the most donations reported. Keep those donations coming. As of March 23, 2023, the International Headquarters Project has received donations of \$65,872.74. We are doing great work!



Please see a member of the Committee to purchase this beautiful pin that supports the upkeep of our beautiful home.

WORKING TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR EASTERN STAR

*Barbara Pelfrey, GGCCC Membership
PGM of Ohio*

The GGC for Membership is actively working to assist our members in increasing membership of this beautiful Order. **DID YOU KNOW** that our MWGM, Sister Glenda Winchester, and MWGP, Brother F. Lon Lowry, have set a goal for us to reach **ONE MILLION MEMBERS** by the end of November 2024?

The following Committee is hard working to assist you in any way we can and have the following assignments to assist in our Jurisdictions:

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Washington, Nevada, Oregon, Montana & Wyoming

Each of the above Committee Members are ready and willing to work with you on the programs developed to increase our membership! Star Pal is a new program with ideas to assist you along with some new changes to the Rob Morris program. These programs are located on GGC's website under Members Resources: <https://easternstar.org/member-center/membership-resources/>

You download the information and the application for the Rob Morris program that are returned to our Co-Chair, Sister Phyllis Lacki.

Keep watching for further explanation of each membership program in future editions. We are continuing to develop new ideas!

REMEMBER – we are here to assist you!

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Galveston, TX

Day 2 & 3
Cruising at Sea

Day 4
Roatan, Honduras

Day 5
Puerto Costa Maya

Day 6
Cozumel, Mexico

Day 7
Cruising at Sea

Day 8
Galveston, TX

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Approved by Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM

News

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rachael.cole@discoverthemagicvacations
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WARRIOR CANINE CONNECTION

Penny would like to remind you that even service dogs enjoy a Starbucks Puppucino!

Editor's Note: Several donations are made yearly by Chapters and members of the Grand Chapter of Maryland to the Warrior Canine Connection located in Boyds. Sister Karen Calvert, PGM, serves as one of the trainers.



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January 22, 2023

Dear Sister Grand Jurisdictions:

The beginning of the year is a perfect time for reflection and as I look back over 2022, the memories are bittersweet. On July 6th the Grand Chapter of Québec celebrated their 100th Anniversary and in October we held our "Secret Garden" Annual Session. This was the first Annual Session we were permitted to hold since 2019 due to COVID restrictions. It was truly an honor to entertain MWGM Glenda Winchester, MWGP F. Lon Lowry and many distinguished Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers. We were privileged to have over 150 visitors in attendance. Their love and support was overwhelming especially as we had the difficult task of voting on legislation to surrender our Grand Chapter Charter and become Subordinate Chapters that report directly to General Grand Chapter. This legislation passed and we have received the letter from the MWGM approving the vote with the surrender of the Grand Chapter Charter to be February 28, 2023. Our hope is that by focusing on our local Chapters and their communities we will be able to continue the work of our beloved Order.

It is with regret that I must notify your Grand Jurisdiction that according to General Grand Chapter procedure the following will apply as of March 1, 2023:

- 1.) All Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Québec will retain recognition as Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of their former Grand Chapter.
- 2.) The current Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron shall become a Past Grand Matron and a Past Grand Patron.
- 3.) All other current Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter will forfeit their titles. All Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Representatives, current and of previous years, will retain recognition as such.

Please note that GGCCM appointments are issued by the General Grand Chapter and are not affected by this action. They will remain as appointed through the Triennium. I would like to extend my personal sympathies to the Grand Representative of Québec in your Grand Jurisdiction as their commission will also end as of March 1, 2023. As we go through this difficult time together may we find comfort in one another and in our Heavenly Father who is watching over us.

You are loved by God, higher than the sky, deeper than the ocean, more than you can imagine...

Creating Waves of Kindness...

Madeline R. Weidner, WGM

Sister Madeline R. Weidner
Worthy Grand Matron





Job's Daughters' mission is to create confident young women, respect tradition and shape the future. Our members learn invaluable skills that increase their confidence and prepare them to lead. We teach girls to use their voice. Job's Daughters is an international sisterhood. There are girls around the world who are growing and learning just like you. We are a family of confident young women. Our members sure know how to plan. They run their own meetings and plan their own activities. With the guidance of certified adults, Job's Daughters are given the freedom to become strong leaders. Making friends is a given in Job's Daughters. Between meetings, fundraisers, sleepovers and parties, you are guaranteed to make friends for life in JDI.

Job's Daughters has a rich heritage and tradition. The group was founded in 1920 to provide an opportunity for young women to work together, to learn about themselves and to help others. Job's Daughters is open to girls ages 10 to 20 who have a Masonic Relationship (through either a relative or sponsorship). We do not follow any specific religion, but do require that our members have a belief in God.

For 100 years, Job's Daughters has been actively promoting friendship and service. The organization was founded by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick in Omaha, Nebraska. The group takes its name from the Book of Job, and in particular to a reference in the 42nd Chapter that says, "And in all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job."

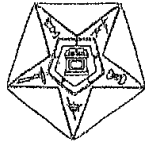
Meetings follow a long tradition of order. Meetings are held twice a month. Programs are planned and conducted by the members with the help of adult volunteers.

To become a Job's Daughter does not involve embarrassing activities or test of courage. Joining the Bethel is a solemn, meaningful ceremony presented by Bethel Officers. Parents are welcome at initiations and all of the meetings.

To be a member of Job's Daughters is to be part of a group that promotes friendship among young women and confidence in themselves. As a member, you will learn skills that will help you throughout your life. You will become part of an organization that serves the community. Most importantly, you will have fun.

For additional information, find a Bethel near you or wish to start a Bethel, please visit our website <https://jobsdaughtersinternational.org>.

*Courtesy of Barbara Von Lienen, PHQ
Vice Supreme Guardian*



GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY, O.E.S.

ORGANIZED JUNE 1903
OFFICE
WORTHY GRAND MATRON



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are planning a fun weekend in August filled with celebration, competition, and camaraderie to honor our founder, Dr Rob Morris. We hope you will plan to join us in one or all of the activities.

We will start the weekend on Friday August 18, 2023 with a **Golf Scramble** at Eagle Creek Golf Course in LaGrange, KY. Information about Teams, Lunch, and T-shirts has been sent under separate cover. This is a wonderful time of fellowship with our Sisters and Brothers, even if you don't playgolf!!

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron Glenda Winchester and our Most Worthy Grand Patron Lon Lowery will be making a special official visit to Kentucky for the Rob Morris Pilgrimage. On Saturday August 19, 2023, we will honor them and our General Grand Chapter Appointees with a special **Reception and Dinner** at the City Place, 112 South First St, LaGrange, KY. Reservations are needed for the dinner on Saturday. \$35.00 per person. See enclosed form for reservation information.

