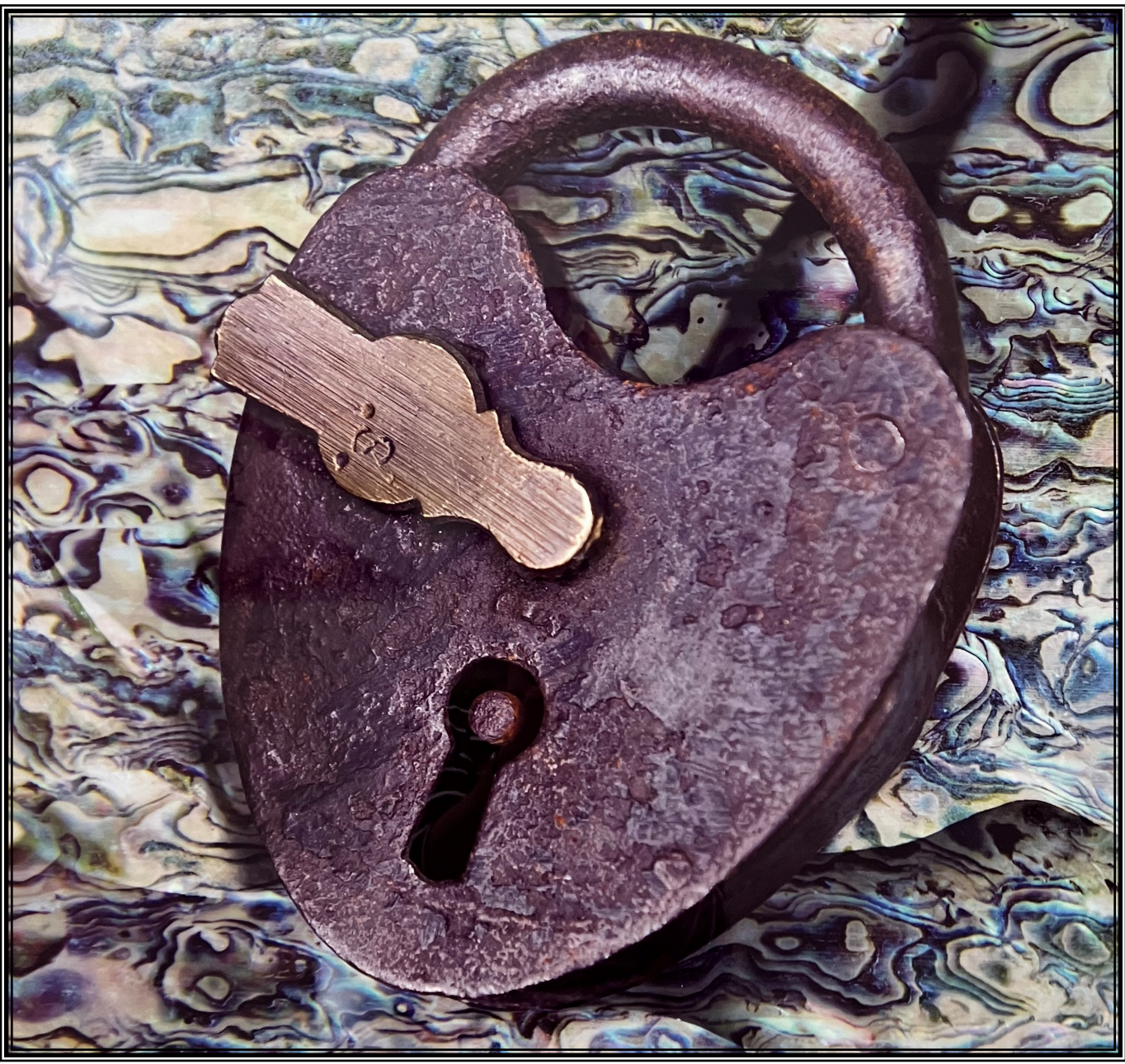


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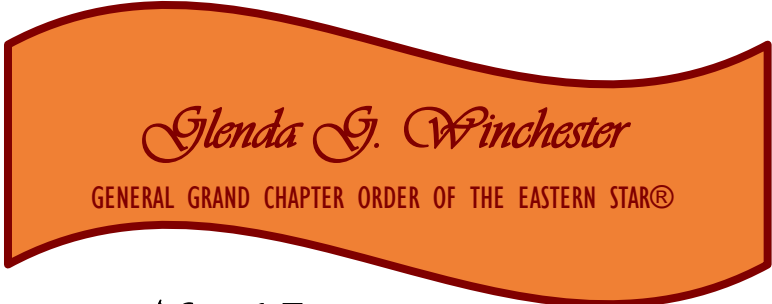


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 *Notes of Interest*
From our Most Worthy Grand Matron

Do you know? Members around the world are marching with great zeal spreading the lessons and teachings of our beautiful Order. Also, the charities are showing a record to be proud of today and always. In Montana, Supreme Rainbow Assembly, Board of Trustees Meeting, New Hampshire, Ontario, Maryland, Kentucky, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Ohio, and Italy, the members were believing, caring, and loving in their actions. Together, we can make our Order the "Best" organization in the world. Place these two words on your mirror, "WE CAN," and read it daily.

In the Grand Chapter of Montana, I was appointed to collect the ballots during the election of Officers, a fun time for me. The Worthy Grand Matron Jeannie and the Worthy Grand Patron John stated that it was a good way to earn my keep - I agree with them.

The Supreme Rainbow Assembly celebrated their 100th year. There were Rainbow girls from around the world coming together in beautiful drills. It was a joy to be asked to speak at the 100th Assembly in Oklahoma. I requested the adult Eastern Star workers to stand and I was so grateful to see over 100 members working with the Youth

At the Board of Trustees meeting, I realized the Members of the Board need a "big" thank you for the hours of service they give freely in the performance of their duties. If you cross their paths, please say a thank you to them.

In New Hampshire, the Worthy Grand Patron Craig tested my accounting skills ($5 + 5 = 10$ in my book) but in his book it equals 2 feet - 5 toes on the right foot and 5 toes on the left foot equals 2 feet. I guess my accounting skills need some tuning.

It took a little time to get to Ontario's Grand Chapter but once there, I had a grand time with the members. Sadie, a lovely Service Dog, gave me a hug that melted my heart. The Service Dog Project is helping so many men, women and children.

The Maryland Grand Chapter came together in September to celebrate 125 years. The event was ever so wonderful with a program that honored the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons over many years. On September 12, many were bussed to Arlington Cemetery to place an Eastern Star wreath on the Unknown Soldier's Tomb. The Worthy Grand Matron Carol and the Worthy Grand patron Richard of Maryland extended to the Most Worthy Grand Patron and myself the honor of joining them in placing the wreath - what a special moment for all.

Kentucky is the home state of Brother Michael Berry, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. Many joined Kentucky members in honoring our Brother. I enjoyed being in the presence of Worthy Grand Matron Myrna and Worthy Grand Patron Bobby at the "In His Hands Session." Just wish everyone could have heard the beautiful music and songs.

On September 21, I joined with members of the Grand Chapter of Florida in a tour of the WFIRM in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The tour of the Regenerative Medicine Research Labs was very educational for all. Regenerative medicine is offering mankind a better way of life. Brother Billy Williams, Co-Chairman for General Grand Chapter Regenerative Medicine Committee, presented from the Grand Chapter of Florida a donation of \$87,000. I was so happy to be included in this amazing event.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your kindness and support given me in the Official Visits. There is no way to write down all the amazing things that you do for me but please know that you have a place in my heart and your gifts shall be remembered forever.

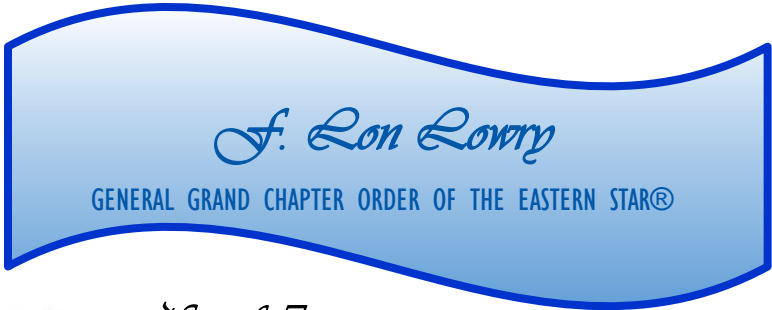
On December 3rd, 2022, a Special Assembly will be held at the International Headquarters to elect and install a Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. The Most Worthy Grand Patron and I have accepted Brother Jon Thompson's wishes to leave the office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel because of health problems. Please lift up Sister Wilma and Brother Jon in your prayers.

We are marching on without Sister Helen J Westmoreland, PMWGM, 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 of the time!

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





Notes of Interest

From our Most Worthy Grand Patron

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

As our June travels and Grand Visitations began to wind down, we began to look forward to new destinations and greet more of our wonderful members. The weather has been great and sunny skies have prevailed on our journeys.

Our next Grand Visitation took us to Helena, Montana, for the "Wings of Friendship" 132nd Grand Session. We had a wonderful time here and got to see some of the "Big Sky" country, and "The Gates" that Lewis and Clark wrote about as they travelled the Great Missouri River in the Rocky Mountains.

In early August on our travels to Bowling Green, Kentucky, we stopped to gather with my Ohio (OH) 2012 Grand Family. Next day we arrived in Bowling Green for the Annual Tri-State get together of Kentucky (KY), West Virginia and OH members. While there, we visited the Corvette Museum.

ZOOM ZOOM!!!!

The middle of August, we travelled to Concord, New Hampshire, for the 131st Grand Chapter Session, "Life is a Magical Journey." There we met many new friends and enjoyed the fellowship. The fall foliage was not yet in view.

Our next travels took us, to Toronto, Canada, for the "Wonders of Winter" Grand Session. I had been to Toronto on a business trip many years ago. This is the home of our RWGTrustee, Sister Helen Delaney, and spouse Pat. Gracious hosts.

Next flight was in September and we arrived in Cockeysville, Maryland (MD), for the Grand Chapter's 125th Anniversary Celebration. It was a terrific afternoon and quite an achievement.

The next day, we travelled to the Arlington National Cemetery where the WGM and WGP of MD had invited the MWGM and me to join them in placing an Order of the Eastern Star Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Such an Honor, and very moving for me as a United States Navy Veteran.

A couple of days later, we flew to Louisville for the Official Visit to the Grand Chapter of KY. I had been to the Galt House several times over the years and have always enjoyed our visit in Louisville. The Hotel is next to the Ohio River, and is a very scenic area. This city is the home of our RWAGP, Brother Michael Berry. We were pleased to board the steamboat for the cruise down the Ohio River and enjoy a delicious dinner.

Next, we flew home to prepare to drive to my Jurisdiction's "We've a Story to Tell" Grand Chapter Session which was held in Sharonville, OH This was the second Grand Session held here, and we were advised that the 2023 and 2024 Sessions will also be held there. One of the events held at the Grand Session was my "My Homecoming."

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



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Charles Chandler

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 *Notes of Interest*

From our Right Worthy Grand Secretary

It's a Wonderful OES Life

It's that time of year again. Pumpkin lattes and Judy's favorite movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Beginning in October, there is little traffic on my television except for that old Jimmie Stewart movie.

You remember the storyline, I'm sure. George Bailey runs into some financial difficulties and in an exasperated moment, wishes he had not been born. My favorite character in the movie is Clarence the angel, and Clarence granted George's wish. Most of the movie centers around George facing the present and the future of his beloved Bedford Falls with no trace of George Bailey.

Eastern Star has itself faced some hardships recently, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. There were no meetings, no money in the silver drills and no dinners. It was a scary time for all of us. It was almost as bad as Bedford Falls. No Eastern Star!

Have you ever thought about life with no "Star?" I can't imagine what my existence would be. I love my church, but when I have a need, I go to my Sisters and Brothers. I have thousands of friends on Facebook, but without my fraternal friends, I have only a few. My passion for community service, Service Dogs and Regenerative Medicine make up a large portion of "who I am." And my music? Much of it centers around His "Star in the East."

