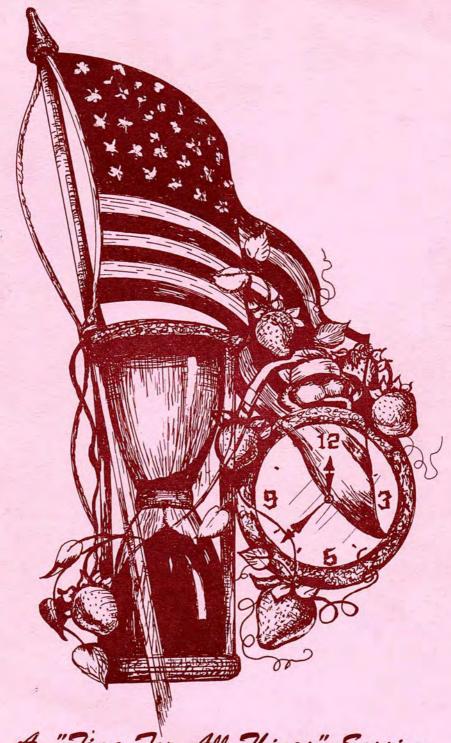
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A "Time For All Things" Session Houston, Texas

The Grand Chapter Of Texas Order Of The Kastern Star

Extends Fraternal Greetings and Welcomes You to Our 110th Annual Session

"A TIME FOR ALL THINGS" SESSION



October 8, 9, 10, 1992 ASTRO ARENA Houston, Texas

MRS. JANE GREGORY WORTHY GRAND MATRON

MR. GLENN WHITAKER WORTHY GRAND PATRON

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK GRAND SECRETARY

DEDICATION

"A TIME FOR ALL THINGS" Session is lovingly dedicated to Moe, my husband, my friend and my advisor, for all his kindness, consideration and loving manner he has allowed me to spread my wings in the quest of my goals and the fulfillment of all my dreams.

SCRIPTURE

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

THEME: Time

EMBLEM: The Hourglass

SYMBOLS: Sundial - Clock

FLOWER: All God's Flowers

APPRECIATION

The final sands have sifted through the hourglass and being full circle, another year in our Grand Chapter.

We feel a sense of accomplishments and deeply and sincerely thank all those responsible for giving their very best to bring to our memory book a successful 1992 Grand Chapter Session. There truly is a TIME FOR ALL THINGS and now our TIME to say THANK YOU.

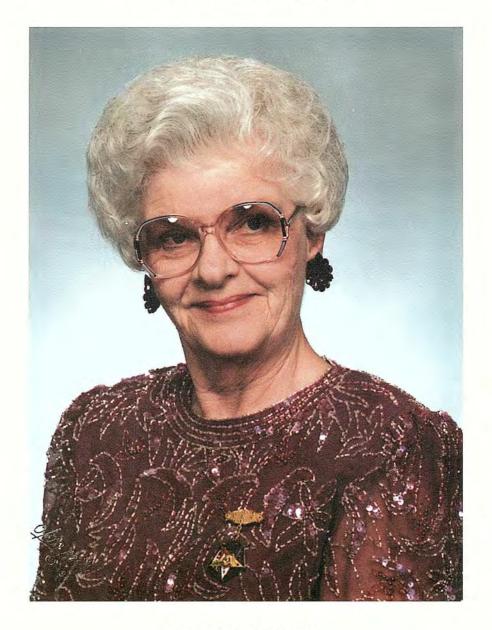
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Jane Gregory

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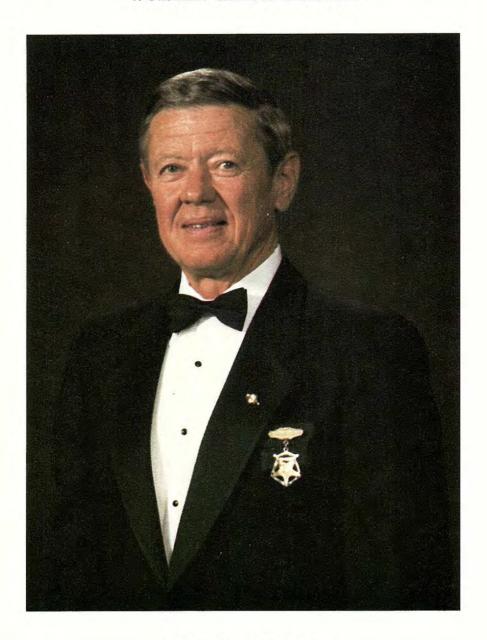
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WORTHY GRAND MATRON



MRS. JANE GREGORY Worthy Grand Matron Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

WORTHY GRAND PATRON



MR. GLENN WHITAKER Worthy Grand Patron Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ELECTIVE AND FLOOR OFFICERS

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

TEXAS' OWN PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

GRAND OFFICERS AND OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS AND

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF ALL APPENDANT BODIES

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

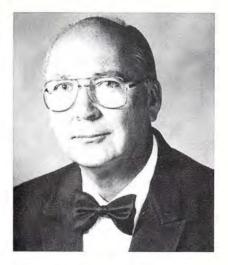
SPECIAL HONOR GUESTS TEXAS' OWN GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER APPOINTMENTS



MRS. ELISE HAMMACK
ESTARL Committee
General Grand Chapter
and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

MR. LEONARD M. ELLINGTON Fraternal Relations Committee General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas





MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST Registration Committee General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas

GRAND FLOOR OFFICERS



MRS. VIRGINIA GREEN Associate Grand Matron



MR. GARLAND RATTAN Associate Grand Patron



MRS. FRANCES BURBANK Grand Secretary



MRS. LOLA WALLACE Grand Treasurer



MRS. MARCELLA CURRY Grand Conductress



MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD Associate Grand Conductress



MR. ROBERT L. WOOD, JR. Grand Chaplain



MRS. ALMA CARTER Grand Marshal

GRAND FLOOR OFFICERS AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT



MRS. NANCY MATUS Grand Organist



MRS. MARTHA GRISSOM Grand Adah



MRS. SARA CROWDER Grand Ruth



MRS. JUNE WHITAKER Grand Esther



MRS. CONNIE F. AUTREY Grand Martha



MRS. LaVERNE WHITFIELD Grand Electa



MRS. MARILYN B. KNOWLTON Grand Warder



MR. KERMIT Z. SCHNELLE Grand Sentinel



MRS. BETTY PRATER Fraternal Correspondent

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Co-Chairman
and
Grand Escort to the
Worthy Grand Matron



MRS. VERA EVANS Secretary



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MRS. LEONA ELLISON Housing Chairman



MRS. MARSHA OWENS Social Co-Chairman



MR. LARRY W. AUTREY Co-Chairman



MRS. JEAN HEMBY Social Chairman



MRS. TOTSY FORRESTER Co-Chairman, Distinguished Guests



MRS. DOROTHY CLEVELAND Housing Co-Chairman



MRS. ELSIE PALADINO Chairman, Distinguished Guests

SPECIAL COURTESIES TO DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS



MRS. BILLIE M. THOMAS



MRS. MAYDELLE R. GRUBBS

CEREMONIAL OPENING

Thursday Afternoon October 8, 1992 "A Time to Begin" Session

12:00 Mus	sical Prelude	
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Master of C	eremony	Mrs. Mary Brown
		Past Grand Matron
Escort		
		Past Grand Patron
Assisting G	rand Marshal	
THURST CO		Past Grand Matron
Assisting O	rganist	Mr. Curtis Cole
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	PROCESS	DIONAL
12:15 P.M.	Presentation of Texas Floor O Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & A	
	Square and Compasses	Mr. Morris P. Gregory Husband of Worthy Grand Matron
	Bible Marker	
		Past Grand Matron
De	edication of Session	Mrs. Jane Gregory Worthy Grand Matron
Solo " One I	Moment in Time"	Mr. James E. Huston Grand Soloist
PI	RESENTATION OF FLAGS	
		Mr. Harry Cunningham Past Grand Patron
	Christian Flag	Mr. Harold Todd
		Past Grand Patron
	Texas Flag	Mr. Ralph Davis Past Grand Patron
		rast Grand Fatron

Eastern Star Flag			
12:45 P.M. Call to Order			
Mr. Gene Belk Past Grand Patron			
Invocation			
"Time for America" DrillFloor Officers and Personal Pages Directed by Mrs. Alma Carter, Grand Marshal			
Solo: "Battle Hymn Of The Republic"James Huston, Grand Soloist			
1:00 P.M. Entrance of Installed Grand Floor Officers			
Partial Report of Credentials Committee			
Ceremonial Opening			
Opening Ode "One Day at A Time"Grand Choir and Assembly Directed by Mrs. Madylene Andrews Grand Choir Director			
Flag Presentation			
Pledge of Allegiance			
National Anthem "Star Spangled Banner"			
Introductions:			

Elective and Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter General Grand Chapter Committee Members Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. Grand Chapter Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions Grand Representatives from Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas

Committee Appointments from Other Grand Jurisdictions Distinguished Members Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Response to Welcome to Distinguished Members......Mrs. Virgie George Worthy Grand Matron Grand Jurisdiction of New Mexico

Greetings		
Greetings		
Filling of Vacancies		
Jurisprudence Committee Report		
Appointment of Telegram Committee		
Reports:		
Worthy Grand Matron		
Worthy Grand Patron		
Grand Secretary		
Grand TreasurerMrs. Lola Wallace		
By-Laws CommitteeMrs. Nancy Ann King, Chairman		
Grievances & Appeals		
Endowment Fund CommitteeMr. Miles Fairris, Chairman		
Jurisprudence Committee		
Song "Family of God"		
Benediction		
Closing of Holy Bible		

Session closed until 8:00 P.M. Thursday night

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All District Banquets Sheraton Hotel 6:00 P.M.



THURSDAY EVENING October 8, 1992 "A Time for Peace and Harmony" Session

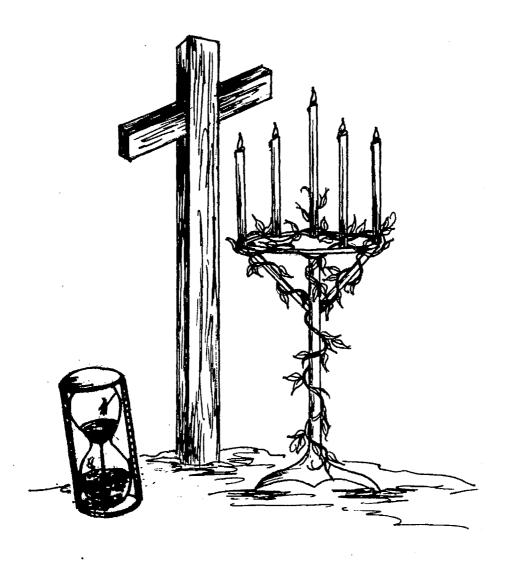
8:00 P.M.	Musical Prelude	Assisting Organists Dorothy Cleveland-Curtis Cole Cloe Morris-Patricia Shelton	
8:15 P.M. C	Call to Order	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus Past Grand Matron	
		Dr. O. D. Christian Past Grand Patron	
"Time for America" Drill			
Solo: "Batt	tle Hymn of the Republic"	James Huston, Grand Soloist	
Entrance of	f Installed Grand Floor Officers		
Invocation			

"A TIME TO REMEMBER" MEMORIAL

Mr. Robert L. Wood, Jr. Grand Chaplain

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"A Time to Remember" Memorial Service



"TIME TO REMEMBER" Memorial Service

Musical PreludeMr. Curtis Cole	е
Call to OrderMrs. Lallah Mae Vollus Past Grand Matror	
Dr. O. D. Christian Past Grand Patron	
Floor Officers' "Time for America" Drill	
Entrance of Grand Officers	
Opening of the Holy Bible	
Invocation	
Dedication	
Solo "No Man is an Island"	
Accompanied by	
Draping of the Altar	n y s d
Solo "How Great Thou Art"	
Accompanied by	
"Time to Remember" Memorial Service and Report of the Grand ChaplainMr. Robert L. Wood, Jr Grand Chaplain	
Tribute to departed General Grand Chapter Officers	n
Candle lighted	

Tribute to departed Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions
Past Grand Matron ESTARL Committee, General Grand Chapter
Candle lighted
Tribute to departed Texas Past
Grand Matrons and Patrons
Fraternal Relations Committee, General Grand Chapter
Candle lighted
Tribute to departed members of
Subordinate Chapters in Texas
Candle lighted
Solo "There's Something About that Name"
Accompanied by
Lighting of Everlasting Life Candle
Greenery laid on the Altar
Solo "He"
Accompanied by
Benediction
Closing of Memorial Service
Benediction
Closing of Holy Bible
Session closed until 8:15 A.M. Friday Morning

FRIDAY MORNING October 9, 1992 "A Time to Labor" Session

8:00 A.M. Musical Prelude			
8:15 A.M. Call to Order			
Mr. C.A. "Bill" Holmes Past Grand Patron			
"Time for America" Drill			
Solo: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"James Huston, Grand Soloist			
Entrance of Installed Grand Floor Officers			
Opening of Holy Bible			
Invocation			
Devotional			
Song "Faith Unlocks the Door"			
Business Session:			
Jurisprudence Committee			
Board of Grand TrusteesMrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman			
Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences			
Chapters U.D. CommitteeMrs. Elsie Jo Daggett, Chairman			
Purposes & Policies CommitteeMr. J. T. Sanders, Chairman Past Grand Patron			
Resolutions CommitteeMrs. Bobbie Hayes, Chairman			
Educational Fund CommitteeMrs. Geraldine Dusek, Chairman			

Titles, Deeds & Properties CommitteeMr. Ralph A. D Chair Past Grand Pa	rman
Museum CommitteeMrs. Kitty Allen, Chair	man
Benediction	
Closing of Holy Bible	
Call from Labor to Rest until 1:15 P.M. Friday Afternoon	

FRIDAY AFTERNOON October 9, 1992 "A Time to Love" Session

1:15 P.M. Musical Prelude			
1:30 P.M. Call to Order			
Mr. Leonard Ellington Past Grand Patron			
"Time for America" Drill			
Solo: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"James Huston, Grand Soloist			
Entrance of Installed Grand Floor Officers			
Opening of Holy Bible			
Invocation			
Call from Rest to Labor			
Reports: Superintendent of the Eastern Star Home			
Time & Talent with Helping Hands CommitteeMrs. Wynne Walton Chairman			
Recognition of "For-Get-Me-Nots"Ladies from Eastern Star Home			

Song:	"You Are My Sunshine"Grand Choir Directed by Mrs. Madylene Andrews, Grand Choir Director			
Recogn	Recognition of Fifty Year Members			
Song:	"Our Best To You"Grand Choir Directed by Mrs. Madylene Andrews, Grand Choir Director			
Report	s:			
•	Jurisprudence Committee			
	Deputy Grand Matrons			
	District Deputy Grand Matrons			
	Grand Examiners			
	Fraternal Correspondent			
	International Temple			
	Humanitarian			
	Historical HighlightsMrs. Irene Linam			
Benedi	ctionMrs. Doris Efird Past Grand Matron			
Closing	g of the Holy Bible			
Call from Labor to Rest until 7:00 P.M. Friday Evening				

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FRIDAY EVENING October 9, 1992 "A Time to Reflect" Session

6:45 P.M.	. Musical Prelude	and - Curtis Cole Patricia Shelton
7:00 P.M.	Call to Order	oodpasture West st Grand Matron
		Mr. B. F. Hutson ast Grand Patron
"Time for	r America" Drill	l Personal Pages
Solo: "Ba	Battle Hymn of the Republic"James Husto	n, Grand Soloist
Opening of	of the Holy Bible	. Marcella Curry and Conductress

Invocation		
Sojourners		
Solo: "America the Beautiful"		
ESTARL Presentation		
"COURAGE FOR THE QUEST" ESTARL SERVICE		
Organ Prelude - 7:45 P.M		
Song of Praise "He Keeps Me Singing"Congregation and Grand Choir Directed by Mrs. Madylene Andrews, Grand Choir Director		
Invocation		
Welcome		
Introduction of ESTARL Committee Mrs. Betty Whatley – District 1 Mrs. Pollyanna Heath – District 2 Mrs. Ada Webster – District 3 Mrs. Shirley Hodgkinson – District 4 Mrs. Edith Head – District 5		
SongStudent		
Scripture: Isaiah 40:29-31Student		
Offertory Prayer		
Offering: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place"		
Message: "Courage for the Quest"		
Presentation of ESTARL Awards		
Mr. Glenn Whitaker Worthy Grand Patron		

BenedictionStudent

"He Keeps Me Singing"

"There's within my heart a melody, Jesus whispers sweet and low; Fear not, I am with thee, peace be still, In all of life's ebb and flow.

Chorus:

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Sweetest name I know, Fills my every longing, Keeps me singing as I go.

Feasting on the riches of His Grace, Resting 'neath His sheltering wing, Always looking on His smiling face, That is why I shout and sing."

Chorus:

Call from Rest to Labor

Reports:

Jurisprudence

Session called from Labor to Rest until 8:00 A.M. Saturday

SATURDAY MORNING October 10, 1992

"The End of Time" Session

> Mr. Joe Jeffers Past Grand Patron

"Time for America" Drill		
Entrance of Installed Grand Floor Officers		
Opening of the Holy Bible		
Invocation		
Solo: "Friends" Dedicated to the Membership		
Presentation of Executive and Arrangement Committees and Host Chapters		
Unfinished Business		
Report of Credentials Committee		
Appointment of Election Judge, Table Judges and Tellers		
ELECTION OF OFFICERS		
Reports: Jurisprudence		
Adoption of Reports Grand Chaplain		
Invitation of 1993 Grand Chapter SessionMr. William T. "Bill" Irwin		
Recognitions and Presentations		

Benediction	Mrs. Lois Bell Past Grand Matron
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Marcella Curry Grand Conductress

Call from Labor to Rest until Installation of 1992-1993 Officers at 6:00 P.M.

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SOCIAL CALENDER FOR GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS Houston, Texas October 8-10, 1992

"A TIME FOR ALL THINGS" SESSION 110th Session

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1992

7:00 P.M.

"Time for Memories", Floor Officers Banquet. Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Mini-Dome. Chairman: Mrs. Connie F. Autrey, Grand Martha, 643 Edgebrook Houston, TX 77034, (713) 941-6986. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. LaVern Whitfield, Grand Electa, 1725 Lillian, Pasadena, TX 77502, (713) 472-5451. (Open to this group only, their spouses, and invited guest.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1992

9:00 -11:00 A.M.

BRUNCH: Royal Oak Ballroom, Holiday Inn Astrodome; Hosted by the Associate Grand Patron. Honoring the 1992-1993 Floor Officers, Boards, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. (Open to this group only).

11:30 A.M.

LUNCHEON: "Strawberries 'Til The End Of Time" — Honoring Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron by District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Examiners and Traveling Secretary. Chairman: Mrs. Jean Hodson. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Marijo King, 3002 East Cortez Ct., Irving, TX 75062. (214) 255-4364. DONATION \$13.00 SASE. Reservations close September 25, 1992. Sheraton Astrodome Mini-Dome. (Open to this group only).

11:30 A.M.

BUSINESS MEETING: Past Grand Matrons and Patrons Association of Texas. Sheraton Astrodome, San Jacinto Rooms 4 & 5. (Open to this group only).

12:30 P.M.

LUNCHEON: "Hearts Reminiscing" Honoring Texas General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Hosted by Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Elsie Paladino. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, P.O. Box 33, New London, TX 75682, (903) 895-4421. Donation: \$13.50. SASE. Open to Texas and visiting Past Grands and their spouses or traveling companions. San Jacinto Rooms 1-3.

8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Hospitality Room for Distinguished Guests. Chairman: Mrs. Elsie Paladino. Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Lone Star Tower, 3rd Floor Suite S-1306.

8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Hospitality Room for Grand Representatives: Chairman: Mrs. Jean Hodson. Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Lone Star Tower, 3rd Floor, Suite S-1329-31.

4:00-6:00 P.M.

RECEPTION: Honoring the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Texas General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Floor Officers, Elected Boards, and Distinguished Members of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Sheraton Astrodome Celestial Suite. (Open to this group only, their spouses, and invited guest.)

7:00 P.M.

GENERAL BANQUET: "Chimes of the Evening" Honoring Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, Texas' own General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Chairman: Mrs. Lena Maye Cook. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Freida West, 9015 Lariat Drive, Houston, TX 77055, (713) 465-6672. Cut off date September 25, 1992. Donation \$21.00 SASE. No tickets will be sold at the door. No tickets will be held at door. Make all checks payable to ticket chairman. Open to membership. Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Sam Houston Ballroom.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8, 1992

All food functions will be in the Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, unless otherwise indicated. Cut off date for tickets is September 25, 1992.

7:00-11:00 A.M.

HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. Chairman Mrs. Elsie Paladino. Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Lone Star Tower, 3rd Floor Suite S-1306. Room also open after evening session.

7:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST: "Strawberries and Cream"; Honoring Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, Pages, Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, Personal Pages and Grand Choir. Co-Chairmans: Mrs. Marilyn Knowlton, Grand Warder and Mr. Kermit Schnelle, Grand Sentinel. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Vicki Campbell, 2418 3rd. Street, Huffman, TX 77336. (713) 324-4460. Donation \$11.00 SASE. Open to this group only. Sam Houston Room #3.

8:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST: "Out of this World Strawberry Breakfast" for

Grand Representatives. Honoring Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron. Special guests: TEXAS GRAND REPRESENTATIVES IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS. Open to present and former Grand Representatives, Texas' own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Fraternal Correspondent, spouses or one traveling companion. Chairman: Mrs. Jean Hodson. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Dovie Norcross, Rt. 3, Box 72, Dayton, TX 77535. (409) 258-2955. Donation: \$12.00 SASE. Sam Houston Room #1.

8:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST: "Breakfast in the Berry Patch", Sponsored by Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Dist. IV, Sec. 2. Honoring Mrs. Edna Earle Duke, Past Grand Matron; Mr. W.D. Fountain, Grand Rep. of Louisiana in Texas; Mrs. Robbie Abshere, Grand Rep. of Puerto Rico in Texas; Mrs. Eleanor Parker, Grand Rep. of Maine in Texas; Mrs. Janie Fikes, Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. IV, Sec. 2. Chairman: Mrs. Juanita Gregory. Ticket Chairman: Lyndall Harvey, 8590 Overhill, Beaumont, TX 77707 (409) 866-9152. Donation: \$11.50. Send SASE. Open to membership. San Jacinto Room 1-4.

10:30 A.M. -12:30 P.M. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES HOSPITALITY ROOM: Hosted by Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Present and former Grand Representatives, spouses and traveling companions. Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Lone Star Tower, 3rd Floor, Suite S-1329-31.

10:30 A.M.

BRUNCH: "The Golden Thread That Runs So True" Honoring Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron and Mr. Graham Childress, Past Grand Patron. Hosted by 1990-1991 District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Floor Officers, Grand Examiners and District Secretaries. Chairman: Mrs. Ruth Gregersen; Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Mary Ruth White, 4310 Bellaire Blvd., Bellaire TX 77401. (713) 664-1833 Donation \$11.00 SASE. Rice University Graduate House Conference Room, Second Floor, 6500 S. Main at University Blvd., Houston, TX.

DISTRICT BANQUETS

6:00 P.M.

District I "Time . . With Angels — The Present, The Future" Honoring Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron, Special Honored Guest, Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and other Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of District One. Chairman: Mrs. Marijo King; Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Mary Steinmetz, 3105 Whitemarsh Circle, Farmers Branch, TX 75234 (214)241-7518. Donation \$18.50 SASE. Open to membership. San Jacinto Rooms.

6:00 P.M.

District II "Harvest of the Stars" Banquet, Honoring Mr. Leonard Ellington, Fraternal Relations Committee, General Grand Chapter and Mr. Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Norma Graham. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Belinda Goode, P.O. Box 187, Happy, TX 79042 (806) 558-5911. Donation: \$19.00 SASE. Open to membership. Alamo Room.

6:00 P.M.

District III "Reflections of a Lady" Banquet, Honoring Mrs. Elise Hammack, Member ESTARL Committee, General Grand Chapter, and Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Doris M. Efird, Past Grand Matron. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Juanita Bolster, 5916 Rayburn Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76115. (817) 294-0575. Donation \$19.00 SASE with name and title. Open to membership. Stephen F. Austin Room.

6:00 P.M.

District IV "The Heart of the Strawberry" Banquet, Honoring Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron. Chairman: Mrs. Betty Patterson, Co-Chairman: Mrs. Lena Maye Cook. Ticket Chairman: Mr. Jim Cook, 7722 Wedgewood Lane, Houston, TX 77055, (713) 686-0030. Donation \$19.00 SASE. No tickets will be sold at door. No tickets will be held at door. Open to membership. Sam Houston Rooms 2 & 3.

6:00 P.M.

District V "Treasure Time by the Sea" Banquet, Honoring Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Janell Trees. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Joan Dike, 1102 Florence, Castroville, TX 78009 (512) 538-3125. Donation \$17.00 SASE. Open to membership. Sam Houston Room #1.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1992

All food functions will be held in the Sheraton Astrodome Hotel. Cut-off for all tickets will be September 25, 1992.

6:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST: "A Strawberry Sundae". Honoring Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by Elected Boards, Constitutional Committees and Special Committees. Chairman: Mrs. Shirley Meerscheidt. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Betty Jo Young, 5508 Hialeah, Houston, TX 77092, (713) 681-8013. Donation: \$11.50 SASE.Open to membership. Sam Houston Room #3.

6:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST: Secretaries. Chairman: Mrs. Irene Viereck, Co-Chairman: Mrs. Florence Rogers. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Bernice Trulan, 6023 Charlotte, Houston, TX 77005, (713) 668-6890. Donation: \$10.50. Dues are \$1.00 and are NOT included in this price. SASE. Open to Secretaries, Past Secretaries and their traveling companions only. Sam Houston Room #1

7:00 A.M.

COFFEE: Treasurers. Chairman: Mrs. Betty Clark, Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Betty Clark, P.O.Box 1152, Pasadena, TX 77501, (713) 941-2464. Donation: \$3.00 SASE. Open to Past and Present Treasurers and traveling companions. Sam Houston Room #2.

11:45 A.M.

LUNCHEON. "Strawberry Count-Down Time". Honoring Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by District IV, Section 5, Strawberry Girls and Timekeepers. Chairman: Mrs. Mildred Love. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Fran Newell, 7213 Knob Hill, Pasadena, TX 77505, (713) 479-2913. Donation \$13.50 SASE with names and titles for all tickets. Open to membership. No tickets sold at Grand Chapter. No tickets held at door. San Jacinto Rooms.

11:45 A.M.

LUNCHEON: "Angels on the Rise". Honoring Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron, and Mr. Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron. Hosted by District IV, Section 5, Faithful Friends and Guardian Angels. Chairman: Mrs. Donna Black. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Barbara Cherry, 9236 Dirby, Houston, TX 77075, (713) 941-8470. Donation \$15.00 SASE. Open to membership. No tickets sold at Grand Chapter, no tickets held at door. Sam Houston Rooms 2 & 3.

11:45 A.M.

LUNCHEON: "Spirit of Love", Honoring Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress. Hosted by the Sweet Spirits of District IV, Section 5. Chairman: Mrs. Leanne Stokes. Ticket Chairman: Miss Leslie Lowry, 7310 Corporate Dr., Apt. 714, Houston, TX 77036, (713) 779-7231. Donation \$16.00 SASE. Open to membership. No tickets sold at Grand Chapter or no tickets held at door. Stephen F. Austin Room.

11.45 A.M.

LUNCHEON: "Reflections of the Future", Honoring Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by The Reflections of District IV, Section 5. Chairman: Mrs. Margaret Beyer. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Ilene Lynn, 401 Pecan Dr., So. Houston, TX 77587, (713) 946-3595. Donation \$16.00 SASE. Open to membership. No tickets held at door or no tickets sold at Grand Chapter. Sam Houston Room #1.

10:00 P.M. -12:00 P.M. After Session Reception, Honoring Candidates Sam Houston Ballroom.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1992

6:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST: "Heavenly Sunlight". Honoring Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron and Special Guest Mr. Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Betty J. Warlick. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, P.O. Drawer 1538, Beeville, TX 78104-1538, (512) 358-7128. Donation: \$11.00. Send SASE. List all names and titles for all tickets. Numbered tables. Reservations close September 25, 1992.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1992

8:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST. "Dream Catcher Breakfast". Honoring the newly installed Associate Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Carol Stone. Ticket Chairman: Miss Kathleen Johnson, 5600 Holly View #65, Houston, TX 77091, (713) 682-4435. Reservations close September 25, 1992. No tickets sold at Grand Chapter, no tickets held at door. Donation \$12.00 SASE. Open to membership. Make all checks payable to ticket Chairman. Sam Houston Ballroom.

10:00 A.M.

Deputies School – Holiday Inn Astrodome. All Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Floor Officers and Elected Boards and their spouses are invited to attend.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL	Sheraton Astrodome Hotel		
GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS	Astro Arena - Houston, Texas		
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS	Hospitality Room Sheraton Hotel Lone Star Tower		
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES	Hospitality Room Sheraton Hotel Lone Star Tower		
Registration, Transportation & Mileage and Credentials			
Thursday 9:00 A.MFriday 7:30 A.M.	Sheraton Hotel Astro Arena Astro Arena Astro Arena Astro Arena		

Registration of Voting Delegates (Credentials) closes promptly at 9:00 A.M. Saturday Morning, October 10, 1992. Ballots are not transferable, and if lost, will not be replaced. Sign your ballot immediately upon receipt.

Committee Members will report to their chairman upon arrival. All Boards and Committees will be in Session at the Astro Arena. The Examining Room will be open Thursday from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. and on Friday from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. and 12:45 to 5:00 P.M.

Reports: All reports must be brief, concise, and contain only pertinent facts, and four copies, typewritten, double-spaced and handed to the Grand Secretary after adoption. Time will not permit "Thank you" messages. Reports will be limited to 2 minutes.

First-Aid Room: Attendants will be on hand during all Sessions.

Fifty-Year Memberships: Members who have received Fifty-year Membership Certificates this year will be recognized Friday afternoon. Please be seated in the designated area for the Friday Afternoon Session.

Chairmen: Please be seated in the East until your scheduled report has been given. Please watch the progress of the reports, as you may be called upon to give your report earlier or later than scheduled.

All General Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are invited to sit in the section designated for Distinguished Members during all Sessions of Grand Chapter.

100% CHAPTERS - HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

You will not make a formation on the floor, however, during the report of the Humanitarian Chairman, please stand when asked, in order for the membership to recognize you.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Please listen for the report of the Fraternal Correspondent and while she is giving her report, please stand at your place in order for the membership to recognize you.

NOTICE TO ALL CANDIDATES FOR ALL OFFICES

The after Session Party for all Candidates will be in the Main Ballroom at the Sheraton Hotel on Friday evening, October 9, 1992 at 10:00 P.M.

THE DOORS WILL NOT BE OPEN TO ANYONE UNTIL 9:30 P.M. No backdrops may be used and no food nor drink may be served.

Drawing for position of table and for nomination position on Saturday will be held at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, October 8, in the Worthy Grand Matron's Suite in the Sheraton Hotel.

PRACTICE FOR INSTALLATION will be held Friday evening immediately following the Session. Those who will participate in the drill are asked to remain for the practice.

PICTURE SCHEDULE

Please go to the East after session.

THURSDAY NIGHT:

Floor Officers and their Personal Pages Grand Examiners, District Deputies and Deputy Grand Matrons Grand Choir (Please remain in your seats)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Floor Officers and their Personal Pages (in daytime dresses)

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels and Grand Pages

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Pictures will be made of Breakfasts, Luncheons and Banquets. Pictures will be made of Grand Chapter Committees while reports are given. Any group desiring pictures should make their own arrangements with the official photographer, Mr. Cleo Ellison, Ellison's Photography, 4025 Field, Fort Worth, Texas 76117.

VIDEO TAPES OF THE SESSION may be purchased from Mr. Dwaine Cooper, 1062 Eastlake, Houston, Texas 77034.

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PROCEEDINGS GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR 110TH ANNUAL

"A TIME FOR ALL THINGS" SESSION

The Worthy Grand Matron's theme, "A Time for All Things," was hung on pink drapes at the back of the stage, with matching drapery in the west.

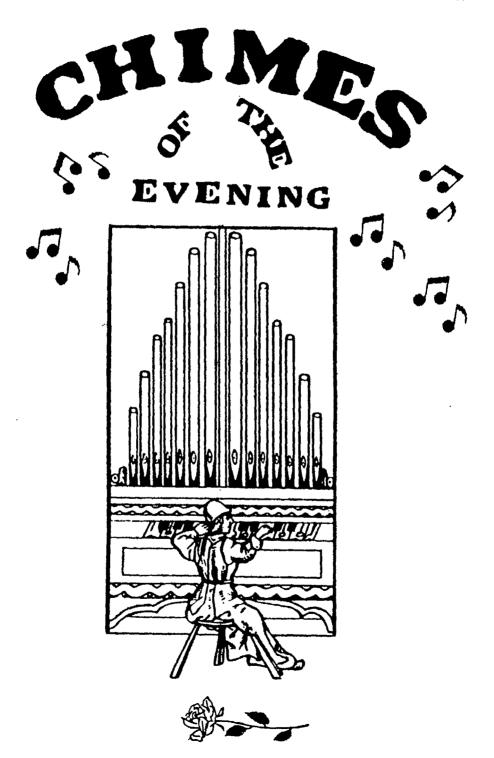
All who entered the Astroarena were entranced by the beautiful garden-like atmosphere that had been created. As one looked at the stage, to the right front was a Strawberry Girl hard at work with her garden tools tending the garden. To the left front was a comfortable white wicker settee and arm chair for the gardener to rest when her labor was done. A profusion of potted plants made the garden look very inviting. In the center was a large sundial carrying out the theme of the Worthy Grand Matron. Strawberry plants ringed the garden, along with a waterfall, white picket fence, gate and stepping stones.

The Worthy Grand Matron further carried out her theme by choosing white wicker chairs with floral pillows for her officers. An hourglass was on the pedestal of each Star Point. The pedestals were draped with an eyelet covering which matched the altar cloth. Behind each Star Point was a white strawberry barrel filled with strawberry plants.

White lattices were behind the stations in the North, South and West. Sundials were in front of each of these stations, and beautiful plants flanked each one. In the north and south were also black iron clocks with mice ascending.

For evening wear, the Lady Officers wore long wine-colored gowns, with long sleeves and a full skirt. The dress bodices were decorated with shiny jewels. The Personal Pages wore pink dresses with bodices decorated with pearls.

The day dress for the Lady Officers was a pink knit skirt and pullover which had been lavishly painted with strawberries and strawberry flowers. The Personal Pages were attired in similar outfits, but theirs was a very light mint green.



"CHIMES OF THE EVENING" BANQUET October 7, 1992 7:00 P.M.

CHIMES OF SONGS (PROCESSIONAL)

Mrs. Esther Haynes and Mr. J. Preston Haynes Accompanied by Mrs. Cloe Morris

PROCESSIONAL

Mr. Robert L. Baker
Mrs. Patricia Neinast
Mrs. Elise Hammack
Mr. Leonard Ellington
Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Mrs. Jane Gregory
Invocation
Welcome

DINNER

PROGRAM

BACK GROUND "CHIMES" FROM 1960 TO PRESENT Arranged by Special Friends

MEMORY "CHIMES"
Greetings
Tribute to Mrs. Patricia NeinastMrs. Mrs. Mildred Sharpe Past Grand Matron of Texas
Presentation
Greetings
Tribute to Mrs. Elise Hammack
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Tribute to Mr. Leonard Ellington
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Greetings

Tribute to Installed Grand Officers	Lallah Mae Vollus Past Grand Matron of Texas
Tribute to Mr. Glenn Whitaker	Dr. O. D. Christian Past Grand Patron of Texas
Presentation	Mr. Jim Cook Grand Escort
Greetings	Mr. Glenn Whitaker Worthy Grand Patron of Texas
Tribute to Mrs. Jane Gregory	
Presentation	Mrs. Elsie Paladino Past Grand Matron of Texas
Greetings	Mrs. Jane Gregory Worthy Grand Matron of Texas

BENEDICTION

TO MRS. JANE GREGORY, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you for allowing me to chair your General Banquet. This is a signal honor for me and I loved every moment of planning.

TO MRS. FREIDA WEST, Ticket Chairman:

I grade you "excellent". Many long hours but kind and sweet at all times.

TO ALL THE "HELPERS"

"Many" thanks go to all those who helped and special thanks to the Strawberry Girls and TimeKeeper Boys.

Thanks to all those who so graciously accepted a place on the program.

OUR GIFT TO YOU:

There are ten (10) red roses on each table for ten (10) special ones – YOU. As you leave this evening, please take a rose in memory of our "CHIMES OF THE EVENING" Banquet.

To those sitting at the Head Table and Sub-Head Tables, the rose by your place is for you.

"GOOD NIGHT" - See you in Grand Chapter.

"I love you and want you to love me."

Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas

"CHIMES OF THE EVENING" BANQUET October 7, 1992

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Please be seated. We are almost ready to start.

How pleased we are to see you this evening. You will find that our processional is a little different this evening. Since we have chimes in the morning, chimes in the evening, then we thought we would have chimes in the processional.

So it is with pleasure that I present Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron Robert L. Baker, General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Patron of Virginia, escorted by his lovely wife, Elaine, Grand Secretary Emeritus of Virginia.

Would you please hold your applause until I have you stand

[Escorted as Mr. Preston Haynes sang "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny."]

Sisters and Brothers, let's give them a warm welcome. [Applause] Sister Elaine, you will escort him to his place at the head table.

The chimes of songs you are hearing is Sister Esther Haynes and Brother Preston Haynes, accompanied by Sister Cloe Morris.

It is with pleasure that I present Mrs. Patricia Neinast, Member of Registration Committee, General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Dr. O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

[Escorted as Mr. and Mrs. Preston Haynes sang "Dear Hearts and Gentle People."]

Brother O. D., you will escort Sister Patricia to her place at the head table. [Applause]

It is with pleasure that I present Mrs. Elise Hammack, Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Brother Harry Cunningham.

[Escorted as Mrs. Esther Haynes sang "Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella."]

Brother Harry Cunningham, you will escort Sister Elise to her place at the head table. [Applause]

Presenting Mr. Leonard Ellington, Member of the Fraternal Relations Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, escorted by his Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jean Nesbitt.

[Escorted as Mrs. Esther Haynes sang "Texas Star A Shining."]

Sister Jean, will you escort Brother Leonard to his place at the head table. [Applause]

Our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Glenn Whitaker, escorted by his lovely wife June, our Grand Esther.

[Escorted as Mrs. Esther Haynes sang "Mr. Wonderful."]

June, will you escort our Worthy Grand Patron to the head table. [Applause]

Our levely Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jane Gregory, escerted by her husband Moe.

[Escorted as Mr. Preston Haynes sang "There She Is, Miss America."]

Brother Moe, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron to the head table. [Applause]

Now, I have been asked to have the head table and the sub table please stand for the pictures. And he said for everybody to smile. [Laughter]

You may be seated. It is my pleasure for Brother Gene Belk to bring our invocation this evening. We are so pleased that Brother Gene has come so far in the illness that he had a couple of years ago. It is our pleasure for him to lead us in prayer.

MR. GENE BELK: Remain seated and just take the hand of the person closest to you. The Great Psalmist David spoke these words of admonition when he said, "Be still and know that I am God." In that stillness, let us bow our heads and lift our hearts while we pray.

Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we pause before you tonight with humble hearts grateful for the many blessings that have been received and asking that You continue to watch over us in the days ahead.

Thank you for this wonderful Order. Help us to accomplish the goals that we have set. Be with us and guide and direct us as we go through the days ahead that we may make this great Order a force for good in this world and a guide to the people around us to follow.

Go with us now as we go our several ways. We will give you all the praise and glory. Amen.

MRS. LENAMAYE COOK: It is our pleasure to have the welcome. We are sorry that Sister Sally could not be with us this evening. She sends deepest regrets, but her doctor just wouldn't let her come. She says tell you there will be other times and for every one of us to remember her. I know that we will. We will have the welcome by Sister Elsie Paladino.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Sister Lena Maye Cook, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron; Worthy Grand Patron; Brother Robert Baker, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter; General Grand Chapter Committee Members; Past Grand Matrons; Past Grand Patrons; my distinguished Sisters and Brothers one and all, welcome.

When I think of evening, I think of perhaps finished tasks. When I think of chimes, I think of twilight, a time for reviewing the day's accomplishment. This evening each task for this banquet has been completed. Those who have worked with such diligence can review their work with pride because from where I stand this is a beautiful banquet, and your presence makes it even more so.

When I think of chimes of the evening, I think of a quiet calling, a gentle reminder that it is time to gather together for some special sharing. I am so pleased that each of you heard the chimes this evening and have gathered here for an evening of special sharing because that's what we do, isn't it? We come together, and it is always special when sisters and brothers can join in any occasion.

When the chimes have faded in time, may you remember this evening as a source

of enjoyment and happiness. It is with a heart filled with joy that I welcome each of you to this "Chimes of the Evening" banquet. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Certainly it is a joy to have a Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana bring our response, Mrs. Gladys Allison. We have many visitors here from Louisiana, and we're so proud that you accepted this place on the program. I deeply appreciate it, and our Worthy Grand Matron was deeply pleased when I told her that you had accepted. Sister Gladys.

MRS. GLADYS ALLISON: Thank you, Mistress of Ceremonies, for such a beautiful tribute. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members of General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests one and all, how marvelous it is to be in Big D, Texas; to have the warm hearts and beautiful welcome in such a beautiful setting.

Thank you for the honor that you have bestowed upon Louisiana by inviting me to share in this beautiful evening. Thank you, Sister, for the gracious welcome that you just presented to us. Your guests have traveled from near and far to be here to attend and share this joy of the evening with you. "A Time for All Things" Session, how beautiful! What a beautiful thought. The chimes of the evening, yes, it is evening time and the day has been completed with beautiful decorations, beautiful workers, hands of the heart to complete this day for you, Sister Jane, Miss America, and Mr. Wonderful.

How precious it is that you're sharing this joy with us and also your neighboring states. We have felt this warmth. The love with which we were greeted by your Grand Chapter Committee Members, your Grand officers, has filled our hearts with joy. We are laborers together with God. And on behalf of your many distinguished guests, may I say thank you for all of the courtesies that you have extended to us. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Next it says on my program dinner. That's a good word. That's one of those 1600 that will get into the new dictionary! So let's eat.

DINNER

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Did you enjoy your dinner? [Applause] We are delighted to have Mrs. Mary Brown bring our introductions. Mary does introductions in a different way sometimes. I know that we are going to have something about chimes because there's something sitting here that tells me that she is. Sister Mary.

MRS. MARY BROWN: [Chime is played.] Can you hear that? Does it project?

Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. You're always so gracious in presenting a program. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and your lovely Elaine, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Masons, Eastern Stars and Friends—Just a practice run, Worthy Grand Matron.

Please give your attention to the instructions that we may finish together. Rise when your name is called and remain standing until all names for your group have been called. Audience, hold your applause until all names in a particular category have been called. To assist you in determining that exact time, I will invite you to greet them, welcome them, et cetera.

Since "Chimes of the Evening" is the title of this banquet, we are going to use musical chimes. These are chimes that were hand crafted by a musical instrument maker, Jacob Sokoloff, of Los Alametos, California. Jacob took great care in the tuning

of this chime to ensure a fine tone. It is tuned in the East Indian tonic scale, producing a mystical effect.

Now, throughout this year our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have stressed the importance of our using our time, 24 hours a day, wisely. Thus, we are going to imagine that we have a large face of a clock, a clock that chimes every hour on the hour. We have just passed midnight and are approaching one o'clock.

[One chime is heard.] Who is number one? Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband, Morris P. "Moe" Gregory, Grand Escort; Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, and his wife, June Whitaker, Grand Esther. Sisters and Brothers, greet your leaders. [Applause]

[Two chimes are heard.] General Grand Chapter Officers, Mr. Robert L. Baker, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Virginia, and his lovely wife, Mrs. Elaine Baker, Grand Secretary Emeritus of Virginia. Sisters and Brothers, give them a hearty Texas welcome. [Applause]

[Three chimes are heard.] General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Texas' own: Mrs. Elise Hammack, ESTARL; Mr. Leonard Ellington, Fraternal Relations; Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, Registration. Show them how proud we are of them. [Applause]

[Four chimes are heard.] Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions: Mrs. Margaret Byrd, Worthy Grand Matron of Alabama; Mrs. Gladys Allison, Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana, and her husband, Mr. Harmon Allison who is Grand Warder of Louisiana; Mrs. Virgie George, Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico. Please greet them. [Applause]

[Five chimes are heard.] Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions: Mrs. Josephine Kozak, Past Grand Matron of Colorado; Mrs. Pat Cleveland, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, and her husband, Mr. A. J. Cleveland, Grand Sentinel of Louisiana; Mrs. Chelsea Branson, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, and her husband, Mr. Joe Branson, Grand Chaplain of Louisiana; Mr. Alvin Roach, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana, and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Roach, Associate Grand Matron of Louisiana; Mrs. Helen Fisher, Past Grand Matron of New Mexico, and her husband, Mr. Wayne E. Fisher, Past Grand Patron of New Mexico; Mr. Charles Harpool, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma, and his lovely wife, Mrs. Janai Harpool. Where is Janai? Grand Representative of Australia in Oklahoma.

Please welcome these friends and neighbors. [Applause]

I always miss someone, and this gentleman I did not know was present. We do not want to overlook our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother David L. George, Louisiana. Brother George, will you please stand. [Applause]

[Six chimes are heard.] Texas' own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: Mrs. Cynthia Mae Watts; Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus — would you please rise as I call your name — Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith; Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard and her husband Murle; Mrs. Molly Goodpasture West; Mrs. Mildred Sharpe; Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen; Mrs. Katherine Harbour; Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup; Mrs. Joyce Roberts; Mrs. Rennie Ofton and her husband Paul, Grand Escort; Mrs. Lena Maye Cook and her husband Jim, Grand Escort; Mrs. Mildred Garlitz; Mrs. Lois Bell; Mrs. Elsie Paladino and her husband John, Grand Escort; Mrs. Jean Nesbitt; Mrs. Sherrill Cain and her husband Dr. Bicker Cain, Grand Escort; Mrs. Doris M. Efird and her husband John, Grand Escort; Mrs. Betty Phillips, Dr. Effie Mae Davis and her husband Jeff.

Past Grand Patrons: Mr. Herbert L. Arnold and his wife Maude, Grand Escort;

Mr. J. T. Sanders and his wife Martha — I believe they had to leave — Mr. Harold Todd and his wife Cleta, Grand Representative of New York in Texas; Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes and his wife Fae, Grand Escort; Dr. O. D. Christian and his wife Frances; Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.; Mr. Gene Belk and his wife Frances, Grand Escort; Mr. Wayne P. Jones and his wife Margaret, Grand Escort; Mr. B. F. Hutson; Mr. Harry G. Cunningham and his wife Barbara; Mr. Joe E. Jeffers and his wife Patricia.

And our sweethearts, wives and husbands of deceased Past Grands: Mrs. Edna Goettee on the Arrangements Committee and Mrs. Bobbie Paul.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, show them how much we love them. [Applause]

[Seven chimes are heard.] Installed Floor Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions: From Alabama, Mrs. Pauline Kirby, Grand Chaplain; Mrs. Valerie Crabtree, Grand Marshal; Mrs. Ozella Vanderburg, Grand Martha. From Louisiana, Mrs. Terri Castey Grand Conductress; Mrs. Joy Denny, Associate Grand Conductress, and her husband J. R. Denny; Mr. Leon Bogue, Grand Marshal, and his wife Mrs. Helen Bogue; Mrs. Martha Clements, Grand Organist. From New Mexico, Mrs. Juanita Coleman, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Betty Apgar, Grand Chaplain. Sisters and Brothers, welcome our friends. [Applause]

[Eight chimes are heard.] Installed Floor Officers and Elected Boards: Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron, and her husband Floyd E. Green, Grand Escort; Mr. Garland Ward Rattan, Associate Grand Patron, and his wife Shirley, Grand Escort; Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer, and her husband Ivan Wallace, Grand Escort; Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress, and her husband William R. Curry, Grand Escort; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress, and her husband Max Fairchild, Grand Escort; Mr. Robert L. Wood, Jr., Grand Chaplain; Mrs. Alma Carter, Grand Marshal; Mrs. Nancy Matus, Grand Organist; Mrs. Martha Grissom, Grand Adah, and her husband Mr. Vernon Grissom; Mrs. Sara Crowder, Grand Ruth, and her husband Mac Crowder, Chairman, Board of Directors/Grand Chapter Benevolences; Mrs. Connie Autrey, Grand Martha, and her husband Larry Autrey, Arrangements Committee; Mrs. LaVerne Whitfield, Grand Electa; Mrs. Marilyn Knowlton, Grand Warder, and her husband Travis Knowlton, Grand Escort; Mr. Kermit Schnelle, Grand Sentinel, and his wife Ethel Schnelle, Grand Escort; Board of Grand Trustees: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman, District 3; Mr. A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman, District 2, and his wife "Doc" Jackson; Mrs. Penny Vletas, District 4; Mrs. Sarah Valkus Coursey, District 1, and her husband Robert Coursey; Board of Directors, Grand Chapter Benevolences: Mr. Ben Day, Vice Chairman, District 1; Mrs. Marcell Bailey, Secretary, District 4 — I do not believe they are here - Mrs. Helen M. Hare, District 5; Board of Grand Examiners: Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw, District l; Mrs. Joyce Fields, District 2; Mrs. Patsy Wilson — I'll back up with the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, Patsy — Mrs. Montie Malone, District 4, and her husband, Norman Malone; Mrs. Nannette Nelson, District 5, Mrs. Jimmie McMahon, Grand Examiner at Large, and her husband Harold McMahon. Sisters and Brothers, welcome this group. [Applause]

[Nine chimes are heard.] Grand Representatives. Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions: Mrs. Nancy Bennett, Alabama; Mrs. Ina Beeson, California; Mrs. Patricia Stone, Colorado; Mrs. William Carter, District of Columbia; Mrs. Sally McKenzie, Ontario; Mr. John Vermillion, West Virginia. Have I missed anyone?

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions: Mrs. Orra Watts, Grand Representative of Scotland in Alabama; Mr. Lannis Gilliland, Grand Representative of Wyoming in Alabama; Mrs. Elizabeth Kahrs, Grand Representative of New York in California; Mr. John Clemmons, Arkansas in Louisiana;

Mrs. Gracie Armstrong, Massachusetts in Oregon. Are there others? Brother Bill Kozacek, Georgia in Colorado.

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Mrs. Ola Mae Davis, Australia; Mrs. Sue Ann Ainsworth, California; Mrs. Mildred Harvey, Colorado; Mr. D. A. Morris, Connecticut; Mrs. Neva Mae Cherry, Delaware; Mrs. Wanda Gilmore, District of Columbia, Mrs. Lyda Lawhorn, Idaho; Mrs. Opal Ramsey, Missouri; Mrs. Evelyn Conger, Nevada; Mrs. Boots Draper, North Carolina.

Greet our ambassadors of good will. [Applause]

[Ten chimes are heard.] Order of Rainbow for Girls: Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Chaplain and Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and her husband Hubert Mills. Greet this fine leader of our Rainbow Girls in Texas. [Applause]

I have just found that Mrs. Mills has another title, and I did not introduce her as a Grand Representative of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. She is representing South Dakota in Texas. Congratulations, Sister Pearl. [Applause]

Well, we've just about — What do we lack? Twelve? This is a toy that I bought for myself. [Laughter] So let's have twelve for all of those who have not heretofore been introduced. [Twelve chimes are heard.] And they're probably the hardest workers in our Grand Jurisdictions.

Our Worthy Grand Matron says Happy New Year. [Laughter]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Thank you, Sister Mary. Now, Worthy Grand Matron, we're not that far along.

How pleased we are to have Mr. Robert L. Baker, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron from Virginia and General Grand Chapter, to come and be with us. We were overjoyed when we heard that he was coming. The Worthy Grand Matron called and said that he would be with us and his sweet wife Elaine. We are so proud they are here. We await his greetings.

MR. ROBERT BAKER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters and Brothers all: What a delight it is to be in big Texas tonight. You know I'm from the small state of Virginia. If you turn the clock back several years, I think Virginia was almost as large as Texas, but they started whittling away at it and took eight states out of Virginia. We roamed from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi. I've got to go back and read up on my history a little bit. I don't remember all those states. I had a problem in school. I guess it was the principal of the thing that got to me. [Laughter]

It is a real pleasure to be here. Sitting up here on this high elevation looking back across this great crowd tonight, I notice that the gentlemen in Texas wear their hair just like the gentlemen in Virginia: parted, unparted, and quite a few of us, departed. [Laughter]

But it is a real pleasure to be here. I bring you greetings from the General Grand Chapter and also from the General Grand Chapter of Virginia. Sister Maxine is not here tonight, so I can kind of run free. I remind them in West Virginia, though, that they're just a chip off the old block, too. They took a big hunk off the — I guess the northwest corner of Virginia.

It is great to be down in Texas. This hospitality — I thought we had hospitality in Virginia, but I'll tell you this has been just super. I don't know how you people get a chance to do anything because the only thing I've been able to do since I've gotten here is eat. [Laughter] We started off this morning with the reception for the Associate Grand Matron. I no more than got back to the hotel and we went to lunch. I did have an opportunity to take a shower, thank goodness! Then we went to another reception and ate there. We get here again tonight and you have more food. I hope you don't eat like this all the time. If you do, Metri-Cal and all these Slim-Fast foods will never do the job. [Laughter]

We in General Grand Chapter — Of course, you know I'm almost a new kid on the block. Barbara Benton, I beat her by 3-1/2 minutes, and I don't let her forget that either, that she's a junior and I'm one of the senior members.

But we look forward to going around. This is my first visit to the Grand Chapter of Texas. We spent some time in Texas. In fact, I spent a lot of time in Texas in 1989. I was telling them at lunch — I think it was this afternoon — we went across Texas; and that's not any minor operation. We took our motor home, and I didn't think I'd ever get to the other side. We just kept rolling and rolling. I was reminded of that yesterday as we came in. We saw a sign; I thought we had been riding for about two hours or three hours. Looked at the sign and it said 857 more miles. [Laughter] So I'm glad I'm not involved with your highway department here.

But it is a real pleasure for Sister Elaine and I to be here with you this evening. We thank you for all the hospitality and all the courtesies that have been extended to us. I'd like to invite you to Virginia in May. But, for goodness sakes, be in Memphis in 1994. I'm hoping that Sister Rennie — all of you people will be there to welcome Sister Rennie; and we're looking forward to her. We thoroughly enjoyed being in her company also.

Worthy Matron, we thank you for this opportunity and we look forward to being with you again tomorrow. Thank you very much. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: We are so pleased to have the tribute to our sweet Patricia Neinast by Mrs. Mildred Sharpe. Mildred is such a sweet lady, a lovable person to our Eastern Star, as well as to her community and her church, and how I have loved her so long. Her husband was Worthy Grand Patron when I was Worthy Matron, so there is an extra special love for Millie.

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Thank you, Sister Lena Maye. We go back a long ways, don't we?

Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: Now, I just knew when I realized I was going to have this opportunity that — the letter inviting me to pay tribute to my friend, Patricia Major Neinast, said limit your remarks to 20 minutes. No, Lena Maye, it was the reader! I referred to the letter again, and it said two. [Laughter] Or three.

Of course, we know that brevity is necessary. But to do proper justice to a tribute to this lady, your friend and my friend, Patricia Major Neinast, one would need hours. Pat, come stand with me. I get lonesome by myself.

Sisters and Brothers, do you really know this lady? Do you? [Applause] I believe you do. Let me say that I'm so pleased to represent you, the membership, in paying tribute to this friend. You see, I speak from a personal standpoint in representing you. We met in the beginning back in the early fifties. It has been a long time.

Pat served as Worthy Matron in 1954-55. She served as Deputy Grand Matron in 1956-57. I had to get that in to let you know that she served under Mrs. Pauline Smith and Ed Sharpe. She served as District Deputy Grand Matron under Sister Katherine Poulis in 1959-60. She served as Grand Warder under Molly Goodpasture West in 1963-64. She served as Grand Examiner of District 1 for several years, having served in the year 1966-67. Of course, in that time I had the privilege of traveling with her. As she was District Deputy, I was Grand Examiner and then of course as Worthy Grand Matron she was my Grand Examiner. During the interim of time, she served in other places of service in our Grand Chapter and then began her journey as an elective line Grand Officer in our Grand Chapter, serving as Worthy Grand Matron in 1974-75.

We've shared happy times, times of sorrow, troublesome times. We've laughed together; we've cried together; we've traveled the highways and the byways. We've worked and planned together, sharing a beautiful and lasting friendship. You see, Sisters and Brothers, I know this lady well. She's a loyal and devoted friend. She has a heart of gold. She's understanding and compassionate. If you were to read her 1975 Proceedings, you would find in those pages many, many worthwhile accomplishments, accomplishments of service to mankind. You would literally see into the heart, mind and soul of this friend.

Pat, how proud we are, this your membership, that the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Virginia Painter, saw fit to select you as one of the General Grand Chapter Committee Members in our state representing Texas in General Grand Chapter. Now we share you with Eastern Stars everywhere. So it is with an expression of love and devotion of our membership, my friend, that I say to you, God bless you, God hold you close and God keep you in the shelter of his love. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Our presentation will be given by Mrs. Sherrill Cain, after which Sister Patricia will bring us her greetings.

MRS. SHERRILL CAIN: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Head Table, my Sisters and Brothers: Tonight I have the great privilege of presenting Sister Pat a gift. Merry Christmas! [Laughter] You knew I had to do this.

Many times I have been on the receiving end of the gifts given by this beautiful lady. My first gift from her was her friendship. My second gift was being her Deputy Grand Matron many years ago. She has responded to me any time I have ever needed her. Tonight it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present you our gift as our representative in the General Grand Chapter, and how I love you. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: How pleased I was to travel with this lovely lady as Grand Examiner. She was real good to me, and that's how I learned the work. She will now bring greetings.

MRS. PATRICIA NEINAST: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, my beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons not only of Texas but other states, the present Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other states — how pleased we are that you are with us — all distinguished Grand Officers, my dear hearts and gentle people: When Millie was talking, I looked around to see who she was referring to. I've never heard such beautiful words. Sister Millie, I could say ditto right back to you for most all the things that you've said. I have loved you; you, along with several other Past Grand Matrons, have held my hand through lots of uphills and downhills, and I love you truly. Sister Sherrill, you've always been such a joy; and I want to say to you, along with the membership of Texas, thank you for all the gracious gestures that have come my way.

I want to bring some short greetings and say to you that Sister Virginia Painter, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, if she were here, I would say to her, "Thank you for allowing me to represent such a distinguished, distinguished membership, that of the Grand Chapter of Texas."

I owe the Grand Chapter of Texas every ounce of the energy that I can muster to do for our Order. It has afforded me all the privileges and honors that can be bestowed upon an office. I do want to say thank you for everything.

I asked the Worthy Grand Matron if I could tell this sober group a little joke. I told one one time, and she said it would be all right. I think sometime we need to laugh. The chimes of time make me think of this old gentleman and his wife, or they might have been a young couple. They were seated in their living room; they were watching television and the lady was reading. The lady got up and walked over, and she slapped her husband. After he got through being so astonished that she would slap him, he said, "What was that for?" She said, "For your lousy kisses." She goes and sits back down. He gets up and walks over and slaps her. After she got over being stunned from being slapped, she said, "What was that for?" He said, "For knowing the difference." [Laughter]

Thank you, Grand Chapter of Texas, for all the lovely things that you do for me. Thank you for allowing me to love you. Thank you. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Now this next sweet lady served with me as Associate Grand Matron. She had the umbrella and I had the butterfly, and how well they went together. Elise has always been a charming friend of mine and of yours. It is with great pleasure that I present Sister Edna Goettee to bring the tribute to our lovely Elise.

MRS. EDNA GOETTEE: Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Lena Maye Cook; Worthy Grand Matron; Worthy Grand Patron; Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Virginia; General Grand Chapter Committee Members; Grand Floor Officers; Past Grand Matrons; Past Grand Patrons; Other Distinguished Members and Visitors: Thank you, Sister Lena Maye Cook, for this very high honor and very special privilege of paying tribute to Mrs. Elise Hammack, Member of the ESTARL Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and one whose friendship continues to be a blessing in my life.

Sister Elise, will you please come and stand by me. Sister Elise Hammack's Eastern Star life began in September 1955. She served as Worthy Matron in 1969-1970. She gave service and started her service to the Grand Chapter of Texas in 1970-71 and was elected Grand Conductress in 1979. She served as Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas in 1981-1982 at the 100th session, "Under His Umbrella." The chimes of the memories of the 100th session will linger as an outstanding portion of the glorious history of the Grand Chapter. We will always remember the umbrella of love that you held over the membership of Texas. In November 1991 our Grand Chapter has been honored by your appointment to General Grand Chapter for the triennium by Mrs. Virginia Painter, Most Worthy Grand Matron. In paying tribute to you, I am reminded of these words by the poet:

There are loyal hearts;
There are spirits brave;
There are souls that are pure and true.
Then give to the world the best you have,
and the best will come back to you.

We pay tribute to you because you have always dedicated your life to the fullest

for the service of others. You have always had a great interest and love for your fellowman. In your daily life, you have reached out and touched someone so that they might have a happier and sweeter and easier way of life. We love you not only for what you are, but what you make of us when we are with you. You have enshrined yourself in our hearts, and you have exemplified the true principles in your fairness and consideration of others. You carry the beauty of your service, the wisdom of your years of experience and your God-given special talents into your special responsibilities of service for the ESTARL Committee of General Grand Chapter.

So, Sister Elise, you go as our representative into this coming triennium with our wish and happiness for your service to this great Order. We are confident that your service will reflect honor upon us and upon our beloved Grand Chapter, and will be of great credit to you. As you continue service in your appointment, may the echo of its chimes forever reverberate in love, peace and good will to all people. Our wish for you is may the trail of the wind leave its songs in your path; may the sun light the sky where you stand, may the pleasure of friendship be yours through the days with the clasp of a caring hand. Our prayer for you is that God will continue His blessings upon you and always hold you in the palm of His hand. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: To make our presentation will be our friend and Elise's friend, a Past Grand Matron who we really love, Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup.

MRS. THELMA JOYCE ALSUP: She wants to know how much you paid me, Lena Maye, to do this for her.

Master of Ceremonies, Sister Lena Maye Cook; Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn Whitaker; Distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers; Distinguished Grand Officers; Distinguished Members and Friends all: It is a joy to present the gift from the Grand Chapter of Texas to our beautiful Elise B. Hammack.

How humble I feel in being selected to present this gift from the Grand Chapter to our sweet and precious friend, Mrs. Elise Hammack. Dear one, may you have enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to keep you happy, enough failure to keep you humble, enough success to keep you eager, enough friends to give you comfort, enough wealth — poor Bert, he'll have to work real hard [laughter] — to meet your needs, enough enthusiasm to look forward, enough faith to banish depression, enough determination to make each and every day better than yesterday. Our dear and precious friend, you are very, very special. We all agree, you have the nicest way of giving friendship a meaning all its own. God bless you and your wonderful family. Your Grand Chapter of Texas loves you dearly. God bless you. [Applause]

MRS. LENAMAYE COOK: Sister Elise will bring us greetings. We look forward to this. I enjoyed her being my Associate Grand Matron. She worked hard for me, and I really appreciate it. Sister Elise.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Sister Lena Maye Cook, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other Distinguished Members at these Head Tables, and our Visitors and my wonderful Sisters and Brothers all: How very nice it is to be able to extend greetings to this nice group. I wish you could see how pretty you are from here. I would first express my sincere appreciation to all of you who came because we know you had a choice. I'm especially grateful to the membership of Texas for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron in 1981-82, thereby making it possible for Mrs. Virginia Painter, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, to give this appointment to Texas to serve on the ESTARL Committee. I am

sorry that our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron are not present this evening and are not here for this session. I believe they are in the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island at this time.

I want to say how nice the banquet is, Lena Maye. I always called her my Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you for all your preparations. We have enjoyed the dinner and the nice visiting. I thank you for the gift from the Grand Chapter, for the General Grand banquet; and I thank you for all the courtesies of the evening. I look forward to getting to visit with each one of you during this session. Thank you. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: One of the finest gentlemen that anyone could ever know, one of the best friends that anyone could ever have is our Brother Leonard Ellington. The finest lady that could bring tribute to Brother Leonard is one of his cherished friends and our friend, Mrs. Molly Goodpasture West.

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE WEST: Master of Ceremonies, Distinguished Members and Friends: Once upon a time a young lady named Caroline moved to West Texas from Pennsylvania for her health. She lived with her brother and taught in a one-room schoolhouse. One year later she married a cowboy named F. M. Ellington, affectionately called "Frosty."

I first remember Frosty as a tall, handsome gentleman serving as sheriff of Terry County, wearing cowboy boots and a white Stetson hat. Later when I married and joined Eastern Star, Caroline and Frosty were the backbone of Eastern Star in Brownfield. They had a daughter named Eileen who was an accomplished musician; they had a son named Leonard who took up the reins of building upon his heritage, serving in all responsible positions: in church, in civic affairs and in business. He was serving as executive vice president of the First National Bank of Brownfield when he retired almost four years ago, and he still serves on that board of directors.

His mother Caroline was an extremely intelligent lady, with a quiet dignity and an unassuming air. Leonard took care of her until she died at the age of 96. Leonard got his tall, handsome good looks from his father Frosty. He got his rare intelligence from his mother Caroline.

Early in life Leonard was influenced by the good examples set before him by his parents, the example of faithful and loyal membership, of obedient adherence to the principles laid down by them, the example of devoted service, the example of generous, charitable endeavor, the example of guarding the heritage handed down to them. Leonard is a loved and respected pillar of our community.

Leonard, thank you for being my friend. Thank you for what you have meant to my life and the influence you have had upon others. I wanted these, your many friends and admirers, to know something of your heritage and how you have continued. These are all admirers and friends of yours, and I wanted them to know how you have continued to build upon that heritage. Thank you. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Another very sweet friend of all of ours and mine, and we just love to hear her talk, so we're going to ask her to come and make the presentation to Brother Leonard, Mrs. Joyce Roberts.

MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS: Thank you, Lena Maye. Distinguished Head Table, my Precious Sisters and Brothers, when Lena Maye asked me if I would present Leonard with his gift from the Grand Chapter of Texas. I was really thrilled because this fine man has been a friend of mine for more than forty years. I have a joke about his receding hairline, but I won't tell you that right now. [Laughter] I will tell Brother Baker

when we're through with this.

Brother Leonard, you have always brought to the hearts and minds of our members that we love one another. You are an embodiment of this virtue. Your manner is calm, and your voice is soft. Yet you speak with a gentle decisiveness. You bring to us the feeling of security, wrapped in a cloak of firm dedication to God and to our Order. With love from all of us, I present to you this gift. I think there's something in it because it feels fat. [Laughter] [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Now we await the greetings from Brother Leonard, who I know will bring us greetings from his heart and good words for us.

MR. LEONARD ELLINGTON: This job gets better as time goes on. It's nice to be adored like this! [Laughter]

Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Head Tables, Sisters and Brothers: Thank you for being here, especially our out-of-state guests, to support our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in this annual session. The job of Fraternal Relations is rather limitless. I noticed an ad in the "Wall Street Journal" not long ago, you know, those big one-page ads. Right across the top it said, "If it ain't broke, fix it. There's always room for improvement." That is sort of what fraternal relations is, and it starts among the Eastern Star members, fraternal relations among ourselves and particularly as our Most Worthy Grand Matron has in mind, cementing better relations with the Masonic fraternity which worldwide is still resistant somewhat to the Order of the Eastern Star.

But people like you who go from here into other states can always help the Order by being courteous and kind and helpful to our Masonic Brethren and our local Chapters which mostly meet in lodges. We have a job to do, and this will reflect in the public eye also.

Thank you, Molly, for your kind reference to my heritage. It is indeed one to be proud of. As many of you know, the first two years of my life I spent on a quilt by the secretary's desk. Thank you. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: The next lady who will bring the tribute always has fitting words for any occasion. I have always called her my orator. She is Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus who will bring the tribute to the Grand Installed Floor Officers. Sister Lallah Mae.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Master of Ceremonies, my dear, sweet friend; Worthy Grand Matron; Worthy Grand Patron; Distinguished Visitors and Members of our own Grand Chapter; my beloved Sisters and Brothers: I address 16 beautiful, devoted and beloved Floor Officers of our own Grand Chapter.

As I bring our tribute to you, I am reminded of Confucius' pattern for the perfect person. He defines perfect virtues as being able to practice five things everywhere under the sun: gravity, magnanimity, sincerity, earnestness and kindness. These are the virtues that we have recognized in your year of service. Gravity is of the Eastern world, but closely related to it here is dignity. When we follow our ideals as symbolized in the Star and in our Obligation, we do not find self-seeking, but rather the love which preferreth one another. Such is magnanimity. Your performance entitles you to this description. Sincerity, Confucius says, is the perfect virtue. Corresponding to truth, summoning that of great admiration, reminding us of that oft-quoted word, "To thine own self be true, then it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false

to any man." This you have expressed to us.

While earnestness is not necessarily urged upon us, how very necessary it is for acknowledging that which is within us. How abundantly it has been expressed by you called to service in your respective places during this year. Kindness, the fifth essential of the perfect person, is akin to love. That which maketh a man to be desired is his kindness. After all, we are told that life is not made up of the great sacrifices of duty, but of little things that are practiced habitually in your everyday life. These we have seen in you as you have touched our lives in this year of time. Seeing them before all of us, those assembled here, those whom you have served, and those whose life you have touched throughout the year, we say, you are fairest among thousands, altogether lovely.

You were given a key by which the door of service of this year was opened. Virginia, the effulgent sun is the key that has opened this year of preparation for greater service.

Garland, yours has been the star within a star, lighting your year of travel.

Frances, your key has been the crossed pens with which you have recorded yours and Grand Chapter's gift to all.

Lola, your key has been the crossed keys, making sure that there are funds available for us to render service to others.

Marcella, a scroll and baton has been your key of service, giving you the privilege of leadership of others.

Wanda, the baton, an emblem of direction, you have used with beautiful humility.

Robert, the open Bible is the perfect compass for a Star journey. With dignity you have used that key.

Alma, your key, the crossed batons, symbolizes courtesy. We recognize this virtue in your year of service.

Nancy, the lyre is your key. Your use of it has kept us all in perfect step.

Martha, the sword and veil unlocks the message of fidelity. This virtue you have reflected for us.

Sara, your key has been the sheaf. You have uplifted it as a reminder to us all that patient industry shall not go unrecorded.

June, the crown and scepter speak of unselfish loyalty to others. You have reflected this beautiful virtue.

Connie, the broken column reminds us to walk by faith. Thus, have you walked through this year of time.

LaVerne, you uphold the cup overflowing with your Father's abundant gift of love. We've been blessed by your reflections.

Marilyn, the key of peace was entrusted to you, a challenging responsibility performed lovingly.

And, Kermit, you've worn the crossed swords reminding us all to be watchful, for the world sees our Star through each of us.

You have each used well the keys entrusted to you to unlock the gateway of service for our beloved Grand Chapter. For such careful and devoted service, we say thank you. In our thanks is pride reaching to enfold each of you, thanks for your devotion, thanks for the dignity with which you have performed your duties, thanks for your loyalty to your leaders, your Worthy Grand Matron and your Worthy Grand Patron. In our thanks and in our tribute is a prayer that God will continue to bless you, and that you will continue to walk in the light of the Star, giving unselfishly of your service to this Order and to others. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Sisters and Brothers, I allowed her a little bit more time because she had more to speak to. Was that all right?

How wonderful it is to have a good Baptist pastor, Dr. O. D. Christian, bring a tribute. If you have never attended a church of his as he preaches, you should do it sometime. I charge nothing for that commercial. [Laughter] It's a joy to have him bring the tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Glenn Whitaker.

DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Someone told me at this meeting that they came south out of Teague and wanted to know where my church was. I said, "You went right in front of it."

Getting down to the order of business, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, other General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my dear Friends all: Brother Glenn, Sister Lena Maye wrote me a few weeks ago and asked if I would do a tribute to you this evening. I could think of nothing more greater to do at Grand Chapter this year than to try to put together some words that would be fitting for such a man as you.

It is my distinct honor to bring some words of appraisal for the activities of the Worthy Grand Patron, a man for whom everything has already been said. However, if you will indulge with me about two minutes, I'll extol a few more adjectives: Brother Glenn, a most devout Christian, a very sincere Mason, a super member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a very proficient husband. From experience I know what devotion one must have to attain more than fifteen years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Also from my own experience, I know the sincerity involved in reaching the sublime degree of a Master Mason. From years of experience and stability, I sense that Brother Glenn understands and knows how to be a wonderful husband, for he and June have had almost forty-nine years together, next month. Furthermore, from personal experience I know the dedication required to acquire the status of a super Eastern Star.

Now, my Sisters and Brothers, let me conclude by saying that Brother Glenn Whitaker, our Worthy Grand Patron, has done a superbly fantastic — and let's throw in another little word there called colossal — chore for Grand Chapter this year. I think that's great. And in this concluding statement, as I am through throwing out these adjectives, on behalf of all of you, allow me just to shake his hand for each one of you and say to him, "Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for this year's service." And now may you always be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: My husband Jim was supposed to bring the presentation, but he had to leave. He isn't ill, but there was something that called him away from the banquet. He is all right. Brother Harry Cunningham is going to do this presentation.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Sister Lena Maye, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my

Sisters and Brothers: Nothing could please me more than to present this man with this gift. Hasn't he been a wonderful Worthy Grand Patron? [Applause] Glenn and I go back a long ways in District 1, although I have lived in District 5 many years.

Glenn, it's my distinct pleasure to present to you on behalf of Grand Chapter a token of our great appreciation for the work you have done this year. Nothing could pay you enough for what you have done for this Order because I know you have done it out of the love of your heart. Thank you for being our friend. Thank you. [Applause]

MRS. LENAMAYE COOK: Mr. Glenn Whitaker, our Worthy Grand Patron, we await your greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Sister Lena Maye Cook. Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Head Tables, Sisters, Brothers and Friends: What a beautiful, beautiful night! I want you to know that I appreciate each and every one that has chosen to be here to make this a special night. Thank those that worked so hard to make it a great place for us to come and have a good time tonight. Thank you for the many gifts that have been bestowed upon June and me. Thank you, Brother Harry, for coming and saying those words also. Brother 0. D., for a great Baptist minister to stand and say those nice things about me, you're going to make me believe it if you keep that up. I appreciate it.

You know, we will never forget the name of this banquet, I don't believe. We have a tendency to let those things slip from us, but the beautiful chimes that were demonstrated here tonight and the part that was — had so many things to say, I know the chimes banquet will always remain with us over that. I want to thank my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, again. This will probably be the last banquet that I will be able to do this. To be able to walk this way with you, I know that words can never really truly express our appreciation for it. I love you, and may God have many things ahead for you that you will continue to enjoy Eastern Star.

You know, this is my feeling. About once every hundred years, God chooses someone to walk among his people to receive the blessings, the love that you are eager to bestow on somebody. That's my feeling this year that you have given to me. God bless you. [Applause and standing ovation.]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: In choosing someone for the tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, a loving friend, a beautiful lady and one that always does things so well, even the Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter, Elizabeth Williams, please come forward.

MRS. ELIZABETH WILLIAMS: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Sister Lena Maye. You are always very kind to me. These Past Grands that have spoken, they didn't get the message I did, and their tribute was longer. Now I took the fear of God, and mine is very short. [Laughter and applause.]

Sister Jane, chimes that are generally heard are musical. They ring for specific intervals. They note the point of progress in a program, a period of history, specific times of the year, a time of excitement or just marking time effectively. Some years ago chimes rang out for you, and you chose Moe Gregory as your life's companion, a wise, wise choice I might add. And I am told they rang out loud and clear when you chose the neighborhood that you built your home in. You are loved there. You are considered a very, very good neighbor. I am told you are an excellent homemaker, a wonderful housekeeper, all of which is a beautiful reflection of your childhood, your home life and your mother's teachings and directions.

Chimes have herald outstanding recognition for you professionally. You have

been recognized by the doctors, the nurses, hospitals and mostly by the patients that have come under your care. This membership recognized you and rang the chimes for you almost a year ago, and you set your program into motion.

As the chimes rang out, this membership prayed you would have a hope that was strong and sure and a love that was clean and pure. We prayed for your strength when the storm clouds gathered, and we all knew they would. We prayed for a loving heart that would soon forgive, because this is the gold your heart will hold. And, Jane, when the final chime rings out, when you lay the gavel down, we pray your future will be bright and happy as you reflect upon your activities of 1991-92. We ask God to bless you.

And for those of us here in District 4 that have been carrying your thoughts for a few years now, we ask and pray that may green be the grass you walk on, may blue be the sky above you, may pure be the joy that surrounds you and may true be the hearts that love you. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Our presentation to our Worthy Grand Matron will be by Mrs. Elsie Paladino, our sweet and lovely friend.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Sister Lena Maye. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers, my sweet friends: It has been said that we do not remember days in our lives; we remember moments. One year ago you began your year with one moment in time. Now time is bringing the year to an end. There were perhaps moments when you thought it was taking an eternity for this time to arrive, yet others when it seemed to be passing much too swiftly.

Yes, the chimes of the evening are reminding us that the labor of the day is almost completed and that time for a rest is near. This gift is lovingly presented to you with this wish from all of us.

When evening comes and stills the day, May there be a moment when you can say, Peace to my soul, my mind is at rest, I know in God my life is blest.

I lay aside the day's swift tide And gather in thoughts scattered wide. I count the moments of this day, I let God's wisdom guide my way.

The evening of each day thus spent Brings new awareness, new content. You know you've grown when you see God's perfect plan expressed in your life.

Sister Jane, may God's perfect plan be expressed in your life, and may you experience many moments of wonderful remembrance. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Another presentation is between the lines; you couldn't read it, but we're going to have a song now from Brother Preston, "Only A Rose."

["Only a Rose" sung by Mr. Preston Haynes.] [Applause]

MRS. LENAMAYE COOK: Thank you, Preston, Esther and Cloe, for the special things you did. Now, we will have the greetings from our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jane Gregory.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Sister Lena Maye Cook, my Past Grand Matron and special friend. May I say at this very moment a very, very special thank you for accepting the role of General Chairman for the General Banquet. It has been outstanding in all ways, as I knew it would be. The added touch, the consideration and the kindness that you can always find, Sister Lena Maye, to share with your fellowman has made each of us tonight feel extra special at this particular evening. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron; our very, very welcome Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Robert, and your very beautiful wife Elaine, to have you with us tonight is indeed an added joy to the membership of Texas. I appreciate the time that you took to travel the many miles to be here. As I told you earlier, I'm originally from Pennsylvania, so I know the distance from that part of the country to Texas. It is a meaningful, meaningful thing to have someone who cared enough to share their time with their fellowman and their sisters and brothers. God bless both of you and thank you again for your presence.

To Virgie, to Gladys and to Margaret, my co-workers of other Grand Jurisdictions, with the fun that we have had as we have served in line through our different Grand Jurisdictions, it has been a joy and a delight. I thank my God that He allowed our lives to touch. I look forward to the years ahead when we will be Pasts, and then we can join each other and share other Grand Jurisdictions and their love and friendship. Thank you for being with us. [Applause]

To all our very special guests who have traveled from any Grand Jurisdiction—and we have them from California, Oklahoma and just so many, many states that I could not name every one. When my General Chairman of Arrangements, and then when the Chairman of Registration sent me the list of those that would be with us for our 110th Grand Chapter session, how thrilled I was for I know that we in Texas love to entertain, and I know that the membership of Texas will be so pleased to share the many attributes that Texas has to offer to each of you who chose to come our way. I sincerely pray that you will leave Texas with the warmth of our love in your hearts and a desire to return one more time.

To every Past Grand Matron and Patron from Texas, how soon I shall join your ranks, and I've heard from many of you that I'm going to love that place best of all. You have been the strength of this Grand Jurisdiction. You have been the foundation of this Grand Jurisdiction. And because of your dedication, you have made Texas what it is and how it is known in the world of Eastern Star. I thank you for your presence tonight.

To every floor officer, both within Texas and without, to every member, for you are as important as anyone holding a grand office or a grand appointment, you, the membership, are what make up Eastern Star. If you were not interested nor present, then it would be useless for any of us to hold an office and try to serve, for only are we able to serve through your dedication and your hard work. This is what has made the world of Eastern Star known throughout the world as an outstanding organization for benevolent purposes. I am so very proud and pleased to be a part of that world.

I cannot begin to tell you what today has been, from one little square to another. We started at seven o'clock this morning in the beauty shop and then worked our way through the day to tonight. Each incident, each occasion has been special because you have made it so. I have told you many times through the years in line, and particularly this year, how much you mean in my life. You know that Moe is the only family that I have outside of my Eastern Star sisters and brothers. You are my family. You are what I call my very own personal family that uplifts me when I need it. I want you to understand that from the very bottom of my heart, I am grateful for every act of kindness and courtesy that you have ever extended to me and to Moe.

I'm very happy to report — and this is a great group to be able to tell — you know that Moe has been ill. I have appreciated so very much the cards, and Moe has enjoyed and kept the notes and the sweet cards that you have sent. Two weeks ago he had a checkup with his doctor, and I'm happy to tell you that he is in complete remission. [Applause] God does answer prayers. I have felt Him many times in my life. I have had many trials, but always that right hand of my God is there to steady me, to lead me and to direct me.

I am looking forward to the 110th, "A Time for All Things" session, with you, the membership of Texas, for it will be your decision to the different facets of business that will come before us. I know the intelligence that you have, and I know of the deep convictions that you feel. I have no fear that you will not make the right choices, that our Order can continue to grow and to go forward.

It's extremely hard for me to realize that this year is at a close, for it does just seem like yesterday that I was installed as your Worthy Grand Matron. They say that time passes rapidly when you're having fun. And, yes, Sisters and Brothers, I have had fun this year. You have made that possible. You uplift me. I go home and can't go to bed until about three in the morning just because I keep remembering each of you and the good times we've had, the things that we have shared. Life is truly what one makes of it. And, yes, I have had the heartaches and the sadness along with the happy times all this year, but I have tried to fulfill each obligation and to foresee where harmony and love could enrich the lives of the membership of Texas by giving of my time through service.

Each day has been a challenge as life should be, not like any day before it. So, as always, I try to live one day at a time, allowing new thoughts, new discoveries and new endeavors to pursue and encourage and challenge me. Also, I knew that if I kept with a fresh thought each day, then I could feel the wonder and all the possibilities that God provides for each of us.

We have choices to make daily. Some seem simple to make; others seem very difficult to make. We must use God-given intuition He has instilled in each of us where the pathways of life are diverse and contain many turning points. In the role of a Worthy Grand Matron, you must make choices that you feel are in the best interest of our Order. Sometimes the decisions do not always turn out as you expected. But if you do go forward enthusiastically anticipating good in all things, the outcome is usually satisfactory.

The beautiful tribute that was given to me by my Executive Chairman—she told me she thought I was her friend—Sister Elizabeth, you indeed are my friend. I have cherished the friendship that we have shared for many years, and I know you love me because of Moe. [Laughter] She agrees. Thank you from a heart filled with love for all that you have done for this Order, and particularly for me. You are an outstanding lady in all ways. You are quiet, unassuming, so proficient; and I knew that this Grand Chapter would be put together in a manner that would please all who came our way if you would say yes when I asked. I thank you from a grateful heart for saying yes, and for the beautiful tribute.

I thank the Grand Chapter of Texas for the lovely gift that I know they have just given to me. And Brother Preston and Sister Esther — these two people, we have been friends for so many years. I keep telling Preston how I love to hear him sing and how thrilled I was when you were the one that was chosen to sing as I was escorted in. I said to Moe, "Preston's going to sing. I can't imagine what it will be." Then you came out with that "Miss America." I had just finished telling someone today that it wouldn't be long until I took my final Miss America walk through the Grand Chapter labyrinth, and here you sang it. Thank you, Preston, from a grateful heart. Esther, the both of you have been so tremendous to serve Grand Chapter; and I appreciate your talents. When they were new, I was District Deputy; and my Worthy Grand Matron said, "Jane, do you happen

to know anyone who has a beautiful voice, particularly a male?" I said, "Yeah, I do. He's from my own section in fact. His name is Preston Miller." She said, "I" — Preston Miller! Okay.

Kathy said, "I've never heard of him." I said, "Well, I'll guarantee you he's what you want." Well, she asked if he would sing at Grand Chapter. The morning that he was to sing, I came out on stage. And as you know, the District Deputies are the personal pages of the Worthy Grand Matron. I looked over and Preston was as white as these tablecloths. I thought, "Oh, good heavens! Something's wrong." I said, "Preston, are you all right?" He said, "I have never sung for 5000 people before." Well, he did a magnificent job. And the membership of Texas knows now how much he has given since that time. And for your daughter Kathy—just the Haynes Family is something special. Thank you very much. [Applause]

And Sister Cloe, your fingers tickle those ivories and have for so long, and I thank you for agreeing to assist the Grand Organist at this Grand Chapter session. I know the membership shall enjoy hearing you many times in the next few days. Thank you, my sweet friend.

These roses are absolutely gorgeous. I don't get red roses very often. Whenever a lady is given a red rose, she feels exceptionally special; and here I was holding a dozen. I shall place those tonight where they are the first thing that I see when I open my eyes in the morning. I shall remember with gratitude and love why they were given to me.

To each of you, know that you are the sunshine of my glad days; and you are the substance and strength of my sad days. But most of all, you are the bright and shining stars of my life. I am so glad that God let each of you touch my life. I love you, and I look forward to the next few days with you. For every kindness that you have ever extended to the office of Worthy Grand Matron and to Jane Gregory personally, I thank you.

I have said through the school schedule — and I'll leave these words with you — you have exemplified these words many times over, and if you will continue to walk an extra mile to help some friend you know; if you will share your lot with them when theirs is running low; and if you will say a kindly word and just see a stranger smile; if you will do but one of these, your life will be worthwhile. Thank you. [Applause and standing ovation]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Sisters and Brothers, please read my comments on the back of the program. We will have our benediction by Mr. Harry Cunningham.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Sisters and Brothers, may we stand and hold hands. May we pause for just a moment to reflect our thoughts on those that were with us a year ago at this banquet who have gone on to be with our Heavenly Father for just a second. Would you pray with me.

Our kind and Heavenly Father, we come before you at the close of this banquet with thankful hearts for your goodness to us. Thank you, our Heavenly Father, for the blessings of this day. Thank you for being our friend when we need You. Father, thank you for the blessings of the friends here gathered. We pray, Dear Lord, that in the next few days we'll keep You foremost in our mind and sight. Bless our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they lead us during this Grand Chapter session. Father, thank you for Sister Lena Maye and the work she has put in for this banquet that we may enjoy it. Dear Father, help us all to be thankful for knowing You as our Savior. Thank you, Dear Lord, for the blessings of this evening. In Thy Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

Assisting Organists

12:00 Musical Prelude

CEREMONIAL OPENING

Thursday Afternoon October 8, 1992 "A Time to Begin" Session

12.00 Musical Florado	Dorothy Cleveland, Curtis Cole Cloe Morris, Patricia Shelton
Master of Ceremony	Mrs. Mary Brown Past Grand Matron
Escort	Mr. Gene Belk Past Grand Patron
Assisting Grand Marshal	Mrs. Sherrill Cain Past Grand Matron
Assisting Organist	Mr. Curtis Cole

MRS. MARY BROWN: It is my pleasure to act as Master of Ceremony for the Ceremonial Opening of the Thursday afternoon, "A Time to Begin" Session of the 110th Annual Grand Chapter Session. Thank you, my sweet friend, Curtis Cole, for the warmth with which you greeted us on our arrival, and especially for playing my song.

May I present our Assisting Grand Marshal, Mrs. Sherrill Cain, Past Grand Matron. She will assist in all processionals. Thank you, Sherrill. [Applause]

We will now have the presentation of the emblems. Eastern Star is a fraternal order comprised of people with deep religious convictions and spiritual values. We are open to all faiths, except no faith. Always in the center of a room is an altar upon which is placed the Holy Bible, God's Word for all times, all seasons, all faiths. From its pages we receive direction and inspiration for all of life's triumphs and trials, reminding us that God should be the center of our lives. Presenting the Bible is Mrs. Vi Lee, Worthy Matron of Pasadena No. 711, home Chapter of our Worthy Grand Matron.

Mr. Morris P. Gregory, a fine husband and Master Mason, will present the Square and Compasses, sacred emblems of Masonry, which the Grand Lodge of Texas has honored us with the privilege of placing upon God's Holy Word.

Presenting the Bible Marker is our beloved Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, a wonderful Christian and precious friend to us all. Reaching out to touch a hand and touching my heart, such is the friendship between the Gregorys and Sister Mary Ella. May God's richest blessings rest upon this presentation.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Brother J. P. Vogel. [Applause]

And now with much pleasure and pride, I present the Grand Officers of 1991-1992.

Fraternal Correspondent	Mrs. Betty Prater
Grand Sentinel	Mr. Kermit Schnelle
Grand Warder	Mrs. Marilyn Knowlton

Grand Electa	Mrs. LaVerne Whitfield
Grand Martha	Mrs. Connie Autrey
Grand Esther	Mrs. June Whitaker
Grand Ruth	Mrs. Sara Crowder
Grand Adah	Mrs. Martha Grissom
Grand Organist	Mrs. Nancy Matus
Grand Marshal	
Grand Chaplain	Mr. Robert L. Wood, Jr.
Associate Grand Conductress	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Grand Conductress	Mrs. Marcella Curry
Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Lola Wallace
Grand Secretary	
Associate Grand Patron	Mr. Garland Rattan
Associate Grand Matron	Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Jane Gregory

Brother Vogel, will you please stand. Just a minute, Cleo. We intended to get your picture when you were presented. Will you come and stand in the same place so that we can get a picture of you for your presentation. Again, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Mr. J. P. Vogel. [Applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, Sister Sherrill Cain, you will escort to the East Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Past Grand Matron; Mr. Gene Belk, Past Grand Patron, and Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron.

Sisters and Brothers, as these Past Grand Matrons and Patrons are being escorted to the East, we would like to present to you the wife of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Mrs. Frances Vogel. Welcome Mrs. Vogel. [Applause]

Sisters and Brothers, Mrs. Jane Gregory, our Worthy Grand Matron, will dedicate this 1992 Texas Grand Chapter Session. Sister Jane.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. It is my delight and joy to dedicate the 110th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, "A Time for All Things," to my husband, Moe Gregory, my friend and my advisor, for all of his kindness, consideration and loving manner. He has allowed me to spread my wings in the quest of my goals and the fulfillment of all of my dreams. I love you, Moe. [Applause]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Mr. James E. Huston will render a solo, "One Moment in Time."

[Mr. Huston sang "One Moment in Time" followed by much applause.]

Thank you, Brother Huston, for sharing your beautiful talents with us. And, now, please give your attention to the presentation of the flags. So long as the love of liberty continues to burn in the hearts of mankind, the American Flag will stand as a symbol of man's best hope on this good earth. The budding footprints of our own country's finest trace the course of freedom from the snows of Valley Forge to the desert sands of Kuwait. The Stars and Stripes will ride the breeze tomorrow and for a thousand tomorrows, if we so will. The United States Flag is being presented by Mr. Harry Cunningham, Past Grand Patron.

Texas our Texas, flag of a brave and proud people who gave their lives for freedom's sake, our Texas Flag has been presented by Mr. Ralph Davis, Past Grand Patron.

The Christian Flag, symbol of our Savior's love, will be presented by Mr. Harold Todd, Past Grand Patron.

Being a member of the Order of the Eastern Star is a wonderful and fulfilling way of life, a life of love. Through this fraternal service to humanity, we build a better world for all. May our OES Flag forever wave. Presented by Mr. J. T. Sanders, Past Grand Patron.

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under the heavens, a time to plant and a time to harvest. Worthy Grand Matron, this is your season. As you have planted, weeded and tended your field, I wish you much love. May the coffers of your storehouse overflow with joy and happiness you have gathered as you have traveled among the wonderful membership of this state. And may the pleasures you have cast into the lives of others come back to enrich your own.

Thank you for the honor of serving you in this special place.

Sister Lena Maye Cook, Brother Gene Belk, friends of many years, friends are a part of each other, and I have always taken great pride in your accomplishments. It has been a joy to share the East with you. And, Sister Lena Maye, I present to you the gavel that you may call to order this afternoon's session entitled "A Time to Begin." Sister Lena Maye.

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Thank you, Sister Mary. Sisters and Brothers, I know you see on your program that Mrs. Sally Matranga was to open this session. Sister Sally is not well. She regrets very, very much that she could not be with us and to be with Jane and be with the Worthy Grand Patron and all of you for this session. It is my pleasure to be asked to do this for her by the Worthy Grand Matron.

I call this session to order. To the Grand East, to all of the assembly, to our visiting people from other Grand Jurisdictions, to our very own people, how we say that we love you and we are so proud of your presence in this Grand Chapter room this morning. We thank you. We think it's morning, but, really, it's afternoon, isn't it?

Being a great friend of all of you, no greater honor could have been given me than to be asked to open this session. I know that you will enjoy every moment of it for it has been perfectly planned by our Worthy Grand Matron and by her officers and our Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Mary Brown, as your master of ceremonies, with the beautiful efforts of our Worthy Grand Matron, and we deeply appreciate Sister Mary for the kind way that she always does things. I know that you will want to tell her what a perfect MC she was. Let's tell her. [Applause]

No greater joy was mine than for the Worthy Grand Matron to tell me that Brother Gene Belk would be opening the session with me. I ask Brother Gene for his greetings.

MR. GENE BELK: Thank you, Sister Lena Maye, my lovely neighbor and friend. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all: It is a distinct honor afforded to me by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, to have the privilege of being part of the opening of this day of our 110th Session, "A Time for All Things" Session, of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

I want to extend a special welcome to our Worthy Grand Matron to be in our beautiful city this week and to let her know that we will be doing all in our power to set her stage for beautiful memories. This is my home town, Houston, Texas, for which I am

most proud. It is a city of space where it all began. What an honor to have each of you here with us this evening. We hope that your stay will be a memorable one and your time well spent, a time that will remain in your memories many years from now. We have tried to think of everything. Please let us know if there are any blanks left open.

It kind of reminds me of an Aggie that was filling out an application for employment. He was puzzled for sometime about the blank which said person to notify in case of an accident. He spent some time in deep study. Finally he wrote down, "Anybody in sight."

So be sure that you fill in the blanks. And if you can't, we would appreciate your coming to us and let us help you with it. Thank you for coming, and we're looking forward to this week with you. We are certainly glad to have you here. Thank you, Sister Lena Maye. [Applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Thank you, Brother Gene. Sisters and Brothers, I didn't censor his speech today; he always has to do this Aggie joke on me, but I don't have a joke on him this morning except that I love him. I love you, Gene. Let's tell Brother Gene that we do love him and that we're glad to have him here. [Applause]

I would like to say to Mrs. Sherrill Cain, who was my Grand Marshal, one of the prettiest that Grand Chapter has ever had. It has had beautiful ones, but Sherrill was a beautiful marshal for me, and it was a pleasure for her to escort Gene and I to the East this morning. Thank you, Sister Sherrill.

We will now have the invocation by our beloved Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup.

MRS. THELMA JOYCE ALSUP: Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, let us take time to worship You today and thank You for teaching us to love one another. Let us take time to remember our members of yesteryear and praise them for giving their love to our beloved Order. Let us take time to honor our youth. They are the hope of tomorrow. Look to this day, it is your time. Yesterday's dream is tomorrow's vision. But today well lived makes yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope, for it is in His Precious Name we pray. Amen.

[The "Time for America" drill was performed by the Floor Officers and Personal Pages.]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Grand Choir, could we have just a brief song right now while we're waiting for Richard. Just a short time, okay?

[Singing by Grand Choir.]

Thank you, Grand Choir; we appreciate you very much.

We have a dues card of Sister Mildred Sanders. To claim this card, you must come to the Grand Secretary's desk.

Richard, are you ready? Sisters and Brothers, I present the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Richard Ochs, who will give a partial report to this assembly.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Sister Lena Maye, Worthy Grand Matron, we, the

Credentials Committee, are pleased to report that we have over 200 chapters represented and have our quorum to open this Grand Chapter session. Worthy Grand Matron and Sister Lena Maye, I move the adoption of this partial report. Thank you, Sister Lena Maye.

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept this report that we do have a quorum and it will be officially opened. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Patron, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Organist, you will assume your stations.