Our **Rob Morris Pilgrimage** is Sunday, August 20, 2023 . We will have a special tribute to our Founder in the cemetery, a box lunch on the grounds of his home and a short program following lunch. You are welcome to bring your own lunch or order a box lunch to be delivered to the grounds on Sunday for the picnic. Forms for the box lunch on Sunday are also enclosed. Please make the checks payable to "Linda's Garden Friends" and send no later than **August 4** to

Lana Ashby
3413 Park Row Drive
Louisville, KY 40216

The Home of our founder is a special piece of the history of our Order and we in Kentucky have the honor and responsibility to care for it. **Please remember this responsibility during our August Stated meetings with a special tribute to his memory and a generous contribution to the care of his home. (Constitution, Sec 233)**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Inn and Suites, 1001 Paige Place, LaGrange, KY 40031 (502) 222-5678.

Please plan to join us for this weekend of celebration!!

Star Love.


Linda Overfield

Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Kentucky

For more information, visit
<https://www.kyoes.com/calendar>



JOIN US AT THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN



*Lynn Hagberg, GGC Committee Chairman, PGM of Manitoba
Carol Gramm Wise, GGC Co-Chair, PGM of Ohio
Barbara M. Davis-Flanagan, GGCCM, PGM of Virginia
Ronald (Ron) Pete, GGCCM, PGP of Wisconsin*

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The International Peace Garden Pilgrimage on August 12-13, 2023 is fast approaching. The Registration Form and Meal Form have been sent out to each Grand Jurisdiction. A copy of the Registration Form and Meal Form is attached below. The Suspense date for the registration form and checks is **July 31, 2023**.

For Canadian registrations please forward your form and checks Payable in Canadian funds to Sister Lynne Hagberg

For American registrations please forward your form and checks Payable in US funds to Sister Barbara M. Davis-Flanagan.

Registration will be on Saturday morning, followed by a lovely lunch with the Masons. The Masons will be having their open Installation Saturday afternoon and we will be having a banquet that evening, followed by entertainment. This will all take place at the Masonic Auditorium. Sunday morning will be the Church service at the Eastern Star Chapel, followed by a lunch at the Masonic Auditorium before our visitors leave.

**REGISTRATION FORM AND MEAL FORM
INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN
AUGUST 12-13, 2023**

For American registrations/
Payable in US funds

For Canadian registrations/
Payable in Canadian funds

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Please make cheques payable to Barbara Davis-Flanagan in the U.S. or Lynne Hagberg in Canada. Please use cheques only and do not send cash.
(Deadline July 31, 2023)

NAME: _____

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Saturday (lunch - soup and sandwich)	\$24.00	_____
(Banquet - chicken cordon bleu)	\$42.00	_____
Sunday (lunch - soup and sandwich)	\$24.00	_____
Registration	\$20.00	_____
GRAND TOTAL (includes tax and gratuity)		\$ _____

FLORIDA GRAND CHAPTER'S ESTARL RECIPIENT

*Michele Guest, Past Grand Chaplain
Florida ESTARL Main Committee Chairman
Pine Castle No. 321
Orlando, FL*



ESTARL Recipient Spotlight

Katherine Rives

Dear Sisters and Brothers ,

Thank you for your ongoing support of ESTARL. Please remember, while December is the time when we focus on ESTARL we accept donations all year long. It is an amazing charity that truly keeps on giving, as we prepare ministerial leaders of all kinds. A contribution to ESTARL is a great way to acknowledge someone's birthday, an anniversary of any kind, or a memorial. Recognition will be sent to the person whom you are honoring. Currently we have eight ESTARL Recipients. We will feature one or two in each of the upcoming newsletters.

Michele Guest, Past Grand Chaplain
ESTARL Chairman

Katherine Rives

It is our privilege to introduce you to Katherine Rives, who is sponsored by Mt. Dora Chapter #103. Katie was first granted the ESTARL Scholarship in 2019, but her way to us was a crooked journey – not unlike those Jesus often sets us upon. She was raised in the Episcopal faith, and church was always a rule of life for her family. She explains that twenty years ago, she had that “Come to Jesus” meeting. She was a schoolteacher, and the Lord began using her talents to teach bible studies in the church, to be a lay speaker, to author and conduct women's retreats, teach and preach whenever asked and participate in intercessory prayer initiatives. Katie shares that God opened doors – she never knocked. He just invited her in and she, obediently, entered every time. She felt God's call to formal ministry, and it was affirmed by the clergy and the parishioners she served. In 2019 she was teaching at a local elementary school, and her pastor encouraged her to take the leap and attend seminary full time. He contacted his alma mater and arranged for her to fly up to Pennsylvania for an interview. God opened a door and told her to “fasten your seatbelt.” In a complete leap of faith, she quit teaching and headed to Pittsburg! While it was not the best fit for Katie culturally and she did not experience the camaraderie she hoped or imagined she would find in a seminary, she appreciated learning much about different theologies and viewpoints, and how to understand others while staying true to herself. As Katie explained ... Pittsburg is a difficult place for a “Southern Girl.” Through all of that, she celebrates God's grace in introducing her to her future husband, an unexpected consequence of those challenges. One of the helpful outcomes of the pandemic was the need to find online options. Thus, after a year in Pittsburg, she transferred her studies to Dubuque Theological Seminary. (She shared that

while she was on her way to meet Debbie Rosenthal - she saw a Dubuque license plate cover and she considered that the God Wink of approval, as she was discerning her transfer there.) This allowed Katie the opportunity to return to Florida, get married, and complete her studies at home, close to her family. She has three grown children and resides in Tangerine, Florida.



This fall is a particularly challenging time as she completes her academic studies for her MDiv. (Master's in Divinity), sits for five ordination exams and must also complete a 400 hour CPE requirement for the Central Florida Presbytery. Katie hopes to become a Hospital Chaplain at Advent Health. She has been one of our most communicative recipients, sending letters every semester to Mt. Dora and keeping the committee up to date on her progress. I've had the opportunity to speak with her many times – she is inspiring and exciting. With every letter – Katie expresses her deepest appreciation for ESTARL. I believe, it is us who are most blessed by her commitment to serve God, and the impact she will make in our community – in our world.

Please join me in prayer for the final stages of her study – and wherever God appoints her to serve.

Courtesy of the Florida Stargazer

“REMEMBER WHEN” FUNDRAISING DINNER

*Tami Awe, Associate Conductress
Frances Bell Chapter #75
Harlem, Georgia*

On October 1, 2022, the Grand Chapter of Georgia's 2022-2023 Grand Family held a "Remember When" fundraising dinner. We had prairie wives, 60's hippies and teeny boppers in poodle skirts. The gang really showed out that night. We had a tremendous time with fellowship, music and lots of food. We had no idea the number of actors/actresses among us - Archie and Edith Bunker, Lucy Ricardo, even the BIG MAN himself - Santa!!!! Southern hospitality flowed like maple syrup at IHOP. We will truly find any reason to eat and fellowship together.