When I remember the pandemic, however, I am reminded of the great spirit of our Order. I remember how many "seniors" learned how to turn on a computer so they could Zoom with their Chapter. And my favorite Star activity turned lemons into lemonade when our Arizona friends invented "Masking with the Stars." If we had to wear masks, we would wear masks that displayed our Order or our Lodge.

Thankfully, I don't have to live without my Sisters and Brothers. I see them every day in the Office, at Chapter and on Facebook. It's enough to inspire me to work hard so that others can love my extended family like I do. After all, it's a wonderful OES life!

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

On the road again
Goin' places that I've never
been
Seein' things that I may never
see again
And I can't wait to get on the
road again.
Willie Nelson

Do those words to the famous Willie Nelson song, "On the Road Again" sound familiar as many of our Jurisdictions that go dark for the summer months started holding meetings and events again? Personally, with my husband serving as the AGP of Maryland, it certainly did mean "on the road" for us covering many miles as we had the opportunity to visit with our Sisters and Brothers. Somehow summer flew by and the leaves started dancing in the air dressed in their vibrant colors of orange, red and gold. I love everything pumpkin and we all know what great cooks our members are so I've enjoyed the many treats served at our meetings.

But my husband and I haven't been the only ones on the road, attending meetings and events as one reading our *Journal* can attest. Thanks to our members for their articles showing the good deeds we do and celebrating milestone birthdays and anniversaries. I realize that the *Journal* is not the only publication that promotes Eastern Star as Jurisdictions have their own newsletters, there are several Facebook accounts and there are other social media venues available 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.). As stated by Sister Sara Quinby in her great article on the GGC Public Relations Committee (see page 17), "Always remember **YOU** are the best **public relations representative** the Order has." 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 have been surprised 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*. That way we can show the world that Eastern Star is alive and thriving and encourage membership.

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 cider, 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



Ed and I at his Grand Line Reception in October.

Let's give a great BIG

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for the Eastern Star!



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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.



*Autumn
lures me on
her road to
travel miles
scattered
with gold.*



CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

Do you enjoy taking pictures?

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

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

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

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Happy "snapping!"



*Autumn is a second spring when
every leaf is a flower. A. Camus*

*Train ride: Nancy Ford
Autumn leaf and sunrise: Robin Stewart, PM
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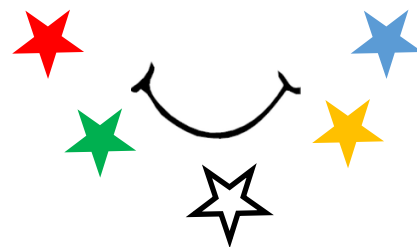


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*be the face of
Eastern Star!*

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

Courtesy of the Florida Stargazer Newsletter October 2022

September 2022

Winston-Salem, NC

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Article written by Carla Girtman, PM
Grand Representative of New Brunswick
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After a Q&A with Dr. Atala, the MWGM Glenda Winchester, spoke on the support OES was with the regenerative program, how Wake Forest Institute aligns with OES's ideals, and without funding, there can be no research. And without research, there would be no medical cures.

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



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



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

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

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





TOURING THE WAKE FOREST INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

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

Taking a tour of WFIRM is an experience one will always remember. The miracles, yes I would call them miracles, they perform daily in their research will one day benefit all of us. My husband and I have had the pleasure of touring two times. We first toured in June with our Sisters and Brothers from Ohio (OH) as we joined the group on their way home to OH from South Carolina's Session. A thank you to Sister Peg Reiterman, GGCCChairman for Regenerative Medicine, PGM of OH, for extending this courtesy to us. Some of the pictures shown below are from that tour. Ed and I enjoyed spending down time with our OH friends at the Brookstone Inn and were treated to a trip to Dewey's for some delicious ice cream and Moravian sugar cake (plus other goodies). Sister Geneva joined us on the bus and gave a brief tour of the Winston-Salem area. On a personal note, as we were joined by the staff for lunch, I had the pleasure of meeting staff member Luana Sueko. Luana and I have kept in touch and I look forward to hearing great things on the research that she is involved with.

Our next visit was joining our Sisters and Brothers from Florida (FL) for their monetary presentation to WFIRM. Many thanks to Sister Charlene Williams, GGCCM Bylaw Committee, PGM of FL, and Sister Peg Reiterman for extending an invitation to join them. A special thanks to Sister Carla Girtman for her previous article on the visit. The weather was great and we enjoyed sharing the wine and cheese and then milk and cookies together as we gathered in the courtyard under a starlight sky.

While photographs are off-limit, I did receive permission to include those below. Here's some more information on the research being conducted at WFIRM (also see following page from WFIRM):

- Neo-Natal on the condition that causes the intestines to rot;
- Kids with Autism—70% have intestinal issues (i.e., IBS, Crohn's disease);
- Lung on a chip to benefit those with cystic fibrosis and other lung issues, especially little babies;
- PATMOS - a grant from DOD to allow researchers to identify a virus and find a solution which will not only benefit our Armed Forces but all mankind;
- Burns/skin/wound healing - developing wound care that military can carry with them on the battlefield, in addition to working on solutions for wounds that won't heal;
- Bladders/Pelvic Girdles - grow several body parts that have been damaged in an IED explosion

The keynote is that "ALL" the above, plus all the other research projects that are currently going on at WFIRM (i.e., skin cell replacement, knee joint replacements, macular degeneration and the study on ear "hair" cells to prevent hearing loss), not only benefit our babies and soldiers, but "ALL" of us. This world of research, using the bodies "OWN stem cells, is absolutely a gift from God to man.



(Left) Florida



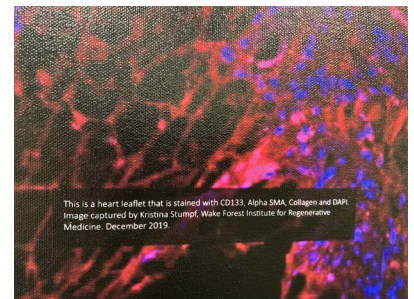
(Right) Ohio



MWGM Glenda Winchester and



Artwork displayed at WFIRM:
Poster on "Keys to the Cure"
Photo of stained heart leaflet



This is a heart leaflet that is stained with CD133, Alpha SMA, Collagen and DAPI. Image captured by Kristina Stumpf, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, December 2019.



(L-R) Charlene Williams, MWGM Glenda Winchester, Luana Sueko (WFIRM Staff member), Nancy Ford and Peg Reiterman

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

WFIRM ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements of Institute scientists include engineering replacement tissues and organs in all four categories: flat structures, tubular tissues, hollow organs and solid organs.

- ◆ First to demonstrate that complex, layered tissue structures can be engineered using cells. (1994)
- ◆ Developed the first tissue-engineered product to go to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for Phase 1 approval for clinical applications, consisting of cells and biomaterials for injectable therapy. (1995)
- ◆ First to use biomaterials alone, without addition of cells, implanted in patients for the regeneration of organs. (1996)
- ◆ First to create a laboratory-grown organ — engineered bladder tissue (hollow organ) that was successfully implanted in patients. (1999 first implantation; publication 2006)
- ◆ First to create a functional experimental solid organ, a miniature kidney that secretes urine. (2003)
- ◆ Led the team that engineered tubular organs (urine conduits) and implanted them in patients. (2004 first implantation; publication 2011)
- ◆ Founded the Regenerative Medicine Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of regenerative medicine treatments and therapies. (2005)
- ◆ Proved feasibility of printing living tissue structures to replace injured or diseased tissue in patients. (2006)
- ◆ Identified and characterized a new source of stem cells derived from amniotic fluid and placenta, which show promise for the treatment of many diseases. (2007)
- ◆ Selected to co-lead the Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine, an \$85 million, federally funded effort to apply regenerative medicine to battlefield injuries. (2008)
- ◆ Started the first initiative for regenerative medicine manufacturing, through the establishment of a joint industrial engineering program (2008) and the Regenerative medicine Manufacturing Society. (2014)
- ◆ First to engineer functional experimental solid organs (penile tissue and livers) using a strategy to recycle donor organs, with potential applications to other solid organs, such as the kidney and pancreas. (2004 and 2010)
- ◆ Led the team that implanted engineered vaginas into four girls with a rare genetic defect. (2005 first implantation; publication 2014)
- ◆ Selected to lead the 2nd phase of the Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine, a \$75-million project. (2013)
- ◆ Developed a 3D bioprinter (the Integrated Tissue and Organ Printing System) over a 14-year period specifically designed to print living tissue structures. (publication 2016)
- ◆ Developed a highly functional body-on-a-chip platform that integrates multiple normal human cell derived tissues with a common “blood” supply system for drug toxicity testing and personalized medicine. (2017)
- ◆ Developed miniature 3D human brains (organoids), the first engineered tissue equivalent to naturally resemble the normal human blood brain barrier, containing all six major cell types found in organs. (publication 2018)
- ◆ Developed an engineered uterus that can sustain pregnancy and live delivery pre-clinically. (publication 2020)
- ◆ WFIRM team won 1st and 2nd place in the NASA Vascular Tissue Challenge, creating vascularized liver tissues with two different 3D bioprinting methods. (2021)

Article courtesy of WFIRM



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September 14, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As one of the General Grand Chapter Committee Members for Regenerative Medicine, I have organized a fundraising cruise to Alaska for all of us. The cruise will take place July 24 - 31, 2023 with a representative from WFIRM (Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine) aboard. Peg Reiterman, PGM Ohio is Chair of our Committee and, as a travel agent, has agreed to handle all reservations. A flyer and reservation form are attached. Please give the flyer wide distribution in your jurisdiction. All are invited to take this exciting and informative journey.

Many of you may be like I was and not know anything about regenerative medicine. A short explanation is that just like a starfish regenerates a lost leg, regenerative medicine uses your body to replace or restore function to damaged or diseased tissues and organs and provide treatments for some of the diseases and injuries currently classified as untreatable. It is Science Fiction made real. We are truly excited regarding the partnership between WFIRM and the Order of the Eastern Star and we sincerely thank Sister Glenda and Brother Lon for their clear endorsement of this amazing project.

Remember when we were all wearing masks, staying at home, getting the vaccines and trying to act normal? Well, the doctors, scientists, researchers, and lab technicians at WFIRM were working. The doors were locked to the institute, but the research never stopped. You see, their mantra is “NEXT IS NOW”, always dedicated to finding a cure, not just a treatment.

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In Boston, a young woman named JoAnn, is in shock. She has just been told that she has diabetes and will have to go on insulin or medication. She now faces a future which could include neuropathy, blindness, amputation....she knew diabetes ran in her family but she's only 35. What does that mean for her life? And more importantly, what does this mean for her children?

In Portland, a single Mother of two waits in line for her time in dialysis. She is one of 113,000 people nationwide, on the organ transplant list waiting for a kidney. She is worried. Worried because she is a single mother and she has to keep a job so she can feed her children, now 8 and 10. She wonders how long she will have to wait and IF there is a kidney out there that will be a match for her body. As she settles slowly back into her chair for another 4 hour dialysis session to stay alive, she prays again “PLEASE GOD, LET THAT NEW KIDNEY COME SOON”

At the WFIRM, they hear stories like these every day. As Dr. Atala says, “ these stories break our hearts.” The scientists at WFIRM feel compelled to help.

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Imagine no more diabetes because we can use stem cells and gene therapy to heal the pancreas!

Imagine a world where stem cells could be used to increase the effectiveness of cancer drugs or stop the development of Parkinson's or Multiple Sclerosis.....

Imagine a world where hearing aids are no longer necessary because they can replace the hair follicles in your ears using your own stem cells!

THE KEY WORD IS IMAGINE.....the list goes on and on and REGENERATIVE MEDICINE is the HOPE and it's HERE and NOW!!

Please join us on the Quantum Leap for Regenerative Medicine Alaskan Cruise and help us raise funds for this critical research.