It is my distinct pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors are given.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Officers, you will assume your stations for the opening of Grand Chapter.

Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the opening ceremony of this Grand Chapter and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

[Ritualistic Opening of Grand Chapter.]

Let's unite in singing our opening ode, "One Day at a Time."

[The opening ode was sung.]

I now declare this "A Time to Begin" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, open. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this 110th "A Time to Begin" Grand Chapter Session, Order of the Eastern Star, is duly open for the transaction of business.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the Flag of our Country. \end{tabular}$

[The Flag of our Country was presented.]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Let us pledge allegiance to our Flag.

[The Pledge of Allegiance was given.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Due to the illness of Mrs. Sharon Harbison who was going to at this time render the National Anthem, our very, very handsome and capable Grand Soloist will in her place.

[The National Anthem was sung by the Grand Soloist.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Patron, Elected Grand Chapter Line Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Members and Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, Honorable J. P. Vogel, Sisters and Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star, we have come to the 110th Session of the Grand Chapter to work for the betterment of our Order, I pray in peace, love and harmony. One year ago this Grand Family departed on a journey through the State of Texas in service to our Order. Sisters and Brothers, you have been a joy and an inspiration to your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. You have served faithfully and performed your duties well, allowing our time to count in achievement of our efforts. We welcome each of you to this 110th "A Time For All Things" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

We are so honored to have the General Grand Chapter Line Officers and the Officers and Members of other Grand Jurisdictions. We are privileged to have the 110th Session in Houston, and I'm very proud to welcome you to this area. We hope your stay in Texas will be pleasing in all ways and that you will look forward to returning to Houston. To those attending your very first Grand Chapter, we hope that you will enjoy this session and glean knowledge of purpose that you might give higher service in your respective chapters.

Thank you, the membership of Texas, for having faith in me to grant me the privilege of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron. Always know that it is you that gives me courage to perform each task. I pray that I did not disappoint you. Each act was performed for the good of the membership and this beautiful Order.

To Sister Mary Brown, Past Grand Matron, thank you for accepting to be the Master of Ceremonies. I felt that it only fitting that you should be the one to perform this task as you were the one to give me the opportunity to serve the membership in District 4, Section 4, as your Deputy Grand Matron. I have loved you and Ross for many years.

Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup, please know how much I appreciate your bringing the invocation for this opening session. Your devotion to our Order and your love for our Creator gives you a glow of inner beauty.

To Sister Sherrill Cain, Past Grand Matron, thank you for leading the processional.

Sister Lena Maye Cook, Past Grand Matron and my good friend, what would I have done without you! You are certainly a beautiful and outstanding Past Grand Matron. Your concern for a beautiful Grand Chapter has cost you extra hours of your life to help accomplish what has to be done. And then you so graciously accepted to open Grand Chapter when our beloved Sally became ill. We both know that Sally had to decline her duties with tears of regret for she, too, had looked forward to "A Time For All Things" Session. I feel her love and I feel her presence, and I know that you do also. Thank you again, my friend, for being you.

To our dignified Past Grand Patrons who so proudly presented our flags, I certainly appreciate each one of you for your service and devotion to the Order and to your Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother Oliver Chamberlin, thank you for bringing our benediction at the close of this afternoon's session.

Brother Gene Belk, thank you for sharing this special time with Sister Lena Maye in our opening ceremony. Moe and I have considered you and Frances special friends, and I am so proud that you are from District 4. Thank you also for being the perfect escort of Sister Mary Brown.

Brother Jim Huston, my Grand Soloist, how pleased I am that you said yes when I asked you to serve. I know the membership will enjoy throughout this session hearing you share your God-given talent. "The Family of God" is, as you know, one of my very favorite hymns; and I thank you for stepping in for Sister Sharon.

We are indeed honored by the presence of our distinguished guests. Would the Elective and Installed Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Elective and Installed Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much pleasure and a great honor that I introduce Robert Baker, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Virginia.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Robert, it thrills the heart of any Worthy Grand Matron to have present at this session those who so willingly give of their time to serve General Grand Chapter. To you our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and your lovely wife Elaine, a very warm welcome to Texas at this 110th Session, "A Time For All Things." Traveling from your beautiful state of North Carolina, I know God's wonders are seen many times in the beauty of the trees and their colorful foliage. I pray you will feel the warmth of the smiles, the hearty handshakes and the pleasures that Texans show in their happiness that you took your time to be with us in our beautiful Texas. Through your leadership in General Grand Chapter, may you take time to build, time to love and especially time to laugh.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you would like to greet our distinguished guest.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes, I would. Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, thank you for visiting Texas and this 110th Grand Chapter Session. I appreciate you sharing this special time with our Grand Chapter. Welcome to our beautiful state.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron to the East. [Applause as he was escorted to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, what a delight and joy it is for me to introduce Brother Robert L. Baker, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Virginia. You will join me in extending Grand Honors. [Grand Honors are given.] He will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the General Grand Chapter Committee Members at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much pleasure that I introduce the General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Elise Hammack, Member of the ESTARL Committee, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Leonard Ellington, Member of the Fraternal Relations Committee, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas; Brother George H. Burrows, Member of the Public Relations Committee, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Tennessee; Sister Patricia Major Neinast, Member of the Registration Committee, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother John "Wayne" Harrist, Chairman of the Youth Committee, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Louisiana, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To each of you we in Texas look to you with pride. Your unselfish loyalty and dedication to our beautiful Order is to be commended. It is evident in your display of love from all with whom you come in contact that you receive

the rewards of service double-fold. Thank you for giving Texas some of your valuable time for this 110th Session.

To our very own Sisters Elise Hammack and Patricia Major Neinast and Brother Ellington, how very proud we are of each of you in Texas. This Worthy Grand Matron especially appreciates your presence and treasures the friendships that we have one with another. Your continued service to our Order signifies your sense of duty to your obligation and love of service to others. Thank you for taking time to show that you care. When you take time to work, it is the price of success. When you take time to give charity, it is the key to heaven.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you would like to welcome these distinguished members.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. To the General Grand Chapter Committee Members visiting, we are honored to have you with us. To each of us is allotted 24 hours in a day. Time is a precious gift from God. May we use our time to serve God and our fellowman. Thank you for giving of your time to be with us today.

To our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, how proud we are of you to have given of your time to serve General Grand Chapter. Thank you for all you do for our beautiful Order. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our General Grand Chapter Committee Members to the East. [Applause as they are escorted to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in extending Grand Honors to these General Grand Chapter Committee Members. [Grand Honors are given.] They will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I introduce these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Margaret Byrd, Worthy Grand Matron, Alabama; Gladys S. Allison, Worthy Grand Matron, Louisiana; Virgie George, Worthy Grand Matron, New Mexico; Brother David L. George, Worthy Grand Patron, Louisiana, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: What a wonderful warm feeling it is to look out there and see you, our co-workers of other Grand Jurisdictions. You are the brilliant Star that your membership follows and looks to each of you for leadership. Whether your year is ending or beginning, you're making time count in service to our Order. Know that we in Texas are delighted that your travels brought you to us and this 110th Session. Thank you doesn't mean you didn't have to, but I'm so grateful you did. Remember that your time . . . what is spent is gone, what is saved is lost, and what you gave you have.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you would like to greet these members.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you for making our day brighter by being with us. I know we will have many wonderful memories of your visit in our Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you again.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our distinguished guests to the East. [Applause as they are escorted to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending Grand Honors to the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. [Grand Honors are given.] They will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Josephine Kozak, Past Grand Matron of Colorado; Pat Cleveland, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Dorothy L. Boyce, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts; Helene Fisher, Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Brothers Chelsea Branson, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Alvin Roach, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; and Wayne E. Fisher, Past Grand Patron of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: What a delightful pleasure it is for me to welcome you to this Grand Chapter of Texas. Some of our paths have crossed in the past, and always it has been a great joyful time. Each of you has given of your time in service, love and dedication to our great Order. You have been the builders of your Grand Jurisdiction, and the fruit of your labors are felt throughout the world. We thank you for the friendship that you have shown to this membership. Friendship is really a matter of time, a time that you take when you care.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We are honored you have traveled to Texas to our Grand Chapter session. May you take with you a love for our people who visit with you. Thank you for visiting Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. [Applause as they are escorted to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in extending Grand Honors to these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. [Grand Honors are given.] They will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much pride and a great deal of pleasure that I introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Sisters Cynthia May Watts, Lallah Mae Vollus, Mildred Garlitz, Mary Ella Schoverling, Mary Katharine Smith, Agnes Lee Howard, Molly Goodpasture West, Mildred Sharpe, Nancy Bailey Allen, Katherine Harbour, Thelma Joyce Alsup, Joyce Roberts, Mary Brown, Rennie Ofton, Lena Maye Cook, Lois Bell, Beulah Speer, Elsie Paladino, Jean Nesbitt, Sherrill Cain, Doris Efird, Betty Phillips, Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matrons; Brothers Herbert L. Arnold, J. T. Sanders, Harold Todd, Bill Holmes, Dr. O. D. Christian, Murray Watson, Oliver B. Chamberlin, Gene Belk, Ralph Davis, Wayne Jones, B. F. Hutson, Harry Cunningham, Joe Jeffers, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My, what love I hold in my heart for each of you; and what an honor it is for this Worthy Grand Matron to welcome you to our own Grand Chapter session. You truly are a beautiful sight, and I'm reminded of how much you all have given in years to this beautiful Order. You are the firm foundation upon which this Grand Jurisdiction was built. Through your diligence, your determination, your labor and your integrity, we have gained our strength. Each member present welcomes you. To say what you mean to me is impossible to put into words for I have always appreciated your advice, your counsel and your help. Whenever I have asked, you have been there. All the kindness that you have ever shown to this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have warmed our hearts with love. We pray our actions this year have been pleasing to you as we've tried to fulfill our obligations to the very best of our ability; and we truly look forward to joining your ranks. What does thank you really mean? It means that you make me feel so nice, and I wish I could do the same for you, just by letting you know how much you truly mean to me.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We appreciate the many years of service you have given to our beautiful Order. Thank you for the love, the strength and the courage you have given to us. You are a shining example for us to follow. Thank you so much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East. [Applause as they are escorted to the East.]

I will ask you to join me in extending Grand Honors to our very own beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. [Grand Honors are given.] They will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much pleasure and honor that I introduce Brother J. P. Vogel, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother J. P. Vogel, how extremely pleased I am to have you here with us this afternoon. Your presence and your influence and your dedication to Masonry is a reflection of honor and integrity that you display in your everyday life. Please know that I'm so thrilled that we were placed in these positions at the same time. You have been a joy to work with this year. Again, I say welcome to the 110th session, and a very special welcome to your Frances.

God grants us many love gifts, some mighty and some small, but being blessed with a friend like you is His greatest gift of all.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother J. P. Vogel, we are pleased to have you with us. Thank you for taking time to be with us. We are honored to have you with us. God bless you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Most Worshipful Grand Master in the East. [Applause as he was escorted to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed a high honor for me to introduce the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Will you please give Brother J. P. Vogel a Texas welcome. [Applause] He will remain in the East and bring greetings very shortly.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Elected and Installed Grand Chapter Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's station.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much pleasure that I introduce the Elected and Installed Grand Chapter Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Elizabeth Roach, Associate Grand Matron, Louisiana; Elaine R. Baker, Grand Secretary Emeritus, Virginia; Terrie Castay, Grand Conductress, Louisiana; Joy Denny, Associate Grand Conductress, Louisiana; Pauline Kirby, Grand Chaplain, Alabama, Betty Apgar, Grand Chaplain, New Mexico; Jo Ann Sheppard, Grand Chaplain, Oklahoma; Valerie Crabtree, Grand Marshal, Alabama; Brother T. Leon Bogue, Grand Marshal, Louisiana; Sisters Martha Clements, Grand Organist, Louisiana; Joyce Jones, Grand Martha, Oklahoma; Meliora Jensen, Grand Warder, Oklahoma; Brothers Harmon D. Allison, Grand Warder, Louisiana; Arthur J. Cleveland, Grand Sentinel, Louisiana; Vernon Cahoon, Grand Sentinel, North Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How very pleased we are to have you journey to Texas. This is very special for me to be able to renew old friendships and create new ones. Our distinguished guests from all parts of the Eastern Star world, I sincerely hope that you feel the love and the warmth and the hospitality that the members of the Texas Grand Jurisdiction extends to you. Please take time to enjoy Texas, its people and the beauty they both hold. Thank you again for coming our way.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We are delighted to have you with us. May your presence enrich our Grand Chapter. Thank you for coming.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our distinguished guests to the East. [Applause as they are escorted to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in greeting these Elected and Installed Grand Chapter Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join with me in giving them a hearty welcome. [Applause] They will remain in the East.

Don't you love the Grand Organist? Doesn't she keep your feet tapping?

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's Station.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much pleasure that I introduce these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Orra Watts, Grand Representative, Scotland in Alabama; Nancy Bennett, Texas in. Alabama; Lannis Gilliland, Wyoming in Alabama; Lynn Rutland, Texas in Alberta; Elizabeth Kahrs, New York in California; Ida Beeson, Texas in California; F. W. "Bill" Kozacek, Georgia in Colorado; Patricia W. Stone, Texas in Colorado; Betty Jean Iannicelli, Delaware in the District of Columbia; Myrtle K. Corter, New Mexico in the District of Columbia; Brothers James W. Currier, Texas in Connecticut, William A. Carter, Texas in the District of Columbia; Sisters Marge Westerman, Manitoba in Florida; Toni

Duprey, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Florida; Joan B. Flohr, Texas in Indiana; Brother John J. Clements, Arkansas in Louisiana; Sister Teena Satcher, Maine in Louisiana, Dorothy Brough, Minnesota in Louisiana; Esther C. Clark, Texas in Louisiana; Jo Nell Lee, Scotland in Louisiana; Melba M. Allen, Texas in Manitoba; Ethel F. Sawyer, Texas in Massachusetts; Reta Humelsine, Texas in Ohio; Sally McKenzie, Texas in Ontario; Gracie M. Armstrong, Massachusetts in Oregon; Susan Peterson, Texas in South Dakota; Brother E. A. "Doc" Viereck, Texas in Virginia; Sister Carol R. Zahler, Texas in Washington; Brother John Vermillion, Texas in West Virginia; Sister Margaret Lucas, Texas in Wyoming; Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My, my, what a beautiful sight! If the world doesn't know about the Order of the Eastern Star, they're staying in bed. What an honor and pleasure it is for me to welcome you to this Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. I thank you for taking your time and a portion of your life to travel many miles to be with us. The honor bestowed upon you to represent the Grand Jurisdiction was because of your devotion and interest in the Order of the Eastern Star. Congratulations on your appointment, and may God go with you as you travel to other jurisdictions, striving always to cement the bond of brotherly love. May each mile that you travel bring joy to you each day. May health, peace and happiness be with you along the way. May time be your friend among the Eastern Star path.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you'd like to greet these Grand Representatives.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I know you bring joy to our hearts by coming to this Grand Session. We appreciate your giving of your time to be with us and visit this honorable state. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. [Applause as they are escorted to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, isn't this great? You will join me in extending a hearty welcome to these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. [Applause] Do we have chairs in the East for them? Yes, they say we do. I would love for you to remain in the East, but I want you to be comfortable.

I'm so excited to have this group that I forgot we extend Grand Honors. Join me, please, in extending Grand Honors. [Grand Honors are given.] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas behind Esther's Station. To the Altar, Grand Conductress. We change our rules and do this all the time in Grand Chapter.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much pleasure that I introduce these Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Sisters Betty Warner, Alberta; Etha Jenkin, Arkansas; Ola Mae Davis, Australia; Maurine Skipper, British Columbia; Sue Ainsworth, California; Mildred Harvey, Colorado; Brother D. A. Morris, Connecticut; Sisters Neva Mae Evans Cherry, Delaware; Wanda Faye Gilmore, District of Columbia; Dorothy J. Wade, Florida; Dorothy Littlepage Coons, Indiana; Nelda Hastings, Kentucky; Brother William Fountain, Louisiana; Sisters Eleanor Parker, Maine; Mary Kittoe, Manitoba; Mary E. "Ikey" Hightower, Massachusetts; Brother Jack D. Douglas, Michigan; Sisters Dorothy Patterson, Mississippi; Opal Ramsey, Missouri; Imogene McIntire, Montana; Juanita Thomas, Nebraska; Evelyn Conger, Nevada; Brother George Newcomb, New Brunswick; Sisters Frances McGahey, New Hampshire; Katherine Mize, New Jersey; Robbie Pynes, New Mexico;

Cleta Todd, New York; Marian "Boots" Draper, North Carolina; Brother Cecil Hopkins, North Dakota in Texas; Sisters Bernice Trulan, Ohio; Louella Weeks, Ontario; Berdeen Peterson, Oregon; Nellie Mae Wright, Pennsylvania; Robbie Abshere, Puerto Rico; Nora D. Heitt, Saskatchewan; Sandra Lee Hall, Scotland; Jean Clark, South Carolina; Pearl Mills, South Dakota; Brother M. L. Coons, Jr., Virginia; Sisters Geneva Jernigan, Washington; Sallie A. Stanley, West Virginia; Eunice Graham, Wisconsin; Sally L. Valentine, Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You are the true carriers of our friendship and love as you exemplify our teaching when you travel to your respective Grand Jurisdictions. How very proud I am of the ideals you portray in your communication with other Eastern Star members. Your service I know has brought you great rewards. Time is not judged by the passage of time, but what you are giving, what you are feeling and what you are achieving.

Worthy Grand Patron, please greet our own.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Truly you are ambassadors of good will. You have brought joy to our lives with your service. Thank you for sharing this special time with us. We love you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives to the East. [Applause as they are escorted to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, this is our own Texas. Join me in extending Grand Honors to the Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions. [Grand Honors are given.] Now you see why Texas has to be so large. These beautiful ones, we have enough seats in the East. We'd love for you to remain with us. If you would like to return, feel free.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Committee Members from Other Grand Jurisdictions.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I introduce these Grand Committee Appointments from Other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Helen A. Bogue, Grand Page in Louisiana; Sybil L. Loftin, Chairman of Hospitality in Louisiana; Norma Magee, Decorations and Properties, Louisiana; Kathy F. Brown, District 14 Chairman, Parrot Can Do Award from Louisiana; Donna Harrist, Member, International Temple, Louisiana; Verna Viereck, Chairman, Directory Advisory Committee, Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How delighted I am to welcome you to the great state of Texas. We are always so pleased and honored to have visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. The appointment by your own Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron was, I am sure, because of your loyalty and your devotion to our Order and the service you have performed in the past. May your stay in Texas be a pleasant experience and the friendships made be lasting ones, and that you will consider your time at this Grand Chapter well spent, for it is not what you gain but what you give that measure the worth of the life that you live.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to welcome them.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We extend to you our hand in friendship. May your time with us be one of joy. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Con-

ductress, you will present these distinguished members in the East. [Applause as they are escorted to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, join me in extending a very hearty Texas welcome to these distinguished members of Other Grand Jurisdictions. [Applause] They will remain in the East.

This is the end of our introductions. Didn't our Conductresses do a splendid job? [Applause] Thank you, my coworkers and my friends. You are dismissed. I am going to introduce Mrs. Pearl Mills from here. [Applause]

Sister Pearl, would you come stand by my side, please? As we usually say in Texas when the introductions are at an end, we know Sister Pearl is in the West. But it was a joy and a delight to me to extend to her a commission to represent Texas in South Dakota. I am honored at this time to introduce in the capacity of the Rainbow for Girls Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Inspector in Texas, Supreme Chaplain, Member of the House of Gold, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Join me in showing this beautiful and lovely and hard-working lady how much we love her. [Applause]

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Virgie George, my co-worker from New Mexico, who will bring the response to the welcome to the distinguished members. Sister Virgie.

MRS. VIRGIE GEORGE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, all of the Members of the Texas Grand Chapter, on behalf of all of the distinguished guests, I want to say thank you for such a warm Texas welcome. I was raised in Abilene, so I am well aware that there are lots of friendly folks that live in this Lone Star State.

For everything there is a season and a time for everything. We, the distinguished guests, are very glad we have been granted this time to spend with all of you. We wish for you a beautiful and successful "A Time For All Things" Session.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you very much for the privilege of extending the response for the distinguished guests. And on behalf of that group, we would like you to accept this small token of our love and appreciation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Virgie George, thank you for the beautiful response to our distinguished members. I am so pleased that God placed you and Carrol in the lives of Jane and Moe Gregory. I know your session is in a couple of weeks; and I know that it will be outstanding. I look forward to meeting with you in Albuquerque. Thank you again, my friend.

It is, as I said earlier, an exceedingly great joy for the membership of Texas to have the elected General Grand Chapter Line Officers this year or for the triennium. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Virginia M. Painter, and Brother Ray Osborne are traveling together. They are attending the Grand Chapter in Rhode Island at this time, and that is why they could not be with us. So it is a great joy to have Brother Robert L. Baker, our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, with us. Brother Robert, we will ask you to bring greetings at this time.

MR. ROBERT BAKER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, my Sisters and Brothers all: What a delightful pleasure it is to be in the great state of Texas. We arrived here Tuesday, and I don't think I've done anything but sit down to banquets and eat and eat and eat and eat.

This morning at breakfast, the Worthy Grand Matron said there was something about Eastern Stars, that anywhere in your travel you could always recognize one. Under my breath, I said, "Yes, they're yawning and eating." We don't get a whole lot of sleep, but we sure do get a lot of food to eat! You can see: I started off as a weakling, and I finally got up to the size of a big boy.

But Sister Elaine and I would just like to tell all you great people in Texas what a joy it has been to be here with you. I hate to say that we have to leave tomorrow, because I tell you, I have never been welcomed more royally than we have here. This welcome rug that you rolled out for us stretches from border to border, and I strongly recommend when you go back home, that you people who are not from Texas, talk it up. I understand your Grand Chapter will be in Dallas next year. If there's any way in the world I can arrange my schedule to do it, I'm going back for another load! I thank you very much.

I looked at the schedule down here, and it's a pretty good long list of things yet to be done. So at times like this, I've always been told to stand up tall so everybody can see me, speak up loud so everybody can hear me, and sit down in a hurry so everybody can enjoy me. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Robert. I certainly hope that our paths cross in the future. Thank you.

I am privileged to introduce one more time this wonderful gentleman, Brother J. P. Vogel, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Brother J. P., we would like to hear greetings.

MR. J. P. VOGEL: Thank you and good afternoon. I bring you greetings from 165,000 Master Masons in this great state of Texas. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests, Brethren and Sisters from all over this great universe of ours, it is indeed an honor to the Texas Masons to invite us here this afternoon. Certainly you have honored myself and my lady, Frances; we thank you very much.

I want to address the Grand Worthy Matron and to tell her how much we appreciate the Eastern Star here in this great state. Peace and harmony have prevailed. We have enjoyed the Eastern Star in Texas. I wanted you to know that the Master Masons in Texas certainly could not do without the Eastern Star. They serve us so well; they assist us so much in every way; and they support us financially and every other way that you can think of. There are many, many subordinate lodges right here in this state that couldn't survive without you.

We have the greatest respect and esteem for you. Sister Jane, I certainly thank you for the personal gift you have given me and the generosity with which you have invited me to this 110th Annual Communication.

I've learned this from the Eastern Star; I've learned that you must make introductions and I'm certainly going to take advantage of you for a few moments and introduce some of my Brothers and one Sister who are here today. In 1991 in December we decided to have some Grand Masters conference throughout this great state. I'll tell you, it's big and wide and long and high, and it's tough. Of course, I invited one of your very active members to be a part of the Grand Masters conference. Of course, he introduced a portion of the insurance plan in this great state that we needed so badly, insurance on our buildings in this jurisdiction. When I first talked to him, if my memory serves me right, he had a beautiful head of hair and it was jet black. But now after this year is about eight-tenths completed, he's here with you today and with me. I would like

to introduce David Dibbrell. Would you stand. I want you to notice his hair. [Applause] Thank you very much, David.

Also, I would like to introduce the man that engineered this Grand Masters program throughout this year. He's the state coordinator, the Honorable Henry Knox, and his lady, Dina. [Applause]

Also, I have with me today the Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Texas — and actually he's the ramrod of this whole state. He conducts the business of the Grand Master at all times. His name is Irving Giles, but down here in Houston, Texas, we call him the "White Knight." Some of you good-looking ladies call him — What do they call you, Irving? "White Lightning." [Applause] Thank you very much for being here, Irving.

We also have a Past Grand Master here, Right Worshipful John Collard, Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas. I talked to him just a few minutes ago. Are you here? [Applause]

Also, I think many of you are familiar with the Right Worshipful W. T. Lamb. I haven't seen him, but he's a very, very close friend, and he's a Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas and a staunch member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

We also have today here — many of your officers are my District Deputy Grand Masters. Would the District Deputy Grand Masters present please stand. Let's give them a big hand. [Applause] I'm telling you, they're not the smartest District Deputies there ever were, but they are the best looking.

Also, we have A. D. Jackson and his lady from Fort Stockton, Texas. He heads up our education program in this state. I saw him. He's gone, okay.

I know my Worthy Matron from down in Vida, Texas, is supposed to be present here. I hope she is. Is Edna Jordan here? Is she here? No? How about the Worthy Matron from Beaumont, Texas, my hometown? Not here. Okay.

But I do also want to say that certainly you have a great leader in Mrs. Pearl Mills, who's the Supreme Inspector of Texas. She has certainly been a help in service to me during this particular 1992.

I did want to take advantage of you and tell you — One more thing I would like to say, of course - or two - you know you think the Grand Master of Masons and the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star don't do anything but entertain and go around and be just an ambassador. But certainly while our Grand Communications are refreshing, we certainly are busy. The Grand Trustees are working trying to plan for the future of Masons in Texas. We certainly try hard and we work hard at this, trying to do so. In the past it seems like we've been so well fixed financially that we haven't thought about the future financial plans of the Grand Lodge of Texas. But when I came into office, our budget was also going into the red. So we made some plans, and the Masons of Texas have told me and have demonstrated that they are the greatest members in the world. So I wrote them a letter asking them to contribute to the Grand Lodge of Texas for its support. We wanted to start an endowment program to finance Grand Lodge of Texas. I know all of you received my letter asking for a penny a day for a ten-year period, which would be about three dollars and sixty-five cents or sixty-six cents a year, whether it was a leap year or not, and then also you could contribute thirtysix fifty for a ten-year period. By the time this ten-year period is over, as well as you have responded, Masonry will be financially in good hands.

I want to tell you this: There's a lodge in Dallas, Texas, Claude Austin Lodge, that responded to my letter. They sent a penny a day for the ten-year period for every member

of their lodge at that time. I received a check the other day from Claude Austin Lodge, No. 1450, for \$2,299.50, so that every member of that lodge has contributed. That's the first hundred percent lodge that we had, but we certainly appreciate it, and I thought I would mention that to you and tell you again how much Masonry appreciates the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas.

If there's anything at any time in any way that this Grand Master can be of service to you, I will be glad to do it, to have the invitation. God bless you — and thank you very much — as you continue this meeting. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother J. P. Vogel. You are a great leader and you are a great friend. Now, it's my pleasure — Well, first, I'll tell you what. You all are getting a little restless. Let's have that Grand Choir stimulate you a little bit. Let's have a nice song from the Grand Choir, something peppy — bouncy and peppy like me!

[Singing by Grand Choir of several songs.]

Thank you, Grand Choir. You're wonderful!

Now, indeed, it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Pearl Mills. How delighted we are to have her bring greetings.

MRS. PEARL MILLS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It's always a pleasure to bring greetings here. I'm sorry that the Grand Master has left. I was going to tell him how I regretted not being able to announce that we had 165,000 Rainbow Girls, but I know how to solve that: if he would invite those Masons to bring their daughters and granddaughters into our organization. So I'll tell him personally.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished Grand East, my Sisters and Brothers, it is always an honor to be able to speak in behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Today I give thanks to each one of you for accepting these greetings from the Grand Assembly of Texas, at this "A Time For All Things" Session. Many of you present today are members or sponsoring bodies of the Assemblies in Texas. You know the joy you have received not only in knowing these girls, but having the opportunity of attending their meetings, availing yourself of that opportunity, knowing of their ideals and ideas. They are our futures, Sisters and Brothers. If we are not aware of their ideals, we will not know of our own future or theirs, nor will we know our civic, social and fraternal lives in our daily living. We cordially invite you to attend meetings and especially do we invite you to attend our Grand Assembly session in Galveston June 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1993. You can even be a part of our beach party on Sunday night. Believe me, the girls need you and I need you, too.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you have been such ardent supporters of the Rainbow this year, not only to me personally, but to all the girls. We value that help given us. Thank you for the privilege of bringing greetings from our girls. By your support and actions, my Sisters and Brothers, I am reminded of the words written by E. B. Browning, and it reminds me of all of you: Earth crowned in Heaven and every common bush afire with God.

Thank you so very much for allowing me to bring these greetings, Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure on behalf of the Grand Assembly of Texas to present a \$500 check for you to use in any way you see fit, and then to present you and Glenn one of the Supreme Assembly pins. It says the 1992 Supreme Assembly session, and I want each one of you to have one of these. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Pearl, I consider you a very personal

friend; and I revere the titles that you hold. Your dedication to our youth will be the strength of our future leaders. Thank you for your greetings, for your friendship, and for your dedication to Eastern Star. I thank you so much for this \$500 check. Please know that it will be very wisely used. You know the condition we're in. It is a tremendous gesture on your part, and I appreciate it. Personally I shall treasure this coin of the 1992 Supreme Assembly. It was a delight to be able to share this lovely event with you. Thank you, my friend.

Brother Glenn.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Pearl Mills, Supreme Chaplain, Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, thank you for this beautiful coin. It will always be in a special place in our home. How beautiful the Supreme Assembly coin is and how special you are in all the work you do for the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. They are our future and the hope of tomorrow. We love and appreciate you for all the love and service you give to these young girls. Thank you for the greatest honor that I can receive this year in the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Thank you for coming. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Our Telegram Committee is formed to contact those who will not be with us at this Grand Chapter session. I am pleased to appoint the following: Sister Lena Maye Cook, Chairman, with Sisters Joyce Roberts and Mildred Sharpe assisting.

I have a couple of announcements. The examining room is open and will be open from 8:00 in the morning until 7:00 in the evening. The walk gate to the Astro Arena will be opened at 8:00 a.m., and it will close at 7:00. So you know that after the sessions — certainly if after 7:00 — so be aware that the walk gate on the south going back to the Sheraton will be closed at 7:00 p.m. The items of 1991-92 will be for sale through Saturday. You know that it is through your dedication to the Order and the support of the Worthy Grand Matron's projects that we are able to accomplish a lot of the — well, the hard work that is needed to be done is through your purchase of these items. I might remind you that Christmas is not that far away, and those beautiful mugs would be a lovely gift. I want you to know you have the opportunity of purchasing again through Saturday the items that we have for 1991-92.

At this time I would like to call on my Parliamentarian. Is Nora sitting over there? Nora Elich.

MRS. NORA ELICH: The amendments to be adopted by this Grand Chapter will be presented in the morning before any business is conducted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Nora. It is appropriate for the Grand Chapter of Texas — It is our custom and delight to extend Honorary Membership to some of those distinguished members. While we are voting on this, Worthy Grand Patron, I would ask you to preside. I move that the Grand Chapter of Texas vote Honorary Memberships to the visiting General Grand Chapter Officers and General Grand Chapter Committee Members and our visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons. Do I hear a second?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I ask you to preside while I present my report. Worthy Grand Patron, other Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers, I will not read the complete report that I have submitted on the activities of this year that is printed in your advance report of which you have a copy. Please take time to read it, and I trust it will bring pleasure when you see the accomplishments of the year. The

complete report and supplementary report will be included in Grand Chapter Proceedings.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: A leader is only as strong as its weakest link. To accomplish success, one must have a willingness, enthusiasm and desire of the entire membership of Texas. Strength can be seen only when we display the love of our Order by working together, and with your confidence in me, following the principles for which we stand. Our Order is in jeopardy of being destroyed by outside forces. We must stand united and fight for what we believe. This has been the fastest year of my life, yet it has been the richest year of my life because of you, my Sisters and my Brothers. The memories will be relived over and over and sustain me with the knowledge that our work and our efforts have been worthwhile.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Brother Hal Burnett on May 27th, 1992.

A Worthy Grand Matron has many decisions and ruling in irregularities that come to her through the year. Her decisions are always made for the good of Grand Chapter.

The Masonic courtesies that were bestowed upon me were deeply appreciated, as I know the two fraternities work in close harmony. Brother J. P. Vogel, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you again for being the Masonic man and Christian that you are.

Always we're pleased and honored to have Sister Pearl Mills, Supreme Inspector in Texas, with us, as she has been a number of times this year. Her devotion to our youth is outstanding.

As you read your Annual Report, you will see the courtesies extended by Other Grand Jurisdictions, from the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas, and many special dispensations that the Worthy Grand Matron made to your chapters. There were many Eastern Star activities this year. You'll hear these reports later on.

To my special ones at the Eastern Star Home, the ladies that I call my "Forget-Me-Nots," would you stand and let us give you a special welcome. Are they still in the room? [Applause] Are there "Forget-Me-Nots" in the room? It's a delight to have you "Forget-Me-Nots" in this 110th Session. My, how I have enjoyed my time with you, and I've told you over and over again how special you are in my life.

How very much I've enjoyed my visits to the other Grand Jurisdictions, the courtesies extended. On the different times of my absence from the state, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus and Sister Sally Matranga, Past Grand Matrons, were acting Worthy Grand Matron, as was Sister Virginia Lynn Green, our Associate Grand Matron.

The endowed membership from our Chapter will always be a reminder of their love. All the gifts and special expressions of affection from the membership were deeply appreciated and truly gave me a sense of humility. So many donations have been given honoring the Worthy Grand Matron in the four phases of the Worthy Grand Matron's Humanitarian Program. Thank you for your sincere devotion and your thoughtfulness. I will save my appreciations until the close of this Grand Chapter.

For my supplementary report, let me add that any bylaws, any courtesy requests by Grand Jurisdictions of the State of Texas and other Grand Jurisdictions were allowed and special dispensations granted to elect officers and so forth from the time my report was sent to the printer.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move that this report and my supplementary report be referred to the proper committee.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Do I hear a second?

Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion that we accept the Worthy Grand Matron's report and supplemental report. May I have a second?

Is there any discussion? [No response.] All those in favor, signify by raising their right hand. Hands down. Those opposed, signify by raising the right hand. The motion carries.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers; and I will speak to you at the end of this Grand Chapter session.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

As the final grains of sand sift through the hourglass, I am once again reminded that TIME is the inexplicable raw material of everything. I cannot believe that almost a year of "Todays" have passed since I assumed this station as your Worthy Grand Matron.

The year has been one filled with memories of love, unity, enthusiasm and dedication by the membership of Texas. Therein lies our strength and the success and accomplishments of this year.

IN MEMORIAM

As the sands sift slowly through the hourglass reminding us of the TIME God gives to each of us, may we also be reminded "All Things in God's Time" as He beckons His children home.

May the hourglass of time which God has assigned me Be completed as fully as God Himself willed. Let me look once again, Let the hours stand ready and be once more assured, That my life was fulfilled.

God lovingly placed His hand on the shoulders of our Past Grand Patron, Mr. Hal Burnett on May 27, 1992. Brother Burnett served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1962-63.

General Grand Chapter felt the loss on April 28, 1992, as God called home his faithful servant Sister Mae Elizabeth Mickelson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron who served 1970-73.

Our sincerest sympathy and understanding hearts for the families of those who have felt the deep loss of loved ones. We pay tribute to their memory for the dedicated service they gave to our Order. We do humbly thank our God for allowing the circle of Grand Officers to remain intact this year.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

As I recommended loyal and dedicated members to represent other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas it placed me in a position to bring happiness to others and to myself. The duties assigned to you strengthens ties of Friendship between our Jurisdictions. I am grateful for your desire to serve and use your TIME to tie the bonds of Friendship with your respective States.

Alabama	
AlbertaMrs. Betty Warn	ıer
ArizonaMrs. Elizabeth William	ms
AustraliaMrs. Ola Mae Dav	vis
British Columbia	er
ColoradoMrs. Mildred Harv	<i>r</i> ey
Delaware	
ManitobaMrs. Mary Kit	tto
MassachusettsMrs. Elizabeth (Ikey) Hightow	
Mississippi	on
Montana	ire
Nebraska Miss Juanita Thom	
New JerseyMrs. Katherine Mi	ize
North Carolina	
OregonMrs. Berdeen Peters	on
Pennsylvania	ght
Saskatchewan Mrs. Nora He	
South DakotaMrs. Pearl Mi	lls
TennesseeMrs. Patricia S. Shelt	
WashingtonMrs. Geneva Jernig	an
Wisconsin	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

When I received the recommendations of the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, it was a delight and honor to sign the Commission of Grand Representative to represent Texas in their Jurisdiction.

Arizona	Mrs. Cheryl Martin
British Columbia & Yukon	Mrs. Myra Farquhar
Delaware	Mr. Walter Myslewicz
Florida	Mrs. Jean Cowart
Indiana	Mrs. Joan Flohr
Kentucky	Mr. Gary Thornberry
Manitoba	Mrs. Melba Allen
Massachusetts	Mrs. Ethel Sawyer
Minnesota	Mr. Ray Bass
Missouri	Mrs. Laura Ramsey
Montana	Mrs. Ruby Allison
New Brunswick	
Nova Scotia	Mr. Malcolm O'Brien
Ohio	Mrs. Rita Humelsine
Ontario	Mrs. Sally McKenzie
Pennsylvania	Mrs. Marlene E. Layton
Quebec	Mr. Douglas Mackay
South Carolina	Mrs. Delma Lamb
West Virginia	Mr. John Vermillion

DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES

To the District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, Strawberry Girls and Timekeepers, my deepest appreciation and sincere debt of gratitude for using your TIME and intelligence with me in handling the problems of the Chapters with love and understanding. Because of your sense of duty and dedication, I am so pleased to report very few decisions had to be made. It was brought to my attention that a ballot had been spread two weeks after the reading of two petitions. I declared the ballot void and directed the Secretary that the ballot must be taken again.

The Worthy Matron of one Chapter treated the Deputy Grand Matron the night of her Official Visit with deliberate rudeness and lack of respect to the Office of Deputy Grand Matron, knowing she represented the Worthy Grand Matron that evening. After receiving information on the actions of the Worthy Matron, I sent a letter of reprimand, requesting an immediate apology to the Deputy Grand Matron with a copy to me. The Worthy Matron responded she did not owe anyone an apology. Therefore, for her insubordination to the Office of Worthy Grand Matron and her refusal of an order, demanded action by the Worthy Grand Matron. I, therefore, on the evening of March 2, 1992 removed her from office with the stipulation she could not hold any office in any Chapter for the remainder of my term.

I directed the Jurisprudence member of District 1 to visit the meeting following my action.

Due to failure to comply with directive of the Worthy Grand Matronto keep her informed of all matters pertaining to the operation of the Eastern Star Home, as given at a called meeting of the Board in November, 1991, I placed George Poff, Superintendent, on a probation period of 90 days, effective July 31, 1992.

There were several Chapters with internal problems that required my sending the District Deputy Grand Matron and Deputy Grand Matron to visit and to report in writing back to me their findings of these internal problems. Upon receiving these written reports, I felt they had handled the situation without further action being required by the Worthy Grand Matron.

IRREGULARITIES were:

Letter instead of Request for Dispensation Forms No fee with Request for Special Dispensation Improper fee for Dispensation

BY-LAWS

An unusual amount of Chapters requested By-Law changes. I strongly urge each Chapter to review their By-Laws and note some changes are not necessary as they are covered in the Constitution & Code of Laws.

The By-Laws Committee has all the proposed amendments to Chapters By-Laws for review, acceptance and my recommendation. They will be brought before Grand Chapter with action of approval.

BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS APPROVED 1991-1992

San Antonio No. 3 Waco No. 7

Waco No. 7 Bowie No. 16 Saint Jo No. 17 Adah No. 49

Colorado No. 58 Caddo Mills No. 82 Wimodausis No. 141 Garland No. 156 Del Rio No. 204 Indian Creek No. 255 Denton No. 259 San Marcos No. 276 Oak Cliff No. 303 Navasota No. 309 Comanche No. 310 Summerland No. 322 Hughes Springs No. 349 Marshall No. 356 Jacksboro No. 390 Teague No. 408 Humble No. 415 Hico No. 419 Polytechnic No. 420 Beeville No. 422 LaVernia No. 436 Woodville No. 462 Cleveland No. 465 Springtown No. 498 Throckmorton No. 500 Ferris No. 508 El Campo No. 535

Seguin No. 555 Belton No. 589 Waxahachie No. 599 Liberty No. 634 Radiant No. 636 McLennan No. 639 Graham No. 668 Army No. 664 Fort Worth No. 681 Quitman No. 695 East Dallas No. 715 Sulphur Springs No. 718 Bethlehem No. 728 Harlandale No. 750 Irving No. 777 Star No. 782 Brownfield No. 785 Queen Esther No. 833 Centennial No. 842 Olton No. 847 Vienna Buckner No. 888 Ector No. 895 Freedom No. 898 Azle No. 889 Walter Baldwin No. 929 Blanco No. 934 Lewisville No. 935

Zavalla No 952 Channelview No. 954 East Houston No. 955 East Houston No. 955 Edwin J. Kiest No. 959 Buna No. 968 Mary Martha No. 981 Garden Oaks No. 987 Rule No. 989 Lake Jackson No. 1009 Frank W. Lynn No. 1015 Mamie D. Crane No. 1018 Bellaire No. 1021 Dickinson No. 1024 Ore City No. 1033 Copperas Cove No. 1070 Oak Forest No. 1080 University No. 1082 Roy Stanley No. 1086 Spring No. 1105 Lake Worth No. 1109 Huffman No. 1112 Lonnie L. Blake No. 1116 Lorena No. 1124 Lorena No. 1124 Balch Springs No. 1132 Livingston No. 1139

MASONIC COURTESIES

The Masonic and Eastern Star Fraternal Organizations are the strength of this Nation. We share the common bond of serving mankind through our charitable deeds.

It has been a joy and delight to serve this year and work with our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Mr. J. P. Vogel.

I had the privilege of attending open sessions of the Grand Lodge in Waco, December 6th and 7th, 1991, and the high honor bestowed on me by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Mr. J. P. Vogel, when I was invited to speak at his installation, December 7th. 1991.

On March 28, 1992, at the Order of the Eastern Star school of instruction, we were very honored to have present for part of our school, Brother J. P. Vogel, Most Worshipful Grand Master, who presented me with one of his coins. To have this illustrious Mason present was indeed a signal honor.

This year of service has been greatly enriched by the Master Masons who have taken an active part in our Order, and I have been enriched by their friendship.

ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

The beautiful Rainbow is one of God's beautiful gifts, just as the Rainbow Girls are the beautiful gift to the Order of the Eastern Star, as we have the privilege of sponsoring The International Order of Rainbow for Girls. They are the beauty and promise of our future. It is our responsibility to help mold their character and instill leadership for the future.

The evening of my Installation, Miss Kimberly Slagel, Grand Worthy Advisor, and my very special friend from my own District 4, Section 4, presented me with a beautiful white Bible. Her presentation was one of dignity and grace, giving me a memory of One Moment in Time, that I shall cherish for the remainder of my life. The drill by the Pasadena, Houston and San Antonio Rainbow Assemblies was performed with perfection.

I have enjoyed attending Grand Assembly for a number of years, and it was my honor to bring greetings as Worthy Grand Matron to the Assembly at the 69th Session in Dallas on June 15th, and to present them with a check of \$ 500.00.

Moe and I received our Grand Cross of colors, which we cherish very much, and shall wear with pride. Our deepest thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Inspector in Texas, a truly GRAND Lady who's friendship I treasure.

Texas had the high honor of hosting Supreme Assembly in Fort Worth July 27, 1992, and once again I was honored by being asked to bring greetings.

To Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Inspector, again thank you for this privilege.

As long as we have the beautiful youth to carry on the traditions taught by our Orders, this world will continue to revolve and survive, then we will truly see God's Rainbow and give thanks.

COURTESIES REQUESTED BY OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

The Grand Chapter of Florida requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Patricia C. Silvernell. This was referred to Friendswood Chapter No. 1131. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of their Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Marsha Pearl Fitzpatrick. This was referred to Adah Chapter No. 49. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of their Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Arkansas requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Ethel (Morgan) Morrow. This was referred to Crowley Chapter No. 1125. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of their Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Leslie Grace Vail Rafferty. This was referred to Somerville Chapter No. 245. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of their Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of New Mexico requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Frankie Newland. This was referred to Wylie Chapter No. 977. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of their Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Beulah Millspaugh. This was referred to Beeville Chapter No.

422. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of their Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mr. Charles R. Millspaugh. This was referred to Beeville Chapter No. 422. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of their Chapter.

COURTESIES REQUESTED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Bellaire Chapter No. 1021 requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Dr. Elizabeth Gasch Starr. This request was sent to the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. Three members of Melrose Chapter No. 14, Massachusetts, complied with the request and returned the results under Seal of the Chapter.

Oak Cliff Chapter No. 303 requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Helen L. Brown. This request was sent to the Grand Chapter of Arizona. Three members of Mizpah Chapter No. 57, Arizona, complied with the request and returned the results under Seal of the Chapter.

Freedom Chapter No. 898 requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Bonnie Faye (McDonald) Heard. This request was sent to the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. Three members of Colbert Chapter No. 352, Oklahoma, complied with the request and returned the results under Seal of the Chapter.

Gate City Chapter No. 77 requested a Waiver of Grand Territorial Jurisdiction in the case of Mrs. Mary Jo Baxter. This request was sent to the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. Colbert Chapter No. 352, Oklahoma, complied with the request and returned the results under signature of the Secretary and Seal of the Chapter.

Burnet Chapter No. 425 requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Jo Glimp Henderson. This request was sent to the Grand Chapter of California, Three members of Rose Valley Chapter No. 33, California, complied with the request and returned the results under Seal of the Chapter.

Fort Stockton Chapter No. 230 requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Anne Janet Wood. This request was sent to the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. Three members of Clinch Valley Chapter No. 369, Tennessee, complied with the request and returned the results under Seal of the Chapter.

Pasadena Chapter No. 711 requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Dessa Jeani (Thompson) Williams. This request was sent to the Grand Chapter of Montana. Three members of Cornelius Hedges Chapter No. 43, Montana, complied with the request and returned the results under Seal of the Chapter.

Richardson Chapter No. 921 requested a Courtesy Initiation in the case of Miss Deborah A. Starka. This request was sent to the Grand Chapter of Florida. Boca Raton Chapter No. 313, Florida, complied with the request and sent notification of the date under signature of the Secretary and Seal of the Chapter.

Ocotilla Chapter No. 837 requested a Waiver of Grand Territorial Jurisdiction in the case of Mrs. Janette E. Dolan. This request was sent to the Grand Chapter of New

Mexico. Three members of Renick Chapter No. 37, New Mexico, complied with the request and, upon investigation, found that the petitioner did not have the Masonic relationship required. This report was returned under signature of the Secretary and Seal of the Chapter.

Seagoville Chapter No. 697 requested a Courtesy Investigation for reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Ivery Belle Hames. This request was sent to the Grand Chapter of Alabama. Three members of Queen City Chapter No. 135, Alabama, complied with the request and returned the results under Seal of the Chapter.

Abilene Chapter No. 30 requested a Courtesy Investivation for reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Barbara Werner. This request was sent to the Grand Chapter of California. Three members of Bright Star Chapter No. 288, California, complied with the request and returned the results under Seal of the Chapter.

LEGAL ACTS

In compliance with Article 33 of the Code of Laws, as Worthy Grand Matron, I signed the following legal instruments: April 1, 1992 - Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc., Estate of Louis L. Strey, Owner # 746221820-2.

4-23-1992 - Special Warranty Deed for sale of 10 acres of land in Live Oak County, Texas to Dr. W. C. McCaskill, Jr. and Mary Burns Ruggles.

July 30, 1992 - Oil and Gas Division Order - Kaiser-Frances Oil Company - Lease # 11690 Hamill Estate 1 Harris County, Texas (Hildegard Strey Estate).

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

It is a demanding responsibility of the Worthy Grand Matron to issue Special Dispensations, but in so doing, I found that the very thoughtful notes and letters from the Chapters were so rewarding.

The following Dispensations were granted with fee:

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

LATE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lemond No. 38 Beaumont No. 71 LaVernia No. 436 Centerpoint No. 463 Goldsmith No. 854

Vickery No. 1039 Amistad No. 1115

TO ELECT A WORTHY MATRON

Mt. Sylvan No. 595

TO ELECT A WORTHY PATRON

Honey Grove No. 901

Uvalde No. 297

Garland No. 156

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE MATRON

Taylor No. 578 Woodsboro No. 678 A. C. Garrett No. 774 Floyd Easterling No. 1074

Leonard No. 1091 Lone Star No. 1083

Athens No. 177 Kerrville No. 24

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE PATRON

Dallas No. 1 South Hills No. 835 Azle No. 899

Clute City No. 1011 New Caney No. 1093 Zapata No. 1106

Brazoria No. 74 Copperas Cove No. 1070 Prudence No. 44

TO ELECT A SECRETARY

Wichita Falls No. 237 Coleman No. 360 Temple No. 153

Edinburg No. 473 Radiant No. 636 Army No. 664

Kemp No. 685 Duncanville No. 1014 Mt. Vernon No. 956

TO ELECT A TREASURER

San Saba No. 191 Pleiades No. 620 Sweeny No. 873

Gatesville No. 1005 Wharton No. 389

Palestine No. 395 Kemp No. 685

TO ELECT A CONDUCTRESS

Lubbock No. 76 Luling No. 155 North Side No. 651 Canton No. 667

Edna No. 692 El Campo No. 535 Humble No. 415

Centennial No. 842 Lake Jackson No. 1009 Colmesneil No. 1068

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Tarrant No. 8 Wimodausis No. 141 Harmony No. 244 McLennon No. 639 Blum No. 931 Farmersville No. 940 Willis No. 1017 Dickinson No. 1024 Deer Park No. 1063

Independence No. 1044 Godley No. 922 Arlington Heights No. 702 Robstown No. 540 Winnie Stowell No. 1076 Oak Cliff No. 303 Bellmead No. 980 Duncanville No. 1014

Amarillo No. 787 Wallace Hughston No. 1100 Crockett No. 509 Spring No. 1105 Bryan No. 222 Aldine No. 1088 Kilgore No. 630 Canton No. 667

TO ELECT A WORTHY MATRON AND A WORTHY PATRON

Shamrock No. 384

TO ELECT A WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON, ASSOCIATE MATRON AND ASSOCIATE PATRON

Centennial No. 842

TO ELECT A WORTHY MATRON AND AN ASSOCIATE MATRON

Texline No. 640

TO ELECT A WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON AND AN ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Lucinda Conner No. 1006

TO ELECT A WORTHY MATRON, ASSOCIATE MATRON AND AN ASSOCIATE PATRON

Texas No. 35

TO ELECT A WORTHY PATRON AND AN ASSOCIATE PATRON

Mizpah No. 2

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE MATRON AND AN ASSOCIATE PATRON

Colorado No. 58 Longview No. 610 Balch Spring No. 1132 Anahuac No. 649 Oak Cliff No. 303

Newton No. 224

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE MATRON, ASSOCIATE PATRON, CONDUCTRESS AND AN ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Poteet No. 913

Texas No. 35

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE PATRON AND AN ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Arlington Height No. 702 Floyd Easterling No. 1074

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE PATRON AND TREASURER

Overton No. 830

TO ELECT A SECRETARY AND AN ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Willis No. 1017

TO ELECT A SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Uvalde No. 297

TO ELECT A TREASURER

Sweeney No. 873

TO ELECT A CONDUCTRESS AND AN ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Hallsville No. 995

Pasadena No. 711

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS AND TREASURER

Hereford No. 312

Spring No. 1105

TO ELECT AND INSTALL A CONDUCTRESS

Lake Jackson No. 1009

TO REPLACE ONE LOST SECRET WORK

Tarrant No. 8

Ferris No. 508

Bridge City No. 1038

Belle Moon No. 90

Almeda No. 1081

TO REPLACE ONE LOST DIAGRAM OF LABYRINTH

Seguin No. 555 Mansfield No. 876 Dickinson No. 1024 Sanger No. 1027 Emory No. 1120 Tarrant No. 8 Greenwood No. 1060 Bay City No. 380 Whitesboro No. 708

TO REPLACE ONE LOST COPY OF SECRET WORK AND DIAGRAM OF LABYRINTH

Navasota No. 309 Summerland No. 322 Lott No. 594 Dimmitt No. 819 Lometa No. 871 Mathis No. 874 Robstown No. 540 Amarillo No. 77 Handley No. 617 Wharton No. 389 Hondo No. 404 Almeda No. 1081 Velasco No. 220

Kermit No. 845 Frank W. Lynn No. 1015 Kaufman No. 866 Groves No. 953 Mineola No. 404 Eastwood No. 1077

Throckmorton No. 500

TO REPLACE ONE WORN COPY OF SECRET WORK AND DIAGRAM OF LABYRINTH

Crowley No. 1125 Queen Esther No. 833 Sugarland No. 1107

Independence No. 1044

Wharton No. 389

TO REPLACE TWO WORN COPIES OF THE SECRET WORK

Grand Prairie No. 219

TO REPLACE TWO WORN COPIES OF THE SECRET WORK AND DIAGRAM OF THE LABYRINTH

Star No. 782

Collinsville No. 674

TO REPLACE THREE WORN COPIES OF THE SECRET WORK AND DIAGRAM OF THE LABYRINTH

Lucinda Conner No. 1006

Boyd No. 897

Woodsboro No. 678

Beeville No. 422 Abernathy No. 877

TO MOVE PLACE OF MEETING

Lone Oak No. 853

Amistad No. 1115

Wisteria No. 823

TO MOVE PLACE OF MEETING FOR OPEN INSTALLATION

Hemphill No. 375 Amistad No. 1115 The Colony No. 1136 Lone Oak No. 853

Del Mar No. 1127 Princeton No. 1126

OPEN INSTALLATION AFTER JUNE 23

Keystone No. 9

Big Spring No. 67 Temple No. 153 Llano No. 216 Wills Point No. 366 Whitesboro No. 708

Mike H. Thomas No. 951 J. A. Kemp No. 970

Leonard No. 1091 Ingleside No. 1037 Lucinda Conner No. 1006

Ozona No. 287 Texas No. 35 Normangee No.

Normangee No. 87

WAIVERS OF PHYSICAL DISABILITY

Lubbock No. 76 – Waiver of visitation Rusk No. 79 – Prosthesis - right thigh Slaton No. 585 – To sit while presiding Mt. Sylvan No. 595 – Waiver of visitation South Hills No. 835 – One arm missing Anson No. 867 – Whispers to speak Winters No. 80 – Waiver of visitation Gun Barrel City No. 1114 – To stand at Altar

MISCELLANEOUS

Colmesneil No. 1068 - To allow a Conductress to resign

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS REFUSED OR NOT NECESSARY

In all instances where Dispensations were refused, the fees were returned to the Chapter.

Seminole No. 855 – Time and date of Chapter meeting cannot be changed Gorman No. 443 – Dispensation not required for Joint Fraternal Visit Crane No. 816 – Dispensation not required for Joint Fraternal Visit Devine No. 43 – Dispensation not required for Joint Fraternal Visit Oakville No. 521 – Dispensation not required for Joint Fraternal Visit Somerville No. 245 – Dispensation not required for called meeting Emory No. 1120 – Dispensation not required for Open Installation

INSTITUTINGS ATTENDED

How proud I was on the evening of January 2, 1992, when the Worthy Grand Patron instituted Webb Chapter in a most proficient manner.

The room overflowed with the membership full of love and warmth. I admonished them that a great responsibility was on their shoulders, as they began to build a new Chapter of our Order. Only a strong sense of responsibility and dedication will bring fruitful results, and I wished them well and God's speed.

GRAND CHAPTER VAN

The Texas membership is so loving and considerate of their Worthy Grand Matron and of her comfort and safety that they furnish a beautiful new motor vehicle every two years for her use in attending various Grand Chapter functions. My deepest and sincere appreciation to Sister Penny Vletas, District 4 member of the Board of Grand Trustees, in behalf of the Board for handing me the set of keys to a 1992 Chevrolet Van at the Installation and also presenting a letter authorizing use of the van in other Grand Jurisdictions when attending Grand Chapter functions.

The sweet, sweet memories I have of the District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Examiners and the Worthy Grand Matron's personal Secretary as we traveled to each District in the van for the school schedule. We give our sincere appreciation and thanks to the membership for this privilege.

GAVELS

In all installations, the words "The gavel is an emblem of your authority" indicates to a presiding officer that the tool of office is a gavel and of great importance. As Worthy Grand Matron it was my honor to receive three gavels. At my installation and used at the installation was a gavel of special wood, presented by Gene Ditmore, A. E. Shirley Chapter No. 986. A gavel made from the remaining wood of a large carcus tree at the El Karubah Temple in Shreveport, Louisiana, was presented to me by the Potentate of 1992.

I also received a very beautiful mounted gavel from Forrest Perkey.

All three gavels are lasting memories of the generosity of special members and I shall treasure these gavels, knowing they were given in love.

EASTERN STAR HOME ACTIVITIES

The beautiful suite of the Worthy Grand Matron is an added gift of the membership. I wish I could fully tell you how much I have enjoyed staying in this comfortable and homelike suite. It was extra special to be with my "For-Get-Me-Nots" and to share special events with them as well as breaking bread together.

To my General Chairman, Mrs. Wynne L. Walton and Mrs. Betty Lou Hays, Co-Chairman of my "Time and Talent with Helping Hands" Committee, also for the Strawberry Girls and Time Keepers of Districts 1 - 3 - 4 - 5 that planned and executed four most outstanding parties for the enjoyment of all who attended my sincere appreciation. It was the interest and expertise of the volunteers that added beauty throughout the year with unique decorations for the special TIMES of year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 15th, 1991 - The Home took on a new meaning of the Holy Season with the feel of Charles Dickens in the outstanding decorations, even with a special wreath on the doors of the Worthy Grand Matron's Suite and the rooms of the Worthy Grand Patron and the Associate Grand Matron.

The joy experienced in presenting the gifts from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron caused our hearts to overflow. We pinned on each lady a "For-Get-Me-Not" circle pin with the help of our Floor Officers.

The honorary memberships from the Past Matron's Club along with personal gifts from the Ladies were deeply appreciated. This party was hosted by the Strawberry Girls and Time Keepers of District 3 Section 1.

VALENTINE PARTY — February 16, 1992 - This was also beautifully decorated in the theme of love. A feeling of which prevailed the entire afternoon with a great singalong, hosted by the Strawberry Girls and Timekeepers of District 1 Section 5.

EASTER PARTY – March 29, 1992 - The bunnies were hopping, the ladies were singing and the talent show of the best chapeau was presented with lots of fun and love. Each lady also received a love gift from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

STRAWBERRY EXTRAVAGANZA—April 24 - 25, 1992 - The weather was perfect, the enthusiasm outstanding, the mood of excitement held the entire weekend. Our fund raisers broke previous records, the Sponsor a Child and all other activities made TIME stand still and we reaped a grand total of \$46,666.67 as of May 20, 1992, because of you the membership. My deepest thanks to Brother Billy Combest, General Chairman, Sister Freda Combest, General Co-Chairman, Sister Virginia Schmidt, General Co-Chairman and Sister Sandra McAlister, Chairman for their untiring efforts and willingness to make this the best of all. The ladies enjoyed showing off the Home and they had a wonderful two days selling their crafts. - I might add after the weekend was over - all the books left that had been donated were turned over to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital For Children for their book sale. With TIME everything fades, but it will be a long TIME before the members forget the Strawberry Extravaganza weekend.

MOTHERS DAY – April 26, 1992 - The dining area was beautifully decorated in the theme of love and our Mothers. Each table held a clock made by the Worthy Grand Matron's husband, Moe, and were left for the ladies to enjoy. They were presented a love gift from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This party was hosted by the Strawberry Girls and Timekeepers of District 4 Section 4 and District 5 Section 7.

Each party of the year was outstanding in decorations, food, and fellowship.

FESTAL DAY – July 31 - August 1, 1992 - The Festal Day Celebration, honoring the memory of our founder, Dr. Rob Morris, under the direction of the General Chairman, Brother Curtis Cole was most outstanding. It began with a devotional service in the Chapel and the unveiling of a document announcing the death of our founder, dated August 8, 1883, a catered lunch with the ladies, a gigantic auction in the afternoon and closed with a banquet honoring the Worthy Grand Patron that evening. Sunday afternoon a formal tea was held honoring the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Installed Floor Officers and Elected Boards and the Fraternal Correspondent with special honorees, the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Texas.

It was a festive and a joyous TIME for all. To date contributions total \$28,909.35.

MOVIE-MAKING AT THE EASTERN STAR HOME

What a thrilling, exciting day at our Eastern Star Home one day in mid-August when two semi-tractors, a bob-tail truck, pickups, cars, a camera crew, production staff, actors and actresses arrived early one morning to turn one of the parlors at our Home into a filming studio for a scene in the forth-coming movie, "Marina's Story", the story of Marina Oswald. The British actress, Helena Bonham Carter portrays Marina Oswald Porter in this film to be viewed on NBC Television November 22 of this year. Other portions of the film were made at the Comfort Inn in Arlington and various locations in Dallas before moving on to Moscow. Permission was granted to NBC for the use of the parlor and a nominal fee was paid.

EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS AND FRATERNAL VISITS

Each mile we traveled, we took with us love, understanding, enthusiasm and TIME to share with the 50 Sections the teachings of our Order, and they, at every turn, gave back to us love and understanding and much enthusiasm. It was with eager anticipation to see what the theme, decorations and plans would be that awaited us. Never were we disappointed for those serving were unique in their own way and each school was different than the one before. Each A Moment in Time.

EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS AND FRATERNAL VISIT

DISTRICT 2

November 19	Memphis	Section 5
November 21	-	
November 23	Amarillo	Section 2
November 26	Shamrock	Section 1
November 30	Lubbock	Section 4
December 3	Big Spring	Section 8
December 5	Monahans	Section 9
December 10	El Paso	Section 10
December 12	Abilene	Section 7
December 14	Wichita Falls	Section 6

DISTRICT 3

December 17	Graham	Section 3
January 4	Fort Worth	Section 1
January 7	Ranger	Section 4
January 9	Granbury	Section 2
January 11	Waco	Section 9
January 14	Gatesville	Section 7
January 16	Commanche	Section 5
January 18	Round Rock	Section 8
January 21	Lampasas	Section 6
January 23	Cleburne	Section 10

DISTRICT 5

January 25	Austin	Section 6
January 28		
January 30		
February 1		
February 4		
February 6	Del Rio	Section 4
February 8	McAllen	Section 10
February 11		
February 13		
February 15		

DISTRICT 1

February 18	Frankston	Section 6
February 20	Tyler	Section 7
February 22	Dallas	Section 4
February 25		
February 27		
February 29		
March 7	Plano	Section 2
March 10	Wills Point	Section 10
March 12	Atlanta	Section 9
March 14	Longview	Section 8

DISTRICT 4

March 17	Groveton	Section 3
March 19	Lufkin	Section 1
March 21	Port Arthur	Section 2
March 24	Conroe	Section 7
March 26	Centerville	Section 6
March 28	Houston	Section 5
April 2	Brenham	Section 8
April 4	League City	Section 10
April 7	El Campo	Section 9
April 18	Cleveland	Section 4

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

One of the most humbling experiences that a Worthy Grand Matron feels are those TIMES where honorary memberships are presented to her. She knows that it requires the vote of the membership and that it is the highest honor they can extend.

There is no way I can adequately express my true feeling of honor, pride, love and appreciation to the Subordinate Chapters in Texas than by saying each member is very special in my life and I thank God our shoulders touched in this Moment in Time.

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

Many honors come to the Office of Worthy Grand Matron, but none more meaningful than to have an Endowed Membership Certificate presented to her. This was one of my most touching moments as Worthy Grand Matron when the Worthy Matron of my Chapter, Pasadena No. 711, Sister Georgia Franklin, presented such a gift to me at my last School of Instruction in Cleveland, Texas by the kind and generous hearts of the membership of my Chapter. Forever this moment will remain for a lifetime in my memory of the year 1991-1992.

SPECIAL COURTESIES

To the Office of Worthy Grand Matron many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness were brought to her by outstanding City Officials, and dignitaries of all branches of law and order.

I was extremely pleased that the Order of the Eastern Star was seen as an order dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness.

JANE GREGORY DAY

Pasadena

Amarillo

Fort Worth

Granbury Gatesville Centerville Lockhart

Baytown Round Rock

County of Coldwell

ORDER OF THE

EASTERN STAR DAY

Monahans Ranger Waco Cleburne

Corpus Christi Frankston Dickinson Lampasas

Groveton

HONORARY CITIZEN

Abilene Comanche Lampasas San Antonio Del Rio McAllen

Plano Conroe Houston Round Rock Shreveport, La

Bossier City, La

HONORARY SUPERINTENDENT

Judson Independent School

District

HONORARY IRISHMAN

Shamrock

HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF

Dallas County Collin County Leon County Harris County Atasca County

KEYS TO CITY

Hereford Shamrock Lubbock Monahans Amarillo El Campo Centerville

FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Yellow Rose Of Texas Commission Governor's Award for Achievement

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

City of Wills Point

HONORARY MEMBER

Past Matron's Club of the Eastern Star Home

OFFICIAL WELCOME

Shamrock Amarillo Houston Cleburne Pasadena Fort Worth Monahans San Antonio

Plano

Centerville Gatesville Baytown Waco

Shreveport, La. Bossier City, La.

FLAGS

An American flag that was flown over the Capitol of our Nation on the day of my Installation was presented by Mr. Sam Johnson, United States Congressman.

A flag was presented in honor of all the boys who fought in the Persian Gulf War.

A beautiful Eastern Star flag was presented to the Home in honor of the Worthy Grand Matron., This flag was a love gift from Martha Baxter, Deputy Grand Matron of District 3 Section 9 and her husband, Claude Baxter.

An American flag that was flown over the Capitol on the day of my Installation was presented to me by Mrs. Arline Smith, Deputy Grand Matron of District IV, Section 7.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Kaufman No. 866 50 Years - Ann Richards, Governor of Texas sent

special congratulations for this special event.

North Fort Worth No. 684 70 years

Frisco No. 93 75 years - Ann Richards, Governor of Texas sent

special congratulations for this special event.

Ransford No. 135 100 years

OTHER FRATERNAL VISITS

Pasadena #711 Leah Elliott #1119 Channelview #954 Evadale #1111 Silsbee #298 White Settlement #1053 Handley #817 Frank W. Lynn #1015 Fairbanks #1041 Woodlawn #696 Garden Oaks #987 Lockhart #210 San Antonio #3

Texas #35 Adah #49 Wimodausis #141 Floresville #271

Bexar #616 Radiant #636 Army #664 Alamo #665 South San Antonio #691 Somerset #730 Alamo Heights #734 Harlandale #750 Star #782 Prospect Hill #817 Schertz #911 Bethany #912 Highland Hills #1075 Valley Hi #1104 Amistad #1115 Robstown #450 Luling #155

Arlington Heights #702 Hurst #1099 Stephenville #801 Plano #703 Hillsboro #768 Clute City #1011 Cedar Bayou #11 Dayton #233 Crosby #261 Humble #415 Cleveland #465 Liberty #634 LaPorte #683 Hull #737

Goose Creek #798 Galena Park #884 Channelview #954

Deer Park #1063 New Caney #1093 Archives #1095 Seabrook #1096 Huffman #1112 Carpenters #183 A.C. Garrett #774 Bluebonnet #717 Cockrell Hill #971 Dal Cliff #574 Dallas #1 Delta #824 East Dallas #715 Edwin J. Kiest #959 Flora #794 Highland Park #1029 Love Field #875

Lucinda Conner #1006

Mike H. Thomas #951 Mt. Auburn #755 Oak Cliff #303 Roy Stanley #1086 Templar #374 Vickery #1039 Vienna Buckner #888 Montgomery #228 Navasota #309 Hempstead #510 Brookshire #652 Tomball #838 Willis #1017 Cypress #1102 Katy #1121 Sealy #285 Iola #458 Bellville #611

Conroe #710 Mary Martha #981 Waller #1047 Spring #621 Dickinson #1024 Friendswood #1131 LaMarque #979 Mizpah #2 Pearland #1065 Texas City #620 Smithville #39 Bastrop #64 Brenham #144 Somerville #245 Flatonia #813 Coldwell #976 Lexington #996

ABSENT FROM STATE

My deep appreciation to Sisters Lallah Mae Vollus and Sally Matranga, Past Grand Matrons as Acting Worthy Grand Matron during my absence from the State on the following occasions: General Grand Chapter, November 1 - 6, 1991.

Six State Exchange Visit in Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 27, 1992. I appreciate Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron for filling the duties as Acting Worthy Grand Matron while I was out of State for the Alaska trip, August 10 - 23, 1992 and when I attended the Colorado Grand Chapter, September 16 - 17, 1992.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

We surprised our own Grand Representative to Colorado, Sister Mildred Harvey, when I attended the Colorado Grand Chapter Session along with the District Deputy

Grand Matron of District 4, my Personal Secretary and the Grand Representative of Australia. The Session was enjoyed by all and the friendships made will be everlasting.

EXCHANGE VISITS

What better way of letting TIME span all our beliefs and good deeds than joining hand-in-hand across the borders of our respective States in love and friendship.

How pleased I was when the Worthy Grand Matrons of two other Grand Jurisdictions asked if we could have exchange visits. I deeply appreciated their TIME in working out dates feasible to both of our schedules and that New Mexico and Louisiana shared the Fraternal Love with Texas in making moments to remember for our lifetime.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS HONORING THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

July 18, 1992 - The "Last Hurrah" Banquet honoring the Worthy Grand Matron,

hosted by the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of District 4 Section 4. It was a beautiful and outstanding display of love to finalize the last Grand Line Officer banquet.

September 13, 1992 – A lovely Tea given by the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of District 4 Section 4 hosted by the Strawberry Girls of District 4 Section 4. It was a warm feeling to welcome friends from near and far as the final days of this wonderful year are numbered.

My heartfelt thanks for all who helped make these events special.

GIFTS

My one wish is that the membership of Texas could visit my home and see all the beautiful treasures of love that was given to me. "Tee's" and sweaters, afghans, quilts and lap robes made with loving hands, oil paintings, pictures and plaques, attache travel case, clocks, framed crocheted pieces with my name, the most beautiful needlework, including one framed that I had placed in the Eastern Star Home for all to enjoy, hourglasses, strawberries of every description, music boxes and exquisite dolls, one dressed in the replica of the floor gown, made by one of my "For-Get-Me-Nots" of the Home, Eve Adams, a piece of the Berlin Wall attached to a shield plaque, beautiful crystal, ceramic, wooden and china pieces, and many pieces to complete my everyday china service.

From the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I received a lovely white Bible with my name and office imprinted in gold, which I carried to each Section of the State while on the school schedule.

Used on the Altar throughout my Grand Chapter Session was a beautiful covered Bible and marker lovingly made for me by Mrs. Bobbie Paul.

Till The end of Time I shall treasure each memory and gift, knowing that your time was used to shower your love on your Worthy Grand Matron. Tears flow with my love and thanks to each of you. God Bless.

GIFTS IN HONOR OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

If the world could see and know of your kind expressions of love to both the Order of the Eastern Star and to me, they would know of the gentle people who care for one another.

The deep sense of humility that I feel by all these kindnesses that have been given, honoring the Worthy Grand Matron, can only be known between the giver and the receiver. The Eastern Star Home – Home Renovation – ESTARL – Special Needs of the Ladies in our Home.

Thank you from a heart so filled with gratitude, I can only say, you cared enough to show your very best.

PASADENA CHAPTER

My footsteps started this journey of 1991 - 1992 with a most beautiful "Harvest of Strawberries" banquet and Fraternal Visit to my home Chapter, Pasadena No. 711.

It was an evening beyond all possible imagination. Everything was perfect from beginning to end.

How very proud I was and how I appreciated the love, support and encouragement from the members of Pasadena Chapter. They have always been superb in all their undertaking, but, this evening could never be topped.

LEAH ELLIOT CHAPTER

You are the home Chapter of the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn Whitaker and his wife, June.

I am very honored to hold membership in your fine Chapter and I am so grateful that you gave Glenn and June, two special people to the membership of Texas the past two years.

How can I tell you how much I appreciate your love and kindness to me. I pray I am worthy and that I have earned your respect as Worthy Grand Matron.

It was also my privilege to attend the banquet in honor of the Worthy Grand Patron and extend to your Chapter a Fraternal Visit.

For all you have done for our Worthy Grand Patron and the contributions to our year and the dedication you show to our Order, I say THANK YOU from a full and grateful heart.

TWENTY-FIVE AND FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

When one has given to the Order of the Eastern Star and to their respective Chapters so many hours of service, how can words adequately express the pride and joy you feel when you present to those 50 year members their certificates for dedicated years of time to others. How pleased and honored I was to have my signature on the 50 year certificates and to present and pay special recognition of the 25 and 50 year members, Mrs. Juandine Williams member of White Settlement Chapter No. 1053; Mr. James Meador and Mr. Patrick Waddle, members of Frisco Chapter No. 93 and Mrs. Roseanne Scott and Mrs. Melba Slaven members of Pasadena Chapter No. 711. How proud I was to receive my 25 year pin, presented to me by my Worthy Matron. Twenty-five years of service has sifted through the hourglass faster than I care to remember.

Congratulations my good and faithful friends.

TRAVEL PROGRAM

On August 10, 1992, eleven members of the Eastern Star left on the most memorable of trips to the beautiful and outstanding State of Alaska with the Worthy Grand Matron and her Moe. To share this experience with my Sisters and Brothers through the magnificent beauty was a highlight of 1991- 1992. The ties of friendship were strengthened beyond the bonds of love and we shall each remember this TIME together as a milestone in our journey of life.

To Sister Lallah Mae Vollus my deepest thanks and appreciation for arranging this wonderful experience and we truly missed having this gracious lady with us.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence exchange between the Worthy Grand Matron and the membership is the link to our hearts. It is of course, extremely TIME consuming and many, many hours of work, but it does bring much joy and pleasure to the Worthy Grand Matron to receive this important part of sharing one to another.

All of my "official" mail that pertains to the laws governing our Order has been answered to the very best of my ability.

Also, I have tried to express my deep appreciation and gratitude for all of the many courtesies that have been extended to me personally.

You have been the bright and shining stars of my year with your personal notes of love, all the holiday remembrances, birthday wishes, Chapter newsletters and invitations and above all, the many, many cards of cheer and get well's for my Moe through the difficult time of our lives.

INSTALLATIONS

The beginning of a new year in any Chapter is an important event. It is the unveiling of new plans and goals to promote the good of the Order. Excitement runs high through the month of June. Always I am so pleased and honored to be invited to be a part of this new beginning.

Due to the tremendous task and obligation, I was unable to accept all the invitations extended and regretfully I had to cancel one due to the illness of my husband, however, I was able to install my own Chapter, Pasadena No. 711 and Borne Chapter No. 200, the Chapter of my Grand Sentinel, Mr. Kermit Schnelle.

MUSIC

"The Strawberry Time" March was lovingly written and dedicated to the Worthy Grand Matron by Mrs. Nancy Matus, Past Matron of Somerville Chapter No. 245 and Grand Organist, who has provided pleasure to the entire membership with her talent. How pleased I was each time I heard it played throughout the State of Texas.

GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS

The plans of the Worthy Grand Matron to carry out her projects, were enthusiastically received and the hard work of the General Chairman and the Committee members resulted in the interest the membership displayed making the projects a huge success. I am deeply grateful for your support of my wishes.

Without the dedication of the Committee members, the supply of our needs to both the Eastern Star Home and our "For-Get-Me-Nots" that live there would not be realized.

Several of the projects were meant entirely to allow those that are not members of our Order to see the benevolent service we provide in our communities.

In reviewing the records set this year, I am aware that if each member had accepted the challenge offered, we could have doubled our success, reached more

members and learned that TIME spent in doing good would also have enriched their lives.

Calendars were once again offered to the membership at their request, allowing the entire membership to know all the dates pertinent to the line banquets, school schedule, Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron and special occasions. I was a little disappointed more did not take advantage of the calendars, but it was worthwhile and the proceeds were designated for the General Fund.

Our "Hourglass" pin was a huge success and how proud I was to see the membership wearing these beautiful and unusual pins. The proceeds went to the "Special Needs".

The coins were also received very well by the membership. Our "Strawberry" suncatchers were beautiful, bright and cheerful, the enthusiasm they provided helped support the Home Renovation Fund.

Our Masonic "Ties that Bind" Committee was truly a working committee to bring to the Masonic Fraternity more insight of our Order. Our General Chairman, Cliff Engel, wrote and had published, through donations, a pamphlet called "Could Eastern Star be for You" This was received very well by all.

Strawberry Extravaganza held on the grounds of our Eastern Star Home was a huge success with TIME well spent and enjoyed by many, the proceeds going to our Eastern Star Home. The Strawberry stickers from the Time & Talent Committee and the diploma stickers were overwhelming. Proceeds went to the Infirmary.

A new Committee, "Leaders of the Future" was designed to bring into our Order the former Rainbow Girls, adding strength to our Order.

The Publicity & Community Service provided insight to our benevolent endeavors.

Festal Day provided not only joy and happiness to the "For-Get-Me-Nots", but to the entire membership with an outstanding weekend of activities in our Home. Proceeds going to the Eastern Star Home.

The music of the Worthy Grand Matron - \$500.00 of the proceeds was presented to Mrs. Pearl Mills at the Grand Assembly Session in Dallas.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK

Public School week was observed the first week from March 2 through 6. The Worshipful Grand Master asked that members visit schools and participate in their activities.

It was the desire of our Worshipful Grand Master that each Mason was to cooperate, aid and work together with the Eastern Stars to unite even closer the ties that bind. His concern that we strive to show those who are not members that we are a strong Fraternal Family. I personally appreciate his cooperation and support of this Worthy Grand Matron.

IN APPRECIATION

This year of sharing TIME with you, my Sisters and Brothers, has been the fastest year of my entire life.

"The One Moment in Time" installation was so beautiful and held the promise that something wonderful was about to happen, and it did. I felt as if I were walking with destiny and that all my past life had been but a preparation for this year.

All the memories I have stored for review whenever I get sad and lonely will be reminders of cherished friendships and so many rich and rewarding experiences shared with you the membership. How can I possibly say Thank You for the opportunity to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. I thank my God for placing me in the middle of 89,000 wonderful Sisters and Brothers.

TO THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Glenn, your outstanding qualities as a Mason, Christian, family man and your love for the Order of the Eastern Star, drew you to my attention. I was so pleased when you agreed to serve by my side. Always the Worthy Grand Matron looks to her Worthy Grand Patron for support, advice and counsel in all things that come before Grand Chapter.

Thank you for giving of your TIME to accomplish these tasks. I deeply appreciated your June for loaning you to me for 2 years. This was a sacrifice for both of you and I truly trust you received much joy and happiness as you served the membership. The 50 schools were a joy because you were present and the membership loved you and so do I.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sister Elise Hammack, Member of ESTARL Committee, Brother Leonard Ellington, Member of Fraternal Relations Committee and Sister Patricia Major Neinast, Member of Registration Committee: How very proud I was when you were selected to represent Texas in General Grand Chapter.

Each of you have been special to me in my Eastern Star life. We were honored and pleased each time you were with us at any function. You have made Texas proud and you will make General Grand Chapter proud.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

The firm foundation of this Grand Chapter is because of your devotion, loyalty, dedication and desire that we be the very best and live up to our principals. I deeply appreciate your support, wisdom and counsel you have given to me through the years. I hope and pray I shall be worthy of joining your ranks as a Past Grand Matron and thank My God for allowing me to touch shoulders with you.

GRAND FAMILY

Your loyal dedication to our Order and to your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron has warmed and thrilled our hearts each time you were with us. This year of service together has been a very happy one and I deeply appreciate your love and devotion to me.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON

Sister Virginia and Brother Garland - Soon you two will assume the responsibil-

ity of this Grand Chapter. I have enjoyed having you a part of our Grand Family and have treasured our friendship, Virginia, through the years of service together. Know I wish for both of you much happiness and fulfillment as you serve this Grand Chapter.

GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Frances, words could never express to you my sincere and deep appreciation for all you have done for me, and what you always do for the membership in your quiet, dignified and efficient manner. Only by serving in the Grand Line can one fully know what an overwhelming task that is yours, and how fortunate Grand Chapter is to have one of your caliber so dedicated, and ever I shall be grateful to you and your office staff for helping me when I needed assistance. I shall love you till the end of time.

GRAND TREASURER

Sister Lola (Peaches) Wallace, you truly are a treasured friend. The efficient manner in which you go about your duties handling the funds of Grand Chapter is one of admiration by this Worthy Grand Matron. I am so appreciative that our friendship has deepened and strengthened these past four years. Thank you for your devotion and loyalty to our Order.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Sister Marcella - Your beauty, kindness and devotion is an asset to this Grand Chapter. I treasure our friendship and will be so proud when you perform your duties on the Grand Chapter floor as my Grand Conductress.

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS

I know that many plans are forming in your mind for your year as Worthy Grand Matron. May God continue to bless and keep you in good health, that all you plan will come to fruition.

TO THE APPOINTED FLOOR OFFICERS

I wish I had the words to fully express to you my pride and joy for the manner in which you performed your duties. Your exemplification of support and loyalty, both to me and our Order was pleasing to the membership.

Each time you were present at Fraternal Visits, social functions, etc. - how it warmed my heart and especially for attending over 40 schools. Each of you were special in my life prior to the year 1991-1992, and I thank you and love you for being the true friends and dedicated members that you are. I sincerely hope that this year gave back to each of you the pleasure you gave to me and the membership.

GRAND TRUSTEES & BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

Yours is a difficult and tiresome task. You give many, many hours of TIME to the welfare of this Grand Chapter. I deeply appreciate the interest in our welfare that I have seen at the Board meetings. Thank you for including me in the important business of Grand Chapter and thank you for the concern you show in our Home.

I deeply appreciate your dedication and service to our Home and the thoughtfulness you have shown to me.

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

I did not have the pleasure of selecting each of you, but, I could not have picked a more dedicated, thoughtful and kind group of Grand Examiners than you. What a wonderful TIME it was for me to travel with each of you through your Districts for the Schools of Instruction. I humbly say thanks for every courtesy and kindness you personally extended to me.

GRAND APPOINTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

It takes special people to bring to fruition any project. Your special talents were shown through your Chapter work and your interest in our Order. I choose each of you to fill positions I felt would enlighten the membership of the Worthy Grand Matron's projects for the year. Your TIME and energy was needed to accomplish this and you gave both.

The pride I felt each TIME you were presented back of Esther's Station is indescribable. I sincerely hope your year has been a rewarding one for each of you, as you have made it for me. We will always be a close knit Grand Family. You brought much happiness to my life this year and I hope you felt happiness for yourself.

DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS AND DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Much thought was put into my decision to choose each of you for I could see your love of the membership, your ability, integrity and desire to serve. I have never regretted one moment of that decision, I would do it all over again. You truly lived up to my expectations and more. Never could I begin to tell each of you what you mean to me. The joy and happiness that you have added to my life and to Moe's, is the linking of our hearts together for a lifetime. I love you deeply.

Thank you for giving of your TIME to plan and execute the 50 beautiful schools. You have served well the membership of Texas.

STRAWBERRY GIRLS AND TIME KEEPERS

Three years ago we became a team and started our journey to the East. A path that would glean us knowledge to give of ourselves in service to the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Timekeepers were chosen by each of you to walk by your side for 2 years. This they did with dedication.

I'm very proud to call you mine and to be able to serve with you as we set an example together of the true principals of our Order.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP

To each of you who gave me the opportunity to serve by electing me to the line. My, how I love you, my family. My greatest desire is to serve you in a manner that will make you proud of your decision that I serve as your Worthy Grand Matron.

TO MY PERSONAL SECRETARY

Zena, to thank you adequately would take hours of words. When we served as District Deputies together, our hearts became one, and I knew if you would accept this place of service, my task as Worthy Grand Matron would be smooth and much easier because of your efficiency and dedication to any assignment.

We have had a wonderful year traveling together, with lots of work, but, also with lots of fun. The road of the Worthy Grand Matron is much smoother when she has those that lighten the load and assist in all possible ways. This you have done, and I love you like a blood sister. The years ahead will be brighter because of our close friendship - I am glad God put you in my life.

TO MY HUSBAND

What can I possibly say to you, my husband of 46 years, yes, and my closest friend, except that I love you.

The many, many times you put forth the effort to be with me at all Eastern Star functions because you knew of my dedication to serve.

The support to me through the line was constant and true. I could always count on you for advice, caring in my distressful times as well as in my happy times. Thank you from a full heart for helping to make my quest and all my dreams come true.

IN CONCLUSION:

As the leader of the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas, I could not have achieved or brought to fruition the plans laid for this year without you, my Sisters and Brothers.

As my term of office draws to a close, another page in the Book of TIME has been written, I am aware of the great gift God has given to me. The friendships made, the touch of your hand and the expressions of love will remain in my memory till the end of time. It is also a little sad when something wonderful ends, but TIME waits for no one. I have given you my best and the best has come back to me. I only hope and pray that I have filled the office of Worthy Grand Matron to the satisfaction of the membership of Texas. I cannot find words to express to you my gratitude for a wonderful year. My heart overflows with love for each of you who have done so many, many kind things for me. To every Sister and Brother who helped, supported, encouraged and loved me in this year, my deepest appreciation and thanks.

Robert Browning said it best:

The year is closed, the record made The last deed done, the last word said.

The memory alone remains, of all its joys, its griefs, its gains,

And with purpose full and clear, we turn to greet another year.

Farewell.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Gregory

Jane Gregory

Worthy Grand Matron

CORPORATE BOARD MEETING November 16, 1991 Harvey Hotel, Plano, Texas

A meeting of the Corporate Board, the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences was held Saturday, November 16, 1991 at 3:00 p.m. at the Harvey Hotel in Plano, Texas with the following present:

CORPORATE BOARD

Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron
Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron
Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron
Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron
Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary
Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer
Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress
Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress
BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Charlene Littlewood, Chairman

A. D. Jackson, Vice-Chairman

Penny Vletas

Sarah Coursey

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

A. M. "Mac" Crowder, Chairman

Ben Day, Vice-Chairman

Marcell Bailey, Secretary

Patsy Wilson, Treasurer

Helen Hare

The Worthy Grand Matron asked the Worthy Grand Patron to open the meeting with prayer.

Sister Jane Gregory then stated that she had called this meeting as a time of getting acquainted and for discussing general information as to her expectations for the coming year. She stressed that everything we do must be above board and open to the membership in order to maintain their trust in the Boards. She feels that we can accomplish anything we set out to do if we are all united and work for the same goals. She asked that the three Boards work together with love and compassion.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked that minutes be written of all actions taken by the Boards and minutes of Executive meetings are to be sent to her. Ben Day suggested they also be sent to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

No employees are to be dismissed without her prior knowledge.

For signatures on bank accounts, the Boards will adhere strictly to our Constitution and Code of Laws.

Mac Crowder discussed some financial problems at the Home in staying within their budget with rising costs in all areas. They are employing a minimum number of employees; however, some positions are required by the State. The food, while adequate for the ladies, is not prepared in large enough quantities to provide for many visitors without prior notice. The Benevolent Board is experiencing difficulty in paying for the Workmen's Compensation each month.

Sister Charlene Littlewood stressed that the Trustees will work with the

Benevolent board in attempting to solve the problems of the high cost of Workmen's Comp.

Sister Jane Gregory stressed that the most important thing is the care of the ladies at the Home. She feels the membership will assist if they fully understand the problems and we level with the membership in all matters.

The Worthy Grand Patron affirmed that the membership needs to have confidence in the Boards and that we need to establish and maintain that confidence.

The Grand Line Officers were also given an opportunity to state their feelings.

A notice will be placed in the January Official Bulletin regarding the motion made at Grand Chapter requesting that all 501(c)(3) funds be transferred immediately into the Home Renovation Fund in order to begin plans on the renovation of the Home. Sister Jane Gregory asked that no funds be transferred until after the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee since the purpose of this committee is to study and supply information to the Chapters regarding the 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(8).

The Worthy Grand Matron stated that it would be great if sufficient funds were raised through the Home Renovation Fund to the point that "one nail could be driven" in the process of renovating the Home by the end of the year. With an optimistic attitude, we can accomplish anything we desire if we go about it in the right way.

She thanked everyone for their presence at the meeting.

Frances Burbank Secretary for the Corporate Board meeting of November 16, 1991

Approved: Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron

CORPORATE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 25, 1992

A meeting of the Corporate Board was held at the Hilton Hotel in Austin, Texas on Saturday, January 25 immediately following the Eastern Star School.

The following were present:

Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Virginia Green, Associate Grand Matron

Mr. Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron

Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary

Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer

Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress

The Worthy Grand Matron called the meeting to order, thanked all in attendance and asked the Worthy Grand Patron to lead in prayer.

Sister Jane Gregory stated that the Board of Grand Trustees had met concerning the finances of the Grand Chapter session in San Antonio and the request for additional money. The Grand Secretary had referred the request to the Board of Grand Trustees. Feeling that the Board of Grand Trustees did not have the authority to grant additional funds over the \$20,000.00 allowance provided in the Constitution, they had referred it to the Corporate Board.

Sister Jane Gregory stated that she did not feel it was the duty of the Corporate Board nor did they have the power to make this decision; therefore, she had called this meeting to obtain the vote and opinion of the members of the Corporate Board. In the event a decision is not reached, it will be referred back to Grand Chapter.

Marcella Curry mentioned that it could be taken from the Contingency Fund, and the Constitution may need to be changed at some future date to increase the total amount allowed for the Grand Chapter session. Marcella also suggested the possibility of paying the bill and then ratifying this action at the next Grand Chapter Session.

Virginia Green suggested that the Trustees go over the Audit item by item and then communicate with the Executive Committee.

Garland Rattan asked if there had been any unanticipated expenses.

Lola Wallace felt that the Corporate Board had the authority to make the decision to pay these funds and that the Trustees, at one time, had voted to pay this additional expense.

The request had been discussed with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron by the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees with reference to paying the additional expense from the contingency Fund as an emergency. Neither the Worthy Grand Matron nor the Worthy Grand Patron was in favor of this action since the situation was created prior to and during the Grand Chapter session and should have been handled at the Grand Chapter session.

In order to avoid such a problem in the future, it is imperative that the Executive Chairman and Arrangements Committee Chairman and the Associate Grand Matron meet with the Trustees prior to the Grand Chapter Installation.

Jane Gregory stated she would like to refer the decision back to the Board of Grand Trustees with no other recommendations as to the action to be taken.

Lola Wallace mentioned that the Trustees did not feel they had the authority to make such a decision.

It was also mentioned that additional funds had been advanced at a Grand Chapter session a number of years ago.

Each member of the Corporate Board was given the opportunity to speak.

Wanda Fairchild felt the situation should be handled on a timely basis and not held for an indefinite period of time.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked if there were any objections to referring the decision to the Board of Grand Trustees. She stated that a letter would be written to the Trustees stating that they are within the law in making such a decision since they make all decisions concerning money and that they must make a decision.

Since there were no objections, this matter was to be referred to the Board of Grand Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned.

Frances Burbank Secretary for the Corporate Board meeting of January 25, 1992

CORPORATE BOARD MEETING MARCH 28, 1992

A meeting of the Corporate Board was held Saturday, March 28 at the Arabia Shrine Temple in Houston, Texas with the following members present:

Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron

Mr. Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron

Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary

Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer

Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress

The Worthy Grand Patron gave the opening prayer.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked the members for their presence and stated that the Administrator in the Infirmary at our Eastern Star Home had resigned to accept a similar position with greater benefits than those offered at our Home. As a result, the Superintendent of the Home, George Poff, was given the authority by the Chairman of the Benevolent Board to hire a replacement, which has been done. Sister Jane Gregory stated that since the position has already been filled and since we must have a licensed Superintendent or Administrator at the Home, she had approved this action until the end of her term. She asked for the approval of the Corporate Board in this decision and stated that it may be necessary for the Committee revising the Constitution to make some changes regarding this situation.

Discussion followed concerning the fact that, in the future, members of our Order should be given the opportunity to apply for this position.

Sister Jane Gregory also stressed that the Worthy Grand Matron needs to be aware of all situations rather than being informed by members attending the Schools.

Marcella Curry made the motion, seconded by Virginia Green that the Corporate Board sanction the action of the Worthy Grand Matron in approving the hiring of the present Administrator in the Infirmary until Grand Chapter in October even though the Board was displeased with the action taken by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences since it was in conflict with our present laws. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was closed with all joining in the Mizpah Benediction.

Frances Burbank, Secretary for the Corporate Board meeting of March 28, 1992

CALLED MEETING OF THE CORPORATE BOARD July 31, 1992

All members of the Corporate Board were present for a meeting held July 31, 1992 in the Worthy Grand Matron's Suite at the Eastern Star Home in Arlington, Texas as follows:

Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron

Mr. Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron

Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary

Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer

Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked everyone for being present and asked the Worthy Grand Patron to lead in prayer.

The Worthy Grand Matron announced that she was present when the Benevolent Board interviewed a new Doctor for the ladies at the Home. She felt that many of our ladies were taking too many medications and that some were counter-acting with other medications. The new Doctor will be used on a trial basis for a period of ninety days.

Sister Jane Gregory mentioned that we need drivers in the Metroplex to drive the 20 passenger bus for the ladies. It will require someone with a Commercial Drivers License. An additional test is also required.

The Worthy Grand Matron then stated that she had called the meeting to discuss the financial situation at our Eastern Star Home and the fact that she had asked the Benevolent Board as well as the Superintendent of the Eastern Star Home to keep her informed of ALL situations arising at the Home in order that there would be no surprises. In view of the fact that the Home had accumulated \$75,000.00 in unpaid bills and no one was made aware of this fact, she has written a letter to the Chairman of the Benevolent Board reprimanding him for not keeping her informed of this deficit. She asked for the opinions of the other members of the Corporate Board. Discussion followed concerning the need for some guidelines and qualifications for the Superintendent and employees of the Home.

After much discussion, it was unanimously agreed by the Corporate Board that the Superintendent, George Poff, be placed on probation for a period of ninety days. A letter was then composed to be presented to Mac Crowder as Chairman of the Benevolent Board to be given to the Superintendent along with additional requirements. (Copy attached.)

The Worthy Grand Matron asked all members of the Corporate Board to meet in the Grand Secretary's Office at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1 to meet with the Chairman of the Benevolent Board regarding this letter and to discuss this situation.

The meeting was adjourned until 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Saturday, August 1

The members of the Corporate Board met at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1 with Mac Crowder, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. After discussion of the finances of the Home, the letter composed the previous evening was given to Brother Mac to present to George Poff, Superintendent.

The meeting was adjourned.

Frances Burbank Secretary, Corporate Board Meetings of July 31 and August 1

July 31, 1992

Due to failure to comply with the directive of the Worthy Grand Matron to keep her informed of all matters pertaining to the operation of the Eastern Star Home, this letter will serve as official notice that George Poff is hereby placed on probation as Superintendent of the Eastern Star Home for a period of ninety (90) days with performance subject to review at the end of that period.

This was the unanimous decision of the Corporate Board at an Executive meeting held in the Worthy Grand Matron's suite at the Eastern Star Home on Friday, July 31, 1992.

The Corporate Board expects the following to be adhered to:

- 1. A monthly financial report detailing accounts payable with aging will be furnished to the Benevolent Board, the Corporate Board and the Board of Grand Trustees.
- 2. Immediate steps will be taken to implement generally accepted accounting principles to include a system of accounts payable.
 - 3. A purchase order system will be implemented.
- 4. Complete and accurate minutes will be taken of all Executive meetings, telephone conferences, etc.
 - 5. No Grand Chapter Line Officer will be excluded from any Executive meeting.

Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, who will present his Annual Report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I, too, will just give a few highlights.