Tami and Ron Awe; Pete Coffield; Dee McDaniel; and Jean Huffine



Sybil and Larry Zwahlen as Edith and Archie Bunker



Dana Tippens, John Wigger and Tami Awe



Gail Scoggins, John Wigger and Joyce Royal



Jolinda Gibson and Dana Tiipens



Learning the Hand Jive! Jolinda Gibson, Jeff Sperin, Kenny Drescher, Darlene Greene, Ron Awe, Philicia Anglin, Jean Huffine, Tami Awe, Jennifer Martin and Cheryl Arrendale



Darlene Greene and Tami Awe



Pete Coffield and Dewey Earnest

GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA'S MAGNOLIA CLUB FORMATION

*Tami Awe, Associate Conductress
Frances Bell Chapter #75
Harlem, Georgia*



As most of you already know, each year when a new Associate Grand Conductress is elected, she forms a club made up of all the Associate Conductresses in her state. This club will follow her through the chairs over the next four years while working fundraising events to help defray the cost of being a Grand Officer. This year, in the state of Georgia, Mrs. Darlene Greene was elected during the June 2022 Grand Chapter as the States' next Associate Grand Conductress. In August, Darlene sent letters to all of the Associate Conductresses across the state to invite them to join her club and get to work! All of the AC's that attended the September meeting were asked to put their name in the hat for each club officer position that they may be interested in. Names were drawn and all club offices were filled. Every 6 months, elections will be held to rotate the officers around until everyone has found their niche. Several of the Associate Conductresses this year are first timers moving through the chairs!



At the January 7, 2023 meeting, Stephani Maddox, Associate Conductress, Blue Mountain Chapter #333, was presented a plaque from Darlene Greene for serving her 6-month term as the first GA Magnolia Club President! Stephanie is also a new member to OES and this is her first time serving as an Associate Conductress for a Chapter.



Newly elected officers were Philicia Anglin, Cumming Chapter #346, to serve as President from Feb - Aug 2023; and Jennifer Martin, Electa Chapter #6, to serve as VP during those same 6 months.



Tami Awe, Frances Bell #75, was elected as the first GA Magnolia Reporter and will continue to serve in that capacity for the full year. She is also new to OES and this is her first time to serve as an Associate Conductress for a Chapter. Her duties as a Reporter include producing a newsletter each month, maintaining the GA Magnolias Facebook page, sending emails to members to keep them informed and submitting fabulous articles to the Eastern Star Journal!! :)



We are all excited about the next 4 years and getting to know each other better and build our beautiful Order.

Courtesy of The Magnolia Club Newsletter



Picture 1: Associate Conductress' across the state of GA
 Picture 2: GA Magnolia Club Formation attendees. 20 August 2022
 Picture 3: Darlene Greene, AGC, and Suzy Brown, PGM
 Picture 4: Darlene Greene, AGC, and Stephanie Maddox
 Picture 5: Jennifer Martin, VP, and Philicia Anglin, Pres.
 Picture 5: Tami Awe, Reporter
 Right: (L-R): Philicia Anglin, Tami Awe, Stephanie Maddox,
 Darlene Greene (AGC), Ellen Daniel, Cheryl Arrendale, Jennifer
 Martin, Tami Robledo and Evelyn Burkett

QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTED TO WEST VIRGINIA VETERANS

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

A Quilt of Valor is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation. The Quilt of Valor is designated to be a specific size, must have a label with defined information and must be awarded to a Veteran and the presentation recorded.

At our October 2018 "Harmony in the Hills" Grand Chapter Session, Brother Tom Fox was presented a Patriotic Quilt for his years of military service. This presentation was our introduction to the Quilts of Valor Foundation, the Quilt of Valor and its importance to our Veterans. To learn more about the Quilt of Valor, please go to <https://www.govf.org>.

During 2019 – 2021 "Life's Treasures" Grand Chapter (pandemic) years, Sister Linda Fowler, WGM, and Brother Steve Chapman, WGP, honored military personnel and Veterans during their year. Since West Virginia (WV) is divided into 10 districts, each Chapter was encouraged to submit names of Veterans they would like to see honored. Through a random drawing by our WGM and WGP, a Veteran from each district was selected and that individual was presented with the Quilt of Valor. Several of the Quilts were presented at Grand Visitations throughout the year but due to the pandemic and the inability of the Chapters to have meetings due to the Lodge closings, the last of the Quilts were presented at the October 2022 "Branches of Faith, Hope and Love" Grand Chapter Session.

The following is the list of names of those honored:

Quilts of Valor presented by Sister Linda Fowler, PGM and Brother Steve Chapman, PGP

District 1: Brother James Daley from Miriam Chapter #1

District 2: Sister Josie McCormick from R. Douglass Chapter #15

District 3: Brother Thamer Calhoun from Marcum Chapter #61

District 4: Brother Danny Jo Carper from Thelma Chapter #24

District 5: Brother Russell Compton from Winolia Chapter #59

District 6: Brother John Allen from Union Chapter #122

District 7: Brother Hobert Crum from Wayne Chapter #156

District 8: Sister Cheree Reckner from Weston Chapter #40

District 9: Brother John (Bob) Vance from Randolph #74

District 10: Brother Carroll McDonald from Golden Rule Chapter #69

Also, Brother Jim Savage, PGP, from Queen Esther Chapter #11, was presented his Quilt of Valor at a Chapter meeting in July 2021.

We're proud of all our Veterans and Military personnel and know that others within our organization have received their Quilts from other organizations. One that we heard about was Sister Sandra Calvert who received her Quilt of Valor at the WV Capitol over Labor Day Weekend 2021.

All the names which were submitted by the individual Chapters have been turned into the Quilt of Valor Foundation so hopefully, each of our Veterans will receive a Quilt and know how grateful we are for their service.

QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTED TO WEST VIRGINIA VETERANS

(Continued)

Photos of some of our Veterans with their Quilt of Valor



*Tom Fox, PP, Grantville #73;
and Linda Fowler, PGM*



*Kaitlyn Springer, PM; John Allen,
Union #122; and Linda Fowler, PGM*



*Steve Chapman, PGP; James Dailey, PP,
Miriam #1; and Linda Fowler, PGM*



Hobert Crum, PP, Wayne #156



*Sam Mancari, PP, with Josie
McCormick, R. Douglas #15;
and Linda Fowler, PGM*



Sandra Calvert, PM, Rowlesburg #127



*Linda Fowler, PGM; Thamer Calhoun, PP,
Marcum #61; and Steve Chapman, PGP*



*Linda Fowler, PGM; Jim Savage, PGP;
Janelle Savage, PM, Queen Esther
#11; and Steve Chapman, PGP*

West Virginia Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star creates youth agriculture fund for WVU Extension



*William Shockey, PGP
Rowlesburg Chapter #127
Rowlesburg, West Virginia*

The West Virginia Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star has designated \$15,298.62 to create the Order of the Eastern Star WV Youth in Ag Fund.

This fund will be used on an as-needed basis for the [West Virginia University Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources](#) unit to support youth programming in conservation, agriculture and natural resources across the state. The Chapter announced the donation during a celebration luncheon on Oct. 6.