Fraternally,

Charles H. Jones, GGCCM

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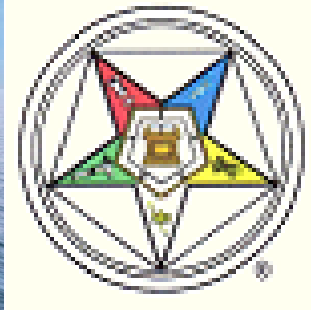
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TELL “ALL” OF THE GOOD DEEDS OF OUR ORDER

*Sara Quniby, GGCCChairman, Public Relations, PGM
Naomi Chapter #20
Wilmington, Delaware*

Hello, my name is Sister Sara Quinby. Some of you know me as ‘Happy Glass’. I am a PGM of Delaware (DE) and for this Triennium, I am serving as Chairman of GGC’s Public Relations Committee.

When Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM, first asked me to chair this Committee, I thought it would be interesting and at the same time challenging. I have been an active member of Eastern Star for almost 60 years. I love Star and I love to talk, a good combination! My favorite topic is the Order of the Eastern Star. I enjoy telling people I meet about the “good work” Star does in our community and the “fun times” we have at our activities. We work together and play together, all for the good of the Order.

Public Relations is a way of building and maintaining a positive image with the public. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways. When relating to a friends (non-members), we can tell them what a great time we had at the neighborhood yard sale we held last week. How much fun we had collecting and selling all the ‘goodies’ our members gave. How much money we raised and what we did with it. For example, “Our Chapter had a rummage sale last week. Our members donated wonderful items for us to sell. We had a great time and raised money that we’re donating to the ‘Service Dog Committee.’”

We should always try to remember to be positive when speaking in the presence of non-members. Negative remarks can easily turn off non-members and potential candidates.

Public Relations people are storytellers. They try to build a mutual and beneficial relationship between the public and the organization they represent. You and I are the “BEST” public relations people the Order has to offer.

In dealing with the public, we should try to create a story, “Let your good work shine!” A good story is the most common form of public relations. When speaking to a non-member, perhaps tell them about the new officers that were recently installed in your Chapter. What excellent memory work the Installing Officer did. What the decorations in the room looked like. What the new WM is planning for her year. Future activities of the Chapter that you think they would enjoy attending.

Talk or relate an activity your Chapter is having. For example, this year the GC of Delaware will be selling honey to benefit our Service Dog Committee. Last year, we were able to donate \$10,000 to a small child suffering from epilepsy to help towards the cost of a Service Dog that will alert her family when she is about to have a seizure. If your GC has an ESTARL or scholarship program, talk about it.

Is your Chapter or GC doing community service? Do you visit firehouses and/or police stations? Why not make a small basket of treats and take it to local firehouses, first responders, emergency room workers; any public service group. Always include a note saying how much we appreciate the good service they give to our community. You may not realize it, but these little acts of kindness are all good publicity for our Order.

There are various tools that are available to us that do not involve spending a lot of money. Does your community have a parade on July 4th? Why not get together some of the members from your Chapter to ride on a small float. Be sure to make a sign for the float. Again, let your light shine.

Do you volunteer at the local hospitals? My husband and I work as escorts at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Elsmere, DE. We take the patients who require wheelchairs to their appointments. We wear OES emblems on our volunteer vests. We use a hobby cart to distribute clothing, toiletries, hobbies, etc., to the Veterans who live in the Community Living Center at the hospital. We have a big OES emblem on the front of our cart. We always tell the residents, “These gifts are from the members of the Order of the Eastern Star.” Again, “Let your light shine.”

Additional tools are giving press releases to various newspapers and radio stations in your area and planning social events that are designed for public outreach.

There is an old saying among Public Relations people, “Advertising is what you pay for public relations is what you pray for.”

Make use of social media. Post positive pictures and remarks. Put pictures taken at events on Facebook, Twitter, etc. Try to make people wish they had been there. Make them want to be part of the fun. Keep your remarks interesting. Talk or write about the fun we share when we’re together working for the good of our Order!

Above all else, always remember **YOU** are the best **public relations representative** the Order has.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

*Mary Adeline Bradford, GGC General Chairman Youth, PGM
Wicomico Chapter #91
Salisbury, Maryland*

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

This past month, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls held their 49th Biennial Session in Oklahoma City. One of the highlights of the session was the tour to the Supreme Temple in McAlester. The Supreme Temple was built in 1951 in the heart of McAlester. Designed by our founders as a working headquarters of functional offices, supply and shipping departments, it also includes artifacts from Rainbow Girls all over the world, a library, trophy room, several sponsored rooms displaying artifacts from different areas, as well as a large meeting room and stage which encompasses much of the third floor. Building materials from throughout the world were used in its construction. The Supreme Temple is architecturally significant as an excellent example of a mid-twentieth century Moderne Style building. A comprehensive assessment of the Supreme Temple was done in 2012. It was found to be in very good repair for its age with the exception of the HVAC system which was original to the building. Plans began to establish a Century Campaign to address the needs of the building. In 2013, the Supreme Temple was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

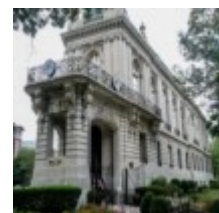
The Century Campaign was started in 2016 and divided into three Phases. Phase I was the replacement of the original HVAC System which was completed in 2018. Phase II is the re-glazing and sealing of windows and complete tuck pointing of the entire exterior of the building. Due to the pandemic, fundraising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

At the recent opening session of the Supreme Assembly on August 1, 2022 in Oklahoma City, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of OK, Mr. Scott Vincent, was joined by Mr. John L. Logan, Executive Director of the Masonic Charity Foundation of OK at the podium where they presented our Supreme Worthy Advisor, Mrs. Judy Fortenberry, with a check for \$100,000 representing a grant from the Masonic Charity Foundation of OK on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity of OK. These funds are intended to support the Century Campaign Phase II. In addition to this donation, the Masons of OK have challenged all supporters of Rainbow to support the restoration of the Supreme Assembly International Headquarters Century Campaign Phase II. To that end, they have issued this challenge: The Masons of Oklahoma will match dollar for dollar up to \$100,000 all donations made from August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is most grateful for the Masonic Charities Foundation of Oklahoma and all organizations and individuals who are assisting us with our Century Campaign.



INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS PROJECT “MARCHING IN STEP, LINK BY LINK”

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



The International Headquarters Project is designed to supplement donations by members for the general operation of our Headquarters. The International Headquarters gets one-third (1/3) of the per capita sent to GGC for this purpose. However, with a decrease in membership, there is a real need to support this project.

The Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters under GGC have been divided into three regions: Green, Red, Yellow based on membership by Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM. A Love Link will be awarded to a region when attaining \$50,000. We can do this by contributing \$1 per member each year of the Triennium and you can receive a sticker to show participation.

In addition, as you travel look for Committee members with “Our House” pins for a \$5 donation (picture at right). The MWGM and MWGP will recognize the region that collects the most in donations at the Triennial Assembly in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in 2024 by placing the love links of that region in the East. If there is no Committee member in your Jurisdiction, feel free to contact me or a member in a nearby Jurisdiction.



I am pleased to report that we have received enough contributions for our first project. Due to the amount of sun coming in, the A/C runs constantly thus creating a huge electric bill. To assist in reducing the bill, solar film is to be purchased and installed on the windows. This will create a noticeable difference in this bill.

On May 25, the red region lead the march by \$2,066 above the other 2 regions. As of November 9, the yellow region is leading the competition with the most donations so far.

Let's get to work!

Linda Hyatt, Chairman
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Arizona, Wyoming,
Colorado, New Mexico,
North Dakota, South
Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas,
Oklahoma, Texas, Iowa,
Minnesota, BC & Yukon,
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Saskatchewan, Bolivia,
Alaska, Aruba, Hawaii,
Mexico

GREEN REGION

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Louisiana, Wisconsin,
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Mississippi, Michigan,
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Guam, Brazil, Peru,
Philippines, Columbia,
Paraguay

YELLOW REGION

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Massachusetts, New
Hampshire, Rhode Island,
Connecticut, Pennsylvania,
West Virginia, Virginia,
Kentucky, Delaware, District
of Columbia, Maryland,
North Carolina, South Carolina,
Georgia, Alabama, Florida,
New Brunswick, Nova Scotia/PEI,
Italy, Germany, Romania, Taiwan

A MASONIC PILGRIMAGE TRIP

*John Hauser, GGCCM International Headquarters, PGP
Council Bluffs #441
Council Bluffs, Iowa*

Members from Iowa (IA) and Nebraska completed a motorcoach tour to Philadelphia and Washington, DC, billed as a Masonic Pilgrimage. The trip was organized by Brother John Hauser, GGCCM International Headquarters Committee and PGP of Iowa, to visit the Perry Belmont House, the International Headquarters of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The first destination was the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. It was built in 1873 and is on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. A guide escorted us through the Temple and showed us its ornate-themed Lodge rooms, Exhibit Hall and the Museum, which contains Washington's apron and many other historical treasures.

Next, we traveled to Arlington, Virginia, to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. We were given a tour of the Memorial Hall, the George Washington Museum, the Golden Age of Masonic Architecture exhibit, the theater, the Grand Masonic Hall, the Family of Freemasonry exhibit and the observation deck with views of Alexandria and Washington. The Family of Freemasonry exhibit has displays featuring Masonic organizations, including our Order. We were delighted to see the Grand Lodge of Iowa IA was the current Grand Lodge of the Month.

The morning after spending the night in Arlington, we headed into Washington to tour the International Headquarters at the Belmont House. We met at the grand staircase when we entered the foyer through the glass and iron front doors. Brothers Charles Chandler, RWGSecretary; Lawrence von Weigel, International Headquarters Administrator; and Paul Dolinsky, Historical Advisor, divided those in attendance into two groups to tour the building. We saw many beautiful things. They included the Eastern Star rug, a mural of the five Heroines of the Order, a hand-embroidered folding screen depicting a Royal Hunting Scene, a gold-leafed Steinway Grand Piano and 19th century oil paintings. We learned there is a project to refurbish the State Dining Room chairs with new caning and fabric that will cost \$600 per chair.

During the tour, we collected 25 cents each time someone used the "B" word (bus) to refer to the motorcoach. We presented \$300.03 to Brother Larry and RWGSecretary Emeritus Sister Betty Briggs issued a challenge to double the amount donated that could be used to refinish one of the chairs in the State Dining Room. By the end of the trip, the total amount collected was \$614.93.

Following the tour of the International Headquarters, we were hosted to lunch prepared by the Washington DC Temple Board and Star Chapters members at their meeting place on C Street. We saw their meeting room with the murals of the Heroines of our Order. It was great to fellowship with our Sisters and Brothers.

After lunch, we visited the National Mall and some of the Smithsonian Institute's facilities. In the evening, we saw several memorials, including the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Veterans Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial War.

The next day we headed for home. The trip highlighted the steps taken to preserve the International Headquarters and heard about what is planned. The building is in good

hands, but we all must contribute to help maintain and protect this priceless treasure.



*International Headquarters Committee Members
(L-R) Cheryl Beckius, PGM of Nebraska; John Hauser, PGP of Iowa, Larry von Weigel, Administrator; and Judy Chandler, PGM of West Virginia*



*(L-R) Front Row: Janelle Hammarsted, Claudia Hauser, Cheryl Beckius, John Hauser, Diane Bargfrede, Betty Briggs, Carolyn Smith, Nancy Kiehne
Second Row: Jane Green, Jean Smith, Geraldine Wilcox, Sandy Meridith, Peggy Liekweg, Mary Hicks Third Row: Lisa Hauser, Janice Alger, Nancy Ramthum, Ginny Corwin, Phill Corwin, Cindy Beatty, Brian Beatty, Becky Nolte, Diannine Gnat Fourth Row: Sheila Kienne, Ron Mullenger, Kathy Schwaller, Tim Ramthum, Charlotte Dietrich and Jim Dietrich*

JOINT GATHERING AT OUR INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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



(Left) Group picture on the Grand Staircase

(Right) Visiting WGMs and WGs

(L-R) Doug Moorhouse and Tammy Hundhausen, Wisconsin; Robert Starr and Beverly Gurner, District of Columbia; Carol Newman and Richard Naegele, Maryland



On Saturday, August 13, 2022, the District of Columbia hosted a gathering for members of Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin at the International Headquarters in Washington, DC. The gathering was held in coordination with a bus trip planned by the WGM of Wisconsin. It was a casual affair with great fellowship, food and fun. The surprise was listening to the beautiful music coming from the gold piano being played by Brother Charles Chandler, RWG Secretary. All enjoyed the very impressive tour of the beautiful appointments and items housed at our Headquarters. On the following page is an article submitted by Sister Tammy Hundhausen, WGM of Wisconsin.