You elected me as your Worthy Grand Patron, and I was installed on October 26th, 1991. I had the honor to attend and carry the Texas flag at a flag presentation at General Grand Chapter in St. Louis in November 1991. How beautiful it was for June and I to attend all fifty schools and thirteen more fraternal visits and banquets with the Worthy Grarld Matron. It was great when all the eighteen Grand Chapter Officers were present at my banquet. How wonderful the membership has been to me. I've had the privilege to visit seventy-four chapters during the year, serve as Worthy Patron in nine initiations, was Assisting Installing Officer in thirteen installations. I attended the exchange visit with Texas and New Mexico and a sixstate meeting at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and the exchange visit with Louisiana. 1 attended the Grand Assembly and the Supreme Assembly of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. I was blessed to receive the Grand Cross of Colors. I attended Grand Lodge and had the honor to institute Webb Chapter U.D. It was nice to visit the ladies in the Home and give to each one a gift.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron, and to the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas for extending to me the honor and privilege of serving as Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the confidence and faith you have shown in me, for allowing me to share the heart-warming experience with you this past year. June and I felt very honored and humble when you and Brother Morris asked us to walk this way with you. I have enjoyed a year of tremendous love and kindness with the membership, and I do not have the words to express how great it has been. I'll always be grateful for the honor of serving the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas as Worthy Grand Patron.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

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OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

What an honor the membership of Texas bestowed upon me by electing me to serve as Worthy Grand Patron. I was installed during the "One Moment In Time", one hundred and tenth Installation of Grand Officers, October 16, 1991, in San Antonio, Texas. This was a great honor, but at the same time a very humbling experience for me. I hope that I have filled this office in a manner that was pleasing to God and to you, my sisters and brothers. Your encouragement and friendship has been an inspiration to me. Please accept my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your many acts of kindness, love, gifts and support.

I will always be honored and grateful for this year of service to you, the members of Texas. God bless you.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

On Thursday, October 31, 1991, the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory; Grand Escort, Brother Moe Gregory; Grand Esther, Sister June Whitaker; and I left in the Grand Chapter van for General Grand Chapter to be held in St. Louis, Missouri at the Cervantes Convention Center. We arrived on November 1, 1991. The weather was cold and very windy.

"Yesterday Today Tomorrow God's Scroll of Time" was the 40th Triennial Assembly of General Grand Chapter. I was very honored and thrilled to carry the Texas flag for the formal opening "Cavalcade of Flags".

We attended several special events including the 1991-1994 Triennium Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons Dinner and the Texas Reception honoring Sister Rennie Ofton, General Grand Chapter Committee Chairman of Unfinished Business and a candidate for Right Worthy Grand Trustee. We also attended the beautiful Bluebonnet Luncheon honoring Texas General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Mary Brown, Chairman, Charters Committee; Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman of Unfinished Business; and Brother C. A. "Bill" Holmes, Member, Ritual Committee.

This was a beautiful TIME with our Texas Sisters, Brothers, and Friends.

We arrived home on Wednesday, November 6, 1991.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

How wonderful it has been to get to know the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Each of you has been an inspiration to me with your love and encouragement. May God bless you as you continue to give of yourself to serve our beautiful Order.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

How wonderful it has been to get to know the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Each of you has been an inspiration to me with your love and encouragement. May God bless you as you continue to give of yourself to serve our beautiful Order.

ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

My wife June, Grand Esther, and I attended the Grand Assembly of Texas, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, June 15 through 17, 1992, in the Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, you are instilling in these young girls the foundation so needed for the leaders of tomorrow. The unending work and effort so unselfishly extended by you and Mr. Hubert Mills on behalf of these young ladies is certainly a credit to you and you have the heartfelt gratitude of our entire Order.

The many acts of kindness extended to June and me during this Assembly will have our undying appreciation. God bless you as you serve and as you help shape our world of tomorrow.

The "FOLLOW THE SPIRIT" 34th Biennial Supreme Assembly International Order Of The Rainbow For Girls was held at the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas on July 27, 28, and 29, 1992. I attended the beautiful "Rodeo Fantasy" Banquet and the Informal Opening on Monday evening when Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Inspector in Texas extended to me the privilege of giving the Invocation. I also attended the Tuesday Evening Session.

All courtesies extended by Mrs. Pearl Mills, the adult leaders, and the Rainbow Girls, to my wife June and me are appreciated and will be cherished memories. THANK YOU!!

CHAPTER INSTITUTED

On January 2, 1992, I had the privilege of Instituting Webb Chapter, U.D. at the Masonic Temple in Fort Worth, Texas.

The following Grand Officers assisted in the Instituting ceremony.

Mrs. Jane Gregory	Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Glenn Whitaker	
Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green	Associate Grand Matron
Mr. Garland Rattan	Associate Grand Patron
Mrs. Frances Burbank	
Mrs. Lola Wallace	
Mrs. Marcella Curry	Grand Conductress
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	Associate Grand Conductress
Mr. Robert L. Wood, Jr	
Mrs. Alma Carter	Grand Marshal
Mr. Curtis Cole	Grand Organist, Pro Tem
Mrs. Martha Grissom	Grand Adah
Mrs. Sara Crowder	Grand Ruth
Mrs. June Whitaker	Grand Esther
Mrs. Connie F. Autrey	
Mrs. LaVerne Whitfield	Grand Electa
Mrs. Marilyn B. Knowlton	Grand Warder
Mr. Kermit Z. Schnelle	

I am truly grateful for the officers who assisted in preparing for this special meeting and all the courtesies extended to me, I thank you.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS AND SPECIAL AWARDS

I will always be grateful for the honorary memberships from the subordinate chapters. You have truly made me feel that I belong to each chapter. From a heart filled with love for you I want you to know that I appreciate this special act of kindness.

The keys to cities, plaques, Honorary Sheriff Commissions, and Deputy Sheriff Warrants presented to me will always be a treasure and a reminder of the many courtesies and kindness extended to me. I appreciate all you have done to honor the office of Worthy Grand Patron.

MY PARENT AND DUAL CHAPTERS

The Worthy Grand Matron honored the Worthy Grand Patron's parent chapter, Leah Elliott Chapter No. 1119, with a Fraternal Visit on November 16, 1991 at the Harvey Hotel in Plano, Texas. How proud I was of each member who participated and shared in this special TIME.

I could not have walked this way without the love and support which you have so generously given to me and for which I shall be forever grateful.

To my dual chapter, McKinney Chapter No. 518, I appreciate all the many courtesies extended while serving as Worthy Grand Patron.

I deeply appreciate receiving Life Memberships presented by each of these two

chapters. Your love, loyalty, and friendship will be forever cherished as I recall the memories of this past year.

SCHOOLS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Lord blessed us with good health as June and I traveled and attended all 50 schools, banquets and Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron. This was indeed our pleasure to be with the wonderful membership of Texas. We also attended thirteen other Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron.

INSTALLATIONS AND INITIATIONS

It was my pleasure to participate in thirteen beautiful installations and attend four others.

It was an honor for me to participate in seven initiations.

I was privileged to make forty-seven other visits to chapters across the beautiful state of Texas.

EXCHANGE VISITS

Our first exchange visit was April 10th and 11th with New Mexico held at El Paso and Las Cruses, New Mexico. At the Las Cruces meeting I was presented with a fourteen inch boutonniere, the largest I ever hope to have, from four lovely ladies from Alvin Chapter No. 15, Alvin, Texas. This was a wonderful meeting with our New Mexico friends. The exchange visit with Louisiana was May 22nd and 23rd at Marshall, Texas and Shreveport, Louisiana. This was a special meeting for everyone.

The Six State Meet was June 27th held at Fort Smith, Arkansas. The participating states were Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, with Arkansas as the host state. New friends were made at these exchange visits and were attended by many, many O.E.S. members from across the states.

EASTERN STAR HOME

The lovely ladies at our Eastern Star Home are very SPECIAL people and are a very important part of our Order. They all have a history of dedicated service to the Order and I will never forget these wonderful "For-Get-Me-Nots" who have blessed and enriched my life.

To my wife June, Grand Esther, I want you to know I love and appreciate you for always being by my side; for the Christian home you maintain; for the years of happiness and joy you have brought into my life; for your love, confidence and support which you so abundantly give to me. I could not have walked this way without you and always be assured you are the "Wind Beneath My Wings."

CLOSING

To God be the glory for the good health and many blessings He has bestowed upon me as I strived to serve our beautiful Order.

I love Him and love His church and find my richest fellowship among His people.

A thousand times my soul has been expanded as I sat with you, my Sisters and Brothers. Your prayers have inspired me, your words of encouragement have caused me to press on. How I appreciate this dedicated membership! What a joy is ours when we can use our allotted earthly time for each of us to reaffirm in our hearts, "THE LONGER I SERVE HIM, THE SWEETER HE GROWS; THE MORE THAT I LOVE HIM, MORE LOVE HE BESTOWS. EACH DAY IS LIKE HEAVEN, MY HEART OVERFLOWS. THE LONGER I SERVE HIM, THE SWEETER HE GROWS."

Ilenn Whiteker
Glenn Whitaker

Worthy Grand Patron

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report and supplemental report be referred to the proper committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of our Worthy Grand Patron. All in favor of accepting his report as given will signify by raising the right hand. All opposed, same sign. The motion is carried. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

There is a phone call for Sister Joyce McKnight. The area code: 409-755-3527. If Joyce McKnight is in the room, she needs to return the call.

I recognize Sister Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary, who will present her report.

GRAND SECRETARY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers,

Dear ones, how grateful I am for the privilege you have afforded me in allowing me to serve another year as your Grand Secretary.

In compliance with the Code of Laws, I submit the record of the official transactions of the Grand Secretary during the year of 1991-1992.

Once again the Annual Chapter Reports of May 31, 1992 reflect a decrease in membership and the number of Subordinate Chapters. We gained a total of 3,687 members through initiations, affiliations and reinstatements. We lost a total of 6,082 members (including 2,482 through suspensions and 2,478 by death). Two Chapters demised, eleven Chapters consolidated and one Chapter was Instituted, leaving a total of 645 Chapters.

A detailed report of the transactions of this past year is printed in the Advance Annual Report.

If you happen to have that report with you, I would like to call your attention to page 40, the second paragraph. Just prior to the closing of Grand Chapter session in San Antonio last year, the motion was made "that funds invested under 501(c)(3) be made available to the Home Renovation Fund immediately to enable the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences to begin definite plans for the renovation process." The funds listed under the 501(c)(3) on October 31, 1991, included the following: In the O.E.S. Home Fund, \$187,201, in the Home Operating Account, \$24,193; in the Home Renovation under — and now this is not the total on renovation, only those funds under the 501(c)(3) — \$32,155; Asset Preservation account, \$205,202; and under the 501(c)(3) Endowment Fund, \$144,402. Total funds under the 501(c)(3) on October 31st of last year were \$593,153.

Sisters and Brothers, the OES Home Fund and the Home Operating Account are used to operate our Home on a daily basis. The transfer of these funds would have left the Home without food and the medication for the ladies, or money for utilities and other maintenance of the Home. Funds under the 501(c)(3) portion of the Home Renovation Fund and the 501(c)(3) Endowment Fund were so designated by the contributors and according to our auditors and legal counsel cannot be transferred without the express consent of each individual contributor.

The Clarice Glaze Estate, which was a will which was left for our Eastern Star Home, was invested in an Asset Preservation Account to be used when needed by the Home. This fund has now been completely depleted in caring for the expenses of the Home. The funds under the 501(c)(3) portion of the Home Renovation Fund are so designated by the contributors and are being held in the same bank as the 501(c)(8) Home Renovation Funds. The Home Renovation Fund, by vote of the membership in Amarillo, Texas, in 1990 was frozen until seventy-five percent of the funds are raised. Therefore, no funds could be transferred.

These records are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary and may be inspected by any member of our Order desiring to do so.

IN MEMORIAM

"A beautiful memory dearer than gold,
Of a Brother whose worth can never be told,
Happy and smiling, always content,
Loved and respected wherever he went,
To beautiful life came a peaceful end,
He died as he lived, everyone's friend."

Our hearts were saddened by the death of our Past Grand Patron:

MR. HAL BURNETT May 27, 1992

A Memorial Notice was mailed to all Grand Jurisdictions, all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, all Texas Grand Officers and all Subordinate Chapters.

MEMBERSHIP

The Subordinate Chapters' Annual Reports for 1992 again reflect a decrease in membership and the number of Subordinate Chapters.

Membership on May 31, 1991	91,293	
Increase - Adjustments to 1991 reports	49	91,342
Decrease - Adjustments to 1991 reports, Consolidations & Demised	1,244	90,098
INCREASE:		
Initiated Reinstatements Affiliations	1,513 313 1,861	$\frac{3,687}{93,785}$
DECREASE:		
Demits Withdrawals Transfers Suspensions Expulsions Deaths	666 127 320 2,484 7 2,478	6,082
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON MAY	B1, 1992	* 87,703

^{* 135} Members residing in Eastern Star and Masonic Homes (exempt of dues and percapita) included in above total membership.

Total members exempt of dues and per-CAPITA - 4,939

LOSS IN PER-CAPITA - \$ 24,695

1,720 Texas Dual Members

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP SINCE 1991-3,590

118 Chapters reported a GAIN in membership 495 Chapters reported a LOSS in membership 36 Chapters remained the SAME in membership

Chapters leading in number of Initiations:

Caddo Mills No. 82	17
Channelview No. 954	15
Hemphill No. 375	14
Wimodousis No. 141	13
Granbury No. 530	
Mesquite No. 887	
Gun Barrel City No. 1114	12
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TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS ON JULY 23, 1992645

^{* 4,804 - 50} Year Members (exempt of dues and per-capita)

Bangs No. 467 with Brownwood No. 116 - October 21, 1991
Electa No. 872 with Roy Stanley No. 1086 - December 31, 1991
Austwell No. 686 with Port Lavaca No. 373 - February 17, 1992
Capitol No. 803 with Austin No. 304 - March 6, 1992
Allen No. 1117 with Frisco No. 93 - April 1, 1992
Martha No. 883 with Austin No. 304 - April 3, 1992
Hamlin No. 460 with Anson No. 867 - April 13, 1992
Laneville No. 944 with Cushing No. 368 - April 20, 1992
Edgewood No. 904 with Wills Point No. 366 - May 7, 1992
Starlight No. 1016 with Longview No. 610 - June 4, 1992
Bluebonnet No. 717 with Vienna Buckner No. 888 - July 7, 1992
(Now Bluebonnet Buckner No. 888)

The following Chapters Demised:

Helena No. 289 - April 7, 1992 Columbus No. 324 - May 5, 1992

INSTITUTING

Webb Chapter, U.D. was Instituted on January 2, 1992.

GRAND DEMITS

Mrs. Thelma Ackley Mrs. Dorothy Albrecht Mrs. Mary Ballew Mrs. Alice Blakeney Mrs. Martha Brokmever Mrs. Daisy Cotton Mrs. Mary L. Criswell Robert Douglas Mrs. Marilyn Dromgoole W.O. Dromgoole Mrs. Patsy Dunlap Mrs. Eunice Duty Mrs. Erna Elder Mrs. Barbara Gulick Mrs. Martha Henicke Mrs. Mildred Hoeninghaus Don Hooper Mrs. Doris Hooper Miss Jennifer Hooper Miss Ruby Catherine Isgrig Mrs. Viola Johnson Mrs. Lydia King Mrs. Clara Klein Charles Klein Mrs. Mattie Krosnick Mrs. Annie LeBleu Mrs. Marianne Elizabeth Hull Little Mrs. Ellen Michaels Little Mrs. Elaine Lingle

Mrs. Frances Loehman

Mrs. Louise Lovett Elmer McCoy, Jr. Mrs. Hazel Maples Mrs. Alice Martin Charles Mashburn Mrs. Thelma Moore Mrs. Frances Noster Mrs. Lucille Pace Mrs. Jean Parker Mrs. Dorothy Parks Mrs. Myra Patton William Patton J.A. Pearson Mrs. Marvel E. Pearson Mrs. Drucilla Reed Mrs. Edith Reichle Mrs. Thelma Jo Riedel Walter Riedel, Jr. Mrs. Jacquelyn Rhodes Sidney Ross Rhodes Miss Suzanne Rhodes Mrs. Virginia Rogers Mrs. Mimi Schendel Mrs. Marie Schendel Mrs. Carmen (Pinchen) Schwartz Mrs. Jimmie Scott Mrs. Betty Smith Mrs. Ordra Smith Walter L. Smith Mrs. Mary Tellinghuisen

Mrs. Carolyn Vinken Mrs. Erma Dean Waters John H. Waters Mrs. Marsaline Whitcomb Mrs. Patricia Williams Mrs. Mattie Belle (Miller) Wisley

CHAPTER NAME CHANGE

Star No. 782 to Logos Star No. 782 Vienna Buckner No. 888 to Bluebonnet Buckner No. 888

COURTESY FUNERALS

Travis Chapter No. 472 performed an Eastern Star funeral for Mrs. Deborah Kepley, a member of Sunnyvale Chapter No. 250, Sunnyvale, California.

On March 16, 1992 Arlington Chapter No. 249 performed an Eastern Star funeral for June Taylor, a member of Sunnyslope Chapter No. 47 in Arizona.

Irving Chapter No. 777 performed an Eastern Star funeral for Mrs. Dorothy Elaine Whittington on July 25, 1992. Dorothy was a member of Bellflower No. 397 in California.

CHARTER DISPENSATIONS REPLACED

North Side No. 651 Lone Star Chapter No. 1083 The Colony Chapter No. 1136

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

To each Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron not in attendance at this session, we plan to send a copy of the invitation, the Advance Annual Report and the Session Program.

Just prior to the closing of the Grand Chapter session in San Antonio last year, the motion was made, "that funds invested under 501(c)(3) be made available to the Home Renovation Fund immediately to enable the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences to begin definite plans for the renovation process." The funds listed under the 501(c)(3) on October 31, 1991 included the following:

O.E.S. Home Fund	187,201.
Home Operating Account	24,193.
Home Renovation	32,155.
Asset Preservation Account	205,202.
Endowment Fund (501-c-3)	144,402

TOTAL FUNDS UNDER THE 501(c)(3) AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1991 - \$593,153.

The O.E.S. Home Fund and the Home Operating Account are used to operate the Eastern Star Home on a daily basis. Transfer of these funds would have left the Home without food and medication for the ladies or money for utilities and other maintenance

of the Home. Funds under the 501(c)(3) portion of the Home Renovation Fund and the 501(c)(3) Endowment Fund were so designated by the contributors, and according to our auditors and legal counsel, cannot be transferred without the express consent of each individual contributor. The Clarice Glaze Estate was invested in an Asset Preservation Account to be used when needed by the Home. This fund has now been completely depleted. The funds under the 501(c)(3) portion of the Home Renovation Fund are so designated by the contributors and are being held in the same bank as the 501(c)(8) Home Renovation Funds. The Home Renovation Fund, by vote of the membership in Amarillo, Texas in 1990 was frozen until 75% of the funds are raised. Therefore, NO FUNDS COULD BE TRANSFERRED.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The following amounts include only the actual income from all sources through July 31, 1991. A detailed accounting of the receipts and disbursements from the books and records of the Grand Secretary's office will be included in the Annual Audit and printed in the next Proceedings. The following partial report is submitted:

FUNDS	INVESTMENT RECEIPTS	OTHER RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS
GENERAL	11,896.	247,019.	258,915.
HOME	15,130.	688,939.	704,069.
BENEVOLENT	636.	63,455.	64,091.
FANNIE V. WARD	1,472.		1,472.
EDUCATIONAL	396.	1,463.	1,859.
FESTAL DAY COMMITTEE		48,905.	48,905.
INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE		1,410.	1,410.
HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE:			
HOME RENOVATION	9,481.	60,773.	70,254.
HOME ENDOWMENT		26,317.	26,317.
HOME SPECIAL NEEDS		18,186.	18,186.
ESTARL		25,301.	25,301.
OTHER		48.	48.
TOTAL RECEIPTS 11/1/91 to 7/31/92	39,011.	1,181,816.	1,220,827.

IN APPRECIATION

WORTHY GRAND MATRON, Sister Jane Gregory, with enthusiasm and dedication you have given of yourself untiringly to the demands of your office. I treasure your friendship and your vivacious spirit. My grateful thanks to you for every kindness shown to the office of the Grand Secretary.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON, Brother Glenn Whitaker, with a quiet dignity you have served the membership, and I am happy to call you my friend.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS, we are all indebted to you for the principles you have established and for your continued dedication to our Order.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON, ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON, GRAND CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS, Virginia, Garland, Marcella and Wanda, how I appreciate each of you and look forward eagerly to our continued friendships.

To the FLOOR OFFICERS, my association with you has brought many happy

memories - memories I shall treasure always.

GRAND TREASURER, Sister Lola Wallace, during these past five years I have known you as a concerned, dedicated member and a loyal friend. I treasure your gracious manner and the times we have spent together.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES, your responsibilities are many, and the load is often heavy. I am grateful for your commitment to every task and your kindnesses to me and my office.

BENEVOLENT BOARD MEMBERS, how we appreciate your concern for and care of "our ladies".

OFFICE ASSISTANTS, Shirley, Jan, Billie and Joyce, for your support, your loyalty and your willingness to perform every task, I am eternally grateful. You are always there when I need you and always ready to go above and beyond the call of duty. Please know you are loved.

SWEET LADIES OF THE HOME, always, our love is with you.

To my Home Chapter, SOUTH HILLS NO. 835, from a grateful heart, my special thanks for all you mean to me.

SECRETARIES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS, yours is a never ending task. I am proud of you for all you do for your own Chapters and for Grand Chapter. You are appreciated - now and always, and will always be in my heart.

DEAR MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS, you give meaning to our Order. You, indeed, are Eastern Star at its finest.

Fraternal love,

Frances E. Burbank Grand Secretary

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the proper committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Frances. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of our Grand Secretary. All in favor of accepting this report, please let it be known by the uplifting of the right hand. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. It will be referred to the proper committee.

Before I call on our Grand Treasurer, there are two ballots that have been handed to me that have evidently been lost or dropped out of a purse or a bag. One belongs to Ann Coors of Dickinson Chapter 1024. The other one is Edith Comber, Past Matron of Commerce Chapter No. 208. I will have these on the Secretary's desk and you may come up and pick up your ballot. A parking pass has been turned into lost and found. If someone has purchased a parking pass and has lost it, go to the lost and found table. That's where you will be able to get it.

It is with pleasure now that I ask our Grand Treasurer, Sister Peaches Wallace, to bring her report.

GRAND TREASURER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Please turn to page 42 of the advance report.

THE REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Other Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my honor to serve as the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter. The love and support which you continue to share with me gives me renewed courage and determination to live up to your highest expectations. It is my privilege to make this report of my activities. As the Grand Treasurer of Texas, in November of 1991, my Husband, Ivan and I attended the General Grand Chapter Session held in St. Louis, Missouri, where I was elected to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the International Grand Treasurers Association.

In May of 1992, I accompanied Sister Neva Mae Evans Cherry, Grand Representative of Delaware, to attend the Delaware Grand Chapter Session. I attended the Texas-New Mexico Exchange Visit in April, The Texas-Louisiana Exchange Visit in May and the Arkansas Multi State Friendship Exchange in June. These were enjoyable and rewarding experiences.

This has been a busy year. I have attended all meetings of the CORPORATE BOARD, the BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES, the PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE and several meetings of the BENEVOLENT BOARD. At the request of the Worthy Grand Matron, I served as an Ex-officio member of the special AD-HOC COMMITTEE and attended both of their meetings. There is much to be learned from the time shared with the dedicated members of these Boards and Committees.

I attended the Opening of Grand Assembly and the Opening Session of Supreme Assembly, of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. I attended the Dinner held in Ft. Worth for the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

It was my privilege to fill my Station at the instituting of Webb Chapter on January 2, 1992. I attended 11 Schools of Instruction, including all Five Districts. I participated in the activities of the Strawberry Extravaganza, Festal Day, the Christmas Party and Mothers Day Program at the Eastern Star Home.

I was honored to participate in two Installations of Officers, attended five others and took part in three programs. It has been my privilege to greet the membership at many additional Banquets, Round-ups, Chapter meetings, and Social activities, sharing the spirit of friendship with my Sisters and Brothers.

At the last Grand Chapter Session in San Antonio, the Jurisprudence Committee voiced to the membership, a number of questions regarding my Report. According to procedures of the Jurisprudence Committee, I was not given the privilege of bringing my answers to you, as the Board of Grand Trustees had requested. Please let me assure you, I was pleased to answer all of the questions to the satisfaction of the Board of Grand Trustees, with a written copy furnished to the Jurisprudence Committee.

During the closing hours of the last Grand Chapter Session, a recommendation was made to "transfer all funds invested under the 501C3 to the Renovation Fund to begin definite plans for the renovation process". On the surface it sounded great, and it was passed. My Sisters and Brothers, it was never possible to make this kind of Transfer. The funds under the 5-1C3 Tax Designation are deposited in three Funds:

The Eastern Star Home Renovation Fund

The O.E.S. Endowment Fund and The O.E.S. Home Fund.

The Eastern Star Home Renovation Fund under the 501C3, as of July 31st has \$35,124.83. The law which provides for the renovation restricted these funds. They can not be spent until 75% of the estimated cost is raised. This is approximately \$555,000.00, based on the lowest estimate. We now have a total of \$319,306.30, as of July 31st. Therefore these funds can not be spent. Page 154-C Code of Laws. To change this would require an amendment to the Code of Laws.

The O.E.S. Endowment Fund under the 501C3, has a total of \$147,458.59, as of July 31st. Only the interest from this fund can be spent, for the benefit of the Home. Funds contributed for Endowment can not be transferred to the Renovation Fund. We would have a serious problem with our Legal advisors and the Auditors, if we even considered spending the Restricted Funds.

The O.E.S. Home Fund has three accounts. The Asset Preservation Trust was used to protect several large Bequests and one O.E.S. Home Fund maturing investment, until the funds were required to operate the Home. These funds have all been used. The Money Market Account is used to deposit the Ladies Pension Checks, the Per-Capita Tax, contributions from members entering the Home, income from Investments, and all other money received for the Home. On the first of each month a transfer is made to the Home Operational Account equal to 1/12th of their Annual Budget, after Insurance, Extra Payrolls, and Contingency Funds are deducted, to be transferred as required. This year that monthly transfer is \$102,000.00. No funds are deposited directly into the Home Operational Account. Transfers are made each month to make sure the Home receives all the Funds to which they are entitled for that month. When additional funds are needed in the Money Market Account to make the necessary transfers to the Home Operational Account, the Trustees vote to transfer the interest from the O.E.S. Home Endowment Trust under the 501C8, to the Money Market Account. This interest has been required this year, almost as fast as it accumulated.

Sisters and Brothers, at Grand Chapter last year, when you voted to approve the Budget for the Operation of the Eastern Star Home for 1991-92, you committed all of the available funds under the 501C3, in the O.E.S. Home Fund, to meet that Budget. You also committed the interest from the O.E.S. Home Endowment Trust, as shown in the estimated income on the Home Budget. We simply can not transfer any of these designated funds.

There are no funds under the 501C3, available for transfer to the Home Renovation Fund.

At the Grand Treasurers Office in my home, at 3316 Sublett Rd., Arlington, TX 76017, the Books were audited by Arthur Anderson & Co., as required in the Code of Laws, Page 67, Article 81-(1). All records were found to be in proper order for the 1990-91 year. Detailed Monthly Reports, which include a listing of all Checks written from the General Fund, have been made and dispersed to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other members of the Corporate Board, the Board of Grand Trustees, and Others. All necessary actions for the Endowed Membership and Mileage requirements have been performed. All ledgers and records are posted up to date and all Bank Accounts are in proper order.

I have prepared for your consideration, the following reports for the period ending July 31, 1992. I believe them to be a true and concise record of the Financial Position of the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas.

EASTERN STAR HOME

Tax Designation 501C3		
	Nov. 1, 1990 thru	Nov. 1, 1991 thru
O.E.S. HOME FUND –	October 31, 1991	July 31, 1992
Money Market		
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:		
November 1, 1990	\$ 51,532.74	
November 1, 1991	,	\$ 194,815.07
RECEIPTS:		
Home Endowment Trust Interest	426,602.71	275,125.26
Per Capita Tax (See Note 1.)	242,896.50	* 105,633.00
Ladies Pensions	453,046.89	361,494.80
Home Member Receipts	88,528.24	55,414.17
Donations	3,677.61	4,819.08
Reimbursement Receipts	17,594.09	10,352.63
W.G.M's Special Funds	117,259.79	2,106.03
Investment Income	47,888.79	23,911.67
Bequest and Grants	200,151.43	14.44
Other (See Note 2.) (See Note 3.)	** 372,016.84	*** 268,626.97
Account Earned Interest	3,386.20	2,223.18
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,973,049.09	\$ 1,109,721.23
DISBURSEMENTS:	1 550 505 00	1 100 000 00
Home Operational Checking	1,558,735.22	1,109,629.03
Other	** 271,031.54	66,972.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,829,766.76	\$ 1,176,601.03
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:		
October 31, 1991	\$ 194,815.07	
July 31, 1992		\$ 127,935.27

^{*} Note 1 – Balance of Per Capita held in Clearing Trust for Transfer to O.E.S. Home Fund Money Market prior to October 31, 1992

O.E.S. HOME FUND – Operational Account

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT: July 31, 1992

*14,976.07

^{**} Note 2 – Includes loans from General Fund in the amount of \$206,500.00

^{***} Note 3 – Includes transfers from Asset Preservation Trust in the amount of \$205,202.33

^{*} Note 1 – Checks written on this account by the Home Staff under the direction of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence.

TOTAL RECEIPTS

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:

October 31, 1991 July 31, 1992

* 35,124.83

2,969.91

32,154.92

32,154.92

O.E.S. HOME FUND				
Asset Preservation Trust				
	Nov.	1, 1990 thru	Nov.	1, 1991 thru
	Octo	ber 31, 1991	Jul	y 31, 1992
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:				
November 1, 1990	\$	355,202.33		
November 1, 1991			\$	205,202.33
RECEIPTS:				
Interest Earned		16,948.22		1,796.64
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	16,948.22	\$	1,796.64
DISBURSEMENTS:		•		
O.E.S. Home Fund Money Market		150,000.00		205,202.33
O.E.S. Home Fund Money Market - Interes	t	15,653.22		1,548.82
Bank Fees		1,295.00		247.82
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$	166,948.22	\$	206,998.97
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:		-		
October 31, 1991	\$	205,202.33		
July 31, 1992			\$.00
EASTERN STAR HOME				
RENOVATION FUND	Oct.	1, 1990 thru	Nov.	1, 1991 thru
Trust Department - Texas Commerce		ber 31, 1991		y 31, 1992
Bank - Arlington		•		
Account No. 24025-1				
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:				
October 1, 1990	\$.00		
November 1, 1991			\$	32,154.92
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^{*} Note 1 – Total combined Renovation Funds as of July 31, 1992 – \$319,306.30

Dec. 12, 1991 thru July 31, 1991

\$ 325,494.76

O.E.S. HOME ENDOWMENT FUND First City, Texas - Bank	1, 1990 thru v. 1, 1991
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT: November 1, 1990 RECEIPTS:	\$ 59,620.96
Humanitarian/Donations Interest Earned	73,763.57 8,516.55
TOTAL RECEIPTS DISBURSEMENTS: Transfers to Texas Commerce Bank	\$ 82,280.12
Bank Fees	141,435.33 465.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE IN ACCOUNT: November 1, 1991	\$ 141,901.08 .00

O.E.S. HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

TOTAL FUND BALANCES: July 31, 1992

Texas Commerce Bank

BALALNCE IN ACCOUNT: December 12, 1991 RECEIPTS:	.00
Transfer from First City, Texas Bank Donations - Balalnce 89/90 Receipts in Special Funds Interest Earned	\$ 141,435.33 2,967.00 3,775.11
TOTAL RECEIPTS DISBURSEMENTS: Bank Fees	\$ 148,177.44 718.85
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 718.85
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT: July 31, 1992	\$ 147,458.59
EASTERN STAR HOME Tax Designation 501C3	

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Tax Designation 501C8				
CHANNE AT THE PARTY		1, 1990 thru		1, 1991 thru
GENERAL FUND	Octo	ber 31, 1991	Ju.	y 31, 1992
Clearing Money Market				
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:				
November 1, 1990	\$	108,994.90		
November 1, 1991			\$	49,403.49
RECEIPTS:				
Per-Capita Tax		442,121.00		423,513.00
Interest Earned		3,296.61		968.89
Matured Investments		.00		.00
O.E.S. Home Fund		150,000.00		.00
Other Sources		58,743.94		26,381.69
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	654,161.55	\$	450,863.58
DISBURSEMENTS:				
Transfer to Clearing Trust		430,750.71		293,435.99
General Fund Checking		150,000.00		50,000.00
Investments		.00		.00
O.E.S. Home Fund – Money Market		80,676.75		53,622.25
Transfer Loan Funds to OES Home Fund	-			
Money Market (Note 1.)		*15,000.00		.00
Benevolenť Fund		22,054.50		.00
Other		15,271.00		2,891.61
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:	\$	713,752.96	\$	399,949.85
October 31, 1991	\$	49,403.49		
July 31, 1992		•	\$	100,317.22

^{*}Note 1 – Partial amount of Funds loaned from General Fund to complete monthly transfers to Home Operating. Additional \$191,500.00 loaned from General Fund Clearing Trust.

GENERAL FUND Clearing Trust	Nov. 1, 1990 thru October 31, 1991		Nov. 1, 1991 thr July 31, 1992	
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT: November 1, 1990 November 1, 1991	\$	230,450.86	\$	238,517.48
RECEIPTS: General Fund Clearing - Money Market Interest Earned Other		430,750.71 9,439.66 221,625.00		283,469.03 6,510.12 57,966.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	661,815.37	\$	347,945.15
DISBURSEMENTS: General Fund Checking O.E.S. Home Fund (See Note 1.) Benevolent Fund (See Note 2.) Bank Fee Other (See Note 3.)		105,000.00 * 503,719.75 ** 44,190.00 714.00 125.00	*	110,000.00 .00 .00 987.57 ** 25,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE IN ACCOUNT: October 31, 1991 July 31, 1992	\$ \$	653,748.75 238,517.48	\$	135,987.57 450,475.06

^{*} Note 1 - Includes \$191,500.00 in Loans from General Fund

^{**} Note 2 – Additional \$22,002.75 Transferred from Clearing Money Market
*** Note 3 – Transfer back to Clearing Money Market

GENERAL F	UND .	Nov. 1, 1990 thru October 31, 1991		1, 1991 thru y 31, 1992
BALANCE IN November Novem RECEIPTS:		\$	53,149.71	\$ 41,725.89
Trust	d Income at Income arned		255,000.00 67,529.25 66,191.05 10,167.14 5,945.69 1,539.76 86,681.05	160,000.00 49,536.50 59,267.49 .00 2,878.34 770.30 16,025.74
TO	TAL RECEIPTS	\$	493,053.94	\$ 288,478.37
BALANCE IN	TAL DISBURSEMENTS NACCOUNT:	\$	504,477.76	313,754.85
October 3: July 31		\$	41,725.89	\$ 16,449.41
Investment:	Texas Commerce Bank – Hurst Team Bank – Ft. Worth – Cert			
Investment:	Team Bank – Ft. Worth – O.E.: Certificate of Deposit \$65,000.			
EDUCATONA Money Marke			1, 1990 thru t. 31, 1991	1, 1991 thru y 31, 1992
		\$	14,996.89 2,578.93	\$ 16,166.62 1,858.97
	TAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,409.20	12,000.00
October 3 July 31			16,166.62	6,025.59

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Investments:} & \textbf{Comerica Bank-Certificate of Deposit-\$40,} 467.03 \\ & \textbf{Comerica Bank-Certificate of Deposit-\$12,} 000.00 \\ \end{array}$

FANNIE V. WARD FUND Super Now Account			1990 thru : 31, 1991		, 1991 thru y 31, 1992
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT: November 1, 1990 November 1, 1991 TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$	3,263.50 2,797.42	\$	2,810.92 1,471.79
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE IN ACCOUNT: October 31, 1991 July 31, 1991		\$	3,250.00 2,810.92	\$	1,500.00 2,782.71
Investment: Comerica Bank - Certificate	of Dep	osit	\$35,000.00		
T. R. AND HELEN BRAMLETT FUND					
Investment: Comerica Bank Certificate of Deposit \$6,304.45 Interest due 8-31-92 - for Religious Scholarship		\$	400.00	\$.00
O.E.S. MILEAGE San Antonio				-	, 1991 thru 31, 1992
Balance in Account July 31, 1991 Checks paid August 1991 Checks paid September 1991	.00			\$	625.53
Add back 1990 Outstanding Checks					517.93
Balance in Mileage Account October 1, 199 RECEIPTS:	1			\$	1,143.46
Transfer Mileage Funds from Ge	eneral	Fund			9,500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS				\$	9,500.00
DISBURSEMENTS: Paid to Chapter Representatives Returned to General Fund – Unclaimed Bank Charge on Nov. 91 Statement	Voide	d Che	ecks	\$	7,808.88 2,274.69 1.35
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE IN ACCOUNT July 31, 1992				 \$ \$	10,084.92 558.54

EASTERN STAR HOME RENOVATION FUND		1, 1990 thru per 31, 1991	1, 1991 thru ily 31, 1992
Trust Department – Texas Commerce Bank Account No. 24025-00	k – Arling	ton	
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:			
October 1, 1990	\$	00	
November 1, 1991			\$ 214,817.44
TOTAL RECEIPTS		214,817.44	69,364.03
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:			
October 31, 1991	\$	214,817.44	
July 31, 1992			\$ *284,181.47

^{*} Note 1 – Total combined Renovation Funds as July 31, 1992 - \$319,306.30

HOME ENDOWMENT FUND TRUST Trust Division – Team Bank Ft. Worth	Carrying Value		Т	otal Market
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POSITION –	July	y 31, 1992		
Equities - Stock	\$	45,305.27	\$	383,371.00
Fixed Income Securities Government Obligations Treasury and Federal Agencies		3,950,923.08	4	1,236,946.37
Nongovernment Obligations		44,000.00		45,351.30
Total Fixed Income Securities		3,994,923.08		1,282,297.67
Cash and Equivalents		938,727.44		967,459.44
TOTAL ASSETS - July 31, 1992	\$ -	4,978,955.79	\$ 8	5,633,128.11

HOME ENDOWMENT FUND TRUST		Nov. 1, 1990 thru October 31, 1991		Nov. 1, 1991 thru July 31, 1992	
Summary of Account Activity					
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT – INCOME CASH November 1, 1990 November 1, 1991 RECEIPTS:	\$	14,049.24	\$	5,620.87	
Stocks/Dividends Bonds/Interst Cash & Equivalents Income Other		10,070.32 415,192.08 27,260.16 125.00		7,705.96 302,097.43 10,253.80 .00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	452,647.56	\$	320,057.19	
DISBURSEMENTS: O.E.S. Home Fund – Money Market – Endowment Interest Investment Expense Stock Dividends Transfer to Trust Principa Bank Fees Other TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:	\$	426,602.71 6.90 10,070.32 24,271.00 125.00 461,075.93	\$	275,125.26 1,868.13 7,643.96 18,957.29 .00 303,594.64	
October 31, 1991 July 31, 1992	\$	5,620.87	\$	22,083.42	
TRUST PRINCIPAL CASH RECEIPTS: Stock Dividends/Sales Historical Highlights, Proceedings,	\$	10,070.32	\$	7,643.96	
Travel, etc. Grand Chapter Humanitarian and Special Funds Donations		3,558.46 40.00 4,371.96		855.50 108.00 526.44	
TOTAL PRINCIPAL CASH INCRE. October 31, 1991 July 31, 1992	ASE \$	18,040.74	\$	9,133.90	

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS

In accordance with the Code of Laws, Page 150, Article 293B – I am pleased to make the following report:

Endowed Memberships Secured	Number	Value	
November 1, 1987 thru May 31, 1991	292	\$146,000.00	
June 1, 1991 thru May 31, 1992	152	76,000.00	
TOTAL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS	444	\$222,000,00	

Recipients for 1992 as Listed:

Name and Chapter Number

Edward Brown, Jr. No. 1023 Velma Spellman No. 555 Betty Smith No. 120 Rachel W. Jackson No. 20 Robert H. Parke No. 817 Carmen M. Pena No. 817 Gladys O'Brien No. 261 Estelle Langley No. 44 Bess Madison No. 1072 Elaine J. Gaskins No. 771 Shirley Anson No. 1096 Lillie Mae Griffin No. 222 Anna K. Schelper No. 782 Max W. Schelper No. 8 Beryl Schelper No. 8 Kathryn B. Roquemore No. 11 Chesley C. Pennington No. 555 Barbara Jean Long No. 771 Louise Thomas No. 120 Sallie Scarborough No. 120 Nancy Langham No. 120 D'Anne Marshall Venable No. 653 Mike Venable No. 653 Maxine Hanna No. 210 Wayland A. Sweeden No. 624 Dr. Effie Mae Davis No. 49 Kathryn D. Skinner No. 249 Patsy Ray Hewlett No. 530 Wynne Lee Walton No. 530 Ruby Banks Sisson No. 920 Danielle Sisson Brossman No. 920 Joseph W. Fuzy No. 616 Cacy Louise Fidler No. 530 Louise Rice No. 530 Lillian Cozby No. 7 Shelia M. Taylor No. 184 Diane Davidson No. 639 Marlene M. Dibrell No. 574 Herbert L. Arnold No. 1040 Maude O. Arnold No. 1040 Sue Becker No. 824

Name and Chapter Number

Frances Key Herrin No. 803 Myrtle Lee Treadwell No. 803 Myrtice Harbison No. 803 O. Winfred Harbison No. 803 Ruby H. Griffin No. 1023 In Memoriam Florence Sullivan No. 261 Molly Stutts No. 261 Inez Gentry No. 261 L. C. Gentry No. 261 Hazel H. Smith No. 731 Wilma Faye Long No. 490 G. Royce Bowers No. 1118 Billie H. Bowers No. 1118 Edwin T. Gordon No. 118 Edna Gordon No. 118 Dorothy Irwin DeWitt No. 750 Donald L. Chariton No. 817 James R. Hewlett No. 530 Johnnie M. Macatee No. 530 Elvie Pyka No. 817 Catherine S. Rose No. 639 Katherine White No. 32 Sarah Valkus Coursey No. 374 Robert Terrell Coursey No. 374 Shirley Jones No. 803 Claude E. Baxter No. 980 Mary Kate Weems No. 375 Bobbie Hargett No. 555 Virgil William Gaskins No. 771 Jane M. Gregory No. 711 Dorothy Yarbrough No. 1137 Roy L. Yarbrough No. 1137 Virginia Furlong No. 1079 Ona M. Malin No. 1086 Ida Mae Bovd No. 1086 Frances P. Cheney No. 787 Max W. Cheney No. 787 JoAnn Hewitt No. 798 JoAnn Squyres No. 750 Cynthia Ann Taylor No. 656 Mable L. Schneider No. 447

Janice Becker Haley No. 824 Tammi Michelle Seidel No. 771 Jeanne P. Williamson No. 304 Fave E. Anderson No. 42 Viola (Dollie) Pawkett No. 540 Marie Ellison No. 683 Winnifred Whisenant No. 815 Mary A. Beechner No. 732 Catherine I. Knepp No. 868 Pauline Huff No. 713 C. W. Faw No. 540 Dorothy L. Mead No. 954 Margaret Hawkins No. 980 Marion Young Sullivan No. 987 Ellen Rae Pendarvis Murphy No. 135 Dorothy Latimer Foley No. 782 Carol S. Barr No. 23 A. D. Jackson No. 230 E. Woodrow Rice No. 530 Robert A. Ross No. 706 Lydia Feltner No. 276 In Memoriam Glenn Whitaker No. 1119 Marian L. (Boots) Draper No. 817 Kelly Sanderson No. 1125 R. P. Scott No. 310 J. B. Whiteley No. 1081 Melba W. Collier No. 607 Faye Ridenour No. 607 Fay Leese No. 683 Elizabeth Moore No. 683 Myra M. Eads No. 132 Michael Reynolds No. 1 Nancy L. Gray No. 1050 In Memoriam Anne M. Jinkins No. 639

Maisie Southard No. 1110 Ruth Kempson No. 653 Clyde Ellison No. 683 Siedel Moravits No. 297 Margaret Ensminger No. 683 J. R. Ensminger No. 683 Neta Cain No. 574 Sally M. Sharpe No. 574 Edwin L. Sharpe No. 574 In Memoriam Geri Lynn Jones Morgan No. 630 Gay Jones No. 630 Margot Susan Mueller No. 921 Elsie McFadden Wright No. 999 Linda Hubbell Henderson No. 258 Mildred R. Kneupper No. 771 Angie M. Dozier No. 813 Jonnie L. Richards No. 304 Naomi K. McDonel No. 824 Heidi Jenkins No. 920 Lillian Washburn White No. 764 June Nesrsta No. 750 Beatrice Deravin Harris No. 868 Hansel Kay Herbert No. 617 Esther O'Neal No. 1116 Rose Mary Livingston No. 298 David B. Dibrell No. 574 Clarence E. Cain, Jr. No. 574 Sandra L. Morris No. 574 Barbara Cherry No. 731 Marcia Olson No. 624 Penny Vletas No. 1077 Anna Belle Story No. 1086 Glendola Nash No. 741 Virginia Tracy No. 335 Jack Warren Friend No. 771

INVESTMENTS: Bank of Commerce - Fort Worth

Trust Agency Account \$222,000.00 Certificate of Deposit \$ 7,150.19

Jennifer Dawn Galloway No. 230

Savings Account – Interest \$1,128.33 Savings Account – Principal \$100.00 Checking Account \$288.31

Respectfully Submitted, Lola Wallace Grand Treasurer

GRAND TREASURER: I move that the report of the Grand Treasurer, as printed in the advance report and presented to this Grand Chapter, be referred to the proper committee. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Peaches. Sisters and Brothers, all in favor of accepting the report given by our Grand Treasurer, if you will signify by raising your right hand. Those opposed, same sign. The report is adopted.

I appreciate you the membership for your diligence and your patience and the fact

that you are interested in Grand Chapter and that you are staying with us.

I have an announcement handed to me. All members riding in courtesy cars, they will be picked up at the door behind the West. Only those that have courtesy cars. The bus will pick everyone else up in the East.

At this time I would like to call on our Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, Brother Murray Watson, Past Grand Patron, for his report.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, would like to make this report on unfinished business. In compliance with the provision of Grand Chapter laws relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee, we render the following report of unfinished business of the 1991 Grand Chapter session.

At the 109th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas held in San Antonio, Texas, October 24th, 25th and 26th, 1991, two amendments to the Constitution were presented and passed on the first reading. These amendments were printed in the September 1992 Official Bulletin, and they appear on pages 65 and 66 of the Advance Annual Report as Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2. Those serving on the Jurisprudence Committee for 1991-1992 are Dr. O. D. Christian from District 1; Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, District 2; Mr. Joe E. Jeffers, District 4; Dr. Ruby Perkins Faw from District 5; Murray Watson, Jr., Chairman, District 3.

Your Jurisprudence Committee, in conforming with our Code of Laws, recommends the distribution of the matters contained in the Advance Annual Reports, including Supplemental Reports, of Grand Chapter to the following Committees:

- 1. TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER: All matters contained within the reports.
- 2. TO THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES:
 - a. The Grand Secretary's Report
 - b. The Grand Treasurer's Report
 - c. The Report of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences
- 3. TO THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
 Amendments to By-Laws contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's Report.
- 4. TO THE CHAPTERS U.D. COMMITTEE: The portion of the Worthy Grand Patron's Report relating to the U.D. Chapter.
- TO THE GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE: Disciplinary matters contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's Report, including the Supplemental Report.
- 6. TO THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE:
 - a. All matters contained in Reports specifically assigned to the Committee by the Code of Laws.
 - b. All matters assigned to the Committee by this Grand Chapter.

We submit our reports on Unfinished Business and Distribution of Matters Contained in the Annual Report . Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these reports.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Murray. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reports. All in favor of adopting the Jurisprudence reports, please signify by raising their right hand. Those opposed, same sign. The reports have been adopted. Thank you.

I'd like to now call on Sister Nancy Ann King, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, for her report.

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

MRS. NANCY ANN KING: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. Is Sister Beverly Brooke in this Grand Chapter room? If so, would she please stand. She's a member of this committee, as well as Sister Maxine Burns who could not be with us due to the illness of her husband Cletus. However, she sends her best regards.

One hundred-eleven requests for amendments to by-laws were received, of which 89 were approved. Six were received too late for approval and have been returned to the chapters with instructions to present them to the 1992-93 By-Laws Committee. Of the 111 requests for amendments to by-laws received, 51 had to be returned for corrections or additional copies. The amendments approved by the Chairman of this committee and the Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter year have been furnished to the Grand Secretary. The names of these chapters will not be called however, a complete list is attached to this report. Of the sum advanced by Grand Chapter to the committee for expenses, a return of \$22 is attached.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Ann King, Chairman.

BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS FOR 1991-1992

Springtown Chapter No. 498 Throckmorton Chapter No. 500 Oak Cliff Chapter No. 303 Denton Chapter No. 209 East Dallas Chapter No. 715 Hughes Springs Chapter No. 349 East Houston Chapter No. 955 (2) Lorena Chapter No. 1124 San Antonio Chapter No. 3 Cleveland Chapter No. 465 Caddo Mills Chapter No. 821 Blanco Chapter No. 934 Bethlehem Chapter No. 728 Comanche Chapter No. 310 Centennial Chapter No. 842 San Marcos Chapter No. 276 Huffman Chapter No. 1112 Marshall Chapter No. 356 Army Chapter No. 664 Lake Worth Chapter No. 1109 Woodville Chapter No. 462

Ore City Chapter No. 1133

Waxahachie Chapter No. 599 Bellaire Chapter No. 1021 Colorado Chapter No. 58 Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 929 El Campo Chapter No. 535 Liberty Chapter No. 634 Wimodausis Chapter No. 141 Woodville Chapter No. 462 Navasota Chapter No. 309 Queen Esther Chapter No. 833 Harlandale Chapter No. 750 La Vernia Chapter No. 436 Lake Jackson Chapter No. 1009 Mamie D. Crane Chapter No. 1018 Rule Chapter No. 989 Dickinson Chapter No. 1024 Waco Chapter No. 842 (2) Lewisville Chapter No. 935 University Chapter No. 1082 Brownfield Chapter No. 785 Bowie Chapter No. 16

Star - Logos Chapter No. 782 Zavalla Chapter No. 952 Vienna Buckner Chapter No. 888 Irving Chapter No. 777 Clifton Chapter No. 283 Polytechnic Chapter No. 420 Radiant Chapter No. 636 Quitman Chapter No. 695 Saint Jo Chapter No. 17 Forth Worth Chapter No. 681 Edwin J. Kiest Chapter No. 959 Garden Oaks Chapter No. 987 Indian Creek No. 255 Spring Chapter No. 1105 Beeville Chapter No. 422 Lonnie L. Blake Chapter No. 1116 Del Rio Chapter No. 208 McLennan Chapter No. 639 Channelview Chapter No. 954 Roy Stanley No. 1086 Adah Chapter No. 49 Mary Martha Chapter No. 981

Buna Chapter No. 968 Ferris Chapter No. 508 Humble Chapter No. 415 Belton Chapter No. 589 Balch Springs Chapter No. 1132 Copperas Cove Chapter No. 1070 Frank W. Lynn Chapter No. 1015 Azle Chapter No. 899 Ector Chapter No. 895 Graham Chapter No. 668 Olton Chapter No. 847 Freedom Chapter No. 898 Livingston Chapter No. 1139 Hico Chapter No. 419 Oak Forest Chapter No. 1080 Sulphur Springs Chapter No. 718 Garland Chapter No. 156 Summerland Chapter No. 322 Jacksboro Chapter No. 390 Teague Chapter No. 408 Seguin Chapter No. 555

Worthy Grand Matron, I recommend the approval of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Nancy. She told me sometime through the year that she thought we were friends, but I put her on this committee. Sisters and Brothers, there is not a person that I knew that would be more proficient or efficient in helping the chapters amend the by-laws. Sister Nancy, I commend you for a splendid job. I want you to know how deeply I appreciate you saying yes and the work that you have devoted to your Grand Chapter.

Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the report of the By-Laws Committee. All in favor will please signify by raising their right hand. Those opposed, same sign. Motion carried. Thank you, Sister Nancy.

Is Brother Ed Pickett, Chairman of the Appeals and Grievances Committee, ready to give his report? I call on Brother Ed Pickett, Chairman of Grievances and Appeals.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MR. ED PICKETT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers:

The members of your Grievances and Appeals Committee present the following report for consideration by the membership at this Grand Chapter Session.

After receiving a signed letter of complaint in November 1991, our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Esther, and the District Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4 and District 1 made an unannounced visit to Tennessee Colony Chapter #102 for the purpose of removing from office the Worthy Matron of that chapter, as

provided in our Constitution and Code of Laws, Article 24, page 57.

Because this sister had been (1) the source of trouble in Tennessee Colony Chapter #102 and in Frankston Chapter #1113; (2) was insubordinate to the Worthy Grand Matron's personal representative; and (3) ignored a reprimand from the Worthy Grand Matron, she was also forbidden by the Worthy Grand Matron from holding or filling any office in any Eastern Star Chapter in the state of Texas for the remainder of the Worthy Grand Matron's term in office.

On August 28, 1992 the Worthy Grand Matron sent letters of reprimand to both the Worthy Matron and Secretary of Tennessee Colony Chapter #102. The Worthy Matron of this Chapter had permitted the sister, who was removed from office by the Worthy Grand Matron, to present a Junior Past Matron's report and had the sister escorted to the Altar to sign the Holy Bible—all in direct conflict with the Worthy Grand Matron's actions at that Chapter on March 2, 1992. As instructed by the Worthy Grand Matron, a copy of the report concerning those actions was mailed to the Worthy Grand Matron; and the Secretary of the chapter was ordered to, and did destroy the report. The report was invalid as the sister had been removed from the office of Worthy Matron on March 2, 1992. The Worthy Grand Matron has received letters of apology from both the current Worthy Matron and Secretary of Tennessee Colony Chapter #102.

Additionally, the Worthy Grand Matron sent a letter of reprimand to the Worthy Matron of Frankston Chapter #1113 for permitting this same sister to pro-tem stations in that Chapter after the Worthy Grand Matron's direct order that she was not to fill or hold any office in any Texas Eastern Star Chapter during the remainder of the Worthy Grand Matron's term in office. A letter of apology was received by the Worthy Grand Matron from that Worthy Matron also.

The members of your Grievances and Appeals Committee (1) recommend that the membership at this Grand Chapter Session ratify the actions taken by our Worthy Grand Matron against this sister, and (2) we further recommend, in agreement with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, that the 1992-1993 Grand Chapter officers monitor this situation toward a harmonious solution.

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the members of the Grievances and Appeals Committee, I wish to thank you for the privilege of being allowed to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas on this committee.

Submitted by Edward R. Pickett, Chairman; Mrs. Audrey Geron, Member; and Mrs. Dortha Burnett, Member.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Ed. I appreciate the work that this committee has done. Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Do you favor the report? If so, you will signify by raising your right hand. All those opposed, same sign. The report has been adopted. Thank you for the recommendation. Did I say Jurisprudence? I meant Grievances and Appeals. You all knew that.

I recognize Brother Leland Benefield who will bring the report for the Endowment Fund Committee. Brother Miles Fairris, the Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee, is not with us this afternoon. Brother Leland Benefield will bring that report.

REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

MR. LELAND BENEFIELD: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, I would like to introduce the Endowment Committee. The General Chairman, who is not here, is Miles Fairris; District 1, Jim Tresenriter; District 2, Woody Fitch; District 3, Leland Benefield; District 4, Connie Barron; and District 5, Mary Ellen Penwell.

The following amounts presented are through September 4th per district: District 1-\$5968.35; District 2-\$3,434.03; District 3-\$9,132.78; District 4-\$5,834.02; District 5-\$3,020.76, for a total of \$27,383.94.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for selecting this group to work towards your goal to endow our Home in Arlington. I move the adoption of this report. It's fraternally signed, Miles Fairris, General Chairman, Endowment Fund.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Leland; and thank you for bringing the report for Brother Miles. Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the report and the generosity of the membership toward the endowment fund and how we are trying so hard to endow our Home. All those in favor of adopting this report, please signify by raising your right hand. All opposed, same sign. The motion to accept has been so done. And, Sisters and Brothers, please know how deeply I appreciated your support of these members who have served on all of these committees. They have worked diligently this year, and they are grateful to you, as am I. Thank you, and thank you, Leland, and all of you. You know, it's only by us continuing to work together in close harmony that we can accomplish our goals. And you know that old saying that there is not a thing that you cannot accomplish if you want to bad enough. I think we in the Grand Chapter of Texas want to do as much as we possibly can to strengthen and grow. So thank you again to each of you who have brought the reports for your work.

I would like to ask my Grand Soloist now to sing one of my favorite songs, and I think that this will stir your heart, too, for "Family of God" is a beautiful, beautiful song, and Jim does it so well.

[The Grand Soloist sang "Family of God."]

Thank you, Brother Jim. You have surely lifted the hearts of the membership by your wonderful talent. I thank you very much.

Also right now I'd like to thank Sister Nancy Matus, our Grand Organist, and Brother Curtis Cole who has assisted her, and to Dorothy, Cloe and Pat for your prelude music. Thank you for sharing your talents with us. Grand Choir, you're magnificent; and tomorrow have your voices ready because you're going to entertain a lot. I want to express my appreciation to Brother Oliver Chamberlin for his participation in our program this afternoon. Brother Oliver will now come and bring our benediction.

MR. OLIVER CHAMBERLIN: Let us pray. May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you, the spirit of love and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, that it may make you of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord that you may not judge after the sight of your eyes, neither condemn after the hearing of your ears. May the Lord of Hosts have thee in His holy keeping and prosper thy works. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand

Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of closing this Grand Chapter from labor unto rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this 110th "A Time to Begin" Grand Chapter session from labor to rest, and you are to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: There will be no interruptions, Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

[The Grand Conductress closed the Holy Bible.]

I now call this Thursday afternoon, "A Time to Begin" session," from labor to rest until 8:00 p.m. this evening. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel.

THURSDAY EVENING October 8, 1992 "A Time for Peace and Harmony" Session

8:00 P.M. Musical Prelude	Assisting Organists
	Dorothy Cleveland, Curtis Cole
	Cloe Morris, Patricia Shelton
8:15 P.M. Call to Order	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus
	Past Grand Matron

Dr. O. D. Christian Past Grand Patron

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Good evening, my Sisters and Brothers. I'm sure that you have all been enjoying this peppy music presented by the talented musicians. Let's join together as an expression of our appreciation. [Applause]

Time or the calendar are much like a highway. We speed along through the day over rough courses or roads as smooth as glass. Suddenly we brake, and in shocked consciousness we are aware that a year of time has been reclaimed by God. Longfellow penned a great truth when he said, "Love is usually long, but time is fleeting." Yes, time flies over us, but leaves its shadow behind us, a shadow that becomes treasured memories. Those to whom we entrusted the leadership of our Grand Chapter a year of days ago have passed through the cycle of the Scriptures: a time for planting, a time for cultivating and a time for reaping.

With their harvest, the record of their service in report form, they have come to the 110th session of our Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter has been formally opened. We've known the sweet privilege for two evenings of breaking bread together. The clock of time brings us to the opening of this anticipated session, all of us with sweet memories of the year that is fast waning.

Through the invitation of our beloved Worthy Grand Matron, Dr. O. D. Christian and I have the privilege of once again standing in the Grand East and return in memory to our yesteryear when we wore the mantle of responsibility, and how I greeted you from the Houston stage in 1946, and Dr. Christian from a Fort Worth stage in 1976. You gave us then and have continued through the years to give us the priceless gift of your love. For this precious gift we are grateful.

I know that you are anxious to be greeted by our distinguished Past Grand Patron, Dr. Christian. I, therefore, invite you to speak now, Brother O. D.

DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN: Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, for inviting me at this time to greet this membership. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, and Brother Glenn Whitaker, my Sisters and Brothers and friends: It is a most distinct honor that is mine at this time that has been afforded to me by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, to share the East with this most vivacious lady, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus. My heart is overwhelmed at the opportunity to share in the assisting of the opening of this Thursday evening, "A Time for Peace and Harmony" session.

Sister Jane and Brother Glenn, as time is fast expiring for your activities, may you ever be mindful that the joy through peace and harmony far exceeds the grief that comes through unpleasant memories. May the God of all creation guide and direct your pathway, especially over these next two days.

To the membership I would offer this word of soundness. Be careful for what and how you critique this administration, for someday you may walk this way and be oft reminded of what we have said.

My thanks again to this great Order of the Eastern Star, for you have enriched my life times over. For that I shall be eternally grateful. Frances joins me with these greetings. Let me just conclude by saying thank you very, very much.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Thank you, Brother O. D. I have two announcements to make before we proceed. The lights on a black Lincoln, BMX 34G, are still on. I think that is one of the courtesy cars. Jane Fisk, your son called from Orange. Call him. It is not an emergency. And Lela Bell Hill — Bertha Ross asks Lela Bell Hill to call her.

Now, to proceed. During the closing year, many of our members have heard the call of the Master saying, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." And through death they journeyed into life eternal. More than a sad memorial, we shall share shortly a beautiful hour of remembrance.

But now we would be delighted to again have the presentation of the beautiful drill by our Floor Officers and Pages. Grand Marshal, you will present them.

[The "Time for America" Drill was performed.]

The heart of an American is never more stirred than when tribute is paid to Old Glory. The presentation of "A Time for America" drill has been magnificent.

Are we ready in the West? The Grand Officers will enter the Grand Chapter room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, let us join together in a salute of Grand Honors to our distinguished leaders. [Grand Honors are given.] The officers will assume their

respective stations.

Jane and Glenn, sweet friends, as your eyes focus upon the sunset of your year of time, I'm sure that you're both deeply aware of the special privilege that has been yours to serve your Sisters and Brothers. Such a service deeply enriches one's life. The memories of these happy days will linger with you throughout all time. You have served well. You have finished your course; you have kept the faith. Dr. Christian and I speak for this great membership in saying we are all proud of you. Well done, our good and faithful servants. I now present to you your gavel.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Lallah Mae Vollus and Brother O. D. Christian, thank you for calling this, "A Time for Peace and Harmony," Thursday evening session to order. Sister Lallah, it has just been one moment in time since you presided at the installation as master of ceremonies and launched this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and our Grand Officers on a year's journey of service to our Order. As I have said to you in the past, you are the epitome of Eastern Star. The many years of your devoted service have awarded you the love of this membership and I know that you have been blessed by their love, and they have been blessed by your friendship. May time continue to bless and keep you in God's care.

Brother O. D., "thank you" is one of those wonderful phrases people use to express a special gratitude. I have known you and Sister Frances since the early 1970s, and through all the years I have admired and loved you for the dedication that you show to our wonderful Order. You are always ready to assist and to help anyone who needs you. I am especially grateful for your friendship.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you will want to thank our beloved Past Grands.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Lallah Mae and Dr. O. D. Christian, you two always strive for peace and harmony in our Order, and your lives reflect the love of God to others. Thank you for the afterglow you both leave for others to follow.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Nancy Bailey Allen, I think you know how special you have been in my Eastern Star life, the influence that you have in my dedication to this Order. Our friendship is very special and I hold it in my heart with an everlasting glow. Thank you for coming to bring our invocation. Sister Nancy Bailey Allen.

MRS. NANCY BAILEY ALLEN: Let us bow our heads. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, as to move to the details of this session and the various activities, we pray that we may honor Thy Name. We beseech Thee to direct our thoughts, our words and our activities that we may have new hope and courage for the future of our beloved Order. We are so grateful to Thee, Father, for all the gifts of Thy love. We thank Thee for the greatness of friendship. We are grateful not only for the many blessings bestowed on us, but for the help and the blessing that we can be one to another. We know Thou art the giver of every good and perfect gift. We know Thou understands our problems. We realize our problems are so small compared to the many Thou dost bear, but we come to Thee with humble hearts asking for guidance, wisdom and compassion in all of our deliberations. For God who loves, fill our hearts with love one for another. May we have the love for Christ and love for mankind in our hearts, so that our every action reflects Thy love. Dear Lord, bless us; bless this Order and bless our leaders. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

[The Grand Conductress opened the Holy Bible.]

Our dedication will be brought by Sister Molly Goodpasture West.

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE WEST: Time at the Master's appointed season has taken Brother Hal Burnett, and he has traveled to scenes beyond our vision. This memorial is dedicated in loving memory to our beloved Past Grand Patron, Mr. Hal Burnett', with respect and esteem.

Mr. Hal Alexander Burnett died April 28, 1992 at the beautiful age of 93. Graveside Masonic Rites presided over by Mr. Graham Childress, Past Grand Patron were held in Tow, Texas where he had resided since 1986 after moving from Alpine. He was born in San Saba County. He was a member of the Alpine, Fort Davis and Kingsland Masonic Lodges. He was a Past Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of Texas. He served as Worthy Grand Patron of Texas in 1962-63. He served as Grand Commander of the Knights Templar and on the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home and School.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World World I, a farmer and a rancher and was in the mercantile business in Fort Davis. He served as County Commissioner in Pecos County for 10 years.

May the vision of his life be an inspiration to us for the future. He completed his journey through the Labyrinth of human life and entered the fuller, more beautiful life that awaits those who love and serve Him.

He was considerate, ever thoughtful, kind and respectful of others.

Though time with cunning skill, Hath taken our treasure at His will, One thing He missed, and it will be Forever ours – tis memory.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Our Grand Soloist will now render "No Man Is an Island."

["No Man Is an Island" sung by Grand Soloist.]

Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Chaplain, you will assume your stations for the draping of our Altar.

[The Altar was draped.]

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Holy and merciful God, You are the source of all love and comfort, at whose feet the broken hearted cast themselves for comfort. We come to Thee now to give special thanks for the lives of our Sisters and Brothers who once walked with us and gave their love, and who now dwell with Thee. We know that they were Thy great gift to us and we weep with happiness that they have taken a step IN TIME to abide with you where they will be forever free of pain and troubles. We ask that you comfort all who are bereaved, dear Lord. Remind us that at sometime IN TIME we will walk with them in Your Garden of joy and love. Help us to know that our TIME HERE is given us by Thee. Rekindle the fire of love among us that we may be worthy of these loved ones we have given up. Walk with us in the year to come in Eastern Star, and lift all hearts bowed down in grief tonight. All of which we ask in Thy name's sake. Amen.

[The Grand Soloist sang "How Great Thou Art" accompanied by the Grand Organist.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now invite our Grand Chaplain, Brother Robert L. Wood, to give his report and to conduct "A Time to Remember" Memorial.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. Such is the feeling of appreciation within my heart for Mr. Robert Wood, Grand Chaplain, who has invited me to call the assembly unto the quietness of this special hour in his life. The chimes ring out; the day is done. We hear the call unto this precious moment within the program of this session of time, the hour of remembrance.

Since last we met, across the vastness of Texas, beautiful Texas, the lights of hundreds of Texas Stars have been dimmed, as one after another has been lighted in heaven. You have finished your course, we would say; you have kept the faith; Jesus calls, "Come home." May we now lift prayers of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father that we have known the joy of traveling the labyrinth of fraternal light with these Stars. In this attitude may every heart be enveloped with the sweet, sweet presence of Him who gives life, and likewise gives heavenly sleep, calling His own unto the promised land of eternal life.

Dr. Christian, will you call upon us the blessings of Him whose pattern of life teaches that the way of the cross leads home.

DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN: Our Most Holy and Righteous Father in whose wisdom and goodness we stand, realizing that in this memorial service we have come to share a time of memories that live on in our hearts, that reflects the joy, the peace, and the happiness that dwells because of the knowledge of the home-going of these loved ones. You have told us in Your Word that precious are they in the sight of the Lord, and because of that preciousness, we thank You that we can have this time of memories now. Grant, O Lord, not a time of sorrows, but a time of rejoicing, peace and harmony that those who have departed from us desire that we should experience from this very evening, for it is in Your Blessed Name that I pray. Amen.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Grand Chaplain, the unfolding moments of this session are yours to carry us all through the precious moments of remembrance.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, other distinguished members, my friends: This year as Grand Chaplain has been one of the most fulfilling times of my Grand Chapter life. I am most grateful to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, for affording me this great opportunity of service.

This year has also been a most humbling experience, for I have felt very inadequate in the TIMES of YOUR needs as my Sisters and Brothers. I hope that in some way I have reached your hearts when I was needed.

It has been a most satisfying experience to be with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worth Grand Patron and the other floor officers at many of the Schools of Instruction, at many Fraternal Visits, at Exchange Visits with other states and other fraternal and social events. The friendships made this year will enrich my life forever. I do give special thanks for each of you.

I acted in my capacity as Grand Chaplain at the Instituting of Webb Chapter early in the Grand Chapter year.

I was honored to be asked to give 3 Memorial Services in May. I was honored by Frankston Chapter #1113 in July, by Dallas Chapter #1 in August, and by Mount Auburn Chapter #755 in September.

I have written cards of sympathy to other Grand Jurisdictions who have been grieved with the loss of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, as well as floor

officers. A total of 77 cards were sent. I also mailed 77, letters of sympathy to the families of the departed Sisters and Brothers.

I have sent cards and letters to the families of 26 members of our Texas Grand Chapter. I have attended several funerals and memorials for these members.

Our Texas Grand Chapter was saddened this year by the loss of 2478 members. We lost our Past Grand Patron, Hal Burnett. When I served as Worthy Patron for the first time, I was a Hal Burnett Boy. This was a special sadness to me, to lose my own Worthy Grand Patron. These we gave back to God, thankful for the time they spent with us here and grateful that they saw fit to befriend us and give us their love while they did walk among us here.

MEMORIAL SERVICE "A Time to Remember"

In Ecclesiastics, Chapter 3, verses 1 through 9, of our Holy Bible, we read:

To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the Heaven. A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up.

A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance.

A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.

A time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to cast away.

A time to rend and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak.

A time to love, a time to hate, a time of war and time of peace.

After reading what God has said about TIME, we know and realize that now is the TIME for us to REMEMBER those Sisters and Brothers with whom we walked, and now must walk on without their smile – their love – their warm handclasp – their caring – their companionship.

NOW is a TIME of weeping, but by and by, there will be a TIME when God will call us all home, where there is no weeping, no tears. To this place God has called many of our beloved members this past year.

We want to take TIME to remember – the joy these departed members brought into our lives, enriched our existence here on earth and worked to exemplify God's teachings as they furthered the cause of Eastern Star.

We NEED to remember that they were loaned to us for a TIME as gifts of God, and now they have been called home to enjoy the permanent peace and Eternal blessings of God.

TIME we know is like an ever-rolling stream that washes all our grief away.

We are told TIME AND TIME again throughout the Bible that death is but a separation for a while. And in time, we each will join our Sisters and Brothers in our Father's house as He promised in his word as found in Second Corinthians 5:1-4: When we too face death, we know that death is not defeat, not the end of life. It is Victory—it is a sleep and an awakening in a better place. It is leaving all the pains and darkness for the brilliant new day of Eternal Life. God will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

He exchanges TIME for ETERNITY. Time is a probationary period filled with toils and trials, tears and disappointments. Eternity is a settled state with steady progress in life and knowledge.

In TIMES like this, we come to appreciate fully what God has prepared for us. Jesus said "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, also believe in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself.... that where I am there ye shall be also. (John 14:1-3)

Each day let us be grateful for the gift of life and the gift of those lives that have touched us, loved us, and been an important part of our Eastern Star lives. Each day let us remember the promise of Eternal Life.

To those of you who grieve for a loved one or the loss of a beloved friend, the prayers of this Grand Chaplain and the entire membership are with you, we lift our faces to God in your behalf and trust you are comforted by these glorious promises of God.

Now is the TIME to renew our Faith knowing that when our days on earth are over, we will join our loved ones and see for ourselves:

What is must be to step on shore and find it – HEAVEN
To take hold of a hand and find it – GOD'S HAND
To breath a new air and find it – CELESTIAL AIR
To feel invigorated and have found – IMMORTALITY
To sail from the care and turmoil to the UNBROKEN CALM
To land there and find it – GLORY

Now we will have the tributes given by our beloved Past Grand Matrons for the various sections of our membership: General Grand Chapter, Grand Officers of Other Jurisdictions, our own Grand Chapter, and Subordinate Chapters. The candles will be lighted with each tribute that will light our way to those departed friends.

MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST: The hands of time have marked the passing of another year which has slipped into eternity. During this time when the dawn of a new day had softly folded the blue curtains of night and as the golden rays of the sun slowly cast a reflection over the earth, the sweet angel of death reached out and took the hands of the General Grand Chapter Officers and they have journeyed into God's land of love and beauty.

These General Grand officers have served our Order far beyond the call of duty and the members have had cause to call them "Blessed" for their good deeds and faithfulness in promoting fraternalism and friendliness. They have strengthened the love that unite our members in closer fellowship. They have written their name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of those that they came in contact and they will never be forgotten. Their time of life has ended but always in our hearts their memory will linger on.

On April 28, 1992, Sister Mae Mickleson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, died a quiet and peaceful death in Big Piney, Wyoming, her long time home. Sister Mae served as Most Worthy Grand Matron in 1970-1973, her assembly was "The Foundation of the World Assembly", held in Denver, Colorado, November 3-8, 1973. Services were held on May 1, 1992 in Big Piney, Wyoming.

Only for a little while,
Our loved ones leave our sight.
For just beyond the hills they wait,
In God's eternal light.
They have slipped away to follow the star,
In a land beyond our sight,
And we know they journey there as here.

In our bright Eastern Star light.

No matter how winding the labyrinth,
They know each step of the way.

With faces toward the East they shine,
In the land of eternal day.

(This poem was taken from the Necrology report given by Sister Virginia M. Painter, Chairman at Sister Mae's Assembly. Sister Virginia M. Painter is now serving as Our Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.)

[Candle was lighted by Mrs. Betty Phillips, Past Grand Matron.]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: We pause at this time to pay our tribute of sincere affection and high esteem to the deceased Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions since last we met.

With grateful hearts, we acknowledge their contributions of time and service to mankind. Let us now take these moments to reflect upon the memories left by these 77 members who journeyed through this labyrinth of human life.

Our hearts are deeply saddened by the loss of those, whom God, in His infinite wisdom has taken on their last journey to their eternal home. We extend fraternal sympathy to all the bereaved Sisters and Brothers in their losses. May they have cherished memories and may our Heavenly Father comfort them now and always.

These 77 members who have gone ahead enriched many lives and have given confidence to others to proceed along life's way with high hope and courage. Let us therefore, remember the words of the Master: "Let not your heart be troubled. Yes believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, but if I go, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, for where I am there ye may be also."

Their lives have closed in serenity and beauty, leaving a lingering glory on our earthly skies.

[Candle was lighted by Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron.]

MR. LEONARD ELLINGTON: Once again it is time to salute those of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who have passed to their celestial abode during this Grand Chapter year. Our Heavenly Father saw fit to take one from our midst by the hand and lead him gently home, Brother Hal Burnett, a giant in Texas fraternalism. From the memorial tribute by his good friend and brother, Past Grand Patron Graham Childress, "Hal was a man of imposing statute and lofty ideals." A citizen, a soldier, a statesman, friend, fraternal brother, Hal served well the Grand Chapter of Texas. He served well all the grand bodies of Texas Masonry during a long and illustrious career, maintaining a keen interest in fraternal affairs till the end, which came quietly on Wednesday, May 27th.

It was fitting tonight for Brother James to have sung "How Great Thou Art," which was the theme of Brother Hal, and he would sing it with great conviction on many occasions.

An author unknown has penned these lines which seem to have had Brother Hal in mind.

Do not stand by my grave and weep; I am not there; I do not sleep. I am in the thousand winds that blow. I am in the diamond glints on snow. I am in the sunlight on ripening grain And in the gentle autumn rain, And in the morning slush. I am in the swift, uplifting rush of quiet birds, encircling quietly. I am in the soft starlight of the night. Don't stand by my grave and cry. I am not there; I did not die. Amen.

[Candle was lighted by Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, Past Grand Matron.]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: It is with a deep and sincere feeling of sorrow that we, the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, pause to pay our tribute of respect and affection to the memory of 2478 Subordinate Chapter Members whom Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, removed from our midst in 1991 and 1992. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families.

Let us not sorrow, but rather rejoice, that our hearts and lives have touched strong in our faith, secure in our trust, and at last, they have gained the promise of eternal life. Their hours on earth are over, but their kindly deeds, acts of service, and fraternal endeavors, will linger in memory as the light lingers in the evening sky after the day is gone. We shall miss them!!

"They have seen the sunrise with the Master.

Earth's long and weary night has passed away.

All their pains and earthly cares have been forgotten

In that land of great joy and endless day".

These faithful Eastern Stars have finished the course — walked in footsteps of the master through the valley of shadow in the joy and everlasting beauty of God.

We who have faith and believe, know that god's spirit takes over and like tidal waves of joy unspeakable and full of glory. A strange all-persuading peace which flows over and around us assuring us that God alone can change the darkest hour into dawn.

[Candle was lighted by Mrs. Jean Nesbitt, Past Grand Matron.]

[The Grand Soloist sang "There's Something About That Name."]

GRAND CHAPLAIN: And now I will light the everlasting life candle as our Marshal places on the Altar our piece of greenery.

[The Grand Chaplain lighted the everlasting life candle as the Grand Marshal placed greenery on the Altar.]

[The Grand Soloist sang "He," accompanied by the Grand Organist.]

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Sisters and Brothers, this concludes our memorial. It will be closed with the benediction given by Brother Harry Cunningham. I hope the memorial has been pleasing to you and satisfactory to the Worthy Grand Matron. It has been a pleasure giving it.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Our Father and Our God, we thank You for a time that we as members and sisters and brothers of the order of the Eastern Star can take time to have a memorial for those sisters and brothers that have walked beside us, some of us for many years. We thank you for the lives of those that we paid a memorial to this evening. Lord, many of them we had known very, very close. We know without doubt they are with You. They have been blessed by You, and they have their eternal resting place in a house not made with hands, but eternally in the Heavens.

Father, thank You so much for this memorial service. Thank you for Brother Robert and the plans he has put forth on it. Help us all to go forward. Help us all to be the type of sisters and brothers and Christians that we should be. Help us to be willing to help and always love one another. In Thy Holy and Precious Name we pray. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Robert, for a very beautiful memorial service. I know that it touched and uplifted the hearts of those present. May the hourglass of time which God has assigned us be completed as fully as God Himself wills, that He knows once again the hours spent and be once more assured that the life will be fulfilled. Let the clock of our being chime with the hour. Let the bells ring out with a reverberating sound as I wait before God, my Master, my Savior. Let our deeds stand before Him and no wanting be found.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible

[The Grand Conductress closed the Holy Bible.]

Sisters and Brothers, I have some announcements that you need to hear. For those who have lost these articles and are very anxious to find them: There has been a black brocade jacket, a white shawl, a parking pass, a gold necklace and a beige scarf all lost. They can be redeemed at the lost and found table. A ring was found at the Sheraton; the Grand Secretary's desk has it, if anyone lost a gold ring. There has been a black mink stole lost somewhere between the Holiday Inn and the Arena. If found, contact Thelma Armstrong.

Sisters and Brothers, I appreciate your endurance, your patience and your love. Due to the hour we will not call for reports tonight. I am very grateful that Brother B. F. Hutson, a very special friend, devoted Eastern Star and a fine Mason and gentleman, will bring our benediction in place of Brother Graham Childress who was unable to be with us. Brother B. F.

MR. B. F. HUTSON: Sisters and Brothers, may we stand for the benediction. Bow your heads and take the hand of another and receive the benediction. We come, Heavenly Father, in Thy presence at the close of this day to acknowledge Thee and to express thanks for the blessings that have been ours. We humbly beseech Thy continued blessing upon our Order and upon those who lead our deliberations. Give us now this night of rest and refreshment. And if it be Thy will, permit our return tomorrow refreshed and prepared for the challenge of a new day. In Thy Name we pray. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother B. F., for bringing our benediction. Thank you for your attendance, and you are dismissed until 8:15 a.m., Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING October 9, 1992 "A Time to Labor" Session

> Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes Past Grand Patron

MRS. KATHERINE HARBOUR: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. It is delightful to be here in this place and to begin this new day. Brother C. A. "Bill" Holmes joins me and together we call to order this "A Time to Labor" session of the 110th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Thank you, musicians. You have put a song in our hearts. Where words fail, music speaks. Grand Marshal, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron and their Grand Officers in the "Time for America" drill.

[The "Time for America" drill was presented to much applause.]

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and your Grand Officers. It was a beautiful and inspiring drill. Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron and the other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [Applause as they come to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me as we extend Grand Honors to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron. [Grand Honors are given.] Grand Officers, you will take your respective stations.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your thoughtfulness and this courtesy and for the joy of joining with my Worthy Grand Patron, great, loyal friend, C. A. "Bill" Holmes, to call to order this "A Time to Labor" Session. Beautiful memories flood my mind as I remember your faithfulness as one of our most dedicated Colleens who acted in the drama of excellence. God made a time to be filled with activity. You have honored that command. However, He did not give us the ultimate control over time. It is a gift, always fresh, new, ready for use. But it can never be reused. If we can trust God with our time and let Him control its use, we learn that the activities of life have meaning and the days and hours are abundant with joy and peace beyond expression.

Worthy Grand Patron, I am grateful for the opportunity to share the beginning of this session with you, though originally you were not a Brother to the Colleens, we used every power of the law to adopt you legally. And then as our Brother, I remember you received full citizenship. Once Irish, you are always Irish. God has so constructed His world that different events come and go. Opportunities arise and we find joy or sorrow as we realize the importance of acting on them during their time. Nothing is accidental in God's world. He holds time in His wise and omnipotent hands. Brother Bill Holmes, would you bring greetings.

MR. C. A. HOLMES: Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Katherine Harbour. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: Worthy Grand Matron, you have afforded me much pleasure and I consider it a special privilege to share this place of honor with my own Worthy Grand Matron, the gracious and charming Mrs. Katherine Harbour, as she calls to order this Friday morning "A Time to Labor" Session of this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as this Grand Chapter year comes to a climax, you have reached the point of greatness. Greatness is the product of the ideology of honor, justice, love for your fellowman, personal integrity, generosity of mind and heart, all of which we recognize in the deeds and acts of Mrs. Jane Gregory and Mr. Glenn Whitaker. You have served our Grand Chapter with much grace and dignity. You have given freely and untiringly of your time and talents. The generosity of your minds and hearts has captured the love and respect of the entire membership of our great Order. May this "A Time For All Things" Grand Chapter continue to he joyful and harmonious and produce all you would expect and hope for.

MRS. KATHERINE HARBOUR: Worthy Grand Matron, I present to you your gavel.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Katherine Harbour and Brother Bill Holmes, thank you for calling this "A Time to Labor" Session to order. Most certainly I wanted you to be a part of this Grand Chapter as the two of you are the ones who indoctrinated me with the fine principles of this Order in the four years we were together and I had the honor of serving as your Colleen. The excellence of your performance to our Order in all ways swells my heart with pride, and I know time will never ever allow our friendship to dim.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you would Like to greet our Past Grands.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Katherine Harbour and Brother C. A. "Bill" Holmes, we are honored to have you two special ones call this "A Time to Labor" Session to order. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter Session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this 110th Session, "A Time to Labor" Grand Chapter Session from rest to labor. You are to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: There will be no interruptions, Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter Room.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order.

[The Grand Chapter was proved.]

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

[The Grand Conductress opened the Holy Bible.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Mary Katherine Smith, thank you, my precious friend, for bringing our invocation this morning. I know time is important in your life as you most capably held the Sundial session in 1959-1960. God bless you, and I now invite you to bring our invocation.

MRS. MARY KATHERINE SMITH: Heavenly Father, how beautiful to think of you during the morning hours at the beginning of a new day and to request Your special presence, guidance and benediction upon my cherished friends and our beloved leaders, our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron, at this their and our Grand Chapter this session so inspiringly called "A Time For All Things Session."

As we conduct the deliberations of this Grand Chapter, we come humbly to Thy throne of grace asking that Thou wilt give us understanding hearts and discerning minds and the wisdom to add luster to the Order of the Eastern Star as we follow the exemplification of Him whose life is our inspiring example, the One, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

May our Order be blessed by the dedicated contributions of our beloved membership, world without end, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: God has given us each another beautiful day to perform His work. We know we are to live only one day at a time. Therefore, yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never be. But we have this day to work together in love, in peace and in harmony, showing Our Creator that His work and that our fellowman is the important issue of the day.

I now invite Sister Lallah Mae Vollus to come forward and bring our devotional. Sister Lallah Mae.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my beloved Sisters and Brothers, good morning.

VOICES: Good morning.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

As I thought of what I might say this morning, as we face the greatest challenge and opportunities that this Grand Chapter has ever known, I thought of two statements that have been particularly meaningful to me whenever I focus on the future. One of these statements comes from a little girl who lists my 12 loveliest things, people not counted. Among them were the sight of the brilliant leaves in the fall and the feel of

clean clothes, water running in a bath, the feeling inside when we sing, and then last she said climbing up and looking back.

As I perused our beautiful program of this session of time, I found myself climbing up and looking back. I feel that all of us feel good about the privilege that has been ours to share ourselves in love and service to this great Order. It has given us treasured friendships and occasions to share them one with another.

I have perceived a sense of excitement as we have climbed up and looked back as reports have unfolded, as we have stood in the presence between the past and the future. I mentioned that there were two statements that hold special meaning in this hour to me. It is on the second one that my thoughts are focused. A fellow Houstonian, a close friend of Bill's and mine, Leon Jaworski, Nurenberg prosecutor and special prosecutor during the trauma of Watergate, presented his autobiography. The closing lines of that book impressed me greatly. Its challenge rings in my mind often. Listen. "For everything that has been, thanks. For everything that is to be, yes."

It's difficult to focus on the heritage of this Grand Chapter without saying thanks for everything. It's difficult, if not impossible, for us to look back to those who have gone before us, their great dedication, their rising above insurmountable obstacles, their sterling characters, their constant labors, to pass to posterity a thing of beauty, a part of themselves, without us saying thanks for everything.

It's a time in this backward look to give thanks to God, too, for the priceless and precious gift over which He has directed His guidance: this great Order to which you and I belong.

As I look out upon you and am aware that you are listening attentively, I would ask you to wrap around yourselves the great mantle of these words: "I'm not afraid of tomorrow for I have seen yesterday, and I love today." There will be brought before us in the unfolding hours perplexing questions. Decisions must be made. We are of different opinions, but that is good. But let us remember as a family of God, we can disagree agreeably. Once the membership has spoken, we must unite in their decisions.

What is the frontier between what we are and what we can become? Surely what the Order is capable of tomorrow is contained in what we are today. For all that is to be, yes, but not all of those negative responses work. But yes to what is for the good of the Order. We must think; we must listen; we must have the nerve of our own convictions. These opportunities will be ours shortly.

Last spring a short segment of the evening news dealt with the commencement of a small college. In those receiving degrees was a woman of 73 years of age, receiving her master's degree. When asked what she planned to do after graduation, her reply was, "I'm going to climb another mountain." She was a retired teacher, but she was going to the southwest United States as a teacher on the Indian Reservation.

The other experience came as I prepared to teach a Sunday School class. The lesson material dealt with one of the minor characters of the Old Testament, one whom we know little about. Caleb was one of the 12 men sent out by Moses to spy on the Promised Land, to see if it could be conquered. When the 12 returned, the overwhelming majority of 10 said that there were giants in the land and that they were forced to return. Only two: Caleb and Joshua, came back with unabashed optimism and faith in the God who had led them. After the land was conquered, very little is heard of Caleb until he appeared 40 years later as an old man at the age of 85. He returned to claim the land that he was promised. He said that as an old man he was just as strong as he ever was and that he was willing to climb another mountain.

We are older, too, as an Order. This is the 110th session. Surely we are as strong as those who labored with much less than we have. The question is, will we say that we will climb another mountain. Let's say yes to everything that is to be. In unity there is strength. Can we make an affirmative response to the future, and that means looking beyond the present moment?

Yes, we have problems, but we can overcome them. Robert Kennedy often said, "Some people see things as they are and say why. I dream things that never were and say why not." Are we lacking in faith? I refer you to the 27th verse of the 14th chapter of Acts. It is written, "And when they were come and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them and how He had opened the door of faith unto them."

As we look at our problems, can the observation be, "Oh, ye, of little faith"? I hope not. Rather say as it appears in the observation of Matthew 9:29, "Then touched He their eyes saying, 'According to your faith, be it." I say unto you after 64 years as a working member of this Order, it's time to Look beyond the present moment, call forth from the recesses of memory the challenging words of Edna St. Vince Millay. She wrote, "All that I could see as I stood were three long mountains and a wood. I turned and looked another way and saw three islands and a bay. Over these things I could not see, these were the things that bounded me."

Sometimes we too are bounded. However, after her quest for life's potential she concluded with the words that can lead us forth today into a brighter tomorrow, if with faith we say yes for tomorrow. These were her concluding words, "The world stands out on either side, no wider than the heart is wide. Above the world is stretched the sky, no higher than the soul is high."

With this thought undergirding us, may we go forth into the unfolding hours that this day shall bring to us with an insurmountable faith that God is with us, because we are dedicated to making the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God real.

Concluding these moments, I ask you to listen attentively to the message in song to be rendered by our Grand Soloist. This will be our amen.

[Amen by Grand Soloist.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: For that most beautiful and inspiring message, Sister Lallah, I do thank you. I can feel the presence of our Lord in this Grand Chapter room, and I know the love and peace that now must fill each of your hearts to get on with the business of this Grand Chapter, remembering always that we are sisters and brothers and we have all assumed the same obligation.

Now I think that you would enjoy as much as I will_ to hear from our beautiful Grand Choir. Sister Madylene.

[Grand Choir sang "Faith Unlocks the Door."] [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Madylene Andrews, you knew that was one of my very favorites and I do thank you, our lovely choir director and a beautiful Grand Choir. Words cannot express my deep appreciation for the beautiful music that you're sharing with us throughout this session. God has given each of you a wonderful talent, and I know He is pleased that you share with your sisters and brothers. Music is truly the warming of one's soul. I love each of you dearly, and again thank you.

I have said so many times — and I'm going to say once more and y'all probably have heard it — but music means so much to me. I have said over and over that if I have

to come back through this world one more time, I'm going to come tall and thin and musical and sexy, in that order. [Laughter]

There are a couple of announcements that I need to make before we get started. One is to a Lela Bell Hill. A neighbor called and you are to call her, Bertha Ross. Another one is Janie Fikes' son called from Orange; call him; it is not an emergency. And I have a card with the dues for Roberto Z. Cortez, Past Patron of Ulmstead. If he will come to the Secretary's desk, he can pick it up.

Today is and probably will be the most important day in the history of our Grand Chapter. We have all come together from all parts of Texas to deliberate, to discuss and to decide the future of our Order in Texas. I pray that you will listen with an open mind and heart to all that is said and that you will make the decisions on the proposed legislation that we will show accomplishments so that we can grow once again in strength to perform the work that Dr. Rob Morris had in mind when he formed this beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. We all know that we have differences of opinion and disagree on certain issues. But if when decisions are made, we agree to accept, forgive and forget, that after this 110th session is over and in the years to come, we will have memories of hard work, feasible decisions, happy and fond results of a good Grand Chapter, going home with peace in our hearts. Let us think before we act. Dr. Rob Morris himself said, "If the Order is worth anything, it will live."

Did any, by chance, distinguished members enter that were not introduced yesterday? If so, would they stand. I don't believe I see any.

There are two messages that the Arrangements Committee has just asked me to announce. The walk gate to the Astro Arena will open at 8:00 every morning, but it will close at 7:00 in the evening. So those of you who are enjoying this beautiful Houston weather and are walking back to the hotel, know that after 7:00 p.m., the gate to the Astro Arena on the south will be closed at 7:00.

Also, the items for 1991/92 are in the lobby on display for you to purchase, those of you who did not have the opportunity through the year and school schedule to pick up the items that we were offering to the membership.

Also, those that are going to be presented their 50-year certificates this afternoon, please have someone contact the Grand Secretary. She has a list, but if we know who are present, then we can save time by not calling the entire list. I thank you for this.

The examining room is open this morning from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and this afternoon from 1:00 p.m. till 4:30.

I've just had the Grand Escort that does everything for me remind me that our bus chairman asked me this morning at breakfast if I would announce that he could use more help from some gentlemen that would like to aid the ladies in and out of the buses. Contact Roy Sowell, chairman of the bus. And, please, those of you who are using the bus, you must either show your pass or it is \$1.50 each time you ride. You must do one of the two. And for those gentlemen who love to help the ladies up and down, if you'd like to help Roy Sowell, I would appreciate it and so would he.

Sisters and Brothers, to those who have given so much of their time to fulfill their obligations to the Grand Chapter committees and set a record of outstanding accomplishments, I'd like to recognize our Grand Chaplain. Last evening is still very vivid in our minds, and I'm sure it was one of the most beautiful and outstanding memorial programs entitled "A Time to Remember." Many sweet and kind words have been said to me afterwards and again this morning. What an honor! The entire program was planned and executed by my special friend, Brother Robert Wood, Jr., Grand Chaplain. Brother Robert, would you like to move the adoption of your report.

Sisters and Brothers, we are going to be voting today, so get your green cards out. You Chapter Representatives, get your little "pinkies" because when we ask for the vote, you'll have to have those ready.

I'm going to call on Sister Nora Elich, my Parliamentarian, to set the rules for this Grand Chapter in the proper manner.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Chaplain as submitted to this membership last evening be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Grand Chaplain move the adoption of his report. All in favor of adopting the report of our Grand Chaplain, please raise your green cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion adopted. Thank you, Brother Robert, for a most beautiful and inspiring memorial.

I now call on Sister Nora Elich, my Parliamentarian.

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

MRS. NORA ELICH: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and Members of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S.:

As Parliamentarian this member has been ready and willing at all times to assist the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and members of this Grand Chapter whenever called upon.

As Parliamentarian this member has received letters, phone calls and inquiries from many of our members requesting parliamentary information. All opinions have been promptly given according to our Ritual, Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and adopted Parliamentary authority.

Although this member serves professionally as Parliamentarian for many local, state, national and international organizations, she serves our wonderful Order as a volunteer, and considers it a privilege to serve in this capacity.

Worthy Grand Matron, please accept the sincere gratitude of Ransford Chapter, #135, and myself for the honor bestowed upon me and my Chapter by your appointment to serve as Parliamentarian.

Each of you have read the rules in the Constitution and Laws of Grand Chapter on pages 106 and 107, so I'm not going to repeat those. But since we have much business to be taken care of at this Grand Chapter, it is necessary to limit debate somewhat. So in the interest of that, these will be rules of orders of this Grand Chapter, if adopted. They are not debatable, but they are amendable.

No more than twenty (20) minutes shall be allowed for the consideration and debate of any one question or subject, except the Revision of the Constitution and Bylaws. The floor shall be assigned alternately to members speaking for a proposal and to a member speaking against the proposal. No member shall speak more than two (2) minutes to the same question. When no one requests recognition to speak in opposition to the opinions of the last member recognized, the question shall be immediately put to vote even though the 20 minutes allowed has not expired.

Speakers shall conform to the signals of the timekeeper who shall be designated by the Worthy Grand Matron.

The Parliamentarian shall interpret the Rules of Order when requested to do so by the Chair.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and bylaws and any special rules of order that Grand Chapter may adopt.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these rules.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of our Parliamentarian. All in favor of adopting these rules, please signify by raising your green card. Those opposed, same sign. Motion adopted. Thank you very much. Thank you, Sister Nora.

I now invite our Grand Conductress to the microphone.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Corporate Board and the Grand Trustees and the Benevolent Board, I bring the annual report of the boards governing the Eastern Star Home Association.

The following report is provided to clarify and update information and position as to the Grand Chapter of Texas regarding operation of our home at Arlington under the Internal Revenue tax code designation 501(c)(3):

Five years ago this October, the Grand Chapter of Texas, doing business as "The Order of the Eastern Star Home Association" obtained a determination letter from Internal Revenue granting our status as a non-profit organization under the tax code designation 501(c)(3). Our probationary period (five years) will end October 31, 1992 with review and audit by Internal Revenue to grant permanent designation of our operations under this tax code.

This designation was sought by our leadership in times past upon advice of our accountants and our attorneys in the hope of attracting donors outside the membership of our Order, i.e., from charitable foundations, large estates and corporations.

Whereas a donor (with the exception of a foundation) may, if it is a qualified charity, make contributions under the 501(c)(8), the tax code under which the Grand Chapter of Texas operates, the tax relief benefit is much greater to a large donor under the 501(c)(3) designation.

Under the 501(c)(8) designation: A donor's contribution, to a qualified charity, is deductible up to 30% of their adjusted gross income.