“I’ve recognized over the years that youth in ag programs are always looking for support, whether that be for travels, competitions, or educational materials for the state,” Bill Shockey, retired WVU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources agent, said.

Shockey also was one of the leaders of the West Virginia Grand Chapter for 2021-2022, known as the Worthy Grand Patron. The Order of the Eastern Star is a philanthropic organization that raises money for different causes each year. Members are either Masons or have a Masonic affiliation. Some causes supported by the organization include cancer research, veterans support, training of service dogs and cardiac research.

Each year, both the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron get to choose a special fundraising project and lead that effort. For his project, Shockey chose to lead a project for youth in agriculture, which is something the organization has never done before.

“It’s very important that young people learn about agriculture and get those experiences because many families don’t live on the farm anymore,” Shockey said. “People used to understand where food came from and how it was produced, but there’s a big disconnect right now; people just don’t know. It’s important to get that education while they are young, so this generation has a good idea of how it really works.”

To fundraise for this project, Shockey and other members of his chapter visited each chapter in West Virginia, which is around 70 groups across the state. After learning about the project, each chapter donated to the fund in some capacity. They also sold tickets to raffle off half a beef to help raise more money for the fund.

“Getting our state’s young people involved in youth agriculture programs is critical to the future of agriculture and conservation in West Virginia, and this fund will help us ensure these programs continue,” Ronnie Helmondollar, program director of the WVU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources unit, said. “In addition to learning about where food comes from, youth agriculture programs help kids learn to be more confident, become critical thinkers and problem solvers, work as a team, and so many other valuable skills.”

The gift was made through the [WVU Foundation](#), the nonprofit organization that receives and administers private donations on behalf of the University.

If you would like to invest in the future of youth agriculture, 4-H’ers or other important WVU Extension programs, contact Lauren Seiler, director for development, WVU Extension at 304-293-5692 or email Lauren.Seiler@mail.wvu.edu.

If you want to learn more about WVU Extension, visit extension.wvu.edu or follow @WVUExtension on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram.

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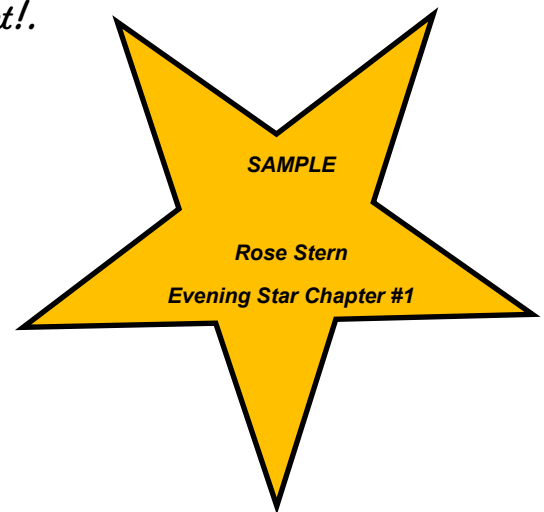
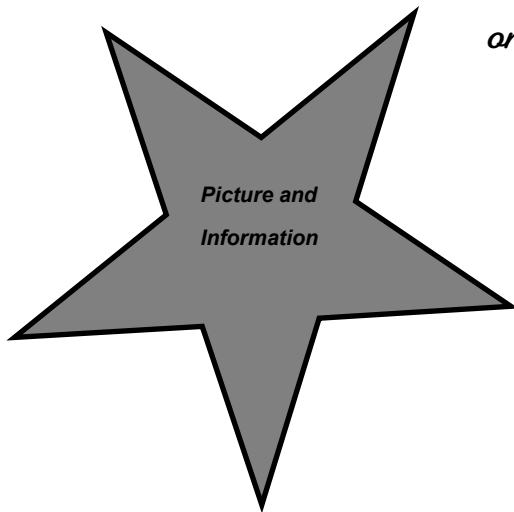
Celebrating Our Silver And Golden Stars

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 on their special night!



HAPPY 110th BIRTHDAY TO SISTER LINDA YALE!

*Ann Lysholm, GGCCM Co-Chair Cancer Committee
PGM, Grand Treasurer Emeritus and Grand Lecturer
Langley Chapter #50
Langley, British Columbia and Yukon*

Sister Linda Yale celebrated her **110th** birthday on December 28, 2022. On January 6, 2023, Sister Ann Lysholm, GGCCM, presented Sister Linda with a certificate to celebrate her **110th** birthday on behalf of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia & Yukon

Sister Linda Yale was initiated into Richmond Chapter #73 on January 8, 1970. She is now a member of Langley Chapter #50, Langley, when the Richmond Chapter consolidated on March 18, 2019. She is a 53-year member but she never went through the chairs or held an Office. She was head of the Cancer Dressing Station for many years. She was always ready to substitute as an Officer and if not being a substitute, would welcome all at the door before the meeting.

She is an inspiration to all and we are so proud of her.
Congratulations Sister Linda!

Editor's Note: Sister Ann advised that Sister Linda was attending Chapter until last May but due to the lateness of the meetings, now attends daytime activities. Amazing to be so spry at 110!

SISTER BELVA SMITH RECEIVES HER 70-YEAR PIN

*Dorothy Berman, PM, Secretary
Brecksville Chapter #537
Brecksville, Ohio*

Members of Day Chapter #479, Lorain, and Brecksville Chapter #537, Brecksville, both located in the State of Ohio, traveled recently to award a 70-year pin to Sister Belva Smith. Sister Belva was initiated into Woodbine Chapter #61, Pemberville, on March 23, 1953. She affiliated with Brecksville Chapter on March 25, 1982. She served Brecksville Chapter as Warder in 1994, Esther for a total of 5 years and Secretary for 12 years. She went through the chairs and served as WM in 1992 with her husband, Brother Wilbur. In 1996-1997, she was the Grand Representative of the District of Columbia. Sister Vivian Chrisopulos, PGM, presented Sister Belva her pin.



*Front Row (L-R): Bonnie Youngblood, Worthy Grand Esther; PGM, Day Chapter; and Belva Smith, PM
Back Row (L-R): Brecksville Chapter Members Margaret and Robert Berteau, WM and WP, Vivian Chrisopulos, PGM; and Dorothy Berman, PM, Secretary,
Not pictured: John Youngblood, PP, Day Chapter*

COUPLE GETS 50-YEAR PINS

*Tami Awe, Associate Conductress
Frances Bell Chapter #75
Harlem, Georgia*



On January 11, 2023, Sister Audrey and Brother Ronnie Latham, a lovely couple from the Frances Bell Chapter #75 in Harlem, Georgia, were presented their 50-year pin at the monthly Chapter meeting. Sister Audrey was unable to attend the ceremony due to illness, but Brother Ronnie accepted both the pins and certificates which were presented by Sister Carol Olsen, WM.

Carol Olsen, WM, and Ronnie Latham

MILESTONES FOR WEST VIRGINIA MEMBERS

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

During the past year, West Virginia (WV) had several milestone celebrations. We've included a few for the Eastern Star Journal.