Paintings of our Star Point Electa in the ceiling of the State Dining Room. Take special note of the clasped hands.

“PATHWAYS OF JOY” WISCONSIN FUN TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

*Tammy Hundhausen, WGM
Electa Chapter #75
Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

In planning for the Wisconsin (WI) 2022-23 “Pathways of Joy” WGM/WGP fun trip to Washington DC, we knew we wanted to include a visit to the Perry Belmont House, the International Headquarters, and a visit with the members of the Jurisdictions of Maryland and DC. With the help of Sisters Carol Newman, WGM of Maryland; Beverly Gurner, WGM of DC; and Brother Charles Chandler, RWG Secretary, a tour of the mansion and exchange event was planned for August 13, 2022.

A bus tour of 30 Wisconsin members started on our trip which included stops at Hershey World in Hershey, Pennsylvania (PA), the Flight 93 Memorial Park in Shanksville, PA; and 4 days touring the DC area. On the last day of our trip in DC, we eagerly arrived at the mansion and were warmly welcomed by Brother Larry von Weigel, International Headquarters Administrator; Sister Barbara (Barbie) Holmes, RWAGC; and Brother Charles Chandler and his wife, Sister Judy, GGCCM International Headquarters and PGM of West Virginia, along with the members of Maryland, DC, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

We split into two groups to tour and admire the art collections and everything about the various rooms, including the walls and ceilings! We found several of the WI PGM or PGP badges that were donated and on display and checked the time on the grandfather clock donated by WI years ago. We met back up with the other group to enjoy treats and some social time, even singing Happy Birthday to Sister Judy. One last surprise was that Brother Charlie played the march he had written for Brother Doug and me called “The Joyful Gnomes” for this Grand Year on the gold piano (only 1 of 3 in existence, and the same one that Liberace even wanted to buy!). What a thrill to hear it played on that piano and by Brother Charlie! He played a few more tunes for everyone, and then another member visiting asked to play on it. We finished with a group picture on the double staircase of everyone there, and then of the three WGMs/WGPs. We sadly had to say goodbye to all our new OES friends as we had to start our way back home. This day was definitely the highlight of our trip!



JOIN US AT THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN

*Lynn Hagberg, GGC Committee Chairman, PGM of Manitoba
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SAVE THE DATE

***International Peace Garden Pilgrimage
August 11-13, 2023***

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the Eastern Star Pilgrimage Committee, I am pleased to tell everyone that we will be receiving funds from The General Grand Chapter to pay for the rent of the buildings that we will be using at the Peace Garden for the Pilgrimage. These funds must be repaid. Therefore, we will be having a Pilgrimage on August 12 -13, 2023. We have had to shorten it by one half a day so we won't be having a Vesper Service or registration on the Friday night.

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.

In the next few months, I will be sending out all the information and registration and meal forms.

We are very pleased to send out this good news after six years without a Pilgrimage.

Fraternally,

Lynne Hagberg, Chairman

International Peace Garden Chapel Committee

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Kathie Brown, PGM

Member of the Service Dog Committee 2022-2023

Aracia Chapter #272

St. Louis Park, Minnesota



Invitation

In 2019, Minnesota (MN) established a Service Dog Committee and Grand Line Officers decided to support Helping Paws, based in Hopkins, as they provide Service Dogs for Veterans with PTSD. MN Grand Chapter has given a significant amount of money to Helping Paws, and a number of members felt OES was not getting sufficient recognition. A meeting took place with Helping Paws new executive director in April 2022, and she suggested a number of things to improve OES visibility. OES used \$5,000 of the money raised for the project in 2021-2022 to become a top sponsor for Helping Paws Tail Waggin' Dinner, their largest fundraising event, held on September 10, 2022. Eastern Star was given two tables at the dinner as part of the sponsorship, and 20 MN members paid \$50 each to attend that dinner (so the entire \$5,000 went to Helping Paws). MN members also contributed gift cards for gift baskets donated to a silent auction held at the dinner. Those baskets raised a total of \$1,250 for Helping Paws. Helping Paws definitely knows Eastern Star now! OES members are very happy with the improved visibility and look forward to continuing to make Eastern Star known in MN for support of Service Dogs.



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Jane and Ron Ward with Flo Jo-Jane has trained many Service Dogs and currently chairs Minnesota's Service Dog Committee.



Poster at Event



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DISASTER ARTICLE FROM GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY IN THE MIDST OF TRADEGY, BLESSINGS

*Alice Wiggins, PGM
Rising Star #115
Frankfort, Kentucky*

Weather tragedies are all considered unpredictable but December 10, 2021, may have been the longest day in the history of many residents living in Western Kentucky (KY) as tornados hurled through the land from Mayfield to Bowling Green. Then tornados later returned to leave their mark on the Jefferson County surrounding area. Plans, memories and life as they knew it were changed immensely. Very quickly, Sister Myrna LaFoy, WGM, and Brother Bobby Butler, WGP, stepped into action with hands on the ground assisting our own Sister Linda Overfield, AGM, her family, as well as others. Two of our Chapters/Lodges were affected requiring attention. Our WGM responded to the charitable task and phone calls were made. Soon a Tornado Relief Fund was established to assist our members and victims of the tragedy. Thanks to donations from our KY members, GGC, 18 of our United States, multiple Chapters, State groups, Arizona Stars (Sister Billie Bradfield's (RWAGM) personal club and other personal donations; **\$113,000** was recognized. Even the WGM of Ohio challenged each Chapter to take a separate collection just for KY's Tornado Relief! Every dollar made a difference as it continues to help in the face of reestablishing a normal homestead. We can only offer empty words of thanks to all who made a difference by donating to assist those who were affected. May you each know that through your faithful gift, God blessed each of us and others as the monetary gifts were distributed.

As our members know, we now have another weather disaster to watch resolve. Our Eastern KY valleys were flooded and many of our members and two of our Lodges realized damage by its path. The WGM and WGP find themselves requesting assistance for those who have been affected. The words again are empty, but God continues to bless our hearts, hands and efforts as we reach out once again to those in need. Our Eastern Star philanthropy recognizes many efforts of Charity, Truth and Loving kindness so with that thought, another Disaster Relief Fund was established to offer assistance to our members in need. Remember the Widow's Mite made a difference, and we can as well. God blesses every penny given in love and charity.

Donations may be sent to: Grand Secretary, 102 E. Washington St., LaGrange, KY 40031
(on memo line add, For Disaster Relief.



MARYLAND'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Chairman, 125th Anniversary Committee
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On September 11, 2022, the Grand Chapter of Maryland (MD) celebrated 125 years of Eastern Star history at the Boumi Shrine, in Baltimore. Over 300 members and friends joined in our long-anticipated celebration. Sister Carol A. Newman, WGM, and Brother Richard P. Naegele, WGP, were honored to welcome Sister Glenda G. Winchester, MWGM, and Brother F. Lon Lowery, MWGP, and his wife, Sister Barbara; Brother Charles Chandler, RWGSecretary, and his wife Sister Judy, PGM of West Virginia; Sister Debbie Dhayer, RWGC; Sister Bonnie Youngblood, WGEsther; and Brother Marlin L. Mills, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, AF&AM, and his Lady, Sister Brenda; and many distinguished guests from the surrounding the Jurisdictions of the District of Columbia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, and others as from far away as New Hampshire.

When we began our journey in July of 2020, we were in the midst of a pandemic and unsure if we would be able to celebrate this milestone at all but we donned our face masks and began our tasks, and two years later our mission was completed.

From our earliest records of 9 Chapters and 633 members in 1898, we reached our pinnacle in the late 1960's with 108 Chapters and a membership of over 26,000 members. As with all Grand Jurisdictions, our Chapters have declined to 34 and our membership is just under 3,000 as of this celebration.

Entering the beautiful Boumi Shrine, we are always thrilled by its grandeur. To the far right stood the five Heroines of our Order as painted by our own Sister Shirley Bean to stand front and center in the East for our 100th Anniversary Session in April of 1998 in Hagerstown. Sister Shirley hung them in her home until her death and her son, Brett, has made a gift of them to our WGM.

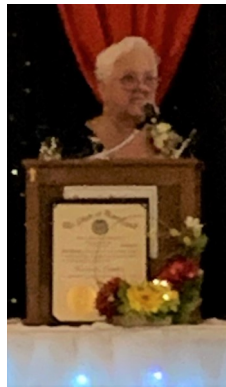
In the other corner stood a banner of our MD Flag with our Eastern Star as its center, furred as though blowing in the breeze (which was used throughout the celebration on our pins, Anniversary Booklet cover, invitations, tickets and program booklets, favors and special glasses for our toast) for the picture taking pleasure of our members and guests.

In the center of the entry way and to the rear stood shadow boxes containing the pins sold for the Special Projects of our WGMs and PGP's from 1967-68 to the present, and a shadow box displaying Sister Nina Fey's PGM jewel and a delegate badge from the GGC's 14th Triennial Session in Chicago, Illinois, held on September 23-25, 1913. To the far left were a display of some of the many symbolic and colorful quilts of our WGMs and WGPs, made for them and presented each year at our Annual Session. The PGMs and PGP's in attendance wore their travel gown and vests for their year.

Thousands of twinkling lights surrounded the head table and MD's colors of red, black and gold were everywhere and included in the beautiful floral centerpieces. The Grand Officers were attired in their red travel gowns and sparkling gold vests.

Our entertainment was the Maryland State Boys Choir founded in 1987. They have been designated as Maryland's "Goodwill Ambassadors," performing in over 40 states and 15 international countries.

The Grand Chapter was honored to receive a Declaration from the Governor's Office recognizing our 125 years of serving the people of MD. This Declaration will hang in the Grand Chapter Office along with the shadow boxes. Our Grand Master couldn't have said it better when he mentioned that it was a pleasure to be in the largest group of our Masonic family in three years in Maryland, a sure sign that the worst of this pandemic is passing and we can meet once again as Sisters and Brothers, with hope for our future and high regard for each other. To quote our WGM, "God indeed had this celebration planned for our Grand Chapter." Here's to another 125 years of the rays of our beautiful Star shining brightly leading us into the future.



LAYING OF THE WREATH AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

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



Following the grand 125th Celebration of Maryland's Grand Chapter, on a cloudy overcast Monday, our MWGM, Sister Glenda Winchester, and MWGP, Brother Lon Lowry, joined Sister Carol Newman, WGM, and Brother Richard Naegele, WGP, and several South Carolina, Ohio and Maryland members at the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. This has been a tradition carried down for several years and each time I witness the ceremony, I remember the feelings that I experienced as Brother Randy Geck and I were escorted to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and presented the wreath that was laid at the Tomb. Watching the expressions on the faces of Sisters Glenda and Carol and Brothers

Lon and Richard, I know they, too, experienced the same feelings. To quote Sister Glenda, "She was representing the world and Sister Carol was representing Maryland." To watch the precision of the soldiers participating in the Changing of the Guard and witness the silence as all in attendance watch with awe and reverence makes one so proud to be an American. Following the ceremony, we visited the Military Women's Memorial where we were treated to a catered luncheon and serenaded by a harpist who is currently serving in the Air Force. This Memorial is a must when visiting Arlington and is filled with exhibits honoring the women who have served their Country through all wars and conflicts. History is not complete until every military woman's story is told. To register yourself or a family member or friend, please visit their website at <https://womensmemorial.org> and complete the form.