Under the 501(c)(3) designation: A donor's contribution is deductible up to 50% of their adjusted gross income.

Naturally, therefore, a large contributor looking for tax benefit is going to favor those organizations with the 501(c)(3) designation.

In order to separate the business operations of the Grand Chapter of Texas 501(c)(8) from the business operations of our Eastern Star Home under the 501(c)(3) designation, it was necessary to set up a separate structure for administration and

accounting to satisfy the requirements of IRS as well as for good business practice. Certainly, if the IRS allows a deduction, they want to have accurate documentation that funds received are being utilized for the purpose for which it was donated. In other words, we are not using charitable donations to our Home to pay expenses of Grand Chapter, Subordinate Chapters, administration costs, etc. All contributions through the 501(c)(3) must be utilized for the operation and maintenance of our Home.

Thus, "The Order of the Eastern Star Home Association" was formed with its own Articles of Association and Bylaws with the same governing Boards, and subject to the same responsibility, accountability, and approval of the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

To further clarify:

- 1. It was ruled by the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter that the name "The Order of Eastern Star Home Association" could be construed as extraneous degrees. Therefore, to correct this error, there is a proposal to amend the original Articles of Association to change the name to "The Eastern Star Home of Texas".
- 2. The Most Worthy Grand Matron also suggested that since the Grand Chapter of Texas had never specifically voted on the Articles of Association and the Bylaws of the Association governing the Home, that these should be submitted to the Grand Chapter for approval. These articles as originally written are now before you for consideration. To further clarify our position since these were first written:
 - A. The Eastern Star Home of Texas is, in effect, The Grand Chapter of Texas doing business as The Eastern Star Home of Texas. The same persons, (i.e.: The Corporate Board, the Board of Grand Trustees, and the Benevolent Board) that take care of business between Grand Chapter Sessions are also the ones taking care of the Eastern Star Home of Texas between Grand Chapter Sessions.
 - B. The Feasibility Committee as originally appointed, finished it's purpose, was dismissed, is no longer in service, and is therefore not a part of any governing Board.
 - C. Intent to sell our present home, purchase land in Granbury and build a new home was considered, was defeated by motion by this Grand Chapter and is therefore no longer an issue.
 - D. Consideration was given to combining the operations of our Home with the Home for Aged Masons. The Grand Chapter also defeated this motion, thus, it is no longer an issue.
 - E. If we elect to continue operations under the 501(c)(3) designation, the Articles of Association need to be amended to reflect the name "The Eastern Star Home of Texas".
 - F. Also, the Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated and it is suggested that if we elect to keep the 501(c)(3), that these Bylaws be referred to the proper committee with changes to be brought back under the ninety day ruling for the 1993 Grand Chapter Session.
- 3. The Grand Chapter of Texas, that is all of the operations concerning Grand Chapter, Subordinate Chapters, all of our property, our large Endowment Fund, all funds received from per capita, humanitarian, are received under the 501(c)(8). The

portion of the funds received in this manner that relate to the operation, maintenance, and support of our Home is then transferred on a monthly basis, or as needed, to the Home operating account 501(c)(3) as a donation. All donations received that are designated as a 501(c)(3) contribution are deposited directly into the (c)(3) account specifically indicated for use as indicated by the donor.

- 4. To clarify some question regarding other Eastern Star Homes:
 - A. It was said that because of their 501(c)(3) designation, a Home in Connecticut had to open its doors to people off the streets... It was found that the reason they had to do this was because they accept Medicaid (state supported and/or federal funds)... not because of the (c)(3) designation. We do not accept state or federal funds... only Medicare which comes as a result of an individuals contributions.
 - B. It was said that a Home in Ohio was taken over by the County... What happened was that they had three Eastern Star and Masonic homes in Ohio and they found it more economically feasible to consolidate the three homes into two homes. The vacated home was then leased by the county to open a county home.
- 5. Admittance to our Home is controlled by the Subordinate Chapter and the rules that we adopt. First a person must be accepted as a member and initiated into a Subordinate Chapter. Second, they must have been a member for five consecutive years. Third, they must be sponsored by a Chapter. Fourth, they must pass all the tests and criteria for entering the Home as set forth by the adopted rules. In other words, a person may not just walk up to the front door of our Home and demand admittance... they must qualify and follow procedures as outlined in our law. The Internal Revenue Service was furnished all of this information with our original application. With all of our intents and purposes before them, determination of our status as a 501(c)(3) organization was approved.
- 6. We have been experiencing a steady decline in our income due to loss of membership and declining interest rates while, on the other hand, our expenses have skyrocketed.
 - A. We have come from a high of 130,000 plus members to 87,703 members as of our June 1992 Annual Reports. Of this 87,703 members, only 82,764 pay per capita. We have 4,804 fifty year members with 135 members who reside in either our Eastern Star or Masonic Homes. So you see . . . our financial base has almost been cut in half.
 - B. Interest rates have been steadily declining. Bonds which we had invested which had a return of 9% have been recalled and we are now receiving only 4%. CD's are now, for the most part, drawing only 3.5% C. Our expenses have skyrocketed... Insurance, employee costs, health costs, medicines, utilities, food, maintenance, etc., etc.
- 7. Due to the fervent differences of opinion from many of our most beloved and respected members, we have not been able to pursue outside contributions under the 501(c)(3). If we elect to continue under the 501(c)(3), we will actively pursue contributions from all available sources to try to enhance our financial position and to help alleviate a portion of the burden placed on our membership.

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Corporate Board, the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Marcella. The membership, I'm sure has noted, that the Corporate Board is standing in unison. All of those in favor of adopting this report, please show by raising your green card. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. Adopted.

I now invite Brother Joe Jeffers, Jurisprudence Member of District 4.

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Grand Chapter Officers, Beloved Sisters and Brothers, last year in San Antonio, the Worthy Grand Matron appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to look into the 501(c)(3) designation to see what should be done. The Committee met in Dallas during the Dallas school of instruction.

Lengthy discussions produced a unanimous vote to change the name of our Home in Arlington to the Eastern Star Home of Texas. Also, unanimously decided was a time and place for a follow-up meeting in Houston during the Houston school of instruction.

The meeting at the Houston school was not as well attended. Lengthy further discussions did not yield any further agreement other than to have the membership vote on the name change of the Home and to seek membership approval of the articles of association and by-laws of the Eastern Star Home of Texas.

For the past 12 years that I know of, the Grand Chapter of Texas has had problems raising enough money from its membership to operate the Eastern Star Home in Arlington. Costs continue to rise and membership continues to shrink. We now have in Texas 82,764 per capita paying members. We also have 4804 members who do not pay per capita. There are 50-year members, and we have 135 residents in the Home or Home for Aged Masons. There was a time in the early '60s when we had over 125,000 members. Our per capita base is about half what it once was.

In addition to this, investments make less money. We used to have bond yields of 9 percent; that's now down to 4 percent. CDs earn less than 4 percent. Costs continue to rise, and the number of members who pay continues to fall. Several years ago our leadership made a valiant effort to begin to solve the money problem so that we could solicit donations from large donors. Accountants and attorneys advised them to get a 501(c)(3) tax designation for our Home. This was one step in a series of changes that were proposed. They applied to the IRS and received the designation on a probationary status for five years. That probation ends this month, and after audits the IRS will determine whether we may have the 501(c)(3) status permanently.

Because there was strong opposition to the many changes proposed five years ago, there was opposition to the tax status also. Bear in mind that several of our most devoted members were zealously pursuing some sweeping changes. I personally believe much of the opposition to the 501(c)(3) is still perceived by some of our members as opposition to all the changes which were recommended.

The Home for Aged Masons got a 501(c)(3) about seven years before we got ours. When we got ours five years ago, the Home for Aged Masons had an endowment of approximately \$12 million. During the five years we've been quibbling about ours, their endowment has increased to nearly \$30 million. Theirs grew by \$18 million while we were trying to decide if we need one. This was accomplished through solicitations of

large charities, trusts and corporations. The man who did the soliciting has stated his willingness to share his mailing list with us. Each member of our Board of Grand Trustees and our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have assured me personally that they have letters ready to send if you vote to keep this 501(c)(3).

Trusts, charities and corporations can receive tax deductions for donations to a 501(c)(3) entity of 50 percent of their income. Donations to a 501(c)(8) charity allow deductions of only 30 percent of their income. Our Grand Chapter of Texas is a 501(c)(8) entity and has been for many years. Separate accounts are maintained, and the Grand Chapter of Texas even makes donations to the Home account, a 501(c)(3) entity.

We've heard our sisters and brothers express concern that retention of this status could force us to take people off the street into our Home. The IRS in our application saw what our entry requirements for our Home are: five years in a subordinate chapter or ten total years in a subordinate chapter. The IRS knows this and they knew it when they granted the 501(c)(3).

We heard an Eastern Star home in Ohio was taken over by the county, and it was. The Eastern Star consolidated three homes into two, and the county leased the empty home. Anything the federal government might want to do to us, they'll do it. It will do it to a 501(c)(8) entity just as surely as it will to a 501(c)(3) entity. It will do it even if you have neither status, if it should decide to do so. The IRS operates outside the law and does as it pleases. The track record of the 501(c)(3) tax status in Eastern Star homes in Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Washington and many more is no problems, quote/unquote.

In the state of Texas look what it has done for the Home for Aged Masons, the Masonic Home and School, the Grand Lodge Library, to cite but a few. When our 501(c)(3) was applied for, it was done in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star Home Association. The Most Worthy Grand Matron does want us to change the name. The Ad Hoc Committee appointed by our Worthy Grand Matron unanimously agreed on this name: the Eastern Star Home of Texas. This change will be before you for your vote in this session. The Most Worthy Grand Matron also feels that the Grand Chapter membership should vote on the by-laws and the articles of association of the Eastern Star Home of Texas. These will also be before you for your approval in this session.

The 501(c)(3) tax designation does not in itself pose a problem. It provides one solution to our money problems in maintaining our home. In my opinion, without it our home cannot survive.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report of your Ad Hoc Committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Joe. All in favor of adopting the report of our Jurisprudence member of District 4 signify by raising your green cards. Cards down. Opposed. Carried.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Beloved Sisters and Brothers, I feel that your Jurisprudence Committee would unite with me in this brief admonition. We came to this Grand Chapter session as Sisters and Brothers; we will leave this Grand Chapter session as Sisters and Brothers. [Applause] Anything that we do in this session pales by comparison to that statement. Let us love one another.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 8

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have reviewed Amendment No. 8, Annual

Report, page 71. We find it to be in legal and proper form and it is now presented for your consideration and act and reads as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 8

Code of Laws, page 69. Article 82. ADDITIONAL DUTIES

- 1. WHEREAS the Grand Chapter of Texas through the O.E.S. Home Endowment Trust, dues, and other sources, is not generating enough income to the Home to properly operate and maintain the quality of care needed to provide the basic necessities for our members residing in the Home,
- 2. WHEREAS we have met expenses only by depleting all bequests as fast as they are received rather than being able to invest them to bring long-term stabilizing income to the Home.
- 3. WHEREAS our goal is to provide tender loving care and a sense of security to our members who have chosen to live out their lives in the Home provided by our Order,
- 4. WHEREAS the 501 C-3, tax rating we now have has proved beneficial to the Home for Aged Masons, the Masonic Home and School and other Masonic bodies in securing bequests, grants and donations,
- 5. WHEREAS the I.R.S. restrictions placed on our Order for the past four years under the 501 C-3, have been no different than previous restrictions under the 501 C-8,
- 6. WHEREAS if we choose to give up the 501 C-3 tax rating we could be required to return the funds we have already received under the 501 C-3 from bequests and donations to the original donors,
- 7. WHEREAS to comply with the instructions from General Grand Chapter to bring this matter before this Grand Chapter Session, it is understood the name on I.R.S. application will be changed to read, "Eastern Star Home of Texas", where it will in no way conflict with the laws of General Grand Chapter,
- 8. WHEREAS, the operation of Grand Chapter and all properties and the original O.E.S. Home Endowment Trust Fund will remain under the 501 C-8,

We propose that this membership vote to keep the 501 C-3 tax designation for the operation of our Home by making the following addition to our Code of Laws.

CHAPTER 5 DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES BOARDS OF GRAND CHAPTER, B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES -ARTICLE 82. ADDITIONAL DUTIES (9) page 71, by ADDING f. as follows:

f. The Eastern Star Home shall be operated and receive contributions under the Internal Revenue Code 501 C-3, so long as it will benefit the Eastern Star Home.

Signed:

Lola Wallace
Frances Burbank
Virginia Lynn Green
Garland Rattan
Marcella Curry
Wanda Fairchild
A.D. Jackson

Penny Vletas
Sarah Valkus Coursey
A. M. Crowder
Ben Day
Patsy Wilson
Helen M. Hare
Elizabeth Young

Your Jurisprudence Committee unanimously and wholeheartedly recommends the adoption of this amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Joe. The Grand Secretary just told me that it has been reported that a lot of you have pages missing in your Annual Report. Is this correct? The only thing that I can say is that you might go back out and see if you can exchange it for another Annual Report. I can't blink them into your book, I wish I could. How many are missing pages? All right. They're ready for you to go out and exchange.

Sisters and Brothers, to comply with the wishes of the Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter, and as you have just heard from both your Grand Conductress and the Jurisprudence Member of District 4, that this year the membership has been instructed by General Grand Chapter to take action. You have heard the reports. For four years we have been listening to this in our Grand Chapter sessions, so now comes the very most difficult portion of our business. I have no doubt in my mind that every member is an adult and will conduct themselves in like manner.

I also feel that you feel that the time limit is as important as I do since we have spent so much time on it over the years. Having conferred with my parliamentarian and having her just read you the rules to govern this business and found it legal, it will take two-thirds vote of this membership that we will limit our discussion to two minutes, speaking one time only on the subject, and at the close of 20 minutes the question will be called. The delegates will conform to the timekeepers appointed, and I appoint my mike people and my parliamentarian to keep time, that when those times are up, we will be notified. That way we can have five speak against, and we can have five speak for. Those that will be speaking against the issue will use the microphone in the north. I would ask that one of our arrangements people move both the Associate Grand Conductress's and the Grand Conductress's mike out a little ways so that the member will be able to more feasibly be able to reach it. For those that are speaking for the 501(c)(3), they will use the microphone in the south.

Please remember always that we are staying with the issue at hand. We will not get off on anything that has happened in the past. That cannot be corrected. Our decision, as the Most Worthy Grand Matron said to me in a telephone conversation and personally, that we will either vote to maintain or to lose; and that won't take but a show of hands. I fervently pray that you vote for the good of the Order.

I now call on my chairman of the Jurisprudence, Brother Murray. Murray, did you want to say anything before we call for the vote?

MR. MURRAY WATSON: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm giving these people some time to exchange their Annual Report — All right. Did those that wanted to get the new form go out?

The question is now open for discussion — Excuse me; excuse me. We must vote on whether we will speak, the two minutes, one time only — $\,$

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: We already did.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm so glad that we're ahead of ourselves. My parliamentarian just told me we already did that. Thanks, folks.

The question now is open for debate. My timekeepers are watching the north and the south. Remember, they will after the two-minute period notify me.

I've had several ask if they would have time to get to the microphone. Most certainly. Sisters and Brothers, we're just one group together here trying to solve a big problem. I will be as fair as I know how.

GRAND TREASURER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the south.

GRAND TREASURER: Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers, the Eastern Star has always been a loving and benevolent membership. Now because of our continuing decline in memberships, averaging 3.21 percent per year over the past five years, for a total of 16,755, we who are the faithful and devoted members are being called upon to give even more consideration to our sisters in the Eastern Star Home.

The economy of today with its lower interest rates and rising prices causes concern that even with our best efforts, we cannot succeed without outside help. With the 501(c)(3), we have the potential to receive large high-dollar bequests and grants. The 501(c)(3) is not the answer to all our needs, but it does give us reason to hope.

If we choose to give up the 501(c)(3), we could lose not only the funds we hold under the 501(c)(3), as shown in my report, but the availability to continue to operate our home. Sisters and Brothers, before we give up on the operation of our home, let's take advantage of every option we have available to us. We have much to gain by continuing to operate under the 501(c)(3). Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Are there others? Are there others? If not, we will call for the question. All those in favor of maintaining the 501(c)(3) status for our Eastern Star Home will so designate by holding up their green cards. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. We have adopted. [Applause] Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for your love and your patience.

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we your Jurisprudence Committee bring to you Amendment No. 9.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 9

We reviewed Amendment No. 9 in the Annual Report, page 72. We find it to be in legal and proper form, and it is now being presented for your consideration and action and reads as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 9

Code of Laws, page 69, Article 82. ADDITIONAL DUTIES.

BY-LAWS OF ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME ASSOCIATION

(To be changed to read, "By-Laws of the Eastern Star Home of Texas". Since the By-Laws of the Order of the Eastern Star Home Association were originally approved by the Corporate Board, the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, at the time the application was submitted and approved by the Internal Revenue Service, they are now being presented to our membership for approval to be added to the Code of Laws, page

69, Article 82. ADDITIONAL DUTIES, BY ADDING: 9. f. as follows:

ARTICLE I LEGAL STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The Order of the Eastern Star Home Association ("Association") is a non-profit, charitable association organized and operating under the laws of the State of Texas. As provided for in the Amended Articles of Association, no part of the net income of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual and its assets are pledged for use in performing the organization's charitable functions. The association was organized to obtain a tax exempt status under the provisions of I.R.S. Code Section 501(c)(3) and regardless of all other provisions of these By-Laws relating to powers, the Association is limited to those powers which comply with the maintenance of said tax exempt status.

SECTION 2. As provided in the amended Articles of Association, the purpose of the Association is to maintain the elderly and indigent female and male members who have been affiliated with a subordinate chapter of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, for at least ten (10) years, and the orphaned children of members, who are affiliated at the time of their death with a subordinate chapter of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and children of members affiliated with a subordinate chapter of the Grand Chapter of Texas who are not able to care for and support their children.

ARTICLE II OFFICES

SECTION 1. The offices of the Association shall be maintained at 1201 East Division, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas 76011. The Association may have such other offices as it may from time to time designate.

ADMISSION OF RESIDENTS TO HOME

SECTION 1. After the Association has received a determination letter indicating that it has qualified for §501(c)(3) status, subject to rules and regulations of the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the Operating Board of the Eastern Star Home shall make all necessary rules for admission of members to the Eastern Star Home; provided no one shall be admitted except those members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, who fall within the following classes: (a) old and indigent, female or male members, who have been affiliated with a subordinate chapter of the Grand Chapter of Texas for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the time of making application for admission; and provided, that they also meet other requirements that are, or may be from time to time promulgated by the Board of Directors, and (b) orphaned children of members, who are affiliated at time of death with a subordinate chapter of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and children of affiliated members of a subordinate chapter of the Grand Chapter of Texas who are not able to care for and support said children.

SECTION 2. Upon acceptance and entry of a member into the Eastern Star Home, all of her or his property, both real and personal, shall be transferred to the Order of the Eastern Star Home Association and shall be disposed of and the revenues therefrom used for the benefit of the Association.

EMPLOYEES OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1. Upon the Association receiving a determination letter indicating

that it has qualified for §501(c)(3) status, the Operating Board shall appoint and employ superintendents, matrons and other necessary employees for the Eastern Star Home, and suspend and discharge the same subject to rules and regulations of the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

SECTION 2. In carrying out its duty to employ and discharge employees of the Eastern Star Home, the Operating Board shall observe and be governed by the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas and the following regulations: (a) The Superintendent shall be required to have institutional administrative training; (b) a graduate dietitian shall be employed to have supervision over the kitchen and dining room; and (c) a registered nurse or a licensed vocational nurse shall be employed to have supervision over the infirmary.

PROTECTION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

SECTION 1. In accordance with Vernon's Ann. Civ. Stat. art. 1401, the Association may indemnify the officers, directors, former officers, former directors, and all other persons serving the Association in any official capacity to the full extent permitted by Article 1396-2.22A of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act as if the Association were a Texas non-profit corporation. Provided, however, that prior to granting such indemnification, the Association shall make a determination of indemnification such as is required by Article 1396-2.22A(B) of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act in a manner such as is described by Article 1396-2.22A(F) and 1396-2.22A(G) of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. To the extent that any person is found liable for willful or intentional misconduct, no indemnification will be allowed.

SECTION 2. The Association may advance expenses to any person to whom it grants indemnification under this Article to the full extent and in a manner as is permitted by Article 1396-2.22A of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act.

SECTION 3. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association or who is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, partner, venturer, proprietor, trustee, employee, agent or similar functionary of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, sole proprietorship, trust or other enterprise or employee benefit plan against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in such a capacity arising out of his status as such a person, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him against that liability under the provisions of Vernon's Ann. Civ. Stat. art. 1401 or Article 1396-2.22A of the Texas Non-Profit corporation Act.

SECTION 4. No director of the Association shall be personally liable to the Association for monetary damages for an act or omission in the director's capacity as a director, except that this paragraph does not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for (1) a breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Association, (2) an act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law, (3) a transaction from which a director received an improper benefit, whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of the director's office, or (4) an act or omission for which the liability of a director is expressly provided for by statute. Neither the amendment nor repeal of this Section shall eliminate or reduce the effect of this Section with respect to any matter occurring, or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Section, would accrue or arise prior to such amendment or repeal.

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1. The Boards of Directors of the Association shall report annually their official actions to the Grand Chapter of Texas, with such recommendations as they deem essential to the welfare of the work committed to their care.

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees of the Association is authorized to receive donations, devise and bequests from lodges, or other Masonic bodies, individuals, and from other sources and to hold title to such property, real, personal or mixed, in the name and stead of the Association, subject, of course, to the control of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

SECTION 3. The Chairman of the Operating Board is empowered to sign any lease contract for any purpose, approved by the Operating Board, on land or buildings owned by the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, for the use and benefit of the Eastern Star Home, and to enter into a lease with the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star for the lease of the land and buildings in which the Home is located.

SECTION 4. These By-Laws shall be reviewed by each of the Boards of Directors at least every year and recommendations as to necessary revisions made to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. These By-Laws may be amended by the Grand Chapter of Texas.

SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, any and all funds coming into the hands of the Board of Trustees for the Association from all sources, including funds received from the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star may be used for the maintenance and operation of the Eastern Star Home, for other necessary expenses of the Association, and for other benevolent purposes of the Association.

SECTION 6. In the event of dissolution of this Association, the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, shall select one or more charitable organizations, and shall convey the assets remaining, if any, after payment of debts, to such charitable organizations which qualify under I.R.S. Code Section 501(c)(3).

APPROVED: (By the original signers)

Richard Ochs A. M. Crowder Herbert Arnold Sherrill R. Cain Gladys M. Pickett Evelyn Conger Frank Thomas B. F. Hutson Paul Huffbines James D. Ward Alma Carter Doris M. Efird Harry G. Cunningham Jeffie Roberts Charlene Littlewood Elizabeth Williams Wayne M. Gaddis Frances Burbank John Cleveland Lola Wallace C. A. "Bill" Holmes Joyce Martin **Betty Phillips** Effie Mae Davis Nelda W. Hastings

THOSE SIGNING IN JULY OF 1992:

Virginia Lynn Green
Garland Rattan
Marcell L. Bailey
Marcella Curry
Patsy Wilson
Wanda Fairchild
Penny Vletas
Elizabeth Young
Helen Hare
Sarah Valkus Coursey

I'm not going to read the entire set of by-laws of the Order of the Eastern Star

Home Association. These by-laws were submitted and approved by the Internal Revenue Service when applying for the 501(c)(3). They're now being submitted to you, the membership, for your information and for your approval. The articles are pretty generic. They're in proper form and they conform to the operation of the home.

The original signers are listed in the Proceedings, and they're being signed in 1992 by Sister Virginia Green, Garland Rattan, Marcella Curry, Wanda Fairchild, Elizabeth Young, Sarah Coursey, Ben Day, Marcell Bailey, Patsy Wilson, Penny Vletas and Helen Hare.

I move the adoption and approval of Amendment No. 9. I would point out also in the reference at the top, there was a reference that says Code of Laws, page 69, Article 62. That has been deleted in the proposal that's before you. That was a typographical error.

The gentleman in the south.

MR. BEN DAY: Brother Murray, I'm Ben Day, Worthy Patron of Highland Park Chapter No. 1029. If the citation of Code of Laws, Article 82 "Additional Duties," is incorrect, where will this go?

MR. MURRAY WATSON: In the codification, they'll just put it wherever — when they're typing it up, over toward the end, in the operation.

MR. BEN DAY: It would be included as a separate section to the Constitution and Code of Laws, just like the legal code is a separate section?

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Yes.

MR. BEN DAY: Thank you very much.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt Amendment No. 9. Is there any discussion? [No response.]

All those in favor, signify by raising your green card. Cards down. Those opposed, by raising the green card. Amendment No. 9 has been adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION NO. 2

MR. MURRAY WATSON: We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have reviewed Resolution No. 2 in the Annual Report, page 90. We find it to be in legal and proper form, and it is now presented for your consideration and action and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME

Understanding that the name, "Articles of Association of the Eastern Star Home" will be changed to "Articles of Association of the Eastern Star Home of Texas", these articles, as originally submitted and approved by the Internal Revenue Service, are being presented to the membership of Grand Chapter for approval.

ARTICLE ONE

The name of this Association shall be Eastern Star Home.

ARTICLE TWO

The principal office of this Association shall be located at 1201 E. Division, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas, 76011. The Association may have such other offices as it may from time to time designate.

ARTICLE THREE

This Association is being formed for the purpose of obtaining a section 501(c) (3) tax exemption for the Order of the Eastern Star Home.

Once the Association receives a determination letter indicating that it has qualified for Section 501(c) (3) status, then the Eastern Star Home shall be maintained and operated under three Boards of Directors:

- (a) The Corporate Board of Directors shall have charge of the business affairs of the Association in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association and under the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star;
- (b) The Board of Trustees shall supervise all of the financial affairs of the Association in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association; and
- (c) The Operating Board (Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences) shall maintain and operate the Eastern Star Home in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE FOUR

This Association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Within the framework of said charitable and educational purposes, this Association is organized to maintain the elderly female and male members who have been affiliated with a subordinate chapter of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star for at least *ten (10) years, and the orphaned children of members, who were affiliated at the time of their death with a subordinate chapter of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and children of members affiliated with a subordinate chapter of the Grand Chapter of Texas who are not able to care for and support said children.

ARTICLE FIVE

The names and address of the persons who are the initial members of this organization, and who are the initial members of the Board of Directors of this organization, are as follows:

Name

Herbert L. Arnold
Gladys M. Pickett
Paul Huffhines
James D. Ward
Jeffie Roberts

Elizabeth Williams
C. A. "Bill" Holmes
Sherrill R. Cain
B. F. Hutson
Doris M. Efird

Harry G. Cunningham Frances Burbank Lola Wallace Betty Phillips Effie Mae Davis

^{*} Now five (5) years.

ARTICLE SIX

No part of the net earnings of this Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, pay reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Four hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Associations shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an Association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Upon dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so distributed shall be disposed of by a District Court in Tarrant County, Texas, or in the county in which the principal office of the Association may in the future be located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said District Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Prior to the time the tax exemption of the organization is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, these Articles of Association may be amended by the Corporate Board of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. After the exemption of the organization has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Code, these Articles of Association may be amended only with the express written consent of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Any amendment of these Articles of Association must be in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 28th day of July, 1988.

APPROVED: (By the original signers)

Richard Ochs
Evelyn Conger
Frank Thomas
Alma Carter
Charlene Littlewood
Wayne M. Gaddis
John Cleveland
Joyce Martin
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WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the recommendation from Jurisprudence to adopt Resolution No. 2. Is there any discussion?

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Patron, we have an amendment to this resolution. We propose to amend Resolution No. 2 by adding at the end of the heading "of Texas," the Article 1 to read, "The name of this association shall be Eastern Star Home of Texas." This is submitted by Murray Watson, Jr. and Frances Burbank. The question is now ready, Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the amendment to the Resolution No. 2. Is there any discussion on the amendment? [No response.] All those in favor of the amendment, raise your cards. Cards down. All those opposed, raise the card again. You have passed the amendment to Resolution No. 2.

Is there any discussion on Resolution No. 2? [No response.] All those in favor of adopting Resolution No. 2, please raise your green card. Cards down. All those opposed. You have adopted Resolution No. 2.

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the next item of business is taking up Resolution No. 1. But the amendment to the last piece of legislation makes that not necessary. Therefore, this will be not taken up at this time.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Let me just remind the membership that if you do speak, don't forget you have to identify yourselves by your name and chapter.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 4

DR. RUBY FAW: Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed Amendment No. 4, which is a constitutional amendment due for its first reading, the Annual Report, page 68. We find it to be in legal and proper form. It is now presented for your consideration and action.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

Constitution, Page 47, Article XI. Section 2. REVENUES

Whereas the funds presently received from per capita only pay the bills at the O.E.S. Home for approximately two months and

Whereas due to falling returns on investments the interest from the Endowment Fund only pays the bills at the O.E.S. Home for approximately three months and

Whereas the ladies pensions only pay the bills at the O.E.S. Home for approximately three and one half months and

Whereas not enough funds are generated from Humanitarian, special projects, gifts, etc. to make up the difference and

Whereas per capita was \$2.60 from 1968 to 1988 and was raised to only \$5.00 at the 1988 Grand Chapter session and

Whereas inflation has drastically affected our ability to provide for our ladies and

Whereas the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences have done all in their power to generate the necessary funds and keep expenses to a minimum and

Whereas the annual dues for the Dallas Womens Forum are \$75.00, the Texas State Parliamentarians is \$10.00, the National Association of Parliamentarians is \$35.00, Lodge dues are a minimum of \$30.00, etc., and

Whereas our O.E.S. Home in Arlington has been an integral part of the Grand Chapter of Texas since 1924

We the undersigned propose that Article XI, Section 2 (1), which now reads:

SECTION 2: REVENUES: The Revenues of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources:

- (1) An annual per capita assessment against each subordinate Chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the fiscal year, in the sum of five (\$5.00) dollars, this sum to be divided as follows:
 - a. One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) to the General Fund
 - b. Two Dollars and Seventy five Cents (\$2.75) to the O.E.S. Home Fund
 - c. Seventy-five Cents (\$0.75) to the Benevolent Fund

Be amended to read

- (l) An annual per capita assessment against each subordinate Chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the fiscal year, in the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars, this sum to be divided as follows:
 - a. One Dollar and Seventy-five cents (\$1.75) to the General Fund
 - b. Seven Dollars (\$7.00) to the O.E.S. Home Fund
 - c. One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents (\$1.25) to the Benevolent Fund

Respectfully submitted, Jane Gregory Glenn Whitaker Virginia Lynn Green Garland Rattan Marcella Curry Wanda Fairchild Mary Katherine Smith Doris Efird Harry Cunningham

CODE OF LAWS

If adopted, shall become effective from and after the adjournment of this 1992 Session of Grand Chapter. (Art. 181, page 111).

DR. RUBY FAW: I'll give you a moment to find it. If you have been keeping up

with these amendments, you know where all these "whereases" are simply indicating that your per capita tax at this present time will pay approximately two months of the bills at the Eastern Star Home. The falling returns on our interest, on our endowment and other items will pay for approximately three months. The ladies in the home, their pensions will pay for approximately 3-1/2 months. You can see that this leaves a great deficit.

Our Worthy Grand Matrons have tried to fill in this gap with the various items that you and I buy each year. Inflation has drastically caused a reduction in our ability to care for our ladies. The Board of Grand Chapter Trustees and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences have done all they can to keep these funds up to the needs of the home and keep the expenses of the home down.

The annual dues for so many other organizations, including our Masonic Brothers, is far above ours. The Eastern Star Home is a very important part of this organization. So we propose that the section on revenues be changed from your present \$5 per capita to read that the annual per capita assessment against each subordinate chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the fiscal year be the sum of \$10, and that this sum be divided as follows: \$1.75 to the General Fund; \$7 to the OES Home; \$1.25 to the Benevolent Fund. This is signed by Jane Gregory, Glenn Whitaker, Virginia Lynn Green, Garland Rattan, Marcella Curry, Wanda Fairchild, Mary Katharine Smith, Doris Efird and Harry Cunningham.

I would like to point out that when we buy one of these items for sale, as we do each year, only a small portion of that goes directly to the Eastern Star Home because we have to pay for the item first. In other words, if you buy a cup, that cup has to be paid for. The rest of it goes into the fund. If we can raise our per capita tax to include this extra amount of four dollars and some cents to the Eastern Star Home, it will almost balance the budget.

We move the adoption of this report and urge you to adopt it.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt Amendment No. 4. Are there any discussions?

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Beulah Speer, a Past Matron of Abernathy Chapter No. 877 and a Strawberry Girl. I have served as Worthy Matron three times going through the chairs – all the chairs – three times, so I am well aware of what a small subordinate chapter is going through.

Worthy Grand Patron, we have been taxed to the limit. Our dues are \$10. [Applause] We have always supported the Worthy Grand Matron in going 100 percent Humanitarian. Even this year when she asked 50 cents for Founder's Day, we acknowledged her request and went for that. We have been 100 percent International Temple. We have supported the special projects. We have supported the schools.

But, Worthy Grand Patron, we have to live within our income. We have passed the 501(c)(3), and we're supposed to get designated funds. We cannot tax the subordinate chapters. The subordinate chapters do not have to have Grand Chapter, but we have gone from 26 chapters in our Section 4 to 13 chapters, and you have to have the subordinate chapters if these beautiful line officers are going to have a Grand Chapter to serve over. We do not even have enough Worthy Matrons to serve in the schools to fill the stations.

I call your attention to 2484 suspensions. If you go to the per capita — the chapters have to pay the per capita even though the member is in suspension, they would have to carry them for two years. I beg the membership, please do not tax your chapters. They

will feel that they cannot allow someone to consolidate with them; they can't afford them even though they love them. So, therefore, the chapters would have to demise; and the members would be on a Grand Demit.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Beulah. The two minutes are up.

[Applause]

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize the mike in the south.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: I am Charlene Littlewood, twice Past Matron of Ridglea Chapter No. 999 and presently serving as your chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. Sisters and Brothers, I have one question for you. Do you want your Eastern Star Home? Do you want your Eastern Star Home? Do you want your Eastern Star Home?

Your Benevolent Board has worked hard to cut the budget this year. In some places I feel they have cut it too much. We still have a deficit. That money has to come from somewhere. I realize this will be a hardship on some of our members, but there are those of us who have spent hundreds of dollars to come to this Grand Chapter who can help those members who cannot help themselves, and that's what it's all about. [Applause]

MRS. CORINNE POPE: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize the mike in the north.

MRS. CORINNE POPE: I am Corinne Pope, Past Matron of Harlandale Chapter No. 750. I have only been Worthy Matron once. I am now secretary. We are losing members faster than we can get them. Our young people are out of work. Our older people are better off than the young ones. I do not see how we can afford to raise our dues anymore.

You talked about the Masonic Order. They raised their minimum, they're losing members faster than we are. But we cannot live on what — Our interest has gone down as well as the Grand Chapter's interest has gone down. None of us are drawing 15 percent anymore. I beg of you, for the sake of our chapters which we need for the Grand Chapter, to defeat this motion and somehow or another — we cannot support all of our members who will not pay their dues.

Thank you much. [Applause]

MR. J. T. STINNETT: Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests, my Brothers and Sisters all, my name is J. T. Stinnett. I am Worthy Patron of Brock Chapter No. 274 at Brock, Texas. I personally feel that the amount of our yearly dues to belong to an order as good as the Eastern Star organization is a drop in the bucket to what a person should actually be paying

The amount of the per capita tax that we are now paying that goes to the aid of the Eastern Star Home is a very small amount. I personally feel that if my dues for my chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star were doubled, and the amount that it was doubled went to the Eastern Star Home, it would still be not enough. But I personally would stand for that. I feel that the Eastern Star Home, the obligation that we have as far as to supply a place for our ladies later on down the line is a very necessary thing;

and I really feel that it is our obligation and our duty to uphold that. Thank you very much. [Applause]

MRS. SUDIE MAE SPEER: I'm Sudie Mae Speer from Harlandale 750 in San Antonio. First, I'd like to call your attention to the fact that we're not voting to disband the home. We all want the home, and we know we can keep it. So the dear ladies who are here, I'd like to say that we're glad you're here and we intend to take care of you.

My foundation is found on page 37 and 38, how our chapters have declined. Now, I'm strongly in favor of Eastern Star. Just about a year ago I had to make a decision whether I was going to stay in Eastern Star or be in the church I was in, and I chose to stay with the Eastern Star. So I don't want to do anything to hurt it, but I don't want to do anything to hurt the chapter or any chapter. If you look on page 37 and 38, you can see how many members we've lost, and you can see how we're trying to take care of the older people. And when someone in the chapter goes to a nursing home, we pay their dues. So we're not kicking out old people.

If you look around at the faces here, I said it's fun for me to be somewhere and see people older than me. And it's not going to be long until I'm going to be one of the oldest here; and I don't think there's going to be anybody younger than me here. So let's start in trying to attract people, not attract people we don't want, but make our organization one that people will be able to stand up for and not cast these on fixed incomes out when they choose to be with our Order instead of going against it. [Applause]

MRS. MILDRED HARVEY: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Mildred Harvey, a Past Matron of Archives Chapter No. 1095. I am not your best speaker or probably will never be the best speaker in this Grand Chapter, but I have a question which has been bothering me for many years. I would like to know how many of these members sitting here have counted lately the number of Cadillacs and Lincolns in this Grand session or at our chapters and lodges. Thank you. [Applause]

MRS. NANCY McKEE: I'am Nancy McKee, Past Matron, San Antonio Chapter No. 3. We have passed the 501(c)(3). They have promised that we can go out and that we can accept their funds. What is the purpose for raising our per capita tax when it would not be necessary?

Number two, when I joined San Antonio No. 3 thirty years ago we had right at 800 members. Today we have approximately 187 members. They are due to the loss through death, suspension for nonpayment of dues, demits because the interest rates have gone down so far for us; and we are losing our members and are not bringing in anymore. We have two that we will be balloting on, hopefully, we will come back up to 190 people. I am not in favor of raising our per capita tax. Thank you. [Applause]

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Marcella Curry, a Past Matron of Robstown Chapter No. 540. My Sisters and Brothers, when we pay per capita tax, the expenses of our Grand Chapter, not just our Eastern Star Home, but our Grand Chapter is supported by 100 percent of our membership and not left to a few dedicated members to try to finance our operations.

Also, I strongly suspect that the Loss of our membership, the decline in our membership in recent years is not mainly due to the cost of our per capita, but for other reasons as well. I think the bearing of the per capita tax has just a very small bearing on the loss of membership. We are in times of change. We're only talking about a \$5 increase, my Sisters and Brothers; and it does not have just to do with our Eastern Star Home, but with our day-to-day operations.

Yes, we did just pass the 501(c)(3), but it will take time to put these things into

operation. And also it is difficult to predicate budgets on "maybes," "hope"! We need definite commitment to where we stand. You know, the best way to go out of business is to be afraid to increase your price. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize Brother Harry Cunningham.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers, I want to preface what I'm going to say by saying that what I am about to say has no reflections on our past leaders, our current leaders, any member — and I love you all — of this Order.

I have come to Grand Chapter many, many years, and for many, many years we have spent I'd say at least 40 percent of our time discussing money. That needs to be discussed. I feel regardless what per capita dues we pay, it all goes to the Order of the Eastern Star. I realize it's designated for so much for certain purposes.

I have not seen anything to restructure our expense systems. I believe in this Order that we have some smart business-minded people within our doors. You know, Sisters and Brothers, we have seen in this country many, many facilities, businesses, homes, hospitals who have shut their door because of bankruptcy. Sisters and Brothers, we are not past that in the Order of the Eastern Star in this day and time. I would hope to never ever see that.

I think it's high time, Worthy Grand Matron, that we have a group of smart business people that studies our expense structures within this Grand Chapter. There are by-laws expenses which we cannot change unless it goes through this Grand Chapter. Now, Sisters and Brothers, I feel like there are places that we have enjoyed so many years — and I enjoy it as much as you do —those nice things that cost money. I would be the first to say I do not quibble when I pay sometime an enormous price for my enjoyment and Barbara's enjoyment to fellowship and I hope that continues.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Harry, please hurry. Your time is up.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Okay. I do feel that our expense system needs a strong looking at and make the recommendation to this Grand Chapter where we can cut expenses. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I was just going to tell him his 2 minutes was up.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize the mike in the north.

MRS. DOROTHY LITTLEPAGE COONS: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Dorothy Littlepage Coons, Past Matron of Logos-Star Chapter No. 782. I say it that way because I am from a consolidated chapter of Logos-Star. I have been a Past Matron two times in Star Chapter and am shortly going to be Worthy Matron again. I have also been secretary of the chapter and know of the decline in membership. I also know — I am in sympathy with a good budget, but which do you want: Eastern Star to continue and get your per capita from the \$10 with fewer, fewer members; or do you want more members with the lesser amount that we now pay?

I realize that we consolidated because we needed to survive. We wanted Eastern Star to survive, so we consolidated as an Eastern Star chapter. Sometimes we have to look carefully, my Sisters and Brothers, as to which is for the betterment of the chapters and for the betterment of Eastern Star in general, not just as an individual person.

I am sure the people here can afford to pay the extra amount, but we are

considering the little ladies at home that cannot even afford to come to Grand Chapter. These are the ones that we were concerned about when we consolidated also, people that wanted to say, "Yes, I'm in Eastern Star," but maybe some of them were in Eastern Star homes; maybe they were in a rest home, maybe they were just at home.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister, your time has expired . I'm sorry, we have to quit. Sisters and Brothers, according to the rules $\,-\,$

A VOICE: Worthy Grand Patron -

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I'm sorry. The rule we set at the beginning, the time has expired, I've been told. We have to call for the vote now. All those in favor of Amendment No. 4, please raise your card. Cards down. All those opposed. I would say Amendment No. 4 has been defeated. [Applause] Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you are absolutely magnificent. We are really proceeding as rapidly as possible, and I am thrilled because you are making it so good. I have to tell you that we have the Constitution Revision Committee. This is a committee that I appointed when I was doing my appointments, to revise, study and see the needed changes of our Constitution. I asked five Past Grand Matrons that are well versed in our laws and our Order. You know them to be ones who serve diligently and with much knowledge of what would be right for you. Now, I waived as Worthy Grand Matron the 90-day ruling for the simple reason we could not afford to print all that had been done. We're talking about money. We did not have any money that this could be put in the 90-day ruling, but it was sent to every chapter in the State of Texas with a letter from me to be read or copies made for those who were interested enough in seeing what they were trying to do.

Now, these five Past Grand Matrons have spent many, many hours, which is a portion of their life, their money, to travel to have this committee meeting more than one time this year. This was my reasoning for waiving that 90-day ruling. I would like you to understand why. I appointed Lallah Mae Vollus chairman, Sister Mildred Sharpe from District 1, Sister Mollie Goodpasture West from District 2, Sister Elise Hammack from District 3, and of course Lallah is the chairman and she's from 4, and Sister Lois Bell from District 5. Now, you know these five Past Grands are interested in our Order. But, Sisters and Brothers, let me tell you — and I'll bet you have had the same experience — I had a phone call one time with a question from a Worthy Matron. I knew it was in that Constitution somewhere, and I spent 20 minutes trying to find it so I could legally answer the question. This defeats the purpose of our Constitution when you have brand new members or a new Worthy Matron, and she doesn't have the slightest idea. It's like going to the grocery store and looking for a loaf of bread, and you find it under dog food. So it is just that we want to make it that it can be easily understood and used so that we don't have the problems of the laws that are being broken and I feel it's simply because it's just too hard to understand.

We have contradictions and conflicts in the Constitution, and this they are trying to do for you the membership. I at this time recognize my chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, Brother Murray.

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, have had the proposal submitted to us by this committee that she has just explained. Those of you who received the mailing, it included both the Constitutional amendments and amendments to the Code of Laws. We have separated the Constitutional amendments into one package and the Code of Laws amendments into a second package. These proposed changes to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter — we find that the amendments are in proper and legal form, but they have not complied with Article 181, page 111 of the Code of Laws, which is normally referred to as the 90-day rule.

Therefore, in order to take this up, first on the Constitutional amendments, I move that the proposed amendments to the Constitution be taken up and considered by this Grand Chapter as provided in Robert's Rules of Order, Rule 25, and as authorized by the Code of Laws, Article 167, pages 106 and 107, and require a two-thirds vote of the membership. If you give a two-thirds vote, I would assume that you would be for it. Therefore, I so move, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize at this time Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, chairman of this committee.

REPORT OF THE REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND LAWS COMMITTEE

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, those appointed to serve on the Revision Committee one year ago little realized the tremendous task that awaited them. In our century of operations, the Constitution and Laws have been revised but two other times; those being in 1930 and in 1960. Two brilliant lawyers and dedicated members, Judge M. A. Childers and Mr. Chauncey Penix chaired the task on these two occasions, both doing an outstanding job.

We approached our task with no instruction other than to simplify and to make instructions more direct and to make it easier to locate answers. In all organizations, the passage of time and changing conditions make changes in laws imperative. Our first move was to place a notice in the Bulletin inviting the membership to file suggestions for clarification or recommendations for changes with their district member of the Committee. We received but two responses, although many of the resolutions filed for attention through the channel of the Jurisprudence Committee are duplicated in this committee's recommendation.

Due to the great expense involved in the printing of the report in the Bulletin, the Worthy Grand Matron ruled that same would not be necessary, but that she would file a copy of the complete report with each chapter. It is the opinion of the committee that the Constitution should be the "Frame" for our Laws... with directions being spelled out in the Law itself. An example: the Titles, Deeds and Property Committee was recommended; it took two years to place it in the Constitution. Some years later the committee was abolished, it took two years to get it out. A few years later it was reinstated; it took two years to get it in again. All of this action in the Constitution, as I say, took two years to accomplish, whereas the Laws may be changed in a single year.

The economic conditions of the world and the drastic financial needs of our Grand Chapter prompted us to confront the problems realistically, attempting to make savings wherever possible. Too, we attempted to place all related matters together.

With this preface, it is my delight to present to you four of your Sisters whose knowledge of the Order, realistic approach to the needs and love of each of you is written into the records of their long and devoted service. I am pleased to present Mrs. Millie Sharpe, District 1; Mrs. Mollie Goodpasture West, District 2; Mrs. Elise Hammack, District 3; Mrs. Lois Bell, District 5. The Worthy Grand Matron named Mrs. Cloe Morris to give us secretarial assistance.

Now, Worthy Grand Matron, the schedule of business to come before this body is voluminous. The time involved, if we should present our report as law requires, giving the article as it is and the committee recommending it to be changed, would leave little

time to complete the other needed business and your voice. Each chapter has the entire report before them for an ample amount of time. The same appears in the Annual Report. The committee recommends that you accept the report as a whole. Our Jurisprudence chairman has recommended that it be broken and it is understandable—into the Constitutional suggestions and the laws. There are, however, a few—if you will get your reports before you—a few omissions that were made. I want you to correct them.

On page 106, Article 86, paragraph 2, which reads, "The Grand Examiner at Large when required to substitute for a District Examiner shall be allowed transportation expense. Said expense to be approved and paid by the Board of Grand Trustees." This should be deleted in its entirety.

On page 117, Section 5 dealing with dual membership —do you have it turned? All right. In the last line, "suspension would affect the parent Chapter," should read, "suspension would not affect the parent Chapter." The "not" was just not printed.

Then one other, on page 105, in the paragraph 17, the line above it says, "Add a new subparagraph (17) as follows: No attorneys fees shall be allowed and the Board of Grand Trustees shall utilize the services of the members of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee, as stipulated by Article 162(1)."

Just a moment. I'll read it to you from... All right. Right after Article 162, paragraph 1, should be this sentence, "Without advice and recommendation of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee." This is added after conference with our Grand Secretary and at her suggestion.

Worthy Grand Matron, this is our . . .

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I made a motion to suspend the rules; and a motion to suspend the rules, I don't believe, is debatable. Before we can discuss this, I raise a point of order, that we need to have a vote on the motion to suspend the rules.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Murray. All right. Sisters and Brothers, you understand that it will take a two-thirds majority of this assembly to proceed. All in favor of this committee reading individually their changes and suggestions will signify by raising their cards. Cards down.

[Confers with parliamentarian.] Two-thirds majority to accept — You have to have a two-thirds majority; is that not right? Two-thirds majority before we can vote on it, that's what I'm trying to find out, if we've got two-thirds majority that want to do that, if they want to vote, and accept what they are bringing before you. Do you understand? Two-thirds majority of you . . . [Confers with parliamentarian.]

Okay. I evidently didn't make myself clear, and that's normal; I talk backwards because I'm Pennsylvania Dutch. What I'm asking is a two-thirds majority vote that I did not require them to put it in the 90-day ruling. You understand that I said to you that I waived that rule. You must have a two-thirds majority of this membership to accept what I did, the action that I took, making it . . . to suspend the rules. Making it so that it would be possible to suspend the rule, which would have been that they should have put it in the 90-day ruling. I waived this. Therefore, it is to suspend that rule. Do you understand? If so, and you're in favor — remember, two-thirds it will take —then raise your green card. Cards down. Opposed. It has carried.

I'll tell you, while they're deciding what they're going to present first, I would love to have the Grand Choir serenade us. If your brains are getting as expanded as mine, we need a little relaxation here. Okay. Grand Choir, let's entertain.

[Singing by Grand Choir.]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Worthy Grand Matron, with the two-thirds vote giving us permission to proceed, endorsing your right, or the sustaining of the 90-day rule, I now move that those amendments and recommendations of the committee that refer to the Constitution be adopted as a whole. Now, let me say here that if there are — in the motion both for the Constitutional amendments or for the amendments to the Laws, if there are amendments that you would like to make to any section of them, you have the right to so do.

MRS. MOLLIE GOODPASTURE WEST: I second the motion

REVISIONS SUBMITTED BY "THE REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND LAWS" COMMITTEE

ARTICLE II.

POWERS AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND CHAPTER and its RELATIONSHIP TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

SECTION 2. ALLEGIANCE TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER: This Grand Chapter declares its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

- (1) Requirements for Membership.
- (2) Landmarks of the Order.
- (3) Secret Work of the Order.
- (4) This Grand Chapter declares its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in acceptance of its Ritual.
 - (5) Signet of the Order.

Be amended to read:

SECTION 2. ALLEGIANCE TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER: This Grand Chapter declares its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star:

- (1) Requirements for Membership;
- (2) Landmarks of the Order;
- (3) Secret Work of the Order;
- (4) Acceptance of Ritual; and
- (5) Signet of the Order.

ARTICLE III. LEGAL STATUS, SEAL, BUSINESS HEADQUARTERS, Section 3. Business Headquarters, which reads:

SECTION 3. BUSINESS HEADQUARTERS: Permanent Headquarters for the

Grand Chapter office is hereby fixed in the Administration Building belonging to Grand Chapter and located on the grounds of the O.E.S. Home at Arlington, Texas. In this office all equipment and facilities suitable and necessary for the transactions of the office business of Grand Chapter and for the preservation of its records shall be maintained.

The Administration Building shall be under the care, control and supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees. The Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary shall maintain separate offices therein. The Worthy Grand Matron's office shall be available for use in carrying on the work of the Grand Secretary's office when the Worthy Grand Matron is not using it.

Be amended by deleting paragraph 2 beginning "The Administration Building", and placing it as paragraph (1), Article 81 on page 67.

ARTICLE IV. COMPOSITION OF GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The Grand Chapter shall be composed of the following:

Subsection (2) PAST MATRONS AND PAST PATRONS. All Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Chartered Chapters, and of U. D. Chapters who served as such prior to October 26, 1928, within this Grand Jurisdiction, shall be members of this Grand Chapter; provided they are affiliated with a Chartered Chapter or a Chapter under dispensation, whose Charter has been granted at that session of Grand Chapter. They cannot appoint proxies.

Be amended as follows:

"SECTION (2) PAST MATRONS AND PAST PATRONS. All Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Chartered Chapters within this Grand Jurisdiction, shall be members of this Grand Chapter, provided they are affiliated with a Chartered Chapter or a Chapter under Dispensation, whose Charter has been granted at that session of Grand Chapter. They cannot appoint proxies."

ARTICLE V. GRAND OFFICERS AND OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER, SECTION A, GRAND OFFICERS, Subsection 3, Eligibility, paragraph (2) which reads:

(2) All members of this Grand Chapter shall be eligible to any office within its gift, except as otherwise provided by this Constitution.

Be amended by adding at the end of subparagraph (2) of Section the following phrase: "or Code of Laws."

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER, COMPOSITION, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES: SUBSECTION B. BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER (Page 39) which reads:

SECTION 4. DUTIES:

(1) Said Board shall supervise all the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter, consider all requests for appropriations and report thereon with their recommendations to Grand Chapter, and shall have such other powers and prerogatives, and perform such other duties, as may be prescribed by this Constitution or by law, consistent with this Constitution.

Be amended as follows:

SECTION 4. DUTIES

- "(1) Said Board shall supervise all the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter, consider all requests for appropriations and report thereon with their recommendations to Grand Chapter, and shall have such other powers and prerogatives, and perform such other duties, as may be prescribed by this Constitution or by law, consistent with this Constitution. A detailed report of all funds expended, including the Contingency Funds shall be made to the Grand Chapter at each Session."
- C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES, SECTION 8, Duties, Subsection (2) REGULATIONS REGARDING O.E.S. HOME AND O.E.S. HOME FUND: Section b. on page 41, which reads:
- b. Said Board of Directors is further empowered to make all necessary rules, other than those expressed in this Constitution or by-law, for the Government of the O.E.S. Home, the admission of members, the appointment and employment of Superintendents, Matrons and other necessary employees, and shall have the right to suspend or discharge the same; provided that Superintendents, Matrons and all other employees, except domestic servants, shall be members in good standing of Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star. This provision for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star shall not apply to nurses or physicians rendering service in the Home."

Be amended to read:

b. Said Board of Directors is further empowered to make all necessary rules, other than those expressed in this Constitution or laws, for the Government of the O.E.S. Home, the admission of members, the appointment and employment of Superintendents, Matrons and other necessary employees, and shall have the right to suspend or discharge the same. The Superintendents, Matrons and Office Assistants shall be members in good standing in a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. Other employees except domestic help, if possible, should be members of the O.E.S. This provision for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star shall not apply to nurses or physicians rendering service in the Home."

Subsection c. under Section 8. DUTIES: (on page 41) which reads:

- c. No person shall be eligible to admission to said Home except a member of the following classes:
- ** (a) Old and indigent female or male members who have been affiliated with a subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the time of making application for admission; and provided, that they also meet the other requirements that are, or may be from time to time promulgated by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.
 - (b) Orphan children of members, who were affiliated at time of death with a subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction, and children of affiliated members of a subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction who are not able to care for and support said children, may be admitted to the Home.

Be amended as follows:

- c. No person shall be eligible to admission in said Home except a member of the following class:
 - (1) Members of the Order who have been affiliated with a subordinate Chapter

of this Grand Jurisdiction for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the time of making application for admission; and provided, that they also meet the other requirements that are, or may be from time promulgated by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

ARTICLE IX.

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES: THEIR DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES

SECTION 1. COMMITTEES: The Grand Chapter shall, by law, provide for the appointment of such Committees as it may deem for the best interest of Grand Chapter, including the following:

- (1) Fraternal Correspondent.
- (2) Credentials.
- (3) By-Laws.
- (4) Chapters Under Dispensation.
- (5) Jurisprudence.
- (6) Grievance and Appeals.
- (7) Transportation and Mileage.
- (8) Educational Fund.
- (9) Purposes and Policies.
- (10) Registration.
- (11) Humanitarian.
- (12) ESTARL.
- *** (13) O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund.
 - (14) Choir Director.
 - (15) International Temple Committee.
 - (16) Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session.
 - (17) Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements.
 - (18) Eastern Star Museum Committee.
- * (19) Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee.
- ** Members of the Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session (16) shall hold membership within the Section in which the Grand Chapter Session at which they are to serve shall be held and the Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements (17) shall hold membership in a Chapter within a radius of fifty (50) miles within the District of the designated city in which the Grand Chapter Session at which they are to serve shall be held. No mileage shall be allowed either (16) or (17).

Be amended as follows:

ARTICLE IX. GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES; THEIR DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES

SECTION 1. COMMITTEES: The Grand Chapter shall, by law, provide for the appointment of such Committees as it may deem for the best interest of Grand Chapter, including those Committees listed in the Code of Laws of Grand Chapter, Article 15. No Committee member shall receive mileage.

(The second paragraph under Section 1 pertaining to the executive and arrangements committee is covered in the Code of Laws on page 56.)

Section 9, on page 45, VOTING PRIVILEGES, which reads:

SECTION 9. VOTING PRIVILEGES:

1. General: On all matters before Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided in case of elections and on final adoption of Constitutional Amendments, each member of Grand Chapter shall have one vote.

2. In Elections:

- a. One Vote:
- (a) Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons: Each Worthy Matron or her representative (either the Associate Matron or the Worthy Matron's proxy), and each Worthy Patron or his proxy shall have one vote. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of a U.D. Chapter, after Charter has been granted by Grand Chapter, shall each have one vote at that session of Grand Chapter only, but they do not thereby become members of Grand Chapter. They cannot appoint proxies.
- (b) Past Matrons and Past Patrons: Past Matrons and Past Patrons, including Past Matrons and Past Patrons of U.D. Chapters who served in that capacity prior to Oct. 26, 1928, provided they are affiliated with a chartered Chapter in this jurisdiction, shall each have one vote.

Be amended as follows:

On Page 45, SECTION 9. VOTING PRIVILEGES. Subsection 2. (b) amend to read:

"(b) Past Matrons and Past Patrons: All Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Chartered Chapters, and Past Matrons and Past Patrons of U. D. Chapters after their charter has been granted at that Grand Chapter."

The Sections in Chapter X on pages 44 and 45 should be correctly renumbered in proper sequence.

ARTICLE X.

GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

On page 44 which reads:

* SECTION 1. STATED SESSIONS: The Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided, shall meet in one stated session each year, the Ceremonial Opening beginning at 1:00 o'clock p.m. on the fourth Thursday in October, at such place as the Grand Chapter may select.

The ceremony for Grand Chapter shall be that adopted by Grand Chapter, the officers participating shall be addressed as Grand Officers. The Grand Officers shall add to the description of their respective badges the phrase—"within the pentagon." The salutation sign and the signs and passes of the star points shall be omitted.

In case of national emergency or other extraordinary conditions making it inconvenient or impossible for Grand Chapter to meet on such date, the eight elective officers of Grand Chapter, constituting its Corporate Board of Directors shall have the power to change the place and date for the holding of the stated session of Grand Chapter, and to determine the time to be allotted to such stated session.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL SESSIONS: Special Sessions may be called by the Worthy Grand Matron, with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron, at such times

and places as, in their judgment, the interest of the Order may require; provided, that every Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction shall be notified by the Grand Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior thereto, and no business shall be transacted at such sessions except that specified in the "call," without the unanimous consent of all members present. The Worthy Grand Matron, with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron, may call a session of the Grand Chapter instanter in case of extraordinary emergency.

Be amended by adding a new SECTION 3 (page 44) as follows:

"SECTION 3. FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year of Grand Chapter shall consist of twelve (12) months, beginning November first and closing the following October thirty-first of each year, regardless of the time of Grand Chapter Session."

Section 4, on page 44, which reads:

SECTION 4. FUNERALS: The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, or their proxy, may call a special session of Grand Chapter for the purpose of conducting the funeral of any Grand Officer or any Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron. Such a called session shall be opened or closed in a Chapter room or at the place of service by one blow of the gavel.

The Ritual for Grand Chapter funerals shall be that used for subordinate Chapter funerals, except that the officers participating shall be addressed as Grand Officers.

A report of such session shall be made to Grand Chapter by the officer calling same, and the minutes of such meeting shall be printed in the Proceedings of the year in which such special session is held.

Be amended as follows:

Section 4. FUNERALS: The Worthy Grand Matron or her proxy, shall conduct the funeral services of a Grand Officer, or any Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron, by using the Funeral Services used by the subordinate Chapters except that the officers participating shall be addressed as Grand Officers. It is not necessary to open or close the Grand Chapter for such a service, but report of same shall be made by the Worthy Grand Matron in her annual report to the Grand Chapter.

On page 46, subsection 3. CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE WHEN VOTING BY CHAPTERS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION ON LAST READING, which now reads:

3. Chapter Representative When Voting by Chapters and Amendments to the Constitution on Last Reading:

In voting by Chapters, as provided for the final adoption of Amendments to the Constitution, each Chapter shall have but one vote. If the Worthy Matron be present, this vote shall be cast by her. If she be absent, then such vote shall be cast by the Associate Matron. If both the Worthy Matron and Associate Matron be absent, then such vote shall be cast by the Worthy Patron. If all three are absent, then such vote shall be cast by the Associate Patron. If all four are absent and the Worthy Matron has no proxy present, then such vote shall be cast by the proxy of the Worthy Patron. The delegate casting the Chapter vote shall be entitled to the mileage.

Be amended as follows:

By deleting the last sentence of the paragraph. "The delegate casting the Chapter vote shall be entitled to the mileage."

On Page 46, subsection 4. CHAPTERS IN ARREARS: which now reads:

4. Chapters in Arrears: A Chapter in arrears shall have no vote in Grand Chapter unless its indebtedness to Grand Chapter shall be remitted by a two-thirds vote of those voting at Grand Chapter in no event shall mileage be paid to the Chapter representative of a Chapter in arrears.

Be amended as follows:

By deleting the last sentence of this paragraph, "In no event shall mileage be paid to the Chapter representative of a Chapter in arrears.

On Page 46, subsection 5. CHAPTERS FAILING TO MAKE REPORT ON TIME: which reads:

5. Chapters Failing to Make Report on Time: Any Chapter failing to make its annual report and pay its per capita tax and other charges to Grand Chapter on or before July 1, shall forfeit the vote and mileage of its Chapter representative. Voting privileges may be restored by a two-thirds vote of those voting at Grand Chapter, but the payment of mileage to the Chapter representative of such a Chapter is hereby prohibited.

Be amended as follows:

5. CHAPTERS FAILING TO MAKE REPORT ON TIME: Any Chapter failing to make its annual report and pay its per capita tax and other charges to Grand Chapter on or before July 1, shall forfeit the vote of its Chapter representative. Voting privileges may be restored by a two-thirds vote of those voting at Grand Chapter.

On page 47, ARTICLE XI. RETURNS, REVENUES, APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES, SECTION 3, Appropriations and Expenditures: Subsection (6) which now reads:

(6) Mileage to Grand Chapter may be allowed as may be provided by law.

Be amended as follows:

(6) No mileage shall be allowed by the Grand Chapter of Texas to any Grand Officer or Officer of Grand Chapter.

Under CHAPTER 4, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS, A. WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

On Page 56 under Article 15. Appoint Committees, Subparagraph (18) which reads:

(18) Eastern Star Museum Committee. Six (6) members, one from each District, and a General Chairman, for a term of three (3) years each.

Be amended as follows:

(18) Eastern Star Museum Committee. Six (6) members, one from each District, and a General Chairman, for a term of three (3) years each. Chairman to be named annually. For the best interest of the Order, this Committee shall work in close contact with the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

Article 35 on page 60, which reads:

Article 35. SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE. An appropriation for secretarial assistance for the Worthy Grand Matron shall be made in such an amount as the Grand Chapter shall approve, after recommendation therefor has been made by the Board of Grand Trustees.

Be amended by deleting the entire Article.

Article 36 on page 60, the last paragraph reads:

No allowances for mileage will be made to District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, or Grand Examiners on occasions when they are accompanying the Worthy Grand Matron on official visits and using the Grand Chapter vehicle.

Be amended as follows:

The District Deputy, Grand Examiner and Secretary shall travel in the car furnished by Grand Chapter.

Chapter 4. DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS, SECTION E, GRAND SECRETARY. Duties and Prerogatives.

Article 57 on page 63, reads:

*** Article 57. REPORTS OF TRANSACTIONS (PROCEEDINGS). She shall, within thirty (30) days following the close of the Grand Chapter session, furnish to the Worthy Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Matron their portion of a stenographic copy of the proceedings, certified to be a correct report of the transactions of that session of Grand Chapter.

Article 68, on page 65, reads:

Article 68. PROCEEDINGS. The Grand Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Grand Chapter Session to be published and have the record compiled, typeset and camera readied for printing, and shall assist the retiring Worthy Grand Matron in editing of the same for publication. The publication shall be completed within six months after adjournment of Grand Chapter.

Article 72, on page 65, reads:

Article 72. OFFICIAL REPORTER. The Proceedings of Grand Chapter sessions shall be taken down and transcribed by a competent stenographer, preferably a court reporter, who shall be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Such reporter or stenographer shall be employed by the Grand Secretary upon approval as to qualifications by the Worthy Grand Matron and a committee of three appointed by her to examine into the qualifications of such reporter or stenographer.

The expense of taking down such Proceedings in shorthand and the transcribing of same shall be paid out of the Grand Secretary's office expense allowance.

Be amended as follows:

(1) The Proceedings of Grand Chapter sessions shall be taken down and transcribed by a competent stenographer, preferably a court reporter. The expense for same shall come from the office expense allowance given to the Grand Secretary. The reporter shall be a member of the Order and shall be employed upon approval of her/his qualifications by the Worthy Grand Matron and a committee of three appointed to assist in the examination of such qualifications.

- (2) The Grand Secretary shall within thirty (30) days following the close of the Grand Chapter session furnish to the Worthy Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Matron their portion of a stenographic copy of the proceedings, certified to be a correct report of the transactions of that session of Grand Chapter.
- (3) The Grand Secretary shall have the record compiled, typeset and camera readied for printing, and shall assist the retiring Worthy Grand Matron in editing of the same for publication. The publication shall be completed within three (3) months after receiving the corrected stenographic copies from the Worthy Grand Matron and the Junior Past Grand Matron.
- (4) Such expense of taking down such Proceedings and the transcribing of same shall be paid out of the Grand Secretary's office expense allowance.

Article 66. ATTEND CERTAIN MEETINGS, on page 64, reads:

Article 66. ATTEND CERTAIN MEETINGS. She shall attend all meetings of the Officers and Committees of Grand Chapter when requested to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron. She shall bring with her such records as the Worthy Grand Matron directs. Her expenses incurred in attending such meetings shall be paid from the Contingent Appropriation of Grand Chapter.

Be amended by deleting the entire Article.

Article 71 on page 65. ASSISTANT TO THE GRAND SECRETARY AND THEIR SALARIES, reads:

* Article 71. ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND SECRETARY AND THEIR SALA-RIES. The Grand Secretary shall employ as assistants members of the Order of the Eastern Star affiliated with Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction who are not related to her either by blood or marriage. The Board of Trustees shall appropriate each year in the budget such sums as may appear necessary to pay the salaries of such assistants when actually in attendance and assisting the Grand Secretary in the performance of her duties at Grand Chapter Sessions.

The Grand Secretary shall be responsible for the work and acts of all her assistants.

Be amended as follows:

ARTICLE 71. ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND SECRETARY AND THEIR SALARIES:

- (1) The Grand Secretary shall employ as assistants members of the Order of the Eastern Star affiliated with Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction who are not related to her either by blood or marriage. The Board of Grand Trustees shall appropriate each year in the budget such sums necessary to pay their salaries.
- (2) The Grand Secretary shall be responsible for the work and acts of all her assistants.

(Articles 66 and 72 on page 65 were combined in Article 57. All articles should be properly renumbered.)

Chapter 4, F. GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES, on page 66 Article 75 which reads:

Article 75, MONEYS, RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS. The Grand Treasurer shall receive from the Grand Secretary such funds as may be collected and/or deposited belonging to the Grand Chapter. The Grand Treasurer shall pay all youcher checks drawn upon such funds, as provided or may be provided by the Ritual, Constitution and Laws; all "Voucher Checks", except for mileage, shall be signed by any two of the following: Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, or the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of funds deposited into and amounts transferred from the General Fund Clearing Savings Account of the Grand Chapter of Texas. She shall maintain an accurate record of receipts and disbursements of the General Fund Checking Account and shall furnish a monthly statement of this account to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary and to each member of the Board of Grand Trustees. All mileage checks to accredited delegates in such amount and manner as the Grand Chapter may decide shall be prepared and signed by the Grand Treasurer; an itemized statement showing to whom and amount paid shall be furnished the Board of Grand Trustees within 90 days after the Annual Session.

Be amended by deleting the last sentence of said Article 75, which reads:

"All mileage checks to accredited delegates in such amount and manner as the Grand Chapter may decide shall be prepared and signed by the Grand Treasurer; an itemized statement showing to whom and amount paid shall be furnished the Board of Grand Trustees within 90 days after the Annual Session."

On Page 66, ARTICLE 77 which reads:

* Article 77. SALARY AND EXPENSES. The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full compensation for her services Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$3,900.00) per year. Any necessary expenses in the performance of the duties of the Grand Treasurer will be provided by the Board of Grand Trustees by including an amount in the General Budget of the Grand Chapter and paid out on approval by said Board of Grand Trustees.

Be amended as follows:

ARTICLE 77. SALARY AND EXPENSES. The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full compensation for her services Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$3,900.00) per year. Any necessary administrative expenses in the performance of the duties by the grand Treasurer will be provided by the Board of Grand Trustees by including an amount in the General Budget of the Grand Chapter and paid out on approval by said Board of Grand Trustees.

Article 78 on page 66, CLOSING BOOKS, which reads:

ARTICLE 78. CLOSING BOOKS. The Grand Treasurer shall close her books on the 31st day of October to conform with Article 189c.

Be amended as follows:

ARTICLE 78. CLOSING BOOKS. The Grand Treasurer shall close her books on the 31st day of October. (Fiscal Year)

CHAPTER 5. BOARDS OF GRAND CHAPTER. DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES. (Page 69)

Regulations in regard to Members of the Board of Grand Trustees, and members of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, to-wit:

- A. That no Board Member shall appoint, vote for, or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related to the said director within the second degree by affinity, or within the third degree by consanguinity to the person or persons so appointing, or so voting, on confirmation.
- B. Neither shall any of the above mentioned individuals or board vote for or confirm the purchase of any services, equipment, supplies, or any material, in which any of said members, or any member of her or his immediate family is interested directly or indirectly.

A. BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Article 81. ADDITIONAL DUTIES.

Add new paragraph (1) as follows:

(1) The Administration Building shall be under the care, control and supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees. The Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary shall maintain separate offices therein. The Worthy Grand Matron's office shall be available for use in carrying on the work of the Grand Secretary's office when the Worthy Grand Matron is not using it.

Renumber Subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6).

Subparagraph (7) on page 68 which reads:

They shall recommend such special appropriations for the officers, Boards and Committees as they deem advisable.

Be amended as follows:

(8) They shall recommend special appropriations for postage for the following: Grand Chaplain, Jurisprudence Committee, Humanitarian Committee, Educational Fund Committee, ESTARL Committee and By-Laws Committee.

Add new paragraph (9) as follows:

(9) They shall make an annual report of the Fannie V. Ward Scholarship Fund which by civil law is placed under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Renumber subparagraphs (8) and (9) to subparagraphs (10) and (11).

Subparagraph (10) on page 68, reads as follows:

(10) Expenses of the Board of Grand Trustees. The Board of Grand Trustees shall be allowed five cents (5ϕ) per mile upon the actual attendance of a Called Board meeting. Actual expenses paid for room and meals while in attendance at such called meetings shall be allowed. No expenses shall be incurred against the Grand Chapter of Texas by members of the Board of Grand Trustees, just prior to or during the Annual Grand Chapter Session.

Be amended as follows:

(12) Expenses of the Board of Grand Trustees. Lodging shall be complimentary at the Eastern Star Home only. No expenses shall be incurred against the Grand

Chapter of Texas by members of the Board of Grand Trustees, just prior to or during the Annual Grand Chapter Session.

Subparagraph (11) reads as follows:

(11) The Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees shall be custodian of the surety bonds of the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the Treasurer of the Board of Directors Grand Chapter Benevolences; and they shall be placed in safekeeping and must be turned over to her/his successor in office.

Be amended to read:

(13) The Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees shall be custodian of the surety bonds of the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer; the Treasurer of the Board of Directors Grand Chapter Benevolences; and the Superintendent of the OES Home of Texas; and they shall be placed in safekeeping and must be turned over to her/his successor in office.

Renumbered subparagraphs (12), (13) and (14) to (14), (15) and (16).

Add a new subparagraph (17) as follows:

(17) No attorneys fees shall be allowed and the Board of Grand Trustees shall utilize the services of the members of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee, as stipulated by Article 162 (1). No attorneys fees shall be allowed by the Grand Chapter of Texas or its Boards on any Contingency Funds."

On page 70, B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES, Article 82. Additional Duties, subparagraph 9 c, reads:

c. Appoint and employ Superintendents, Matrons and other necessary employees for the O.E.S. Home, suspend and discharge the same, provided that the Superintendents, Matrons and all other employees, except domestic servants, shall be members in good standing in a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Be amended as follows:

By adding the last sentence as follows: "This provision for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star shall not apply to nurses or physicians rendering service in the Home."

On page 70 9. (1) which reads:

(1) The Superintendent employed shall be required to have institutional and/or administrative training.

Be amended as follows:

(1) The Superintendent employed shall be required to have institutional and/or administrative training, and furnish surety bond in such amount as may be required. The premium on said bond shall be paid out of Home Operating Funds.

On Page 71, Subparagraph (12) which reads:

(12) Expenses of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Members of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences shall be allowed five cents (5e) per mile upon the actual attendance of a Called Board Meeting and when performing duties of investigat-

ing applicants for the O.E.S. Home. Actual expenses paid for room and meals while in attendance at such meetings and during the investigating of applicants for the O.E.S. Home shall be allowed. No expense shall be incurred against the Grand Chapter of Texas, by members of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences just prior to or during the Annual Grand Chapter Session. These expenses shall be disbursed by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences from the Directors Expense Account in the approved annual budget of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

Be amended as follows:

(12) Expenses of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Members of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences shall be allowed actual expenses paid for room and meals during the investigating of applicants for the O.E.S. Home. These expenses shall be disbursed by the Board of Directors Expense Account in the approved annual budget of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. No expense shall be incurred against the Grand Chapter of Texas, by members of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences just prior to or during the Annual Grand Chapter Session.

On page 73, Chapter 5. C. BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS, Article 86. EXPENSES AND MILEAGE, reads:

* Article 86. EXPENSES AND MILEAGE. Each District member of the Board of Grand Examiners shall not be allowed mileage to Grand Chapter. She shall be allowed actual expenses (including travel allowance as hereinafter set out) in attending Eastern Star Schools in her respective District.

The member of the Board from the State at Large shall not be allowed mileage to Grand Chapter. She shall be allowed actual expenses in attending any Eastern Star School in any District where she is required to substitute for the member of the Board from that District, such actual expenses to be paid from the appropriation made by Grand Chapter to cover the expense of such District Member for whom she is substituting.

When a member of the Board of Grand Examiners to perform her duties has to travel other than with the Worthy Grand Matron in the Grand Chapter car she shall receive as allowance of ten cents (10ϕ) per mile for such travel.

Assistants appointed to help hold examinations at Eastern Star Schools and at Grand Chapter shall not be entitled, as such, to mileage or expenses.

Be amended as follows:

Article 86. (1) Each District member of the Board of Grand Examiners shall be required to travel with the Worthy Grand Matron in the car furnished by Grand Chapter.

(2) The Grand Examiner at Large when required to substitute for a District Examiner shall be allowed transportation expense. Said expense to be approved and paid by the Board of Grand Trustees.

On page 74, CHAPTER 6. DISTRICTS AND SECTIONS. Article 88. DIVISION. This Grand Chapter shall be divided into five districts of ten sections each, numbered and composed of counties and Chapters as follows:

(Followed by naming the Districts and Sections)

Articles 89 through 138 inclusive have heretofore been each section of each of the five districts numbered as a separate Article, and covers pages 75 through 94.

The remainder of the Articles in the Constitution and Code of Laws should be correctly renumbered; and the Revision Committee will work with the Grand Secretary in such renumbering.

On page 95, CHAPTER 7. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS.

Article 142 which reads:

Article 142. EXPENSES AND MILEAGE. Grand Chapter shall appropriate each year from the General Fund such an amount as it may deem necessary for the expenses of each District.

Be amended as follows:

ARTICLE 142. The District Deputy Grand Matron shall travel with the Worthy Grand Matron in the car furnished by Grand Chapter.

CHAPTER 8. DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS. On pages 96 and 97, Article 145 reads:

* Article 145. EXPENSES AND MILEAGE. Each Deputy Grand Matron shall receive from the District Deputy Grand Matron, such sums as may be necessary for the work in her section. She shall be allowed 10 cents per mile for travel expense, when on official business and not traveling with the Worthy Grand Matron in the Grand Chapter car. Itemized expense accounts shall be sent by each Deputy Grand Matron, through her District Deputy Grand Matron, to the Worthy Grand Matron, and the amount of expenditure shall not exceed the appropriation made by Grand Chapter for that purpose.

Any unused portion of such appropriation shall be returned, through the District Deputy's office, to the General Fund of the Grand Chapter.

Be amended by deleting the entire Article.

CHAPTER 10. JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE. On page 99, Subsection (1) paragraph d., reads:

d. All decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron which were approved by Grand Chapter at such session, including any changes in former rulings on decisions.

Be amended by deleting said subparagraph d of Subsection (1) entirely. In conflict to Article 21, page 57.

(TRANSPORTATION AND MILEAGE COMMITTEE) Articles 159 and 106 on page 100.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS COMMITTEES

(1) EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

Article 162, page 100, Subparagraph (2) reads:

* (2) This Fund shall be for the purpose of making loans to members of the Order in good standing in a Texas Chapter and to children or orphans of Eastern Star members who are in good standing in a Texas Chapter, so that said members or children may acquire additional education after graduating from a public high school in Texas and also for scholarships as hereinafter provided.

Be amended by adding to the paragraph the following last sentence: "Further provided that only one loan or scholarship shall be given to any one member during any one year."

Article 162, subparagraph 6, on page 101, reads:

(6) Extraordinary and unusual expenses of Educational Fund Committee members and/or other members working in connection with the Educational Fund shall be approved by the Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee upon presentation of an itemized account of such expenses. Subject to available funds AND approval of such extraordinary and unusual expenses by the Board of Grand Trustees, the Grand Secretary shall reimburse said member(s) working with the Educational Fund.

Be amended by deletion of the entire paragraph.

Article 162, subparagraph (7) on page 101, reads:

(7) The Committee is hereby authorized to make limited donations from the Educational Fund for rehabilitation purposes in connection with disabilities growing out of war.

Be amended by deletion of the entire paragraph.

(2) ESTARL

Article 162-G DUTIES on page 104 reads:

"The Committee shall meet in August of each year to select the recipients of the Awards."

Be amended to read:

"The Committee shall meet in August of each year, review all applications and select the recipients of the Awards. The Committee shall respond to all requests for loans with explanation to applicants and sponsoring Chapters."

(3) THE FANNIE V. WARD SCHOLARSHIP

The Fannie V. Ward will places this Scholarship Fund under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees. The award of the scholarships of the fund is therefore under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees. This Board shall make a written annual report to the Grand Chapter of the status of this Fund.

CHAPTER 10. PURPOSES AND POLICY COMMITTEE, Article 162-A, on page 102, Subparagraph (5), reads:

(5) When such a project has been adopted calling for the raising of a definite or approximate amount of money, and such amount is not obtained during the ensuing Grand Chapter year, it shall remain a project of Grand Chapter until the required amount has been raised.

Be amended by adding at the end of the above paragraph, the following: "or the directive for such money changed or altered by the vote of Grand Chapter."

CHAPTER 12. GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Article 165, subparagraph (1) (f) Delete.

Article 165, subparagraph (o) delete.

CHAPTER 13. REVENUES, RETURNS, APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — SOURCES OF REVENUE.

Article 173. THE GENERAL FUND, on page 109, subparagraph (2) reads:

(2) Appropriations from this fund shall be made by Grand Chapter to defray the necessary expense of Grand Chapter, its officers, Boards, Deputies, Committees, etc., and may be made for any purpose the Grand Chapter may deem to be for the best interest of the Order.

Be amended to read:

(2) Appropriations from this fund shall be made by Grand Chapter to defray the necessary expense of Grand Chapter, for the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, and others named in Article 81, Subparagraph (7).

Article 180. MILEAGE, on pages 110 and 111, reads:

- * (1) Who Entitled. The one ranking representative from each subordinate Chapter, including Each Chapter under dispensation, provided the Grand Chapter has voted to grant such Chapter a Charter, shall receive actual mileage, provided they attend upon all business sessions of the Grand Chapter.
- (2) Sequence of Chapter Mileage. If the Worthy Matron of a subordinate Chapter, or a Chapter under dispensation that has been voted a Charter, be present, she shall be entitled to the Mileage as the representative of her Chapter. If the Worthy Matron is absent and the Associate Matron is present, she shall be entitled to mileage; but if neither the Worthy Matron nor the Associate Matron is present, and the Worthy Patron is present, he shall be entitled to the mileage. If the Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, and Worthy Patron are not present, then the proxy of the Worthy Matron shall be entitled to mileage; but if all the above mentioned are absent, then the proxy of the Worthy Patron shall be entitled to the mileage.
- (3) Manner of Paying. All duly accredited delegates shall be paid mileage by this Grand Chapter in accordance with Article 75.

Be amended by deleting the entire Article.

The paragraphs should be renumbered.

CHAPTER 14. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Article 186. EXPENSES TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER TO WHOM ALLOWED. Pages 112 and 113, reads:

Article 186. EXPENSES TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER TO WHOM ALLOWED. The Grand Chapter shall pay the mileage and per diem of its officers to the Triennial Assembly of General Grand Chapter, as follows:

- (1) To the Worthy Grand Matron, provided she has not previously attended the General Grand Chapter at the expense of Grand Chapter.
 - (2) To the Worthy Grand Patron, with same proviso.

- (3) The Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron serving as such during the year in which the General Grand Chapter is held may each elect whether to attend, at the expense of Grand Chapter, the session of General Grand Chapter to be held that year or to wait and attend, at the expense of Grand Chapter, the next succeeding session of General Grand Chapter as Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron; provided that in no event shall either ever be paid her or his expenses to General Grand Chapter more than once, unless attending as a proxy as hereinafter provided for some one entitled to mileage and per diem.
- (4) To Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who have been elected and installed since the last assembly of the General Grand Chapter and who had not previously attended the General Grand Chapter at the expense of Grand Chapter.
- (5) **To Proxies.** If either the Worthy Grand Matron or the Worthy Grand Patron is absent, or both are absent, she or he, or both, shall appoint a proxy in the following order: Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, some Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron. When either the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron is represented in General Grand Chapter by a proxy receiving mileage and per diem, such officer shall not thereafter as Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron receive mileage and per diem to the General Grand Chapter.
- (6) Mileage and Per Diem. Each person entitled to mileage and per diem attending General Grand Chapter shall be paid a per diem of \$7.50 per day while in actual attendance upon said session of General Grand Chapter, but not to exceed five days in all. As mileage each such person, if residing in the vicinity of her or his Chapter, shall be paid four cents per mile for the round trip over the most direct route from the location of her or his Chapter to and from the place of the Assembly of General Grand Chapter, but in no event to exceed the miles actually traveled whether residing in the vicinity of her or his Chapter or elsewhere.
- (7) After the close of the General Grand Chapter Assembly, each person attending, as provided above, shall submit an account of mileage and per diem to the Grand Secretary, who will issue a voucher to reimburse said person for the mileage and per diem, as provided above.

Be amended by deleting the entire Article.

On page 113, Article 187. FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE, reads:

Article 187. FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE. Any member who has been a member of the Order for fifty accumulative years shall be entitled to a CERTIFICATE OF FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERSHIP.

A person who has been a member in another state part of the fifty years and who is entitled to a Certificate of Fifty-year Membership must present proof of such membership from the other state.

When it appears that a member of any subordinate Chapter has completed a period of such accumulative membership, the name of such member shall be reported by the Secretary of the Chapter to the Grand Secretary, who in turn will check such membership on the records of Grand Chapter. If the years of cumulative membership is verified by the Grand Secretary, she shall prepare a certificate and forward to the Chapter for presentation at their pleasure. Recognition shall be given to all such Fifty-year members at the following Grand Chapter Session.

Be amended by reversing the paragraphs, making the first paragraph the second and paragraph two the first paragraph.

On page 113, Article 188, reads:

Article 188. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. The form for "Certificate of Honorary Membership" in Grand Chapter printed in Article VI hereof, is hereby adopted as the official Certificate to be presented to all persons receiving Honorary Membership in the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Be amended as follows:

Article 188: HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS. The form for "Certificate of Honorary Membership" in Grand Chapter printed in Article VI hereof, is hereby adopted as the official Certificate to be presented to all persons receiving Honorary Membership in the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, by vote of the Assembly.

Chapter 13, Article 189, subparagraph (4) on page 114, reads:

(4) Other General Grand Chapter Officers not specifically mentioned in this section (10) who shall visit Texas Grand Chapter shall have their Hotel room expense paid by Texas Grand Chapter for two (2) days of the Session visited during any one year of their three year term of office.

Be amended by deleting the entire paragraph.

Chapter 13, Article 189, subparagraph (5) on page 114, reads:

* (5) The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas shall have his hotel room expense paid by the Texas Grand Chapter while in attendance during his term of office, not to exceed three (3) days.

Be amended as follows:

(5) The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas shall have his hotel room expense while in attendance during his term of office, not to exceed three (3) days paid by the Texas Grand Chapter. In addition, he shall be a guest of Grand Chapter at the General Banquet honoring the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

CHAPTER 13. Article 189, subparagraphs (6) and (7) reads:

- ** (6) All visiting General Grand Chapter Officers, visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas shall be guests of Texas Grand Chapter at the banquet honoring the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron held during the session which they visit.
- (7) All visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions shall be guests of Texas Grand Chapter at the annual Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons social functions.

Be amended by deleting the two paragraphs.

CHAPTER 13. Article 189, subparagraph (9) on page 114 remain as it is, but be moved to become subparagraph (3) and renumber all the remaining subparagraphs.

CHAPTER 13. Article 189a, reads:

Article 189a. The Laws as printed in the October 30, 1960, adoption, are adopted

as the Constitution, and Laws Governing Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapters, and the Legal Code.

Be amended by deleting the entire Article.

Article 189b, removed from this area and placed under duties of Board of Grand Trustees and Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

Article 189c, pertaining to the Fiscal Year of Grand Chapter transferred to ARTICLE X. GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO, on page 44, Section 3.

CHAPTER 1 CODE OF LAWS, Article 195, subparagraphs (8) and (9) read:

- (8) To avoid confusion in the annual reports from subordinate Chapters, no new Chapter shall be instituted during the month of May.
 - (9) No Chapter shall be instituted in September and October.

Be amended as follows:

(8) To avoid confusion in the annual reports from subordinate Chapters, with Grand Chapter Sessions, no new Chapter shall be instituted during the months of May, September or October.

Article 201. ARREST OF CHARTER, page 120, reads:

Article 201. ARREST OF CHARTER. A Charter may be arrested by the Worthy Grand Matron with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron, for willful violation of the laws of Grand Chapter, for failure to meet for six months, or for failure to pay Grand Chapter dues for two years.

Be amended by adding a new sentence at the end of the Article which will read:

"In order for the arrest to be final there must first be the approval of her action by Grand Chapter."

CHAPTER 2. Article 208. RESIDENCE FOR INITIATION, second paragraph on page 122, reads:

Based on decisions of Worthy Grand Matrons heretofore approved by Grand Chapter, the term "residence" is defined to be the legal residence of the petitioner where she or he exercises her or his rights as a citizen, such as voting, etc.; the place which has been fixed by the petitioner as her or his legal residence.

Be amended as follows:

"The term, 'residence' is defined to be the legal residence of the petitioner where she or he exercises her or his rights as a citizen, such as voting, etc.; the place which has been fixed by the petitioner as her or his legal residence."

CHAPTER 2. MEMBERSHIP

Article 204. WHO MAY BE ADMITTED. Only those persons prescribed by the General Grand Chapter are eligible to membership in a subordinate Chapter within this Jurisdiction. See Section 4. Article XII of the Constitution.

Article 205. MARRIAGE TO A PROFANE. The mother, daughter, sister or granddaughter of an affiliated Master Mason who is married to a man who is not a Master Mason is eligible to receive the degrees.

Article 206. PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS. No person shall be admitted as a member who is not able physically to receive and impart the work of the Order; provided, however, at the request of the subordinate Chapter petitioned, the Worthy Grand Matron may in her discretion, after investigation, either personally or by some member deputized by her for such purpose, waive, in writing, such physical disability.

1. DEGREES HOW OBTAINED

Articles 215 and 216 on pages 124, read:

Article 215. PETITIONS. Petitions for initiation shall be made in writing on prescribed form, signed by the applicant and recommended by two members of the Chapter. Petitions shall be presented at a stated meeting, referred to a committee of three members for investigation and lie over four weeks. All the information called for in the prescribed form must be given. A lady applicant must give the name and Masonic relationship of the person on whose Masonic membership she claims eligibility. If the applicant is a man, he must give the name, number and location of the Masonic Lodge with which he is affiliated.

If the candidate on such petition is ultimately elected and initiated with no intentional misstatement or fraud on her or his part, then the responsibility of ineligibility, if any, rests on the Chapter.

Article 216. INITIATION FEE TO BE ATTACHED. A petition for degrees cannot be considered unless accompanied by the initiation fee.

Be amended as follows:

Petitions for initiation shall be made in writing on prescribed form, signed by the applicant and recommended by two members of the Chapter and accompanied by the Initiation fee. Petitions shall be presented at a stated meeting, referred to a committee of three, one of whom shall be a Brother, for investigation, and lie over four weeks. All the information called for in the prescribed form must be given. A lady applicant must give the name and Masonic relationship of the person on whose Masonic membership she claims eligibility. If the applicant is a man, he must give the name, number and location of the Masonic Lodge with which he is affiliated.

(2) If the Petitioner on such petition is ultimately elected and initiated with no intentional misstatement or fraud on her or his part, then the responsibility of ineligibility, if any, rests on the Chapter.

And by deleting Article 216.

Article 217 on page 124, subparagraph (2) reads:

(2) At least two members of the Committee shall visit with the applicant before making report to the Chapter on the application; and such report shall show that this provision has been complied with.

Be amended by removing "has been complied with" and adding "has been met."

The subparagraphs should be renumbered and the following new paragraphs added.

- "A petition for degrees cannot be withdrawn after it has been received by a Chapter and must be balloted upon unless:
 - a. The Committee on Investigation reports the petitioner ineligible.
- b. Conditions are such that the applicant refuses or is physically unable to be personally interviewed by the Committee on Investigation in which case the Committee shall submit a signed statement of such refusal or physical disability. After report of such statement to the Chapter, the Initiation fee shall be immediately returned and the statement filed with the petition in the Chapter records."

To be granted all petitions must have a unanimous ballot.

Article 218, subparagraph (3) is removed and placed at the close of Article 217.

2. AFFILIATION

Article 219 regarding Affiliations has been entirely rewritten as follows:

Article 219. PETITIONS FOR AFFILIATION may be applied for on a DEMIT or GRAND DEMIT or TRANSFER of Membership or DUAL MEMBERSHIP.

- I. GENERAL PROVISIONS covering each Petition for Affiliation.
- A. A PREVIOUS VISITATION REQUIRED. Every applicant for affiliation shall visit a Chapter within the preceding 12 months before presenting a petition for membership therein. Such Petition, however, may be presented at time of such visitation accompanied by a valid Demit or Grand Demit, or a current receipt for dues and fee, simultaneously with such member being seated in said Chapter. However, in the event a member holding a demit, Grand or otherwise, is unable to visit a chapter to affiliate, the visitation may be waived by the Worthy Grand Matron.
- B. HOW MADE. A Petition for Affiliation shall be made in writing on prescribed forms, signed by the applicant and recommended by two members of the Chapter.
- C. WHEN PRESENTED. Such Petition shall be presented at a stated meeting, referred to a Committee of three for Investigation and lie over four (4) weeks.
- D. WHAT MUST BE ATTACHED. The Application shall have attached to it a legal Demit from a regular Chapter (U.D. or Chartered), a current receipt for dues and accompanied by a fee equal to the per capita tax.
- E. INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE. The provisions relating to the investigation Committee and report thereof in case of Petitions for Degree (Articles 217) shall also apply to the Investigating Committee on Petitions for Affiliation.
- F. BALLOTING FOR AFFILIATION. Petitions for Affiliation cannot be withdrawn after having been presented to a Chapter. If the Investigating Committee reports the applicant ineligible that report cancels the Petition and no ballot is necessary. In all other cases the Petition must be balloted upon. For election ballot must be unanimous.
- G. INTRODUCTION OF AFFILIATED MEMBERS. At the first opportunity after receipt of official notification by the Secretary of election to membership, at a stated meeting under Unfinished Business, newly affiliated members, whether former members of a Chapter or otherwise, shall be conducted to the Secretary's desk, where they shall sign the By-Laws of the Chapter. They shall then be welcomed by the Worthy Matron and presented to the Chapter.

H. TIME LIMIT ON REJECTION FOR AFFILIATION. A rejected Petitioner for Affiliation cannot re-petition the rejecting Chapter for Affiliation for a period of three months from the date of rejection, but they may immediately petition any other Chapter in the State of Texas." A rejected petitioner for affiliation shall have his/her demit or receipt for dues returned immediately.

II. AFFILIATION BY DEMIT

- A. WHO ARE ELIGIBLE. Members holding legal demits from any regular U.D. or Chartered Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and who have resided within the State of Texas three (3) months may affiliate with any Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.
- B. No Demit shall be considered legal unless countersigned in the handwriting of the holder.
- C. A Brother seeking affiliation by demit must be in good standing in the Masonic Lodge in which he holds membership.
- D. Members seeking membership in and residing in another Grand Jurisdiction may affiliate with Chapters in Texas, on the following condition:
- a. When a petition for affiliation is received by a Chapter, and the applicant lives in another Grand Jurisdiction, arrangements shall be made, through the Texas Worthy Grand Matron, requesting a Waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction from the subordinate Chapter within whose jurisdiction the applicant resides. In such case the three (3) months residence within the State of Texas shall not be required.

III. TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. WHO ARE ELIGIBLE. Any member in good standing in any Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Texas, except the elective officers of a Chapter who have been installed, may transfer her or his membership to any Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction in the manner herein provided.
- B. How Made. Transfers of membership can be made only upon the prescribed form of petition for affiliation, accompanied by a receipt for dues from a Subordinate Chapter in Texas, showing dues paid to the time when transfer could be completed thereunder. To comply with this portion of the Law no petition for Transfer shall be read during the month of April. Such petition shall be recommended by two members of the Chapter.

(For fee.. When Presented.. Investigating Committee.. & Ballot required SEE GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR AFFILIATION.)

- C. PROCEDURE WHEN PETITIONER IS ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP BY TRANSFER.
- (1) If the application for affiliation by transfer of membership is accepted by the Chapter, the Secretary of that Chapter shall immediately give notice thereof, on prescribed form and under official seal, to the Secretary of the Chapter from which the transfer is being made.
- (2) This notice shall be presented to and read at a stated meeting and spread upon the minutes of the Chapter from which such transfer is being made and such Chapter shall remove the name of the transferee from its membership rolls, as of date

of election in the Chapter to which the transfer is being made, and shall refund to such member any dues she or he may have paid to such Chapter for the remaining portion of the year in which such transfer is made.

- (3) Membership of applicant shall begin on the date of election in the Chapter petitioned for affiliation by transfer.
- (4) Upon payment of the current dues for the remainder of the year during which said transfer is made, the Secretary of the Chapter for which said member has transferred shall issue a receipt on the regular form showing dues paid to the end of the current year.

(Time Limit On Rejection SEE GENERAL PROVISIONS for Affiliation.)