WV Grand Chapter



On October 8, 2022, Sister Mary Lou Hyre, WGM, now our Junior PGM, had the honor to present Sisters Agnes Wooters, PGM, her 60-year pin and Patty Crouch, PGM, her 50-year pin. Brother Frank Wooters, PGP, had the honor to pin his wife, Sister Agnes, with her pin.

(L-R): Agnes Wooters, PGM; Frank Wooters, PGP; Marilyn Myers, PGM; William Shockey, WGP; and at the podium, Mary Lou Hyre, WGM



(L-R): Patty Crouch, PGP, Jim Porter, Grand Treasurer; and Mary Lou Hyre, WGM



Athens Chapter #33

On November 8, 2022, Sister Bobbie Sue Klingensmith was presented with her 60-year pin by Sister Fran Home, WM.



Cairo Chapter #39

Brother Floyd Jenkins, Grand Warder, received his 50-year pin on December 12, 2022, at Cairo Chapter, his home Chapter. Several of his fellow "Celebrating Our Legacy" Grand Family members came to see the presentation.

*Front Row (L-R): William Hoggard, WGP; Floyd Jenkins, Grand Warder;; Teresa Cisco, WGM
Second Row (L-R): Selma Humphreys, Grand Trustee; and Trudy Smith, Grand Ruth; Donna Rae Mullenix, Grand Trustee
Back Row (L-R): Randy Waugaman, Grand Chaplain; Cindy Kline, Grand Electa; and Debbie O'Conner, Grand Esther*



Good Hope #69

At the Grand Visitation on November 4, 2022, Sister Teresa Cisco, WGM, had the honor of presenting Sister Katy Frye with her 70-year pin.

R. Douglass Chapter #16 and Cottageville Chapter #17

At a dual Grand Visitation on January 6, 2023, Sister Kathy Moss, AGM, had the honor of presenting Sister Virginia L. Rouse, PGM, with her 75-year pin. Sister Virginia celebrated her 101st birthday on January 29.



WM OF EVENING STAR CHAPTER #28 RECEIVES A SPECIAL JEWEL

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

At the closing of Evening Star Chapter #28, Halifax, Nova Scotia, which was Sister Sharon's Digdon's last meeting, Brother William Clarke, PGP and Grand Secretary, asked to speak. To her surprise, he presented her with her own mother's PM's Jewel. It had been turned back to Grand Chapter on her passing. It was a very emotional time for Sister Sharon and a pleasure to all in attendance.



VISIT TO OKLAHOMA'S GRAND CHAPTER

*Tami Awe, Associate Conductress
Frances Bell Chapter #75
Harlem, Georgia*

The Grand Chapter of Oklahoma (OK) was held October 17-21, 2023. Sister Kandy Clay, WM, Cleopatra Chapter #241 in Warrenton and the Grand Representative to OK in Georgia had the pleasure to attend with her bestie, Sister Susan Reese, PM, as her traveling companion. Sister Kandy would like to share some pictures from their experience.

No trip is complete without a stop at Bucees!! Sisters Kandy and Susan were able to squeeze in some additional fun while visiting the Historic Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, the Pioneer Woman Statue (a DAR accomplishment) in Ponca City and the Pioneer Woman General Store - Ree Drummond, in Pawhuska.



HONORS TO OUR SISTER CORLEY ANNE BYRAS

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

CORLEY BYRAS

The Augusta resident, 82, still throws herself into volunteering – ‘and I thoroughly enjoy it.’

BY CHRIS BOUCHARD
Kennebec Journal

Corley Byras is long past retirement age but still working 60 hours a week – at the Androscoggin Hospice Thrift Store and the lending library she started at her local church, for the fraternal organization Eastern Star, whose newsletter she’s written for over two decades, and as a member of the state’s retired educator association. Not that she’s getting paid for any of it.

“I was brought up to do volunteer work, and I thoroughly enjoy it,” said the 82-year-old Augusta resident.

Byras says she functions on seven hours of sleep, and because her children are long grown and her husband died from colon cancer in 2007, she has plenty of time for volunteering.

Originally from Ohio, Byras traveled with her husband while he was enlisted in the Air Force before settling in Maine in the late 1970s. (She was named “enlisted military wife of the year” for her volunteerism while stationed at Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire.)

Linda Williams, who works with Byras



Corley Byras has been instrumental in getting Augusta’s Androscoggin Hospice Thrift Store off the ground.

at the Augusta thrift store, said she was instrumental in getting the store off the ground and becoming a “thriving entity” since it opened this year.

“She is a treasure and most deserving of recognition,” said Williams.

And when the store had trouble selling some books, Byras donated them, along with a bookshelf, to her local church, instead of letting them go into recycling or a landfill – an example, Williams said, of Byras’ inclination to always be charitable.

Dianna Pinkham, who volunteers with Byras at the store, said she is a natural leader.

“She has a purpose, and her purpose is giving,” said Pinkham, “whether it’s here or time donated at other places, and I think that flows over to everybody who works along with her.”

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SERVICE TO OTHERS

*Donna Miller, Secretary
The River Chapter #517
North Olmsted, Ohio*

The River Chapter #517 is a very active and giving Chapter. We have formed a new Auxiliary "River Rocks" for our members to assist in service projects that our Chapter has chosen to take part in.



Members Nancy Helyes, Barb Deekin, Barb Metzler, Karin Bir, Becky McAlindon and the Rocky River Fire Department

On May 27, 2022, our members brought cookies they baked to our Temple and our members made up seven cookie trays for the City's Rocky River Police Department. A year before, we did cookie trays for the Rocky River Fire Department. When taken to the Fire Department, they were very happy to receive the trays of cookies.

A local TV station has a yearly project for schools called "Stuff the Bus." On July 21, we collected school supplies and delivered them to the station to help "stuff the bus."



Members Donna Miller, Carol Egna, Maureen Schoen and Fox 8 News.



Each year, our WM-elect and WP-elect will select a charity that they ask our members to donate to. Our 2022 WM, Sister Carol Egna, selected "Build a Bed." It is an organization that makes beds for children in the Lorain, Ohio, area who do not have a bed. Our Chapter members donated \$1,000 to this organization and in September, a group of 22 members from both our Chapter and Barkley Lodge met and built 50 beds and assembled 22. "Build a Bed" gives those receiving a bed a mattress, sheets, pillow and blankets. Just think, that is 50 children who no longer have to sleep on the floor.

Members of our Chapter brought in donations from the Youth Challenge's wish list. This is a local organization that supports physically challenged youth in daily activities. On September 17, donations were collected by our Chapter members in order to take part in our local Dyslexia Center's walk.



Members Joe Pacsuta, Phylis Pacsuta, Sophia Johnson, Larry Helyes.

These are just a few things that The River Chapter has done. We are all proud of our Chapter and we have a wonderful time working together in order to serve others.