On the way back to Maryland, we were treated to a tour of the various monuments, including Iwo Jima, Vietnam and WWII. A heartfelt thanks to all our Military personnel, past and present, for their dedicated service to our Country so that we can live in the Land of the Free. Visiting Arlington and the monuments dedicated to our Veterans reminds me of words of fellow Mason President Harry Truman, "Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

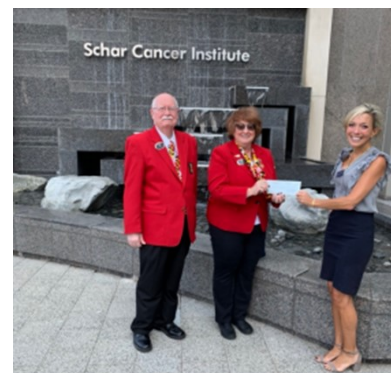


MARYLAND EASTERN STAR DRAGONS SOAR WITH CHARITY DONATIONS

*Shawn Garren, PGP, Grand Lecturer
Unity Chapter #112
Camp Springs, Maryland*

In September 2022, the monies raised during the 2021-2022 Grand Chapter year were mailed or delivered to several deserving organizations in Maryland (MD) and Northern Virginia (VA). On Thursday, September 15, 2022, Brother Glen Sunderland, Jr. PGP; Sisters Fran Sunderland, PM; and Shawn Garren, Jr. PGM, had the pleasure to deliver checks to the following organizations:

INOVA Schar Cancer Institute: The first stop was in Fairfax, VA, to the INOVA Schar Cancer Institute to meet with Ms. Amy Richards. Ms. Richards is the Executive Director of Philanthropy. This campus used to be the former Headquarters of Mobil Exxon. INOVA has done a fantastic job converting this complex into one that will help many cancer patients in the Washington DC Metropolitan area. The Jr. PGM chose this Cancer Center because it is one of the leading Cancer Research Centers in the US. More importantly, it is where her father, Brother Patrick A. Curtis, PGP of MD, received treatment after he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2020. Sadly, he passed away in February of 2021, several months before Sister Shawn was installed as WGM. Sister Shawn wanted to give back to this beautiful facility for taking care of her Dad and Mom during this difficult time. The GC donated \$2,617.00. These funds will go to the patients of the Cancer Center to help them during their treatment.



Fidos for Freedom: The second stop was Fidos for Freedom in Laurel, MD.

Thankfully the traffic around the Capital Beltway in Montgomery County was light, and it only took them 40 minutes to get from Northern VA to Laurel. (That trip can take up to 2 hours during rush-hour traffic). They had a noon appointment with Anita Cisneros, Office Manager, and Dawn Nakioshis, Bookkeeper. They also had the pleasure of meeting one of the Service Dogs FIDOS trained along with their owner. This 501c3 organization's vision is to increase the quality of life and provide companionship to the residents of our local community through specially trained Service Dogs, hearing dogs, and therapy dogs.

Sister Shawn explained that since MD GC last worked with FIDOS during Sister Bette Bowen and Brother William Gunn's 2013-2014 term. In 2018, it was voted to make Service Dogs GGC's philanthropic charity. She also told them that the GC now has a dedicated Service Dogs Committee, and we will be supporting these organizations annually.

FIDOS just received six new puppies to train, and our funds will help go a long way in the upkeep of these unique dogs. We presented a check to them for \$26,053.58, and they were amazed and grateful for our generous donation.



Towson University's Military and Veterans Center: The third and final stop for the day was Towson University (TU) to meet with Mr. Dario DiBattista, Director; Toby Frevert, Veteran Support Specialist; and Frances Washburn, Military and Veterans Center. Sister Shawn attended Towson when it was known as Towson State University (Class of 1986). During her years at Towson, the student body mainly lived off campus and commuted to classes. Since then, TU has exploded, and more students live on campus. You are probably wondering why they went to the TU campus. Sisters and Brothers, many colleges and universities have Military and Veterans Centers that reach out and help our Veterans and Active Duty Service members attending classes at these schools. The Center is made up of former military personnel or military dependents who help these students with anything you can think of. Some students ask for help with purchasing textbooks, some might need a little extra help with food money, and last year at TU, one student came to the Center to ask for help because they lost two family members to COVID. These are some of the ways our donations will help this small group of military families. A group like this helped Sister Shawn when she attended the University of Pittsburgh in 2012-14. She firmly believed that MD Star should pay it forward to the TU Veterans. A check for \$3,981 was presented.



Here is a breakdown of the funds raised during the 2021-2022 year that were mailed directly to the following charities:

Alzheimer's - John's Hopkins Alzheimer's Research - \$4,567
Arthritis - John's Hopkins Dept of Rheumatology - \$1,982
Heart - University of Maryland Medical Center Heart and Vascular Center - \$2,617
Knights Templar Eye Foundation - \$847
Youth Donations - \$3,407 (split between Rainbow, Job's Daughters and DeMolay)

Go Tigers!! Go, Eastern Star!

2022 MISSOURI FUN DAY

*Mary L. Sisemore, Triennial Special Assembly Committee,
Faithful Note, PGM
Lexington Chapter #248
Lexington, Missouri*



The Grand Chapter of Missouri (MO) held their Annual (minus 2 years of Covid lock down) WGM & WGP FUN DAY Charity Event at the Masonic Complex in Columbia on September 10, 2022. The event was to benefit the Masonic Home, our ABC's (Rainbow ASSEMBLIES, Job's Daughters BETHELs, and DeMolay CONCLAVES) and the Service Dogs Semi-Final Dog Show Competition.

The members, their families and friends had a day of fun and fellowship and raised over \$12,000 for the above charities.

Included in the activities of the day were carnival-type games, Cake Walk, Bingo, face painting, barbecue lunch, Silent Auction, Live Auction, craft competition, culinary competition and semi-finals of our Dog Show Contest. Members of the staff of the Masonic Home were judges of the culinary, and craft competition.

Sister Mary Sisemore, PGM, was Chair of the event. Sister Karen Dixon, Grand Representative of Texas, was Co-chair. The WGM, Sister Jerry Longnecker, and WGP, Brother George Ramsey, were pleased with the happenings of the day.

The WGM and WGP with their 2022 Appointed Grand Officers also took charge of the carnival games (i.e., duck pond, bowling and duck races for the wee folk, washers, toilet paper toss, ring toss, beanbag toss, etc.)

2022 Fun Day Workers:

—Opening Ceremonies: Sisters Mary Sisemore, PGM, Chair; Karen Dixon, Co-Chair; WGM and WGP

—We Prayed and Pledged

—Our Masonic Home staff judged the craft competition chaired by Sisters Debi Olson, PGM, and Liz Musgrave, and the culinary competition was chaired by Sisters Christine Cary and Deanna Shouse. I have served on the Masonic Home Advisory Board for 8 years.

—Brother Shawn McAfee, PGP, was the auctioneer.

—Raggedy Ann (AKA Sister Donna Cook) and Andy (AKA Sister Judy Weers) took charge of the coin toss.

—Sister Lorrie Myers did Face Painting

—Sisters Christal Milligan and Ally Montgomery took charge of the Silent Auction

—Our WGM's 12th District provided a wonderful meal, and our WGP's District provided cookies for dessert. This was chaired by Brother Gene and Sister Deadra Clay.

—Our Lemonade Lady was Sister Elaine Forrester.

—Brothers Ken Sisemore, PGP, and Doug Baylous kept the Bingo game going.

—Thank you to 9th District, Sisters Pam Wheeler, Bonita Lenger and Sandy Hall — the cake walk is always a big hit.

This event started in 2016. I have had the privilege of Charing each year and we keep trying to make it better each year.



QUAD STATE IN WYOMING

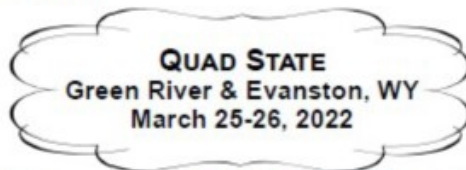
*Deanna Phillips, Grand Martha
Adah Chapter #15
Midvale, Utah*



On March 25 and 26, 2022, Quad State was held with Grand Visitations in Green River and Evanston, Wyoming (WY). There were members from Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming and Utah. Twenty one members from UT attended.

After the visitations were over, everyone gathered together at the Historic Machine Shop in Evanston to have delicious food and enjoy all of the "Fifties" theme, which included a lot of poodle skirts, candy cigarettes, Karaoke, songs from the fifties and dancing. We all had a great time getting to see people we know and meet new members from other States

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ANGELS GATHER HERE EMBLEM PLACING CEREMONY

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The ceremony below was written for the 2022 Angels Gather Here Grand Chapter of Maine Session held in Augusta, Maine on May 17, 2022.

Emblem Placing Ceremony Participants: Narrators: Sister Corley Anne Byras, GGCCM, PGM; and Brother Dale E. Hanington, PGP; Chaplain, Brother Bernard W. Gaines, PP; Marshal, Brother Roger A. White, WP; Organist, Sister Debra L. Greim, DDGM #4; Adah, Sister Rebecca G. H. Thompson, DDGM #11; Ruth, Sister Marjorie E. Pfeiffer, GGCCM Registration Committee, PGM; Esther, Sister Jean E. Hanington, PM; Martha, Sister Martha P. Ellis, DDGM #6; Electa, Sister Linda E. Gray, PM; and Soloist, Ruth P. Holden, PM.

When we enter our Chapter rooms, we immediately see our Altar, occupying a place of prominence in the center of the room. To an Eastern Star member, the Altar is symbolic of the heart of our Order. It is with reverence and gratitude that our WGM's Bible is placed on our sacred Altar. This Bible has traveled with her this year and rested upon the Altar of each Subordinate Chapter. Many special signatures have been added to its pages. It is God's precious gift to mankind and is the very foundation on which our Order of the Eastern Star was established. On its sacred pages are written the lessons of the heroines whose virtues we seek to emulate. As this Holy Book rests upon our Altar, may it stand sentinel over all our acts and may it cause us to meditate upon the teachings of our Order and reaffirm our faith in God and to remember to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The women of the Bible who form the Central Star of our Order are endowed with beauty, character, and spirit and teach us valuable lessons to follow in our daily lives.

From the Book of Judges, Chapter Eleven we read: "And it came to pass at the end of two months that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vows which he had vowed. When Adah went to the hills with her friends, the angels went there too, to hover over them. The angels also returned from the mountains to be with Adah when she willingly sacrificed her life to save her father's honor. The first point of our Central Star represents Adah, the ideal daughter. Her sense of duty and devotion to her father so guided her actions that, by her deeds, she exemplified the highest type of obedience and love. The clear blue color of Adah's veil reminds us of her fidelity and dependability. The sword reminds us that the cause of right and integrity must always be defended. The emblem of the sword and veil is lovingly placed at her station as we recall Sister Adah's story.

From the Book of Ruth, Chapter One, we read: And Ruth said, "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." The angels walked with Ruth and Naomi as they walked the many miles to Naomi's home. Under the starlit skies, the angels guided and encouraged Ruth and Naomi every step of the way. They had plenty of courage, faith, strength, wisdom and most of all loyalty to each other. A gleaner is one who is required to do hard physical labor for the smallest of rewards. Ruth's loyalty and dedication to another's welfare are taught in the lesson of the gleaner. The sheaf, however, signified abundance and the bounteous harvest which awaits us when we complete our service in the fields of the Lord. The sheaf of wheat is the emblem of our heroine Ruth and is being lovingly placed at her station as we recall Sister Ruth's touching story of constant love and devotion.