IV. DUAL MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Those Eligible: Members of Texas Chapters and Members of other Grand Jurisdictions within General Grand Chapter who recognize Dual Membership, both of whom are in good standing and reside in the State of Texas are eligible to apply for DUAL MEMBERSHIP, provided that no member can belong to more than 2 chapters simultaneously. (Parent/Dual).
 - 2. Forms for Use in Dual Membership:
 - a. Petition for affiliation . . Form 141-S
 - b. Certificate of Good Standing . . Form 140-S
 - c. Withdrawal of Membership . . Form 142-S
 - 3. Procedure for Affiliation as DUAL Member.
 - a. From Texas Chapters, a signed duplicate Receipt for dues for current year or from other Grand Jurisdictions, a Certificate of Good Standing (Form 140-S) must accompany application.
 - b. A fee of not less than the per capita must accompany the application.
- c. Applications with proper accompaniments shall be received at a Stated Meeting, recommended by 2 members of petitioned chapter, referred to an Investigating Committee; lie over for 4 weeks, and after report of Investigating Committee who MUST have seen the Receipt for Dues, shall be balloted upon and receive an unanimous ballot for election.

4. Limitations and PRIVILEGES:

- a. Cannot serve as an Elective Officer in 2 chapters simultaneously.
- b. Not permitted to sign as Charter Members on Petition for new Chapter.
- c. May transfer under provisions of Article 228 provided all provisions have been complied with.
- d. Allowed voting privileges in Grand Chapter by virtue of having served as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron of a subordinate chapter in Texas. (Art. X, Sec. 9, Constitution.)
- e. Cannot be granted a Demit but may WITHDRAW by use of Form

- 142-S, provided current dues are paid and trial is not pending and provided further, request must be made in writing and signed by the member and provided petitioner is not an installed elected officer.
- f. Before a member from another Grand Jurisdiction can petition a Texas Chapter for Dual Membership, said petitioner must request a Certificate of Good Standing (Form 140-S) to be filled out by the Petitioner's parent Chapter and returned as an Attachment to the Petition for Dual Membership (in lieu of a signed Duplicate Receipt for Dues Card from a Texas Chapter). Such action will verify current membership and the other Grand Jurisdiction's concurrence in Dual Membership.
- 5. Suspension. A Dual Member suspended or expelled after trial in one of the Chapters would have the same effect in both Chapters. A Dual Member suspended for non-payment of dues in the parent Chapter would have the same effect in the Dual Chapter. If suspended from the Dual Chapter for non-payment of dues, then the suspension would affect the parent Chapter.
- 6. Petitions for Withdrawal of Membership shall be presented at a Stated Meeting, and, if no objection is raised, shall be automatically granted as of that date. Dues will be refunded on a pro-rata basis.
- 7. The Secretary of the petitioned Chapter shall immediately notify the Parent Chapter of the action taken.

V. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

1. ELIGIBLE:

A member who has paid current dues may purchase an Endowed Membership or a Membership may be purchased to honor a member. A membership may likewise be purchased as a MEMORIAL for a member who was in good standing at the time of demise.

2. PRICE:

Full price is \$500.00. If not paid in a lump sum, a membership may be purchased by payment of \$100.00 a month for five months plus an administration fee of \$5.00. If purchased on "Time plan", the Chapter Secretary will forward each monthly payment to the Grand Secretary by the 10th of each month. If said member fails to complete full purchase within the five month period, the member and the Chapter shall forfeit all claim to payments submitted. Those funds shall remain in the Endowed Membership Fund and interest earned thereon shall be credited to the Grand Chapter General Fund.

3. BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS:

- (a) After May 31, of year purchased, member will pay no further dues.
- (b) The Chapter as hereinafter provided, will each year of its existence receive interest income from the Endowed Membership, even after the death of the member.
- (c) Endowed Membership Members are subject to all the laws, rules and requirements as promulgated in the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter. Loss of membership by suspension or expulsion shall abrogate each member's Endowed Membership rights. The Chapter in which said member was last a member shall continue to receive earned income from the Endowed Membership.

(d) In the event of the low interest rates on the Endowed Membership, any given year, it shall be the responsibility of the individual Chapter to absorb differences in returns and Chapter dues.

4. EFFECT IF CHAPTER CONSOLIDATES OR DEMISES.

- (a) When two or more Chapters consolidate, all money in the Endowed Membership Fund, including Honorary or those for Demised members, shall be credited to the remaining Consolidated Chapter.
- (b) Upon Demise of a Chapter, interest earned shall be credited to the General Fund of Grand Chapter and the names of such members read and recorded in Grand Chapter.

5. EFFECT OF DEMIT OR TRANSFER OF AN ENDOWED MEMBER.

- (a) Should an Endowed Member Demit, the Chapter retains all rights to earned interest until such time as the member affiliates with another Texas Chapter. Should affiliation be with a Chapter in another Jurisdiction, the Endowed Membership remains in the Chapter from which Demit was taken. Should the member, at a later date, affiliate with another Texas Chapter, the Endowed Membership may be transferred to that Chapter upon written request accompanied by payment of \$3.00 administration fee. If they re-affiliate with the original Chapter, they shall pay no further dues.
- (b) If the holder of an Endowed Membership transfers to another Texas Chapter, the Endowed Membership shall be transferred to the new Chapter.

6. EFFECT ON DUAL MEMBERSHIP.

In event of DUAL membership, a member may purchase an Endowed Membership in both Chapters and in such a case, the member will pay no dues to either Chapter. If Endowed Membership is purchased in but one Chapter, only that Chapter will receive interest payment and the member will be exempt from dues in only that Chapter.

7. RESPONSIBILITY OF GRAND CHAPTER:

- (a) Upon full payment of the Endowed Membership, a Certificate, signed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Secretary shall be forwarded to the Subordinate Chapter for presentation and official record.
- (b) Administration of the Endowed Membership Plan shall be under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees. The Board shall receive all of the Endowed Membership fees from the Grand Secretary through the Grand Treasurer. Said Funds will be invested and reinvested in consonance with other Grand Chapter investments. On the 10th day of April, of the second year after purchase they will distribute annually through the Grand Treasurer to the Subordinate Chapter, the amount of interest earned. A report shall be made to Grand Chapter each year on the status of the Endowed Membership.
- (c) The Grand Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Grand Secretary, record same and forward them to the Board of Grand Trustees for appropriate action; forward all checks of earned interest to the Subordinate Chapter, minus the \$3.00 administration fee, same to be deposited in the General Fund of the Grand Chapter. This must be done as soon as possible after receipt of funds from the Board of Grand Trustees but in no event no later than May 1st, of each year.

VI. LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

A Chapter may grant Life Membership to any of its members for long and distinguished service. Also by action of the Chapter, Honorary Membership may be granted to a member of another subordinate Chapter. Chapters are responsible for payment of per capita tax on all life members.

VII. FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS.

- (a) Members who have paid dues for fifty years and have been awarded a Certificate of Fifty-Year Membership prior to October 31, 1991 are EXEMPT from all dues in their Chapter and said Chapter is EXEMPT from payment of per capita to Grand Chapter.
- (b) However, those who qualify for the receipt of a Fifty-Year Membership Certificate after October 31, 1991 will be subject to payment of dues unless same are waived by a majority vote of those present at a Chapter meeting. Regardless of the Chapter action, the Chapter shall pay per capita tax on the member.

CHAPTER 6. DEMITS on page 128

- Article 232. (a) REQUESTS FOR DEMIT. Requests for demit shall be made in writing on prescribed Form 117-S, signed by the applicant and accompanied by current receipt for dues. Such request for demit shall be read by the Secretary at the first stated meeting following the receipt, the date of such meeting being inserted on the request.
- (b) REQUEST FOR DEMIT MAY BE WITHDRAWN. A request for demit may be withdrawn at any time by the applicant before the demit is automatically granted.
- (c) RECONSIDERATION FOR DEMIT MAY BE WITHDRAWN. A demit having been granted under the procedure herein provided is final and cannot be reconsidered by the Chapter.

Then all the subparagraphs should be properly renumbered.

CHAPTER 8. THE BALLOT.

Article 239, on page 132 which reads:

Article 239. WHEN TAKEN. The ballot can be taken only at a stated meeting. A Brother must be present and occupy the Worthy Patron's Station whenever the ballot is taken.

Be amended to read:

The ballot can be taken only at a stated meeting after the Committee has reported. A Brother must be present and occupy the Worthy Patron's Station whenever the ballot is taken.

Articles 240, 241, 242 and 243 on page 132 which reads:

Article 240. HOW TAKEN.

* (1) The ballot shall be taken by means of a secret box and with white balls and black cubes.

- (2) There shall be two methods of collecting the ballot:
 - a. Passing the ballot-box to every member present.
 - b. Placing the ballot-box upon the Altar.
- (3) For procedure under these methods, see Article 246, this Chapter.

Article 241. WHEN NECESSARY. All petitions must be disposed of by ballot. An unfavorable report by the Investigating Committee does not reject a petitioner. A ballot is necessary in all cases except when the Investigating Committee reports, "ineligible." A report of ineligibility cancels the petition, therefore no ballot is necessary. In any case, the Secretary, only, immediately notifies the petitioner of the action of the Chapter.

Article 242. PROPERLY PREPARED BALLOT BOX.

- * (1) A ballot box that contains less than ten black cubes is not legal.
- * (2) A properly prepared ballot box contains as many white balls as there are members present and at least ten black cubes.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron to determine before balloting that the ballot box is properly prepared.
- * (4) If in voting it is discovered that there are not enough of either white balls or black cubes, as above provided, such ballot shall be declared void by the Worthy Matron and shall be destroyed, and the Worthy Matron shall order the ballot box to be properly prepared and the ballot shall thereupon be taken again.
- * Article 243. RESULTS NECESSARY. One black cube rejects a petitioner for degrees, affiliation or affiliation by transfer and waiver of jurisdiction.

Be amended as follows:

ARTICLE 240. WHEN NECESSARY. A ballot is necessary in all cases except when the Investigating Committee reports "ineligible". A report of ineligibility cancels the petition; therefore no ballot is necessary. All petitions reporting the petitioner to be eligible must be disposed of by ballot. The Committee should report favorable or unfavorable on the report of Investigation.

ARTICLE 241. PROPERLY PREPARED BALLOT BOX. A legally prepared ballot box contains as many white balls as there are members present and at least ten black cubes. The Associate Conductress is responsible for a properly prepared ballot box.

ARTICLE 242. HOW TAKEN. (1) The ballot shall be taken by means of a secret box and with white balls and black cubes.

- (2) There shall be two methods of collecting the ballots.
 - (a) Passing the ballot box to every member present.
 - (b) Placing the ballot box upon the Altar.
- (3) For procedure under these methods, see Article 245, this Chapter.

ARTICLE 243. RESULTS NECESSARY. One black cube rejects a Petitioner for

degrees, affiliation by demit, affiliation by transfer, dual membership and waiver of jurisdiction. In any case only the Secretary immediately notifies the petitioner.

ARTICLE 244 on page 132 and 133 change subparagraph (1) On Election by starting the paragraph with (a) and ending the said paragraph after the words "thereafter be void" in the sixth line.

Begin subparagraph (1) (b) with the words "If the elected petitioner" to the end of the paragraph.

ARTICLE 244, (2) Rejection, on page 132 amend by starting this subparagraph as (a) and then numbering the following subparagraphs in proper order.

The second paragraph on the top of page 133 should be amended to read:

(c) A candidate for affiliation by demit, affiliation by transfer, or dual membership, rejected in a Chapter, shall have her or his demit or receipt for dues returned and the Chapter shall have no jurisdiction over such candidate. She or he may apply at once to any other Chapter in the State which has been visited by the applicant within the preceding twelve months, but may not apply again for affiliation by demit, affiliation by transfer or dual membership in the rejecting Chapter until after three months from the date of each rejection.

Articles 245 and 246 on page 133 should have the subparagraphs numbered in proper sequence such as (1) (a), (b) and (c) etc.

Article 245, subparagraph (3). OBJECTION OR PROTEST

- a. Degrees, which reads:
- a. Degrees. A person who has petitioned for degrees can be protested by a member of the Chapter personally filing a written objection with the Worthy Matron at any time before the obligation is taken by the petitioner. Such protest shall be secret between the Worthy Matron and the member protesting. Any Worthy Matron or member making a protest who shall reveal the name of the person protesting, shall be subject to the same discipline as provided by the laws of this Grand Chapter for revealing the black cube.

If such protest has been filed, the Worthy Matron shall proceed with the ballot. In case the ballot is clear, she shall announce the protest, unless the protesting member is present, in which event the protest shall not be announced. In case the ballot is not clear, no mention shall be made of the protest.

- b. Affiliation or Transfer. A person who has petitioned for affiliation or transfer of membership can be protested by a member of the Chapter personally filing written objection with the Worthy Matron, at any time before the ballot is taken. Announcing the protest shall be handled in the same manner as the protest for degrees.
- c. Waiver. A protest against the granting of waiver of jurisdiction may be made to the Worthy Matron in writing at any time before the ballot is taken. Announcing such protest shall be handled in the same manner as the protest for the degrees.

Be amended as follows:

- 3. OBJECTION OR PROTEST.
 - (a) Any person who has petitioned for the degrees, can be protested by a member

of the Chapter personally filing a written objection with the Worthy Matron at any time before the obligation is taken.

Any person who has petitioned for affiliation by demit, Grand or otherwise, or for transfer of membership can be protested by a member of the Chapter personally filing a written objection with the Worthy Matron at any time before the ballot.

A protest against the granting of a Waiver of Jurisdiction may be made with the Worthy Matron in writing at any time before the ballot is taken.

IN ALL INSTANCES, ANY WORTHY MATRON OR MEMBER MAKING A PROTEST WHO SHALL REVEAL THE NAME OF THE PERSON PROTESTING, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME DISCIPLINE AS PROVIDED BY THE LAW OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER FOR REVEALING THE BLACK BALL.

- (b) If such protest has been filed, the Worthy Matron shall proceed with the ballot, in case the ballot is clear, she shall announce the protest, unless the protesting member is present, in which event the protest shall not be announced. In case the ballot is not clear, no mention shall be made of the protest.
 - (c) The Worthy Matron shall not reveal the name of the person protesting.

On page 135 DEGREES, Article 247 DECLARATION BALLOT ON reverse the heading as follows:

- (1) Article 247 DEGREES
- (2) Article 248 WAIVER OF JURISDICTION
- (3) Article 249 AFFILIATION OR TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP
- (4) Article 250 (A) REINSTATEMENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

Article 250 (B) REINSTATEMENT FOR OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

On page 240, Article 261. DUTIES. SECRETARY.

Amend by adding subparagraph (4) as follows:

(4) The Secretary shall make available to the Chapter Auditing Committee the books and records for audit as required by the Chapter by-laws.

ARTICLE 261 on page 141... subparagraph (6) Should be amended as follows:

- (6) 1st paragraph...last sentence changed to read: "Failure to comply with these directives will forfeit the vote of the Chapter" This deletes mileage.
- (6) 2nd paragraph, last sentence ". . . be entitled to vote in Grand Chapter. (period)

This deletes ". . and to mileage for the representatives of such"

Then subparagraphs (4), (5) and (6) will be renumbered in proper sequence to (5), (6) and (7).

On page 141 Article 262 amend by adding a new Article 262 to read:

Article 262. DUTIES, TREASURER

- (1) The Treasurer shall be required to make deposits of money received immediately.
- (2) The Treasurer shall make available to the Chapter Auditing Committee the books and records for audit as required by the Chapter by-laws.

Then amend by renumbering Articles 262 and 263 to be Articles 263 and 264.

Article 263 which will be changed to Article 264, OUTGOING OFFICER'S, REPORTS. WHICH READS:

Article 263. OUTGOING OFFICER'S REPORTS. The outgoing Worthy Matron shall make written report to the Chapter of her year's work at the first stated meeting after installation, or as soon thereafter as convenient to her and to the Chapter. Other outgoing officers may make report, written or oral, if they desire to do so. They shall make report when directed by the Chapter to do so.

Be amended as follows:

Article 264 OUTGOING OFFICER'S REPORTS.

- (1) The outgoing Worthy Matron shall make written report to the Chapter of her year's work at the first stated meeting after installation, or as soon thereafter as convenient to her and to the Chapter.
- (2) The outgoing Secretary and Treasurer shall make written report of their annual transactions after clearance by the Auditing Committee at the first stated meeting after installation, or as soon thereafter as convenient to them and to the Chapter.
- (3) Other outgoing officers may make report, written or oral, if they desire to do so. They shall make report when directed by the Chapter to do so.

CHAPTER 10. MEETINGS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS, on page 142, after Article 270 add the following Article (which was Article 308. JOINT MEETING)

Article JOINT MEETING.

SECTION 1. In holding Joint Meetings for the visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Chapters will not be restricted by the provisions of Article 257; and provided further, in the case of a conflict, a Chapter will be permitted to participate in the Joint Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron in lieu of its Stated Meeting. Such Chapter is hereby authorized to amend its By-Laws to read:

SECTION 2. The Stated Meetings of	f the Chapter shall be held on the day
of each month. The hour of the meeting s	shall be o'clock P.M. The place of
meeting shall be	Provided in the case of a conflict, partici-
pation in the Joint Fraternal Visit of the W	orthy Grand Matron may be in lieu of such
Stated Meeting.	

On page 144 Article 277. VISITORS, subparagraph (2) Visitation On Demits. Third sentence reading as follows:

"Should the petitioner for affiliation be rejected, the demit shall be returned to the petitioner." Be amended by adding the following phrase thereto:

"Should the petitioner for affiliation be rejected, the demit shall be returned to the petitioner with date of rejection marked thereon, and such demit shall again be valid for one visit to a Chapter at a stated meeting for the purpose of petitioning for affiliation.

On page 144 Article 278 (2) which reads:

(2) The Worthy Matron or presiding officer may invite any member of the Chapter, or a visitor to give the farewell address as given in the Ritual, page 47.

Be amended as follows:

(2) The Worthy Matron may invite a Sister of the Order (member or visitor, see Constitution page 38 "Who May Hold Grand Offices") to give the farewell address as given in the Ritual, page 47.

Article 282. SALUTATION, on page 145 should be changed to Article 277, and the following Articles be properly renumbered.

On page 144, Article 281 INTRODUCTIONS. Amend by adding a new subparagraph (8) on page 145 as follows:

(8) Introduction of Affiliated Members, see Article 219 (under Unfinished Business).

On page 146, Article 289. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. which reads:

The Officers presiding at the time of the approval of the minutes of the Chapter signs them at that meeting, whether she or he be a regularly installed officer or acting pro tem.

Be amended to read:

The Presiding Officer at the time of the approval of the minutes of the Chapter signs and dates said minutes at that meeting, whether she or he is a regularly installed officer or acting pro tem.

Page 148, Chapter 13, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, Article 293A, subparagraph (2) should read:

(2) ANNUAL DUES. Every Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction shall assess and collect annually from its members dues of not less than the per capita tax per member, which dues shall be equal and uniform on all members of such Chapter except as otherwise provided by the Constitution and Code of Laws.

(See Article 292. EFFECTS ON BY-LAWS OF CHANGES IN LAWS MADE BY GRAND CHAPTER.)

On page 149, Article 293A, subparagraph (5) Exemption from Dues, reads:

- ** (5) Exemption from Dues. A Chapter may by a majority vote of those present exempt all or any part of the Chapter dues of the following members:
 - (a) Members of the O.E.S. Home or members of the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas.

(b) Members who have paid dues for fifty (50) years and have been awarded a Certificate of Fifty-Year Membership.

However, such Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter the per capita assessment on such members, and the names of such members shall be continued in good standing on their Chapter rolls.

Be amended to read:

- (5) EXEMPTION FROM DUES: (A) Members of the OES Home or members of the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas are EXEMPT from all dues in their Chapter and said Chapter is EXEMPT from payment of per capita to Grand Chapter.
- (b) Members who have paid dues for fifty years and have been awarded a Certificate of Fifty-Year Membership prior to October 31, 1991 are EXEMPT from all dues in their Chapter and said Chapter is EXEMPT from payment of per capita to Grand Chapter.
- (c) However, those who qualify for the receipt of a Fifty-Year Membership Certificate after October 31, 1991 will be subject to payment of dues unless same are waived by a majority vote of those present at a Chapter meeting. Regardless of the Chapter action, the Chapter shall pay per capita tax on the member.
- (d) If said certificate is received prior to October 31, 1991 they will also retain their EXEMPTION in their Dual Chapter. Should a Dual Member who received a Fifty-Year Membership Certificate prior to October 31, 1991, elect to transfer said Dual Membership said EXEMPTION in the Dual Chapter is forfeited.

CHAPTER 15. GENERAL PROVISIONS . . on page 151, Article 295. LEGAL CODE, WHICH READS:

CHAPTER 15 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 295. LEGAL CODE. The Legal Code adopted by the Grand Chapter October 24-26, 1922, as amended later and re-enacted at the 1951 Session of Grand Chapter, and appearing in the 1951 edition of the Constitution and Laws of Grand Chapter shall govern and regulate charges, trials and discipline within this Grand Jurisdiction.

The printing of same in succeeding editions of the Constitution and Laws of Grand Chapter shall be dispensed with, but the Grand Secretary shall keep a substantial supply of same on hand and shall furnish a copy thereof to any Chapter having need thereof and making application therefor, accompanying such application with a fee of \$1.00. Such fee, when collected, shall be added to the Revolving Fund, as provided in Art. 58 of the Code of Laws Governing Grand Chapter.

Be amended as follows:

Article 295. LEGAL CODE. The Legal Code adopted by the Grand Chapter shall govern and regulate charges, trials and discipline within this Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Secretary shall keep a substantial supply of same on hand and shall furnish a copy thereof to any Chapter having need thereof and making application therefor,, accompanying such application with a proper fee. Such fee, when collected, shall be added to the Revolving Fund, as provided in Art. 58 of the Code of Laws Governing Grand Chapter.

Article 304, on page 152, LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP, has been moved under Membership.

Article 305, pages 152 and 153, INTERPRETATION OF THE RITUAL, READS:

Article 305. INTERPRETATION OF THE RITUAL. The following interpretations of the Ritual appearing to be in all things correct and in strict conformity with the intent of the Ritual promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, they are hereby adopted to be observed and followed by the subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

(1) Sealing the Chapter. (Page 25 of the Ritual).

The Worthy Matron seats the Chapter immediately after giving the charge to the officers to take their respective stations.

If the line is formed inside the chairs the officers will leave the labyrinth between Adah and Electa and go directly to their stations. If the line is formed outside the chairs, they will walk to the line of march in the East and counter-march. In either instance they will go directly to their stations and be seated immediately.

(2) Proving the Chapter. (Page 26 of the Ritual).

In proving a Chapter, the Conductress and the Associate Conductress will begin at the East, on the South and North, at the right of the Worthy Matron and the left of the Worthy Patron, respectively. The members will remain seated.

In case the visitor has to be examined, such visitor shall present her or his credentials, to be examined by the Committee, take the Test Oath, followed by 17 of the Secret Work, and give the signs and passes of each degree. If the visitor to be examined is a Brother, then one of the Committee must be a Brother. The Marshal escorts the visitor to meet the Committee at the door of the preparation room. The visitor and Committee enter the preparation room. The Marshal then closes the door and returns to her station. After the Chapter is opened, the Committee and the visitor (if the visitor is found to be in good standing) will return to the Chapter Room through the Warder's door and give the Sign of Salutation. The Chairman of the Committee will introduce the visitor. The visitor will be welcomed by the Worthy Matron.

- (3) Initiation. (Page 49 of the Ritual).
- (4) Position of Chairs. (Page 166 of the Ritual).

The Star Point Officers and their chairs shall face the East.

(5) The Salutation Sign is not complete until the response in the East has been given.

Be amended by deleting the entire Article. Grand Chapter of Texas had adopted the Ritual of General Grand Chapter in its entirety, and the same covers all of the matters contained in this said Article.

On page 153, Article 306. OFFENSES, subparagraph 1. which reads:

1. Any of the acts prohibited in the foregoing Code of Laws and approved decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron are hereby declared to be offenses against the Order and shall form the basis for charges and trials of members committing such acts.

Be amended to read:

1. Any of the acts prohibited in the foregoing Code of Laws are hereby declared to be offenses against the Order and shall form the basis for charges and trials of members committing such acts.

Article 308. JOINT MEETING, on page 154, should be moved to follow Article 270, page 142.

On page 154, CHAPTER 16. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S.

103rd Annual Session - 1985. This should be deleted since this has been enacted into the laws of Grand Chapter.

On page 154a, 105th ANNUAL SESSION - 1987, was a special assessment for one year only and is no longer in effect.

On page 154a, 105th ANNUAL SESSION - 1987 was not adopted and never became a law.

On page 154a, 105th ANNUAL SESSION - 1987, delete as this was never included in our Constitution and Laws, but is in the Requirements set out by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

On page 154b, 106th ANNUAL SESSION - 1988 should be deleted in its entirety.

Submitted by, Lallah Mae Vollus, Chairman Mildred Sharpe Molly Goodpasture West Elise Hammack Lois Bell

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Now, remember, Sisters and Brothers, in order to amend the Constitution, there must be the two votes: one one year and then if it is passed, it returns to Grand Chapter for a second and final vote at the following year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion made and seconded. We're now ready for the vote. All those in favor will signify — Discussion. I'm sorry. I recognize the gentleman in the north.

MR. JAMES SPRINGER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I'm James Springer, Past Patron of Evadale #1111. I commend the Constitutional Revision Committee on a very thorough job. I am in favor of probably 90 to 95 percent of what is in here that I understand. The revision is very long, and there are many Constitutional or Code of Law revisions to it. It's too confusing. I consider myself an intelligent person. I've studied it and highlighted it for 12 hours approximately. I urge that if a person understands everything that has been asked and is in favor of everything that has been asked, that they vote for this. If they do not understand it because of it being so long and complex, or because of any one article in it that should have been presented individually, I urge that they do not accept it. These articles could be brought as items. When this much material is presented, it really should. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother. I may not have made myself clear. We're not voting on this as a package. This is a Constitutional change only that we are taking a vote on now, not the package as a whole, Brother. Just the changes that

refer to the Constitution. Then the Code of Laws will be presented separately.

MR. JAMES SPRINGER: Okay. So we're voting on half of it?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I didn't hear that.

MR. JAMES SPRINGER: So we're voting on a substantial portion of it?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No, it's a small portion of the Constitutional change. That's what we'll be voting on first, nothing to do with the Code of Laws, just the Constitution first.

MR. JAMES SPRINGER: Please read me the section number.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Just a moment.

MR. JAMES SPRINGER: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I think I've made my point. If you don't know what the section numbers are, the people certainly don't. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There's just so much paperwork they had to get hold of it.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: If you will turn in your report to that section that says under Chapter 4, "Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers: Worthy Grand Matron," now the law begins there. The portion that precedes that is that portion of the Constitutional changes and deletions.

[Worthy Grand Matron and Constitution Committee confer.]

All right. Now, the Constitutional amendments start on page 94, end on page 100.

MRS. DORTHA BURNETT: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Dortha Burnett, a Past Matron of Southpark Chapter No. 1056 in Beaumont. On Section 4 on page 99, I would like for it to be amended to read by adding a simple sentence to say, "At the request of the family, the Worthy Grand Matron or her proxy shall conduct a funeral service of a Grand Officer or a Past Grand Matron or a Past Grand Patron."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You are asking that this be added to the end of Section 4-

MRS. DORTHA BURNETT: At the beginning of Section 4.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At the beginning of Section 4?

 $\mathbf{MRS.}$ \mathbf{DORTHA} $\mathbf{BURNETT:}$ Yes. "At the request of the family" is all I want put in there.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Dorothy, read it again for us, please, slowly.

MRS. DORTHA BURNETT: On page 99, Section 4 under "Funerals," it says, "To be amended to read: The Worthy Grand Matron or her proxy shall conduct the funeral service of a Grand Officer or any Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron." Now, I would like that sentence — that paragraph to start with "At the request of the family, the Worthy Grand Matron shall"

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you.

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: Worthy Grand Matron, in the south. I'm Gladys Pickett, Past Matron of East Dallas #715. I want to speak on one particular section of this proposed change, but I have a question for the Jurisprudence Committee before I do.

On page 96, near the bottom where they are trying to remove one paragraph about children in the home, that particular amendment is due for a second reading as Amendment No. 1 in our book on page 65. Therefore, if it's amended at this time, it would seem like it would take care of the second reading of that amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: She asks for the Jurisprudence Committee to answer that.

That is correct, Sister Gladys. It is before the assembly, and it will read to leave the orphaned children in. It was left out. It would read the way that it was originally written for orphaned children. We have helped in the last three years four different children, so it will be brought before the assembly for a vote to leave it in.

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: At a later time. I'll wait till that time then, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: On Dot Burnett's motion, is there a second?

The motion has been made and seconded that at the beginning on page 99, Section 4, under "Funerals," that it starts to read, "At the request of the family," and the rest remains the same. Is there any other discussion on this? [No response.]

All right. Sisters and Brothers, all in favor of amending this to read, "At the request of the family," will designate by raising your green cards. Cards down. Same sign. It has been adopted, Sister Dortha Burnett as amended.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Are there any other amendments to the recommendations for changes in the Constitutional portion? [No response.] If not, Worthy Grand Matron, you are ready to handle the solution of the entire amendment of the Constitution as a group.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the north.

MRS. SUDIE MAE SPEER: I am Sudie Mae Speer from Harlandale #750. I feel that much of the wording in these changes that are made is only according to our thinking today. For instance, the amendment we just voted on was entirely unnecessary because this says "shall conduct." It doesn't say "will conduct." There's a prerogative there whether it would be conducted or not, so we didn't really need that. I think we are wasting a lot of that money we're worried about and a lot of that time we need in going through with all of this. I don't think all of these changes are necessary. When you say Thanksgiving holidays, I think that's a prerogative of the one who's in charge of taking the holiday or who's giving the holiday. So I believe that we could save some of the money — maybe \$10 off each member — if we didn't revise the Constitution. Have you checked to see how much it's going to cost to reprint all of this?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My Sister, when I appointed this committee, we all felt—the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons that I have conferred with, including this committee—that our Constitution is outdated. You will not believe the members who do not use it. It will not be printed until this committee has finally completed their term, which will take another year at least. Nothing will be printed until it is completely finalized and accepted by the membership of Texas.

MRS. SUDIE MAE SPEER: I understand this, but what I'm saying is, we're wasting time now in going through all of this. I know the members voted to, but it's little picky things that will not change the meaning of the Constitution.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Well, my Sister, I appreciate your interest; and I appreciate your taking your time to explain this. What we're going to do now is take a vote to accept the changes of the Constitutional portion only, which will require another vote in the year of '93.

MRS. SUDIE MAE SPEER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for explaining that. I understand that, but it still seems useless.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. All right. Sisters and Brothers, are you ready? All in favor of accepting the changes to the Constitution only — remember, this is the first reading — as amended, will raise your green cards. Cards down. Opposed. You have accepted it.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Now, Sisters and Brothers, we go to the acceptance of the suggested changes and amendments in the Code of Laws. That includes the laws for Grand Chapter and the laws for subordinate chapters. As we have stated, if you desire additions or amendments to any portion of this, it is your privilege to so move.

MRS. DONNA REED: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Donna Reed.

MRS. DONNA REED: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Donna Reed, a Past Matron of Highland Park Chapter No. 1029 in Dallas and a Professional Registered Parliamentarian. I would like very much to offer the following amendment. So, therefore, Worthy Grand Matron, I move to amend Article 167 found on page 106 in the Code of Laws or page 108 in the Annual Report titled "Parliamentary usage for Grand Chapter" by adding a new number (19) to read as follows: "The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall be the parliamentary authority for this Grand Chapter and shall govern the proceedings of Grand Chapter in cases not covered by the Constitution and Code of Laws of this Grand Chapter."

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Joe Jeffers.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: My name is Joe Jeffers. I am a Past Patron of Alvin Chapter No. 15 and Friendswood Chapter No. 1131. Article 81, page 105 of the Advance Report, No. 17, add a new paragraph (17) as follows: "No attorney's fees shall be allowed and the Board of Grand Trustees shall utilize the services of the members of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee, as stipulated by Article 162(1). No attorney's fees shall be allowed by the Grand Chapter of Texas or its boards on any contingency funds." I move that this be stricken.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The entire article, Brother Joe?

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Pardon me?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That entire section?

MR. JOE JEFFERS: That entire section.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do I hear a second?

Sisters and Brothers, you heard Brother Joe Jeffers read to you from page 105, number (17), where no attorney's fees shall be allowed and the Board of Grand Trustees shall utilize the services . . . Okay. Joe, we got ahead of ourselves. We have to vote on Donna's amendment first. You're coming at me too fast, folks.

The amendment that Sister Donna Reed presented on page 108 at the very bottom of the page, she wants to add Article 167. It would be new number (19). She moved that the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall be parliamentary authority for this Grand Chapter and shall govern the proceedings of Grand Chapter in cases not covered by the Constitution and Code of Laws of this Grand Chapter. Is that clear?

Page 108, down at the very bottom of the page, you would add it. You would add it; it's not there. This is what you're going to be voting on.

The amendment is ready for a vote. All those in favor of amending Article 167 on page 106 in your Code of Laws. At the bottom of page 108 you are adding to this article that we would use the Robert's Rules of Order if not covered by the Constitution and Code of Laws of this Grand Chapter. Did that simplify it? All in favor will raise their green cards. All opposed. It has been amended, Sister Donna.

All right. Now, Brother Joe, on page 105 — are you with me — number (17), where it starts to read, "No attorney fees shall be allowed and the Board of Grand Trustees shall utilize the services of the members of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee, as stipulated by Article 162(1). No attorney fees shall be allowed by the Grand Chapter of Texas or its boards on any contingency funds."

MR. RALPH DAVIS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Brother in the south.

MR. RALPH DAVIS: I am Ralph Davis, Worthy Patron of Newbern Chapter 1135 in Center, Texas. I'm also chairman of the committee, the Titles, Deeds and Property.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, sir, you are.

MR. RALPH DAVIS: I would like to urge that this Grand Chapter leave that section in the Constitution as written because we're paying entirely too much money that this committee has agreed and has stated that they will do for free. We come up here and we want to raise more money and then turn right around and start spending money we don't need. I ask you to defeat the motion that was made to delete that section from the Constitution. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Ralph.

All right. Before we act on this, we're working on the Code of Laws. Now remember, I told you to start with that it must take a two-thirds vote of this assembly to accept the changes of the Code of Laws. You just voted to accept the changes in the Constitution and we so voted. Now, we need to vote, and it will take two-thirds of you to change the Code of Laws as stipulated.

So those in favor of accepting the Code of Laws —

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Charlene

Littlewood, Past Matron of Ridglea Chapter #999. I strongly urge that you vote in favor of Brother Joe's amendment to delete this subparagraph. You cannot tie the hands of the Board of Grand Trustees in dealing with your legal matters. We've only spent about \$2300 on attorney's fees this year. Most of those have dealt with trusts.

Now, I am sure that if the Board of Grand Trustees was aware of the qualifications of the members on Titles, Deeds and Properties, they would he willing to seek their advice wherever possible. But there are going to be times when these attorneys know nothing about the subject that we are considering. We must have the freedom to contact an outside attorney to do the best for you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right, Sisters and Brothers. Before we can take action, we must have two-thirds vote of this membership to suspend the — no, to accept your Code of Laws changes. So all in favor ... [Confers with parliamentarian.] Okay. That 90-day ruling which I explained to you in the beginning, I waived that. I explained it for the Constitution. Now, it applies the same for the Code of Laws, so you have to accept that I waived to suspend printing in that 90-day ruling, and now you have to vote — and we have to have two-thirds — whether you accept my waiver, so to speak.

So all in favor -

MRS. JERRI LUCAS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Jerri. I just found you.

MRS. JERRI LUCAS: I am Jerri Lucas, a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter No. 911. I am also a member of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. An implication has just been made that the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee was not qualified to take care of trusts. I wish this membership to know that no member of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee for the past 12 months has received their very first telephone call or letter. To the best of my knowledge — and I have checked with many of the past members of this committee for a number of years — the committee has not been called upon. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Sisters and Brothers — Sister Jerri, we appreciate what you said, but let's back up. In the beginning you were told that we had to suspend the 90-day ruling in that this report was not presented under that law. We suspended it by your vote for the consideration of the Constitutional portion of this committee. Now, we had started talking and addressing your wishes on the laws before you suspended the 90-day ruling on the recommendations for the laws. So we are asking the Worthy Grand Matron to call for that, and then we will proceed with what Brother Joe and Sister Jerri have just presented.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Again, I'm asking if all in favor would please raise their green cards to suspend the 90-day ruling. Cards down. All opposed, raise their cards. It has been accepted.

Now, back to number (17) on page 105. Brother Joe Jeffers, your Past Grand Patron, has asked that this particular section be deleted, no attorney fees. Now, we have had discussion from Brother Ralph and from Sister Jerri. Is there any more discussion before we take the vote to delete or to let it remain in the Constitution? Either delete it or it remains. Ready for the question? All in favor of deleting this particular portion will please raise their green cards. Cards down. All opposed. It has been defeated. It will remain in the Code of Laws. [Applause]

You're great, Sisters and Brothers. You're really going along with us, and I appreciate this; and I know this committee does for you really are listening and

following. All right, we're ready for another presentation. Sister Lallah. Are you ready, Millie? [Confers with Constitution Committee.]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Sisters and Brothers, on the vote that you have just taken, I want to be sure that you have marked the change that I referred to you when I was giving my report. Back to that section, (17), after the — Well, let me read it. I believe it would be clearer to you. "No attorneys fees shall be allowed and the Board of Grand Trustees shall utilize the service of the members of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee, as stipulated by Article 162(1), without the advice and recommendation of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee."

Now, let me in simple language explain to you what that says. We are directed to use the expertise of this Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee when possible. We had an instance where we had to have information on a trust problem. The person contacted said they were not qualified to serve on that. All right.

Then we certainly do not want to tie the hands of our Board of Grand Trustees or any other Grand Officer directed to serve. In that instance, the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee would then say, "We recommend that you proceed to get legal advice in that specified area." Do you understand it? We want to follow the law and go first to the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. If they cannot furnish the desired information, then they will direct the Board of Grand Trustees, the Worthy Grand Matron, the Grand Secretary, to proceed otherwise.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right, Sisters and Brothers. Sister Lallah Mae explained it again to you. If there's no objection, then now we would vote on what she just read of the changes that they had made in that particular article.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Charlene Littlewood, Past Matron of Ridglea Chapter No. 999. Can you hear me?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: I have an amendment to the amendment to Article 81, subparagraph (17). "Whereas, the members appointed to the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee might not always possess the qualifications necessary to properly conduct the business of Grand Chapter, and the lack of some flexibility in the selection of an attorney could seriously hamper the Board of Grand Trustees in conducting the business of Grand Chapter, we the undersigned propose the following amendment to the amendment to Article 81, paragraph (17). Subparagraph (a) The Board of Grand Trustees shall receive from the Associate Grand Matron a summary of the qualifications and specialties of those members appointed to Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee; (b) These qualifications will be carefully considered by the Board of Grand Trustees, and whenever possible, the voluntary services of these members will be utilized; (c) If the members of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee are not able to provide the needed services for whatever reason, then the Board of Grand Trustees will authorize the Grand Secretary to retain an attorney on a case-by-case basis; (d) If the legal matter also involves one of the Masonic bodies, such as the Masonic Home For Aged Masons or the Masonic Home and School, Scottish Rite Hospital, et cetera, then the Board of Grand Trustees may retain the same attorney as the other Masonic bodies."

MR. C. L. PRIBBLE: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Brother in the south.

MR. C. L. PRIBBLE: I'm C. L. Pribble, a Past Patron of Lake Worth Chapter

No. 1109. We've already voted on that motion. In order to do this, you're supposed to rescind it; and you haven't rescinded any of the motions. [Confers with parliamentarian.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Pribble.

Brother Pribble, we defeated the original request by Brother Joe. We have not voted on the one change that this committee had made that Sister Lallah just read to you. Now, we have an amendment to an amendment.

While Brother Pribble is coming, I've just had this handed to me. Excuse me just a moment, please, sir. The roped-off parking area at the west entrance is marked for handicapped vehicles, courtesy cars and delivery trucks. People are going in there and parking, and they're asking you to please move unauthorized vehicles to the east entrance parking as soon as possible. We have had some injuries and we need that available for emergency vehicles and then our courtesy cars. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

All right, Brother Pribble.

MR. C. L. PRIBBLE: The motion was properly presented and defeated.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, sir.

MR. C. L. PRIBBLE: In order to redo that, you have to rescind the defeat. Why don't you consult your parliamentarian? [Confers with parliamentarian.]

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Matron, the amendment Sister Lallah Mae presented and now Sister Littlewood has offered a substitute for this Article 81, paragraph (17). This is a substitute for the proposal that's before you. If you adopt this, then you don't have to worry about the amendment Sister Lallah Mae brought up; and it is in proper form.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. When all these heads get together and they decide what we're doing, we need to clarify.

Okay. Brother Pribble — Oh, he has already left. We voted on the proposal by Brother Joe Jeffers. The parliamentarian and all these up here have said that it has been defeated. Now, we have had an amendment to the amendment, which we'll vote on, and then back to the one that the committee proposed and read to you, and Sister Lallah Mae just again presented it. [Confers with Constitution Committee.]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Sisters and Brothers, do you know what is in a portion of this, that the Associate Grand Matron would have to submit to the Board of Grand Trustees qualifications for a person that she was appointing? Do you want that? Do you want the hands of your Associate Grand Matron tied to that extent?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, are you completely confused?

VOICES: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: They are up here, too. No, seriously, the first amendment has been defeated. Now, listen to me. This amendment to the amendment that Sister Charlene Littlewood proposed, you will vote on that first, and I will reread it so you can understand it. Then we will go back and vote on the changes that Sister

Lallah Mae read to you that this committee had proposed that was not evidently remembered when Brother Joe made his motion.

The amendment to the amendment to Article 81, paragraph (17), she has proposed that whereas, the members appointed to the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee might not always possess the qualifications necessary to properly conduct the business or this Grand Chapter and the lack of some flexibility in the selection of an attorney could seriously hamper the Board of Grand Trustees in the conducting of our Grand Chapter, they propose the following amendment to read: "The Board of Grand Trustees shall receive from the Associate Grand Matron a summary of the qualifications and specialties of those members whom she would have appointed to the Titles, Deeds and Properties" — and, remember, they hold over. This year I had one to appoint. These qualifications will be carefully considered by the Board of Grand Trustees, and wherever possible the voluntary services of those members will be utilized, which would save money if they were qualified. If the members of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee are not able to provide the necessary service for whatever reason, then the Board of Grand Trustees will authorize the Grand Secretary to retain an attorney on a case-by-case basis. It would not be a continuing thing.

As Sister Jerri said, they haven't even had one call this year. If the legal matter also involves one of the Masonic bodies, such as the Masonic Home for Aged Masons and the Masonic Home and School or Scottish Rite Hospital, then the Board of Grand Trustees may retain the same attorney as the other Masonic bodies.

Did I read it slow enough that you could follow me? This is the amendment to the amendment. We're now ready for discussion on this particular amendment.

MRS. MOLLIE GOODPASTURE WEST: I believe when we elected our Grand Line Officers, we elected those with enough intelligence to appoint a committee with enough sense to take care of what they are supposed to take care of. And if they don't know, they still have enough sense to tell the Board of Grand Trustees they don't know. So I urge you to not tie the hands of our Grand Line Officers as they come up, to have to report everything, every qualification to the Board of Grand Trustees, because I believe our Associate Grand Matron has enough intelligence to appoint a Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee with qualifications. If they feel they do not have those qualifications, they can say, "We do not know. Get a lawyer." So I urge you to vote down this substitute motion. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Sisters and Brothers, it's getting near lunch. We're going to get this particular item off the floor, and then we're going to close for Lunch. All in favor of accepting the amendment to the amendment, which you just heard, will please raise their green cards. All those opposed, same sign. This amendment has been defeated.

Now, we have to go back to the amendment — the changes that Sister Lallah Mae read to you in reference to this same article.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Now, what you have is under (17), "No attorneys fees shall be allowed, and the Board of Grand Trustees shall utilize the services of the members of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee, as stipulated by Article 162(1), without the advice and recommendations of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Lallah. All right, Sisters and Brothers, now you have just heard this amendment. All in favor will raise their green cards. Cards down. Those opposed. This one carried.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your diligent attention. I deeply appreciate this. We'll now proceed to close for our lunches, which I think most of us have. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this session from labor to rest.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this 110th Session, A Time to Labor," from labor to rest.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I invite Sister Lena Maye Cook to bring our benediction.

BENEDICTION

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Sisters and Brothers, please bow your heads as we pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings that You have given to us, for watching over us in all our deliberations. Strengthen our hearts with Your love that we may be able to accept all the decisions made for our Order in this "A Time to Labor" morning session. May all members of this Grand Chapter work together for the purposes of our fraternal order. We pray for love, Loyalty and peace to prevail in our hearts for each other.

Go with us now for food and fellowship and bring us back to the afternoon session to continue our Grand Chapter business. May Your all-seeing eye and guiding hand direct us in the good of our Order at all times and for us to love one another. These things we ask in Your Holy Name. Amen.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. \end{tabular}$

[The Grand Conductress closed the Holy Bible.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now declare this session of "A Time to Labor" called from labor to rest until 1:15 this afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON October 9, 1992 "A Time to Love" Session

1:15 P.M. Musical Prelude	
	Cloe Morris, Patricia Shelton
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1:30 P.M. Call to Order	Mrs. Jean Nesbitt
	Past Grand Matron

Mr. Leonard Ellington Past Grand Patron

MRS. JEAN NESBITT: Sister Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers and Personal Pages to enter the chapter room for the "Time for America" drill.

[The "Time for America" drill was performed to much applause.]

Thank you. Thank you. We have so enjoyed the music of Curtis Cole, Pat Smith and Dorothy Cleveland. Let's give them applause. [Applause]

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. It is with pleasure that Brother Leonard M. Ellington, my Worthy Grand Patron and Member of the Fraternal Relations Committee of General Grand Chapter, and I call to order this Friday afternoon "A Time to Love" session.

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and other Floor Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room. [Grand Officers enter the Grand Chapter Room.]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [Applause as they come to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting Sister Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, with the Grand Honors. [Grand Honors are given.]

Grand Officers, you will assume your stations.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, from the Apple Girl to the Strawberry Girl, thank you for the privilege of opening this "A Time to Love" session. As time goes by — and it's going very fast — I'm reminded of the words on a card. The lady on the front of the card says, "I cried because I had no shoes," and on the inside she says, "Then I met a lady who had no credit cards." [Laughter] This is a private joke between the Worthy Grand Matron and myself. You and 1 have been friends for many years and have traveled many Eastern Star miles together, this year to the Six State Meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and on to the fun capital of the United States, Branson, Missouri. Thank you for this pleasure and all the time and love you have given to our Grand Chapter this year.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn Whitaker, at this moment I am remembering when Brother Leonard served as Acting Worthy Grand Patron and you pro temmed his station in the west beside me. Your kind and endearing ways have made for many good times this year.

MR. LEONARD ELLINGTON: Worthy Grand Matron, I deem it an honor to have a part in opening this session of your Grand Chapter with my Worthy Grand Matron, Jean Nesbitt, the Apple Lady. The many hours of time given in the work of our Order is appreciated by this Grand Chapter. May your every prayer be answered, as your Grand Chapter unfolds. I know that this week will be a highlight in your life.

Worthy Grand Patron, you're a dedicated Christian man; and this Grand Chapter of Texas is better historically and spiritually for your having served this year as Worthy Grand Patron.

MRS. JEAN NESBITT: Worthy Grand Matron, with much love I present you your gavel.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To Sister Jean Nesbitt, a very special friend, how pleased I am for you to call this "A Time to Love" session to order. Yes, we have walked the Eastern Star path together for many years. I love you dearly and thank my God for

putting you in my life.

To Brother Leonard Ellington, I first met you when you were a candidate for the Board of Grand Trustees. I admired you then as a fine gentleman and through the years have learned of the strong conviction you have for right and justice. The years you served this Grand Chapter have helped cement strong beliefs of our obligation.

Thank you, my two friends, Jean and Leonard, for opening this Friday afternoon session. Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Jean and Brother Leonard, it is our joy to have you call to order "A Time to Love" session. May God look down on our hearts and warm them with His love. Thank you for your love.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this 110th session, "A Time to Love" session, Order of the Eastern Star, is being called from rest to Labor, and you are to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: There will be no interruptions, Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter Room.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order

[The Grand Chapter was proved.]

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm looking for Sister Jo Daggett. Is she in the Grand Chapter room? I now call on Sister Jo Daggett, chairman of the Chapters Under Dispensation, for her report.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

[The Grand Conductress opened the Holy Bible.]

Sister Jo Daggett, chairman of Chapters under Dispensation.

REPORT OF THE CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION COMMITTEE

MRS. JO DAGGETT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Members of General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters and Brothers: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane, we would like to thank you for asking us to serve on this committee. We love you.

Your Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation have met and reviewed the work and minutes of Webb Chapter U.D. It is our recommendation that they be granted a charter at this Grand Chapter session.

At this time I would like my co-worker to introduce herself.

MRS. CORDIE HAVRON: Cordie Havron, Wedgewood Chapter, Fort Worth.

MRS. JO DAGGETT: I have one other member, and she is out of the chapter room: Melynda Giesenschlag.

I move that this report be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard a motion to adopt the report of the Chapters Under Dispensation. Is there a second?

Having a second, is there discussion? [No response.]

All in favor of the report on Chapters Under Dispensation will signify by raising your green card. Cards down. Same sign. It's adopted. The members of Webb Chapter can now go and pick up their credentials. Thank you. [Applause] Thank you very much. The Grand Secretary has your mileage check. This chapter is very anxious to proceed with working for our Grand Chapter.

Now, it is my pleasure and honor to ask Sister Beulah Speer to bring our Invocation.

INVOCATION

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, would you please just join hands with the one next to you, and with humble hearts bow your heads.

Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we bow in humble gratitude, thanking You for our heritage in our Order of over 100 years and remembering the many blessings that we have received and enjoyed. Be with those who are absent because of illness or other adversity. Comfort those whose hearts have been saddened by loss of Loved ones. We offer our thanks to You for our priceless gifts of freedom and our beautiful country. Make us worthy of these freedoms and grant that they will never diminish or be taken from us.

Thank you, God, for your protection and watchful care over each of us here today and especially our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn Whitaker. We are grateful for their leadership and for every supportive effort put forth by the membership of Texas.

We would commend to Thy special care and keeping those who are to assume leadership and responsibility in the years ahead. Lord, give them abundantly of Your love, Your strength and Your guidance. Now, as we continue to transact the important business of our Grand Chapter, we acknowledge our special need of Your special power and guidance to help us in our deliberations and our decisions.

Dear God, never before has the future of our Order stood at a more important crossroad than today. Grant that we will listen to Your voice with open hearts and minds to Your guidance, thus strengthening our Order and the bonds of friendship. Then we know we can truthfully say as we leave this convention that each decision was first fully discussed in an adult manner and that each opinion presented was respected, and that we heard only words that were knowledgeable of our laws, words of sincerity and words of kindness to everyone, and then through the peaceful and harmonious efforts of our Order, we were strengthened for future generations to carry on our beautiful Order.

These things we humbly ask in Your Holy Name. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now declare this "A Time to Love" session open.

Sister Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron, your strong conviction of faith was evident when you had to assume the leadership of this Order prematurely. We became friends when you served as Grand Warder, and we shared the love of our Past Grand Matron, Sister Kathy Johnston. Always we need the presence of our Heavenly Father to grant us wisdom needed to perform our tasks. I thank you so much for bringing our invocation.

We're going to try, my Sisters and Brothers, to get some of these reports out of the road, and then we will continue with a little longer bit of business. I now recognize Sister Betty Prater, Fraternal Correspondent, to give her report.

While Betty is coming to the east — Oh, here she is.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

MRS. BETTY PRATER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

I cannot begin to tell the membership of this great state the pleasure that has been mine as a result of this special place of service this year. Serving as Fraternal Correspondent has been not only interesting and informative, but a unique learning experience as well. I am most grateful for the opportunity given to me by our Worthy Grand Matron to serve in this place. Will all the Grand Representatives please stand so the membership may recognize you.

As Fraternal Correspondent, it has been my pleasure to have you join me as we took these SPECIAL MOMENTS IN TIME to travel to the various Grand Jurisdictions. Our tour was sponsored by the Grand Chapter of Texas and our Travel Agents were our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. As you accompanied me on this ideal trip, we traveled in the comfort of our own home with no worries about lost luggage, hotel accommodations, missed or late planes, trains, busses, etc. Our time schedule was our own and you were excellent traveling companions.

For many of you, portions of this report will be repetitious; however, let's

remember that we always have members attending Grand Chapter for the first time who are anxious to learn more about our Order.

A Worthy Grand Matron of Connecticut conceived the idea of exchanging interesting ideas and information with other Grand Jurisdictions in 1876. She had the foresight to see what a valuable tool this could be and how much each state could profit by this exchange. Thus, the position of Fraternal Correspondent was born.

Our Order, which was founded by Dr. Rob Morris in 1850 in Richland, Mississippi, is international. It is divided into five sovereign bodies: the General Grand Chapter of which we are a part; the Independent Grand Chapters of New York (the oldest) and New Jersey; the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland; and the United Grand Chapter of Australia (the youngest).

Our Order is now the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women belong. There are over 13,000 chapters and approximately 2 1/2 million members. Our Ritual is printed in 5 different languages — English, German, Italian, Chinese, Spanish, and also in Braille. The sun never sets on our members as they circle the earth.

Our International Eastern Star Temple (considered to be one of the most beautiful buildings in the world) was built in 1909 and is located in Washington, DC. No national flag is flown over the Temple since we are international. However, there is a lighted star in our five colors, atop the building representing the subordinate chapters, surrounded by the Pentagon representing Grand Chapters; and the Circle representing General Grand Chapter. The maintenance and upkeep of the Temple is funded by a lifetime donation of \$1.00 by each member to the International Temple Fund. The history of every chapter in the world is housed in the Temple in fire-proof vaults.

The International Peace Garden and Chapel, located on the Manitoba and North Dakota border, cover 2,300 acres, 1,400 in Canada and 900 in the United States. These gardens were dedicated in 1921 and symbolize more than 100 years of peace and harmony between the United States and Canada. Inscribed are the words, "To God in His Glory, we two nations dedicate this garden and pledge ourselves that as long as men shall live, we will not take up arms against one another."

Many enjoyable hours have been spent in reading the Proceedings from other Grand Jurisdictions. Each Jurisdiction is unique; however, the foundation upon which our Order was founded continues to be the same. Our Obligation is the same throughout the world. The Holy Bible is reverently centered in a place of honor upon our Holy Altar in every Chapter throughout the world. All meetings open and close with prayer and we share a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. The flag of our country is always displayed with dignity. All Grand Chapters have the same teachings, the same emblems, the same prayers. Loving tribute is paid to our members who have left this earthly life. Over the years many changes have taken place in our Ritual, but the colors, emblems, signs, passes, landmarks, and obligation have remained unchanged.

Some differences from state to state are noted. Most Jurisdictions elect a Grand Sentinel who advances to Associate Grand Patron the following year. British Columbia and Yukon have a Grand Doctor and Grand Nurses who march in with the Floor Officers at each session. In a few Jurisdictions, Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons are allowed to vote. In some states, Grand Officers confer the degrees at various chapters or at the Grand Chapter Session. Michigan Grand Chapter is permitted to have lottery ticket sales and hold drawings. In North Dakota the Finance Committee, composed of three Past Grands, prepares the proposed budget.

All Grand Jurisdictions continue to face the same problem, that of decreasing

membership. Some suggestions have been that we should broadcast our good work since many people are not aware of the magnitude of our charitable work. They would be amazed to learn of the many wonderful accomplishments that Eastern Star makes each year and what a monumental difference we make to humanity through our corporate giving and serving. Hundreds and thousands of ESTARL scholarships are given each year throughout our nation. Thousands of people would never have heard the word of God preached had we not awarded these scholarships to enable students to attend seminaries. Hundreds and thousands of Eastern Star members would have no place to live out their golden years had we not provided homes for them in almost every Grand Jurisdiction. Thousands of Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters might not have turned out to be responsible adults had it not been for the teachings they learned because we sponsored them and later when they became members of our Order. Sisters and Brothers, we should begin publicizing our good works so non-members will want to become a part of our beautiful Order.

Attached to this report is an addendum covering the Proceedings of each Jurisdiction to which we traveled during these SPECIAL MOMENTS IN TIME.

To our Tour Director, Sister Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary, to the Tour Guides, our devoted Grand Representatives, my sincere appreciation for allowing us to enjoy these SPECIAL MOMENTS IN TIME by providing us with Proceedings and reports of your visits.

To our Travel Agents, Sister Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron; and Brother Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the opportunity of serving with you during this SPECIAL TIME in the life of our Grand Chapter.

ARIZONA

"The Walk in Faith and Clown Session" April 22-25, 1992

Items of interest: Throughout the sessions, the "Lacy Ladies and Classy Clowns (Worthy Matrons and Patrons for 1991-92) from the various chapters performed short skits that were very entertaining.

ARKANSAS

116th "Christmas is Always Session" December 4-6, 1991

187 Chapters 18,877 Members

Items of interest: In lieu of an Eastern Star Home, Arkansas has a Benevolent Fund that helps the needy members.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

81st "Festival of Hearts and Flowers Session" June 1-3, 1992

72 Chapters 8,342 Members

Items of interest: Have a Grand Doctor and Grand Nurses who march in at each session with the Grand Floor Officers. The opening drill, performed by the Grand Floor Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Junior Past Matrons and Patrons, Grand Doctor and Grand Nurses was beautiful. As formation was completed, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron knelt at the Altar and offered silent prayers.

CALIFORNIA

118th "Heritage and Hope Session" October 9-13, 1991

387 Chapters 86,448 Members

Items of interest: Worthy Grand Matron's small Chapter in the high Sierras meetings are still held the Saturday on or before the full moon. Worthy Grand Matron's gavel was made of bristlecone pine which is the oldest living thing on earth. They have been documented to be over 4000 years old.

COLORADO

100th "Wings of Time" Session" September 16-19, 1992

Items of interest: An Exemplification of an Early Initiation Ceremony was given. It was an adaptation of "The Covenant of Adoption" used around 1869. Grant Sentinel is elected and advances to Associate Grand Patron. The ballot box is kept at the Treasurer's desk in Subordinate Chapters. Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons are allowed to vote.

FLORIDA

87th "Angel of Faith Session" April 14-16, 1992

231 Chapters 36,668 Members

Items of interest: Female officers always wear white formals at night while the men wear white tuxedos. During the day the ladies wear white short dresses and men wear white pants and colored jackets. Does not have an O.E.S. Home; ladies stay at the Masonic Home which is supported by Grand Chapter.

IOWA

114th "Gifts of the Heart Session" October 25-27, 1991

245 Chapters 30,922 Members

Items of interest: State is divided into four sections and Grand Officers entertained for a special evening of fun with proceeds divided between their two homes. They hold a State School under the leadership of the Board of Custodians, comprised of a President, Secretary, and a member, all Past Grand Matrons. The Grand Officers conferred the degrees six times during the year at various chapters. Associate Grand Conductress serves as Fraternal Correspondent.

LOUISIANA

93rd "Under God's Umbrella Session" March 23-25, 1992

Items of interest: Fourteen General Grand Chapter Grand Officers were in attendance, as well as 26 General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Texas had 4 Past:Grand Matrons and 1 Past Grand Patron present, as well as the Grand Conductress.

MAINE

100th "Grand Centennial of Stars Session" May 17-20, 1992

Items of interest: Grand Sentinel is elected and advances on to Associate Grand Patron. The Star Point chairs are turned slightly toward the Altar. When the Grand Conductress bows to the Bible, everyone else also bows. Degrees from the 1868 McCoy Ritual were presented by the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons; very impressive and beautifully done. Grand Escorts were known as Huggers and Luggers.

MARYLAND

93rd "The Gathering of Friends Session" April 28-May 1, 1991

81 Chapters 16,422 Members

Items of interest: Jurisprudence Committee is responsible for conducting schools on the Constitution and Laws for the Associate Matrons and Patrons on the same day as the General Schools of Instruction are conducted by the Grand Lecturer. Grand Officers exemplified the Ritualistic Work at all schools. Associate Grand Matron and Patron are escorted to the East and presented with a jewel of their office. Instead of being recessed or called from Labor to Rest, Grand Chapter is "called off."

MASSACHUSETTS

116th "Compass Rose Session" May 14-16, 1992

113 Chapters 23,347 Members

Items of interest: Grand Sentinel is elected, advances to Associate Grand Patron and then Worthy Grand Patron. Elections are by punched cards; taken to City of Lowell for computer processing and then back to the Session to announce results. Grand Chapter is operating in the black; however, they are concerned that the low interest rates and decline in membership could cause a change in the future.

MICHIGAN

125th "Soar to New Heights Session" October 7-9, 1991

318 Chapters 56,246 Members

Items of Interest: Grand Chapter is permitted to have lottery ticket sales and hold drawings. Since it is a lottery state by law, Grand Lodge issued a permit for the Grand Chapter to obtain a lottery license which allows drawings for cars, trips, etc.

MISSISSIPPI

86th "Come Walk With Me Session" April 13-15, 1992

195 Chapters 16,475 Members

Items of interest: Has no O.E.S. Home; instead has the "Little Red School House" as project. Grand Representatives Club of state gave \$5,000 to this project; \$3,000 to ESTARL; and \$5,000 to General Fund. Grand Sentinel is elected and advances to Associate Grand Patron.

NEBRASKA

116th "Life . . . Wrapped with Ribbon . . . Woven in Love Session"

May 14-16, 1991

174 Chapters 22,712 Members

Items of interest: Nebraska Eastern Star Educational Association granted educational loans to 31 applicants. Seventy-four shares of stock were bought by donations and interest was used by the association. A \$2,500 gift was received from Lebanon Lodge No. 323 to assist in this worthwhile project.

NEW BRUNSWICK

62nd "Bluebird of Happiness Session" July 9-11, 1992

Items of interest: At each session, the Grand Chapter Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Grand Nurses, and Grand Representatives participated in the Ribbon Ceremony, Open Bible, Sword and Veil, and Circle formations.

NORTH DAKOTA

98th "Spirit of Christmas Session" June 3-5, 1992

56 Chapters 4,186 Members

Items of Interest: Grand Marshal proclaims the sessions open and called from labor to rest and rest to labor. Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are limited to 8 years in office. Grand Sentinel is elected and advances to Associate Grand Patron. Finance Committee, composed of 3 Past Grands, prepares the proposed budget.

ONTARIO

"A World of Love and Happiness Session" September 8-11, 1991

Items of interest: Grand Sentinel is elected and advances to Associate Grand Patron. Session was clouded with sadness due to very recent death of Worthy Grand Patron's wife. Special projects were Alzheimer's Society of Ontario and Heart & Stroke Foundation.

OREGON

103rd "Count Your Blessings Session" June 21-24, 1992

18,866 Members

Items of interest: Elections were held on first day. Grand Sentinel is elected and advances to Associate Grand Patron. Oregon is among the top 3 jurisdictions in per capita benevolent giving. Sunshine Board, composed of Associate Matrons and Patrons throughout the state, bring cheer and happiness to members in hospitals and care centers.

PUERTO RICO

78th "Peace and Love Session" May 23-24, 1992

125 Chapters 25,700 Members

Items of interest: Language is Spanish so English-speaking members were issued head sets so an interpreter could translate for them. They have a Grand Lecturer and a Grand Trustee who are elected and are officers of Grand Chapter. Each has a special place and a badge of office.

RHODE ISLAND

96th "Wings of Love Session" October 11-12, 1991

23 Chapters

Items of interest: Worthy Grand Matron sends a welcome letter to each new member coming into the Order. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron install all officers in each chapter. A "Charity Ball' was held, which netted \$7,000 for charitable projects. Have an Eastern Star Foundation of Rhode Island, approved by IRS. Members are encouraged to give tax deductible gifts to this foundation for their OES Home, Shrine Childrens' Hospital, etc.

SASKATCHEWAN

76th "For the Beauty of the Earth Session" April 30-May 1-3, 1992

51 Chapters

Items of interest: Grand Sentinel is elected and advances to Associate Grand Patron. Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons are allowed to vote and carry proxies. Budget for 1992-93 reflects income of \$41,000 and expenses \$39,870! Organist and Grand Choir were seated in the Southeast. Conductress introduces Sisters and the Associate Conductress introduces Brothers.

SCOTLAND April 11, 1992

Items of interest: This Grand Chapter has 2 meetings a year; one in October (business meeting) and the Annual Meeting in April. Most Worthy Grand Matron does not preside; she "reigns"; she does not raise the membership by the gavel; she "uplifts" them. When a member of this Grand Chapter receives a Commission to another Grand Jurisdiction, it is a life-time commission—only death cancels it.

SOUTH DAKOTA

103rd "Christmas in September Session" September 24-26, 1991

82 Chapters 8,351 Members

Items of interest: Annual reports are mailed in April so Secretaries have plenty of time to prepare before deadline. Proceedings include a section showing the condition of each Chapter. Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress serve as Fraternal Correspondents. Degrees were conferred on two candidates during the Session.

UTAH

86th "Our Treasured Mountain Home" October 9-11, 1991

21 Chapters 2,599 Members

Items of interest: Grand Sentinel is elected and advances to Associate Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron's special project was a Charity Ball with proceeds going to the Cancer Fund.

WASHINGTON

104th "The Garden of Joy Session: June 23-27, 1992

180 Chapters 26,134 Members

Items of interest: Grand Sentinel is elected and advances to Associate Grand Patron. The Secretary is limited to serving 7 years. 50-year pins were presented to 260 members.

WEST VIRGINIA

88th "Visions . . . Dawning Stars of the 90's Session" October 3-5, 1991

125 Chapters 25,700 Members

Items of interest: Grand Marshal calls the Sessions from Labor to Rest and Rest to Labor. Minutes of previous session are read by Grand Secretary and are approved at each session. Grand Conductress serves as Chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee with the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Conductress acting as members.

WYOMING

95th "Symphony of the Sea Session" August 13-15, 1992

Items of interest: Each Grand Officer signs Bible at Altar as they are presented for installation. They have 4 Installing Grand Marshals.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Betty. You have been a highlight and a joy to the floor officers and to your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron this year. For the excellent report that you have given every month, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there discussion? [No response.] All in favor will signify by raising their green cards. Down. All opposed, same sign. The report is adopted. Thank you, Betty.

Sisters and Brothers, Brother Ralph Davis, our Past Grand Patron, chairman of Deeds, Titles and Properties.

REPORT OF THE TITLES, DEEDS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

MR. RALPH DAVIS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: Before I get into this report, which I assure you won't take very long, the motion was made and defeated this morning that the members of this committee be checked by the Board of Grand Trustees. I personally think that all of the past Associate Grand Matrons, when they make these appointments, have given those appointments serious study. If that would be the case, I think we ought to start having the candidates for the Board of Grand Trustees approved by the Benevolent—not the Benevolent Board. It's the Worthy Grand Matron and Associate Grand Matron and all her officers. These Past Grand Matrons, when they were serving in the office of Associate Grand Matron, you might think some of them made a mistake, but I think they have done an excellent job; and I want to personally thank them for choosing me. I assure you that this committee, which is composed of Jerre Lucas, Hubert Mills and Bennett Hill, we've discussed this report.

As I told you, it wouldn't take us very long. On behalf of this fine committee, I wish to report that nothing has been referred to us this year. I therefore move the adoption of this report. [Applause] It's signed by Ralph A. Davis and each member of this committee. Worthy Grand Matron, we move that this report be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've just heard the report of the Titles, Deeds and Properties, and it has been moved and seconded that we adopt. Is there any discussion? [No response.] All those in favor will signify by raising their green cards. Cards down. Opposed. Motion adopted.

Thank you, Brother Ralph, and your fine committee. I'm glad you didn't have any problems or telephone calls.

The chairman of Resolutions is not here in our Grand Chapter Room. Therefore, if it is all right with the assembly, I move that we refer it to the Grand Secretary. This committee does not need action.

At this time I would Like to recognize Sister Bobbie Paul to bring the International Temple report.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE COMMITTEE

MRS. BOBBIE PAUL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: I am happy to submit the following report. I am sincerely grateful to you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn Whitaker, for giving me the privilege of serving in your official family as International Temple Committee Chairman during the year 1991-1992.

The International Temple is a beautiful and magnificent building located in Washington, D. C. midst embassies of many nations. Because it is international, it flies no flag, but displays a beautiful illuminated star within the pentagon within a circle, the Emblem of the General Grand Chapter. It is impossible to describe and has to be seen to appreciate the symbolic beauty.

It is headquarters for General Grand Chapter and houses priceless records and

the history of every chapter in the world is stored there. It is furnished with beautiful antiques from all over the world and is the home of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. The building and furnishings are paid for and it is maintained and supported by using the interest from the Endowment Fund and our once in a lifetime contribution of a dollar from each member of the Order which makes and gives them a part ownership in the Temple. I hope each individual has been personally benefited in the knowledge that she, or he, has helped to cause the Temple to shine with an International Light of Pride. It is a monument to the high ideals and purposes handed down to us by the founder of our Order, Dr. Rob Morris.

My sincere thanks to each chapter who contributed to this fund. My sincere wish is that each member in Texas will soon have a part in the International Temple.

Films were shown to four chapters and the Past Matrons Club at the O.E.S. Home.

247 chapters participated in contributing a grand total of \$2,431.00.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie E. Paul International Temple Committee Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Bobbie. It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of our chairman of the International Temple. Is there discussion? [No response.] All those in favor of accepting will please signify by raising their green cards. Cards down. Same sign. Adopted.

Thank you, Bobbie, for taking this beautiful appointment and running with it. You are a very gracious and beautiful lady.

I think you're going to like the report you're going to hear next, Sisters and Brothers. I think it will warm your hearts; it did mine. I now call on our general chairman of the Humanitarian Committee, Sister Opal Martin, to bring her report.

Is Donna Reed in the room? She's our District 1 member. If she is, if she will come to the east, please.

REPORT OF THE HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE

MRS. OPAL MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Other Grand Chapter Officers, my Sisters and Brothers all.

Worthy Grand Matron, the members of Texas have joined together this year to support your Humanitarian projects in a loving and generous way. Although our membership has declined from last year, Humanitarian program contributions have increased. This is, obviously, due to your inspirational leadership of our Order.

You have honored me this year by allowing me to serve our Grand Chapter in this important position, and by providing the opportunity for me to work with the dedicated District Chairmen. These ladies have given of their time and efforts willingly and



WORTHY GRAND MATRON, Mrs. Jane Gregory Worthy Grand Matron - 1991 - 1992



WORTHY GRAND PATRON, Mr. Glenn Whitaker Worthy Grand Patron - 1991 - 1992



WORTHY GRAND MATRON, Jane Gregory and WORTHY GRAND PATRON, Glenn Whitaker

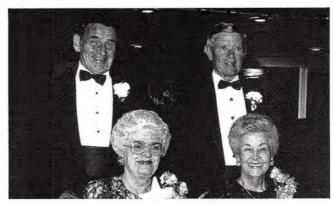


Worthy Grand Matron's Reception-RIGHTWORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON, Robert L. Baker and his wife, Elaine, GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS, Virginia; Jane Gregory, WORTHY GRAND MATRON; Glenn Whitaker, WORTHY GRAND PATRON.



WORTHY GRAND PATRON, Glenn Whitaker GRAND ESTHER, June Whitaker





FLOOR OFFICERS' DINNER – Worthy Grand Matron, Jane Gregory and husband, Morris "Moe" Gregory; Worthy Grand Patron, Glenn Whitaker and wife, June, Grand Esther.



FLOOR OFFICERS' DINNER - (L to R) Connie Autrey, Grand Martha ,and Husband Larry; Marilyn Knowlton, Grand Warder, and husband Travis; Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron, and husband Floyd.



FLOOR OFFICERS' DINNER – (L to R) Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress, and husband Bill; Shirley Rattan and husband Garland, Associate Grand Patron; Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress and husband Max.



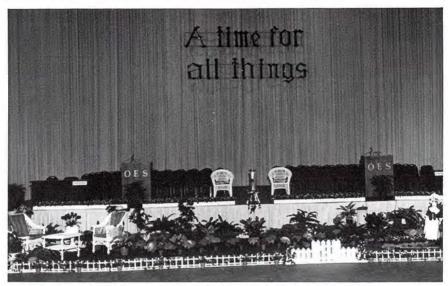
FLOOR OFFICERS' DINNER - (L to R) Zena Wilson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron; Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary; Betty Prater, Fraternal Correspondent; Robert L. Wood, Grand Chaplain; Alma Carter, Grand Marshal; Ivan Wallace and Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer.



FLOOR OFFICERS' DINNER – (L to R) Ethel Schnelle and husband Kermit Schnelle, Grand Sentinel; Sara Crowder, Grand Ruth, and husband A.M. "Mac" Crowder; Martha Grissom, Grand Adah, and husband Vernon Grissom.



FLOOR OFFICERS' DINNER - (L to R) James E. Huston, Grand Soloist and wife Sherrie; Larry Autrey; Nancy Matus, Grand Organist; Travis Knowlton; Floyd Green; and Mrs. Dolores Sebesta.



"A TIME FOR ALL THINGS" SESSION - Setting in the East



OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER - Grand Conductress Marcella Curry escorts Worthy Grand Matron, Jane Gregory, to East.



OPENING OF BIBLE - Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress, opens Holy Bible.



"A TIME FOR AMERICA DRILL" presented by Grand Floor Officers and Personal Pages.



"A TIME FOR AMERICA DRILL". Unfolding the flag of the United States.



"A TIME FOR AMERICA DRILL". Flag being retired from the Grand Chapter Floor.



RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON - Robert L. Baker, presented by Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress and Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress.



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS (R to L): Elise Hammack, ESTARL Committee; Leonard Ellington, Fraternal Relations Committee; George H. Burrows, Public Relations Committee; Patricia Major Neinast, Registration Committee; John "Wayne" Harrist, Youth Committee.



WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS (R to L): Margaret Byrd, Alabama; Gladys S. Allison, Louisiana; Virgie George, New Mexico; David L. George, Louisiana.



PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS (R to L): Josephine Kozak, Colorado; Pat Cleveland, Louisiana; Dorothy Boyce, Massachusetts; Helene Fisher, New Mexico; Chelsea Branson, Louisiana; Alvin Roach, Louisiana; Wayne Fisher, New Mexico.



PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PATRONS OF TEXAS



GRAND FLOOR OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS



GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO TEXAS FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS



TEXAS GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS



GRAND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS



WORTHY GRAND MATRON, JANE GREGORY, IN THE STRAWBERRY GARDEN



GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR, MISS KIMBERLEY SLAGLE, presenting the Bible at the "ONE MOMENT IN TIME" Installation.



PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLE, BIBLE MARKER, SQUARE & COMPASSES by Georgia Franklin, Worthy Matron, Pasadena No. 711; J. D. Franklin, Worthy Patron, and Kimberley Slagle, Grand Worthy Advisor.



Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron, Robert L. Wood, Grand Chaplain and Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron.



MEMORIAL SERVICE: Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress; Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress; Robert L. Wood, Grand Chaplain.



MEMORIAL SERVICE: Robert L. Wood, Grand Chaplain and Alma Carter, Grand Marshal.



Nancy Matus, Grand Organist, Jim Huston, Grand Soloist and Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron.



BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES: Jane Gregory; Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; A. D. Jackson, Vice-Chairman; Elizabeth Young, Secretary; Penny Vletas, Member; Sarah Coursey, Member; Glenn Whitaker.



BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS: Willie Mae Shaw, District I; Joyce Fields, District II; Alma Lynn Bane, District III; Montie Malone, District IV; Nannette Nelson, District V; Jimmie Lee McMahon, At-Large.



BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS



DISTRICT ONE: DEPUTIES AND DISTRICT DEPUTY



DISTRICT TWO: DEPUTIES AND DISTRICT DEPUTY



DISTRICT THREE: DEPUTIES AND DISTRICT DEPUTY



DISTRICT FOUR: DEPUTIES AND DISTRICT DEPUTY



DISTRICT FIVE: DEPUTIES AND DISTRICT DEPUTY



Jane Greogry; Betty Prater, Fraternal Correspondent; Glenn Whitaker.



Jane Gregory; Bobbie Paul, International Temple; Glenn Whitaker.



DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS AND PERSONAL PAGES TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON; Jane Gregory; Marijo King, District I; Jane Ramos, District II; Lucia Trammell, District III; Jean Hodson, District IV; Shirley Jones, District V – Daytime Dress.



PERSONAL PAGES TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON - FORMAL DRESS.



PERSONAL SECRETARY TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON, Zena Wilson; Jane Gregory and Glenn Whitaker.



BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE COMMITTEE: Billie Glover, General Chairman.



CHAPTERS U.D. COMMITTEE: Elsie Jo Daggett, Chairman; Cordie Havron.



ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: David B. Dibrell, General Chairman.



FESTAL COMMITTEE: Curtis Cole, General Chairman; Lillie Mae Eades, Frances Wilburn and Oma D. Bush.



REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: James H. Parker, Chairman; Janice Herridge, Carl Unlaub, Becky Walker and Avanel Galloway.



CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Marlene Berry, Pauline McCarty, Johnnie Bissing, Maudine King, Richard Ochs, Chairman.



TRANSPORTATION & MILEAGE COMMITTEE: Betty Morris, General Chairman, Betty Friend, Howard Whitt, Diane Davidson and Milton Skipper.



HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS COMMITTEE: Jane Gregory, Irene Linam, Glenn Whitaker.



 $\textbf{ESTARLCOMMITTEE}; Frances\,Christian, General\,Chairman; Pollyanna\,Heath, Ada\,Webster,\,Shirley\,Hodgkinson\,and\,Edith\,Head.$



ESTARL RECIPIENTS



HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE: Opal Martin, General Chairman; Betty Capps, District III; Robin Merchant, District V.



MUSIC COMMITTEE: Fran Childers, General Chairman.



LEADERS OF THE FUTURE COMMITTEE: Ruth Jameson, General Chairman.



MASONIC TIES THAT BIND COMMITTEE: Clifford W. Engel, General Chairman.



MUSEUM COMMITTEE: Kitty Allen, General Chairman; Barbara Ochs, Norma Jean Graham, Elsie Mae Wright and Joy Bentley.



STRAWBERRY EXTRAVAGANZA COMMITTEE: Billy Combest, General Chairman; Freda Combest, General Co-Chairman; Virginia Schmidt, General Co-Chairman; Claudette Carroll and Sharon Fentress.



PURPOSES & POLICIES COMMITTEE: J. T. Sanders, Beulah Speer, C. H. Christopher and Harry Cunningham.



REVISION OF CONSTITUTION & LAWS COMMITTEE: Lallah Mae Vollus, Mildred Sharpe, Molly Goodpasture West, Elise Hammack, Lois Bell and Cloe Morris, Secretary.



 ${\bf TELEPHONE\,AND\,TELEGRAPH\,COMMITTEE: Lena\,Maye\,Cook, Joyce\,Roberts\,and\,Mildred\,Sharpe.}$



 ${\bf TITLES, DEEDS\& PROPERTIES\: COMMITTEE: Ralph\: Davis, Chairman, Hubert\: Mills, Jerre\:Lucas\: and\: Bennett\: Hill.}$



COMMUNITY SERVICE (PUBLICITY) COMMITTEE: Miss Iris Miller, General Chairman.



THE SOJOURNERS



ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE



THE GRAND CHOIR - Madylene Andrews, Director.



GRAND PAGES



GRAND WARDERS



ASSISTANT GRAND SENTINELS



50 YEAR MEMBERS



LADIES FROM OES HOME: Sue Whipple, Lorraine Lockmiller, Edna Cowsert, Lillian Martin, Florence Savely, Irene Steele, Dorothy Pocock and George Poff, Superintendent.



GENERAL BANQUET - "CHIMES OF THE EVENING"



BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BREAKFAST - "A STRAWBERRY SUNDAE"



GRAND WARDERS, SENTINELS & PAGES BREAKFAST - "STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM"



LUNCHEON: "STRAWBERRY COUNT-DOWN TIME" Honoring Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron



GRAND REPRESENTATIVES BREAKFAST "OUT OF THIS WORLD STRAWBERRY BREAKFAST"



GRAND EXAMINERS; June Whitaker, District I; Joyce Fields, District II; Alma Lynn Bane, District III; Naomi Wolfe, District IV; Nannette Nelson, District V; and Jimmie Lee McMahon, At-Large.



NEWLY-APPOINTED GRAND REPRESENTATIVES; Zena Wilson, Vermont; Elizabeth Williams, Arizona; Juanita Thomas, Nebraska; Hazel Smith, Alabama; and Pat Shelton Smith, Tennessee.



SATURDAY MORNING: Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress.



SATURDAY MORNING: Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress.

District One:

conscientiously, and it is a privilege to introduce them to the membership today.

District One - Sister Donna Reed District Two - Sister Kimi Kidd District Three - Sister Betty Capps District Four - Sister Jeanette Cooper District Five - Sister Robyn Merchant

I also want to thank Sister Frances Burbank and her staff for their help and support during the year. It has been a pleasure working with them.

With your permission, I will now present the District summaries and overall totals:

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Number of members23,338	
Number of chapters159	
Number of chapters participating133	
100% chapters	
200% chapters	
400% chapters	
1000% chapters	
(Bluebonnet, which has consolidated with Vienna Buckner - now Bluebonn	net/
Buckner)	
Amount for Home Renovation\$14,114.97	
Amount for Special Home Needs\$6.018.35	
Amount for Home Endowment\$4,394.71	
Amount for ESTARL\$5,967.78	
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District Two:	
Number of members	
Number of chapters	
Number of chapters participating	
100% chapters	
200% chapters	
500% chapters 1	
700% chapters	
Amount for Home Renovation\$5,974.84	
Amount for Special Home Needs\$3,264.26	
Amount for Home Endowment\$3,556.03	
Amount for ESTARL \$6,805.93	
Actual Company of the	
Total District Two Contributions\$19,601.06	
District Three:	
Number of members15,368	
Number of chapters111	
Number of chapters participating102	
100% chapters84	
200% chapters	
300% chapters	
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Amount for Home Renovation \$10,832.28
Amount for Special Home Needs\$2,362.68
Amount for Home Endowment \$9,132.78
Amount for ESTARL \$2,360.45
Amount for Editated
Total District Three Contributions\$24,688.19
District Four:
Number of members24,282
Number of chapters
Number of chapters participating
100% chapters132
200% chapters 5
300% chapters1
400% chapters 2
500% chapters1
800% chapters
900% chapters1
Amount for Home Renovation \$17,199.70
Amount for Special Home Needs \$5,352.87
Amount for Home Endowment
Amount for ESTARL \$8,844.96
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Total District Four Contributions\$37,672.02
District Five:
Number of members14,512
Number of chapters120
Number of chapters participating99
100% chapters89
200% chapters2
300% chapters4
400% chapters
1000% chapters
Amount for Home Renovation\$9,937.39
Amount for Special Home Needs\$3,827.90
Amount for Home Endowment \$2,535.26
Amount for ESTARL\$5,556.65
Total District Five Contributions\$21,857.20
Grand Chapter Totals:
Number of members90,813
Number of chapters652
Number of chapters participating585
100% chapters500
200% chapters
300% chapters
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Amount for Home Renovation	\$58,059.18
Amount for Special Home Needs	
Amount for Home Endowment	
Amount for ESTARL	
Total Grand Chapter Contributions	\$134 314 28

HUMANITARIAN RECAP BY PROGRAMS 1991-1992

	Home Renovation	Special Home Needs	Home Endowment	ESTARL	TOTALS
DISTRICT I	\$14,114.97	\$ 6,018.35	\$ 4,394.71	\$ 5,967.78	\$ 30,495.81
DISTRICT II	5,974.84	3,264.26	3,556.03	6,805.93	19,601.06
DISTRICT III	10,832.28	2,362.68	9,132.78	2,360.45	24,688.19
DISTRICT IV	17,199.70	5,352.87	6,274.49	8,844.96	37,672.02
DISTRICT V	9,937.39	3,827.90	2,535.26	5,556.65	21,857.20
TOTALS	\$58,059.18	\$20,826.06	\$25,893.27	\$29,535.77	\$134,314.28

Worthy Grand Matron, this concludes my report. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve this year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Opal Martin, and your fantastic committee. Sisters and Brothers, was I right? How did you like that report? Wasn't that wonderful? [Applause] It's because of you, the membership, and your generosity and desire that this Grand Chapter remain strong and goes forward. Thank you again.

MRS. OPAL MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There has been a motion to adopt the report, and it has been seconded. Any discussion? [No response.] All in favor of accepting the Humanitarian report, signify by your green cards. Down. Opposed. Adopted.

A couple of messages were handed to me. It says, "Half eyes found at the Grand Secretary's desk." That means half glasses. Camera was left at the Associate Grand Matron luncheon in the Sheraton Hotel, and it belongs to Myrtle Aylick. It's also at the Grand Secretary's desk.

Sister Irene Linam, is she here? I now call on Sister Irene Linam, chairman of the Historical Highlights to bring her report.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS COMMITTEE

MRS. IRENE LINAM: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for giving this committee the opportunity to spend the time this year to present to the membership the HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS books and the updated page sets. I am pleased to report the total of sales for the HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS books is \$482. The page sets, which were number one, the total is \$65; page two sets, total is \$108; page three sets, total is \$267, for a total on the three page sets of \$440.

I was privileged to have those working with me whom I have not seen in the Grand Chapter room, but is was Mrs. Merle Anderson, Mrs. Shirley Hainline and Mrs. Phillis Mertain.

I submit this report fraternally to you and move the adoption of the report of the Historical Highlights Committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have just heard the report from the chairman of the Historical Highlights Committee. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt. All in favor signify by raising your green cards. Cards down. Motion adopted.

Irene, thank you for accepting this place of service and for the beautiful report which you have just given.

Sisters and Brothers, I would like — and I think that perhaps you would like — to see the beautiful, beautiful "For-Get—Me-Nots." I now call on Brother George Poff, the superintendent and administrator of our Eastern Star Home to bring his report. I would like for the ladies to be escorted to the East. Sister Grand Marshal, while Brother George is coming to the podium, would you present the ladies of our Eastern Star Home in the East. My Brothers, I'm sure that there's some of you handsome fellows back there that would love to escort these ladies as they come to the East. These are the "For-Get-Me-Nots," and most certainly we do not want to forget them ever. The Grand Choir is going to serenade them as they come.

[Grand Choir sang "You Are My Sunshine" as the "For-Get-Me-Nots" were escorted to the east.]

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME

MR. GEORGE POFF: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all: I bring you greetings from your Eastern Star Home in Arlington represented by these seven ladies with their sweetness and kindness. After all is said and done, that is what the Eastern Star is all about.

Ladies, as I call your names, would you stand, please. Florence Savely, Wimodausis Chapter No. 141; Lorraine Lockmiller, Vickery Chapter 1033; Irene Steele, Mizpah Chapter No. 2; Edna Cowsert, Junction Chapter No. 497; Lillian Martin, Midlothian Chapter No. 234; Sue Whipple, DalCliff Chapter No. 574; and Dorothy Pocock, Alamo Heights No. 734. Let's give them a hand one more time. [Applause]

We have enjoyed our Worthy Grand Matron's visit from time to time. She comes with a smile and is always happy. Also, there's other Grand Officers who have come to the home during the year. We truly enjoy their visits also. Also, for the many members that have crossed our doorway.

Now, for some statistics about the home, and you'll hear a lot of statistics today. But there are 42 ladies in the retirement home and 27 ladies in the infirmary for a total of 69 residents. We just had another one come in last week, so it brings us to 70 now. The Chapters all over the state and our many friends are responsible for their many pleasures. It is now my pleasure to extend my deep appreciation and hearty thanks in this report to each of you. If I have unintentionally failed to write a letter of thanks to any individual, or my secretaries have, or to any chapter that has sent in gifts, I take this means of doing so now, but I do hope none have been overlooked.

Another year has passed into history, and as always our joys were made up of the many kind remembrances shown us by our members and Chapters throughout the state. Our sorrows were for the loss of our members in the home. It has been a year of escalating prices and much repair work and replacing of equipment had to be done. This improvement was done with the funds through the Worthy Grand Matron's funds, which helps with the general maintenance of the building and the OES Home Fund, which helped in the operation.

We at the home would like to again thank the Worthy Grand Matron, along with you, the membership, in contributing and securing funds for these projects. I especially want to thank the Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter Benevolence for their help and many kindnesses they have shown me through the entire year, ever ready to give me personal advice and aid to help me overcome the problems that often come up with the operation of such a structure.

Also, I would like to thank the members of the Board of Grand Trustees for their kindness and help through the years. It has been a pleasure to have the privilege of associating with them in the work of our Order. I would also like to thank all of the many volunteers that's here in this room, also the ones that could not be here for whatever reason it might be, that gave so much of their time and talent to our ladies and also at the home in the work.

As you the membership continue to contribute to the support and upkeep of the home, as well as give generously to the residents there, without your love and giving, the home would no be as beautiful and as comfortable as it is today for these ladies.

I would also like to say that the work and achievements could not have been accomplished without the foresight and hard work of my predecessors in the years before me in this same position. If you have in your Chapters any members who are eligible for our home, please do not forget that we are there and that we hold ourselves in readiness to receive them and provide for them in this wonderful home of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Now as we're assembled here today for this Grand Chapter, I'd like to speak to you not only as superintendent of the OES Home, but as a Worthy Patron of a subordinate Chapter. Just stop and think: What order is so worthy as ours, guided by the lives of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa, five beautiful lives that fittingly illustrate the light that leads to truth. We are all striving for the same purpose: the uplifting of humanity. And while our methods may be different, the end to be attained is the same.

Let us not allow the abstract to cause us to lose sight of the concrete, for definite duty. It gives assistance to the needy through benevolent aid. Also through our assistance it helps dry the tears of the widows and extend help and assistance to each other. The help of this group to the ladies of the home — and this situation just happened last week where a lady was held hostage in her own home — and through the efforts of the Chapter that she had become a Past Matron in, they sought help for her. The Board of Benevolence worked hurriedly on this, and we now have her in the home. She's quite withdrawn because some of you would be also if you were held hostage in you own home for maybe three months or four.

But the help that the group, as Eastern Star members, give to the ladies of the Home, especially to this lady; it brings light into their lives, restores the brightness to their eyes and color to their faded cheeks and a smile to their sad faces, bringing joy and happiness into the heart and makes them feel like this lady did, that she was not forgotten, that they are still a part of this great organization.

We in our comfortable houses should remember our Eastern Star Home. We can

thus truly promote the principles of our Order, which is charity and loving kindness. Every Chapter and every member should feel a personal interest in this noble work. Many of our members say that we have nothing for which to work, no special object in view. My Sisters and Brothers, here is a glorious cause, a work worthy of the love and support of every sincere member of our Order. We are bonded together for something better than just to go to the Chapter room and open and close and go home. There is work for all true followers of His Star in the East.

I believe some of us have forgotten our obligation, and it's time to think, talk and work for this beautiful Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home. Our Grand Chapter meetings in my mind, which has been for 20-some years, is like a big family reunion where we can come and tell our troubles and share our pleasures; and we're here to review the work of the past year, try to ratify all mistakes, if any, and to formulate plans which we've been doing here in this room for the future, by means of which our golden chain may lengthen. The purpose of our beautiful Order still stands as our founder, Rob Morris, intended, that we provide for the welfare of the wives, mothers, daughters, widows and sisters of Master Masons. And also I'm sure, as some of you do, that I feel certain our home will be taken care of in the future.

To those who are actively helping me at the home, I'd like to say God bless you. Let us forget self, measure our deeds by God's rule of love. Then we'll have no fear for the results. The only failure we should fear is the failure to do our best.

Like the poet wrote — and I do not know the author — but he said, "May we plan and build toward the future, without hope of personal gain. Bury all that is selfish within us that our Order may achieve and gain."

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Board of the Grand Chapter Benevolences again and the membership for the opportunity to serve you as superintendent of the Eastern Star Home, and also Wedgewood Chapter No. 756 for serving as Worthy Patron. I've tried to perform all the duties imposed upon me to the best of my ability and have done everything I could to promote the welfare and prosperity of our Order in the Eastern Star Home.

I would at this time like for each of you to stand, hold hands as our Grand Choir sings "Take a Hand and Make a Friend."

Thank you. God bless you. I love you all.

Worthy Grand Matron, I'd like to move that we adopt this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There has been a motion made and seconded that we adopt the superintendent's report. Is there any discussion? [No response.] All in favor, hold up your green cards. Cards down. Same sign.

I want you to know, Brother George, how very much I have appreciated the manner in which you have handled the Eastern Star Home. Sisters and Brothers, you in your generosity allow the Worthy Grand Matron a suite. I, living in Pasadena and having to work out of the Grand Secretary's office and the home, enjoyed that very much this year. I spent a great deal of time at the home, and the most joy was mingling and being with and breaking bread, having sing-alongs and prayer together with our "For-Get-Me-Nots." They are having a wonderful time. I had a wonderful time, and I hated to leave them, but I promised I would be back. Be assured that our Eastern Star Home is as comfortable as your own, if not more so. I felt very, very much at home each time I spent any time at all with these ladies.

We have one with us this afternoon, Irene Steele, who wants to speak to you, the membership. I told her I would be delighted that she do this.

MRS. IRENE STEELE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, to all Grand Officers, to the newest member of the Order of the Eastern Star, I bring greetings from the home in Arlington. My name is Irene Steele. I've been a member of Mizpah Chapter No. 2 in Galveston since May of 1954. I've been a resident of the Eastern Star Home for one year and two months.

It is a beautiful home from the outside and from a visitor's point of view. Today I would like to give you a bird's eye viewpoint of what it's like to live there from the inside looking out. I've been a hairdresser for 48 years and never thought I would ever be able to retire. I thought I would go standing behind my styling chair, until one day a patron reminded me of the home in Arlington.

I lived in Fort Worth, so it was very easily found. I looked it up in the phone book, and I called for an appointment. I talked with the superintendent, George Poff. He very graciously invited my sister, my brother-in-law and me to visit the home, have lunch and meet the ladies, which we did. After lunch we met with Mr. Poff in this office. We were very impressed with his courtesy, his honesty and his knowledge. We also met a lot of the ladies. We were impressed with the home, with the food, the beauty of the home, the cleanliness and the friendliness of all we met.

I was 72 years old and very tired. I think I made the right decision in moving to the home when I did, while I was physically, emotionally and mentally able to cope and to adjust. It is a period of adjustment. When you've lived alone for many years and then suddenly you're living with 69 or 79 other women, it is a big adjustment. Seven months after I visited the home, I became a resident.

Every day I am more and more grateful for the fact that I live there. We enjoy the comfort, the care and the security of a beautiful home. I've seen what it's like to be homeless. I've seen the look on people's faces, young men, young women, older women and men when they're standing in line at the shelters for a cold bologna sandwich. I've seen them with little children at Woman's Haven in Fort Worth. I've helped to deliver food to the shelters.

One night I looked into the eyes of a woman approximately my age and I wondered where she would sleep that night. I think that I'm the most fortunate person in the world. I don't have to get up in the morning and go out and catch a bus or walk to work in all kinds of weather; the frigid cold weather of winter or the heat of the summer. It's a joy and a pleasure to be where I am.

If I become ill, there is a well-staffed infirmary. At night I sleep without fear. We have a very good security system, and there is a matron who walks the floors at night. She checks all the outside doors, and she checks our room, if we leave the door slightly ajar. She is right there to see if you need help of any kind.

Some of us do our own laundry; some of us clean our rooms, but for those who cannot do those things, there is someone who does laundry and someone who keeps house. There are housekeepers who clean. We do not have to get up before daylight every day, thanks to Mac Crowder. If you don't feel well, you can sleep in. We appreciate that very much.

What are we like, we who live there, my sisters and I? What are we like? We come from the very privileged and from the underprivileged. Some are very well educated; some have very little formal education. We range in age from 70 to 103. We do crafts: ceramics, puzzles, play cards. We talk; we walk and we gossip a bit. Some of us do all of the above, and some of us do absolutely nothing. Some of us can do nothing better than anyone you have ever known. [Laughter]

We thank God every day for the privilege of living in that lovely home, but we do not

take it for granted. We realize that times are hard, that the economy is bad and that some of you may be having difficulties; we know that and we are grateful. I'm glad that you voted this morning, because I wouldn't want to feel that what I'm saying affected your vote. We know that you have bills to pay; you have families; we realize that and we want you to know how very, very grateful we are.

We know that you sometimes come out and give parties to us. Some of the chapters bring whole meals. You come; you give parties; you give presents; you give money; you bring food; you bring clothes and supplies; and we appreciate it very much, everything that you do, for each individual. You make up the chapters; you support the home and we are grateful for what you do, for taking responsibility for the very existence of the home. We appreciate it.