Diane Baeslack and Andi Kiehl

WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS

*Joan Webb, Secretary
Shawanee Chapter #436
Harrogate, Tennessee*

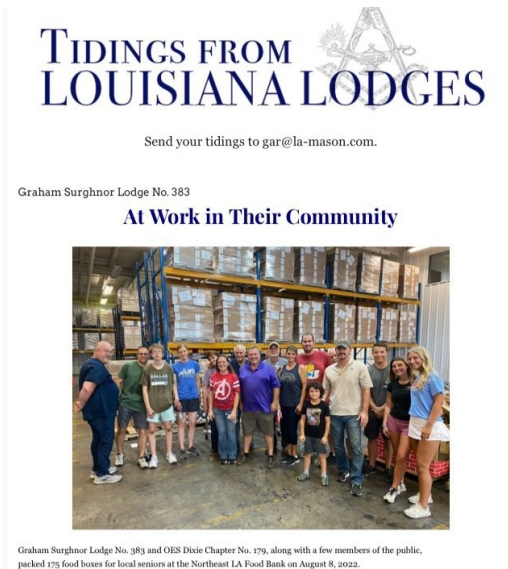
On October 6, 2022, Shawanee Chapter #436 located in Harrogate, Tennessee, sponsored a Medic Blood Drive for the Harrogate community. Shown are Sister Anna Keene, WM, and Brother Rob Redwine, WP.



CARING FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

*Dianne Sutton, PM, Secretary
Dixie Chapter #179
Monroe, Louisiana*

On August 8, 2022, Dixie Chapter #179, partnered with Graham Surghnor Lodge #383, Monroe, Louisiana (LA), in packing 175 food boxes for our local seniors at the Northeast LA Food Bank in Monroe.



BLUFF CITY CHAPTER #414 SUPPORTS TRI-CITIES KIDNEY WALK

*Mary Kaylor, Secretary
Bluff City Chapter #414
Bluff City, Tennessee*

During September and October, Bluff City Chapter #414, Bluff City, Tennessee, was busy spreading the word about the seriousness of kidney disease and collecting donations to sponsor our WM, Sister Sandra Feathers, in the Tri-Cities Kidney Walk on October 16. A total of \$300.50 was collected.

Pictured are Sandra Feathers, WM, with Christa McDavid, Community Outreach Manager and organizer of the Kidney Walk. Charlotte Harkleroad and Mary Kaylor are pictured at the registration table. All are members of Bluff City Chapter.



BRECKSVILLE CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY WORKDAY



*Dorothy Berman, PM, Secretary
Brecksville Chapter #537
Brecksville, Ohio*

On October 29, 2022, members of Brecksville Chapter #537, Brecksville, Ohio, Order of the Eastern Star, assisted with the sorting and dating of food donations for The Emergency Assistance Center serving Northeast Ohio. The community workday was held at the United Methodist Church of Macedonia. The food items were received through the "Stuff the Bus" campaign of Nordonia Hills and Twinsburg School Districts. Over 9000 pounds of food were donated.

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. In Eastern Star chapters, Masons, and their female relatives, promote the values and charitable purposes that are an important part of the Masonic fraternity. Men must be a Master Mason to join. Women must be related to Master Masons or have received their majority from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Some of the charitable organizations supported by Eastern Star include service dogs, heart fund, Masonic Dyslexic Center, cancer fund, ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) and regenerative medicine. Brecksville Chapter also supports local food banks and provides educational grants and monetary donations to local and civic organizations. Brecksville Eastern Star supports a Rainbow Assembly for young ladies ages 12-20 and a pledge group for ages 8-12. No Masonic relationship is required to join the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

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SERVICE DOG "BAILEY" VISITS CHAPTERS IN IOWA



*Christa Guthrie
Unity Chapter #58
Mason City, Iowa*

Sister Carol and Brother Ward Bailey of Colfax, Iowa, with their Service Dog "Bailey," stopped by to visit the 2005 Busy Bee Grand Family at their recent get-together on October 1, 2022.

Bailey, a white German Shepherd Service Dog, helps Brother Ward when in distress with his PTSD and other medical issues.

Bailey is shown here with Sister Carol and Brother Ward, members of the Knoxville Chapter #85 and Newton Chapter #100, and Sister Jane Green, PGM and Member of the GGC Service Dog Committee. Bailey also was a visitor at the our Grand Chapter Session October 20-23 in Cedar Rapids.



Pictured above are members of the 2005 Busy Bee Grand Family in attendance at their annual reunion. Front Row (L-R): Christa Guthrie, Sue Tomlin, Jane Green and Leslie Nuehring. Second Row (L-R): Mary Johnson, Claudia and John Hauser, JoAnn Bergeson, and Danelle Essing.

GEORGIA'S DISTRICT 26 CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN

*Tami Awe, Associate Conductress
Frances Bell Chapter #75
Harlem, Georgia*



Chapter members from Frances Bell Chapter #75, Harlem; Martinez Chapter #464, Augusta; and Cleopatra Chapter #241, Warrenton, located in Georgia's District 26, dressed up in costumes for their October meetings. As you can see, they went all out for Halloween to even include some festive food!



Martinez Chapter #464 – Ashton Murzynski, Katie McDaniel, Claudia Davis, Carol Olson, Ashley Swygert, AC, Samantha Wiley, and Montine Mize



Frances Bell #75 – Tami Awe, AC, Kandy Clay, Cleopatra WM, Dee McDaniel, Secty, Brenda Reed, Treas, Jean Huffine, AM, Katie McDaniel, Conductress, Bill Bieber, Martinez Sentinel, and Carol Olson, WM.



Cleopatra Chapter #241 – Rebecca Sturdivant, Jean Kent, Brenda Reed, and Claudia Davis



Courtesy of District 26's November Newsletter

CAMDEN CHAPTER #121 SUPPORTS LOCAL FOOD BANK

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



On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Sister Diane Holland and Brother Kevin Stepp, Camden Chapter #121, delivered an assorted collection of non-perishable meat products to the local Benton County Ministerial Alliance's Food Pantry. The Camden Chapter members had collected donations to supply the local food pantry with meats to go along with their stores of vegetables for those in need throughout the county. This much appreciated contribution was just in time for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Norma Pettyjohn, Foody Pantry Volunteer, accepts non-perishable meat donation from Sister Diane Holland and Brother Kevin Stepp

GEORGIA'S DISTRICT 15 OFFICIAL VISIT

*Tami Awe, Associate Conductress
Frances Bell Chapter #75
Harlem, Georgia*

District 26 consists of Frances Bell Chapter #75, Harlem; Cleopatra Chapter #241, Warrenton; and Martinez Chapter #464, Augusta. This District held their annual Official Visit on December 9-10, 2022, by Sister Joyce Royal, WGM, and Brother John Wigger, WGP. The District Deputies in charge of making the arrangements for this visit are Sister Dee McDaniel and Brother Pete Coffield.