From the Book of Esther, Chapter Five, we read: "And it was so, when the King saw Esther, the Queen, standing in the court, that she obtained favor in his sight, and the King held to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the scepter. Then said the King unto her, what wilt thou, Queen Esther, and what is thy request? It shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom." Certainly the angels surrounded Esther as she prepared to go to the King. The angels knelt with her before the King and you could hear them singing as he reached out with his scepter. The King's golden scepter, coupled with Esther's crown, are emblems of royalty and power and are being lovingly placed at her station as we recall Sister Esther's story of heroic purpose.

From the Book of John, Chapter Eleven, we read: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" Martha represents the ideal sister who assumed the responsibility and care of her brother, Lazarus, and her sister, Mary. The angels grieved with Martha as she mourned the loss of her only brother, Lazarus. The angels were with her when she went out to meet Jesus as he returned to Bethany. This broken column, the emblem of Martha, is the station of faith. In the building of a Chapter, faith forms a solid foundation. We must have faith in our leaders, faith in each other and faith in God's power and love. The broken column, an emblem of the uncertainty of human life, is placed reverently as faith and hope shines down through the centuries. May we keep the story of Martha in our hearts.

ANGELS GATHER HERE EMBLEM PLACING CEREMONY

(Continued)

From the Second Epistle of John, Chapter One, we read the letter to the Elect Lady and her children: “And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.” Sister Electa sacrificed everything to establish a Christian heritage for her children. The angels were with Electa as she shared her generous hospitality and loving kindness to the poor and oppressed. The angels were with her when she faced the soldiers and clasped her cross to her breast. Love was the guiding principle in the life of the Elect Lady; love of God and for all mankind. She lived her faith when commanded to renounce it, proclaimed her truth when faced with persecution and demonstrated her belief in the teachings and commandments of Jesus. The cup, symbolizing the thirst of Christ, is also the cup that will overflow with blessings and mercy. As the cup of charity and hospitality is lovingly placed, we are reminded to be generous and giving in our thoughts, our love and ourselves. Let us follow the example set in the Story of Electa, and Love One Another.

Our Emblem Bearers, lead by the Marshal, have traversed a circle around the five Star Points. A circle has been the symbol of eternity and perfection for thousands of years. It has no beginning or ending. In our Initiation Ceremony as each Star Point is circled, the eternal perfection of each virtue portrayed by that heroine is symbolized. In the final circle of all the Points at the end of the lectures, the Conductress is symbolizing that the ideal life must include all these virtues. It is said if you love something, you should place it within a circle instead of a heart—for a heart can be broken but a circle goes on forever.

PAST GRANDS PERFORM INITIATION

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Solon is a little village off the beaten track in Maine with under a thousand residents. It's nestled close to the Kennebec River and is a quiet village where everyone knows everybody ... not only knows them, but knows what is going on with them.

On June 2, 2022, there was excitement in this unique village when cars drove down Main Street, one after another heading, for Keystone Lodge #80 Masonic Hall. Fifty-four members from 19 Chapters descended upon the village to attend a special night in Keystone Chapter #78. Brother James Owens, PGP 2016-17 and currently serving as WP had invited several PGMs and PGPs to be guest officers when degrees were being conducted on two candidates.

Not everything went smoothly, and Brother James had to call in others as two PGMs came down with Covid, another PGM fell down her steps, and just before the meeting commenced, the current Grand Martha was drafted to fill that station. Sister Eleanor Pooler, WM, gladly turned the gavel over to Sister Kelly Fitts, Past Grand Ruth, to preside as she filled in for one of the Covid cases in the East as WM with Brother James in his station of WP.

Others serving were:

Associate Matron	Corley Anne Byras, 2015-16
Associate Patron	Phillip M. Hubbard, 2004-05
Secretary	Cynthia J. Lewis, 2001-02
Treasurer	Dale E. Hanington, 2015-16
Conductress	Flora M. Stack, 2018-19
Associate Conductress.	Suan A. Gaines, 2006-07
Chaplain	David M. Cole, 2019-21
Marshal	Bernald W. Tufts, 2013-14
Organist	Marjorie E. Pfeiffer, 1989-90
Adah	Judith Tufts, Past Grand Adah
Ruth	Rebecca E. St. Pierre, 2013-14
Esther	Erin Fitts, Past Grand Esther
Martha	Collette Lowe, Grand Martha
Electa	Lucille A. Nanos, 2017-18
Warder	Rebecca D. Johnson, 2014-15
Sentinel	Edwin A. DeWitt, 2010-11

The candidates, Wayne “Chip” and Kim Johnson, were most attentive. Brother Wayne serves the town of Solon as a Selectman so is well known in the area.

Welcoming the new members to the Order were Sister Evelyn B. Cookson, WGM, and Russell E. Babb, WGP, along with several of their officers and deputies.

CONSOLIDATION IN THE MAINE JURISDICTION

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Have you ever attended a Consolidation Ceremony where two or more Subordinate Chapters combine to form a brand-new Chapter? The last one held in Maine (ME) was Beacon Chapter #202, Damarscotta, was issued a Dispensation under the Grand Chapter of ME in 2007. But Saturday on September 17, 2022, the Grand Family went to Westbrook for Sister Evelyn B. Cookson, WGM, and Brother Russell E. Babb, WGP, to preside over the ceremony to consolidate Deering Chapter #59 and Corner Stone Chapter #193 of Portland to form Star Light Chapter #203 of Westbrook.

The Officers of Deering Chapter, along with substitutes from Corner Stone Chapter, opened in Ritualistic form and conducted the introductions of the distinguished guests. The Grand Marshal, Sister Cynthia Kimball, escorted the Grand Officers to their various stations and Sister Susan A. Gaines, PGM, serving as the Pro-Term Marshal, escorted the Officers to the seats vacated by the Grand Officers.

The WGP authorized the consolidation of the two Chapters and ordered they would be working under a dispensation from GC as Star Light Chapter #203. The Grand Conductresses conducted the Grand Officers to form a circle around the Altar and then they conducted the 35 members of Deering and Corner Stone Chapters into an outer circle around the Grand Officers. Following a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Brother Gerald Ouellette, Sister Ruth Holden, DDGM #11 sang a special song. The WGP ordered the Grand Officers to step back to become part of the outer circle. He proclaimed they were consolidated. The Grand Conductresses returned the Grand Officers and members to their seats.

The WGP appointed Sister Rebekah L. Higgins as WM and Brother David M. Cole as the WP. Sister Lucille A. Nanos was appointed AM and Brother Michael Kelley was appointed as AP.

The gavel was turned over to the newly appointed WM and she appointed the following Sisters and Brothers as Officers who were escorted to their stations by the Grand Marshal:

Secretary, Rebecca S. Bibber; Treasurer, Pamela Barrows; Conductress, Judith Levassseur; Associate Conductress, Janis McLaughlin; Chaplain, Julianna Libby; Marshal R. Lynn Gagne; Organist, Debbie E. B. Cole; Adah, Theo J. Heald; Ruth, Roberta Coates; Esther, Jane Baker; Martha, Cynthia Adams-Connelly; Electa, Cyndi Glenn; Warder, Blanche Jordan; and Sentinel, Barbara Fournier.

The meeting closed at 2:50 pm in Ritualistic form. Sister Ruth Holden sang a special song following the closing, "Four Days Late."

The Grand Sentinel announced that there were 24 Chapters present with 93 members signing the registration. Prior to the meeting, a complimentary dinner was served to the attendees and following the meeting a decorated cake was served to conclude the celebration. A long-stemmed carnation was presented to the members as they left the fellowship hall.

Distinguished guests that attended and were presented beside the WGM and WGP were:

GGC Appointments: Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, Ambassador to Peru, PGP; Grand Organist, Sister Rebecca S. Bibber, ESTARL; Sister Rebecca D. Johnson, International Headquarters; Brother John H. Coombs, Necrology; and Sister Rebecca E. St. Pierre, Youth.

PGMs: Sisters Jerri A. Holt, Margaret L. Coombs, Susan A. Gaines, Susan Hawes, Corley Anne Byras, Juileanna B. Irving, Lucille A. Nanos and Catherine J. Wood.

PGPs: Brothers William H. Stretton, Bernald W. Tufts and Arthur C. Dunlap.

Grand Officers: Sister Lorena M. Fenlason, AGM; Brother Peter A. Stinson, AGP; Sister Rheanne E. Frost, Grand Secretary; Sister Jolene D. Farnsworth, GC; Sister Rebecca G. Thompson, AGC; Brother James Wakem, Grand Sentinel; Brother Gerald Ouellette, Grand Chaplain; Sister Cynthia Kimball, Grand Marshal; Sister Lisa Bisson, Grand Adah; Sister Michelle Bryer, Grand Esther; Sister Collette Lowe, Grand Martha; Sister Judith Hanson, Grand Electa; and Brother Brian Farrington, Grand Warder.

District Deputy Grand Matrons: Sisters Joyce Duross-Ouellette #1, Janis McLaughlin #2, Vicki Kelley #4, Martha P. Ellis #6, Greta J. Bickford #10, Ruth Holden #11, Lynette E. Ramsey #5 and Patricia Bishop #16.

The WGM and WGP presented Sister Samantha Kelley with a Grand Representative appointment for the District of Columbia. Other Grand Representatives bringing greetings were Sister Heather Ellsmore for Montana and Brother Robert O'Brien for Bolivia.

Sister Annie Babb was introduced as a Star Assistant.

Star Light Chapter will hold meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month with the first meeting being an Official Visitation by Sister Jolene Farnsworth on Tuesday September 20 at 7:30pm.

RECEPTION HONORING MAINE'S GRAND OFFICERS

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On a beautiful sunny summer day, approximately 120 Maine (ME) members traveled to Brewer on July 30 to attend a reception honoring the "Blessings of Faith and Peace" Grand Family. Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, Ambassador to Peru, PGP, and Grand Organist, along with Sister Susan M. Hawes, PGM, chaired the reception and had prepared a fantastic afternoon that followed a scrumptious buffet. Following a warm welcome by Sister Susan, Brother Gerald Ouelette, Grand Chaplain, gave the Invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.



*Sister Evelyn B. Cookson, WGM; and
Brother Russell E. Babb, WGP*

The GGC Appointments introduced were

Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III – Ambassador to Peru, Sisters Rebecca S. Bibber, ESTARL; Rebecca D. Johnson, International Headquarters; Marjorie Pfeiffer, Registration; Rebecca E. St. Pierre, Youth; and Cynthia J. Lewis – Triennial Special Assembly Faithful Note.

There were also seven PGMs and seven PGPs introduced.

Prior to the Grand Representatives introducing themselves, the WGM and WGP presented Sister Marlene Iverson, Lily of the Valley Chapter #157, Weeks Mills, with an appointment for Pennsylvania and to Sister Gloria Spencer of Irene Chapter #97, Ellsworth, with British Columbia and the Yukon. There were six other Grand Representatives present.

The Star Assistants who are Sisters Annie J. Babb, Paula Nicholas, Marie Pottle and Gayle Sprague and Brothers Robert Farrington and Michael Nicholas were introduced and presented with survivor kits which contained:

Life Saver – To let them rescue the Grand Family;

Rubber Band – For when they are stretched beyond the limits by the WGM and the WGP;

Penny – For when they've lost their common sense;

Balloon – Remind them not to blow up when the WGM and WGP ask the impossible;

Jig Saw Piece – To remind the Grand Family they are an important part of the puzzle;

Tea Bag – To remind them they are terrific;

Crayon – To make each day bright and colorful; and a

Pencil – Use it to list your blessings each and every day.



Star Assistants



DDGGMs

The District Deputy Grand Matrons (DDGM) were introduced and seated to receive special survivor kits for their duties as Deputies. Sixteen of the 18 DDGM's were present: Sisters Joyce Duross- Ouellette, #1; Janis McLaughlin #2; Anita Craig-Carsley #3; Vicki Kelley #4; Carolyn B. Bennett #5; Martha P. Ellis #6; Lynn Izzzi #7; Lila Watson #8; Eleanor Pooler #9; Greta J. Bickford #10; Ruth Holden #11; Teresa Potvin #12; Carol A. Potter #13; Lynette E. Ramsey #15; Patrica Bishop #16; and Darcy R. Merrill #17.