We love to have you visit with us. We love to have you come and tour the home. Some of us sit at the door every day from 8:00 in the morning until 8:00 in the evening to greet you. And if you will come on Sunday afternoon from 1:00 until 5:00, I will be your greeter; I would love to greet you. My name is Irene Steele. I am very happy and proud to be a member of the Order of Eastern Star; and I am proud — I am very proud — to be a resident of the Eastern Star Home. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Irene, one of my "For-Get-Me-Nots." I knew the membership would love to hear your side of the story. They've been hearing our side for so long, and there are two sides to everything. But these ladies are delightful; they're having a wonderful time. They have so many things to do, and you, the membership, are special to them. Would the ladies of the Eastern Star Home come forward now, and we'll have Brother Cleo take a picture of all of us. Then I would love for you to remain in the east if you'd like to, or we can have you escorted back.

Okay. They wanted to be escorted back. Gentlemen, would you like to help them? Please know, "For-Get-Me-Nots," I'll be back. I won't forget you, and I hope you don't forget me. I'll send you one of those pictures. Let's again tell these beautiful ones how much we love them. [Applause]

["The Eyes of Texas" was sung by the Grand Choir as they were escorted back to their seats in the Grand Chapter room.]

To you, "For-Get-Me-Nots," I want to read you the legend of this beautiful little flower.

When to the flower so beautiful the Father gave a name,

There came a little blue-eyed one, oh, how timidly it came.

And standing at the Father's feet and gazing in his face,

It said with low and timid voice, "Dear Lord, the name Thou gavest me, alas, I have forgot."

The Father kindly looked on him and said, "Forget me not."

We most surely will not forget those ladies.

For the 50-year members that will be getting their certificates, if someone in the back will get them lined — Oh, you already do, Joyce? They're ready? No. Okay. You're getting them ready. All the 50-year members. While we're waiting for the 50-year members, is Wynne Walton in the room? I'm going to have Sister Wynne Walton, General Chairman of the Time and Talent with Helping Hands, to give her report.

REPORT OF THE TIME AND TALENT WITH HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE

MRS. WYNNE WALTON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Brothers and Sisters:

Words can not express my deep emotion at the response that the Committee Members and others have made to our goals this year. The hours of service to the Eastern Star Home and our other shut-in members are too numerous to list. Some Districts turned in approximate hours but not all could account for all their time and service. The volunteers at the O.E.S. Home have been listed each month in the Bulletin. All of the projects that have been passed along to me have been accomplished. Our "For-Get-Me-Not" Sisters have all been adopted by at least one chapter and some by several. They truly enjoy belonging and being remembered. They were all anxious to let me know of the different parts of the state that remembered them.

The donations for the Strawberry Stickers are as follows:

District 1, Betty Lou Hays, Chairman	\$1210.00
District 2, Sharon Apple, Chairman	\$676.00
District 3, Hilda Franklin, Chairman	\$1540.00
District 4, Ruth Ann Raun, Chairman	\$1485.00
District 5, Dee Howington, Chairman	\$1407.00

Total \$6318.00

I have traveled the 118 miles round trip to the Grand Office 21 times to turn in money and visited the home most of these times and have made many more trips just to visit the Home. I visited nearly all the Chapters in my section, several meet on the same night as my home Chapter. I visited in several other Districts and also made some of their schools.

It has been a very busy year for me and I deeply appreciate all the calls and reports of the Committee Members and friends.

I wish to thank all who have made this a year of service and happiness, especially the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn Whitaker for the privilege of Service to them and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Respectfully submitted, Wynne L. Walton. I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Wynne. You have absolutely outperformed yourself, and I am so proud of the work that you have done and the members on your committee. The beautiful arrangements, the beautiful parties that you have had in the home have helped enlighten the lives of our "For-Get-Me-Nots."

Sisters and Brothers, there has been a motion made and seconded that we adopt the Time and Talent with Helping Hands Committee report. Is there discussion? [No response.] If not, signify by raising your green cards. Cards down. Same sign. Motion adopted. Thank you. Thank you, Sister Wynne.

Okay. Are there gentlemen back there to help these 50-year members? Please present our 50-year members in the east. Grand Choir.

[Applause as 50-year members were escorted to the east.]

50 YEAR MEMBERS 1991-1992

DALLAS NO. 1 Mrs. Nora Ellen Gay

Mrs. Minnie Toomer

MIZPAH NO. 2

Mrs. Paula Mae Miranda Mrs. Loraine Marie Topp

SAN ANTONIO NO. 3 Mrs. Gloria Shepherd Handley

TARRANT NO. 8

Miss Minnie Christian Mrs. Eva Carol Garrison Mrs. Louise Griffing

SAN ANGELO NO. 10 Mrs. Bertha Hayes

CEDAR BAYOU NO. 11

Mrs. Barbara F. Benson Mrs. Anne Mae Gardner Mrs. Ellen Modesett Mrs. Georgia Pilgrim Mrs. Edith Meryl Smith Mr. O. A. Wilson

ALVIN NO. 15

Mrs. Irene S. Bahler Mrs. Virginia Bailey Mrs. Myrtlee Meade

BOWIE NO. 16 Mrs. Lorine Seeds

RUTH NO. 20 Mr. H. G. Mason

WEATHERFORD NO. 21

Miss Wilma Grace Buchanan Mrs. Mildred Olson Mrs. Nellie Pearcy Mrs. Mildred Tabor

ROCKDALE NO. 23 Miss Modene Gregory

KERRVILLE NO. 24

Mrs. Frances E. Cole Mrs. Hazel M. Nauman Mrs. Trixie D. Sample Mrs. Audrey I Wood ABILENE NO. 30

Mr. Odis A. Claxton Mrs. Clyde Herrington

FLOYDADA NO. 31

Mrs. Hazel Swepston Mr. Hershel Swepston

VASHTI NO. 32 Miss Anna Mae Ford

TULIA NO. 33 Mrs. Ruby Walden

TEXAS NO. 35

Mrs. Verna Cook Mrs. Nelda Hastings Mr. Thomas E. Malone Mrs. Nina Beth McClaran

KENEDY NO. 36 Mrs. Nora Dow Green

PLAINVIEW NO. 37

Mrs. Aileen Tilson

IOWA PARK NO. 42 Mr. Charlie L. Metz

DEVINE NO. 43 Mrs. Lois Davis

Mrs. Lois Davis Mrs. Billie Gonet

PRUDENCE NO. 44 Mrs. Edna Mae Dye Mrs. Marietta McDonald

ANGLETON NO. 54 Mrs. Una Scott Blount

Mrs. Myrtle B. Munson

MEXIA NO. 57

Mrs. Oleta Adams Mrs. Dora Mae Henderson

NOCONA NO. 62

Mrs Lenora Burnett Mrs. Marinell Gist Mrs. Chloe Liddell PAMPA NO. 65

Mrs. Irene Branscum

Mrs. Ruby Crocker

Mrs. Pearl Franklin

Mrs. Dorothy Rainey

MATADOR NO. 66

Mrs. Connie R. Browning

Mrs. Ollie Pitts

BIG SPRING NO. 67

Mrs. Parthenia Bailey

Mrs. Mary Bernice Schlutz

Mrs. Verna Sunday

STOCKDALE NO. 69

Mrs. Pearl Carr

BEAUMON NO. 71

Mrs. Margaret Peterson

LUBBOCK NO. 76

Mrs. Verna Lee Abels

Mrs. Bobbye Bryan

Mrs. Inez Cranford

Mr. Morris B. Cranford

Mrs. Laura Nell Guthrie Mrs. Siddie Stewart

Mrs. Neta Tillman

GATE CITY NO. 77

Mrs. Rita Wilson

RUSK NO. 79

Mrs. Maxie Alexander

Mr. Harmon Schochler

WINTERS NO. 80

Mrs. Ethel Mae Clark

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Look at these beautiful ones. Sisters and Brothers, do you realize this is half a century of work for the Order of the Eastern Star? I think it is so commendable, and to be here at our 110th "A Time For All Things" session, I welcome you most sincerely. I will call their names, and they will step forward: Nelda Hastings, Jeanetta Alloway, Cynthia Davidson, Mattie Henry and Mr. Wallace W. Henry, Juanita Taylor, Mrs. Cacy L. Fidler, Mrs. Marie Harkham, Mrs. Gertie Mae Salyers.

Okay. You handsome escorts, they would like to return to the west. This song is going to be dedicated to you 50-year members.

[Grand Choir sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."]

Words alone cannot begin to tell you what 50 years of dedicated service has meant to this Order. We greet each of those beautiful ladies in love, respect and admiration for all that they have been doing and will continue to do for our Star. How proud your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were to sign their certificates of 50-years of service. Time can never erase their accomplishments, and we extend again our love.

Inow call on Sister Lallah Mae Vollus for a continuation of what we did this morning: and I think that we can do this in a big hurry.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: I know, Sisters and Brothers, you rejoice as do I and that your heart overflows with gratitude for the many hours of work that have gone into the marvelous reports that we have had.

The committee wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the courteous attention and understanding acceptance that you the membership have given to the report of this committee so far. The Worthy Grand Matron has extended cooperation and courtesy and love in our presentation.

The Jurisprudence Committee opened by their recommendation a solution to the

time element of the reception of this lengthy report. To Brother Watson, my friend of many years, I wish to extend — and to the entire committee — our committee's expression of sincere appreciation.

The balance of the portion to be considered consists mostly of regrouping portions of the laws so that you may follow them easier, such as placing all membership together, clarification of dual membership, for that has been a source of many questions to your Worthy Grand Matron; the simplification of the instructions on endowment membership — we may help ourselves and Grand Chapter through our endowed memberships — and the deletion of areas no longer needed.

It would, therefore, be appropriate at this time, if you so desire, to proceed with the adoption of the remaining portion as a whole that we may proceed with the receipt of the reports of the Boards, the Jurisprudence Committee and many other important committees before we enter into our election tomorrow morning.

Worthy Grand Matron — The Worthy Grand Matron has so many things to look forward to.

I have just said that I believe that the membership would be willing to proceed now with the adoption of the balance of the report on the laws.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the chairman of the revision just tell you that we are ready to take a two-thirds vote which will — now, see, when we took the two-thirds vote this morning, that was only to suspend my letting you not to have put it in a 90-day ruling. Is that not right, Nora? [Confers with parliamentarian.] That's right. I'm right. How about that, for a change?

We must take a two-thirds vote of the membership to adopt as a whole. If we don't, then it would be brought up again next year, and I'm sure Sister Virginia is back there keeping her fingers crossed. What we did this morning on a two-thirds vote was just to allow me to have waived the 90-day ruling. Okay.

Now, all in favor of accepting . . . Is somebody at the mike? I recognize Brother Ed.

MR. ED PICKETT: Worthy Grand Matron, I appreciate the effort that this committee has made, and I've read it over several times. However, I notice that when Sister Lallah Mae is telling us the various changes that are being made, I trust the membership is aware that all mileage is being revoked; there will be no more mileage. The deputies will not be paid any mileage; the Grand Examiners will not be paid any mileage; the secretary for the Worthy Grand Matron will not receive any expense. We're talking about — as well as the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. We're talking not only about appointed, but elected officials; and I believe that there's a lot of consideration here that is not being given to us in detail from the east. [Applause]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: No mileage is taken away; that is, mileage is taken away from everyone. It was the consensus of opinion that a resolution will be presented through the Jurisprudence Committee to do away with the mileage for the chapter representatives. You do not need to be reminded; you've heard it all year — it has been approaching us for many years — of the drastic financial condition of the Grand Chapter. We felt that Grand Officers would be willing to likewise release mileage. It's going to take a sacrifice, Sisters and Brothers, of us all to balance a budget that will be presented to you shortly from the Board of Grand Trustees.

The Grand Examiners ride in the car with the Worthy Grand Matron that is furnished by Grand Chapter. The secretary has also been riding in the car. Now, we know

that there are other expenses besides mileage, and there is written into the recommendations that monies be made available for postage, for such expenses as that.

I want you to think seriously — I don't believe that there's a one of you who would not be willing to make the sacrifice of the small amount that your mileage covers. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Billy Combest, would you fill in for the Worthy Grand Patron? I'd like to speak to the membership. Thank you.

I have served as Grand Examiner. I have not had the privilege of traveling in the Grand Chapter buggy in that capacity, but I have been this year with the five Grand Examiners, my personal secretary, and the District Deputy Grand Matrons. What is allotted to each of these, every year you ask any of them and they'll tell you that they have spent their own money; and it was a lot more than what was allotted to them. I don't think that they would mind starting from scratch, holding those positions and serving you the membership. Thank you.

MRS. MOLLIE GOODPASTURE WEST: I'd like to talk about the mileage that Mr. Pickett brought up. You Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons have not been allowed mileage for years and years and years. We fly or we drive when we're called upon for committee meetings, for other things that we do; and we pay our own expenses. Nobody pays one dime. If we get the minutes of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Directors, we pay \$10 just like you do. If we get the Proceedings, we pay \$15 just like you do. We're only asking that you sacrifice in the same way that your Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons sacrifice.

 $\mbox{\bf WORTHY GRAND MATRON:}$ Is there more discussion or are you ready for the question?

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the lady — Oh, Gladys.

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: We're in agreement with the members of this Ad Hoc Committee and understand what they are trying to do; we also realize there are times, as our Worthy Grand Matron has said, that perhaps the Grand Examiner or one of the other school officers is unable to travel with the Worthy Grand Matron in her car. Emergencies happen; various things happen. I would like to add this amendment on page 101 regarding the District Deputy, Grand Examiner and secretary's travel in the car furnished. It will also apply on page 106 and 107 where the same wording appears. Are you with me, Worthy Grand Matron, before I start?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I had to get my book.

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: On page 101 right up at the top where it says, "Be amended as follows."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm with you.

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: It would read, "The District Deputy, Grand Examiner and secretary shall travel in the car furnished by Grand Chapter or by other means of transportation at their own expense."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That is the line you'd like to add?

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: Yes, I would like to place that as an amendment to that

amendment. And on pages 106 and 107, it would be similar on Article 86 on page 106 and Article 142 on 107.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Gladys, repeat that while we write it, please.

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: "Or by other means of transportation at their own expense."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the amendment. Brother Glenn.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Is there any discussion on the amendment? [No response.] All in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. All opposed, same sign. The amendment is adopted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Now, Sisters and Brothers, are you ready for the original question to accept the remainder of their package as far as the Code of Laws?

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: I'm sorry, Worthy Grand Matron. We have to take one thing at a time. On pages 122 and 123, they have expanded some of the information, which I can appreciate, trying to make it simpler. Under Article 250 they come down there, item (4), "The secretary shall make available to the auditing committee books," et cetera. They go up on the next page under 262 and expand the duties of the treasurer. Down under Article 264 they expand the outgoing officer's reports.

The Constitution, I felt, in my opinion — here again, it's my opinion — was simple on these items. It said what we had to do. We knew we had to have an audit report and so forth. I feel like they're getting into the chapter's control of their own business, rather than — it's something that Grand Chapter shouldn't have to direct what would happen. I feel like we should just leave alone these particular articles and not include these amendments. I move that these corrections be removed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You're talking about a deletion? You want these deleted on page 122?

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: On page 122; on page 240, Article 261, (4), the secretary, et cetera. That would be deleted. On the top of 123, Article 262, the duties of the treasurer, that be deleted, items 1 and 2; and Article 264, the outgoing officer's reports, items 1, 2 and 3 be deleted. Those are all decisions to be made by the subordinate chapter I believe.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my Sister. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the additional amendment to where we delete on page 122, (4), references to the secretary; at the top of the page 123 for the treasurer, 1 and 2; and for Article 264 of the outgoing officer's report, 1, 2 and 3.

The law is already written that a Worthy Matron must make a written report to the chapter after her year's work at the first stated meeting after installation. I had to do that. I think every Past Matron had to. Am I understanding, Sister Gladys, that you don't want it changed? You want it to read just exactly the way it is written here?

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: The way it has been in the past.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Just the way it has been in the past. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, did you understand this? All right. All in favor of this amendment will please signify by raising their green cards to leave it as such. Cards down —

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: They don't understand.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: She moved that nothing would be changed, Sister Beulah, that it would remain just the way it is written.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: She's really moving that that be deleted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No, no. She just doesn't want anything added. She wants it to remain the same and let them continue to operate the way the law says now is what they're saying.

The deletion would have been what they added. It would remain the way it is now. Do you understand, membership?

VOICES: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. You just voted to let it stay the way it is.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: We haven't voted yet.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, we did.

MRS. MOLLIE GOODPASTURE WEST: We have not changed this law. We only simplified the wording of the law because it is wordy. We only simplified it. The law is in there that they make these reports, and we only simplified the wording in our Code of Laws Governing Grand Chapter. That's the only change that was made, is the simplification of the wording.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Sisters and Brothers, they didn't let me finish. We asked for the vote to let it remain, and you all raised your green cards. Now, I need you to vote for those that are against leaving it the same and having it the way you just heard from Sister Lallah. [Confers with Constitution Committee.]

All right. They want to see it again. All those who want to let it remain the way that it is, removing what you have just heard from this committee, raise your green cards. Down. Those that want to have the change that was given now raise your cards. All right. Leaving it the same.

Sisters and Brothers, we have so much legislation to complete and we are already in mid-afternoon of Friday. I would give anything in the world, and I think you would, too, if tomorrow morning at the election that we could have all of our business out of the road and then just have to adopt reports. We still have a lot of those to be given. So let's move as rapidly as we possibly can.

Now, if you will bear with me and now we will vote to accept the rest of it as a package of the Code of Laws, the same as you did your Constitution this morning. If you are in favor, raise your green cards. Cards down. Those opposed. It has been accepted.

LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Worthy Grand Matron, it was understood that this would be an "On-Going" Committee. The laws enacted at this session must be incorporated... There will be many changes in the renumbering of Articles which in itself will be a tremendous task. We therefore recommend that for the purpose of curtailing expenses, that no new Constitutions be printed until the conclusion of the work of the Committee.

The Committee will work with the Grand Secretary in the work of setting the

format and renumbering at a time convenient to all.

The wonderful membership, as usual, has been most receptive and cooperative in receiving our recommendations. The task has been great. The entire expense of same has been borne by the Committee. I express to you and the membership the attitude of the entire committee, we are always pleased when we can be of service to our Grand Chapter, to our Worthy Grand Matron and to our beloved Sisters and Brothers.

We would likewise express appreciation to Mrs. Cloe Morris for her valuable services.

 $\ensuremath{\mathrm{I}}$ express my grateful thanks to four treasured friends whom $\ensuremath{\mathrm{I}}$ admire greatly and love sincerely.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Yes, if I make that decision, and I most certainly do. We can't afford to print every year just a few pages. This committee, I knew, would take two years at least, and possibly three, to complete this particular assignment. So I think that you would agree with me that it would be a waste of money to print anything until it is completely rewritten and adopted by you. Am I right? [Applause] Thank you.

Twelve months ago five District Deputy Grand Matrons and fifty Deputy Grand Matrons and six Grand Examiners embarked on a journey through Texas with a desire to do good and leave behind a monument of virtue that the storms of time could never destroy. They have been my fortitude and my strength. They have been the source of enjoyment and fun as we traveled the many miles together. I trust they have fond memories of our close friendship and that they received as much happiness in their venture as the happiness they gave to me.

Listen to their reports of service as I recognize the District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons and their report. I now recognize Sister Marijo King.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS DISTRICT I

MRS. MARIJO KING: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

This year of service as the District Deputy Grand Matron of District One has been a memorable year of teaching, learning, and sharing in the fellowship and love of our Order. I have been blessed with the assistance and friendship of ten wonderful sisters. Their dedication, skill, and labors made each of the schools a wonderful experience for all attending. It is my pleasure at this time to introduce my special friends, the 1991-1992 Deputy Grand Matrons of District One:

Sister Jeanie Rainwater, Section One, whose "Preserve the Time for Knowledge" School was held in Gainesville on February 25th.

Sister Mildred Blair, Section Two, whose "Love Begins With Time" School was held in Plano on March 7th in the home Section of our Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Virginia Cleveland, Section Three, whose "Springtime Brings Strawberries" School was held in Post Oak on February 27th.

Sister Marlene Dibrell, Section Four, whose "Adventures in Attitudes" School was held in Dallas on February 22nd.

Sister Mary Steinmetz, Section Five, whose "Our Heritage" School was held in Farmers Branch on February 29th.

Sister Donna Douglas, Section Six, whose "Treasures of Time" School was held in Frankston on February 18th.

Sister Mary Wynee, Section Seven, whose "Hickory, Dickory, Dock" School was held in Tyler on February 20th.

Sister Pat Wildrix, Section Eight, whose "A Moment in Time" School was held in Longview on March 14th.

Sister Ludie Barr, Section Nine, whose "Beauty of Excellence" School was held in Atlanta on our Worthy Grand Matron's birthday, March 12th.

Sister Mildred Bowden, Section Ten, whose "Time for Knowledge" School was held in Wills Point on March 10th.

Total attendance for the ten schools was 2,469.

Since we have learned this year that time is a precious commodity, a complete statistical report giving chapter information, along with a financial report will not be read, but is attached to this report to be included in the official proceedings. Your District Deputy Grand Matron and Deputy Grand Matrons attended 92 schools and spent \$528.06 above funds received from Grand Chapter for official duties. This is our donation to the work of our beautiful Order.

The ten Deputy Grand Matrons join with me in expressing our appreciation to:

Sister Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron:

It was our pleasure and privilege to serve with you, and we extend our appreciation for this appointment and its indication of faith and confidence in our abilities to serve the Order. You have been an example of devotion to our Order and we will always cherish the memories of this year and your friendship, enthusiasm, and love.

Brother Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron:

We appreciated your attendance at our schools. The school officers and members were honored by the presence of the Worthy Grand Patron. It was a special joy for the members of District One to know that the office of Worthy Grand Patron was represented by one of our own District One members.

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District One:

Your support and encouragement this past year were a source of strength for each of us. We appreciate your loyal attendance at so many of our schools.

Sister Willie Mae Shaw, Grand Examiner:

What a lovely lady you are. Sharing the school experience and many motel rooms with you this year only served to reconfirm my long held belief that you are one of the most gracious and caring ladies I have ever known. Your advice, assistance, and

friendship will always remain in my heart.

Sister Donna Reed, Humanitarian Chairman, District One:

We appreciate your time in preparing our Humanitarian Program and the effort involved in traveling to each of the ten Fraternal Visits to present the program to the membership. Thank you for this service to our Order.

Sister Zena Wilson, Traveling Secretary:

What a loss it would have been if I had never known you. You are a special lady combining the elements of organization and efficiency to assist our Worthy Grand Matron, along with a sense of humor and fun to entertain us down the many miles of highways. We thank you for your assistance with the microphones, and everything else you did to make our schools run smoothly.

Our beautiful Sisters and Brothers, the membership of District One:

We could never adequately tell you how much your love and support has meant to us this year. You were always there with helping hands and hearts when needed. I observed your warmth and support for your Deputies as I attended an Official Visit of the Deputy Grand Matron in each of the ten Sections. At the schools I observed the results of your labors and creativeness in preparing for the schools and appreciated your attentiveness and interest in learning more about our Order. How humble we are to have been chosen from so many competent members to serve in these positions this year, and how blessed we are by your friendship.

STATISTICAL REPORT DISTRICT ONE

Chapters Assigned	164
Chapters Demised	C
Chapters Consolidated	6
Chapters Instituted	
Chapters Inspected	164
Chapters Not Inspected	
Schools Conducted	
Schools Attended Officially	
Schools Attended Unofficially	72
Letters Written	1824
Miles Traveled	12890 4

CONSOLIDATIONS:

Allen No. 1117 with Frisco No. 93

Electa No. 872 with Roy Stanley No. 1086

Bluebonnet No. 717 with Vienna Buckner No. 888 (Bluebonnet-Buckner No. 888)

Starlight No. 1016 with Longview No. 610

Edgewood No. 904 with Wills Point No. 366

Laneville No. 944 with Cushing No. 368 (District 4, Section 1)

May God's spirit of love and kindness always rule in our hearts. Fraternally submitted, Marijo King, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1.

It is my pleasure to present Mrs. Jane Ramos, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2.

DISTRICT II

MRS. JANE RAMOS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is indeed a pleasure to present the report for District II, and a special privilege to introduce the Deputy Grand Matrons who so capably served this Grand Chapter Year. They each have blessed my life in a very special way.

Mrs. Christine Underwood, Section One.

The "As Time Goes By" School was held in Shamrock, on November 26.

Mrs. Vernnie Perry Day, Section Two.

The "My Times are in Thy Hands" School was held in Amarillo, on November 23.

Mrs. Mary Phifer, Section Three.

The "Time to Enjoy, Share, and Grow" School was held in Hereford, on November 21.

Mrs. Alma Emerson, Section Four.

The "Time, a Storehouse of Treasurers" School was held in Lubbock, on November 30.

Mrs. Peggy Watt, Section Five is unable to be with us due to the illness of her husband.

Her "First Strawberries of the Season" School was held in Memphis, on November 19.

Mrs. Wanda Holland, Section Six.

The "Priceless Gift of Knowledge" School was held in Wichita Falls, on December 14.

Mrs. Ann Cockerell, Section Seven.

The "Strawberries in December" School was held in Abilene, on December 12.

Mrs. Candy Andrews, Section Eight.

The "Sands of Time and Knowledge" School was held in Big Spring on December 13.

Mrs. Mary Adair, Section Nine.

The "Strawberries, Our Chosen Specialty" School was held in Monahans, on December 5.

Mrs. Mittie Davis, Section Ten.

The "Strawberries along the Butterfield Trail" School was held in El Paso on December 10.

A Statistical Report is attached and will be printed in the 1992 Proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, these deputies and I thank you for the privilege to have served in these places of responsibility this year. You have exemplified strength, love and understanding in your dedication to the principles of our Order. Your concern for the membership has touched the lives of many. The bond of friendship we have made will be a cherished and lasting memory. Our deep appreciation to Brother Moe for sharing you with the membership this year. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn Whitaker, your faithfulness to and attendance in all ten schools in District Two was a strength and inspiration to the membership. Our heartfelt appreciation for your dedication to our Order.

Grand Examiner, Sister Joyce Fields, it was a joy to have traveled with you and shared in you enthusiasm. Your efficiency in the Examining Rooms and the many acts of kindness you always bestowed on the membership is appreciated. The friendship and love we shared will always be a special treasure.

Sister Zena Wilson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, I cannot find words to express my appreciation to you. Your help, assistance and words of encouragement throughout District Two was a source of strength and I will always cherish your friendship.

To the Membership of District Two, we thank you for every courtesy and the many acts of kindness you extended to us. We appreciate the Honorary Memberships you so graciously gave us and we trust that we will always be worthy of this honor. Your exhibition of love and devotion to our beautiful Order made each school so very special. For your friendship and all the many memories, we are most grateful.

STATISTICAL REPORT DISTRICT TWO

Chapters Assigned	108
Chapters Consolidated	1
Chapters Inspected	
Schools Conducted	
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	34
Letters Written	
Miles Traveled	18,793

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Ramos
District Deputy Grand Matron
District Two
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star

It is my pleasure to present Sister Lucia Trammell, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Three.

DISTRICT III

MRS. LUCIA TRAMMELL: Thank you, Sister Jane Ramos, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all:

It is indeed a pleasure to present the report for District III, and a very special privilege to introduce the ten Deputy Grand Matrons who have served our District enthusiastically, giving much time, love and kindness. This report is made possible as a result of their labors and devotion for our Order.

Sister Nola Branch and the 26 Chapter of Section 1 hosted the "Sands of Time" School on January 4th, 1992, in Fort Worth with 598 present in attendance.

Sister Vircenoy (Vircy) Macatee and the 11 Chapters of Section 2 hosted the "Strawberry Bavarian Cream" School on January 9, 1992, in Granbury with 184 in attendance.

Sister Mary Kreymer and the 4 Chapter of Section 3 hosted the "Holiday Time" School on December 17, 1991, in Graham with 178 in attendance.

Sister Lois Locke and the 11 Chapters of Section 4 hosted "A Time for Sharing Knowledge" School on January 7, 1992, in Ranger with 226 in attendance.

Sister Minnie Janie Dean and the 6 Chapters of Section 5 hosted "A Strawberry Gathering" School on January 16, 1992, in Comanche with 140 in attendance.

Sister Patricia A. Predgo and the 10 Chapters of Section 6 hosted the "Strawberry Jamboree" School on January 21, 1992, in Lampasas with 190 in attendance.

Sister June McGinty and the 8 Chapters of Section 7 hosted a "Strawberry Shortcourse" School on January 14th, in Gatesville with 112 in attendance.

Sister Susan Hall and the 10 Chapters of Section 8 hosted the "Garden of Knowledge" School on January 18, 1992, in Round Rock with 258 in attendance.

Sister Martha Baxter and the 12 Chapters of Section 9 hosted the "Golden Hours of Learning" School on January 11, 1992, in Waco with 310 in attendance.

Sister Loran Blackstock and the 14 Chapters of Section 10 hosted the "Strawberry Pot of Love" School on January 23, 1992, in Cleburne with 278 in attendance.

Sister Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron, words are inadequate to express my deep feelings to you for allowing me the sweet privilege to serve you and District III as the District Deputy Grand Matron. So many happy times, work times, fun times, and good times have been shared together, each time as you came into District III. May the Lord continue to bless you and Mo in the days ahead, and I thank you for allowing me to be your companion in this year of love and service.

Brother Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, please know how much your attendance to each School in District III was appreciated. Brother Glenn kept saying how much fun he was having getting to know the Membership, and you will always have a very special place in my heart along with the Membership of District III.

Sister Alma Bane, Grand Examiner of District III, the special joy has been mine as we traveled the highways and byways of District III on the School schedule together. We shared many special times together, and may your cameo of love emanate throughout our Grand Chapter as you continue to serve our beloved Order.

Sister Zena Wilson, Personal Secretary to our Worthy Grand Matron, our friendship turned from silver to gold as we shared the joys and fellowship, traveling all over our great state. The 5 District Deputies lovingly call you "Granny", and rightfully so as you helped us in so many ways, as a loving "Granny" would do. You are a delightful traveling companion and a thoughtful, hardworking role model for us all to follow.

Sisters and Brothers of District III, your love and support has touched me deeply, and from a very humble heart, thank you, District Three, for a year filled with love and joy.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF DISTRICT III

Chapters Assigned	110
Chapter Instituted	1
Chapters Inspected	111
Chapters Not Inspected	
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	
Schools Attended Unofficially	
Letters Written	
Miles Traveled	32,351

It is my privilege at this time to present Sister Jean Hodson, the District Deputy Grand Matron of District Four.

DISTRICT IV

MRS. JEAN HODSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It is an honor, privilege and pleasure for me to give the District IV report for the year 1991-1992. This past year has been one of the most gratifying years of my Eastern Star life.

A detailed summary of this report will appear in our official proceedings.

I'm especially grateful, Worthy Grand Matron, for the Deputy Grand Matrons whom you chose to represent you in District IV. Each one has become a dear friend. Their ENTHUSIASM and TIMEless efforts have made this report possible. The credit is theirs. It is with a great deal of pride and love that I present the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District IV:

Sister Dorothy Bohn — Section 1 — Her "Patch of Knowledge" School was held in Lufkin on March 18-19, 1992.

Sister Janie Fikes — Her "Hours of Precious Moments" School was held in Port Arthur on March 20-21, 1992.

Sister Edna Chapman — Section 3 — Where the District IV School schedule started with her "The Time Down Strawberry Lane" School on March 16-17, 1992.

Sister Donna Haltom — Section 4 — The home section of the Worthy Grand Matron where the school schedule ended with the "There's No Place Like Home" School on April 17-18, 1992, in Cleveland.

Sister Inez Stacey — Section 5 — Her "School in the Strawberry Patch" was held in Houston on March 27-28, 1992.

Sister Clara Goodsell — Section 6 — Her "Country Time" School was held in Centerville on March 25-26, 1992.

Sister Arline Smith — Section 7 — Her "This Is My Country" School was held in Conroe on March 23-24, 1992.

Sister Cathy Siegleler — Section 8 — "The Strawberry Gathering" School was held in Brenham on April 1-2, 1992.

Sister Evelyn Boone — Section 9 — held "The Berry Patch" School in El Campo on April 6-7, 1992.

Sister Joan Scott — Section 10 — held "The Joys of a Texas Spring" School in Dickinson on April 3-4, 1992.

Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank you for the high honor you bestowed on my Chapter, Archives #1095, and to me, for the privilege of serving as your District Deputy Grand Matron of District IV, your home District. To have had the honor of serving in the Worthy Grand Matron's home District is overwhelming. We have traveled many miles together, to the four corners of Texas and beyond, and the joy has been mine.

To Moe, you kept the home fires burning for our Worthy Grand Matron. For this and for your attendance at the schools when work permitted, I am grateful. We love you.

To the Worthy Grand Patron and our Grand Esther, Sister June, thank you for your attendance at all ten schools. The membership enjoyed your friendship and your wisdom.

To the Grand Examiner of District IV, Sister Montie Malone, ours has been a long friendship. Having you as a roommate seemed only natural. Thank you for your many hours of work in the examining rooms but most of all, thank you for being you.

To the membership of District IV, you are the greatest. The Deputy Grand Matrons join me in expressing our appreciation for your hospitality, gifts of love and your attendance and ENTHUSIASM at the schools. We shall always hold a special place in our hearts for the Honorary Memberships and hope we prove worthy of this honor.

To Sister Zena Wilson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for always being there to help and encourage. It was a joy to travel with you and I treasure your friendship.

Worthy Grand Matron, together with the ten Deputy Grand Matrons, we would say to you:

Strawberries are much like the days passing by, Each rich with experiences for both you and I. The gifts of our talents, the use of our TIME, the joys and the heartaches, the blessings sublime. So spend your TIME wisely on things that will last, When your TIME on life's vine is a thing of the past.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS

Section	1	Lufkin	925
		Port Arthur	
		Groveton	
		Cleveland	
Section	5	Houston	.601
Section	6	Centerville	.161
Section	7	Conroe	.235
Section	8	Brenham	. 144
Section	9	El Campo	.146
		Dickinson	

STATISTICAL REPORT:

Chapters Assigned	154
Chapters Demised	
Chapters Consolidate (District 1 to District 4)	
Chapters Instituted	
Chapters Inspected	154
Chapters Not Inspected	
Schools Conducted	
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	
Letters Written	2,061
Miles Traveled	12.874.50

It is with much pleasure that I now present Sister Shirley Jones, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5.

DISTRICT V

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: While we're waiting for Sister Shirley Jones to get up here with her line, I was just informed — and it thrilled me to death and I think you'd like to know — in Section 107 is Lois Railey of Ranger Chapter No. 275 who is attending this Grand Chapter session. She is a 73-year member. Let's give her a hand. [Applause] Now, that's service, Sisters and Brothers.

MRS. SHIRLEY JONES: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is with a heart filled with gratitude and love that I submit this report for the record of service in District 5.

Our Constitution lists five "Duties" of a District Deputy Grand Matron; to exercise a general supervision over the Deputy Grand Matrons in her District, to assist the Deputies in securing the best results in her section's subordinate chapters, to preside over and conduct Schools in their District, to submit monthly reports of official acts in her District, and to secure an accurate record of the transactions of the Schools in her District.

All of these duties have been performed in their entirety, in love, service and devotion to our Order, in behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron.

With much excitement, a lot of nervousness, and tremendous enthusiasm, the School schedule for District 5 began with the drive into Austin from Cleburne on the morning of January 24, 1992, amid cloudy skies and rain. The School tour ended in Corpus Christi on February 15, 1992, with clear skies and sunshine. Truly our Lord had blessed our District 5 tour with "fair" weather and safe road travels, no snow or ice, and no vehicle problems! How grateful this District Deputy is for this blessing!

January 25th, began the ten with the "Strawberry Time at the Capitol" School in Section 6, Sister Willie Mae Schumacher, Deputy Grand Matron.

Monday morning started the trip to San Angelo, for the "Strawberry Fantasy in West Texas" School on January 28th, Section 1, Sister Charlene Lucas, Deputy Grand Matron.

On to Ozona for the "Hourglass of Knowledge" School on January 30th, Section 2, Sister Mary Leigh Kerby, Deputy Grand Matron.

Next on the itinerary was the Section 7 "Enthusiasm is Strawberries' n Time" School on February 1st in Converse, Sister Janell Trees, Deputy Grand Matron.

On Monday, the School Officers arrived in Bandera for the February 4th, Section 3 "School Bells are Ringing in Cowboy Town," Sister Dorine Wheeler, Deputy Grand Matron.

From Bandera, travels took the School Officers to Del Rio for the "Stars March On" School for Section 4, Sister Beverly Agee, Deputy Grand Matron, took place February 6th.

Friday dawn saw the start of the long trip into McAllen for the "Timekeepers in the Strawberry Patch" School for Section 10, February 8th, Sister Cathy Eidson, Deputy Grand Matron.

The final week of travels began with a trip to Poteet, for the Section 5 School, February 11th, "Time for Strawberries & Enthusiasm," Sister Billie Stennett, Deputy Grand Matron.

On down the road on Wednesday to Port Lavaca, where Sister Dorothy Harvey, Deputy Grand Matron, hosted the Section 8, February 13th, "Harvest Time in the Strawberry Patch" School.

With some sadness but also a sense of accomplishment, the School Officers began the last leg of the District 5 travels on Friday morning as they headed to Corpus Christi, where Sister Ouida Williamson, Deputy Grand Matron, coordinated the Section 9 "Strawberry Time" School, February 15th.

With the closing of this Section 9 School on Saturday afternoon, February 15th, the District 5 Schools were completed. Combined registration totaled 1,811 members attending the schools and related activities in District 5, and a total of 98 of 120 District 5 Chapters participated in the Joint Fraternal Visits. Approximately 1,800 miles were covered.

All along the way the membership demonstrated and expressed their love and support for our Order. We saw the love and caring for one another, as the District 5 members took to heart the ideals of our teachings and applied these ideals to their everyday living.

The Grand Chapter year began with 120 chapters in District 5 and closed with 116 chapters, as Section 6 had Capitol Chapter #803 and Martha Chapter #883 consolidate with Austin Chapter #304, and Section 8 had Helena Chapter #289 demise and Austwell Chapter #686 consolidate with Port Lavaca Chapter #373.

To the membership of District 5, the ten Deputy Grand Matrons and I say "thank you" many times over for all the love, work and support you have shown to us throughout this year. Your thoughtfulness and many courtesies will always be cherished.

To District 5 Humanitarian Chairman, Sister Robyn Merchant, thank you for your enthusiasm and dedication in presenting the Worthy Grand Matron's Humanitarian Program in each of our ten sections.

To Sister Zena Wilson, you have added much joy to this year of service and our school travels. Thank you so very much for all you have given and done for each of us.

To our Grand Examiner in District 5, Sister Nannette Nelson, it was wonderful to work and travel with you this year, and to strengthen our friendship. Thank you for your encouragement and devotion.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Glen Whitaker, you have been a rock of

faith for all of us, and we offer our deep appreciation for your dedication to our efforts, and for your attendance at all ten District 5 Schools.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, you have given of yourself in love and service to our Order and to the membership, showing love and compassion for each of us as we performed our duties. We will forever be grateful for the confidence you placed in each of us in allowing us to serve in these places of honor this Grand Chapter year. Our hearts will cherish these precious memories.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT 5 - 1992

Chapters Assigned	120
Chapters Consolidated	
Chapters Demised	
Chapters Inspected	
Schools Conducted	
Schools Attended Officially	
Schools Attended Unofficially	
Letters Written	
Miles Travelled	-

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the reports submitted by the five District Deputy Grand Matrons.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my District Deputies and Deputy Grand Matrons. Sisters and Brothers, there has just been a motion made and seconded that we adopt all five reports of the five districts. All in favor will signify by raising their green cards. Cards down. Opposed. You accepted. Thank you very much.

All right. Sisters and Brothers, I told you earlier and through the school schedule I promised you that we'd have a good time at Grand Chapter and that I'd entertain you along with working you. Well, tonight at 7:00 is going to be one of the most outstanding presentations of the Sojourners. If you have never seen the Sojourners, my Sisters and Brothers, it will bring tears to your eyes with pride of being an American and living in America. They will build our flag from day one. I sincerely hope that you will be back at 7:00 to see this.

Then we have our ESTARL, which can only last one hour. As you know from reading your Annual Report and hearing the different things presented in your individual chapters, this Grand Chapter session has had an overabundant amount of business, but that figures. Everything that's going to happen is going to happen to this Worthy Grand Matron. So what I'm asking you — and I'd like it so I can tell — would you be willing after the ESTARL tonight to stay for another hour that we could complete some more business so that tomorrow we will not have to stay here until dark-thirty and that Sister Virginia will be able to get installed with a clean body. All those that are in favor, that would be willing to remain to do more business after ESTARL, raise your cards for me. Cards down. I thank you so much. It's the only way that I know that we're going to be able to complete our business. And, remember, you're the ones that make the rules and the decisions, not I; I only try to bring them before you. Thank you, my precious Sisters and Brothers.

I'd like to recognize Elsie Paladino at this time.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand

Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Distinguished Sisters and Brothers, I call your attention to the Code of Laws, page 154(c), Resolution No. 3, concerning endorsement of the candidacy of Sister Rennie Ofton for the office of Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter. This Resolution was adopted at the Grand Chapter of 1991. I move the adoption of this same said resolution at this Grand Chapter session as a show of continued encouragement for Sister Rennie Ofton.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have just heard the motion made and seconded for the adoption of the resolution for this Grand Chapter session to continue showing encouragement for Sister Rennie. All those in favor would please show by raising their green cards. Cards down. Not in favor. Thank you. We'll continue with our support.

I now call on the Grand Examiners.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINERS DISTRICT I

MRS. WILLIE MAE SHAW: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with deep feeling of gratitude and a thankful heart that I express my appreciation to the membership of this Grand Chapter for allowing me the privilege of serving as the Grand Examiner of District I.

I acknowledge with much appreciation the Honorary Memberships and the Certificates of Appreciation you so generously extended. These I shall forever be grateful.

To the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it was a joy to be in your Grand Family and to be a part of the school team. Thank you for each act of love and kindness you extended to me.

To the members of the Board of Grand Examiners, my precious co-workers, you are most gracious and kind. Knowing you has added much happiness to my life. I shall always remember this year of service with you.

To the gracious and very capable District Deputy Grand Matron and the ten Deputy Grand Matrons, each of you has a special place in my heart. Your schools were great and I cherish the memory of your every act of love and kindness.

I sincerely appreciate each one who assisted in any way in the Examining Rooms. Thank you for giving of your time and effort.

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report:

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY 1991-1992

<u>Section</u>	"A" Certificates	"B" Certificates
1	116	3
2	158	3

3	64		0
4	217		0
5	173		1
6	98		0
7	102		0
8	134		1
9	108		2
10	125		<u>2</u>
Grand Total:	1,295		12
TOTAL CEI	RTIFICATES:	1,307	

This is my last official act as your Grand Examiner of District I. The past three years have been wonderful and filled with many precious memories. Thank YOU for the privilege of serving in this special place.

> Respectfully submitted. Willie Mae Shaw Board of Grand Examiners, District I

It is with pleasure that I present to you my very special friend and co-worker, Mrs. Jovce Fields, Grand Examiner of District II.

DISTRICT II

MRS. JOYCE FIELDS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members All:

Serving as Grand Examiner of District Two has been a rich and rewarding experience.

To the membership of this Grand Chapter, I thank you for the privilege of serving in this capacity. My life has been blessed by my association with each of you.

A sincere thank you to the District Deputy, the Deputies and to the Secretary, Zena Wilson, for your thoughtfulness and kindness to me in countless ways.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you each have a special place in my heart. You have been so gracious to me, and I pray that so long as the SANDS OF TIME run through the hour glass, God will continue to bless you and keep you.

I am pleased to give the following report for District Two:

"A" Certificates	632
"B" Certificates	7
Total Certificates	639

A statistical report by Section, which follows, is made a part of this report.

Section	"A" Certificates	"B" Certificates	<u>Total</u>
1	39	1	40
2	82	2	84
3 .	49	0	49
4	53	0	53
5	42	0	42
6	72	0	72
7	75	1	76

8	95	0	95
9	47	0	47
10	<u>78</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>81</u>
TOTALS	632	7	639

Fraternally,
Joyce Fields
Grand Examiner, District Two

I am pleased to recognize Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Grand Examiner, District Three.

DISTRICT III

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my privilege to present the Grand Examiners Report for District Three. This is not my report alone. It is the report of all Members who assisted in the District Three examining rooms as well as the members who invested their time and efforts in studying the Rules, Regulations and Ritual of our Order and earning a Certificate of Proficiency.

A Detail Report by Chapter is on file with the Grand Secretary but a Summary by Section is listed below:

Section	<u>"A" Certificates</u>	"B" Certificates
1	339	0
2	93	1
3	31	0
4	65	0
5	39	0
6	68	1
7	53	0
8	89	0
9	102	0
10	94	0
Total No	ımber of "A" Certificates	973
Total N	ımber of "B" Certificates	2
Total Nu	ımber of Certificates	975

As the sands of time slip through the hour glass of this Grand Chapter year, I say a heartfelt thank you to this Grand Chapter body for the opportunity to serve our Beautiful Order as a member of the Board of Grand Examiner.

To Our Worthy Grand Matron, this shall be year of memories filled with Strawberries and Braums yogurt. Our Schools in District III were filled with sunshine and smiles as you demonstrated your knowledge and love for our Order with the membership of District Three. To Moe, a big thank you for sharing you with us this year.

To Our Worthy Grand Patron, and his lovely wife, Sister June, this was another year of seeing your devotion to Our Order in action. Your help and kind words were timely and precious. May God continue to bless and keep you in the palm of his hand.

To My District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Lucia Trammell, the pathways we traveled during the School Schedule in District Three was shared with fellowship and laughter. Your knowledge of our Order combined with your talent for performing every task with the utmost care is to be commended.

To The TEN Deputy Grand Matrons and the Chapters in their Sections, I want to express a most sincere THANK YOU for every courtesy extended to me as your Grand Examiner. The love for our Order reflected in each face is an inspiration and a Beacon for me.

To a Special Friend and the Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Zena Wilson, I want to express my appreciation for being understanding and always there when we needed her.

Respectfully submitted Alma Lynn Bane District 3 Member

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Montie Malone, District 4 Member of the Board of Grand Examiners.

DISTRICT IV

MRS. MONTIE MALONE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

What a delight it was to travel on the School Schedule with you this year! Sister Jane, you were a terrific teacher and Brother Glenn, your help in the Examining Rooms for "first timers" was appreciated.

Because of the love, dedication, and efficiency of the members of District Four the exams given were numerous.

"A" Certificates	1,674
"B" Certificates	6

A more detailed report will be printed in the proceedings. This is the end of four years as Grand Examiner and it has been fabulous, thanks to you!

If I have wounded any soul these years, If I have caused one foot to go astray, If I have walked in my own willful way, Dear Lord, Members forgive.

District Four:

<u>Section</u>	"A" Certificates	<u>"B" Certificates</u>
1	181	0
2	246	1
3	94	1
4	280	0
5	354	0
6	90	0
7	124	1
8	54	3
9	87	0
10	164	0
Totals	1,674	6

Mrs. Montie Malone, Board of Grand Examiners, District Four

It is with pleasure I present Sister Nannette Nelson, Grand Examiner of District Five.

DISTRICT V

MRS NANNETTE NELSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It has been a pleasure to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas as the Grand Examiner of District Five. This year has been filled with many happy memories, because of you the Membership. I wish to thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you as the Grand Examiner of District Five.

The Ten Schools of Instruction in District Five were exciting and well attended by the Membership. Through the efforts of dedicated Members who so willing assisted in the Examining Room, this report is made possible.

I am pleased at this time to submit the final report of the Grand Examiner of District Five for the Grand Chapter Year of 1991-1992.

"A" Certificates	1,030
"B" Certificates	0
Total Certificates	1.030

A break down of certificates earned by Section is attached.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY DISTRICT FIVE 1991-1992

Section	"A" Certificates	"B" Certificates `
1	52	0
2	27	0
3	78	0
4	48	0
5	46	0
6	174	0
7	238	0
8	92	0
9	161	0
10	109	0
Totals	1,030	0

Respectfully submitted, Nannette Nelson Grand Examiner, District 5

It is with pleasure that I recognize Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Examiner at Large.

GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Worth Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brother:

It has certainly been my privilege to serve as Grand-Examiner-at-Large this Grand Chapter year.

I am grateful to you the membership for this honor. The report of the Grand Examiner-at-Large will be presented in its entirety for the Grand Chapter proceeding.

With pleasure I submit the following partial report this Grand Chapter Session;

"A" Certificates	18
"B" Certificates	. 0
Total Certificates issued	18

Fraternally submitted Jimmie Lee McMahon Grand Examiner-at-Large

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report and the preceding Examiners' reports. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Jimmie. You have just heard a motion made and seconded that we adopt the Grand Examiners' reports of the five districts and the Grand Examiner at Large. All in favor, show their green cards. Down. Passed. Thank you. Grand Photo Snapper, we need you.

Sisters and Brothers, please know how much I appreciate you staying. If we get out of here at 5:00, we'll have time to have dinner, change shoes, rest our feet; then we'll be back here at 7:00 to have the beautiful, beautiful program presented by the Sojourners and the ESTARL. If the other committee members do not mind, we'll wait until this evening.

All right. We have the Purposed and Policies, and several of them have to leave, so we'll ask that they do their report and then we will close.

Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels and Grand Pages, report to the east for your photographs as soon as we break for dinner this evening.

I call on Brother J. T. Sanders, Chairman of the Purposes and Policies.

REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

MR. J. T. SANDERS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this privilege. Before proceeding with this report, I'd like to introduce the members of this committee, not because you don't already know them, but I want to introduce them and recognize them for their services as members of the Purposes and Policies Committee: Sister Jean Nesbitt, District 1; Sister Beulah Speer, District 2; Brother Chris Christopher, District 3; Brother Harry Cunningham, District 5.

To: The 110th annual Grand Chapter in its "A Time for All Things" Session at the Astro Arena Complex in Houston, Texas.

GREETINGS: We, your Purposes and Policies Committee, are pleased to submit to you our annual report.

In a meeting assembled on March 6, 1992, at the Harvey Hotel in Plano, Texas, we discussed and took action on the following items in the following order:

The Associate Grand Matron's Humanitarian Program;

The Associate Grand Matron's money-making projects:

The Associate Grand Matron's authority to locate a place at the Grand Chapter session to display her wares;

Amendment No. 4, which would provide for absentee balloting at Grand Chapter;

Resolution No. 1, which pertains to the employment of a business manager to handle the financial affairs of Grand Chapter;

Amendment No. 28, which provides for changing the times of election and installation of officers of subordinate chapters.

The floor was opened for discussion and action of the Associate Grand Matron's Humanitarian Program. Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron, was asked to explain her Humanitarian Program to the committee. After her explanation and much discussion, motion was made by Harry Cunningham and seconded by Marcella Curry that the Humanitarian Program be approved. A vote was taken and the Humanitarian Program was approved unanimously. It was decided by the committee that the Associate Grand Matron's Humanitarian Program would not be itemized in the minutes of our meeting or in this report, but would be attached to and made a part of this report to give the Associate Grand Matron the courtesy of being the first person to publicly announce her program. This will also apply to the Associate Grand Matron's money making projects.

Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission, I move the adoption of this portion of the report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There has been a motion and a second to adopt the Purposes and Policies report as just given by your chairman. All in favor, please signify by raising you green card. Cards down. Thank you very much.

MR. J. T. SANDERS: The floor was then opened for discussion and action on the Associate Grand Matron's money making projects. After announcement by Sister Virginia Lynn Green of her money making projects and much discussion by various members of the committee, motion was made by Harry Cunningham and seconded by Jean Nesbitt that the money making projects be approved. A vote was taken and the money making projects were approved unanimously.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this portion of the report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, for this portion of the report, you have heard a motion made and seconded. All in favor signify by raising their green cards. Cards down. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

MR. J. T. SANDERS: Sister Virginia Lynn Green then brought up the subject of being allowed to arrange for a sales area at Grand Chapter for the purpose of displaying her materials. The committee discussed this subject in depth, and it was determined that any opposition to setting up sales areas in the past came from the arena management and not from this committee. After much discussion, a motion was made by Marcella Curry and seconded by Harry Cunningham that sales booths that will be allowed by the arena management be approved by this committee. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this portion of the report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard a motion made and seconded for this portion of the report. All in favor, signify by raising the green cards. Cards down. Opposed. Carried. Thank you.

- MR. J. T. SANDER: The floor was then opened for discussion and action on Amendment No. 4, which pertains to absentee balloting at Grand Chapter. After much discussion and many objections, some of which were:
- 1) It would be a monster of a job for every member to have the privilege of voting absentee who desired to do so and the cost would be financially infeasible;
 - 2) I cannot see what good this would accomplish;
- 3) In election of officers you may go to second, third and fourth ballots which would make it impossible to set up machinery to handle absentee balloting.

There were many other objections expressed, but enough has been said to get the consensus of opinion of the committee. Motion was made by Harry Cunningham and seconded by Marcella Curry that the amendment be not approved. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this portion of the report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded for this portion of the report. All in favor, signify by the green cards. Cards down. Opposed. Motion carried.

- MR. J. T. SANDERS: The floor was then opened for discussion and action on Resolution No. 1 which pertains to the employment of a business manager to handle the financial affairs of Grand Chapter. Many opinions were expressed on this subject both in favor and against, some of which were as follows:
- 1) I believe that a good business manager will pay for themselves if given the authority and working relationship to control all the monies.
- 2) Had we not gone into a trust, then we would have definitely needed a business manager because before the trust was formed, all investments were made under the direction of the Board of Trustees as directed by an officer in the bank. Since the trust fund has been set up to operate the endowment fund, what is left for the trustees to invest is no big deal. Now if we need a business manager at all, we need him or her to operate the Home, this resolution does not specify. The way it reads, the business manager covers Grand Chapter. If the business manager was only for the operation of the Home, I would be in favor of it. For Grand Chapter as a whole, we do not need a business manager.
- 3) There is a great risk of employing a business manager whose performance does not equal his credentials which would place us under a greater financial burden than we already are.
- 4) I do not feel that we need to change the Constitution and Laws to establish a business manager. If the Board of Trustees wants to hire a business manager, they can do so without any change in the law.

There was much more discussion on this subject, but enough has been said to establish consensus of opinion of the committee. A motion was made by Lola Wallace and seconded by Charlene Littlewood that the resolution be not approved. A vote was taken, and the motion carried with two negative votes.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this portion of the report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion

made and seconded that we adopt this portion of this report. All in favor, signify by the green cards. Cards down. Those opposed. Carried.

MR. J. T. SANDERS: The floor was then opened for discussion and action on Amendment No. 28 which pertains to changing the times of the election and installation of officers in subordinate chapters. There was much discussion on this subject, both as to changing the Grand Chapter year and changing the subordinate chapter year so that each would end at near or exactly the same time. Changing the Grand Chapter year to end May 31st to coincide with the subordinate chapter year was discussed at length. It was thought that changing the Grand Chapter year to end at this time would come in conflict with school and college graduation exercises and would affect detrimentally the attendance at Grand Chapter, as well as the attendance at the school and college graduation exercises, and place a hardship upon the members who would be involved in both enterprises.

There was also much discussion on the subject of changing the subordinate chapter year to coincide with the Grand Chapter year. It was the consensus of opinion of the members of the committee that everything taken into consideration, there would be less conflict with other activities at this time of the year than during the spring or early summer. It was also the consensus of opinion of the committee that a change should be made to bring the Grand Chapter year and the subordinate chapter year to end closer together.

After all opinions were considered, a motion was made by Frances Burbank and seconded by Harry Cunningham that the subordinate chapter year be moved to end on October 31st to coincide with the Grand Chapter year and that the Jurisprudence Committee be authorized to make all changes in the law necessary to implement the change. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this portion of the report. .

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the motion has been made and seconded that we adopt this portion of the report. All in favor, green cards lifted. Down. Opposed. Accepted.

VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You voted to accept the report, not the amendment; is that not right? Okay. Let's do it again.

MR. J. T. SANDERS: You're voting on changing the subordinate chapter year to coincide with the Grand Chapter year, to end on October 31st. That's what you're voting on.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, we have this in the other part of our legislation. We'll take it up at another time. I don't think we're going to have a quorum here in a minute anyway.

MR. J. T. SANDERS: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report as a whole be adopted except Amendment No. 28 which we are now discussing.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Membership, you understand that this portion you are not adopting. They have just withdrawn that last portion that you heard that you were not in favor of, coinciding the changing of Grand Chapter to subordinate. That is going to have nothing to do with this vote. That has been deleted, so to speak. What you will vote on is all the first portion to this point that he gave you and you accepted. Do you understand this?

MRS. KATHRYN BERRY: Worthy Grand Matron, how can we not take the vote that we just voted on? We've already voted on this. All we did was voted to accept the Jurisprudence report — I'm sorry, the Purposes and Policies report on this part. We're going to have to vote on this again.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's right. It's another part of our legislation which will be handled later.

MRS. KATHRYN BERRY: I see no purpose in rescinding the vote that we just did.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Well, if we did, the membership is going to understand better, that they don't feel like they've passed something they're not in favor of.

MRS. KATHRYN BERRY: I just broke one of your hour glasses. I'm sorry

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's all right. It won't cost you much. [Laughter]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm going to let the parliamentarian explain it so that you will have no doubt in your mind how you will vote on this.

MRS. NORA ELICH: The maker of the motion withdrew the consideration of that part since there was doubt about how the vote was going; and it seems there is no quorum and the vote would not be counted anyway. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That portion is going to be done later in our other legislation, which is printed in your report.

MR. J. T. SANDERS: I've got a supplementary report here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. I recognize Sister Virginia.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I believe the problem is that the membership does not feel we have a quorum to vote on any of that. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Then we'll just close. How's that? [Applause] All right. Now, Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to trust that you really meant that you will stay with me tonight that we can get some more done. We will close now. Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this "A Time to Love" session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this 110th session of Grand Chapter, "A Time to Love," from labor to rest; and you are to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Very well. Sister Doris Efird, how very proud I was to serve as your Associate Grand Conductress. Your kindness and love was always displayed wherever you met a sister or a brother. I deeply appreciate your friendship and invite you to bring our benediction.

BENEDICTION

MRS. DORIS EFIRD: Will you please bow your heads and join your hearts in our benediction.

You, O God, have taught us in your scriptural message of every hour, that love is eternal and ever present in the plan you have for this world. Now give us strength, wisdom and love to be found faithful.

May our hearts always be in tune with the Lord Jesus Christ of the Universe, and Thy Holy Spirit always dwell in our every thought and action. As we depart from this Session today, O gracious Lord, give us courage and discipline to follow where you lead.

Create in us an eternal desire to serve You more completely and fully with dedication and devotion, until time on this earth shall be no more.

Thank You, Lord, for Your guidance and protection of this beautiful order, and for the direction within the Membership of this Grand Chapter. Help us to be more understanding and forgiving in our dealings with each other and Thee. For it is in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray, in whose star we see in the east every day. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Grand Conductress, you will attend at the alter.

[The Grand Conductress closed the Holy Bible.]

WORTH GRAND MATRON: I now declare this session called from labor to rest until 7:00 p.m. this evening. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Sentinel. Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your kindness and your attention. I deeply appreciate it.

FRIDAY EVENING October 9, 1992 "A Time to Reflect" Session

1:15 P.M.	Musical Prelude	Dorothy Cleveland, Curtis Cole Cloe Morris, Patricia Shelton
1:30 P.M.	Call to Order	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture West Past Grand Matron

Mr. B. F. Hutson Past Grand Patron

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE WEST: Will you please come to order.

Through the graciousness of our Worthy Grand Matron, I am privileged to call to order this "A Time to Reflect" session of our Grand Chapter with my friend, Mr. B. F. Hutson, Past Grand Patron. Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers to enter for the "Time for America" drill

[The "Time for America" drill was performed.]

Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the east. [Applause as they were escorted to the east.]

Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. [Grand Honors are given.] The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Our Worthy Grand Matron has asked me to speak on the position of our Star, why it points downward, also on why some uninformed people try to paint us as a cult because we are a secret order.

Our obligation is secret, but I wish every person in the world would take it. Why it is secret, I do not know, because it only binds us to the charitable way in which we treat our Sisters and Brothers. If everyone in the world would take our obligation and take it seriously, there would be no more hate, no more bickering and no more wars, and we would love one another.

Now let me explain the position of our Star. While our beloved Order wisely refrains from the adoption of any religious creed, save only a belief in a supreme being, thereby uniting men and women of various opinions, we have no choice but the Christian approach to the symbolism and interpretation of the Star what led the Wise Men to the cradle in Bethlehem. Any other approach would make it irrelevant, void and meaningless concerning the challenging lessons of our beautiful degrees. We state this as a way of explanation and not apology.

Our Order accepts the Star of Bethlehem as a reality and not as a figment of imagination or of mythical lore. If then, it was indeed real, it was divinely miraculous and revolutionary as compared with human divination or pagan lore. It did not even follow the course of other stars of our universe which due to the rotation of our planet apparently move East to West. This finds proof in holy writ wherein we read that after making inquiry in Jerusalem, the Wise Men followed the Star which led them to Bethlehem, a Southwesterly direction from Jerusalem. If this Star was supernatural, created for the purpose of guiding the Wise Men to the manger, it seems logical that when it rested over the manger, it must needs have pointed Downward. It appears to us more than coincidental that our Order adopted that particular downward point as the point of Esther. By her sublime courage and purity, Esther was the salvation of Her people. What could be more symbolically beautiful than ascribing to Esther the portion of our Star that pointed to the salvation of All people. Yes, ours is a different Star, a destiny shaped Star of all humanity. We love and respect other stars that are rich and meaningful in their wonderful symbolic ministry, but we glory in the uniquely individual position of our Star as under the guiding rays of its beneficence, our Order is one of the world's greatest hope of spreading friendship, fellowship, good will and understanding among all people. So let us all Cherish, Protect and defend all that we hold

I know our beloved and distinguished Past Grand Patron, Mr. B. F. Hutson, will bring you greetings.

MR. B. F. HUTSON: Thank you, Molly. It is a genuine pleasure to be serving in this place with my sister and my friend and my neighbor in Brownfield, Texas. The honor tonight that has been given to the both of us by this Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron is one that I shall remember for many, many years, "A Time to Reflect" on this Friday evening session. There are many reflections that go through my mind. One particular one is that I stood in this very spot in 1987 and served as your Worthy Grand Patron. I am indeed honored that tonight I am able to bring greetings to this assembly.

To this Worthy Grand Matron I have nothing but the highest respect. I have known-

her now for years, and I think she has been one of our most capable Worthy Grand Matrons. The service she has rendered will serve this Order for many, many years.

The man who stood at her side, our Worthy Grand Patron and my Brother Glenn Whitaker, I have nothing but the highest regard for him; and I consider him to be one of my very best friends. I shall look forward to many years of friendship with both of these people. Thank you for this honor, and we look forward now to the balance of the evening. Thank you, Sister Molly.

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE WEST: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, soon your labor as leaders of our Order will end a year of active service and become one of your fondest memories on "A Time to Reflect." To you this is a golden hour; may its luster bring you happiness and may our beautiful Star guide your footsteps safely down life's valley to the setting sun. I present you your gavel, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There are times in one's life when you meet someone and immediately know that you have just made a true, loyal and lasting friend. This, Sister Molly, is how I felt when we first met. I can truly say that you have been that kind of friend. Your loyalty to your friends is unwavering, and I am so glad that God caused our shoulders to touch. Thank you for opening this Friday evening, "A Time to Reflect" session.

Brother B. F. Hutson, how lucky we are to have you as a part of this Grand Chapter. I am so very proud to call you my friend. I have enjoyed your many talents and your keen wit through the years of knowing you, and I especially treasure the kindness that District 2 has always shown to me in fun times and in serious times. Thank you also for opening this session with Sister Molly. I love and appreciate you both very much.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Molly Goodpasture West and Brother B. F. Hutson, you have traveled the road before us, pressing onward each day. You have made our path much smoother as you have struggled to pave the way. My thanks to you for calling to order "A Time to Reflect" session.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible.

[The Grand Conductress opened the Holy Bible.]

This beautiful Elite Lady, Sister Elise Hammack, who held the Umbrella of Love over the membership of Texas continues to display her love and affection for her Sisters and Brothers; and we are so very proud of her and her position that she holds in General Grand Chapter this year. Thank you, my friend; and thank you for taking us to the Throne of God for our invocation.

INVOCATION

MRS. ELSIE HAMMACK: Let us pray.

Our gracious heavenly Father, we invoke thy blessing on this "A Time for All Things" Session of our Grand Chapter. How we do thank thee for the significance of this occasion.

O Lord, we thank Thee for the ability to measure time. Thank you for showing us how circumspect we ought to be in the measurement of our time.

Lord, we thank Thee for our leaders and our future leaders and may they always be mindful of their obligations to each other and to Thee.

We thank Thee for this great fraternal Order of the Eastern Star and acknowledge your continued watch care over this Order.

We humbly praise Thy Holy Name for the manifold blessings Thou has given us.

We thank Thee, for life itself, for our O.E.S. home, and our ladies there, for the comforts and love of our homes, the time with faithful friends and for the privilege of this great assembly.

We pray Thy blessing upon our great nation and for all in positions of leadership.

Finally, our Father, we thank Thee for Your promise and for all that is in Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I promised you a very delightful, heart rending program this evening. When I first heard this magnificent group perform, tears filled my eyes and chills ran the length of my body. The impact of what it means to be an American, what it means to live in America filled me with pride. I know that each one present will feel the same when you witness and listen to the birth of a nation. It is with much pride and pleasure that I invite the Sojourners to enter the Grand Chapter room. Will our Arrangements Committee help those on the stage to the sides so that we can see, for they will perform in the east. Everyone on the stage here, go on down or you won't get to see the program. Just find a seat down on the side until this fantastic performance is presented for your enjoyment.

I could hardly express my thanks to this group for the emotion I felt when they were through. It is with much pride and pleasure that I introduce to you Trueitt B. Smith, who represents the following organizations: Cowpens Camp Heroes of '76, General William J. Worth No. 465 of the National Sojourners, Incorporated. Cowpens refers to a revolutionary battle and it is explained in the narration. Brother Smith is a member of Wedgewood Chapter No. 756, Order of the Eastern Star, and president of General William J. Worth Chapter and the Commander of the Cowpens Camp Heroes of '76. I present to you Brother Trueitt B. Smith.

["Birth of a Nation" presented by the Sojourners.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, now do you know what I mean when I said I could hardly thank these fine gentlemen the first time I saw this? I love America. I love the people of America, for we are the only nation under God. And as long as we live, the principles for which this fine country was founded, and we have gentlemen like the Sojourners, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Fraternities, there is no one or anything that could defeat us. Would you please once again show and tell these fine gentlemen who came clear from Fort Worth just to do this for you tonight how much it meant to you and how much you appreciate it. [Applause]

We'll now be favored with a solo by our favorite Grand Soloist and Grand Organist. ["America the Beautiful" sung.]

It is now my pleasure to recognize Sister Frances Christian, who will bring our ESTARL program.

ESTARL PROGRAM

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My Sisters and Brothers, the time has arrived for us to worship and to honor our students that have

come to be with us tonight, our ESTARL students. I'm so thrilled about ESTARL this year. I've never worked on this committee before. My, what a blessing it has been to me!

Before we begin our ESTARL service, we're going to all stand and sing "He Keeps Me Singing." Would you rise, everyone, and join in the singing. Let's praise the Lord together. Grand Choir Director, would you lead us. ["He Keeps Me Singing" sung together.]

As we go to the lord in prayer, our Grand Chaplain, Mr. Robert L. Wood, will lead us in our invocation.

INVOCATION

GRAND CHAPLAIN: If you will, clasp the hand of the person next to you. Our Holy and Merciful Father, we ask Your special blessings on these young people who are working to complete their education in Christian leadership that they will be equipped to work in the world, to further the cause of Christianity. We do give thanks for those of our membership who have made these ESTARL scholarships possible. Grand that the leaders of this next year in our Order and for years to come may be filled with the spirit of love, that our Order may grow and prosper.

Let this be an evening of great achievement and inspiration. Forgive each of us of our sins and let our lives be lived as you would have them lived. All of this we ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors, I am delighted to extend to each of you a very hearty welcome to this "Courage for the Quest," ESTARL service. We hope that you will relax and enjoy the program that we have planned for you.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, would you please stand. My Sisters and Brothers, would you join with me in extending to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron a very hearty welcome to this service. [Applause] Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a joy to be in you presence, and we thank you for setting aside this time to honor the ESTARL students. I want to express my appreciation to the Grand Chaplain, to the Grand Organist, to the Grand Choir Director, the Grand Choir and the Grand Soloist for their contributions to making this a beautiful and meaningful program, as well as the part that our students will be contributing to this program.

How does one measure needs and the worthiness on the basis of the statistics and the recommendations of friends? The ESTARL committee has felt a great responsibility in making the decisions for the ESTARL awards, and we hope and pray that we have made wise decisions. It has required much time and hard work, but now we have come to the end of a most enjoyable year, and we will realize some of the fruits of our labor. It has been my honor to work with five lovely ladies, and it is my honor to introduce these five district chairmen of the Texas Grand Chapter. Each chairman will read the list of the students from their district that have received awards this year.

My heart tonight is very heavy. Our District 1 chairman, Sister Betty Whatley, many of you know Betty — she and her husband were the Grand Chapter Duet a few years back. Sister Betty is in the hospital and has been ill and is seriously ill. We would ask that you remember her in your prayers. Her list of names will be in our Proceedings, so we will not take the time tonight to call these students' names. We have some of them present with us, and you will meet them later.

DISTRICT ONE ESTARL RECIPIENTS

Brian Hardesty, Perkins, Southern Methodist University; Nickolas Servetas, Bangor Theological Seminary; Jeffrey Don Brown, Stephen F. Austin; Anthony Appuglies, Jr., North Texas University; Stephen Wayne Bailey, Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary; William B. Barkley, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Kyle Lee Edgemon, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Kevin M. Flannery, Dallas Theological Seminary; Sara Jane Hardaway, Perkins, Southern Methodist University; Jeffry A. Hastings, Perkins, Southern Methodist University; Jeanette S. Hill, Perkins, Southern Methodist University; Lanette Kay James, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Larry Clifton Linam, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Timothy D. Sublett, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Richard S. Yancey, Fuller Theological Seminary; Michael Alan Green, Perkins, Southern Methodist University.

We do have Mrs. Pollyanna Heath from District 2. Sister Pollyanna, would you come. If she calls the name of one of you students who is present, would you stand.

MRS. POLLYANNA HEATH: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I'm delighted to read this list of three students who have been selected for ESTARL awards in District 2. Tracie Lee Davis, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Christy DuFrane, Howard Payne University; Cindy Stevens, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Thank you.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Would you greet Sister Pollyanna and her student that is present with us tonight. [Applause]

And now it's my privilege to introduce to you Mrs. Ada Webster, our chairman of District 3, and she will read the list of names that were given ESTARL scholarships in her district.

MRS. ADA WEBSTER; David Ray Ball, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Kevin Gwinn Bentley, Tarleton University; John Kelly Bernard, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Randy Wayne Covington, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Shawn Dallas Daniel, Aberdeen University, Scotland; Russell Richard Doyle, Brite, Texas Christian University; Laurie Leah Dunlap, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Judith Jean Gaylor, Brite, Texas Christian University; Paul R. Guitterez, Perkins, Southern Methodist University; Marvin Jeffrey Jolly, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Beverly B. Lawson, Brite, Texas Christian University; Stephen Wayne Nance, Brite Texas Christian University; Carol Phillips, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary; Jeffrey Barron Reed, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Georgie C. Welch, Brite, Texas Christian University; Terry Lynn Wilder, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, United Kingdom.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Would you give Sister Ada a hand for this wonderful list of students that she has. [Applause] And now it's my pleasure to introduce to you Sister Shirley Hodgkinson of District 4. She will read the list of names from her district.

MRS. SHIRLEY HODGKINSON: Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce these names into the Proceedings. District 4: Chris Alan Alston, Weyland University; Patricia B. Clark, Episcopal Theological Seminary of Southwest; Robert Jacob Cullen, Perkins, Southern Methodist University; Amy Donahue, Episcopal Theological Seminary of Southwest; Shannon Lloyd Hassel, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Joe Hudson, Perkins, Southern Methodist University; Ellen Elizabeth King, United Theological Seminary; Robert A. Royce, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Bryan Anthony Wilson, Princeton University.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: And now District 5, Mrs. Edith Head. Edith knows just how delighted I am to see her. She had a broken hip, and I'm just delighted that she was able to come be with us tonight.

MRS. EDITH HEAD: Thank you. I'm glad to be here. It's a delight to introduce the District 5 recipients. Kevin Hale Black, Baylor University; Glen Thomas Brunk, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Kevin E. Griffith, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Sheila Marie Griffith, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Charlotte Rice, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Brenda Jean Moore, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Would you greet these students and Sister Edith. [Applause] All of you stand out here and let us thank you for the wonderful work that you have done. These are lovely ladies to work with, and I want you to see them and to meet them and express appreciation for what they have done this year. [applause] Now, if we had read the District 1 list and you could have counted, there would have been 62 awards this year. I think this is a great accomplishment for our Grand Chapter. The more we realize what it means to have Christian children and those who are educated in Christian schools, we realize what it means to our country and even to us. I thank each one of you special ladies for your devotion and hard work and your support this year. I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with you. You are a loving, caring and devoted group of Eastern Star ladies, and I do thank you for the service that you have given this year.

We are honored to have these several students with us tonight. I'm going to ask all of them to stand now. I want you to see what a good group we have here tonight. Greet them. [Applause] Thank you, young people, for being with us. If there are other ESTARL students who may be in the audience that didn't make it to the stage yet, we would be glad to have you come to the east to be with us. I was expecting about four other students, but they haven't arrived yet.

Now it's my pleasure to introduce one of our fine young men, Brother Glen Brunk. He's a student at the Southwestern Theological Seminary, and he will bring a vocal selection, "I Am Determined." Would you come and give your rendition of your song to us. Welcome him. [Applause]

[Song by Mr. Glen Brunk.]

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: My dear sweet young man, I want to thank you for using your voice tonight to praise the Lord. This is one of my new-found friends this year, and I'm so glad that God has given me this opportunity to meet you. Thank you so much for coming and singing tonight. Give him another hand of welcome. [Applause]

It is always fitting to open God's Word and read the Scripture. We have a lovely young lady tonight that is attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She's working on her master of arts in religion; Charlotte Jean Rice of Rio Hondo. She will come and read our Scriptures for us tonight.

MRS. CHARLOTTE RICE: Tonight I'm reading from the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 40, Verses 29 through 31. "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youth grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall. But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

MRS.FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Thank you, my lovely one, for reading God's Word to us. Isn't she lovely? [Applause] A treasured new friend that I have found. May God bless you, honey, as you seek the will of God for you in your life.

Now, would our ushers come on either side, please, those ushers who are to receive our offering. Are there some on both sides? Okay. That's great! Now, the one that I depend on for guidance next to the Lord I guess, and a true supporter of the ESTARL program, my paster of 42 years and my husband for 52 years, Dr. O. D. Christian, will bring our offertory prayer. Past Grand Patron, would you offer our prayer? Would you please stand.

DR. O.D. CHRISTIAN: Dear God, our Lord, we come this evening with hearts aglow because of the magnitude of the hour. We thank Thee that we have in this country young men and young ladies that will spend a Friday evening to come and share with us their talents that are being developed to be our religious leaders of tomorrow.

O God, I pray tonight that not only those who are present here, but to each of those who have been awarded scholarships by this committee this year shall continue their endeavors of study and that through the efforts of our dear people who have contributed some \$30,000 to this great program. We're so grateful for the diligent labors of this committee. I trust another star has been added in each of their crowns.

Now, Father, as we dig into our purses this evening, grant that we may be liberal in our givings, for we understand and have practiced through our ministry that you can't outgive the Lord. We give and You give back. We give again and You give back. Thank You, dear Lord, for those blessings that You bestow upon us.

Now, as we receive that which our people will freely give from their hearts, may it be added to what has already been disbursed, to help others — yea, even help these more — because each of them need more assistance, for we are well aware of the expense of education today.

Forgive our sins, and use these young men and ladies to glorify Thy Name, for it's in the Name of our Lord that we pray. Amen.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: The ushers now will receive the offering. We're going to ask our Grand Choir to favor us with "Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place."

[Offering collected as the Grand Choir sang "Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place."]

Our Benevolent Boards and whatever else we have over here — the Grand Examiners, the Executive Boards — are going to count our money over on this table. Did everyone have access to one of the offering plates? All the money has been picked up. Thank you, Sister Elizabeth.

"Courage for the Quest," whatever the quest of your life or my life, we must have some courage to accomplish the goals that we have set. We have a nice young lady tonight that's going to share some of the plans for her life. She is a first year student, I believe, at Austin Presbyterian; Karen Polland, would you come.

MRS. KAREN POLLAND: Good evening. I'm really delighted to be able to say thank you in person. My program said that Mr. Shannon Haskell would tell you about the quest, and you may realize that I don't look like Mr. Shannon. You're right. My name is Karen Pollard.

There are so many things that are running through my mind right now, one of which is I'm sure that Mr. Shannon wrote a great speech, and I'd really like to hear it right now. [Laughter] Are there any members of the DalCliff chapter here, if you could stand, because I'd like to see you? I know there's one here. There's Marilee.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: There's some up yonder waving.

MRS. KAREN POLLAND: I have a special hello to say to you. My husband's grandmother and mother and aunt were all members of the DalCliff chapter. So your sponsoring of me is especially warm. In fact, that's one of the reasons why I'm here tonight is Wanda Polland, who is my mother-in-law; and I know many of you who are in DalCliff or knew the members who knew Wanda. There's lots of stories about mother-in-laws and their relationships with their daughter-in-laws. But for me it was wonderful. From the day that I met her, she opened her heart and her arms and made me her daughter. I'm a benefactor of her warmth and her grace. I am overwhelmed to say thank you for her because I know she would be very proud that I received your scholarship and she would want to thank you, too.

My life has been touched by a lot of other Eastern Stars. My grandmother was an Eastern Star in her youth. My father was in the Air Force, so we traveled around a lot and I didn't get to spend a lot of time with her. But some of my earliest memories are sitting on her knee and listening to her read Scripture.

All of us have to have courage. It takes a lot of courage to sponsor young people like us, like the people on the platform. There's a wonderful story from post-war Europe where they were restoring some damaged statues. There was a damaged statue of Christ that they had partially restored, but the hands were completely obliterated. They were trying to decide how to reconstruct them. They finally decided that they would leave the statue without hands to remind us that we are the hands of God in the world. There are special times, like your gift to me, when you are the hands of God giving me a special gift. I want to be like the tenth leper who remembered to turn around and say thank you.

So thank you very much. Thank you on behalf of all the recipients of the scholarships. I know that it's my hope and prayer that I'll have many opportunities to share my life in the way that you've shared yours with me. Thank you. [Applause]

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Wasn't she wonderful? [Applause] Shannon Haskell called and he had — he said he thought it was the flu; he had a temperature and wasn't able to come. I'm very sorry about that, but I'm delighted that Karen did this, just like that. She's a love and I do appreciate her very much for doing this.

Our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron have been a great help this year, and I greatly appreciate them. They will present the award certificates to the students that are present tonight. I received many nice letters and thank you notes from other students, and I'm sorry that each one of them could not be here. Worthy Grand Matron, would you and our Worthy Grand Patron come and give these certificates.

Would you come and receive your certificate from our Worthy Grand Matron when she calls your name?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Glen Thomas Brunk with this fabulous voice; Christopher Coleman Christian; Christy M. Dufresne; Sheila M. Griffith; Kevin E. Griffith, this is a young married couple; Karen Sue Pollan; Charlotte J. Reef; and Paula K. Robinson.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for presenting these certificates to these lovely young people. Now, you know, you have — There's a special kid on the block. He's not a new kid on the block for many of you know him. He has been to many of the Darlings and Statesmen's roundups when he was a little boy, but last year he surrendered his life to the work of the Lord. Now he's going to the University of Texas working towards getting his degree in counseling and church ministry. My grandson, Chris Christian, will bring the response for all the students to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

MR. CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIAN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and members of Grand Chapter, all of our lives we have been taught the importance of getting an education. All the way from kindergarten through high school, we can count upon the support of family and friends that we can go to every day for any kind of reason whatsoever. Once we hit college, though, we lose some of that support. We're not sure where we're going and what we're doing, and it's getting confusing. Sacrifices are made, both financially and personally; and you have to make changes in your life. But these changes are necessary for the quest for knowledge. We as students are here for that reason.

It's through organizations like Eastern Star and Masons that we receive some of that extra support. I'm not just talking about the financial support that we're here tonight for, but it's the support that you give. I personally drive by the Eastern Star Home every morning and it reminds me of each and every one of you. I may not know you, but I know that you have been there for me. I can see that every day and know that there is a group of people that love me enough, that care about me enough to say, "Your education is important for the future."

These opportunities that we have as students will be vital for when we go into the missions. As a mission-oriented culture that the students here are, we can't make it without you support. On behalf of all the students here, I would personally want to thank you for the support that you've given us in these scholarships. I really wanted to say this — and I told my parents I was going to say this because I think it's so cute and being that it applies to Easter, "Thanks, Eastern Star." [Laughter and applause]

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Now, Corsicana chapter, aren't you proud of him? You sponsored him. Thank you, Chris. Truly you are our Christian Star and we love you.

In honor of all the Eastern Star students, in dedication to the wonderful membership of the Texas Grand Chapter, our Grand Soloist tonight is going to sing, "You Are the Wind Beneath My Wings." Brother James E. Huston, our Grand Soloist of the Grand Chapter, will sing for us. This is in honor of you students who are here tonight. It's for the members of our Grand Chapter. Truly you are the wind beneath these students' wings, whether you realize it or not. I just can't express to you — I think about Chris. Of course, he's closer to me and I know more about him, but he has a little sister that's enrolled at A&M College that is training to be a doctor. With two in college, you can understand what this means to this family and what it means to me. I appreciate Eastern Stars.

[The Grand Soloist sang "Wind Beneath My Wings."]

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Thank you, Brother Jim, for that beautiful number.

As Jesus said unto his disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the Harvest, that he will send forth laborers into the harvest." This year we have been able to help some 62 workers in the harvest field. Thank you, my special Grand Chapter members and friends, that have made this possible. May God bless each of you for every gift. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you again for setting this time aside to honor our students and to worship and praise God. I thank each of you for attending this part of our Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, do you have any announcements that you would like to make before the benediction?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I want the students to line up with you all and Cleo will get their pictures. Let's do that before the benediction.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Another fine young man, a student also at

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Reverend Kevin Griffith, will bring our benediction.

BENEDICTION

MR. KEVIN GRIFFITH: Let us pray together. Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for this night where you have brought us all here together safely under Your tender mercies. Lord, I just praise you for this group, for this organization, for this Order that cares so much about Your Word, Lord, that they give so that we may learn more about You, learn how to minister to the people who are out there who don't know anything about you. Lord, I pray that we will take this gift, these monies, Lord, and that, Lord, we'll be good stewards of our time, of our studies, and, Lord, that we'll do all things to honor You.

Lord, again, I just thank You for this Order, for all that they do for us, for the prayers, for the gifts and just for the moral support. Lord, help us to go out, as we are going to be ministers of Your Word and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations to fulfill Your Great Commission. We ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Frances Christian, my very special friend. I particularly thank you for accepting to be the chairman of the ESTARL. I knew that if you would accept this, that it would be an outstanding program. Thank you again.

When we witness these outstanding students of ministry, the teaching of God's Word, we know that the Order stands for the five virtues of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. We also know that much good is performed each day with little or no notoriety. Those students here tonight that are interested in teaching and doing good in God's world, influencing another's life that may have taken the wrong path, giving of their time and expecting nothing in return except to reach the goals they have set for themselves in their service to their Lord.

How thankful I am that I am a member of this Order and the principles for which we stand. How thankful I am that God put these fine young men in our lives that we could help their education in some small way by the generosity of this membership. May God enrich each of our recipients with the wisdom, integrity, love of his children and good health that they can make their life count in this, His world.

Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this 110th Session of Grand Chapter, "A Time to Reflect," from rest to labor; and you are to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We thank each of you who have spent this time with us. We hope that you have received God's blessings, and we thank you for your presence. If you are not a member of the Order, then, of course, you will have to retire. But we do appreciate you coming and sharing this special time in the life of Eastern Stars at our Grand Chapter session. [Pause as non-members retire]

GRAND WARDER: Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well.

Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: I believe the Bible is already open.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I mean close it.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: You want it closed?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes. We'll close it and then we'll open it

[The Grand Conductress closed the Holy Bible.]

Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Our Grand Choir is going to sing for us while chapter is being proved.

[The Grand Chapter was proved.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

[The Grand Conductress opened the Holy Bible.]

I now recognize Sister Charlene Littlewood, chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pleasure that I present my co-workers, the Board of Grand Trustees: Brother A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman; Sister Elizabeth Young, Secretary; Sister Penny Vletas, District 4 Member; Sister Sarah Coursey, District 1 Member.

Thank you my friends. Only those who have been in this place of service can understand the close bonds of friendship that are formed between co-workers.

To the membership of Texas for allowing me to be of service to you these past five years and to grow in knowledge, thank you.

To the entire corporate board, especially Sister Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary, and Sister Lola Wallace, Grand

Treasurer. Your support of this Board and understanding of the problems that face Grand Chapter give me confidence that we are in good hands as we move into the 21st century.

There have been two pieces of property sold this year, and one in the process of being sold. The Mildred Jacobs property in Abilene sold for \$12,500.00 with Grand Chapter carrying the note at 10% interest for eight years. The Sylva Pluenneke home in Waco sold for a net of \$6,608.39.

In July 1992, the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences advised us that they were approximately three months behind in paying some of their bills and requested special assistance in paying overdue bills in excess of \$60,000.00 at that time. We were also advised that this problem had existed for many months. Realizing the seriousness of this problem and knowing that the good name of the Grand Chapter of Texas was in jeopardy, the Board of Grand Trustees, using creative financing, was able to immediately transfer \$60,000.00 to the Home. Subsequently another \$15,000.00 was transferred. They anticipate that they will have \$41,000.00 worth of unpaid bills at the end of this month that cannot be paid on November 1.

A Trust Fund was established at Team Bank to help insure our deposits each month when the Home Fund account exceeds \$120,000.00.

I am sorry to report that we received no bequests during this Grand Chapter year.

I attended one meeting of the Corporate Board and two meetings of the Purposes and Policies Committee. Several joint meetings were held with the board of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

Eight Fannie V Ward O.E.S. Educational Scholarships in the amount of \$250.00 each were awarded for the 1992 fall semester. Declining interest rates dictate that only six scholarships will be granted for the 1993 spring semester.

One T. R. and Helen Bramlett scholarship in the amount of \$400.00 was awarded.

As of August 31, funds in the amount of \$1,089.30 from the contingency fund were used as follows: Replace refrigerator in Grand Secretary' apartment \$914.88, Repair traveling sound system \$64.07, and Grand Secretary expenses at Ad Hoc and Corporate Board meetings \$110.35.

The funds donated to the Home Renovation Fund over the past two years continue to be invested and increase in value. As of October 2, funds in the Home Renovation Funds, both 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(8) totaled \$323,321.91 which includes \$21,638.59 in interest earned since November 1, 1990.

Outside repairs and painting on the administration building were completed at a total cost of \$8,343.16, well below the \$20,000.00 estimated in the budget.

This year we have again presented a detailed breakdown and comparison of the budgets. We are pleased that this format has been so well received by the membership.

The Board met 10 times this year. Nine times in Arlington and once during the Dallas School of Instruction. The minutes of each Board meeting will be printed in the proceedings. We hope each one will read them.

My Sisters and Brothers, I firmly believe that some of the most important decisions to face us in 110 years will be decided in the next two days. For too many years we have been just getting by. It is now time to decide if we are ready for the 21st century, which is knocking at our door, Eastern Stars are the greatest people in the world. We can do

anything, if we just set our minds and hearts to the challenge. I fervently pray that the decisions we make will be in the best interest of our beautiful Order and that we can join together united as we face the future together.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 1, after which Brother A. D. Jackson will give the General Fund Budget.

Charlene Littlewood, Chairman A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman Elizabeth Young, Secretary Penny Vletas, Member, District 4 Sarah Coursey, Member, District 1

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, there has been a motion made and seconded that we adopt the Report No. 1 just given to you by the chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion? [No response.] Hearing none, all in favor will raise their green cards. Cards down. Those opposed, the same sign. It has been adopted.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 1991

Present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; Mr. A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Penny Vletas, Member and Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Member

Others present for part of the meeting: Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress; Mr. Bill Curry, Mr. Ed Pickett, Mr. Leland Benefield, Mrs. Dorris Hester, Mrs. Sue Getz, Mrs. Laura Geyer, Mrs. 'Doc' Jackson.

Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the State Office Building in Arlington. The Chairman gave the Invocation, after which she then welcomed those present and gave a special welcome to the newly elected Board member, Mrs. Sarah Coursey. She advised that Sister Elizabeth Young's husband was extremely ill and that was why our Secretary was not present.

The Chairman stated we would continue to use Roberts Rules of Order stating that in small groups of 12 or less, a second to a motion is unnecessary. She also asked that, out of courtesy to the secretary, only one person speak at one time so that whatever was said could be heard on the recorder.

The Minutes of the October 23, 1991 and October 26, 1991 meetings were approved as written.

The Grand Treasurer reported that the balance in the OES Home Fund on September 30, 1991 was \$254,954.84. This was used to pay back the \$206,500.00 in loans made by the General Fund to the Home Fund during the year. The October trust statement interest on the Endowment Fund was only \$5,628.70 and there were no dividends from the stock.

Mrs. Charlene Littlewood sent a letter to Mr. John McGuire of Team Bank rounding off the amount of the monthly transfer to the Home operating account to an even \$102,000.00

The Home's share of the insurance premium was paid from The General Fund in

September and October to be reimbursed from the Home Operating account after November 1. This will allow for proper accounting in the current Grand Chapter year.

The Grand Treasurer stated she would mail Board members copies of reports for November since the Board will not meet in December.

Mrs. Frances Burbank reported that interest earned for September and October from Worthy Grand Matron's Special Fund, General Fund Clearing, and General Fund Checking was \$1,162.50. She also stated that our organization does not qualify for sales tax exemption on vehicles and it was therefore necessary to pay \$1,400.00 in sales tax on the Worthy Grand Matron's van.

The Grand Secretary informed us that she had had many inquiries concerning the 50 year membership legislation passed at Grand Chapter. After discussing this with the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jane Gregory, it was determined that all those holding 50 year membership certificates issued by Grand Chapter PRIOR TO October 26, 1991 will continue to be exempt from both dues and per capital tax.

The Grand Secretary's office has been notified that Arthur Anderson and Company (Auditors) will conduct the annual audit the weeks of December 9 and December 16, 1991, and January 13, 1992.

A question has arisen concerning the Ware Estate. After discussion, Mrs. Penny Vletas made a motion that our attorney be asked to obtain more information on the Ware Estate and report back to the Grand Trustees. Motion carried.

Mrs. Frances Burbank gave a report concerning the accident of Mrs. Ida Longoria while in attendance at Grand Chapter in San Antonio. Her fall happened outside the convention center, on city property and is therefore not covered by our insurance.

The Chairman advised that she had talked to the Worthy Grand Matron concerning the resolution passed at Grand Chapter to immediately move all 501(c)(3) funds to Home Renovation. After the resolution was passed the 1990-1991 Jurisprudence Committee was advised that some of these funds were in an Endowment Fund and could not be transferred. In addition, other funds were being used to pay the monthly bills for the home. The 1990-1992 Jurisprudence Committee advised that the Corporate Board had the authority to delay action. The Worthy Grand Matron advised not to take any action until after the Ad Hoc Committee on 501 (c) (3) meets.

The Chairman reported that the trailer given to Grand Chapter remains in Amarillo and contains the ramps, risers, stairs, carpet and two flags. The contents of the trailer need to be brought to Arlington and the trailer sold. Possible ways of getting this done were discussed. Mr. Bill Curry offered to inspect the trailer when he goes to the school in Amarillo and make recommendations.

Mrs. Frances Burbank had asked the Board for suggestions for a leave policy governing the staff in the Grand Secretary's office. After reviewing and discussing suggestions, the Grand Secretary said she will work up some policies and present them at a later date.

The possibility of a proposed amendment concerning the Rosters was discussed. The Roster is published every four years at a cost of approximately \$28,000.00. When the Roster comes of the press it is obsolete. An alternative method of placing the information on the Grand Chapter computer and only printing limited copies was discussed. This will be investigated by the Chairman and a proposed amendment prepared for consideration.

The printing of the Grand Chapter Proceedings, the cost, and the time involved to

prepare were discussed. It was unanimously decided that other ways for doing this should be investigated. Mrs. Littlewood volunteered to make inquiries concerning this matter and report to us later.

The Chairman reported that in a telephone conversation with Mrs. Elizabeth Young she had advised that we needed four more binders to complete the task of placing all minutes in permanent binders. The cost would be \$30.00 to \$35.00 per binder and this would place all the minutes from the beginning of the Board to the present time in the same type permanent binders. Mrs. Penny Vletas made the motion that we purchase four binders. Motion carried.

Mrs. Frances Burbank advised that she had received a call from Past Grand Matron Mrs. Effic Mae Davis stating that the Executive Committee needed an additional \$1,500.00 to pay the San Antonio Convention Center. All bills are not in and there might be some money due back to the Executive Committee. After discussion, Mrs. Sarah Coursey made the motion that \$1,500.00 be taken from last year's contingency fund to pay for the overrun cost of Grand Chapter and that any money left from any source be returned to Grand Chapter. Motion carried.

Legislation on per capita tax having failed at Grand Chapter, there was a discussion of how this could - of necessity - be effectively presented for passage at the 1992 Grand Chapter.

The Chairman brought us a report on the Strawberry Extravaganza. In addition to the committee selling the previously approved pins, coins and sun catchers, the Worthy Grand Matron had given permission for them to sell tote bags, shirts, etc. Mrs. Littlewood has talked to Mr. Combest, General Chairman, who has assured her that there will be strict accounting for all these items. All future bills and all receipts will be turned into the Grand Secretary for proper payment and credit. Mr. Combest appreciated this clarification. Mr. Combest has also agreed to set up a table at the Extravaganza to sell the "collection" of past years' remaining money making projects (pins, books, etc.). The monies from this will be kept separate from Extravaganza receipts as they are prior year receipts and have to go into a different account.

A discussion on Christmas in the Grand Secretary's office determined that the office will take off five working days including Christmas day.

REPORTS: District 1 Mrs. Coursey None
District 2 Mr. Jackson None

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District 3 Mrs. Littlewood A house in Waco will be for

sale when the lady is accepted in the Home.

District 4 Mrs. Vletas None

District 5 Mrs. Young

None, as related to the
Chairman via phone

The Chairman asked for our distinguished guests to say a few words. Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Fairchild each expressed their pleasure of being in our meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m. with all present repeating the Mizpah benediction.

Following the joint meeting of the Corporate Board, Board of Grand Trustees and Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, a special meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees was called at 7:00 p.m. on December 16, 1991 at the Harvey House Hotel in Plano.

During the joint meeting with the other two boards, Brother Mac Crowder,

Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, had stated that the monthly transfer of \$102,000.00 was not sufficient to pay the bills and also make the Workers Compensation payment of approximately \$6,500.00. Brother Crowder had made the statement that it might be necessary to cancel Workers Compensation. The Chairman, Sister Charlene Littlewood, asked if the other members would be able to attend a special meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees in Arlington on 14 December to discuss the alternative insurance program as presented by Mr. Kenneth Smith from Capital Insurance Agency at our July 1991 meeting. Brother A. D. Jackson stated that he would not be able to attend on that date. The Chairman said she would check with Sister Elizabeth Young as to her availability and advise the other members if a special meeting was necessary.

Regarding the \$1,500.00 cost overrun for the San Antonio Convention Center, the Chairman advised that after the meeting in Arlington earlier in the day she had reviewed Article XI, Section 3, paragraph (4) of the Code of Laws, which states that in case of extraordinary emergency, the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Chairman of the Board may make appropriations not to exceed \$5,000.00. In view of this, she had discussed the subject with the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn Whitaker. It was agreed that no additional funds should be advanced until all bills are in and all funds accounted for. The Chairman will so advise Sister Effie Mae Davis.