The visit was amazing! The weekend started with dinner at Rhineharts Oyster Bar in Augusta where the District Deputies were presented a lovely, framed certificate for their hard work and dedication. Saturday's events kicked off with entertainment and lunch presented by the Lucky Charms Club, supporting Sister Kim Gunby, PGM; and the Compass Club, supporting Suzy Brown, PGM. The food was delicious, plentiful and FRIED!! Just the way we Southerners like it. :)

Entertainment consisted of the WGM and WGP playing reindeer games by trying to loop each other's antlers with small rings and scooping up cotton ball "snow" with a spoon and placing it in a bowl. The WGM soundly beat the WGP though he gave it his all.

The visit was a tremendous success, and everyone is already looking forward to next year.

1. Joyce Royal, WGM, and John Wigger, WGP, compete to see how many cotton balls they can move from one bowl to another with just the use of their mouth and a spoon. John's antlers kept falling down causing him technical difficulties.
2. WGM models her antlers.
3. WGM and WGP compete to see how many antlers they can ring on each other's heads.
4. Darlene Green, AGC is presented a plaque by Kim Gunby, PGM.
5. Kim Gunby, PGM, presents the WGM with a cardinal she painted.
6. Brenda Reed, PM; Tammy Leonard; Jean Kent; Susan Reese, PM; Kim Gunby, PGM; and Tami Awe.
7. Some members of the Georgia Magnolia Club. These ladies are all Associate Conductresses within their respective Chapters. The current Associate Grand Conductress, Darlene Greene, is so proud of "her girls". L-R: Philicia Anglin; Darlene Greene, AGC; Cheryl Arrendale; Tami Awe; and Ashley Zwygert.
8. Carol Olson, WM, Frances Bell #75
9. Pete Coffield and Dee McDaniel, District Grand Deputies, District 26.
10. Suzy Brown, PGM, with Ron Rowe, PGP, being hip with their celebratory glasses.



VIENNA CHAPTER'S CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY PROJECT

*Phyllis Perkins, Secretary
Vienna Chapter #151
Vienna, West Virginia*

Our members organized a 2022 Christmas Community Project – “The Vienna Sanctuary of Light House.” This is a house dedicated to shelter/care for those who are from other outlying areas or counties who find it necessary to receive treatment on a daily or bi-daily schedule as they battle the dreaded disease, “Cancer.” During Covid, the facility had to be closed due to the possibility of spreading that disease to patients or to the volunteers caring for the Sanctuary of Light House. This facility, when available, can shelter families who have experienced loss of their home due to fire, flood, storm, etc. This facility is serviced totally by volunteers and supported by different area churches in Vienna, West Virginia. It was learned from the facility director, Michael Knotts, that the biggest expense and need for the Sanctuary of Light House currently was keeping a supply of paper, plastic products and laundry detergents. Vienna Chapter #151, Vienna, voted to provide all the needed items if we could possibly do that. As you can see by this photograph, we did just that and we arrived with two large vehicles full to the brim with the requested items. There was much appreciation extended to those who delivered, and Mike noted that we probably provided a year's supply of several of the items. It was such a blessing to help this important ministry.



PATCHWORK LEGACY OF LOVE

*Judy Morgan, PGM
Henderson Chapter #120
Henderson, Tennessee*

The challenge of Sister Linda Edens, WGM, to Tennessee Chapters: To support our community by giving a lap robe or quilt to those in need. Henderson Chapter #120, Henderson, Tennessee, chose this project to bring special cheer to our shut-in members at holiday time. A big plus was the opportunity of a group session to finish the project together. In December 2022, we enjoyed a day of work at the lodge, including lunch (of course). Thanks to Sister Kay Rickman, PGM and WM, for lunch. We finished and delivered 25 lap robes to our Sisters and Brothers, with a few going to local nursing homes to residents who have no visitors. The visits added an extra touch as well. The quilts were made by members, either, quilted, knitted or crocheted. We are confident that our labor of love brought a warm feeling both physically and mentally that will last through the year, as well as a warm feeling in our own hearts with a small act of kindness.



Leandra Martin, PM, recently celebrated her 96th Birthday

*Charlotte Webb AM, Kay Ivy, PM, Judy Ruth, PM,
Bettye Perry PM, Judy Morgan PGM*



WYOMING OES MEMBERS HONOR VETERANS DURING NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY



(L-R): Julie Houchin, PGM, and
Celie Russell, PM

*Lori Van Pelt, Organist
Snowy Range Chapter #45
Laramie, Wyoming*

OES members from Snowy Range Chapter #45 in Laramie, Wyoming, were among a number of local civic groups who placed wreaths on 711 graves in the city's Greenhill Cemetery during the National Wreaths Across America Day on December 17, 2022.



Ceremonies are held nationwide and in cemeteries on foreign soil on the same date and time so that all can take a few moments to recognize the 2.7 billion veterans from all branches of the Military Services of the US, including POWs and MIAs. The Laramie remembrance began with a Veteran of each branch of the Military laying a wreath at the base of the Grand Army of the Republic monument, (pictured on the right) which is said to be the only such statue in the US to depict a common soldier rather than an officer. Wreaths were also placed for POWs and MIAs.

The national organization's mission is to "honor, remember, and teach" about Veterans. In Laramie, a multigenerational gathering of people placed the balsam wreaths which symbolize a variety of ideas, including the Veterans' "belief in the greater good," as well as the circular wreath shape, which represents eternity.

The Laramie members have been participating in the annual event since 2018, and the Chapter and its individual members donated 20 wreaths in 2022.

To learn more about Wreaths Across America, visit the website at:
<https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org>.

GOSHEN CHAPTER'S TRADITIONAL DECEMBER MEETING

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

Today as I reflect on the special moments this Christmas Season gifted me with, I must acknowledge the fun and joy we celebrated at our December 20, 2022, Eastern Star meeting. We began the evening by wrapping the benevolence gifts we purchased for two teens (a girl and a boy). The shoppers were able to purchase all the gifts requested on their list. Our benevolence continued with the purchase and distribution of 15 poinsettias for our shut-ins. These were purchased and donated to the Chapter by a member and his wife, who also helped others distribute and visit with these very pleased members. I believe they were very happy to have visitors. We shared a carry in dinner, then on to the meeting at which we sang "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night" and conducted the necessary business. The meeting closed. Then with all the important items out of the way, we returned to the dining room for our fun celebration. Snacks and delicious treats and a (One Pound) gift exchange. Everyone seems to enjoy finding the perfectly unique gift. After everyone has a gift in front of them, Tracy reads a left-right story. She is very good at this and makes it a lot of fun. The story ends and we begin opening the gifts one at a time. It is fun watching to see what was in those prettily wrapped gifts. The one I found most unique was a pound of Chinese Fortune Cookies. As usual Goshen Chapter OES members responded to their traditions of Charity, Loving Kindness, and Socializing. It was truly a special evening.