Their survivor kits contained:

Seed Packets – Seeds of knowledge as you've sowed throughout your Chapters (One of the WGM's flower, the sweet pea);

Spoon – To spoon feed the Ritual to the Officers;

Band-Aid – To mend hurt feelings (yours or someone else's);

Eraser – To remind you everyone makes mistakes (important to learn from them);

Gum – Stick with it and you can accomplish anything;

Pair of Ear Plugs – To stuff into your ears to block out any criticism;

Button – For when you just are bursting your buttons for your Chapter's Ritual work or to know when to button your lip;

RECEPTION HONORING MAINE'S GRAND OFFICERS

(Continued)

Mint – You are worth a mint to us;

Tea Bag – Take time to relax for by the end of the year you will have earned it; and

Smarties – Because you will come across someone who knows more than the DDGM!



Before presenting the Grand Officers with their survivor kits, they were introduced: Sister Evelyn B. Cookson, WGM; Brother Russell E. Babb, WGP; Sisters Lorena M. Fenlason, AGM; Rheanne E. Frost, Grand Secretary; Rebecca S. Bibber, Grand Treasurer; Jolene D. Farnsworth, Grand Chaplain; Rebecca G. Thompson, AGC; Brothers James Wakem, Grand Sentinel; Gerald Ouellette, Grand Chaplain; Sister Cynthia Kimball, Grand Marshal; Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, GGC Ambassador, PGP and Grand Organist; Sisters Lisa Bisson, Grand Adah;

Hazel Rumney, Grand Ruth; Michelle Bryer, Grand Esther; Collette Lowe, Grand Martha; Judith Hanson, Grand Electa; and Brian Farrington, Grand Warder.

The survivor kits contained:

Rubber Band – Remind you to be flexible as things might not always go your way;

Toothpick – Remind you to pick out the good qualities in people and of yourself;

String – To help you tie up loose ends;

Starburst Candy – For that extra burst of energy you sometimes need;

Tootsie Roll – To remind you to let all the small stuff roll off your shoulders;

Candle – For when you find yourself burning the candle at both ends;

Tissues – To wipe away the tears for all the laughter you will share;

Sugar Packet – To remember all the sweet memories you have made;

Pen – Remember you will make a mark on this Grand Chapter so make sure it's a good one;

Battery – So you can recharge and keep going and going and going;

Marbles – To replace the ones you will lose along the way;

Playing Card – It never hurts to have an ace up your sleeve;

Dum Dums – Nothing more needs to be said!; and

Kisses – To remind you how much you are loved.

The DDGM's version of "Sisters" was sung to the WGM and WGP who expressed appreciation of their Deputies.

Deputies, Deputies,

There were never such devoted Deputies.

Never have to worry or to fret, Grand Pa

Always in place and good we are!

Caring, sharing, in the pretty teal gowns

We are wearing,

Add the silver shoes and jewelry all so fine,

We make a long, impressive line!

All kinds of weather, we all stick together

The same in the rain and snow.

Eighteen different faces going eighteen different places

But we speak and we act as one.

Those who've seen us

Know that not a thing could come between us.

We are here to do the things you want

The whole year through.

So, from your girls here,

We're wishing the best for this Star year

To Mom and to Grand Pa

We're holding you close and so dear!!

Two characters arrived in time to close out the afternoon. Brother Alan Hawes was looking for a license and Sister Brenda Rodgerson was working in the license office. She misunderstood Brother Alan and thought he wanted a license for a motor vehicle when he was seeking a marriage license. Twix the ill-fitting teeth, the flask and the questions and answers, the afternoon closed with much laughter.

Brother Michael Nicholas sold 50-50 tickets for Heart and Diabetes and Brother Arthur Dunlap, PGP, held the winning ticket for \$208.

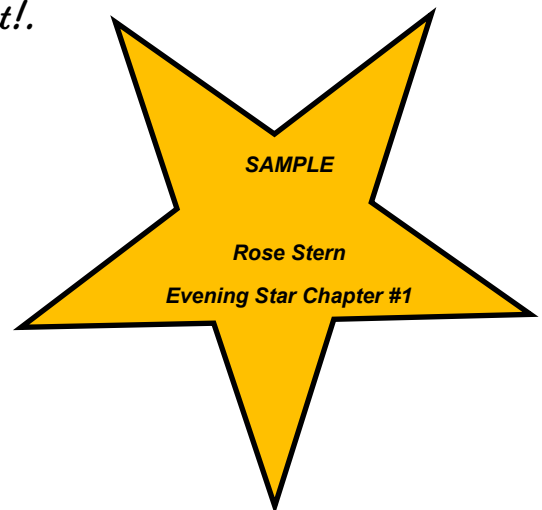
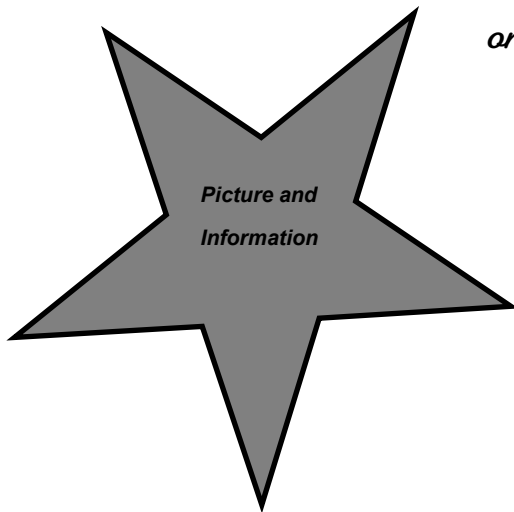
Celebrating Our Silver And Golden Stars

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!.*



VERMONT HONORS 75-YEAR MEMBER

*Jerri K. Riegler, PGM, Grand Secretary
Chittenden Chapter #59
Milton, Vermont*

On September 10, 2022, over 70 Vermont (VT) members attended a Grand Officer visitation hosted by the four Chapters in District #3 to honor Sister Lucille P. Wolf and celebrate her 75 years of Eastern Star membership. She was initiated in Bigelow Chapter in Connecticut in 1947 and later affiliated with Iona Chapter in VT, where she served for many years as Secretary. When Iona Chapter consolidated with Ascutney Chapter, she also took dual membership with Charity Chapter. Sister Lucille was appointed the first Grand Representative of Australia in VT, later served as a District Deputy and was WGM in 1993-1994. In attendance to honor Sister Lucille were four members of her Grand Family (pictured on the right) and six in her fraternal line.

Editor's Note: Sister Lucille passed away of November 6.



MARYLAND HONORS THEIR 75-YEAR MEMBERS



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

Sister Laura Schultz turns 104 and receives her 75-Year Pin and Certificate

On Saturday, October 2, 2022, Sister Laura Schultz turned 104 years young and enjoyed her party with her family and friends. The following day, several members of Highland Chapter #33, Dundalk, surprised Sister Laura with a visit and presented her with a floral arrangement. As WM and WP, Brother Ed and I were honored to present her with her 75-year certificate from the Grand Chapter and 75-year pin on behalf of the Chapter. Sister Laura joined Parkville Chapter #100 (consolidated with Highland Chapter) on November 15, 1946. We spent several hours listening to Sister Laura talk about her life which was very interesting. There were so many stories but the one that really stood out for us was: She was 17 and dating a young man who borrowed his brother's car (one with a rumble seat and running boards!). Driving past an entry way to the local cemetery, he swerved to miss a coming car and her door opened up and she rolled onto the entrance drive to the cemetery. We laughed so hard as she with a twinkle in her eye and merriment in her voice told this story and we had to ask what happened to the young man. She replied, "I married him!" We told her she was brave but she explained that cars back then were not like today and this was an old car anyway. In her 104 years, she has had many happy times along with sad times but her faith has kept her going. When asked how to stay so young, she replied "keep positive, keep your faith and eat (especially chocolate)!. Sister Laura's mobility keeps her more homebound, she regrets she can no longer attend Chapter but enjoys reading the Chapter Newsletter.

*(L-R first row) Melinda Allender; Joy Lynn Rectanus; Nancy Ford, GGCCM, WM; and Laura Schultz
(L-R second row) Beverly Geisler, DGL; Ed Ford, AGP and WP; Dottie Hudson, PM; and Anna Meyers, PM*



Sister Flo Council receives her 75-year pin and certificate

*Edith Knight, WM
Door-to-Virtue Chapter #94
Westminster, Maryland*



Recently, members of Door-to-Virtue Chapter #94, Westminster, traveled to Lewes, Delaware, to present to Sister Flo Council her 75-year certificate, a 75-year pin and an Eastern Star ornament. Accompanying Sister Edith Knight, WM, were Sisters Barbara Frock, PM, Janet-Mary Kelly, PM. According to Sister Flo, she joined Arlington Chapter #13 as soon as she turned 18. She explained that her birthday is December 14 and 3 days after she turned 18, her petition was submitted to Arlington Chapter. She was initiated on March 4, 1947. When Sister Flo and her husband moved to Westminster, she affiliated with Door-to-Virtue. Since moving to Lewes, Sister Flo has stayed active with Star, becoming a plural member of Unity #16 in Lewes. Sister Flo is also a Past Honored Queen of the former Arlington Bethel #9, Job's Daughters International.

CELEBRATING 50-YEARS SERVING OUR ORDER

*Mary L. Sisemore, Triennial Special Assembly Committee, Faithful Note, PGM
Lexington Chapter #248
Lexington, Missouri*



On August 27, 2022, Sister Mary Sisemore, GGC Colorful Note and PGM of Missouri, was presented her 50-year pin by Sister Jerry Longnecker, WGM. Sister Cari McQueen, AGM, presented Mary with her certificate. Sister Mary served as WGM in 1991.

(Left) WGM presenting Sister Mary with her 50-year pin



(Right) Sister Mary with her husband, Brother Ken Sisemore, GGCCM Service Dog Committee, PGP in 2018.

94-YEAR OLD JOINS CENTERVILLE CHAPTER #329

*Brenda Totty, PM
Centerville Chapter #329
Centerville, Tennessee*

Centerville Chapter #329, Centerville, Tennessee, recently had the pleasure to initiate the oldest member in its 95-year history. Mr. Earl Wesbrooks, age 94, was initiated in June 2022. He completed the entire Initiation of his own volition and without any assistance other than the guidance of the Conductress. Brother Earl has been a Mason for over 60 years. His daughter, Sister Deborah W. Hardin, has been an member for 43 years and performed the station of Adah.

Brother Earl was drafted into the military at the age of 18 and about the time he completed his Basic Training, the Germans surrendered. He was sent back to Basic Training in preparation for service in Korea where he spent two and a half years in the military. He is dearly loved by his wife and children and has certainly made a place in our hearts. He is so full of vim and vigor which will bring great happiness to our Chapter!

Pictured with Brother Earl (center) are (L-R) Sister Susan and Brother Steve Anglin, WM and WP; and his daughter and son-in-law, Sister Deborah and Brother Jimmy Hardin



STELLA CHAPTER #3 CELEBRATES 150TH YEAR

*Barbara McDuffie, PM
Stella Chapter #3
Auburn, Massachusetts*



On September 26, 2021, Stella Chapter #3, Auburn, Massachusetts (MA), celebrated its 150th Anniversary. This is the first Chapter in MA to reach this milestone.

The Charter was granted on January 11, 1871, under the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Adoptive Rite of the Order of Eastern Star, which was organized December 1868. The first stated meeting was held on January 14, 1871.

The Grand Chapter of MA was organized on December 11, 1876. The total membership at that time was 418, of which 135 were members of Stella Chapter.

In May 1878, Brother Thomas M. Lamb, PP, was appointed a delegate to attend the second session of GGC. At this session, he was elected MWGP, conferring on Stella Chapter the honor of having one of its members the second MWGP.

During our 150 years, we have always been a strong and active Chapter. At one time in our history, we had 800 members. Today, we have over 200 members who continue to serve this beautiful Order with love and dedication.