(Being unable to attend this Board meeting, tapes and notes of same were forwarded to the Secretary for recording. They were mailed late due to the Secretary's husband being hospitalized.)

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Young, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 17-18, 1992

Present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; Mr. A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Secretary; Mrs. Penny Vletas, Member and Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Member

Other present for part of the meeting; Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer; Mr. Leland Benefield

Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Board Room of the State Office Building in Arlington. She welcomed all present and called on Mr. A. D. Jackson to give the invocation.

Minutes of the November 16, 1991 Meeting were corrected and approved as corrected. (Mr. Max Fairchild's name was removed under those present).

Mrs. Lola Wallace reported that interest is down and the interest on the Endowment Trust Fund for October was \$5,628.87; November \$28,282.03 and December was \$51,461.20. She suggested we may want to transfer the October and November interest to the Home Fund. Mrs. Wallace also noted that all checks for expenses - Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the Line Officers, Grand Examiners, District Deputies, etc. - go out in November. Also, one \$350,000.00 bond in the Endowment Trust has been called. It was drawing 9.55%. Reinvestment rates now are 4.4%. The Grand Treasurer advised that per our direction she had purchased a C.D. from the funds set aside for designated expenditures:

every 2 years	Vehicle for WGM acquisition fund	\$8,500.00
every 3 years	General Grand Chapter Expenses	600.00
every 4 years	Roster	6,500.00
every 4 years	Roster postage	225.00

This will allow these funds to be charged against each year, rather than being charged to the year in which the expense is incurred.

Mrs. Frances Burbank reported that interest earned for November and December was: Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds November \$93.04 and December \$67.44. Texas Bank Clearing Account November \$180.84 and December \$77.33. General Fund Checking November \$171.23 and December 127.45. Total interest for November and December 91: \$678.23.

Two ladies have been accepted as permanent residents of the Home: Mrs. Leta Irene Steele and Mrs. Dorothy Short Pocock. Two ladies have been admitted to the Home: Mrs. Sylva Pluenneke and Mrs. Laura G. Arnold. Copies of their applications were provided. Mrs. Roberta Miller who was admitted, has elected not to stay.

We previously received Mrs. Patsy Ruth Shields' estate, which included shares in two stocks (661 of NSF and 114 of CSX). Mrs. Gladys Worth, administrator, is attempting to transfer these stocks from the estate to our Home. We have already received some checks. Mrs. Worth sent an application to be completed. The Board approved the Grand Secretary render the application requesting the dividends to be in cash and capitol gains to be reinvested.

A letter has been received from Mr. James W. Stegall, Executive Vice President and Senior Trust Officer with First City, Texas in Bryan concerning the John and Opal O'Neal Charitable Remainder Unitrust along with a list of the holdings. On this property we also received a request to lease from Mr. Jimmie W. Schneider, offering the same period of time and 1/8 royalty as previously offered by Nicholson Exploration. Since we had rejected the offer by Nicholson Exploration upon the recommendation of our Attorney, Mr. Schneider has been sent a letter rejecting his offer as well.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Auditors finished the audit today at 6:30 p.m. The Auditors would like to come to the Trustee meeting in Dallas in February to meet with us. They have several questions they would like us to assist them with. One concern was that the Special Funds were so low this past year (1990-91). Two, why the Home salaries were \$40,000 more for the 1990-91 than the previous year. And, three, why is the Grand Secretary office payroll less for 1990-91. Answers: 1. Because we did not receive as many funds as we had in previous years due to less emphasis. 2. Salaries of the kitchen help and servers in order to provide hot meals on the weekends. 3. A part time computer operator was not hired and one full time employee was out extensively due to illness. The Auditors will be requested to join us at 10:00 a.m. on February 22, 1992 at the Scottish Rite Temple, 500 S. Harwood Street, Dallas.

The first matter under unfinished business concerned Grand Chapter session cost overrun. The Chairman, Charlene Littlewood, advised that the final amount of the cost overrun for the San Antonio Grand Chapter was \$1,460.21 over the \$20,000.00 authorized by the Constitution (Article 162-D). This amount has been paid to the Convention Center via a loan to the Executive Committee from Jeff Davis. She further advised that the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron did not feel this fell under Article XI, Section 3, para (4) as an extraordinary emergency because the Executive Committee knew about the excess amount before Grand Chapter closed and chose not to bring it to the floor of Grand Chapter for approval. The Worthy Grand Matron has referred the subject back to the Board of Grand Trustees. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron both

stated that with the information presently available they would not be prone to approve any amount in excess of the amount authorized by the constitution.

The Chairman stated that Article VIII, Section 4, DUTIES, and Article XI, Section 3. APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES, both state, in effect, that the Board of Grand Trustees has supervision over all financial affairs and may exercise such powers, "consistent with this Constitution". Since the Constitution clearly states the cost of Grand Chapter shall not exceed \$20,000.00, it is her opinion that the Board does not have the authority to authorize exceeding that amount. She provided a summary showing that funds (ranging from \$1,518.00 to \$15,251.00) had been returned to Grand Chapter by the Executive Committee every year since 1983, which was as far back as the figures were readily available. She also stated that she had discussed this subject with three Past Grand Matrons and two Past Grand Patrons and they all stated it was their belief that the authorized amount should not be exceeded. The Past Grand Matrons also stated that if their Sessions had gone over the authorized amount, it was their understanding that they would have to make up the difference.

The Chairman said that she was aware there were some who believed that even though these funds might not have been handled in a prudent manner, they were spent in the name of Grand Chapter and one person should not have to pay because the Executive Committee exceeded the amount authorized. She then asked for comments from each Board member. After each member had expressed their views the motion was made by Mrs. Coursey to refer the matter to Grand Chapter. Motion did not carry. Mr. Jackson made the motion to refer this matter to the Corporate Board as they have charge of the business affairs of Grand Chapter during vacation. Motion carried.

Mrs. Littlewood asked Mr. Jackson to make a study of a money making proposal from Trans National on return address labels, from which we would realize about half of the profits from sales.

Mrs. Vletas made a motion to ratify conference call approving sale of the Grand Chapter trailer for \$800.00. Motion carried.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to ratify telephone vote on November 19, 1991 to pay for Home Workers Comp from the Asset Preservation Trust. Motion carried.

Mrs. Vletas made a motion that we ratify telephone vote to transfer \$100,000.00 from Asset Preservation Trust (Glace Estate) to Home Fund to

Repay \$39,580 to General Fund for annual property insurance Repay \$28,386 to General Fund for prepayment on Workers Comp Make \$25,810 available for third payroll in January and Make \$16,224 available for monthly workers comp payments. Motion Carried.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to ratify sale of the property in Abilene for \$10,000, \$1,000 down, 10% interest for 8 years at \$136.00 a month. Motion carried.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to ratify replacement of refrigerator in Grand Secretary's apartment at a cost of \$914.88 which includes a 5 year warranty. Motion carried.

Mrs. Young made the motion to ratify action of the Chairman authorizing repair of the traveling sound system. Motion carried.

Mrs. Burbank will have copies of the office policy on vacation and sick leave for us at our next meeting.

Under new business motion made by Mrs. Vletas that we transfer the balance in the Home Asset Preservation Trust (\$105,202.37 at last report) to the Home Fund to meet their

expenses. Motion carried. This closes this account. \$60,000.00 of this is to be held in reserve and approximately \$6,500.00 will be transferred to the Home Operating Account each month to allow them to make their Workers Comp insurance payments.

Motion made by Mrs. Coursey to transfer the October, November and December Endowment Interest to the Home Fund. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 9:50 p.m. until Saturday morning.

All members being present, the meeting reconvened at $8:50\,\mathrm{a.m.}$ on January 18. Mr. Jackson gave the Invocation.

Mrs. Burbank advised that, at the request of the Chairman, she had written to the Railroad Commission asking them to remove the name of Mr. Lindsey Walker from the Strey lease.

The Home has asked for additional funds to pay for a van lift in order to transport ladies in wheelchairs. Mr. Poff has received three bids, \$3,180, \$3,625 and \$4,084. After some discussion, Mr. Jackson moved that we recommend to the Benevolent Board that they ask the Worthy Grand Matron for money out of her Humanitarian Home Special Needs to purchase a lift for the 1990 van. Motion carried. Mrs. Littlewood will write Mr. Mac Crowder, Chairman of the Benevolent Board and inform them and, if this action is not feasible, they will have to use their contingency fund.

Mr. Jackson gave a report on the Fannie V. Ward scholarship awards. He has received three transcripts for the fall semester. The Grand Secretary may send the second checks to the recipients. Mr. Jackson will write to the other recipients requesting their transcripts. He also has received requests for two new applications. The Chairman reminded us that all material for requests will go to the Board's Vice Chairman.

Some of the history files for the Education Fund have been misplaced by a prior chairman. Mrs. Burbank is having to recreate the list of names, addresses and payment histories. As soon as this is completed, she will forward to this year's chairman. Mrs. Vletas read a letter she had received form a family concerning their daughter's "befuddlement" about her loan. Mrs. Burbank will send copies of previous correspondence with the daughter to the family.

Mrs. Littlewood said that at the Fort Worth School a question was asked about advertising household goods, autos, jewelry and real estate of ladies that are accepted in the Home, so bids may be made on same. A resolution may be found in the back of the Constitution stating that is to be done in our Official Bulletin. The respective boards are to ascertain the value of these items and place the ad in our Bulletin as they become available. The Chairman has written a letter to this effect to the Benevolent Board.

There will be a joint meeting of the Trustees and Benevolent Board on March 21.

Binders for our minutes have arrived and been paid for.

Chairman called for District Reports:

District 2: Mr. A. D. Jackson will write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Mac Crowder for his help in selling the home in Abilene.

District 3: Appraisal on the Waco home has been obtained. No further action can be taken until the lady is accepted as a permanent resident.

District 1, 4 and 5, no reports.

The Chairman advised our next meeting will be in Dallas on February 22 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. with the Mizpah benediction.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Young, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 25, 1992

Present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Secretary; Mrs. Penny Vletas, Member and Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Member

Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman, called a special meeting to order at the Airport Hilton in Austin Texas.

She advised that the Corporate Board would be returning the subject of the San Antonio Grand Chapter Session cost overrun to the Trustees for final action.

She cited

Article VII, Section 4, "(1) Said board shall supervise all the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter... consistent with this Constitution."

Article XI, Section 3, "(3) During the vacation of the Grand Chapter the Board of Grand Trustees shall exercise such powers as may be prescribed by law, consistent with this Constitution".

and

Article 162-D. "The Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session, under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron shall... have charge of the spending of the money allotted by Grand Chapter, which shall not exceed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) on account of the cost of providing the necessities for holding a Grand Chapter Session for any one year..."

Motion made by Mrs. Vletas that the Junior Past Grand Matron be advised that the Trustees do not have the authority to exceed the amount set by the constitution and the request for additional funds is therefore disapproved. Dr. Davis may bring the matter to the membership at the next Grand Chapter Session if she so desires. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Young, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 1992

Present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; Mr. A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Secretary; Mrs. Penny Vletas, Member and Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Member.

Others present for part or all of the meeting; Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron; Mr. Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand

Conductress; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress; Mrs. Alma Carter, Grand Marshal; Mrs. Marilyn Knowlton, Grand Warder; Mr. A. M. Crowder, Chairman, Benevolent Board; Mr. Ben Day, Vice Chairman, Benevolent Board; Mrs. Mary Lou Funk; Mr. Bill Irwin; Mr. Wayne Gaddis; Mr. Alfred Bell; Mr. Claude Ervin; Mr. Ed Pickett; Mr. Jack Edwards; Mr. Jeff Walter, and Mr. Dan Jobe.

Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Library of the Masonic Temple, 507 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. She welcomed those present. Mrs. Penny Vletas gave the invocation.

Minutes of the January 17 and 18, 1992 meeting were approved as corrected (typos).

Mrs. Wallace gave the Grand Treasurer's report, giving each Board member a copy of the Mileage Account of Grand Chapter. Checks written to Chapter Representatives show \$10,083.57, leaving a balance as of October 31, 1991 of \$559.89. There was no interest from stock dividends this month. Mrs. Young made the motion that we transfer the January interest of \$21,762.90 from the Endowment Trust Fund into the Home Fund for March 1, 1992. Motion carried.

Mrs. Burbank reported that interest earned for January 1992 was: Worthy Grand Matron's Special Fund \$63.70; Texas Bank Clearing Account \$78.38; General Fund Checking \$73.10. Total interest for January, 1992 \$215.18. The \$50,000 C.D. for the General Fund matured January 27, 1992 and a check in the amount of \$1,386.45 in interest was deposited into the General Fund Checking Account. The C.D. rolled over for another six months. A check in the amount of \$220.00 had been received from Professional Equities International as down payment on the 1 1/4 acres of land in San Bernardino County, California rather than the \$440.00 as listed in the contract. Moon Kim, realtor, called to relate that the difference was the fee for selling the property. A quarterly check of \$79.00 will be received as payment.

A refund check in the amount of \$1,547.42 was received from Bowles, Troy, Donahue and Johnson Insurance for the Grand Chapter Session.

A refund had been received from Mrs. Molly West in the amount of \$683.42 from the Texas Bluebonnet Luncheon held at General Grand Chapter in St. Louis.

An Educational Fund loan was paid in full in the amount of \$113.35

Mrs. Dee Bauer, who is buying a home from us, has asked if the Trustees would allow a discount or savings in paying off this home. The original note was in March of 1974 and she has been faithful with her payments. After some discussion, Mr. Jackson made the motion that we discount the balance owed on the home by 2%. Motion carried.

Mrs. Littlewood, Mrs. Lawana Heth (from the Home) and Mrs. Burbank attended a Loss Control Seminar for Nursing Homes in Dallas on Wednesday (February 19) morning. This was sponsored by Bunker Hill Insurance Agency, the company that carries our professional liability. They reported that this was a very informative seminar and that Mrs. Heth had commented that the Home was already complying with most of their recommendations. Mr. Poff was unable to attend due to the death of a lady at the Home.

Mrs. Burbank reported that the outside repairs and painting at the Administration Building should be completed in the next week or two.

Phillips Petroleum has sent a letter of transmittal for redemption of stock: 1242 shares paying 13 7/8% and 1045 shares paying 14 3/4%. These shares are kept in Safekeeping at Team Bank under the O.E.S. Home Fund. Given our approval, the Bank will handle this for us. Mrs. Burbank will so inform the Bank. This money will be placed

in the O.E.S. Home Fund and a decision made when received as to whether to reinvest it or use it to help make the monthly transfers to the Home Operating Fund. A new policy of the Bank is to charge \$6.00 per month for Safekeeping. This has not been done in the past. Mrs. Burbank will speak with Mr. McGuire at the Bank concerning this matter and we will decide at our next meeting, after more information is received, whether or not to continue to keep our stocks in Safekeeping.

The Grand Secretary has replaced the element in the apartment cook stove for \$95.00. Action approved.

Regarding the Bond that was recalled last month, the money therefrom has been invested in Treasury Notes and is drawing 5% interest.

Mr. Randy Thompson had received a letter from Mr. John H. Litchler, trustee, concerning the Dallas Vans judgement. He wanted to know if we had any objection to reclassifying the claim of Grand Chapter of Texas in the amount of \$12,919.31 as a general unsecured claim. There was no objection.

Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green reported to the Grand Secretary that she had taken her Deputy Book for three bids and had given the book to Robert Allen for printing, as he had the lowest bid. The budget allows \$4,500.00 for the Deputy book which includes the binder, all the pages of art work, protocol book, Humanitarian pages, her interpretations and instructions to Deputies, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Grand Examiners. There are some standard items added to this. Her bid was \$3,852.50, and with the added standard items the cost should be below \$4,500.00.

Copies of the proposed sick leave/vacation policies were given to the Board members. Mrs. Coursey made the motion that we accept the sick leave/vacation time policy for the Grand Secretary's office help. Motion carried.

Mrs. Burbank advised that there was some confusion about income and taxes due on oil leases owned by the O.E.S. Home. Since the income from these leases is included as revenue in the O.E.S. Home budget, the checks for the taxes must be written on the O.E.S. Home Operating Account. This clarification has been passed on to members of the Benevolent Board. She also reported that there would be a refund on workers comp for last year.

Mr. Jackson reported on a study made of a proposal from Trans National for return address labels with the Eastern Star emblem on them as a money making project for Grand Chapter. They would do all the work and return approximately one half of the profits after their expenses were deducted to Grand Chapter. He thought it was a fine offer but the drawbacks were obtaining mailing lists from all chapters and not enough money returned to Grand Chapter. This program was used by Grand Lodge. Mr. Jackson was asked to obtain a little more background info before we decide whether or not to recommend this to the line officers.

Mr. Dan Jobe and Mr. Jeff Walter of Arthur Anderson and Co. arrived with the Tentative and Preliminary copy of the Grand Chapter audit for 1991. This was discussed with the auditors for clarification of various points. Arthur Anderson has made recommendations over the past five years and many of these have been implemented. Mr. Jobe and Mr. Walter complemented our Grand Secretary and Treasurer on their fine record keeping and their cooperation.

Mr. Bill Irwin, Mr. Wayne Gaddis and Mr. Alfred Bell appeared before us and stated they had been asked by Virginia Lynn Green to assist in preparing for her Grand Chapter session. They presented some of the controls they are setting up and some very sound business procedures for that Grand Chapter. They were offered the full support of the Board.

Mrs. Littlewood has received an invitation to attend the Purposes and Policies meeting on March 6th at the Plano school to discuss three items that Grand Chapter referred to them: 1) Voting absentee, 2) Changing the subordinate year and 3) Business Manger. She asked if any of us had any input she would be happy to hear it.

Mrs. Littlewood, Mrs. Burbank and Mrs. Wallace will talk with the Bank concerning the Bank's handling of our oil leases and stock to see if this is a more prudent management procedure for us to follow. They will report to us on this matter at our March meeting.

Mrs. Burbank's office has lost their mail handler and light maintenance person. Mr. Jackson made the motion that Mrs. Burbank have the prerogative to decide who and how much to pay, within the budget, to handle the mail. Motion carried.

Mr. Crowder, Chairman of the Benevolent Board, reported that the Worthy Grand Matron will give them \$2,000.00 from her special funds to apply on the van lift. He asked that the remainder needed for the lift be given them from the contingency fund. Mrs. Littlewood said that we would discuss this after introductions in the school this afternoon.

The meeting adjourned at 12 p.m. for lunch.

All members being present, the meeting reconvened at 2 p.m.

The Benevolent Board will be advised that upon their request the additional amount needed to put the lift in the van will be transferred from their Contingency Fund to the Home Operating Fund. Their Contingency Fund is their money and they can draw on it at any time without approval of the Trustees.

The Chairman called for the District Reports.

District 2. Mr. Jackson reported that all Fannie V. Ward scholarship recipient transcripts had been received and checks mailed. He has received two new requests.

District 3. A home in Waco is to be advertised in the Official Bulletin. A deadline date will be May ${\bf 1}$ to submit bids.

Districts 1, 4 and 5, no reports.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. with the Mizpah benediction.

Respectfully submitted. Elizabeth Young, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING MARCH 21, 1992

Present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; Mr. A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Secretary; Mrs. Penny Vletas, Member and Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Member

Others present for part or all of the meeting: Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress; Mr. Leland Benefield, and Mrs. Lesa Shriver

Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Board room of the Administrative Building, 111 E. Division, Arlington, Texas. Mr. A. D. Jackson lead us in prayer. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

Minutes of the February 22, 1992 meeting were corrected. Mrs. Vletas made the motion the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

The Chairman called on Mrs. Wallace to give the Grand Treasurer's report. Mrs. Wallace completed the report on checks cashed by chapters represented at Grand Chapter, as required by the Constitution, and it balances back with the check book. Mrs. Wallace pointed to the January report of the Clearing Trust in which the balance was \$273,852.48, which also reflects the \$59,966 premium from insurance. Mrs. Wallace also noted that the account for Home Endowment (#2402640) in the Texas Commerce bank had undercharged us for the fee, but that next month it would be corrected. In Team Bank the Clearing Trust for February was one of our better months in which interest gave us \$62,880.15. The balance in the O.E.S. Home fund on March 20 was \$140,895.51, which includes the refund on Workers Compensation of \$37,715.00. One of the recommendations of Arthur Anderson and Co. in their audit was that we establish another Trust Fund to help insure us when the Home Fund account exceeds \$100,000.00. After discussing this, Mrs. Vletas made the motion that we establish a second Holding Trust for the O.E.S. Home Fund. Motion carried. The O.E.S. Home Fund includes (1) Home Operating Account (2) Money Market and (3) Trust.

Mrs. Littlewood declared a recess at 9:30 a.m., to resume at 10:00 a.m. in a joint meeting with the Benevolent Board in their meeting room. The joint meeting was called to order by Mr. Mac Crowder, Chairman, Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, who welcomed all present. All Benevolent Board members were present, along with Mr. George Poff, Superintendent; and Mr. Chris Christopher, Member Purposed and Policies Committee

Mr. Crowder called on Mr. Christopher to give his thoughts on the best way to convey to the membership our desperate need for an increase in per capita. A worthwhile discussion followed. The recommendations will be discussed with the Corporate Board at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45, to be resumed in the Trustee Board Room at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Burbank was asked to give her report of interest earned for February 1992. The Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds was \$127.37. Team Bank Clearing Account \$69.15, and Team Bank General Fund Checking \$79.92; making a total interest for February of \$276.44.

Two ladies have entered the Home: Mrs. Ibbie McCreary and Mrs. Georgia Park, both on February 24, 1992. Tow ladies have been accepted as permanent residents, Mrs. Irene Steel and Mrs. Dorothy Pocock. Received from these ladies are a few shares of stock, monies from checking and savings accounts, a C.D. and property in Waco. Mrs. Eugenia Dahrling passed away February 18, 1992 and the balance of her account has been received from the Home members account to be placed back in the Home Fund.

Mrs. Burbank reported that the Educational Fund C.D. matured March 18, 1992 and the interest was added to the principal, making a total of \$40,000.00. The Educational Fund Checking Account now has \$17,051.34.

Mr. Randy Thompson has applied to the Tarrant Appraisal District for a renewal of our tax exemption for the Grand Chapter of Texas. In 1982 he applied to the City of Arlington to declare our Eastern Star Home a Historic Site in order that we would not be taxed, and we have been very fortunate in this respect since that time.

Maritia Haws had been approved for a loan by the Education Fund Committee last year, but she requested a temporary delay. She would now like to take advantage of this loan for the summer semester. Maritia was named to the Dean's list at Tarrant County Junior College in January 1992 and she wishes to attend TCU this summer. This information will be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the Chairman of the Education Fund.

Regarding three Education Fund loans to Catherine Fitch, three letters written by the Grand Secretary concerning these loans were never received by Catherine. Copies of the letters will be provided to Catherine's mother, Sandra.

Betty Morgan has again applied to be our Reporter at Grand Chapter for the Same fee as last year. She does a fantastic job and Mrs. Burbank will recommend her for approval by the Worthy Grand Matron and her committee.

The outside repairs and painting on the administration building are completed and the total cost was \$8,343.16, including new gutters with baked on enamel, well under the allowed budget! While this work was taking place the office had phone problems, due to weather, and upon inspection it was discovered that the wiring outside the building was not the type specified for outside wiring. This needs to be replaced and the Grand Secretary recommended that we consider replacing the outside wiring, and perhaps the entire telephone system, when we prepare the budget for next year.

The Grand Secretary has received a check from Kempter Insurance Company in the amount of \$37,715.00 for overpayment on Workers Comp last year. This money has gone back into the Home Fund. Part of it will be used to pay property taxes on acquired property.

Mrs. Burbank received a letter from Talbot and Wong, attorneys at law in McAllen, with copies of the Application for Probate and the Last Will and Testament of Glen Henry Fankhauser. The O.E.S. Home will receive 5% of his estate later this year.

Mrs. Burbank, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Littlewood attended a "State of the Bank" meeting at Team Bank. They were advised on the income and condition of the Bank, which appears to be very good.

After the redemption of the Phillips Senior Notes and Debentures, only five stocks are now held in Safekeeping at Team Bank, at a charge of \$6.00 per month. These 1,977 shares in Armco Inc., Cooper Industries Inc. Common Stock; Cooper Industries Inc.; Phillips Petroleum Co. Common Stock and Phillips Petroleum Co. could be moved so we may save this fee. After much discussion, Mrs. Coursey made the motion that we transfer these remaining stocks held in Safekeeping at the Team Bank to the Endowment Trust at the Team Bank. Motion carried.

A brief discussion concerning ways to save on printing by changing the way we print the Roster was had, with one example of an alternative being given to each present. A deeper study of this will be made after the Grand Secretary meets with the Chapter Secretaries in April.

A decision regarding possible change to Article VII, Section 4, Para 2b on Endowment Fund investments was postponed pending further discussion with Team Bank officials.

It was by majority agreement that we not pursue any further the proposal from Trans National regarding address labels as a money making project.

Mrs. Littlewood, Mrs. Burbank and Mrs. Wallace did attend the Purposes and Policies meeting. It was voted not to recommend absentee voting nor a business manager. However, they will recommend to the membership that the subordinate chapter year be changed. If this passes, subordinate chapters would elect in September, go to Grand Chapter in October, and have subordinate installations in November. If adopted, it was

the understanding of the Purposes and Policies Committee that it will affect Mrs. Virginia Green's girls as they will serve 18 months from June 92 to November 93. Purposes and Policies will publicize why they do not recommend changing the Grand Chapter year: (1) We would have to wait 5 or 6 years because the convention centers are already booked, (2) May Grand Chapter could conflict with school and college activities, graduations, etc.

The Chairman announced that the Associate Grand Matron will bring us her projects and a request for monies at our April meeting.

Due to a conflict, the May meeting date was changed from $23\,\mathrm{May}$ to $30\,\mathrm{May}$, at $9:00\,\mathrm{a.m.}$ in Arlington.

No district reports from 1, 2, 4, or 5. District 3 reported that the keys to the home for sale in Waco had been sent to the Worthy Matron. Those interested in purchasing the home can contact her.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with the Mizpah benediction.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Young, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING APRIL 24 - 25, 1992

Present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Secretary; Mrs. Penny Vletas, Member and Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Member

Others present: Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress; Mrs. Louise Armstrong; Mr. Leland Benefield and Mrs. Linda Benefield.

Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Board room of the Administrative Building, 1111 E. Division, Arlington, Texas. Mrs. Penny Vletas lead us in prayer. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

Mrs. Sarah Coursey made the motion that the minutes of March 21, 1992 be accepted. Motion carried

Mrs. Vletas asked if the new Trust account had been set up. Mrs. Burbank advised that Mr. McGuire from Team Bank wanted our attorney to draw up the legal papers for this and they should be ready soon. Mrs. Vletas asked if the Catherine Fitch Education Fund matter has been resolved. Mrs. Burbank said she would write her a letter and try to get the matter cleared up.

The Chairman called for a review of the status of implementation of the prior year management suggestions from Arthur Anderson and Co. The Board reviewed 22 observations and found that several pertained to the Home. The Chairman will bring these to the attention of the Chairman of the Benevolent Board. Several suggestions show improvement.

The Chairman asked the Grand Secretary to give us a review of the status of the various bank accounts.

Mrs. Burbank reported interest earned for March 1992: The Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds was \$227.84. The Team Bank Clearing Account \$74.13; and

Team Bank General Fund Checking \$82.07, making total interest for March \$384.05.

Mrs. Burbank has a "Certificate of Corporate Resolution" from Mr. McGuire at Team Bank to be signed by Mrs. Littlewood and returned in order to transfer the stock held in Safekeeping to the Endowment Fund in agreement with the decision made by the Trustees at the March meeting.

A letter from Kelly H. Baxter in Midland Texas was received asking if we could be interested in selling our interest in an oil and gas lease in Wade County. The mineral rights belonged to Rena Wright and last year we received over \$1,500.00 in interest from Phillips Petroleum and UMC Petroleum for the Home. Mrs. Burbank inquired of Mr. Randy Thompson on this subject and he did not recommend the selling of this lease except under certain conditions. The Chairman asked Mrs. Burbank to write Mr. Baxter for more information concerning this before the Board made its decision.

In 1990, at the request of the Board, Mr. Randy Thompson wrote to Dr. W. C. McCaskill offering to sell our interest in two five acre tracts in Liveoak County, Texas. Board Member, Mrs. Young, had visited the Appraisal District in Three Rivers and discovered that the land owned by Dr. McCaskill completely surrounds our two tracts. Dr. McCaskill claims that he also had paid the taxes on the same property. Dr. McCaskill did not respond to the letter. At a later date the Trustees voted to write Dr. McCaskill offering to sell the land for the taxes we had paid and, if we did not receive a response, to simply stop paying the taxes. Recently Dr. McCaskill came to the Grand Secretary's office and offered \$500.00 for the land. After consulting by telephone with some of the Board, Mrs. Burbank executed a Special Warranty Deed drawn up by Mr. Thompson conveying this property to Dr. McCaskill. Mrs. Vletas made the motion to ratify the offer and to accept the \$500.00 for the land in Live Oak County. Motion carried.

The Chairman suggested that we postpone the rest of the Grand Secretary's report until tomorrow and move on to unfinished business: the possible amendment re Endowment Fund (Article VII, Section 4, Paragraph 2b, page 40). Mrs. Burbank is gathering material for this and other items together so that when she and Mrs. Littlewood go to talk to Mr. McGuire they will be able to talk to him about everything at one time. They hope to do this before our May meeting.

The Chairman brought attention to the Education Fund Checking Account balance of \$40,000.00 in a C.D. and \$17,000.00 in a checking account. As there is not that much activity in this account, Mrs. Coursey made a motion that a \$12,000.00 C.D. be purchased with part of this checking account money. Motion carried.

Mrs. Littlewood asked Mrs. Burbank to brief us on the response of the secretaries at this afternoon's workshop on the useful value of the Roster. Of approximately 100 present, there were only 6 or 7 who said they used it when they had chapter visitors. After learning the cost of the Roster (over \$27,000 every four years) all felt they could operate without it. We are looking at extracting the names of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons from the annual reports. We must have this list for the Credentials and Registration Committees at Grand Chapter and also the Grand Chapter Line Officers and Grand Examiners. An amendment will need to be presented at this Grand Chapter session for us to save money and implement a new plan. If this amendment carries at Grand Chapter, Mrs. Littlewood offered to put the list on a computer disc and give the Grand Secretary's office the whole package. Mrs. Littlewood offered to write an amendment to be presented at Grand chapter in October.

The Chairman had been given copies of invoices from Automatic Data Processing totaling \$2,189.74 along with a letter form the Benevolent Board advising that they had underpaid their State Unemployment Taxes due to a rate change which was retroactive

to January 1. The Trustees had a discussion and tried to locate the money for this and after a period of time it was concluded that we should wait until tomorrow when our Grand Treasurer would join us.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened Saturday, April 25, 1992 at 8:10 a.m. in the Board room.

Present: Board members present last night and Mr. A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman.

Others present for part or all of the meeting: Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Glen Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron; Mr. Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Frances Burbank Grand Secretary; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress; Mr. Max Fairchild; Mrs. Doc Jackson; Mr. John Spindor, and Mrs. Leland Benefield.

Mrs. Littlewood welcomed all of those present.

The Chairman recognized Mrs. Green. The Associate Grand matron presented a very sound, economically planned program for next year. (She had obtained three bids on each item). Mrs. Coursey made the motion that funds be advanced to order Mrs. Green's materials for special projects as presented to us for next year. Motion carried.

The Grand Treasurer reviewed her report which had been distributed to the members. She reported Endowment Fund interest for February and March totaled \$88,712.13. Mr. Jackson made the motion to transfer whatever Endowment interest is necessary to the Home Fund to make the May 1 transfer to the Home Operating Account. Motion Carried.

The discussion continued concerning the request from the Benevolent board to advance the money for them to pay the shortfall in State Unemployment insurance. After much searching and discussion, Mr. Jackson made the motion that we pay the \$2,198.49 out of the money set back for Workers Compensation and that the Chairman write a letter to the Benevolent Board point out the amount of the extra above budget transfers we have already made and that we felt they must stay within budget the remainder of the year. Motion carried.

Mrs. Burbank completed her report to us by bringing us up to date on the Strey property. We have received a division order from Texaco and we are waiting to see if this is from the right estate. When this is confirmed, the Worthy Grand Matron is ready to sign same.

There will be a C.D. in the amount of \$10,000.00 which will mature May 7, 1992. This will be redeemed and added to the Home Fund.

We received a letter from Exxon Company offering us a one time payment of \$108.51 rather than small payments. They indicated we had received \$26.70 in 1990 and \$25.65 in 1991. We would not forfeit our ownership of the mineral rights; however, we would receive no future payments. After a discussion, the Board asked Mrs. Burbank to check this with Mr. McGuire.

The Corporate Board entered the Board Room and a discussion was held concerning the needs for an increase in per capita. Each line officer voiced their opinion on the needs of our Home. All line officers signed a prepared amendment to be presented at Grand Chapter and then retired to continue the Strawberry Extravaganza celebration.

The Chairman called for District Reports: 1, 4 and 5 had none. District 2 had a request from Past Grand Matron Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup for a scholarship application for her grand-daughter's religious education. Her grand-daughter lives out of state. The request had been referred to the ESTARL committee. Also, Mr. Jackson had received a note from Virginia Ward thanking us for the help in her education and inviting us to her graduation May 16 from Trinity University. Since District 3 has had no inquires on the Waco property, it will be listed with an agent after May 1.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. with the Mizpah Benediction.

Elizabeth Young Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING MAY 30, 1992

Present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; Mr. A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Secretary; Mrs. Penny Vletas, Member and Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Member.

Others present: Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer; Mr. Ed Pickett and Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson.

Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m. in the Board room of the Administrative Building, 1111 E. Division, Arlington Texas. Mrs. Young led us in prayer. The Chairman welcomed all present.

Mrs. Vletas made the motion that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as corrected. Motion carried. (page 884, "h" was omitted from Sarah's name.)

Mrs. Wallace was asked to give the Grand Treasurer's report. The yearly report on Endowment memberships showed that funds for distribution totaled \$7,717.45 with \$34.63 going to 269 chapters. The balance in the account as of April 10, 1992 is \$288.31. The Home Operating fund had a balance in the account on April 30 of \$3,619.38. The General Fund checking balance as of April 30 was \$27,038.34. Balance in the Home Fund as of May 29 was \$82,938.34. The three stocks: Armco, Cooper and Phillips, have been transferred from Safekeeping to the Endowment Fund Trust Account at Team Bank.

The Chairman called on Mrs. Burbank to give the Grand Secretary's report: She reported the interest earned on the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds was \$297.57. The Team Bank Clearing Account interest was \$70.27 and the Team bank General Fund Checking Interest was \$93.83, giving a total interest for April 1992 of \$461.67.

A reply was received from Kelly H. Baxter concerning his offer to purchase our mineral and royalty interest in Ward County, Texas. Mr. Baxter only offered \$45.00 for all mineral and royalty interests. Since we received \$1,500.00 in interest from Phillips Petroleum and UMC Petroleum for the Home last year, his 7 day offer will be allowed to expire.

Mrs. Burbank stated that she and the Grand Treasurer, as directed by the Board of Grand Trustees, purchased a \$12,000.00 Certificate of Deposit at Comerica Bank-Texas for the Education Fund. The C.D. will mature March 18, 1993, the same date as the \$40,000.00 at the same bank. The interest rate is 3.70%

Our attorney had advised us that the division order on the Strey property No. 3 does relate to our share of the Hildegard Strey Estate, and our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jane Gregory, has signed the order and it has been returned to Texaco. As of this date we have received three checks from Texaco on the lease totaling \$639.71

Stock and some land interest from ladies who have entered our Home is being converted into the name of the Grand Chapter of Texas by our attorney.

Mrs. Burbank reported that Ken Smith with Capitol Insurance Agency, who spoke with the Trustees a year ago and Bob Lay, who handles our hospitalization insurance, have both talked about our replacing the Workers Compensation with our own insurance. After a discussion, it was determined that these two be invited to meet with us in a combined meeting with the Benevolent Board on July 19, 1992. Each will be allowed 30 minutes to present their offer.

Two checks were received from Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company for the Phillips stock which was recalled: one in the amount of \$12,403.26 and the other in the amount of \$10,336.05, for a total of \$22,739.31. These will be deposited in the Home Fund account.

The "Strawberry Extravaganza" was such a success and we were so joyous over the results, but we did have an electrical problem in the Administration Building, as the great drain on the line caused the circuit breaker to be thrown many times, causing difficulty in functioning of machines and equipment, and air conditioning. After much discussion, Mr. Jackson made a motion that the spring functions held on our grounds have an electric pole installed and contact the electric company to have a temporary line run and connected just for their function at an approximate cost of \$100.00, with the cost charged to the spring function. Motion carried.

Mrs. Coursey made a motion that when we work on the budget we also submit a "wish list" to the Associate Grand Matron of items that are needed but cannot be funded in the budget. Some examples are a larger breaker box, new phone lines, painting interior or the Administration Building, repairing the roof, and a new copier. Motion carried.

Mrs. Vletas made the motion that anyone who wishes to use the office copy machine must first clear it with the Grand Secretary and, if the number of copies is excessive, they may be referred to a copy shop. This is necessary because the copier was not designed for making large number of copies and this will help prolong the life of the machine. Motion carried.

The final form of the amendment to discontinue publishing the roster in book form every four years due to the excessive cost was reviewed. All five members of the Board signed same and it was given to the Grand Secretary for publication.

Mrs. Littlewood asked the Grand Secretary to write to the Grand Secretary of Missouri and ask her to provide the source and cost of the signs they use at entrances to their towns advising that there is an O.E.S. chapter in the town.

Mr. Jackson made the motion that we transfer \$26,114.37, the March and April Endowment Fund interest, to the Home Fund. Motion carried.

Mrs. Coursey made the motion that Mrs. Littlewood be requested to contact past Trustee Chairmen, or their families, requesting them to send a 5 x 7 picture of them to be hung in the Administration building. Carried.

Concern has been expressed over the use of the Grand Chapter ramps during the

Strawberry Extravaganza. They need to be double checked to insure that all nuts, bolts, screws, etc. are together so the Arrangements Committee can pick these ramps up and take to Houston in August in preparation for Grand Chapter. Mrs. Littlewood will convey this request to the Home administrator.

The Chairman asked for District reports. There were none from 1, 4 and 5. District 2 reported on applications for the Fannie V. Ward scholarship. These records will be completed and decisions will be made by the August meeting. District 3 reported she had signed a six month agreement with Hallmark Realty of Waco to sell the home in Waco.

Mrs. Burbank related to us a problem with the computer system between the Home and the State office. It seems that the stormy weather has caused problems with the wiring between the two buildings and computer at the Home is not able to access the main frame. Our computer advisor suggested that we wait till things have a chance to dry out and see if that helps the problem. If not, it might be necessary to replace the wiring between the two buildings. In the meantime, the computer operator from the Home will use a machine in the State Office as needed to make her inputs.

A very detailed written report submitted by Mrs. Virginia Schmidt, co-chairman of Strawberry Extravaganza showing the income and expenses was reviewed. This indicated a net profit of \$46,666.67. An outstanding job by all concerned.

The article to be published in the July Official Bulletin was read and discussed and with some minor changes was approved by the members.

August 29th will be the last date the Board secretary will write expense checks for Board members. This account must be cleared and closed before Grand Chapter.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. with the Mizpah benediction.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Young, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING JULY 9-10-11, 1992

Present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; Mr. A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Secretary; Mrs. Penny Vletas, Member and Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Member.

Others present for all or part of the meetings: Mrs. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron; Mr. Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress; Mrs. June Whitaker, Grand Esther; Mr. Mac Crowder, Chairman, Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences; Mr. Ben Day, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Marcel Bailey, Secretary; Mrs. Patsy Wilson, Treasurer; Mrs. Helen Hare, Member; Mr. George Poff, Superintendent, O.E.S. Home; Mr. Frank Smith; Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson; Mr. Bill Curry; Mrs. Linda Benefield; Mrs Leland Benefield; Mrs. Alfred Bell and Mr. Wayne Gaddis.

Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. in the Board room of the Administrative Building, 1111 E. Division, Arlington, Texas. Mr. Jackson gave a devotional reading prior to each session. The Chairman welcomed all present.

During the three days the Board worked on compiling the General Fund Budget for 1992-1993. From time to time these deliberations were interrupted to conduct the following business:

Mr. Bob Lay from Fidelity Security Life Insurance Co. made a presentation to both Boards for self-insurance in lieu of workers compensation. The presentation was general in nature and very informative and after Mr. Lay left the Grand Secretary was asked to obtain specific figures as pertain to our O.E.S. Home so that the two Boards may better determine the benefits and disadvantages of this proposal. Copies of a second written proposal from Capital Insurance Agency of Dallas, prepared by Mr. Kenneth Ray Smith, were also passed out for consideration.

The Benevolent Board submitted a letter advising that they were approximately three months behind in paying some of their bills and requesting special assistance. Much deliberation followed. It was determined that earlier in the year, some funds from the Glaze Estate had been used to make monthly transfer to the O.E.S. Home. Since these funds were received in a prior year and were not a part of the current budget it was felt that funds from this bequest could be replaced with interest from the Endowment Fund and that we could use the funds from the Glaze estate to cover this shortfall. Mrs. Coursey made a motion to transfer the May/June interest in the amount of \$79,003.74 from the Endowment Fund to the O.E.S. Home Fund and that \$60,000.00 of this be transferred immediately from the O.E.S. Home Fund to the O.E.S. Operating Account to allow the O.E.S. Home to become current in all back bills. Motion carried. There will be future shortfalls between now and Grand Chapter and the Benevolent Board will closely monitor the situation, keep expenses to the minimum, and will submit future requests as needed.

The Benevolent Board presented the first draft of their proposed budget for 1992-1993 for consideration. Detailed discussion followed. The Benevolent Board explained that they had cut employees from 72 to 51. They cannot make additional cuts because of state regulation requiring so many employees per resident. The budget includes a beginning deficit of \$112,000.00. The monthly transfer of \$102,000.00 has not been sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of providing for our ladies and the Home has not been able to promptly pay their bills as they come due. Because the decline in membership and falling interest rates have resulted in steadily decreasing income, the Home budget will have a deficit of approximately \$400,000.

The Board of Grand Trustees prepared a Resolution asking for a \$5.00 special assessment to cover this shortfall.

Mrs. Vletas made the motion that the minutes of the last meeting be approved with minor corrections. Motion carried.

Mrs. Littlewood advised that because of time constraints she and the Grand Secretary had not been able to meet with the Trust Department at Team Bank to discuss the pros and cons of converting part of our Endowment Fund to stocks in hopes of increasing our income. Since the stock market is so volatile right now, it was decided not to persue this possibility at the present time.

Mrs. Littlewood asked the Benevolent Board, as soon as possible, to send us copies of the applications for residence in the Home so we may make plans, if necessary, on anything this Board will be responsible for handling, such as sale of real estate, etc.

It was agreed the Benevolent Board is to be responsible for mailing copies of their minutes to the three Boards: Corporate, Trustees and Benevolent; and the Grand Secretary's office will mail copies to Jurisprudence and to members who have paid \$10.00 to receive these minutes.

Mrs. Burbank gave the Grand Secretary report giving us the total in interest for May and June of \$1,035.22.

A new resident has been accepted in the Home: Mrs. Eunice Estridge, a member of Throckmorton Chapter No. 500. Mrs. Estridge has a home, furnishings and a car.

An insurance claim on Mrs. Jimmie Harris is to be re-opened. She evidently fell at our Amarillo Grand Chapter session and the claim was closed. Since that time she has written several letters and we have been informed that the claim is being re-opened by Gulf Insurance Group. This could make our insurance go up.

The Grand Secretary stated that they had proofed the "blue line" of the Proceedings in their office and that it was given to the printer on June 12th and that it should be ready to mail next week. The selling price is still \$15.00 per copy.

The Revocable Trust Agreement for the Home Fund and Home Operational Fund to protect assets above \$100,000.00 in these accounts was reviewed. A copy has been sent to Mr. John McGuire at Team Bank. It will require the signatures of the members of the Grand Trustees as well as the Corporate Board. All present from both Boards signed the Agreement.

All the air ducts, both downstairs and upstairs, have been cleaned as well as three air conditioning units. The total cost was \$780.00. This was necessary due to mold falling out of the ducts and onto the floor.

The insurance on the house in Waco will expire on July 20. The premium to renew will be \$316.95. Mrs. Littlewood reported that the house will be sold before that date and we do not need to renew the premium.

Mrs. Thelma Sargent, member of Wedgwood Chapter No. 756 recently moved into the Home. She does have a home in Dallas and a checking account. Also, Mrs. Bessie Mae Ross, Tarrant Chapter No. 8, Ft. Worth has moved in. It appears there is no real estate involved.

Mr. Noel Smith has written to inquire about the possibility of the subordinate chapters running of Grand Chapter forms on their own personal computer systems. He stated that it would save time, effort and finance and be in the best interest of all concerned. The sale of supplies and bulletin articles are two of the main sources of revenue for the General Fund. The Board agreed that the Grand Secretary should write Mr. Smith and relay this information to him and also give reference to the instructions in our Constitution concerning this (Code of laws Article 301).

Texas Instruments donated two computers to us and the Home because we are a 501(c)(3) organization. It is hoped that it will have other computers to give us. Mrs. Burbank was asked to thank them and also let them know we could use more computers if they are available.

Barbara Reed with Bowles, Troy, Donahue and Johnson has recommended that all volunteers at the Home show "Proof of Insurance" when taking ladies to doctors, shopping, meetings, etc. It was recommended that this information be passed to the Benevolent Board so they may take action.

The Benevolent Board has submitted a proposed amendment recommending a surety bond for the Superintendent of the Home. Mrs. Burbank has checked with our insurance agent and this bond is not necessary since the Superintendent is already covered under the crime portion of our present insurance.

The Grand Choir Director is allowed \$50.00 by Grand Chapter for music, etc. She has spent more than this for covers and wants to run 75 sheets times the number of songs for the Grand Choir on the office copier. After much discussion it was determined that this would have to be handled on her own at a print shop as our copier was not designed to handle large jobs such as this.

The Grand Secretary has received some addresses of companies who make highways signs to be placed at entrances to towns. She will obtain additional information as to price, etc. on this.

The Grand Secretary gave the Board secretary a receipt for a donation to the Home Fund in memory of Mrs. Edna Proch, mother of Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green.

Mrs. Littlewood asked permission of the Board to write a letter to the Worthy Grand Matron concerning a conversation they had had by telephone on July 9th regarding the Special Committee to Revise the Constitution. There are some concerns that any changes being made in the Constitution other than grammatical, deleting duplications, rewording for better understanding, etc., should be made under the 90 day ruling and should be brought to Grand Chapter next year under this ruling. All were in agreement.

Mr. A. D. Jackson gave this report on the Fannie V. Ward Scholarships. He had received four reapplications. They all have done excellent work and their grade point averages have been above 3.5. There are five new applicants and their grade point averages are above 2.5. Mr. Jackson recommended that we give the four renewals full scholarships (\$250.00 per semester) and the five new applicants \$250.00 for the first semester. The five new recipients are to be informed that we may not have enough money in the spring for all new recipients and that decisions will be based on prompt receipt of transcripts and the highest grade point averages. Motion made by Mr. Jackson and carried.

Mrs. Vletas made the motion that we give Sally Train a \$400.00 scholarship from the T. R. Bramlet fund. Motion carried with one objection.

Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 made no reports. District 3 reported the sale of the house in Waco.

The Grand Treasurer reported that interest from the Endowed Memberships for 1991-1992 was \$1,345.00 and for 1992-1993 it will be \$2,000.00. This means that the distribution for next year will be \$18.62.

The Executive Committee for next year came before the Board and asked when they may receive the \$20,000 for the Grand Chapter session to be held in Dallas. They were informed that they could draw on the funds whenever they needed to make the deposit on the convention center, etc., but the bulk of the funds are normally not drawn until after Sister Virginia is installed. They also wanted to know if some changes could be made in the registration forms so that they may have information on our out of state visitors as to their flight and arrival times so that appropriate transportation could be arranged from the airport. It was agreed that this could be done.

Everyone expressed satisfaction with the spirit of cooperation which was evidenced in the joint meeting with the Benevolent Board. These are very difficult financial times and it was felt that both Boards are doing everything they can to provide the best possible care for our ladies with the limited funds that are available.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with the Mizpah Benediction.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Young, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING JULY 31 AND AUGUST 1, 1992

Present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; Mr. A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Secretary; Mrs. Penny Vletas, Member and Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Member.

Others present for all or part of the meetings: Mr. Joe Jeffers, Past Grand Patron; Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron; Mr. Garland Rattan, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Frances Burbank Grand Secretary; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress; Mr. Mac Crowder, Chairman, Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences; Mr. Leland Benefield; Mr. Max Fairchild; Mrs. Evelyn Conger; Mrs. Geraldine Dusek; Mrs. Doris Hester; Mrs. Linda Mason; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Morrison; Mr. Richard Oches; Mrs. Alma Carter; Mrs. Betty Prater, and Mrs. Mary K. Lester.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman on Friday, July 31, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Building, 1111 E. Division, Arlington, Texas. Mr. Jackson led in prayer. The Chairman welcomed all present. The meeting was spent working on finalizing the General Fund budget for 1992-1993. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m. until August 1.

Mrs. Littlewood called the meeting to order on August 1, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Building in Arlington, Texas. The Chairman called on Mr. A. D. Jackson to give the invocation. Mrs. Littlewood welcomed all those present.

The minutes were approved as corrected. On page 892 first line add: "of the Administrative Building" after the word "ducts".

Mrs. Littlewood asked the Worthy Grand Matron if she would like to talk to us. Mrs. Gregory expressed her pleasure at being with us on this very busy day for her. Mrs. Gregory told us that she and Mr. Crowder had talked about having an auction today and the Worthy Grand Matron agreed it would be a fine idea and she declared that all money made from that auction would go toward the overdue bills for the Home and if this did not pay the bills the Worthy Grand Matron would use monies from her special funds to pay the rest of the bill at Eckerds.

The Chairman called on Mrs. Curry who related that the Corporate Board had talked with the Home Superintendent and the Benevolent Board and that office is to review their accounting system and bring it up to standard accounting principals. They are to implement a purchase order system and make copies of the Account Payable Report available to the Corporate Board, Benevolent Board and Board of Grand Trustees.

Mr. Crowder was advised by Mrs. Littlewood that early next year we would come into another bequest in the sum of \$40,000.00 and have therefore added that amount to the anticipated revenue for the Home. This brings the deficit down to approximately \$356,109.00. Mr. Crowder wanted us to be assured that all the personnel of the Home were working very hard to keep costs down. He also stated that it will be extremely difficult to operate our Home if Grand Chapter does not approve the per capital increase and assessment.

Mr. Crowder told us the Board had just employed a new doctor and they are impressed with him. He is to review all the residents' medication and see if some medication can be eliminated. His office is only five minutes from the Home and he

works at both of the local hospitals. He is from Argentina but has received his medical education here in the states. Married with two boys, one studying to be a doctor and the other a lawyer. The Worthy Grand Matron was pleased with his credentials and was impressed with his knowledge of medicine.

Mrs. Littlewood called attention to a copy of a letter from Mr. Crowder thanking us for our assistance in the \$60,000.00 advance in July and now stating they need \$15,000.00 to assist in the medical area of their budget. Attached to the letter was a list of accounts payable for the Home totaling \$18,475.70.

Mrs. Littlewood expressed appreciation to Mr. Crowder and to our Grand Line officers for their interest and help to our Order.

Mrs. Geraldine Dusek, Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee was asked if she would like to share her concerns about the Educational Fund, since it just doesn't seem to be working. Many loans are several years in arrears and this keeps us from loaning to others who could use the help. Mrs. Dusek has written letters to all of those that she has addresses for and has had one response. Mrs. Littlewood suggested that Mrs. Dusek present her concerns to the Purposes and Policies Committee and provide them with reasons why she has these concerns. They could in turn review the practicality of this Committee and make recommendations to Grand Chapter in the form of an amendment.

Mrs. Littlewood said that the Grand Chapter van has been into Vandergriff's for a checkup and made ready for use during 1992-1993. There are 20,000 miles on it and there was very little that needed to be done to it to put it in tip top condition. The cost was \$49.00

The Chairman noted that last night as we were pearing down our budget we talked of the possibility of changing the grade of paper used in our Official Bulletin. It was suggested that the printer be contacted to obtain his suggestions and cost. The Grand Secretary will check into this. A discussion was also held with the upcoming line officers concerning limiting the length of articles and the number of times a committee may place an article in the Bulletin. They were in full accord and the Grand Secretary will come up with a list of the various articles and a recommendation on the maximum number of words each type article should contain.

As our postage bill is so high, we searched for ways to lessen this and after discussion Mrs. Vletas made the motion that all mailings from the Grand Secretary's office of 200 or more, except for memorials, use the bulk rate. Passed.

Mr. Rattan said that the Associate Grand Matron and he have been working diligently trying to learn all of the things they did not know. Mrs. Littlewood complimented all of the Grand line for interest that they are showing in our Home and the two Boards and having the best interest of Grand Chapter at heart.

The Chairman called for the district reports: Nothing from 1, 4 and 5. District 2: The lady who has been accepted into the Home had a car that had two or three payments left on it and the Home decided that they would keep it and sell their old car because the maintenance was getting very costly. This will be used for transporting the ladies to the doctor, hospital and as needed. District 3 has turned over a check for the Home that was sold in Waco in the amount of \$6,608.39. This was the amount received after fees, taxes, etc. were paid.

Mr. Jackson advised that checks had been mailed to the following scholarship recipients:

T. R. Bramlett Fund: Ms. Sally Train

Fannie V. Ward Reapplicants: Jennifer J. Reeves, Parker; Clinton W. McCaffree, Van; Sandra L. Sumrow, Greenville; Shanna L. Lester, Dangerfield.

Fannie V. Ward First Time: Brad Hornburg, Nacogdoches; Stephanie Treadaway, San Angelo; Tracy L. Dugin, Lodi; Laura E. Morris, Pasadena; Rachel A. Woods, Porter.

The Grand Secretary was called upon to give her report. She informed us about the checkup and minor repairs on the Worthy Grand Matron's van, as reported earlier in these minutes.

Mr. Richard A. Leach, an environmental Geologist with Albert H. Halff Associates had called Mrs. Burbank about our signing a "Property Access Agreement" allowing First City Asset Servicing Company to survey, drill, and sample the soil along the front of our property on Division. One of the businesses across the street is for sale. This is a requirement of the sale. They do not believe there is any danger to the water supply at the Home.

Mrs. Burbank reported the \$50,000.00 C.D. with Texas Commerce Bank - Hurst matured July 27, 1992 paying interest of \$863.97 for six months. The C.D. was rolled over for another six month period.

We have received and paid for the Commercial General Liability Policy for Grand Chapter in Houston. The premium was \$1,625.00. We still have one open claim against last year's session as previously reported by Mrs. Burbank last month.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Grand Treasurer talked with Mr. McGuire at Team Bank and her at great length concerning the Revocable Trust Agreement for the Home Fund and as a result the bank gave us a revised copy of the Agreement, which will require signatures of the Trustees and Corporate Board. The Board signed this instrument.

According to the will of Ella May McConnell, our Eastern Star Home will receive 1/5 of 1/2 of the net proceeds of her estate of approximately \$400,000.00 This will possibly amount to \$40,000.00 for the Home. This is the bequest mentioned previously in these minutes.

Barbara Reed of Bowles, Troy, Donahue and Johnson advised the Grand Secretary that our Workers' Compensation premium for next year would increase about 23% - or around \$30,000.00. Our rate is based on the years 1988, 1989 and 1990. Next year we will drop 1988 and add 1991. Our surcharge last year was 5% and next year it will be 15%.

Mrs. Burbank reported on the computer used by the Home. Craig Dill, Bob Duncan and an electrician pulled the new cable connecting the computer at the Home to the Administration Building last Saturday. The old cable was saturated with water when they pulled it through. Craig worked on the computer at the Home and everything was working fine. However, there still seem to be some problems.

Mrs. Burbank asked the electrician who assisted with the computer cable to come back and give us a price for installing new insulated outside telephone wire for the Administration Building.

Mrs. Littlewood asked the Grand Secretary to have an itemized list of the attorney fees for 1991-1992 at our next meeting. Also, that the Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary have a breakdown of the 501c(3) funds as of October 30, 1991.

An Oil and Gas Division Order has been received on the Hamill Estate from the Kaiser-Francis Oil Co. Mrs. Gregory has already signed this order.

Music to be used by the Grand Choir has been copied in the Grand Secretary's office as previously authorized by the Worthy Grand Matron. There were 75 books, each containing 98 pages. It took 15 reams of paper, 2 bottles of ink, 2 days of office help they assembled the books also - and tied up the copying machine for those days. The Chairman suggested to the Grand Secretary that she retrieve the books after Grand Chapter and affix each with a label clearly stating that it is the property of Grand Chapter and is to be returned to the Grand Secretary's office. Each succeeding Worthy Grand Matron could supplement these books with two or three of her special/favorite songs and additional major printing would not be necessary.

The Chairman called on the Grand Treasurer for her report. Each member was given a copy of Mrs. Wallace's report. She gave us the following information, as requested at the last meeting, on receipts to the General Fund from Endowed Memberships, which helps offset the expenses of the program.

Year	Administration Fee	Expenses pro rata
1990	\$300.00	\$200.00
1991	\$444.00	\$296.00
1992	\$807.00	\$538.00

Mrs. Wallace reported that Endowment fund interest in July of last year was \$24,738.69. She also reported that all trust statements check out. She could not give us an updated balance as she has not received all statements for July.

Mrs. Littlewood made the following assignments of reports to be presented at Grand Chapter: Mrs. Littlewood, review of the year; Mr. Jackson, General fund budget; Mrs. Young, Home fund and benevolent aid budgets; Mrs. Vletas, audit report; Mrs. Coursey, Endowed membership report and present the van keys to the newly installed Worthy Grand Matron.

The Chairman also reported that she had written to former chairmen of this Board asking them for a 5 x 7 picture so we may make a gallery.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. with the Mizpah benediction.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Young, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING AUGUST 29, 1992

Present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; Mr. A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Secretary; Mrs. Penny Vletas, Member and Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Member.

Others present for all or part of the meeting; Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer; Mr. Ben Day, Vice Chairman, Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences; Mr. Ed Pickett; Mrs. Alma Carter; Mrs. Billie Probst; Mr. Claude Irvin and John Spindor.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman on Saturday, August 29, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Building, 1111 Division, Arlington, Texas. Mrs. Vletas led us in the Lord's Prayer. The Chairman welcomed all present.

The minutes were approved as written.

The Grand Treasurer reported that July interest on the Endowment Fund was \$22,021.42 and would be approximately \$60,000.00 for August. With \$62,393.16 presently in the Home Fund, we are short approximately \$17,600.00 having enough funds to make the regular monthly transfer on September 1. Mrs. Wallace called our attention to the Trust statement which indicated that a \$13,000.00 bond which had been paying 8.50% interest had been called and was reinvested at a much lower rate. Mrs. Wallace advised that she had contacted the bank to see why they had not paid interest in July on the O.E.S. Home Fund. After checking, the bank found they had made a mistake and this account will be credited for \$158.91 in interest. Mrs. Walace further advised that we have two C.D.s which matured August 27, one for \$40,000.00 for the General Fund and one for \$65,000.00 for the Home Fund 501(c)(8).

Motion made by Mrs. Vletas to transfer the \$40,000.00 C.D. to Guarantee Federal Savings for 1 year with a yield of 3.50%. Motion carried. Motion made by Mrs. Coursey that the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer research other local banks, including Nations bank, for those that meet our requirements, and move the \$65,000.00 C.D. to whichever one best meets our needs. Motion carried.

Mr. Ben Day presented the Board with a letter requesting an additional \$15,000.00 to help pay remaining overdue bills from July. Motion made by A. D. Jackson to transfer the July Endowment Fund interest in the amount of \$22,021.42 to the Home Operating account. Motion carried. Motion made by Mrs. Vletas to transfer \$45,000.00 from the Home Trust Account (Per capita) to the Home Operating Account. This should cover the monthly transfer, the \$15,000.00 request, workers compensation, and the other special transfers. Motion carried.

Mrs. Littlewood advised that she had authorized delay in printing the Budgets until the October bulletin because there were still several questions which needed clarification. The Home Fund budget for next year was discussed and permission was received from Mr. Day to make some minor adjustments to help clarify the information. Mr. Day is to provide some additional figures to Mrs. Burbank on Monday or Tuesday, along with figures for a Benevolent Fund Budget.

Brother Ben advised that they had already seen a drop in the number of medications each lady is taking as a result of each lady receiving a complete physical from the new physician. All the ladies really appear to like him.

The Grand Secretary was asked to give her report. She reported total interest earned in the three accounts for July of \$687.94. At the request of the Board Chairman, Mrs. Burbank talked to Barbara Reed of Bowles, Troy, Donahue and Johnson regarding the surety bond required by our Code of Laws for the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. Mrs. Reed advised that these three individuals are covered by the Crime Policy and a surety bond is not necessary. It is necessary for the Treasurer of the Benevolent Board since this individual does not receive a salary or an appropriation. As previously reported, it is also not necessary to have a surety bond for the Superintendent of the Eastern Star Home, since he receives a salary. Coverage under the Crime Policy is \$100,000.00 with a \$1,000.00 deductible.

After giving a report on changing the quality of the paper for the Official Bulletin, the Grand Secretary was asked to obtain more specific information and report back at

the next meeting.

It will be two or three more weeks before our insurance agent can provide us with figures on our insurance for next year; however, Barbara Reed indicated we will be safe in adding 10% to this year's insurance premium and 23% to Workers Compensation. We had to pay taxes on the Special Events policy for Grand Chapter so the total came to \$1,705.44.

Mrs. Burbank advised that she had received a telephone call from a representative from Picadilli Cafeteria stating they would like to donate 200 dividend plates for the Home dining room. These will be shared with the Home for Aged Masons.

Mrs. Burbank advised that she had been contacted by a film company about using the parlor at the O.E.S. Home for a scene for an upcoming movie, "Marina's Story". With the Worthy Grand Matron's concurrence, they did the filming a couple of weeks ago. The movie will air on TV on November 22. The home received a \$300.00 donation and it was exciting to see the film crew at work. The fact that the Home was used in the filming of this story about Marina Oswald was mentioned in the Dallas newspaper.

Under unfinished business, Mr. A. D. Jackson moved that we ratify the telephone conversations of August 4 authorizing the transfer of \$15,000.00 from the Glaze estate to the Home Fund to allow them to pay overdue bills. Motion carried.

Mrs. Littlewood advised that she had written to the Grand Secretary of Missouri requesting information about the O.E.S. Highway Signs.

A Wish List of items needed for the Administration Building was discussed and the Chairman will write a letter to the Associate Grand Matron requesting assistance in accomplishing/acquiring some of these items during her year.

Reports to be presented at Grand Chapter were signed by all members.

Mrs. Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron, advised that she was busy finalizing plans for Grand Chapter. Mrs. Littlewood expressed to Mrs. Gregory our best wishes for her session and our appreciation for all the courtesies she has extended to our Board this year.

The Chairman was asked to draft a letter to be sent to the line officers next year concerning finances.

The proposed amendments were reviewed. An amendment to Amendment 1 concerning retaining the wording "Orphaned children" was discussed. Several years ago our attorney recommended we never change this wording as the fact that we could take care of orphaned children if the need arises helps reinforce our tax status. Also, in amendment 5 it was recommended that the words "Friday before Easter" be substituted for "Good Friday".

There were no district reports from 4 or 5. Mr. Jackson advised that he had received two thank you notes from scholarship recipients plus a note stating that Jennifer Reeves would not require her check until Spring. Mrs. Coursey provided a photograph and other information concerning a home in Dallas that might be for sale. Mrs. Littlewood stated she had not had the opportunity to go to Throckmorton to check on the home there, but would do so in the next week or two at the most. The chapter secretary knows of one individual who might be interested.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. with the Mizpah Benediction.

Fraternally submitted, Elizabeth Young, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 1992

Present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Chairman; Mr. A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Penny Vletas, Member and Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Member. Sister Elizabeth's husband fell and broke some ribs and she was not able to be with us.

Others present for all or part of the meeting: Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron; Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer; Mr. Leland Benefield; Mr. Floyd Grand and Mrs. Shirley Martindale.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman on Saturday, September 26, 1992 at 9:10 a.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Building, 1111 E. Division, Arlington, Texas. Mr. Jackson led us in the Prayer. The Chairman welcomed all present.

The minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Mrs. Sarah Coursey moved that we accept the annual report of the Grand Treasurer to be given at Grand Chapter. Motion carried.

The Grand Treasurer gave her monthly report. The balance in the O.E.S. Home Fund as of September 25 was \$57,042.00. Endowment Fund interest for August was \$60,797.26. This totals \$117,839.26, which would give us enough to make the monthly transfer of \$102,000.00 on October 1. Our projected interest for September is approximately \$23,000.00 and for October \$5,600.00.

Mrs. Vletas moved that we transfer the August Endowment Interest to O.E.S. Home Fund. Motion carried.

It was requested that future monthly reports of the Grand Treasurer include information on all assets, i.e., Endowment Trust, all C.D.s, Special Funds, etc., so that the Corporate Board and Trustees can have a concise report available for review rather than trying to gleen the information from various bank reports.

The Grand Secretary reported August Interest of \$283.52, Worthy Grand Matron Special Funds; \$227.11, Clearing Account; and \$109.86, General Fund Checking for a total of \$620.50.

Per direction of the Board, the Grand Secretary reported the General Fund C.D. in the amount of \$40,000.00 was transferred from Team Bank to Guaranty Federal Savings Bank for one year at 3.50% interest. The OES Home Fund CD in the amount of \$65,000.00 was transferred from Team Bank to Bank of North Texas-Arlington for one year at 3.55% interest. Interest in the amount of \$400.00 was withdrawn the T.R. & Helen Bramlett Fund C.D. to make one scholarship and a new C.D. in the amount of \$6,255.53 was purchased at a rate of 3.30% to mature September 1, 1993.

As requested by the Trustees, the Grand Secretary checked with the printer on a possible cheaper quality of paper for our Bulletin. The September bulletin was 84 pages, and we would have realized a total savings of about \$271.00 if it had been printed on one step lower grade of paper. Decision was made to not make a change at this time. At the request of the Grand Conductress the Grand Secretary will check with the printer and mailing service on restrictions on what can be printed in the bulletin under our present rate structure. The Chairman will also do some research on this subject and report to the Board at Grand Chapter.

A report from Texas Commerce Bank shows our Home Renovation accounts are realizing a current yield of 3.53%. Balance as of July 31 are \$284,181.47 under 501c(8) and \$35,124.83 under 501c(3). The Home Endowment Fund under 501c(3) is realizing a yield of 4.49%, with a balance of \$148,364.59 as of July 31, 1992.

The Benevolent Board has provided the Grand Secretary with a check in the amount of \$2,888.88, which is the proceeds from the auction held in Throckmorton at Mrs. Estridge's home.

We were turned down by three companies for Workers' Compensation and our agent at Bowles, Troy, Donahue and Johnson has applied to the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Facility. A cashier's check in the amount of \$26,709.00 accompanied the application.

It has come to our attention that the taxes have still not been paid on the Purl lease in Nueces County. When this was first brought to the attention of the Home earlier in the year, the taxes were \$104.08. They are now \$143.63 if paid in September. We have now been contacted by an attorney regarding these delinquent taxes. This information was provided to the Benevolent Board prior to their meeting last week. Motion made by Sarah Coursey to pay all future taxes from the General Fund and then seek reimbursement by check from the Home Operating Account. Motion carried.

In order to take full advantage of our mailing permit, it was requested that the Grand Secretary place a notice in the Official Bulletin requesting volunteers to be available on a one day notice to help prepare bulk mailings and take them to the post office. These volunteers could also help with other mass mailings, such as memorials, where it is not practical to use the bulk rate.

Because of the increasing printing costs, the Trustees will prepare guidelines to be used by the Grand Secretary concerning the length of "free" articles, such as committee reports, Fraternal Correspondent, etc. to be printed in the official bulletin. The guidelines will also include the number of times these articles can appear and what types of information are not appropriate for publication. This information will then be provided to the line officers and various committees.

Since the General Fund is realizing an income of approximately \$2,000.00 from the sale of the Grand Chapter Session Summary which is compiled, printed and mailed by the Grand Secretary and her assistants and these funds were not available to us prior to their taking on this additional responsibility two years ago, motion made by A. D. Jackson to pay for the room(s) of the Grand Secretary and her assistants from the proceeds of this summary.

During the preparation of the General Fund Budget a discussion was held concerning ways to cut down on the cost of letterhead stationary. We presently are printing stationary which includes the names of the various boards, officers and committees such as Board of Grand Trustees, District Deputy Grand Matron and Deputies, Humanitarian Committee, etc. Motion made by Penny Vletas to only print personalized stationary for the Corporate Board. All others will utilize stationary that has only the Grand Chapter heading. Motion carried.

When preparing the General Fund Budget, we have never considered the balance on hand at the end of the year. Since the Home Fund Budget includes their deficit, it was decided to adjust the General Fund Budget to include the anticipated funds on hand at the end of the 1991-1992 Grand Chapter year. This figure will be provided to the Chairman before Grand Chapter.

We still do not have figures from our insurance agent as to the costs for next year.

These should be available this week and the Grand Secretary will contact the Chairman so that the budgets can be adjusted before presentation to Grand Chapter.

Since no report has been received from the Education Fund Chairman, as required by our Constitution and Code of Laws, the Grand Secretary will contact the Chairman and ask her to bring the report to Grand Chapter.

Motion made by Sarah Coursey to change the deadline for receipt of Official Bulletin information from the 8th of the month to the 6th of the month. Motion carried. A notice will be placed in the next Bulletin by the Grand Secretary advising the membership of this change.

The Chairman reported that she had met with a representative from the Home for Aged Masons and the attorney for the relatives of Tommie Mae Keith, deceased, for the purpose of opening a safety deposit box to ascertain if an original will could be located. A copy of a will was found in her home which left half of her estate, between \$100,000.00 and \$130,000.00, to the O.E.S. Home and Home for Aged Masons, to be shared equally. No original will was located. This could affect our ability to collect on the inheritance. The attorney for both Homes is pursuing the matter in the interest of both the O.E.S. Home and the Home for Aged Masons.

District Reports. None for Districts 2, 4 and 5. District 1: Sarah Coursey reported she had an article ready for the next bulletin concerning the Thelma Sargent home in Dallas; however, since the Benevolent Board minutes never include the names of the ladies who have been accepted, it is unknown if the article should be placed in the next bulletin or not. Sister Frances will check with the Home as to Mrs. Sargent's status. District 3: Charlene Littlewood reported an offer of \$13,500.00 with \$1,000.00 down, and we carry the note at 8% interest for 10 years. Motion by Penny Vletas to accept the offer of Mark and Diane Crockett. Motion carried.

Motion by A. D. Jackson to include the minutes of this year's meetings in the Proceedings. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. with the Mizpah Benediction.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Littlewood, Chairman

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES OCTOBER 10, 1992

Chairman Charlene Littlewood called a special meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees approximately 3 p.m. on October 10, 1992 during the Grand Session 1992. Present at this meeting were: Chairman Charlene Littlewood, Vice Chairman A. D. Jackson, Secretary Elizabeth Young, Members Penny Vletas and Sarah Coursey and Chairman of the 1992 Grand Session Executive Committee Mrs. Elizabeth Williams.

Mrs. Williams brought before the Board the fact that it was necessary to spend \$5,000.00 more than the budgeted amount of \$20,000.00 to cover expenses of this Grand Session. It seems that the amount anticipated from the sale of bus passes fell far short.

After a discussion among the members, the chairman instructed Mrs. Williams to advise the Worthy Grand Matron Jane Gregory of this who would be the one to ask the pleasure of the membership to instruct us to go beyond the budget of \$20,000.00.

Also, the amount needed by the previous year's Grand Chapter of \$1,400.00 should be mentioned. If two years in a row the Grand Chapters are not making it with the \$20,000.00 alloted, then perhaps we need to think about increasing this amount in the future. Mrs. Williams thanked us and left the meeting to report this to the Worthy Grand Matron. The Chairman thanked her for her work as Chairman of the Executive Committee of this Grand Session. Meeting adjourned.

Total time of this meeting was 15 minutes.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Vletas, Secretary

The report to the Board of Grand Trustees from E. Williams was that the Worthy Grand Matron, Jane Gregory, did not plan to bring this up to the membership. No further action was taken.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING OCTOBER 10, 1992

At a meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees held at 4 p.m. on October 10, 1992, immediately following the final election of the new member from District 3, the following members were present: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Mr. A. D. Jackson, Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Mrs. Penny Vletas, Mrs. Sarah Coursey, and Mr. Claude Ervin

Chairman Charlene introduced and welcomed Ervin, our newest member.

Motion by Littlewood to elect A. D. Jackson as chairman for the ensuing year. Motion carried.

Motion by Vletas to elect Elizabeth Young as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Motion carried.

Motion by Young to elect Penny Vletas as Secretary for the ensuing year. Motion carried.

Chairman Charlene welcomed Ervin to the Board again and proceeded by presenting him with copies of the previous year's minutes and keys to the Administration Building in Arlington, Texas. Comments by retiring chairman Charlene: Look into refund, re. 250 annual reports-unused, due from Printer, she had talked with Worthy Grand Matron-elect suggesting her appointing a committee to work on the 501-C-3 kickoff, was advised by Grand Secretary that she had found a lady who volunteered to do the package for the request for Grants and will give us her name, write letters to Jr. Past Grand Matron requesting letter from her designating her preference as to where the special funds collected in 1991-1992 be applied.

Motion by Young to write letter to Worthy Grand Matron allowing her to take the van out of state on official business. Motion carried.

Motion by Vletas to write letter to Grand Secretary concerning the permanent records not leaving office. Motion carried.

Motion by Coursey to write letters to Corporate Board inviting them to the Board meetings and give dates. Motion carried.

Motion by Young to write letter to Team Bank giving the amount of automatic transfer effective November 1, 1992. Motion carried.

Motion by Vletas to write letter to Grand Secretary authorizing her to change names on bank signature cards. Motion carried.

Motion by Coursey to write letter to Benevolent Board asking that they return unused funds for the Grand chapter year ending October 31. Motion carried.

Sister Sarah Coursey to present the keys of the 1991 van to the newly elected Worthy Grand Matron at the close of the Installation on October 10, 1992.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Vletas, Secretary

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now recognize Brother A. M. "Mac" Crowder, chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

MR. A. M. CROWDER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. First, I'm A. M. Crowder. I'm chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. I'd like to recognize my board; Ben Day, Vice Chairman; Marcell Bailey is Secretary; Patsy Wilson is our Treasurer; and Helen Hare is a member from District 5.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

The members of the Board of Directors, Grand Chapter Benevolences year 1991-92.

Following the election of Helen Hare, member from District V at Grand Chapter in San Antonio, the Board convened to welcome this new member. Helen Hare was then presented with an orientation file containing minutes of all meetings from the previous year and other pertinent information.

The Board was as follows:

Mr. Angus M. "Mac" Crowder, Chairman, District II

Mr. Ben Day, Vice Chairman, District I

Mrs. Marcell Bailey, Secretary, District IV

Mrs. Patsy Wilson, Treasurer, District III

Mrs. Helen Hare, Member, District V

The OES Home was and as it has been for many years playing the game of catch up. We had assumed a debt of \$85,000.00 form the year 1989-90 approximately \$40,000.00 was paid last year leaving a balance of \$45,000.00 for the 1991-92 year. With the cut back in the budget and the medication cut from \$140,000.00 to \$25,000.00 at Grand Chapter 1991-92, it was and has been difficult to maintain or even attempt to stay within a budget.

The OES Home purchased the van of the Worthy Grand Matron at the beginning of the year to provide transportation for the ladies in wheelchairs and to use to transport the residents of the Home to the Doctor and/or hospital. This was purchased from the contingency fund from the year before. The vehicle was equipped with wheelchair lift and carpeted with \$1,678.60 from the contingency fund and \$2,000.00 from the Worthy Grand Matrons funds.

The road from the Infirmary to the main road was in need of repair. We were advised by the EMS that they would refuse to pickup our patients if we failed to repair it. The Arlington Fire Department advised they would cite us if we failed to repair it. This was done at a cost of \$2,860.00 from the contingency fund and the person who paved the road returned to the Strawberry Extravaganza and spent \$2,700.00 for the Amethyst Stone to return this money to us.

There have been several joint meetings with the Board of Grand Trustees. They have worked with our Board to provide the needed funds to operate the Home and to meet the expenses that have been unforeseen and the high cost of medical expense.

We were able to install a security fence and gate on the back part of the property to prevent unwelcome guests from entering the premises at night. Also cameras and video monitors were installed to see who entered and left from the different doors as well as enter the security gate in the back of the Home. Additional funds should be given to finish this project as it is a safety net for the ladies to prevent them from walking off of the premises.

Our Licensed Administrator resigned and was replaced by very capable, Mrs. Evelyn Artail. The need for this replacement was hastened by the knowledge of a State inspection that was due. We replaced 20 beds at a cost of \$5,500.00 which was less than half of the original cost. This money was taken from the contingency fund. The Infirmary was not cited or written up for any violations other than a feeding procedure.

The Board continues to hold meetings with the employees of the Home as well as the residents. This has proven to be a very effective way to solve a lot of the problems as well as air any grievance of the employees or residents.

The Superintendent of the Home, Mr. George Poff, has worked extremely hard to hold down cost, to secure bids for all undertakings and to guarantee that the ladies receive the best of care. He has done this with compassion, love, and a knowledge of the need of the ladies.

The Home is operating with fifty (50) employees at this time and has been for over a year. The services that are required are all being met. The volunteers have worked very hard to keep up the needs of the Home and the ladies. If it were not for the volunteers it would be very difficult to survive.

Due to the fact that the employees are now holding safety meetings and have an outstanding safety record, after review of the Workmens Compensation Board we received a substantial return premium on the 1991-92 insurance payments. If our record continues, our premiums for 1993 should be lower.

The Texas Department of Health held their annual inspection and of the 33 points of inspection we passed 32 of them with a minor infraction which was taken care of at that time. They stated that the infirmary was in better condition than they had ever seen it, above State average.

Mr. George Poff and A. M. Crowder went to Colorado for the Masonic Homes &

Eastern Star Home Conference put on by the Grand Chapter of Colorado, the Host Home. This was very enlightening to the changes that will be required to meet the needs of the Federal Government in the up and coming years. To start with, we will have to comply with ADA this is the American Disability Act. This is very comprehensive and will regulate the residency requirement as well as employment requirements. This act takes effect July 24, 1992 and is in place at this writing.

A lot of additional information was given to Mr. Poff and myself. Of the 38 Homes that were represented at this conference all were operating under the IRS Regulation of 501C3. It was also expressed that Homes of the future must operate under this regulation or face almost non-existence.

The Arlington Fire Department after inspecting the Infirmary advised that it is mandatory the halls have doors that meet the City of Arlington Fire Code. At a cost of \$1,200.00 these needs were met.

The need for a software program is still a major need for the Home and the Grand Secretary's Office that is compatible thus giving more informative information. A program that will break down each and every facet of the Homes operations. So that it may be analyzed and changes made where needed and to monitor the health needs of the ladies as well as the use of medications.

The OES Home had to or was required to pay the tax on all Oil and Gas Leases that were listed in the name of the OES Home. This was not a budgeted item but due to the fact that the income was placed in the Home Fund it was a ruling that we at the OES Home should pay the Tax.

Our contribution to the State of Texas for unemployment has changed from .37% to 1.90% due to the fact that we had terminated 20 employees at a large reduction in the budget. This was necessary to streamline our services and still bring the best possible care to our ladies. The offset in the lower salaries should have more than taken care of any increase in tax.

During the year, the Board has acted upon all of the requests and applications that have been submitted and completed.

Application Requests for Residence	16
Home Application Denied	2
Applications Closed, (Died while processing application)	
Applications Withdrawn	3
Residents Dismissed	0
Residents Leave	1
New Members entering Home	7
Home Applications Pending	
Residents in the Home	72
Deaths of Home Residents	6
Chapter receiving Benevolent Aid	21
Members receiving Benevolent Aid	26
Request for Benevolent Aid	

The Board met in July for a budget hearing on all expenditures for the 1992-93 budget. We were happy and honored to have the Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Virginia Green and Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Garland Rattan at the budget hearing this was a first in the last (6) six years.

The budget that will be submitted to the Grand Chapter of Texas for 1992-93 is a much needed budget. This must be passed to fulfill the needs of the ladies, maintenances maintained properly to prevent further deterioration.

This is a supplementary report of the Board of Directors Grand Chapter Benevolences, 1991-92. Since the board meeting in August, many rumors have been cast about the state of Texas. The board feels that the truth should be told and the membership thus informed. Anyone with any knowledge about accounting procedures knows that it is impossible to operate the Eastern Star Home as you would operate you own home or personal business. It is also a known fact that at the end of the year, because we have operated so close to a budget, we roll over between sixty and \$70,000 in bills. Each new year does not start with a clean slate as everyone seems to think. This has been done yearly for more years than I have been on the board. We attempt to pay the rollover expense along with the regular expenses that have been budgeted each new year.

Grand Chapter last year removed \$115,000 for medication. Thus, when the cost of medication ballooned to \$190,000, this placed us an additional \$55,000 in the hole. At the July 1992 meeting, the board was informed that we were about \$60,000 in arrears and that same day we received an additional bill for \$15,000 in medical costs. This placed us approximately \$75,000 in arrears.

The decision was made to advise the Board of Grand Trustees of our problem. Mrs. Lola "Peaches" Wallace, Grand Treasurer, stated that she felt the money was available. Therefore, I requested \$60,000 and stated that it would take an additional \$15,000 each month in transfers to pay the bills as they were currently coming in.

So you take the normal rollover of \$60,000 that was left in unpaid bills at the end of the '90 - '91 year, plus the cost of medication of — cut in our medication of \$115,000 and add the additional \$50,000 on the medication for this year, this has placed the home \$225,000 in the hole.

We were able to catch up except for about \$105,000, which I feel was quite good. We have actually reduced that debt now to \$41,000. As you know, we were expected to pay taxes on oil leases and gas leases not budgeted and many other items that we were unable to foresee and had never paid before. When you pay an employee who has been a housewife or had limited secretarial skills \$6 an hour and expect to have an accountant, you deceive yourself. This we have done.

The Board of Directors has been harassed, bad mouthed and harangued about the payroll. But a skilled accountant cannot be obtained at \$6 an hour. Actually, no one individual is wrong; it is the whole system. The Corporate Board letter dated July 31st, 1992, signed by each member of the board placing George Poff, superintendent of the home, on probation was and is a travesty of justice. George Poff is an honorable man, honest, forthright, a Christian and a family man. His main interest is the welfare of the ladies in the home, that they are taken care of, that their medical needs are met and the fulfillment of living in a home surrounding, that they can love one another. Mr. Poff has actually saved our home from being closed. Through his efforts, we have cut the employees from 72 to 50, passed each and every inspection with no fines being levied and have required each doctor and medical facility to accept Medicare prior to being paid by the Eastern Star, which has not been done before.

Since he has been superintendent, a purchase order system has been implemented; and we take at least three bids on all purchases, except for food. We receive a 20 percent discount if we buy at least 80 percent of our food from Lone Star Food. This is on an honor system, and we advise Lone Star Food how much is spent on food items; and they in return take our word for it. They give us credit for 20 percent off of our bill. No other wholesale food company does this.

We could receive additional savings, were we able to shop at Sam's, K-Mart, Wal-Mart and other places that have special sales on food and other items which are a daily event. But due to the fact that the board members must sign the checks, we are unable

to do this. Retail outlets accept cash only or checks signed at the time of the purchase. The superintendent or any of his staff cannot sign a check.

It seems like everyone knows how to correct the problem, but to be truthful to ourselves only money will correct our problem and a lot of it. When we start pulling together, only then will we be able to correct our problems. We must work together on a major project that will bring in mega bucks. Nothing else will work. You know times are hard when the board of directors have been asked to return to Grand Chapter the interest on monies from the ladies' account. The money in the ladies' account is composed of monthly allotments from Grand Chapter, monies that are received from chapters, relatives and friends. This makes me, as well as the other members of the board, feel real bad. We believe the interest should belong to the ladies. This money is in safekeeping for our ladies; should they need it to go places, it is there for them, and the interest is theirs.

The board of directors has changed the home physician. He is carried as staff medical director, and he has already cut the costs by at least 50 percent. He has cut the prescriptions to the ladies by one-third. This has been a long time coming. His name is Dr. Montani. We also have changed pharmaceutical companies, and the cost there has also been cut by approximately 20 to 30 percent.

We have lost three ladies since the original report was submitted, leaving us a total of 70. Notices have been placed in the Official Bulletin two different times for matrons for the home. It is required that we have a member of the Eastern Star to fill this position. Neither of the notices has been answered. If you would like to fill this position, you may contact George Poff, the superintendent of the home. Now, we must use our staff personnel and pay them overtime.

The fire marshal on one of his regular visits overheard one of the ladies talking about smoking in her room and advised the superintendent that if this practice continued, we would be required to install a sprinkler system in the rooms of the home. This could be done at a minimum charge provided that the building is renovated, or it could be done at a major cost if ordered by the City of Arlington to comply with the city code.

The RN of the infirmary has been discharged to cut the cost of operation. We now have a charge nurse who is an LVN. We are required by state law to have a director of nurses consultant who is an RN. She works four hours a week, and she is a member of our Order.

To comply with the Disability Act, our Worthy Grand Matron most graciously had the walkway in front of the entrance to the O.E.S. Home rebuilt. This will make it easier for ladies and visitors who must use wheelchairs to enter and leave the home, without it being a major operation. This was done and completed with her special funds, and we applaud her for this undertaking.

I would like to add a personal note to this report. I would like to thank Grand Chapter for the privilege of serving you for the last five years plus. It has been a great honor, and I have given my all. I will continue to work for the ladies in the home. Everything that has been done in the home since I have been placed on the board and elected to a five-year term has been open. I would encourage each of you to attend the meetings of the board when in session and ask questions of the members of the board. The board works for you, but you must be reasonable.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report

from the chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. There has been a motion made and seconded that the report be adopted. Is there discussion? [No response.] All in favor, please raise your green voting cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion adopted.

MRS. IRENE GLASS: Is this the time to announce my support of the committee and of the budget?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No, not at this present time.

MRS. IRENE GLASS: Okay. But I would like to say this at this time. I would like to say — By the way, Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Irene Glass, a Past Matron of Dripping Springs Chapter 860. I wish to commend our Sisters and Brothers who have worked diligently, hard and without pay on the Board of the Grand Chapter Benevolences for the home and on our behalf. I think they have done it caringly, conscientiously and have done the best they can. I think we should give them a round of applause. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Did Geraldine Dusek come back tonight? Okay. I now call on my chairman of Jurisprudence.

We just received a very nice document that I'd like to share with you, and the original will be sent to me. This was just faxed to us for me to present to you and then I'll receive the original. It's the Executive Office of the President of the United States.

The message reads — dated October 9, which is today, 1992 — "I am delighted to send greetings to the members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas as you celebrate your 110th session. The great 19th century observer of our democracy, Alexis B. Trachilgavil, is reported to have said, 'America is great because she is good, and if she ceases to be good, we will cease to be great.' While much has changed in the world in recent years, the American people have continued to be known for their generosity and compassion and for their strong commitment to equal justice under law. Private, voluntary organizations such as yours have long embodied the best of the American spirit, and I commend all of you for your service to your fellowman. Through your work, you are enriching the lives of your neighbors throughout the Lone Star State. You are also helping to ensure that America remains both great and good. Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a successful event." Signed George Bush. That's the first time I've ever had a letter from the President. [Applause]

I just thought of something. It's election year. [Laughter]

MR. C. A. HOLMES: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers, I bring to you Code of Laws Amendment No. 5. We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have reviewed Amendment No. 5, Annual Report page 69. We find it to be in legal and proper form, and it is now presented to you for our consideration and action. It reads as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 5

Code of Laws, page 63, Article 53

NOW READS:

Article 53. OFFICE AND OFFICE HOURS The Grand Secretary shall keep her office in the Administration Building on the O.E.S. Grounds at Arlington. The office

shall be kept open from 8:30 o'clock a.m. to 4:30 o'clock p.m. every day except Saturdays and Sundays and the holidays named below:

New Year's Day, George Washington's Birthday, Texas Independence Day, Memorial Day, National Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

Article 53. OFFICE AND OFFICE HOURS. The Grand Secretary shall keep her office in the Administration Building on the O.E.S. Grounds at Arlington. The office shall be kept open from 8:30 o'clock a.m. to 4:30 o'clock p.m. every day except Saturdays and Sundays and the holidays named below:

New Year's Day, George Washington's Birthday, the friday preceding Easter, Memorial Day, National Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) and Christmas.

Signed: Billie Wilk Shirley Martindale Jan Haag Joyce Tigert Frances Burbank

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have just heard a motion that we adopt the change of holidays. It has been seconded. Those in favor —

MR. BEN DAY: Worthy Grand Matron, several years ago Congress took action and changed George Washington's Birthday to President's Day on the third Monday of February. George Washington's Birthday is actually February 22nd.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: What are you saying?

MR. BEN DAY: I move that we amend this to read President's Day, when the banks and post offices are closed, rather than George Washington's Birthday.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you just heard an amendment to this amendment, that we change George Washington's Birthday to President's Day. We'll vote on this amendment to the amendment first. Is there any more discussion? [No response.] All in favor of the amendment to the amendment will show their green voting cards. Cards down. Those opposed. Motion adopted.

Now, the amendment itself, we will have New Year's Day, President's Day, Friday preceding Easter, Memorial Day, National Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) and Christmas. Is there discussion on that? [No response.] All in favor of those days, so show. Cards down. The amendment carries.

I asked you this afternoon if you'd be willing to stay after the ESTARL for some more important legislation. Before we go into it, I need to know by the show of cards, would you like the budget to be reported now, and will you stay for discussion? If so, raise your cards whether you would like now to have the budget presented. All those opposed.

I got the message. They don't want to stay. They don't want to do the budget. I now recognize Brother Joe Jeffers.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION NO. 4

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Grand Chapter Officers, beloved Sisters and Brothers, before I present this resolution, I would like to read a note that we have received from Bill and Hillary [laughter] wishing our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and this Grand Chapter session the best of circumstances in this convention. This is from Bill and Hillary Sawyer in Houston, Texas. Thank you. [Laughter]

Sisters and Brothers, we your Jurisprudence Committee have reviewed Resolution No. 4, Annual Report page 93. We find it to be in legal and proper form, and it is now presented for your consideration and action and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences has reduced the number of employees to the bare minimum in order to comply with state standards and

Whereas declining membership and interest rates have caused a reduction in the anticipated income and

Whereas a diligent effort has been made to create a "bare-bones" budget for the O.E.S. Home and

Whereas our inability to pay our bills in a timely manner could affect the reputation of Grand Chapter and its members and

Whereas after much prayerful consideration the proposed budget for the O.E.S. Home has a deficit of approximately \$400,000.

We the undersign propose that each member of this Grand Chapter be assessed the sum of \$5.00 to help meet the necessary expenses of operating the O.E.S. Home. Each subordinate chapter will collect this amount from each member on their rolls as of May 31, 1992 and forward it to the Grand Secretary no later than February 1, 1993.

Signed:

Charlene Littlewood A.D. Jackson Marcella Curry Penny Vletas Sarah Valkus Coursey Elizabeth Young

Your Jurisprudence Committee unanimously and wholeheartedly recommends the adoption of this resolution.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the resolution. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt. Is there discussion/ [No response.] All in favor of the resolution — Oh, we've got one coming. All right.

MRS. IRENE GLASS: May I speak now on this subject, please?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes. Your name and chapter.

MRS. IRENE GLASS: Irene Glass, Past Matron of Dripping Springs Chapter 860. According to the October Bulletin, the deficit for '92-'93 is \$172,288, not \$400,000. If we take that number and divide it by the total membership and have a special assessment of between \$2.50 or even \$3.00, you will cover the \$172,288, which is what the Bulletin says, not \$400,000. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My Sister, are you making that into a motion? I understand what you said, but what do you want to do with it?

MRS. IRENE GLASS: I propose — I make a motion or whatever it is to have that considered, yes. I make the motion that a one-time assessment of \$2.50 per member across the state be made and sent to Grand Chapter by the deadline mentioned. That deficit, as mentioned, \$172,288, will be covered. Try it on your calculator. I did.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Sister Charlene.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: I second that motion. At the time that we prepared the amendments back in July, the deficit was \$400,000. But your Board of Grand Trustees and especially your Benevolent Board have worked hard to trim this down. Even though we would like the \$5, because there are a lot of things that are not in the budget that should be in the budget, I feel certain we can live with that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Sisters and Brothers, we're going to vote on the amendment to the amendment for \$2.50 assessment. Do you understand now that it will drop from \$5 to \$2.50? Do you all understand that?

The Sister who made this amendment will need to have this in written form and brought to the secretary's desk signed. All right. We're ready for the question on the amendment to the amendment. All in favor of \$2.50 assessment per chapter show by raising your green cards. Per person. Chards down. Those opposed.

It looks awful close. Looks like half and half. Okay. The only way you're going to be able to see — the light up here is difficult. We'll ask for those in favor to stand and raise your cards. All in favor of the \$2.50 assessment per person per chapter, stand and raise their cards. Okay. Now, you may be seated. Those that are in opposition will stand and raise their cards.

Man, that's so close I don't know. It really looks like that was defeated. I think it was defeated. Do you want to do it again?

VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Now, we're going to vote on the original amendment of \$5 per, the original motion. You understand? This will be the original motion which Brother Joe read. Again, I think we're going to probably need for you to stand and raise your cards if you are in favor.

A VOICE: I think the problem is she said one time only. That wasn't in the motion. \$2.50 assessment, one time only to get us out of the hole.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We didn't hear the one time only up here.

A VOICE: That was in the motion. That's what she said. How many heard her say it? [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. We figured that was defeated. Now, let's get on with the original amendment. All that are in favor of the \$5 per member per chapter assessment, stand and raise your green cards. All right. Now you can be seated. Those opposed, stand and raise you green cards. Any question, Joe? Defeated.

All right. Now let me tell you the good news that was just handed to me. It's not another political letter. From our ESTARL collection tonight, Sisters and Brothers, and this is pleasing... [Confers with parliamentarian.] The collection from the ESTARL

tonight was \$4035.17. You were very generous, my Sisters and Brothers. [Applause]

All right. Sisters and Brothers, would you like to take the budget or do you want more legislation? Budget?

VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: More legislation. Thank you.

REPORT OF AMENDMENT NO 14

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers: We your committee on Jurisprudence would like to bring up Amendment No. 14. Amendment No. 14 you'll find on page 78 of your Annual Report. This provision deals with changing the meeting — or the year rather — of the subordinate chapter to November, the end of October up into November. It is in conflict with the Constitution, which says in Article 10, Section 9, Subsection (5), "Chapters failing to make reports on time. Any chapter failing to make its annual report and pay its per capita tax and other charges to Grand Chapter on or before July 1." We did not address this issue.

Therefore, in order to take this amendment up, we will need to suspend the rules. Accordingly, I move that Amendment No. 14 be taken up under a motion to suspend the rules under Rule 25 of Robert's Rules of Order, and as authorized by the Code of Laws, Article 167, page 106 and 107. If it is with your permission that we take it up, I will offer an amendment to make this provision subject to the final passage of an amendment to Article 10, Section 9, Subsection (5), so it can go into effect, but not at the end of this Grand Chapter session, but the one when the Constitution is amended on second reading.

Therefore, Worthy Grand Matron, I move to suspend the rules in order to take up Amendment No. 14.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we suspend the rule and take up No. 14. Is there discussion? [No response.] All in favor, please raise their green voting cards. Cards down. Opposed. Carried.

AMENDMENT NO. 14

Code of Laws, Page 138a, Article 253. ELECTION

WHICH NOW READS:

(1) The first eight (8) officers shall be elected annually, at the stated meeting next preceding the 30th day of April, or under a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron, at a later stated meeting. This election shall be by ballot and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice; provided that if there is but one nominee, the election may be made by acclamation. If on any ballot, no candidate has received a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and in case two or more candidates tie on the lowest number of votes, all so tied shall be dropped, provided there is more than one candidate left, and the ballot shall proceed until an election is reached.