GEORGIA OES RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR

*Tami Awe, Associate Conductress
Frances Bell Chapter #75
Harlem, Georgia*

The Grand Family of Georgia held a Rockin' and Rollin' in the New Year fundraiser dinner and dance to kick off 2023. Sister Joyce Royal, WGM, and Brother John Wigger, WGP, dressed up as Granny Grits and the Baby New Year respectively, giving everyone a great laugh!! Entertainment was provided by Brandon Blackwell and Friends - great band that kept us dancing into the night. The New Year's toast was given by Sister Tami Awe. She started the toast by stating it was "in honor and remembrance of all the beautiful women who came before us."

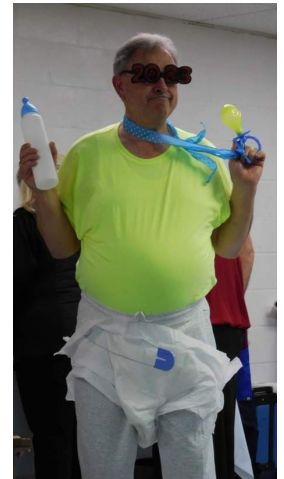
The WGM and WGP took the opportunity while having everyone together to give Brother Walter Waddell, of Cumming, a Grand Representative appointment to Puerto Rico! We're all saving our pennies so we can go with him!!



Joyce Royal, WGM, as
Granny Grits.



Joan Hendrix introduced Tami Awe to
give the New Year's toast.



John Wigger, WGP,
dressed as the Baby New
Year.



Carol Olsen, WM of Frances Bell #75, and Kim
Gunby, Co-Chair, Registration, GGCCM,
celebrate New Year's with noise makers
and funky glasses.



Carol Howard, Grand Treasurer, and Annelle
Hammond, PGM.



John Wigger, WGP, and Joyce Royal, WGM, appoint Walter Waddell as
Grand Representative to Puerto Rico in Georgia.



The Band: Brandon Blackwell and Friends

DEGREES ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON BRINGS MEMBERSHIP TO 41!

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

Lakeside Chapter #60, Sabattus meeting in Wales, held a special afternoon meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2023 to initiate two new members. What was really exciting for the members of the Chapter is this makes six new members they have initiated in the last few months. That brings their membership to 41. The candidates were the husband and daughter-in-law of a recent member who was installed as Esther and learned the initiation lecture. She was almost perfect in her Ritual work.

It's a rural area and they are blessed with having three Sisters who are past the age of 90 and attend all the meetings, as well as holding Offices. In fact, they have almost all their Stations filled including the Organist.

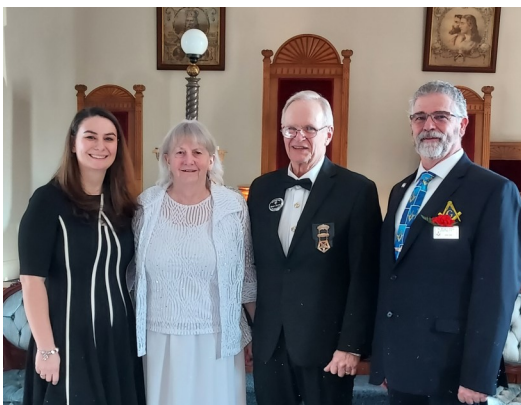
There were 35 members present from 10 Chapters. Those joining have the last name of Nadeau and now there are five members with that last name, including Brother Richard Nadeau who is the Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine and was present to be part of this special afternoon when more members of his family joined the Order.

The Degree team consisted of the following members:

Joselyn Jervis, Worthy Matron
Brett Jervis, PGP, Worthy Patron
Harriet Stretton, Associate Matron
Arthur Dunlap, PGP, Associate Patron
Kathie Laplitte, Secretary
Vicki Kelly, DDGM #4, Treasurer
Corley Anne Byras, GGCCM, PGM, Conductress
Rachel Nadeau, Associate Conductress
Patricia Rea, Chaplain
Peter Stinson, AGP, Marshal
Debra Greim, Organist
Josephine Dupal, Adah
Gail Morgan, Ruth
Annette Nadeau, Esther
Norma Manning, Martha
Linda Gray, Electa
Mark Gray, Warder
Yvonne Winslow, Sentinel



Degree Team and New Members



Mariah Nadeau; Jocelyn and Brett Jervis; and Michael Nadeau



Nadeau Family: Richard, Rachel, Mariah, Annette and Michael

GREETINGS TO OUR GRAND FAMILY

*Joan Bachtell, WM
Hagerstown Chapter #89
Hagerstown, Maryland*

Editor's Note: How blessed are some with a talent for writing. Our Sister Joan Bachtell has written her greetings for our Grand Visitations for many years. I thought I'd share some that she recently gave in honor of Service Dogs. Sister Joan and her husband, Brother Jim, are parents to be a beautiful black Lab named Jenny.

Our Mascot, Lady Jenny, was very disappointed that she could not come to this meeting as she wanted to meet and greet the Grand Officers and some of the Canine Warriors and Service Dogs. So, she asked if I would present her greetings to each of you from the chapter and her.

Worthy Grand Matron:

Jenny says: You look so kind, I bet you talk to your animal friends really sweet,
And if you talk that way to me, I'd give you a big lick on the cheek.

Worthy Grand Patron:

Jenny says – Men are very special to me you know how women are,
They sashay around, wag their tails and send a wink from afar.

Elected General Grand Chapter Officer (Jon Thompson):

Jenny says – Wow, how honored we are to have you with us
Now I know why they made such a big fuss.

General Grand Chapter Committee Chairman and Members:

Jenny says – This is quite impressive having so many GCCC's here tonight
I certainly hope Worthy Matron, Joan gets her greetings right.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons:

Jenny says – We are honored to welcome you and hope you have a good time
Because we like to have fun here in Hagerstown Chapter #89.

Grand Officers of MD:

Jenny says – What a great looking group of distinguished guests
We are supporting you now and all the way to the end of your year.

Grand Representatives of MD and other Jurisdictions:

Jenny says – It's an honor to be a grand representative and travel all around
If I were one, I'd sit quietly in the seat and never make a sound.

Deputy Grand Lecturers of MD and other Jurisdictions:

Jenny says – Teachers are wonderful and they are full of so much information
When I follow the rules, I get treats of bones and crispy bacon.

Worthy Matrons and Patrons of other Chapters:

Jenny says – I'm told by my parents that you are the leaders of the Chapter
But that all the Officers and Members really enjoy working together.

Past Matrons and Past Patrons of other Chapters:

Jenny says – So I thought since you've been the leaders you now get to rest
But my parents started laughing and said take another guess.

Visitors :

Jenny says – Sometimes I get to go places and watch what's going on
I guess that's what visitors do when they want to tag along.

Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Officers, Members and Honorary Members of
Hagerstown Chapter #89:

Jenny says – My folks always talk about you and say how great you are
Many of you know me and come pet me when I'm in our car.

Masonic Brothers:

Jenny says – Wow! Look at all those handsome, stately and well-dressed men
Just like my parent, Brother Jim, they can pet me again and again.

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