Up to the time of the anniversary, we had four chapters consolidate with Stella Chapter. Two members of Stella Chapter and four members, each representing one of the consolidated Chapters, joined in the ceremony of cutting the beautiful anniversary cake.

Covid may have postponed our anniversary and many members were still hesitant to attend public functions, but the quote used in our anniversary book was "Better late than never." Very appropriate for the challenges all the Chapters experienced during the Pandemic.

41 TERMS AS A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARY

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

Can you imagine serving as a Chapter Secretary for 41 years? On June 3, 2022, Sister Jerri A. Holt, PGM, was honored by her Chapter, Irene #97, Ellsworth, Maine (ME), for being of service to her Chapter all these years. Sister Jerri joined the Order in 1973 and was elected as WM in 1977. She began her Secretary journey the next year. To serve as WGM in 1987-88, she had to give up being Secretary while she served in the Grand Line. She's always stated that she really missed being Secretary those four years. When Sister Jerri completed her term as WGM, Sister Barbara C. Russell, WGM of 1988-1989, appointed her as ME's ESTARL Chairman. She has been Chairman of this ever since and under her leadership, the support by the members and Chapters is outstanding. No Chairman has served any committee for that length of continuous time in ME. Sister Jerri graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1965. One of the awesome things on June 3 was four of her high school classmates who all became members of Irene Chapter were in attendance to help celebrate her achievements in Eastern Star.



*(L-R) Roberta Keep, Jerri Holt, Sharon Young,
Georgia Farnsworth and Sylvia Joy*

INSTALLATION OF BERKELEY CHAPTER #77

*Lewis Braithwaite, PGP
Berkeley Chapter #77
Berkeley, West Virginia*



June 28, 2022, will be recorded in West Virginia (WV) Eastern Star history as the evening when the Most Worshipful Grand Master (MWGM) of Masons in WV, Brother Lewis R. Youngblood, and member of Berkeley Chapter #77 installed the Officers of Berkeley Chapter for the ensuing year. Grand Representative of the District of Columbia in WV, Sister Lisa Jo W. Braithwaite, was installed as WM and Lewis O. Braithwaite, PGP, and the Worshipful Grand Chaplain of Masons in WV was installed as WP. RWGConductress was installed as the Associate Conductress.

Pictured above are the Installing Grand Officers. (L-R) Installing Grand Sentinel Brother William "Bill" Friend, Lewis' Grand Marshal in 2007; Installing Grand Officer, MWGM Brother Lewis Youngblood; Installing Grand Marshal, Sister Cindy Strakal, PGM; Installing Grand Chaplain, Brother William Swope II, Past Master of Deford Lodge #88; and Installing Grand Warder, Brother James Farris, Worshipful Master of Deford Lodge. Not in the group photo but always photogenic was RWGSecretary, Brother Charles Chandler, as the Installing Grand Organist.

Berkeley Chapter continues to thrive with participation of members like this and initiating new members each year. In her address, the WM also cited our close relationship with Deford Lodge, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of WV.



(L-R) Charlie Chandler, RWGSecretary; Lisa Braithwaite WM and Grand Representative to DC in WV; Lewis Braithwaite, WP and Worshipful Grand Chaplin of the Grand Lodge of WV; and Deborah Dhayer, RWGConductress.

SERVING EASTERN STAR IN SOUTH DAKOTA

*Karen Steptoe, Grand Secretary Emeritus
Maxwell Chapter #133
Ree Heights, South Dakota*

Longevity Marked by the Steptoe Family at Maxwell Chapter #133



Many members of the Steptoe family are or have been members of Maxwell Chapter #133, Ree Heights. Pictured during Renae Phinney's "Home and Harbor Grand Session are (L-R): Jeff and Brandi (Phinney) Marchetti; Renae Phinney, PGM, and her husband, David; Robert Steptoe, PGP, and his wife Karen.

Eleanor Steptoe, PGM, and her husband Don*, are also members of Maxwell. It doesn't stop here... Delores Steptoe and her husband, Kenneth* (Robert's brother); William* and Velma* Steptoe (Robert's parents); Carole Fawcett; Mary Phinney and her husband Bayard* (Robert's sisters); Chuck and Michele Steptoe (Delores' son); Ruth* and Myrtle* Steptoe; Ethel* and George* Steptoe (siblings of William Steptoe); Martha Belle and Albert Perkins (daughter of

George) are all extended family members on the membership roll at Maxwell Chapter. Each has served or are actively serving the Chapter. *deceased

Grand Secretaries Represent 30 Years of Service

Three Grand Secretaries represent 30 years of service to the GC of South Dakota. Sisters Eileen Harmes, PGM; Norma Deadrick Jarrett, PGM; and Karen Steptoe, Grand Secretary Emeritus, recently attended a district meeting held in Mitchell.



MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

*Submitted by Charles Chandler
RWG Secretary*



United States Naval Academy ✓

14 hrs · 🌐

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Retired U.S. Naval Academy physics professor Dr. John Ertel honors those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by playing Taps on Memorial Day at the Naval Academy Cemetery. #MemorialDay2022 #HonorTheFallen

Photo courtesy of Debbie Latta.



(L-R front row) Silver Goldade, Rory Kromer, Kenna Stanley, Charlee Draeger and Jaden House
Back row: Chris Marker, VFW Master Post 1675; and Leslee Stanley, WM and Leader of the Easy Riders 4-H Club.

LOCAL GROUPS SUPPORT VFW WITH ANNUAL POPPY DRIVE

*Josh McDonald
Shoshone Chapter #10
Wallace, Idaho*

It's a beautiful thing when local organizations band together to help each other out.

Chapter 10 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Easy Riders 4-H Club recently worked together to raise \$550 for the local Osburn VFW Post 1675 by taking donations for the annual Veterans Poppy Drive.

The annual poppy drive comes from the World War I poem "In Flanders Fields". The opening line discusses how poppies are the first flowers to grow from the soil on soldiers' graves.

"In Flanders Fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.."

The National American Legion adopted these poppies as its official symbol of remembrance in 1920.

Donation sites were set up on both ends of the Silver Valley including Barney's Harvest Foods in Pinehurst and Stein's IGA in Osburn.

"The poppy drive was not only a great community service project to support our local veterans, but an educational experience," said Leslee Stanley, a member of both Order of Eastern Star and Easy Riders.

The Order of Eastern Star is the largest Fraternal Organization in the world to which both women and men belong. They describe themselves as a service organization fellowship with numerous fun activities for all members and their family and friends. They also support Cancer and Heart Research, provide college and university scholarships to three Shoshone County school districts and maintain a benevolent fund for the relief of qualified indigent and distressed members. Each chapter may choose to support local projects or charities in their community.

This year, Worthy Matron Leslee Stanley has chosen veterans as her special project.

Anyone interested in joining the Order of Eastern Star may contact the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Idaho: Kathy Rigoli, 1260 E Stetson Ave., Post Falls, ID 83854 (idahesgskar@gmail.com).

4-H is America's largest youth development organization – nurturing nearly six million young people who are empowered, confident, hardworking, determined, responsible and compassionate to see a world beyond themselves so they have the lifelong skills to succeed in college and career.

For more information and to find a club near you, contact the extension office at 208-292-2525.

*Author: Josh McDonald, Staff Reporter for the Shoshone News Press
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NEW CASTLE LODGE #91 AND NEW CASTLE CHAPTER #116 DONATE TO POLICE K-9 FUND



*Nancy Frost, PM
New Castle Chapter #116
New Castle, Indiana*



*(L-R) Front Row Officer Jake Nicholson and K-9 Awper; Larry Frost, PGP, WP; Carla Lynch, WM; Jason Fox, Worshipful Master; and Officer Justin Farr and K-9 Kori
(L-R) Back Row Nancy Frost, PM; David Mitchell, Junior Warden; and Duane Matthews, Secretary New Castle Lodge*

On Saturday, May 28, 2022, New Castle Lodge #91 and New Castle Chapter #116 met at the Lodge Hall in New Castle, Indiana, to present checks to the New Castle Police Department's K-9 Fund. New Castle Police currently had two K-9 officers and were raising funds to add a third K-9 to their ranks. This will enable the department to have a K-9 available 24-hours a day. \$20,000 is needed to be raised to fund the training of the newest K-9 to the force.

When Brother Larry Frost, a member of GGC's Service Dog Committee, PGP and WP of New Castle Chapter found out that the Police Department needed funds for a new service animal, he asked both the Lodge and Eastern Star to make donations to the fund. A total of \$600 was presented to the Police Department officers present.

Those present at the event were Jason Fox, Worshipful Master; Brother Duane Matthews, Secretary; David Mitchell, Junior Warden; and Brother Larry Frost, Trustee of New Castle Lodge. Also present were Sisters Carla Lynch, WM; Nancy Frost, PM and Conductress; and Brother Larry Frost, GGCCM, PGP and WP of New Castle Chapter.

Representing the New Castle Police Department were Officers Justin Farr and his K-9 Kori and Jake Nicholson and the newest member of the Department, his K-9 Awper. They thanked both groups for their donations. Officer Brandi Pierce is the third officer of the Department with her K-9 Zorro but was on duty and could not make it to the presentation but she helped with setting up the presentation.

WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS

*Terry Duke, Secretary
Harvey Freeman Chapter #181
Mt. Juliet, Tennessee*



Harvey Freeman Chapter #181 and Mt. Juliet Masonic Lodge #642 have come together to support our First Responders. Sister Nancy Mathis, WM, decided to help support Rehab 23 as one of her projects this year. Rehab 23 supports our First Responders in Wilson County. They provide food, water and Gatorade when there is a need for EMTs, Fire or Police. So far, the members of our Chapter have collected the water and Gatorade twice. This has been on June 20 and August 15, 2022. The Lodge had decided to contribute money. The first time the Fire Chief of Mt. Juliet came to the Lodge to load up the many packages of water and Gatorade, he was so impressed with the amount of fluids, he expressed much appreciation for our support. We do plan on collecting these items one more time during the year. It is very important to support our First Responders because you never know when you may need them.



WM with Rehab 23 Volunteers at Mt. Juliet Lodge



EDITH CAVELL CHAPTER #25 DONATES TO THE 'GO BABY GO' PROGRAM

*Carol Chisholm, PM
Edith Cavell Chapter #25
Calgary, Alberta*

Edith Cavell Chapter #25 in Calgary, Alberta made a \$3,000.00 donation once again to “**Variety – the Children’s Charity of Alberta**” which supports children living with disabilities. At Variety, they believe that every child has the right to be active, be social, and to belong!

Go Baby Go (GBG) is a **Toddler** Mobility Program, has been in existence since 2019 and to date they have gifted 120 cars with another 25 ready to go this summer. The program gives young children who are living with various types of disabilities the chance to maneuver their environment in a fun, independent, non-stigmatizing way.

Using off the shelf battery operated ride on toy cars that have been modified with push-button switches, supportive seating, 3D printing adaptations and communication devices for children with various types of disabilities, GBG provides opportunities for children who have very limited control over their bodies (i.e., hands, legs and feet) the ability to move independently in ways that they otherwise would not be able to do on their own.

As all of the children who receive GBG cars have mobility challenges with modifications including taking the foot pedal functionality out and switching the power to another source such as to a big button that they install on the steering wheel. Supportive seating is added to the cars for all of the children for both comfort, as well as safety as many children lack torso control and require specialized seating to hold them up. Most of the vehicles are remote control operated allowing parents and caregivers to override what the child is doing or offer up a bit of help if needed with steering.



At the car gifting on June 23, 2022, 2 members of our Chapter we were able to meet Lusana, a 6-year old girl from southern Alberta, who was thrilled to get a Jeep sponsored by our Chapter, along with her parents Michael & Nichole and 2-year old brother Derald. Lusana and Derald both have ‘Cockayne Syndrome’, a rare genetic disorder characterized by short stature, a small head and neurologic challenges.

Her parents were thrilled for their children to have been chosen by the program to receive a Jeep and it didn’t take Lusana and Derald long to take their new wheels for a spin! The smiles of their faces made our donation worthwhile!



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