In nominating candidates only the name of the person and the office for which nominated can be given.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

(1) The first eight (8) officers shall be elected annually, at the stated meeting next preceding the 30th day of September, or under a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron, at a later stated meeting. This election shall be by ballot and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice; provided that if there is but one nominee, the election may be made by acclamation. If on any ballot, no candidate has received a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and in case two or more candidates tie on the lowest number of votes, all so tied shall be dropped, provided there is more than one candidate left, and the ballot shall proceed until an election is reached.

In nominating candidates only the name of the person and the office for which nominated can be given.

FURTHER,

THAT THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES BE AMENDED TO COMPLY WITH THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Article 254. INSTALLATION

WHICH NOW READS:

(1) All Officers of Chartered Chapters shall be installed on June 1st or as soon thereafter as possible. This also applies to officers who are re-appointed. An open installation may be held on any day from June 1st to June 23rd both days included without a special dispensation provided same is held in the regular meeting place; but a dispensation must be secured to install publicly on any date after June 23rd, or outside the regular meeting place. Such dispensation shall be requested by vote of the Chapter at a stated or called meeting and the request for same on prescribed form, under seal of the Chapter, and accompanied by the \$3.00 dispensation fee shall be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron by the Secretary. Officers legally hold their stations until their successors are elected and installed or until their offices are declared vacant. Installation of the Worthy Matron-elect is requisite at the same time her corp of officers are installed. It shall be the prerogative of the Worthy Matron-elect to select all Installing Officers. The Installing Officer shall be a Present or Past Matron or a Present or Past Patron. The Worthy Matron-elect and the Worthy Patron-elect shall not be installed into office until the Installing Officer is satisfied by separate examination that they know the secret work. No officer can be installed by proxy. No member shall be installed into office who has not paid Chapter dues for the year during which she or he shall serve in said Office.

BE AMENDED TO READ.

Article 254, INSTALLATION

(1) All Officers of Chartered Chapters shall be installed on November 1st, or as soon thereafter as possible. This also applies to officers who are re-appointed. An Open Installation may be held on any day from November 1st to November 23rd, both days included without a special dispensation, provided same is held in the regular meeting place; but a dispensation must be secured to install publicly on any date after November 23rd, or outside the regular meeting place. Such dispensation shall be requested by vote of the Chapter at a stated or called meeting and the request for same on prescribed form, under the seal of the Chapter, and accompanied by the \$3.00 dispensation fee shall be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron by the Secretary. Officers legally hold their stations until their successors are elected and installed or until their offices are declared vacant.

Installation of the Worthy Matron-elect is requisite at the same time her corp of officers are installed. It shall be the prerogative of the Worthy Matron-elect to select all Installing Officers. The Installing Officer shall be a Present or Past Matron or a Present or Past Patron. The Worthy Matron-elect and the Worthy Patron-elect shall not be installed into office until the Installing Officer is satisfied by separate examination that they know the secret work. No officer can be installed by proxy. No member shall be installed into office who has not paid Chapter dues for the year during which she or he shall serve in said Office.

Article 261. DUTIES, SECRETARY

NOW READS:

- (5) The retiring Secretary shall prepare an annual report of the work of the Chapter ending May 31st. This report shall show the names of the members, the number initiated, affiliated, demitted, transferred, suspended, expelled or deceased, setting out the names of the members, the number initiated, affiliated, demitted, transferred, suspended, expelled or deceased, setting out the names in alphabetical order, making a distinction in sex, and between ladies by prefixing Miss or Mrs. This report shall designate those who are members of the O.E.S. Home or Masonic Home, and shall contain a tabulation of moneys due to the Grand Chapter, showing the amount due under each item, and the total amount due Grand Chapter on all items covered by said report.
- * (6) Annual Report. The Secretary shall forward the Annual Report, together with all fees due the Grand Chapter, to the Grand Secretary during the month of June each year. For Installations held between June 1 and June 15 (inclusive), the Annual Report shall be mailed to the Grand Secretary's Office within five (5) days following the date of Installation. For Installations held between June 16 and June 30 (inclusive), the Chapter's Annual Report MUST be mailed to the Grand Secretary's Office as soon as possible AFTER May 31st but BEFORE June 16th. The Grand Secretary will return the Signature pages for the signatures of the Installing Officer and elected Officers, after which it MUST be returned within five (5) days following the date of Installation to the Grand Secretary's Office for permanent usage. Failure to comply with these directives will forfeit the mileage of the representative of such Chapter to the Grand Chapter and also the vote of the Chapter.

Provided that if the report with remittance is forwarded to the Grand Secretary's Office and minor errors of omission or calculation are contained therein, and correction thereof including payment of any extra amount due is made within ten (10) days after notice from the Grand Secretary of such error or errors, such Chapter shall not be considered as being in arrears, and shall be entitled to vote in Grand Chapter and to mileage for the representative of such.

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- (5) The retiring Secretary shall prepare an annual report of the work of the Chapter ending October 31st. This report shall show the names of the members, the number initiated, affiliated, demitted, withdrawn, transferred, suspended, expelled or deceased, setting out the names in alphabetical order, making a distinction in sex, and between ladies by prefixing Miss or Mrs. This report shall designate those who are members of the O.E.S. Home or Masonic Home and Fifty Year members. It shall contain a tabulation of moneys due to the Grand Chapter, showing the amount due under each item, and the total amount due Grand Chapter on all items covered by said report.
- (6) Annual Report. The Secretary shall forward the Annual Report, together with all fees due the Grand Chapter, to the Grand Secretary during the month of November each year. For Installations held between November 1 and November 15 (inclusive), the

Annual Report shall be mailed to the Grand Secretary's Office within five (5) days following the date of Installation. For Installations held between November 16 and November 30 (inclusive), the Chapter's Annual Report MUST be mailed to the Grand Secretary's Office as soon as possible AFTER October 31st but BEFORE November 16th. The Grand Secretary will return the Signature pages for the signatures of the Installing Officer and elected Officers, after which it MUST be returned within five (5) days following the date of Installation to the Grand Secretary's Office for permanent usage. Failure to comply with these directives will forfeit the mileage of the representative of such Chapter to the Grand Chapter and also the vote of the Chapter.

Last Paragraph - Same.

Article 293A. REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS

WHICH NOW READS:

- (6) Notice of Dues. The four notices relating to dues for which prescribed forms are set out in Part VI (Appendix) are hereby adopted for use by subordinate Chapters, and are to be given as follows:
 - a. "Notice of Dues" shall be given to each member of the Chapter during the month of April each year.
 - b. "Notice of Arrears for Dues" shall be given during the month of June each year to each member whose dues for the preceding and/or current year have not been paid.
 - c. "Second Notice of Arrears for Dues" shall be given during the month of April each year to each member whose dues for the preceding and current years have not been paid.
 - d. "Notice of Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues" shall be given during the month of June each year to each member who became suspended for non-payment of dues at midnight on May 31 of that calendar year.

Chapters may in addition send out monthly statements to all members in arrears if they desire to do so.

(7) Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues. Any member who at midnight on May 31st of any year is in arrears for two years is automatically suspended, unless her or his dues have been mailed on or before May 31st and are received by the Secretary prior to the Chapter installation. If such dues are postmarked prior to midnight of May 31st and are received prior to installation, such member shall be reported in good standing.

The names of members of any Chapter who will be automatically suspended at midnight on May 31st of any year if their dues are not paid by that time, shall be read in open Chapter at the last stated meeting of such Chapter prior to May 31st of such year.

If the list of delinquent members is not read at the last stated meeting before 31st day of May, or if names of delinquent members are omitted from such list, then the Chapter shall continue to carry such members on their roll and pay the per capita fees for that year, however, if such list is not read or if the names of delinquent members are omitted from such list, the Chapter shall have a right to suspend such member by a vote thereon at a later date.

At the first stated meeting of such Chapter after May 31st the names of such

members actually suspended at midnight May 31st, shall be read by the Secretary and recorded in the minutes.

Chapter dues shall not accrue during the suspension of a member.

- (8) Additional Revenues. Subordinate Chapters may augment the revenues derived from fees and dues by entertainments or otherwise, provided that no method shall be used for such purpose that in any manner violates the law of the land, or reflects upon the good name and character of the Order, and provided further that no dance or game with cards shall ever be given as such a benefit.
- (9) Disbursements. The first claim against the fund of a subordinate Chapter shall be and is the per capita assessment and other fees and charges due to Grand Chapter. After all obligations to the Grand Chapter have been met, each subordinate Chapter shall have the right to use, expend or otherwise dispose of its funds at its own discretion and in any manner and for any purpose it may determine either in its By-Laws or otherwise.
- (10) Audits. The financial affairs of each subordinate Chapter shall be audited immediately after May 31st each year and report thereof made to the Chapter at the first stated meeting after Installation. Such additional audits during the year shall be had as may be ordered by the Chapter.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

Article 293A, REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS.

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 - a. "Notice of Dues" shall be given to each member of the Chapter during the month of September each year.
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Chapters may in addition send out monthly statements to all members in arrears if they desire to do so.

(7) Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues. Any member who at midnight on October 31st of any year is in arrears for two years is automatically suspended, unless her or his dues have been mailed on or before October 31st and are received by the Secretary prior to the Chapter Installation. If such dues are postmarked prior to midnight of October 31st and are received prior to installation, such member shall be reported in good standing.

The names of members of any Chapter who will be automatically suspended at

midnight on October 31st of any year if their dues are not paid by that time, shall be read in open Chapter at the last stated meeting of such Chapter prior to October 31st of such year.

If the list of delinquent members is not read at the last stated meeting before the 31st of October, or if names of delinquent members are omitted from such list, then the Chapter shall continue to carry such members on their roll and pay the per capita fees for that year, however, if such list is not read or if the names of delinquent members are omitted from such list, the Chapter shall have a right to suspend such member by a vote thereon at a later date.

At the first stated meeting of such Chapter after October 31st the names of such members actually suspended at midnight October 31st, shall be read by the Secretary and recorded in the minutes.

Chapter dues shall not accrue during the suspension of a member.

- (8) Same.
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- (10) Audits. The financial affairs of each subordinate Chapter shall be audited immediately after October 31st each year and report thereof made to the Chapter at the first stated meeting after installation. Such additional audits during the year shall be had as may be ordered by the Chapter.

Article 293B, ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

NOW READS:

(1) Any member whose dues are paid for the current year in a Texas Chapter may purchase an Endowed Membership. After May 31st, no further dues will be paid by said member.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

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Be it further resolved that all forms approved by the Grand Chapter and currently in use will not become obsolete but will continue to be used until exhausted. Appropriate pen and ink changes in the date will be made where appropriate and applicable.

Be it further resolved, these changes will become effective after the 1992 Grand Chapter session notwithstanding the provisions of Article 181 of the Code of Laws.

Purposes and Policies Committee
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Harry Cunningham, Past Grand Patron
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Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary
Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer

Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress Wanda Fairchild, Associate Grand Conductress Charlene Littlewood, Chairman, Grand Trustees

MR MURRY WATSON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Now we have before you the amendment to the Code of Laws, Amendment No. 14. I would now propose that we amend this proposal whereby the provisions of Article 10, Section 9, Subsection (5), first, that it would be made subject to the passage of an amendment that I'll offer later on whereby Article 10, Section 9 would be changed; and that the provisions in the amendment of 14, the last paragraph be stricken out, where it says, that it would be further resolved that these changes will become effective after the 1992 Grand Chapter session, and that in place thereof, that it would become effective upon the amendment to Article 10, Section 9.

I so move that the amendment to Amendment 14 be added, whereby it will be made subject to the final approval of the amendment to Article 9 and that the subsection—the last provision, the resolving clause be stricken out.

If you'll look right above the signatures of those people who have proposed it, there's a closing paragraph that says, "Be it further resolved that these changes will become effective after the 1992 Grand Chapter session, notwithstanding the provision of Article 181 of the Code of Laws." Well, it can't become effective because it's in conflict with the Constitution. Therefore, we want to strike that out and place thereof, make it a provision of this amendment that it will become effective when the Constitution is amended, Article 10, Section 9, Subsection (5).

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that this Amendment No.14 be amended not to become effective until the Constitution has been approved on Article 10, Section 9, Subsections (5) and 6.

MR. MURRY WATSON: (5) is all that's necessary.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Just (5) he said was all that was necessary. Is there any discussion?

MRS. JUDITH VAN HORN: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Judith Van Horn, a Past Matron of Oak Forest Chapter No. 1080. Do I understand this, to put it real simply, that it means that Virginia's Faithful Friends will not serve except until next June, as it is right now, and Marcella's Sweet Spirits would be the ones to serve for 15 months?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: If it's amended, that's correct.

 $\mbox{MRS. JUDITH VAN HORN: } \mbox{Yes, that's what the amendment would do. Thank you.}$

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All in favor will signify by raising their green cards. Cards down. Those opposed. It carried.

MR. MURRY WATSON: Now, Worthy Grand Matron, I move that Amendment No. 14 as amended be taken up and considered for final passage at this time.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You understand what our chairman just told you? He moves that the original amendment be taken up and voted on at this time. All in favor of the original motion—

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Worthy Grand Matron —

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't see you.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: I'm Katherine Duncan, Past Matron of Alvin Chapter 15. Before this Grand Chapter votes on this particular amendment, I would like for you to prayerfully consider what is best for your subordinate chapter before making this change. There is more to consider than how far the Conductresses go to the east on making introductions or how the Bible should be placed on the alter in our chapter rooms. It does not matter what other Grand Jurisdictions do or how nice it would be to serve with one Worthy Grand Matron. I want you to think about: some of our members work. A working Worthy Matron would need to take vacation time for Grand Chapter and then turn right around and take more vacation probably for her installation. She would also have the personal expense of both items real close together, dresses for both her installation and probably her Worthy Grand Matron would need to be bought at the same time. She'd have to do very careful budgeting to get all this in.

In fact, right after her installation she'd probably have her deputy visit before she got her feet wet and learned what to do. A lot of chapters also pay a portion of expenses for their Worthy Matrons or chapter representatives and would need fund raisers in between paying their per capita and then giving money toward her expenses at Grand Chapter, and then again expenses for her installation. Most chapters that I know of pay a little bit toward these things, whatever they can afford.

Also, she would also have to be very convincing — or we would to our members — for this three-month or four-month period that we really haven't raised their dues, that we just want more money for a little extra time. Of course, we just defeated the assessment, so we don't have to tell them about that. But try to tell our members we haven't raised their dues.

One of the last things is, we have referred many times to the number of members and chapters and other information that was on our Annual Report as of May 31st, 1992, in this business of this Grand Chapter session. If we change our subordinate chapter year, it's going to be a full year, Sisters and Brothers, before we have acceptable information—

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Katherine, I appreciate your interest in the Order, but your two minutes have expired.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: All right. Please consider what is best for your chapter and defeat this amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any other discussion?

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Brother in the south.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: I'm Harry Cunningham, Past Patron of Somerset Chapter No. 730. When I was Grand Patron of this organization, I had, I believe, more requests to get our subordinate chapter with the right Worthy Grand Matron than any request I can remember. This all started our year. [Applause]

Sisters and Brothers, one thing don't forget that will happen. The Worthy Matrons that serve with their Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will be voting for their Chapter at her session, not the way it is now. I think that's a credit that we should think about. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my Brother.

MRS. ALICE MYATT: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Alice Myatt, Past Matron of

North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684. Has anyone ever considered that these Worthy Matrons would serve under two Worshipful Masters and that we do have some young ladies going through with children, that it would fall terribly hard on them so far as their youngsters, as well as the money?

MRS. ANNA SHELPER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the south.

MRS. ANNA SHELPER: I'm Anna Shelper, a Past Matron of Logos-Star Chapter, San Antonio, Texas. With this amendment I see that it throws installations into the month of November. Have you considered this is a family holiday month? You have all of these football games. It is a month before Christmas when you have all these expenses. Thank you. [Applause]

MRS. BETTY PHILLIPS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Betty Phillips, Past Matron of Perryton Chapter 161. I, too, remember how many years that we have been discussing and trying to get the service of our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to coincide with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I think those that have served as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will agree that we had four years to train, to study and serve together and educate to our plans of service. Our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons only have six months to carry this out. We know that our schools take almost that long. We train our officers to take care of the problems so that we will not have to. For six months everything is quiet. Then as the new Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons take office with no problem to them — I mean they do not intend for this to happen, but they are eagerly awaiting their Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to come into service. They have not actually studied and performed the introductions and plans that the Worthy Grand Matron presiding has put before the membership through those Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons serving with them.

I've heard Worthy Grand Matrons say after April, after the election of new officers, then that's when our telephones start ringing and there are problems after the June installation. This is just because of eagerness and not knowing, because they didn't have those four years with that Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to serve.

So I do plead that this membership — So many have been trying to work together to make the full year with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I know that the time and the dates are hard to come by, but, please, let's do get our Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons working together with their own Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, so maybe we would not have so many problems when we do come to Grand Chapter. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Betty. Your two minutes are up.

MRS. NORMA ALLEN: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Norma Allen, Past Matron of Richardson Chapter No. 921. As the secretary I am very concerned with the time at which dues notices must go out. Remember that this will be two months before the close of your subordinate chapter. If this is in September, that means dues notices will go out the first of July. If so, people are on vacation money, are they going to be interested in taking vacation money for dues to a fraternal organization? If it is in November, dues notices have to go out two months earlier. Then that will be just after school is starting. This is an integral part of changing our Grand Chapter year. Thank you.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Elsie.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I am Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron of Clute City Chapter No. 1011. When a Worthy Grand Matron plans a year, I believe that she plans for more than just a different way to open the Bible or to do introductions. She plans programs, money raising projects to benefit the Grand Chapter of Texas. I believe that if her Worthy Matrons had the year to work with her on those programs, they would be more successful rather than just having six months and then having to retire from office with a new group coming in who are looking forward to their Worthy Grand Matron and her programs.

So I believe if we had the entire year to work together, we would be more successful in Grand Chapter. I ask that this Grand Chapter vote for this amendment. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Elsie.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Joe Jeffers.

MR. JOE FEFFERS: I am Joe Jeffers, a Past Patron of Alvin No. 15 and Friendswood 1131. I've sat here and listened to all the things wrong with this, and I ∵ want to tell you the conclusion I've reached: that there's not a month in the calendar that's suitable for installation. [Laughter and applause.] There is not a month in the calendar that is suitable because of holidays, but I know better because my Worthy Grand Matron and my tall blonde beautiful wife taught me — and taught me well — that there is nothing a Worthy Matron cannot do. Nothing. [Applause]

GRAND TREASURER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

GRAND TREASURER: I am Lola Wallace, Past Matron of Arlington Heights Chapter No. 702. I would say to you that for 47 years I have heard our membership express their desire to bring our Grand Chapter year and our subordinate year closer together. It has been presented and rejected by Grand Chapter before, but then it was to move the dates of Grand Chapter. This has proved to be an insurmountable task. If you approve this proposal to move the subordinate chapter year to close on October 31st, it will work.

No more confusion about how to give credit for your Humanitarian contribution; when to make Festal Day donations, before or after May 31st, to be credited to which Worthy Grand Matron's year; or explaining the cutoff date for endowed memberships.

No change of this magnitude is ever without problems, but there are none which cannot be resolved. Let's vote for this change, and I believe it will work for the benefit of the subordinate chapters, as well as for Grand Chapter. Thank you. [Applause]

A VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I believe, my Brother, that she was next. She spoke the same time as Peaches.

MRS. PAT NEHER: I'm Pat Neher, Past Matron of Kingsville Chapter 325. I had the pleasure of being the traveling companion of the Grand Representative of Ohio in Texas. They have their Grand Chapter in October; they install in November; and there is no problem because they've already made that change. If we want something done, we will do it. Vacations, children, grandchildren, it doesn't matter; it will all be done. I vote for it. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my Sister. I recognize the Brother in the north.

MR. TRAVIS KNOWLTON: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Travis Knowlton, Affiliated Past Patron of Humble Chapter No. 415; and I respectfully call for the question. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Travis. We only had two minutes to go; the 20 minutes was up anyway. [Confers with parliamentarian.]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Lena Maye Cook.

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Does it mean that I can't say a word?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No.

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Then I'm going to say a word. I am Lena Maye Cook, Past Matron of Spring Branch and a dual member of —

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Lena Maye, the parliamentarian says since our Brother called for the question, we have to have a two-thirds vote before we can have any more — to stop the debate. All in favor of stopping debate, we have to have a two-thirds vote. So, please, if you are in favor of stopping the debate, raise your cards. Cards down. Opposed.

I'm sorry, Sister Lena Maye; the debate has closed.

Now, we will vote on the original Amendment No. 14 as amended, the amendment as amended. All in favor of the change, Amendment No. 14, will please raise their green cards. Cards down. Opposed. I believe it carried. [Applause]

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers, this last amendment you just passed subject to amending Article 10, Section 9, Subsection (5). I would therefore like to move to suspend the rules in order to submit to you a Constitutional amendment amending Article 10, Section 9, Subsection (5) to read as follows: "Chapters failing to make report on time. Any chapter failing to make its annual report and pay its per capita tax and other charges to Grand Chapter on or before the date specified for the closing of subordinate chapter as stated in Article 26L, (5) and (6) on page 141 of the Code of Laws shall forfeit the vote and mileage of its chapter representative. Voting privileges may be restored by a two-thirds vote of those voting at Grand Chapter, but the payment of mileage of the chapter representative of such chapter is hereby prohibited."

I move to suspend the rules so we can take this up and consider it at this time.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we suspend the rule and take this up at this time. All in favor will signify by raising their green voting card. Cards down. Those opposed. Motion carried.

All right. Now, we will vote on the Constitutional change, first reading. "Chapters failing to make report on time. Any chapter failing to make its annual report and pay its per capita tax and other charges to Grand Chapter on or before the date specified for the closing of the subordinate chapter as stated in Article 26L, (5) and (6), on page 141 of the Code of Laws shall forfeit the vote and mileage of its chapter representative. Voting privileges may be restored by a two-thirds vote of those voting

at Grand Chapter, but the payment of mileage of the chapter representative of such a chapter is hereby prohibited." Is there discussion? [No response.] All in favor will raise their green voting card. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. It's carried.

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the amendment to the Code of Laws, Amendment No. 15, will not be submitted since it's a restatement of Amendment No. 14 with a change of date to a month earlier. It will be withdrawn. Amendment No. 15 will be withdrawn.

DR RUBY FAW: Sisters and Brothers, Amendment No. 2 is found on page 66 in your book of reports. We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have reviewed this Amendment No. 2 due for a second reading, Annual Report, page 66; and we find it to be in legal and proper form. It is now presented for your consideration and action. It is a Constitutional amendment, and this is the second reading.

This is the amendment that says whereas parliamentary law is necessary for the management of meetings and all these things — you've seen our parliamentarian up here performing beautifully. They do this without pay. This amendment merely says let's put them in as an official in our Constitutional committees, give them the opportunity to have this honor all year after they have been selected to serve, get introduced like the rest of you out there who are Grand Appointments, and give them the honor that goes with their service. It is submitted by Marti Atkerson, Allison Reed Poynter, May Delle Grubbs, Ben Day, Jessie Morris.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, heartily recommend that you pass this amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

WHEREAS, Parliamentary law is necessary for the efficient management of meetings:

WHEREAS, The proper use of parliamentary procedure assures rules based on a regard for the rights of the majority, the minority, individual members, absentees and all of these together:

WHEREAS, The parliamentarian should be a professional who advises the presiding officer, other officers, committees and members on parliamentary procedure;

WHEREAS, It takes many years of study to become a professional parliamentarian;

WHEREAS, Very few members of Grand Chapter are professional parliamentarians; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Chapter should recognize the Eastern Star professional parliamentarians who serve the Grand Chapter pro bono;

RESOLVED, That Article IX. Grand Chapter Committees: Their Duties and Prerogatives. Section 1. Committees: be amended by adding:

(20) Parliamentarian

*If this amendment is passed at the first reading at the 1991 Grand Chapter Session in San Antonio, Texas; it will have a second reading at the 1992 Grand Chapter Session and if adopted amendments will be presented to the Code of Laws as follows: Chapter 4. Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers. A. Worthy Grand Matron. Article 15. Appoint Committees by inserting (20) Parliamentarian and renumbering the present (20) and (21) to (21) and (22); and Chapter 10. Committees of Grand Chapter by adding a new Article 162-K. Parliamentarian, giving duties.

Submitted by: May Delle Grubbs

Marti Atkerson Ben Day Allison Reed Poynter Jessie Morris

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard Amendment No. 2. It has been seconded. Is there discussion? [No response.] All in favor, raise your green voting card. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. Amendment No. 2 has passed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I cannot tell you how grateful I am for your cooperation and your durability to stay with me that we could get some of this legislation done. Our bus chairman just informed me that we need to leave; the buses will hold another 30 minutes, but we're going to close now.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this "A Time to Reflect" session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WRDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this "A Time Reflect" session from labor to rest. Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Grand Sentinel, are your doors secure?

GRAND SENTINEL: Yes, ma'am.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: This beautiful lady, Sister Patricia Major Neinast, a faithful, faithful worker for the Order of the Eastern Star and a very special friend of your Worthy Grand Matron and her husband Moe, it is my joy and pleasure to invite her to bring our benediction.

BENEDICTION

MRS PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST: Heavenly Father, we come to you for an evening blessing, to seal within our hearts the inspirations and memories of this day. We ask you for the blessings of quietness for every troubled heart, rest for every weary soul, new faith and courage for all who have faced exhausting tasks this day. We give you thanks for every challenge that this day has brought, every whisper of God that we have seen in the beauty of your world, every thought of God that came in quiet moments, every need of you that brought us back again to you in prayer. And now our Father, grant us your benediction. Watch over us through the hours of darkness. Refresh us in spirit as well as in body as we sleep. Help us to face tomorrow with steady faith and without fear, conscious of your presence and your guidance, knowing that we are yours, as we have placed all our trust in you. Now may the love of God, the Father, rest upon us all and be with us, now and forevermore. Amen

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

[The Grand Conductress closed the Holy Bible.]

I now declare this "A Time to Reflect" session called from labor to rest until 8:15 a.m., Saturday morning. Rest well, my Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this "A Time to Reflect" session is closed.

SATURDAY MORNING October 10, 1992 "The End of Time" Session

Mr. Joe Jeffers Past Grand Patron

MRS. BETTY PHILLIPS: Good morning. I feel important; I have an official duty. Would someone driving a Lincoln, license tag FRR 50, they have their lights on. Also, another announcement. Where are our voting delegates sitting? Would you stand. Please be seated. Now, are there any nonvoting delegates sitting in these areas? If you're a nonvoting delegate, if you will sit in the sections past, I believe, 206, 107, from there toward the west. If there's a physical difficulty, then I know arrangements can be made.

Good morning once again, Sisters and Brothers. Today is the day to sparkle with new life, new joy and a time of new beginnings. Sister Jane Gregory, you have afforded me many pleasures during your reign as Worthy Grand Matron, but today you have given me another, that of sharing time, not only with you and Brother Glenn, but sharing another moment in time with my awesome Worthy Grand Patron Joe E. Jeffers, if he gets here, as we greet you, welcome you and call to order this Saturday morning, the "End of Time" session.

Grand Marshall, you will invite the Grand Officers and Pages to enter the Grand Chapter room for the "Time for America" drill. Sisters and Brothers, this is the last time we will see this drill performed for our enjoyment. Let us thank our Grand Marshall, Grand Officers and Pages for a beautiful performance.

["Time for America" drill performed to much applause.]

Is Brother Wayne Gaddis in the building? Brother Wayne Gaddis is wanted at the registration. And is Brother Joe Jeffers in the building? Is Elvis in the building? [Laughter]

May I make another announcement? Maybe you did not hear me earlier. If we have nonvoting delegates, we ask that they sit in Sections 106 toward the west, 206 toward the west. Will that give us enough room for our nonvoting delegates to be in the west area of the Arena? Voting delegates, 105 and 205 toward the east. Thank you.

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. [The Grand Officers entered the Grand Chapter room.]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East. [Applause and standing ovation as they were escorted to the east. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were presented sheafs of flowers.]

Sisters and Brothers, it is my joy and pleasure to present and be introduced the last time, Sister Jane Gregory, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in extending them Grand Honors. [Grand Honors are given.] The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honor of sharing the moment with the membership. We are only promised this very moment, and at this moment we have the right to choose and believe the best in ourselves and in others and the good within any challenge of life and experience. Regardless of any negative appearances that may seem to be persistent, we have the freedom to choose our responses, the freedom to believe the best, and as we come to this election day, Sisters and Brothers, with love in our hearts, we have the freedom to vote intellectually for those who have expressed the desire to serve our Grand Chapter.

Moment by moment we can choose thoughts to think, words to speak and actions to take that should be backed by our belief in the best. Worthy Grand Matron, each of us has faced a difficult situation in which the words "thank you" were inadequate. Sister Jane, I face that situation today. I feel at times like this we have to communicate in the language of love. The language of love transcends the limitations of vocabulary and voice, uniting us with one another in friendship.

I am reminded of your love and care for me through your sense of humor and ability to help me look at the important things in life. They radiate your will of good. I am thankful to you and Moe for your friendship, your love, warmth and concern.

Worthy Grand Patron, your dedicated service to Brother Joe and me shall never be forgotten. We saw your enthusiasm, dedication and love for God. These, too, were the high qualities Sister Jane and the membership saw in you as you were elected to the exalted position of Worthy Grand Patron. How proud we are to have this time together.

Brother Joe Jeffers, Past Grand Patron, the membership would deem it an honor and a distinct pleasure to hear greetings from you.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Thank you, Sister Betty. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is an honor to stand here before this throng of Sisters and Brothers once again and be reminded of the joy of service to this Order. This Worthy Grand Matron is one of my closest friends and one to whom I am dedicated and devoted, not only now but as she joins our ranks. This Worthy Grand Patron is one that I hold in the highest esteem, a Brother whom I have never heard him say anything that was not fair and Christian and Masonic. I have never seen him perform any duty that was not that of a Christian Brother.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, my thanks to you for the opportunity to being here this morning to open this final session for you, "A Time For All Things." Of all things, I was late; and for that I apologize.

MRS. BETTY PHILLIPS: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as you come to the end of Strawberry Time, you should not think of this as the end, but a beautiful beginning of a wonderful tomorrow of priceless memories of time well spent. Believe that every experience has in some way been an opening for the best to come in your lives. You should feel peaceful, loved and successful in your efforts.

Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present you your gavel. I know God will grant you strength and grace as you preside today.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Betty, the sands of time have truly sifted through the hourglass, spanning the year like a blink of an eye, from the beginning of our friendship till now. It seems like a moment in time that you installed me as Worthy Grand Matron of this beautiful Order. You are one of the precious jewels in my life, and I thank God for your friendship, your support, help and love that you so willingly give to me. Personally I deeply appreciate you opening "The End of Time" session, and I love you dearly.

Brother Joe, the awesome Past Grand Patron of my own District 4, how very much I admire you for the fine gentleman that you are, for your dedication and concern for the future of this Order. The year I served as your Grand Conductress will remain a precious memory because of your kindness and thoughtfulness to me. Thank you for taking the time to be here this morning to help open our session with your own Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you'd like to respond.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Betty and Brother Joe, you two are very special to me. You remember the years we had following you as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the beautiful membership. What a beautiful year we had in doing things that were good for our Order. We're honored to have you call "The End of Time" session to order. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Before we proceed, we have here in the east the dues card of Ben Britt, Plano Chapter No. 703. Also, the ballot — and I'm quite sure that Ann Coors, Past Matron of Dickinson Chapter 1024, would like to have this before 10:00. They'll be on the Grand Secretary's desk. Also, another one has just been handed to me. Carolyn Hayden, Conroe Chapter 710. Also her dues card. Vernon Searcy, call Becky. Lincoln, license plate FRR 50, your lights are still on.

Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this 110th Grand Chapter Session, "The End of Time," from rest to labor; and you are to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: There will be no interruptions, Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain and report if all present are entitled a seat in this Grand Chapter.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate

Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Associate Grand Matron, I'm told that you are the one who made possible this beautiful arrangement that was presented to me this morning. From you and Garland, I feel sure. Please know it warmed my heart, and thank you so very much. Your thoughtfulness to me has always been appreciated.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Thank you.

[The Grand Chapter was proved.]

Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Grand Conductress opened the Holy Bible.]

Sister Joyce Roberts, thank you, my beautiful and special friend, for your continued loyalty to this Order and your support of your Worthy Grand Matron. The tremendous and outstanding Exchange Visit with New Mexico was accomplished because of you. I knew when you accepted this task that it would be perfect and that I would have no worries whatsoever. So I relaxed and enjoyed that weekend. I thank you for bringing the invocation this morning. Your words and thoughts will render us with feeling of reverence that God's work will be accomplished this day. Sister Joyce.

INVOCATION

MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my precious Sisters and Brothers. As we get ready to spend a long, long day together, let us join hands with our neighbors as we ask the Lord for guidance.

Our Heavenly Father, we invoke Thy blessings upon us as we open this session, "The End of Time" assembly. We know that in all we do in life and for every worthy act, we need the blessings of the Almighty God. In our undertakings, make us aware of our need for divine guidance. We thank Thee for this occasion which brings us together. As we enter into the performance of our duties during this assembly, we pray that Thou will bless us. We thank Thee, God, in a special way for our divine heritage and for our Eastern Star dedicated to the purpose of serving God and mankind.

Grant unto our leaders a wise understanding of spirit to promote the harmony and lasting interest of our Order. May the ideals and principles for which our Order stands be inculcated in the lives and hearts of our members, so that they may make their contribution towards the solution of problems of our time. All this we ask in the name of the Great Teacher, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will now have a special song by the Grand Soloist. This was at my request, and the song is dedicated to you, the membership. It is entitled "Friends."

[The Grand Soloist sang "Friends."]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Jim and Nancy. That was for you, the membership. [Applause]

I now declare this, "The End of Time" session, from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Grand Sentinel, this 110th Grand Chapter session has been called from rest to labor.

Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. I have been told that we have two of our beloved Past Grand Matrons that have entered our Grand Chapter room: Sister Katherine Poulis and Sister Eunice Connell. Are you in the room? We want to recognize you. I know that you don't want to have to walk so far, but would the gentlemen — Brother Travis and Brother Jim Rippey — would you escort Sister Katherine Poulis and Eunice Connell. And also Frances Key Herrin. I did not know, and I'm delighted to know that she has also arrived. Bring them up. We want to give them Grand Honors and recognize them. [Applause as they were escorted to the east.]

How delighted we are to have these three Past Grand Matrons join us! Sisters and Brothers, these three dedicated and beautiful Past Grand Matrons, it is my honor to introduce Sister Katherine Poulis, Eunice Connell and Frances Key Herrin. Let us salute them with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors are given.]

Sister Grand Marshal, They're working awful hard, but I would ask you to present the Executive and Arrangements Committee back of Esther's station. The Grand Choir will give us a beautiful song while the Executive and Arrangements Committee are going to the west. Grand Choir, again know how much I appreciate and love you for your service to this session and your talents that you're sharing with the membership. Beautiful! Madelyne, I love you!

The Arrangements Committee and Executive Committee, please go to the west with our Grand Marshal. That's all of you. Terry, O.D., O.B. Boy, I'm in bad shape if y'all don't know what committee you're on. Don and Travis, would you please go to the west, and we'll do that. I want all the Arrangements Committee in the west.

Sister Madelyne, let's have the choir sing while we're getting the Arrangements and Executive Committee back there.

PRESENTATION OF THE EXECUTIVE AND ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEES AND HOST CHAPTERS

My superb, outstanding, excellent, efficient, caring Executive and Arrangements Committee, these are the ones, my Sisters and Brothers, that have made the preparations for your comfort for this 110th Grand Chapter session. They're still filling in.

I commend you for a task performed perfectly. You made this Worthy Grand Matron look good, and I was able to perform my duties because of your caring and the time that you took. For your proficiency and efficiency, I thank you. To arrange and execute a Grand Chapter session requires much organization, knowledge and a desire to work hard. This you have done, and I am so pleased and proud of each one of you. My grateful thanks and love that you cared enough to give your very best.

To Sister Elizabeth Williams, the Executive chairman, my dear, I know for four years you have been working on this particular time of Grand Chapter. I love you and thank you from the bottom of my heart for accepting this appointment.

To Jim Rippey, chairman of Arrangements, your efficiency proved that the two meetings that we had, our Grand Chapter would run smoothly, and with Larry Autrey, your co-worker, and all of the diligent Arrangements Committee, that has been so.

To Roy Sowell, chairman of the Buses and his co-chairman, Frank Hemby, what a tremendous task you undertook and performed with your workers, a perfect schedule to serve your Sisters and Brothers through the efforts of each one of these. Your thoughtfulness and kindness meant a great deal to the members riding on the buses and finding the things that were necessary within this arena. They have expressed their appreciation to me.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you who have made the difference and have made a "A Time For All Things" session beautiful, perfect; and my sincere appreciation for your excellent performance of your duties. I am so very proud of you. Sisters and Brothers, let's tell them how much we cared about their work. [Applause]

While they're going back to go to work, if anyone wants a report of this Grand Chapter session, go to the base of the Grand Secretary's desk on the floor and you'll be able to pick up the report of this Grand Chapter session.

Brother Richard Ochs, would you come to the east, please. While we're waiting for Brother Richard Ochs to come to the east, let me say, Sisters and Brothers, I prefer you do not bring food and drink into the assembly room. Also, all nonvoting members in the west, raise your hand if you in the west are nonvoting members. Are all voting delegates toward the east on both sides? Raise your green cards if you are so I can see. Good, good. That's fine. We want all the voting delegates this direction and the nonvoting members in the west. Thank you.

[Pause.] In case you're wondering why we're waiting, we are ready to begin our election. We're waiting for the report of the Credentials Committee. While we're waiting, Madelyne, let's have a song. Let the Grand Choir entertain you. [Singing by Grand Choir.]

Thank you, Grand Choir. I'll call on the chairman of Transportation and Mileage for their report.

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND MILEAGE COMMITTEE

MRS. BETTY MORRIS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to introduce the other members of this committee:

Mr. Milton Skipper, District 2 Miss. Diane Davidson, District 3 Mr. Howard Gene Whitt, District 4 Mrs. Betty Friend, District 5

We thank you for this opportunity of service and are pleased to make the following report:

Total Mileage Checks Issued \$9,587.16 Total Checks Delivered \$6,509.37 Total Checks Not Picked Up \$3,077.79

Total Checks returned by Chapter Representatives to various Grand Chapter Funds \$ 170.28.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Betty Morris, Chairman District I

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Betty. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Transportation and Mileage. It has been moved and seconded that it be adopted. Any discussion? [No response.] All in favor will hold up their green voting cards. Cards down. Opposed, same sign. It has been adopted. Thank you so much for your hard work and your efforts.

I'll call on the chairman of the Telegram Committee to come and bring her report. Sister Lena Maye.

REPORT OF THE TELEGRAM COMMITTEE

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron; Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: The committee of Lena Maye Cook, chairman, Millie Sharpe and Sister Joyce Roberts, sent a letter to the following. We had 13 who are not with us of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

We sent a letter to them of our regrets that they could not be with us. We sent our love and respect for the many years that they had served us and wished for them the very best that we could wish for them. By the approval of our Worthy Grand Matron, an Annual Report will be mailed to each one of them from our Grand Secretary at a very early date.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this privilege. I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON; Thank you, Sister Lena Maye. The motion to adopt the report of the Telegram Committee has been moved and seconded. All in favor will signify by raising their green cards. Cards down. Same sign for the opposed. Adopted.

Thank you very much for your efforts. Cleo, let's get a picture. Sister Millie, we'd like you to get photographed.

There has been a motion sent up to the east. I will ask my Parliamentarian to answer it for you.

MRS. NORA ELICH: A point of order was raised as to why Amendment No. 15 was not considered. You had already adopted No. 14, and it would have been in conflict with No. 15. Once you've adopted a by-law, the vote on it cannot be reconsidered. Therefore, No. 15 was not in order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Nora.

I'm going to call on Sister Frances Christian to bring her report. We have 10 minutes, and this beautiful lady will report on our outstanding ESTARL program last night. Then our Credentials chairman should be here, and we'll be off and running.

REPORT OF THE ESTARL COMMITTEE

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTIAN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Good morning, Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors:

Worthy Grand Matron, it has been a wonderful experience serving on the ESTRAL committee, may I express my deep appreciation for the privilege to serve with five most cooperative and special ladies, they will always have a special place in my heart. It is a distinct honor to introduce them at this time.

Mrs. Betty Whatley - District No. 1 - Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Pollyanna Heath - District No. 2 - Hale Center, Texas

Mrs. Ada Webster - District No. 3 - Kingsland, Texas

Mrs. Shirley A. Hodgkinson - District No. 4 - Seabrook, Texas

Mrs. Edith Head - District No. 5 - Kingsville, Texas

We have shared many experiences this year and we will treasure the sweet memories that we share. Would you greet these beautiful ladies. The news is spreading that the Order of the Eastern Star has a program that furnishes assistance to students that are in religious education and the request for applications seem to increase each year. With the economical conditions, the cost of education has soared upward and the need for assistance has become greater. Each of us share with you the burning desire to help all the capable young people that we can who wish to devote his or her life to full time Christian service. There is probably no single act that we can preform as a group that will effect our earthly life and eternity so much as ESTARL Awards. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have enhanced our program by their support during the year and that emphasis will be far reaching. The Most Worthy Grand Matron has her Gold Angel project and it can also benefit our ESTARL. We covet your support to this ESTARL project. Our Grand Secretary has been of great assistance and we thank her and the other ladies in the office for helping with our needs. For the concern and support of the wonderful Eastern Star Membership and this special committee, I am indeed thankful.

Our awards may seem small but in most cases they make the difference of being able to attend school and not being able to attend school.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ESTARL COMMITTEE

The ESTARL Fund beginning of year 1991 - 1992	\$ 895.89
Other Gifts	3,104.11
Contributions during the year total	29,746.77
Total Funds for year	33,746.77
Awards Granted	32,000.00
Balance October 1, 1992	1,746.77

STUDENT

Offering October 9,1992	4,035.17
Balance October 9, 1992	5,781.94
Additional Awards granted	5,000.00
Balance in fund at close of Grand Chapter	781.94

The Estarl Committee met August 1, 1992, in Arlington and after prayful and earnest consideration the following ESTARL Scholarships were awarded:

STUDENT	
Chris Allen Alston	
David Ray Ball	
Kevin Gwynn Bent	lev
John Kelley Berna	
Kevin Hale Black	ıu
Jeffrey Don Brown	
Glen Thomas Brun	
Matthew Berard B	
Christopher C. Chi	ristiar
Patricia B. Clark	
Jack Coner, Jr.	
Randy Wayne Covi	
Robert Jacob Culle	
Shaughn Dallas Da	aniel
Traci Lee Davis	
Thomas J. Diamon	d, Jr.
Amy Donahue	
Russell Richard Do	yle
Christy Dufresne	
Lauri Leah Dunlop)
Kyle Edgemon	
David B. Everett	
Floyd Ray Gage	
Judith Jean Gaylor	r
Jonathan E. Glove	
Michael Allen Gree	
Kevin E. Griffith	,11
Shiela Marie Griffi	i+h
Paul R. Gutierrez	.611
Sara Jane Hardaw	0.87
Mark Evans Hart	ау
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Shannon Lloyd Ha	
Jeffrey A. Hastings	
Catharine Blair Ho	over
Jo Hudson	
Lanette Kay James	
Marvin Jeffrey Jol	ly
Ellen Elizabeth	
Walter Kleine, Jr.	
Beverly B. Lawson	
Larry Clifton Lina	
Thomas J. Maher,	Jr.
Regan Wayne Mille	er

Brenda Jean Moore

Jeff Parker

Carol Phillips

Stephen Wayne Nance

SCHOOL Wayland University SWBTS Tarleton University SWBTS Rising Baylor University S.F. Austin University SWBTS SWBTS n Texas University Arlington Episcopal Theol. Sem. SW. BMA Theol. Seminary SWBTS Perkins - SMU King's Univ. Aberdeen, Scot. SWBTS Dallas Theol. Seminary Episcopal Theol. Sem. SW. Brite - TCU Howard Payne University SWBTS SWBTS Brite - TCU SWBTS Brite - TCU **Baylor University** Perkins - SMU SWBTS SWBTS Perkins - SMU Perkins - SMU Brite - TCU SWBTS Perkins - SMU Dallas Theol. Seminary Perkins - SMU **SWBTS** SWBTS United Theol. Seminary Austin Presb. Theol. Sem. Brite - SMU SWBTS SW Assem. Theol. Sem. SWBTS SWBTS Brite - TCU Perkins - SMU Austin Presb. Theol. Sem.

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Border #211

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Karen S. Pollan Jeffrey Baron Reid Charlotte Reiff Paula Kay Robinson Robert A. Royce Richard Sharron Simmons Cynthia Eline Stephens Jan Elaine Sullivan Joe David Walters Georgia Celena Welch Terry Lynn Wilder Bryan Anthony Wilson Cynthia Kay Wyatt Richard Yancey Kevin D. Young	Austin Presb. Theol. Sem. SWBTS SWBTS SWBTS SWBTS Dallas Theol. Sem. SWBTS Perkins - SMU Dallas Theol. Sem. Brite - TCU Brite - TCU Princeton Univ. Fuller Theol. Sem. Fuller Theol. Sem. Brite - TCU	Dal-Cliff #574 South Hills #835 Rio Hondo #815 East Dallas #715 Magnolia #706 Plano #703 Freedom #896 Plano #703 A.C.Garrett #774 Wedgewood #756 Arlington #249 Pt. Arthur #262 Garland #156 Templar #374 Emory #1120
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Two \$1,000 Scholarships and Sixty \$500.00 Scholarships were awarded. The following is a summation of the actative transactions of the ESTARL Committee for the year:

ESTARL forms sent out	396
Forms received	
Letters mailed	
Telephone calls	82
Travel to meetings and Grand Secretary Office	
Expenses of the Committee	
Grand Chapter Funds advanced to General Chairman	

The "Courage For The Quest" ESTARL Service, held Friday Night October 9, was a very special blessing to all present. Several of the Recipients participated in the program and it was a joy to get acquainted with them and to have them speak in person to our Grand Chapter. Those present were presented their awards certificate. Our sincere thanks to all who assisted with this beautiful service. We would especially thank the Chapters for their generous contributions and for sponsoring these Students. Your sweet spirit of sharing and giving has made it possible to give these Awards. The offering at the ESTARL Service was \$4,035.17. I am firmly convinced that the strength of our Great Country lies in the devotion of Christian Leaders and true followers of "The Star In The East" Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Thank you again for the honor of serving as one of your Committee Members and for the delightful times we have had picking Strawberries all along the Eastern Star Trail. May God Continue to bless each of you. It has been a very rewarding year and my report is a portion of the Fruits of your labors. I am reminded dear members, "You can't out give God"

Frances Christian - General Chairman Betty Whatley - District I Pollyanna Health - District II Ada Webster - District II Shirley Hodgkinson - District IV Edith Head - District V

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Frances. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the beautiful ESTARL program last night. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this report. All in favor, signify by raising your green cards. Cards down. Same sign. We adopted it. Thank you, and I appreciate the efforts of everybody.

I now call on Richard Ochs, our chairman of Credentials.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to let you know, we did not have a line at the time of closing, but it does take some time to complete the tallying. Because of the preregistration, you've got to take care of it and kind of confirm it.

Worthy Grand Matron, I present the members of the Credentials Committee:

SISTERS -	Maudine King	District 1
	Johnnie Nash Bissing	District 3
	Pauline McCarty	District 4
	Marlene s. Berry	District 5
	And I Am Richard Ochs	District 2

To the Grand Chapter of Texas, the order of the Eastern Star, it is with pleasure that we present the following report:

Total NUMBER of Chapters Represented	537
Total NUMBER of Voting Delegates Registered	3492
(Includes Pre-Registered not picked-up)	

Delegates votes are divided as follows:

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Number of ONE-VOTE Ballots Issued			
Number of THREE-VOTE Ballots Issued			_
Total Ballots Issued			
Total Number Eligible Votes Issued		=	3815

Respectfully submitted by the CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE Richard Ochs-Chairman

Ballota - Votos

Worthy Grand Matron, I move adoption of this final report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Richard, and your committee for the hard work that you have performed. Sisters and Brothers, you have just heard the report of the Credentials Committee. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt. All in favor, so signify by your green cards. Cards down. Opposed. Adopted. Thank you, Brother Richard.

We will now proceed with the business of the day. I will name the election judge, the table judges and the tellers. I am pleased to appoint Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron, as the election judge. Sister Lallah Mae.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: You know if I were a stranger coming into this room, I'd know that this was a special day because we really have a full house. Worthy Grand Matron, I feel that most of this membership is familiar with Grand Chapter elections. Therefore, I shall not give extended instructions. We ask that all of you who are to make nominations come immediately to the mike quickly, identify yourself for the records, then give the name and chapter identification of the person whom you are nominating. All nominees will likewise come immediately to the east, up in the front here, for presentation.

The presiding officer will then, after the introductions, instruct the membership which ballot number to use and declare the ballot open. The pages will then be directed to proceed with the collection of that ballot. You will be told which tables will be used for the count. Pages, the ballot boxes are in the west on Table 4. You can now proceed to pick up your ballot boxes and then return to your assigned positions. Never shall the ballot box leave your hands. A member can deposit but one vote. You will gather, when the collections have been made, about the tables assigned for the counting of that ballot; wait until the presiding officer declares the ballot closed and directs you to deposit your votes. Return to your stations for the next vote.

Grand Sentinel, you will instruct the Assistant Sentinels to step inside their doors to deposit their vote and then return immediately to outside. There will be no entering or retiring during the collection of a ballot. Members needing to retire during the day, take your registration card and your dues card along with your ballot with you. You will need them all to return to the Grand Chapter room.

I am not giving instruction to the table judges. I will have written instruction at each table. If you have tellers who are not familiar with the arrangement of ballots for counting, assist them. After the count of an election has been given and these ballots collected for expounding, all tellers will move two places, counter clockwise, around the table. After the votes have been tabulated for any one election, I will take the results to the presiding officer, and she or he will announce same.

Sisters and Brothers, do not write your choice for a ballot until the presiding officer tells you which ballot number will be used for that election. Every year there are votes that are lost by hastily writing your ballot.

When there are no further nominations, the chair will declare nominations closed. The boards — these big boards around the room are facing the voting membership. I believe that you will be able to see the names of the nominees which will be placed there as the nominations are presented.

Worthy Grand Matron, I shall return now to watch the tables to see when each table is filled. For the attention of the pages, the tables are numbered, beginning in the southeast, Table 1,2,3 and 4. Then continuing in the northwest, 5,6,7 and 8. I believe that you and I have agreed that you will have a pool of extra tellers of at least five, so if any teller needed to leave her place, one can fill in. Are there any questions? [No response.] Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae. I will ask these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to assist at the following tables. Table No. 1: Patricia Major Neinast, Rennie Ofton, Wayne P. Jones. Table No. 2: Katherine Harbour, Thelma Joyce Alsup, Harry Cunningham. Table 3: Jean Nesbitt, Betty Phillips, Leonard Ellington. Table 4: Doris Efird, Effie Mae Davis, Gene Belk. Table 5: Elise Hammack, Elsie Paladino, C.A. "Bill" Holmes. Table No. 6: Nancy Allen, Sherrill Cain and J. T. Sanders. Table 7: Agnes Lee Howard, Joyce Roberts, Herb Arnold. Table No. 8: Lena Maye Cook, Ruby Enloe and I had Graham Childress, but Graham did not get to make this session, so I will ask Brother B.F. Hutson. I extend an invitation to all Past Grand Matrons and Patrons to act as advisers. The table judges and Past grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons will now assume their station, and I shall proceed to call the tellers.

As I call your name, go as quickly and quietly as you can to your tables so that we can get them filled and proceed with the election. Thank you. Table No. 1: Jeanie Rainwater, Mildred Blair, Marlene Dibrell, Donna Douglas, Mary Steinmetz, Pat Wildricks, Mildred Bowden, Maydell Grubbs, Mary Fifer, Vernie Perry Day, Ann Cockrell, Mittie Davis, Candy Andrews, Mary Adair, Vircie McAtee, Nola Branch, Jim

Tressenrider, Mary Cramer and Lois Lock.

Table No. 2: Minnie Jane Dean, Pat Predgo, June McGinty, Susan Hall, Martha Baxter, Lauren Blackstock, Donna Haltom, Inez Stacy, Arlene Smith, Kathy Sigler, Evelyn Boone, Joan Scott, Charlene Lucas and Dorene Wheeler, Yvonne Johnson, Janelle Trees, Dorothy Harvey, Ouida Williamson, Kathy Edson and Dorothy Burnett.

Table No. 3: Geraldine Dusek, Jo Daggett, Vesta Parkey, Katherine Clark, Sandra Fitch, Maryellen Penwell, Linda Benefield, Joy Bentley, Mildred Tressenrider, Edna Goatee, Bobbie Paul, Jerri Lucas, Jessie Davis, Robbie Abshire, Walter Bartlett, Majorie Allen, Beverly Bohn, Gladys Bolling, Nell Brock and Joyce Martin.

Table No. 4: Reed Brown, Gayle Byrant, Lanelle Chafin, Betty Jean Clark, Jack Cleveland, Margie Coffee, Jewel Dammond, Ruth Gregerson, Jeanie Green, Ann Heidland, Karen Hess, Naomi Johnson, Frank Kelling, Rosalie Miller, Betty Salmon, Jane Stoltenberg, Bessie Stover, Maryella Morris, Joe Blair.

Table No. 5: Jean Stacy, Lillie Williams, Louella Willingham, Earlene Woodall, Cynthia Marr, Jane Oxley, Linda Joy Puckett, Genevieve Halbert, Kathy Cody, Pat Edwards, Dorothy Butler, Bernadine Smith, Billie Glover, Myra Sorenson, Bobby Pinto, Diane Davidson, Ray Weiss, Rosalie Blevins, Doris Jean Tyler, Maudell Greer, Vickie Dotson.

Table No. 6: Faye Strawn, Darlene Beverly, Antoinette Ohlmstead, Cowetta Engel, Gladys Pickett, Clifford Engel, Donna Reid, Opal Martin, Kimmie Kidd, Jeanette Tupper, Betty Capps, Alice Myatt, Linda Grand, Pollyann Heath, Sharon Apple, Merle Bentley, Nell Koontz, Doris Moore, Juanita Gregory and Elizabeth Hood.

Table No. 7: Carol Scott, Bobby Hayes, Wesley Jackson, Juanita Anderson, Gilbert Tyler, Douglas McCarty, Mary Nan Anderson, Betty Laird, Barbara Gregory, Jerry Trees, Lanell Cooper, Barbara Cunningham, Eva Mae Harwell, Earlene Rogers, Jewel Walker, Wanda Smith, Norma Jean McGee, Amy Wheeler, Frank Draper, Mary Rex, Mildred Lowe, Charlene Miller.

Table No. 8: Mary Cruse, Wanda O'Kelly, Hulene Wommack, Lockie Hicks, B.E. "Gene" Turner, Sandra Purdue, Boots Draper, Corine Pope, Mary Katherine Prather, Bernadine Murray, Yvonne Johnson, Ruth Jameson, Rebecca Dunn, Willie Mae Shaw, Nanette Nelson, Joyce Fields, Alma Bane, Kay Dressher.

I've been informed that Ruby Enloe is not present at this Grand Chapter. So Lois Bell will take her place, please. Ruby Faw, I think they told me I called, and she, of course, is my Jurisprudence.

How is Table No. 1? Table No. 2, Thelma Joyce, are your chairs all filled? Table No. 3, you need four, five? All right. John Graham, Betty Jo Dean, Ruth Jameson, Katherine Virgelo, Willie Nell Pope, Pat Archer. How is Table 4? You need five. I can't see or hear. Nine? Gosh! Betty Jo Bussing, Johnnie Long, Thelma Beavers, Dale Hester, Joyce McKnight, Lanier Hester, Elsie Tolliver, Kathy Maxey, Bernice adams. How is Table No. 5? Joyce Gilbert, Mary Kaye Lester, Warren Huckabee, Anna Huckabee, Betty Lou Davis, Elizabeth Weiss, Mary Crow, Bill Irwin, Shirley Hainline, Berandine Watson, Anna Blanks, Margareta Whitfield, Evelyn Woodcock, Kevin Flegal, Sam Cole, George Poff, William Monroe, Virginia Woods, Evelyn Stillhammer.

Pat, are you okay at 1? You need 5. Joyce Burgen, Mary Esther Stewart, Lenore Luzader, Georgia Franklin, J.D. Franklin.

All right. On the table judges, I'm going to call those and then I'll get to some more

names to fill your tables. Table judge, Table No. 1: Mary Brown; Table 2: Molly Goodpasture West; Table No. 3: Mildred Sharpe; Table No. 4: Harold Todd; Table 5: Oliver Chamberlin; Table 6: Ralph Davis; Table 8, Beulah Speer. I had written B.F. Huston on Table 7. Where did you end up, B.F.? I asked you to take Graham's place. Okay.

MRS. BETTY PHILLIPS: Worthy Grand Matron, Table 3 still needs 4.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Lucille Schmidt, Merle Glannon, Sandy Shipman, Dorothy Bond, Janie Fikes, Edna Chapman, Elsie Wright, Mercedes Harbison, Rick Dennis, Anna Ruth Kemp. Diane Davidson, I see you still sitting up there and I called you a long time ago. See, you just think you can't see from up here! I'm desperate.

Sister Katherine Poulis and Eunice Connell and Frances Key Herrin are coming down to assist also.

Harry Hainline, Table 2. Pearl Mills at Table 3, please. Hubert Mills, Mary Beech, Sylvia Skillman, Charles Moore, Vance Martin, A.D. Jackson, Mac Crowder. Table 6 for those last names that I called.

Table 7: Mary Ann Hultman, Don Long, Frances Wilburn, Jean Crawford, Crystal Ann Dickson, Lona Bradley, Helen Curb, Nina Truett, Helen Sanford and Evelyn Stice. Mary Ruth White, Diane Raddick, Katherine Meiss, Jow White, Joe Bentley, Evelyn Danielson, Charles Barbee, Edith Webb, Robin Merchant, Table 8. Leslie Dunsmore, Marvin McMullen, Bill Wommack.

Now how's Table 1, Pat? Is Mary Brown at Table 1? You're okay. Table 2, okay? How's Table 3, Betty? Table 4? Table 5? Table 6? Three. Sybil Yost, Bonnie Combest, Sam Cole, Donna Rings. How's 7? I can't believe this, Sisters and Brothers. I had 200 extra names. Are you all just hiding up there? Wanda Hatchenberg, Lorraine Nix, Elwanda Thompson, Pat Jenkins. How's Table 8? You need one. Mildred Priddy.

Okay. Barbara J. Smith, we have found a foldup wallet lavender in color, if you'll come to the Grand Secretary's desk. I'm so happy for you; I know what you must have felt.

Okay. Let me start again. Table No.1 is fine; is that correct? Mary Brown, table judge, is Table No. 1 okay? You're fine.

Table 2, Sister Molly? You're okay. Table 3. Good. Table 4, Effie Mae, y'all are okay? Table 5, good. 6, good. 7, Herb, are you okay at that table? You need three. All right. Winfred Harbinson, Katherine Dunn, Mary Pike. Edna Rainbo, Table 1. Katherine Dunn, Mary Pike and Winfred Harbinson, we need you at Table 7. Lena Maye, are y'all all right? You're okay. Fine.

All right. Now I'm pleased to appoint these efficient and dedicated members to operate our adding machines. Adding machine number 1: Kathleen Johnson; adding machine number 2: Marjorie Faircloth; adding machine number 3: Carol Stone; adding machine number 4: Kathy Johnson.

Bill Cruse, Table No. 1. What tables do need them? Hold up your hands. Send them over there. All right. We have one too many at Table 8. Go over to Table 1.

Do we have all the ones for the adding machines? You need one; is that correct? Charlene Green for the adding machines,

I understand the tables are filled and we're now ready to get into action. The Arrangements Committee has prepared the signs for your convenience. The candidate's name is printed on them after the nominations. I met with the candidates and they drew for position and order of nomination. The Code of Laws gives specific instructions, and I quote, "Nominations. Only the name of the candidate belongs and the office for which nominated shall be given. No member of this Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one elective office at any one session of Grand Chapter. The qualification is that no member shall hold two offices, either elected or appointed, in this Grand Chapter at the same time. If only one candidate is nominated, the election may be by acclamation. If two or more candidates are nominated, the vote shall be by ballot upon the official ballot form furnished to voting delegates. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. If on any ballot no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In case two or more candidates tie on the lowest number of votes and three or at least two other candidates receive a higher number of votes, then all candidates tied for the low number of votes shall be dropped. Subject to these regulations, the election shall proceed until some candidate receives the majority of all votes. The results shall be declared by the presiding officer. The Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels are instructed to allow no one to enter this Grand Chapter room." Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, the election judge, has given you your instructions; it's now time to begin our elections for the day. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside during the nomination of Sister Virginia Lynn.

Worthy Grand Patron, I am Jane Gregory, a Past Matron of Pasadena Chapter No. 711. I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Sister Virginia Lynn Green, a Past Matron of Mesquite Chapter No. 887, Mesquite, Texas, for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Are there other nominations? [No response.] Sister Virginia Green has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuring year. Are there other nominations? [No response.] I declare the nomination for the office of Worthy Grand Matron closed, and we will proceed to elect by acclamation.

All those in favor of electing Sister Virginia Lynn Green to the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year will please let it be known by saying aye. Those opposed, by saying no. Having received a unanimous vote, I declare Sister Virginia Lynn Green elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Sister Virginia, do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to thank this beautiful membership of Texas for this wonderful honor. It is with humility and pride that I do accept. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I ask you to preside.

WORKTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now in order for the office of Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Glenn Whitaker, Past Patron of Leah Elliott Chapter No. 1119 of Van Alstyne. It is with pleasure that I nominate Brother Garland Rattan for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the name of Brother Garland Rattan has been placed in nomination for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed, and

we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Brother Garland Rattan for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter will signify by saying aye. Opposed, no. I declare Brother Garland Rattan elected to the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Congratulations, Brother Garland, and do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a humble heart and gratitude to this membership that I accept. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Nominations are now in order for the office of Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Virginia Lynn Green, a Past Matron of Mesquite Chapter No. 887. I would like to place the name of Marcella Curry, a Past Matron of Robstown Chapter No. 540, for the office of Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the name of Sister Marcella Curry has been placed in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed; and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Sister Marcella Curry for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year will signify by saying aye. Opposed, no. I now declare Sister Marcella Curry elected to the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Congratulations, Sister Marcella. Do you accept?

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, with much humility and thanks to the membership of Texas, yes. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Nominations are now in order for the office Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

MRS. LAURA GEYER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Laura Geyer, Worthy Matron of Handley Chapter No. 617. I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Leland G. Benefield, Past Patron of Handley Chapter 617, for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the name of Brother Leland Benefield has been placed in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those on favor of Brother Leland Benefield for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year will signify by saying aye. Those opposed no. I now declare Brother Leland Benefield elected to the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Congratulations, Leland. Do you accept?

MR. LELAND BENEFIELD: Worthy Grand Matron and the members of Grand Chapter, I do accept this nomination. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Congratulations, Leland.

Nominations are now in order for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

MRS. GRACE ADERHOLT: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Grace Aderholt, Worthy Matron of South Hills Chapter No. 835. It is with pleasure that I place the name

of Sister Frances Burbank, a Past Matron of South Hills Chapter No. 835, Fort Worth, for the office of grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the name of Sister Frances Burbank has been placed in nomination for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Sister Frances Burbank elected to the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, please signify by saying aye. No. Sister Frances, congratulations; and do you accept?

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I accept and I am very grateful to the membership of this Grand Chapter for allowing me to serve in this position at this time. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Congratulations. Nominations are now in order for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

MRS. COLLEEN GASPARINI: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Colleen Gasparini, Worthy Matron of Arlington Heights No. 702. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Lola "Peaches" Wallace, a Past Matron of Arlington Heights No. 702, for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the name of Lola "Peaches" Wallace has been placed in nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chaper for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we'll proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Sister Lola "Peaches" Wallace for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter will signify by saying aye. No. I declare Sister Lola "Peaches" Wallace elected to the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Congratulations, Peaches, and I'm sure you'll want to accept.

GRAND TREASURER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Yes, I do want to thank the membership, and I do humbly accept. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Congratulations. Nominations are now opened for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Marcella Curry, a Past Matron of Robstown Chapter No. 540. It is with pleasure that I place in nomination the name of Sister Wanda Fairchild for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the name of Sister Wanda Fairchild has been placed in nomination for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Wanda Fairchild for Grand Conductress of this grand Chapter for the ensuing year will signify by saying aye. Opposed, no. You have elected Sister Wanda Fairchild for the office of Grand Conductress. Sister Wanda, congratulations.

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a grateful heart that I accept, and I will do my best. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: As stated earlier, I met with those who are

allowing their names to be placed in nomination for offices of this Grand Chapter. They have drawn for positions on the ballot. Would those who are to make the nominations for the office of Associate Grand Conductress come to the microphone at this time and make their nomination, according to the order drawn. You'll use the Worthy Grand Patron's podium. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

MRS. JANE LENDERMAN: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jane Lenderman, Worthy Matron of Burke Chapter No. 1098. It is my honor and my privilege to place the name of Rosemary Swetland, Past Matron of Burke Chapter No. 1098, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MRS. ANN KELLY: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ann Kelly, a Past Matron of Copperas Cove Chapter No. 1070. It is my pleasure to nominate Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Past Matron of Copperas Cove Chapter No. 1070, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Are there other nominations?

MRS. BETTY CHAPMAN: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Betty Chapman, Worthy Matron of Archives Chapter NO. 1095. I would like to place the name of Montie Malone in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MR. DAVID MOORE: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is David Moore, Worthy Patron on Plano Chapter No. 703. It is my pleasure to place in nomination Sister Alma Carter, Past Matron of Plano Chapter No. 703, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MRS. MAUREEN SKIPPER: I am Maureen Skipper, Worthy Matron of Bonita Chapter No. 184. I place in nomination the name of Sister Marjorie Errington, Past Matron of Bonita Chapter, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing Grand Chapter year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Will those nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress please come to the east in the order in which you were nominated? All right. Sisters and Brothers, those nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress are: Sister Rosemary Swetland, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Sister Montie Malone, Sister Alma Carter and Sister Marjorie Errington. Thank you, my ladies, and God bless. [Applause]

The ballot is now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. You will use Ballot No. 1. Are the names on all the boards up here?

All right. Pages, when you are finished collecting the ballots, then you will proceed and stand back of the chairs at Tables No. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Do not deposit the ballot until you are so instructed. The south side of our Grand Chapter room, 1, 2, 3 and 4.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Sisters and Brothers, I have a voting ballot that somebody has lost. I'm not sure how to pronounce the first name, Roslick, or something

like that, Collins, Athens 177. If you'll come show us some identification, we'll let you have some ballots in the future. Excuse me, the Worthy Grand Matron tells me it's Rosalie Collins. It's at the Grand Secretary's desk.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will go to Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 after you're finished collecting the ballots. Stand behind the chairs. Do not deposit the ballots until so instructed.

Has everyone cast their ballot? Has everyone cast their ballot? [No response.] I now declare the ballot closed. Just as soon as this last teller gets over to the tables here, we will allow deposit, but not yet.

You will now deposit the ballots upon Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Trustees for District 3.

MRS. FLO OWENS: I am Flo Owens, Worthy Matron of Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 929, Order of the Eastern Star, Waco, Texas. It is my pleasure to place the name of Brother Claude O. Ervin, Past Patron of Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 929, Waco, Texas, in nomination for the Board of Grand Trustees of District 3, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] If not, I declare the nominations closed; and we'll proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Claude Ervin for the office of the Board of Grand Trustees of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year will please signify by saying aye. Opposed, no. Brother Claude, congratulations, and will you come to the east, please.

Sisters and Brothers, this is Brother Claude Ervin of District 3 who has just been elected by you for the Board of Grand Trustees for District 3.

MR. CLAUDE ERVIN: I'd like to thank the membership for placing their confidence in me by electing me in this place of responsibility. I do accept with a great deal of, hopefully, courage and effort. Thank you very much. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Claude.

In the area of the choir, is that the ones that are not able to see the names? Can you see the one here on the north? Okay. I don't care what board you read, as long as you see one.

All right. Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence, District 2.

MR. RICK LESLIE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Rick Leslie, Past Patron of Paducah Chapter No. 506. I wish to place the name of Lindsay Pynes, a Past Patron of Levelland Chapter 797, for the office of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences for District 2.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] If not, I declare the nomination closed, and we'll proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Lindsay Pynes for the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence will signify by saying aye. Opposed, no. Brother Lindsay Pynes, would you come to the east, please, and let me introduce you.

Congratulations, Lindsay. You have just elected Lindsay Pynes to the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences for District 2. Do you accept?

MR. LINDSAY PYNES: Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank you and these Brothers and Sisters here for showing this confidence in me. I most humbly accept. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Congratulations, Lindsay.

Nominations are now opened for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 1.

MRS. SYLVIA BRANTLEY: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sylvia Brantley, Worthy Matron of The Colony Chapter No. 1136. I am placing the name of Lorrie Faith, Affiliated Past Matron of The Colony Chapter No. 1136, for the office of Grand Examiner District 1, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MRS. WILLIADEE EDWARDS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Williadee Edwards of Leah Elliott Chapter 1119 in Van Alstyne. I would like to place in nomination the name of June Whitaker, Past Matron of Leah Elliott Chapter 1119 in Van Alstyne, for the office of Grand Examiner, District 1, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MRS. CAROL WARNER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Carol Warner, Worthy Matron of Irving Chapter No. 777. It is my pleasure to place in nomination for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, a Past Matron of Irving Chapter No. 777, Mrs. Marijo King.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations? [No response.] Would these girls please come and stand in the east. Stand in order of nomination, please. This is Sister Lorrie Faith, June Whitaker and Marijo King whom you have heard nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 1. I now declare the ballot open for election. We will use Ballot No. 2. Please do not fold your ballot. This will speed the time that we so desperately need.

This ballot will be carried to Tables 4, 5 and 6, on the north side of this Grand Chapter room. Stand behind the chairs and do not deposit the ballot until so instructed. The tables on the north side, girls. Now, you're positively sure you're collecting all the sentinels' ballots, too? They have a vote. Don't forget to get the sentinels'. Has everybody cast their ballot? [No response.]

All right. They're proceeding to Tables 4, 5 and 6. They will stand behind the chairs. 5, 6 and 7, excuse me. 5, 6 and 7. Come on down to 8. We're going to need all four tables: 5, 6, 7 and 8 on the north side. Come on down so you're behind a chair. 5, 6, 7 and 8.

You're all in position. I now declare this ballot closed, and you will proceed to deposit the ballots on Tables 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Who controls the air conditioning? Jim, they said that right here the air is so strong, it's blowing the ballots off the tables. Everybody is going to have to scramble. But, remember, I'm hot natured. I don't want it shut off. Just in that one corner. [Laughter]

Let's just have a beautiful song from our choir and let these ones that tickle the ivory help us. [Song by Grand Choir.]

Thank you very much. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Murray Watson.

BROTHER MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, last evening when we were considering Constitutional Amendment No. 2—this is on the second reading — the membership approved it, but we still need to get the majority vote of the chapter representatives before we can dispose of this amendment. I move that we go ahead and ask the chapter representatives to vote on Amendment No. 2. This is the one that puts in the Constitution the requirement for the parliamentarian. It appears on page 66 of the Annual Report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, this is the chapter representative ballot. Use your pink card, those that are qualified to vote. Please signify—those in favor — by raising your pink card. Cards down. Those opposed. You have accepted Amendment No. 2. Thank you.

REPORT OF AMENDMENT NO. 12

BRO. MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers, we your committee on Jurisprudence, have reviewed Amendment No. 12 in your Annual Report on page 77. We find it to be legal and in proper form, and we present it to you for your consideration and action, and it reads as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 12

 ${\bf Code\ of\ Laws,\ Page\ 113,\ Article\ 189.\ ENTERTAINMENT\ OF\ VISITING\ GRAND\ OFFICERS:}$

Since it is the wish of the current Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to make official visits to each Grand Jurisdiction together, we propose the following:

Article 189 ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITING GRAND OFFICERS

Which now reads:

- (1) Each Most Worthy Grand Matron shall be invited to make an official visit to Texas Grand Chapter one year of the triennial of General Grand Chapter, at which time her Hotel room and Meals for three days of the session shall be paid by Texas Grand Chapter, and she be presented a gift of the value of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (2) Each Most Worthy Grand Patron shall be invited to visit Texas Grand Chapter as an Honor Guest one of the two remaining years of the triennium of General Grand Chapter, at which time his Hotel room and Meals for three days of the session shall be paid by Texas Grand Chapter, and he be presented a gift of the value of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).

Be amended as follows:

- (l) remain the same
- (2) remain the same
- (3) In the event the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron elect to make an official visit to Texas Grand Chapter together, the Most Worthy Grand Matron will have her Hotel room and Meals for three days of the session paid by Texas Grand Chapter, and she will be presented a gift of the value of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

The Most Worthy Grand Patron will have his Hotel room and Meals for three days of the session paid by Texas Grand Chapter and he will be presented a gift of the value of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).

The original number (3) will become (4) and the following paragraphs will be renumbered.

Signed: Virginia Lynn Green Ben Day Marcella Curry Penny Vletas Charlene Littlewood A.M. Crowder Sarah Valkus Coursey

This is the one that's dealing with the entertainment of the Grand Officers. The law reads now that they'll do one year and one the other. We're amending it to whereby that in the event the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron elect to officially visit the Texas Grand Chapter together, that they will be provided for in their hotel rooms, their meals, for three days in the same session, and they shall receive a gift of the value of \$50 for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron of \$35.

They have sent word that next year they would be visiting the Texas Grand Chapter. In order to be able to properly receive them, we ask that you approve this amendment to the Code of Laws. I move the adoption of Amendment No. 12.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to accept the adoption of Amendment No. 12. Is there any discussion? If so, come down to the mikes in the north and south. [No immediate response.] Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 12, please signify by raising your green cards. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. The amendment carries. You have adopted Amendment No. 12.

I sure would like to hear "Victory in Jesus." Are you prepared?

[Singing by Grand Choir.]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you very much. How beautiful! We will now put before you Amendment No. 6.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 6

DR. RUBY FAW: You will find Amendment No. 6 on page 70 in your book of reports. We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have reviewed Amendment No. 6, Annual Report, page 70. We find it to be in legal and proper form, and it is now presented for your consideration and action. This amendment is as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 6

Code of Laws, page 65, Article 69. NUMBER FURNISHED

WHEREAS it cost \$27,157.00 to print and mail the roster mailed in 1991 and

WHEREAS the primary use for this roster is to assist the Associate Grand Matron, the Grand Examiners and the Credentials and Registration Committees in determining eligibility to vote at Grand Chapter and

WHEREAS this roster is only printed every four years and is obsolete by the time it is printed and distributed, and

WHEREAS a survey of some chapter secretaries reveals that the individual chapters do not utilize their copies sufficiently to warrant this expense and

WHEREAS the information on Past Matrons and Past Patrons could be maintained in computer format and updated annually with a current machine printout being provided to those who require it each year

We the undersigned propose the following change to ARTICLE 69, which now reads

- 69. NUMBER FURNISHED. Copies of the Proceedings and Roster shall be furnished free of charge as follows:
 - (2) One copy of the Roster and one (1) copy of the Proceedings to each subordinate Chapter for Chapter files.

Be amended to read

- 69. NUMBER FURNISHED. Copies of the Proceedings shall be furnished free of charge as follows:
 - (2) One (1) copy to each subordinate Chapter for Chapter files.

Subparagraphs (1), (3), (4), (5) & (6) remain unchanged.

Signed: Charlene Littlewood

A. D. Jackson

Elizabeth Young Penny Vletas

Sarah Valkus Coursey

Every four years we publish a roster. This roster, the last time is was published, cost \$27,157 to print and mail. It is used primarily for the Associate Grand Matron, the Grand Examiners, Credentials and Registration Committee in determining eligibility to vote in Grand Chapter. But since it's printed only every four years, by the time it is printed it is already obsolete. You know that many of these line officers drop out and are no longer there. Many of the chapter secretaries do not utilize this enough to warrant the expense. So we, the undersigned, propose the following article to change Article 69, which now reads, "NUMBER FURNISHED. Copies of the Proceedings and Roster shall be furnished free of charge as follows: One copy of the Roster and one copy of the Proceedings to each subordinate chapter for chapter files," be amended to read the number furnished will be one copy of the Proceedings to each chapter and no roster. This is signed by Charlene Littlewood, A. D. Jackson, Elizabeth Young, Penny Vletas, Sarah Volkus Coursey.

The thinking behind this is that this record could be put on the computer and these computerized pages be given to these people, and it would be up to date. Keep in mind, however, that you probably will need to add some secretarial help in the office for a portion or all of this \$27,000, but you would have it up to date. Therefore, we, the Jurisprudence Committee, urge that you pass Amendment No. 6, and I so move.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you heard the recommendation of Amendment No. 6 to be adopted by the Jurisprudence Committee. Is there any discussion? [No response.] You will signify by raising the green card if you're in favor of accepting this amendment. Cards down. Opposed, like sign. You have adopted Amendment No. 6. Thank you.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION NO. 3

DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN: Turn in your books to page 93, to Resolution No. 3. Resolution No. 3 on page 93.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have reviewed this resolution. We find it to be in legal and proper form, and it's now presented for your consideration. It reads thus:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

In the event of a change in the Subordinate Chapter year, the Chapter will pay the normal per-capita dues on May 31, 1993 and the pro rata share of dues will then be paid on the closing date of the new Subordinate Chapter year for the number of months due until the new close of the Subordinate Chapter year.

Signed: Marcell L. Bailey
Frances Burbank Elizabeth Young
Marcella Curry Patsy Wilson
Ben Day A. D. Jackson
Charlene Littlewood Sarah Valkus Coursey

A.M. Crowder Helen Hare

We feel this could have been done next year, but since you've already adopted No. 14 to change the subordinate chapter year, that will become effective at the end of Grand Chapter next year, we'd go ahead and put this in and have it ready. It will not become effective until the following year when you'll pay the per capital in the end of May '94, and then the pro rata part would come due later that year... October, I believe it is.

I so move the approval of Resolution No. 3.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee that we adopt Resolution No. 3.

DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN: The question has been raised about amending it to 1994 in the resolution. We even though about just laying it over till next year's Jurisprudence Committee. I think you understand that this cannot become effective until the second reading, passing the Constitutional change. This merely gets it ready for that change, when it takes place.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Is there any discussion? [No response.] All those in favor of accepting Resolution No. 3, as presented by the Jurisprudence Committee, please raise your green card. Cards down. All those opposed, like sign. You have accepted Resolution No. 3.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 11

MR; C. A. HOLMES: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers, the Code of Laws Amendment No. 11, found on page 77 of your Advance Report. We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have reviewed Amendment No. 11, Annual Report, page 77. We find it to be in legal and proper form, and it is now presented for your consideration and action and reads as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 11

Code of Laws, page 113, Article 187. FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

TO BE ADDED:

Members who have received their Fifty-Year Certificates PRIOR to October 31, 1991 will retain their exemptions from dues and per-capita tax. If they were also exempt in a Dual Chapter PRIOR to October 31, 1991 they will continue to be exempt in the Dual Chapter as well. However, the Dual Chapter EXEMPTION cannot be transferred to another Dual Chapter.

Affiliations by Dual Membership AFTER October 31, 1991 will not be exempt.

Signed: Billie Wilk Shirley Martindale Jan Haag Joyce Tigert Frances Burbank

I move the adoption of Amendment No. 11.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the mikes in the north and south by the Conductresses' stations are for your convenience, if you have any discussing that you want to present. It has been moved that we adopt Amendment No. 11. Is there any discussion? [No response.] Sisters and Brothers, signify if you are ready to adopt Amendment No. 11 by raising your green cards. Cards down. Those opposed, like sign. The motion is carried. You have adopted Amendment No. 11.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 3

DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN: On page 67 in your booklet you'll find Amendment No. 3 for its first reading. Amendment No. 3, signed by the committee, has the whereases and then lists the 19 committees of Grand Chapter, and then it says, "Be amended as follows: Committees: The Grand Chapter shall, by law, provide for the appointment of such committees as it may deem for the best interest of Grand Chapter, including the following," and it lists 18. The difference in this amendment is that there's a combination, taking two committees and putting them together, that being the committees of Registration and Transportation and Mileage. Since we've done away with basically all the mileage anyway, they won't have much to do, so we're adding those two committees, putting them into one. That committee that signed this is Warren Huckabee, Patricia Smith Shelton and Madeline Steer.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

Constitution, page 43, Article IX. GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES.

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Mileage Committee and the Registration Committee are presently separate committees specified under Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, these two committees must of necessity work together in performing their required duties; and

WHEREAS, there is some confusion among the delegates attending Grand

Chapter session about where to pick up their credentials, especially among those have not previously attended Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, if these two committees functioned as one, with the same number of committee members (10), the work should be easier and there would be less confusion at Grand Chapter sessions; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article IX, Section 1. COMMITTEES, which now reads:

"SECTION 1. COMMITTEES: The Grand Chapter shall, by law, provide for the appointment of such Committees as it may deem for the best interest of Grand Chapter, including the following:

- (1) Fraternal Correspondent.
- (2) Credentials.
- (3) By-Laws.
- (4) Chapters Under Dispensation.
- (5) Jurisprudence.
- (6) Grievance and Appeals.
- (7) Transportation and Mileage.
- (8) Educational Fund.
- (9) Purposes and Policies.
- (10) Registration.
- (11) Humanitarian.
- (12) ESTARL.
- (13) O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund.
- (14) Choir Director.
- (15) International Temple Committee.
- (16) Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session.
- (17) Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements.
- (18) Eastern Star Museum Committee.
- (19) Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee."

BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

"SECTION 1. COMMITTEES: The Grand Chapter shall, by law, provide for the appointment of such Committees as it may deem for the best interest of Grand Chapter, including the following:

- (l) Fraternal Correspondent.
- (2) Credentials.
- (3) By-Laws.
- (4) Chapters Under Dispensation.
- (5) Jurisprudence.
- (6) Grievance and Appeals.
- (7) Registration, Transportation and Mileage.
- (8) Educational Fund.
- (9) Purposes and Policies.
- (10) Humanitarian.
- (11) ESTARL.
- (12) O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund.
- (13) Choir Director.
- (14) International Temple Committee.
- (15) Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session.
- (16) Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements.
- (17) Eastern Star Museum Committee.
- (18) Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee."

The remainder of Article IX, Section 1 and Section 2 to remain unchanged.

(Resolutions to change Code of Laws to be considered following approval of this amendment upon second reading.)

Submitted by: Warren C. Huckabee Patricia Smith Shelton Madeline Steer

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed this and we find it to be in legal and proper form, and it is now presented for your consideration. I move its adoption.

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE WEST: Worthy Grand Matron -

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize the mike in the south.

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE WEST: I'm Molly Goodpasture West, Past Matron of Brownfield Chapter No. 785. Yesterday we did away with all mileage, so the Transportation and Mileage Committee needs to be omitted. It would be redundant now to add Transportation and Mileage with the Registration Committee because we no longer need a Transportation and Mileage Committee.

We also in our law deleted the Transportation and Mileage Committee. Okay?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Okay.

DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN: It's perfectly fine with me just to strike out the Transportation and Mileage on there, although there will still be 19 committees since you already added another one back in. The 19th one will be the parliamentarian committee.

MR. BEN DAY: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize the mike in the south.

MR. BEN DAY: I am Ben Day, Worthy Patron of Highland Park Chapter No. 1029. I move that we amend the amendment by striking the words "Transportation and Mileage" out of No. 7 and leaving just "Registration."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have an amendment to the amendment, striking the Transportation and Mileage, was that what it was, Ben?

MR. WARREN HUCKABEE: Brother O. D. Christian —

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Wait just a minute, please. You've got an amendment to the amendment before you. Is there any discussion on it? I recognize the mike in the north.

MR. WARREN HUCKABEE: Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Warren Huckabee, Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest, that signed that. This last year I was on that committee in San Antonio, and there were several checks for 17 or 75 cents, and it took five to ten dollars to write them. I was wanting to do away with that, and the members that are on that Transportation and Mileage, they can be used in the Registration Committee because it gets busy on the last day.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Any more discussion on the amendment to the amendment? [No response.] All those in favor of the amendment to the amendment, please signify by raising your cards. Cards down. All those opposed, same sign. You

have adopted the amendment to remove Transportation and Mileage.

Is there any more discussion on the amendment as amended? [No response.] I see none. Will you raise the green cards to accept Amendment No. 3 as amended. All those in favor, raise your green card. Cards down. All those opposed, like sign. You have adopted Amendment No. 3 for the first reading, as amended.

Evelyn K. Hudson, Past Matron of Borger Chapter No. 211 — we've got your ballots here at the Grand Secretary's desk.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 1

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Sisters and Brothers, your Jurisprudence Committee is ready to present for your consideration Amendment No. 1. We have reviewed Amendment No. 1, due for a second reading. It's in the Annual Report on page 65. We find it to be in legal and proper form and it is now presented for your consideration and action. It is a Constitutional amendment, and this is the second reading.

We now wish to amend this amendment. The original amendment says to delete paragraph (b). We wish to amend that amendment to have paragraph (b) read as follows: "Orphaned children of members who were affiliated at time of death with a subordinate chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction and children of affiliated members of a subordinate chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction who are not able to care for and support said children may be admitted to the Home by said Board of Directors."

We wish to reinstate this paragraph concerning orphaned children for legal reasons. This amendment to the amendment is offered now for your consideration.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

WHEREAS, our laws regarding eligibility for residency in the O.E.S. Home of Texas need updating, we, the undersigned, propose the following changes in Paragraphs 2 c (a) and 2 c (b) of Art. VII, C, Sec. 8, page 42, of the Constitution.

WHICH NOW READS:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES SECTION 8. DUTIES.
Paragraph 2 c (a) and (b)

"Old and indigent female or male members who have been affiliated with a subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the time of making application for admission; and provided, that they also meet the other requirements that are, or may be from time to time promulgated by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences."

"Orphan children of members, who were affiliated at the time of death with a subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction, and children of affiliated members of a subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction who are not able to care for and support said children, may be admitted to the Home, by said Board of Directors."

BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) "Members who have been affiliated with a subordinate Chapter of this

Grand Jurisdiction for at least five (5) years immediately preceding and/or ten (10) accumulative years at the time of making application for admission; and provided, that they also meet the other requirements that are, or may be from time to time, promulgated by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

(B) BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Submitted by: A.M. "Mac" Crowder
Nelda Hastings Marcell L. Bailey
Ben Day Patsy Wilson

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the amendment to the amendment. Is there any discussion? [No response.] Hearing none, we will vote on the amendment to amend Amendment No. 1. All those in favor, lift your green cards. Cards down. Opposed, like sign. You have adopted the amendment to Amendment No. 1.

Now we are ready to vote on Amendment No. 1 as amended. All those in favor, lift the green card. Cards down. All those opposed.

Now then, we'll take the chapter representatives, the pink cards. All those in favor, lift those. Cards down. All those opposed. You have adopted Amendment No. 1 as amended. Thank you. That was the second reading.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 7

MR. C. A. HOLMES: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Amendment No. 7 to the Code of Laws, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, have reviewed Amendment No. 7, Annual Report, page 71. We find it to be in legal and proper form, and it is now presented for your consideration and action and reads as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 7

Article 81, Page 68, Code of Laws, ADDITIONAL DUTIES, (11)

Chapter 5, A, Article 81 (11) reads:

(11) The Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees shall be custodian of the surety bonds of the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the Treasurer of the Board of Directors Grand Chapter Benevolences; and they shall be placed in safekeeping and must be turned over to her/his successor in office.

Be amended to read:

(11) The Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees shall be custodian of the surety bonds of the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer the Treasurer of the Board of Directors Grand Chapter Benevolences; and the Superintendent of the OES Home of Texas; and they shall be placed in safekeeping and must be turned over to her/his successor in office.

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Chapter 5, B, Article 82, 9, C:

The following sub-paragraph be added as (2) and successive subparagraphs be renumbered (3) through (8).

(2) The Superintendent shall make a surety bond in such amount as may be required. The premium on said bond shall be paid out of Home Operating Funds.

Submitted by:
Board of Directors Grand Chapter Benevolences
A.M. "Mac" Crowder, Chairman
Ben Day, Vice Chairman
Marcell L. Bailey, Secretary
Patsy Wilson, Treasurer
Helen Hare, Member

I have an amendment to this amendment, amend the proposed amendment, Article 82, 9, C: (2) of the proposed amendment by adding after the words "surety bond" and before the words "in such amount," the words "or shall be covered by the crime policy of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star." This is the amendment to the amendment, signed by Murray Watson and Frances Burbank. I move the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee to adopt the amendment to Amendment No. 7. Is there any discussion? [No response.] All those in favor, lift your green card. Cards down. Like sign for opposed. You have adopted the amendment to Amendment No. 7.

You will now consider Amendment No. 7 as amended. The Jurisprudence Committee recommends that we adopt No. 7. All those in favor, lift your green card. Cards down. Those opposed. You have adopted Amendment No. 7 as amended for the first reading.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'd like to call on our chairman of Registration to bring his report.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

MR. JAMES H. PARKER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Registration Committee, I offer our sincere thanks to you for the opportunity of serving our Grand Chapter. We trust our best services have proved acceptable and worthy.

Pre-Registrations	3.155
Voting Delegates, registered since October 7	
Non-voting Members, registered	554
Visitors of other Grand Jurisdictions Registered	96
Ladies of the Home, Registered	
Total Registrations	4,153
Less: Exempt from Registration Fees: Ladies of the O.E.S. Home Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron	
Total Registration Fees	4,142

Total Registration Fees, collected:

4,142 x \$10.00 =\$4	1,420.00
Total Monies Deposited\$4	1,420.00

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Janice Herridge, District #1
Carl G. Unlaub, District #2
Mrs. Becky Walker, District #3
Mrs. Avanel Galloway, District #5
James H. Parker, District #4, Chairman

I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Jim, and the committee. The report is superb. I believe it beats last year. Sisters and Brothers, you have just heard the report of the Registration Committee. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt it. All in favor will signify by showing your green cards. Cards down. Opposed. Accepted. Thank you very much.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 16

DR. RUBY FAW: Sisters and Brothers, if you will look on page 89 in your Annual Report, this is the Code of Laws, Amendment No. 16. We, your Jurisprudence Committee, have reviewed this Amendment No. 16, Annual Report, page 89. We find it to be in legal and proper form, and it is now presented for your consideration and action. It is as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 16

Code of Laws, Page 149, Article 293. REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS

In order to clarify the intent of the membership at our last Grand Chapter Session and believing that no amendment should be retroactive, we propose the following:

WHICH NOW READS:

- (5) Exemption from Dues. A Chapter may by a majority vote of those present exempt all or any part of the Chapter dues of the following members:
- (a) Members of the O.E.S. Home or members of the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas.
- (b) Members who have paid dues for fifty (50) years and have been awarded a Certificate of Fifty-Year Membership.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

(5) Exemption from Dues. All members residing in the O.E.S. Home or Home for Aged Masons who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas will be exempt from dues and per-capita tax.

A Chapter may by a majority vote of those present exempt all or any part of the Chapter dues of the following members:

(a) Members who have paid dues for fifty (50) years and have been awarded a Certificate of Fifty-Year Membership.

Signed: Shirley Martindale Joyce Tigert

Billie Wilk Jan Haag Frances Burbank

You remember we had the vote to exempt all 50-year members and those in the Eastern Star and Masonic Homes from dues. Finding that this was a very foolish thing, we came back last year and voted that only those who received this before 1991, because we could not undo what we had done there, would now start paying dues. This is an amendment to clarify that.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, move the adoption of Amendment No. 16 to the Code of Laws.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee to adopt Amendment No. 16. Is there any discussion? [No response.] This will be a first reading. All those in favor, lift your green cards. All those opposed, lift your green card. You have adopted Amendment No. 16.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 10

DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN: Worthy Grand Patron, the membership will enjoy this one. It is Amendment No. 10 found on page 75 in your booklet. Let me give you time to turn to it. Since you've already passed other legislation, the Jurisprudence Committee is going to withdraw that one because it's inappropriate. It deals with transportation and mileage.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 13

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Sisters and Brothers, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, have reviewed Amendment No. 13 found on page 78 in the Annual Report. We find it to be in legal and proper form, and it is now presented for your consideration and action and reads as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 13

Code of Laws, Page 126, Article 220. PREVIOUS VISITATION REQUIRED Now Reads:

Article 220. PREVIOUS VISITATION REQUIRED. Every Applicant for affiliation shall visit a Chapter within the preceding twelve months before presenting a petition for membership therein. Such petition, however, accompanied by a valid demit and the required fee, may be presented at the time of such visitation, simultaneously with such member being seated in said Chapter.

In the event a member, holding a demit, Grand or otherwise, is unable to visit a Chapter In order to affiliate, the visitation requirement may be waived by the Worthy Grand Matron

TO BE ADDED:

A request for a waiver is required and must be by vote of the Chapter.

Signed: Billie Wilk
Shirley Martindale Joyce Tigert
Jan Haag Frances Burbank

Amendment No. 13, Code of Laws, PREVIOUS VISITATION REQUIRED, that does not change. Paragraph, 2 does not change. The change is to be added, this statement at the close of paragraph 2: A request for a waiver is required and must be voted by the chapter. Your Jurisprudence Committee unanimously and wholeheartedly recommends the acceptance of this amendment.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Jurisprudence recommendation of adopting Amendment No. 13. Is there any discussion? [No response.] Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 13, please raise your green card. Cards down. Those opposed, like sign. You have adopted Amendment No. 13. Thank you.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 17

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, would like to bring up for your consideration Amendment No. 17 that appears in your Annual Report on page 90. We find it to be in legal and proper form, and it is now being presented to you for your consideration and action and reads as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 17

Code of Laws, Page 150b. Article 294. PROCEDURE FOR CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS

TO BE ADDED:

Consolidations will become effective on the date the Chapter votes to accept them; however, should they wish to delay the EFFECTIVE date of the Consolidation a motion can be made to make the Consolidation Effective on a date agreed upon by BOTH Chapters.

Signed: Billie Wilk
Shirley Martindale Jan Haag
Joyce Tigert Frances Burbank

There is an amendment to this proposal from the floor which reads as follows: "All chapter or chapters which are going to consolidate into another chapter shall file an annual report with the Grand Secretary and with the receiving chapter listing all of its current assets and all of its previous year's assets. The consolidated chapter shall submit a list of all assets to be delivered to the receiving chapter on the effective date of the consolidation. When consolidating a chapter into a receiving chapter, the assets of the chapter shall not be disposed of for less than their full and adequate consideration; and no asset may be given away. All assets are to be transferred to the receiving chapter." Submitted by Murray Watson, Jr., and Frances Burbank.

This is in order to keep a chapter, if they delay their consolidation, from making dispositions of their assets other than by transferring them to the receiving chapter. I move the adoption of the amendment, Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee to adopt the amendment to Amendment No. 17. Is there any discussion? [No response.] Hearing none, are you ready to vote on the amendment to Amendment No. 17. All those in favor, lift your green card. Cards down. All those opposed, like sign. You have adopted the amendment to Amendment No. 17.

Sisters and Brothers, are you ready to vote on Amendment No. 17, as amended. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please lift your green card. Cards down. All those opposed, like sign. Thank you. You have adopted Amendment No. 17 as amended.

Thank you. You are still the greatest in the world.!

FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MR. MURRAY WATSON, JR.: As Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, I would like to thank the other members of the Jurisprudence Committee for their dedicated service to this Grand Chapter.

We appreciate the attentiveness of the membership during all of the legislation presented.

We have reviewed the decisions, rulings, handling of irregularities and recommendations of the Worthy Grand Matron and unanimously approve all actions.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for appointing us to serve on this special Committee this year. We commend you and the Worthy Grand Patron for your concern of the affairs of Grand Chapter. God bless you in the days to come.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Murray Watson, Jr., Chairman O. D. Christian C. A. "Bill" Holmes Joe E. Jeffers Ruby Perkins Faw

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we do not have an election. On Ballot No. 1, votes cast: 3579; needed to elect: 1790. Candidates received: Rosemary Swetland, 1433, Alma Carter, 317; Montie Malone, 1192; Yvonne Brownfield, 173; Marjorie Errington, 320. Alma Carter and Yvonne Brownfield's name will be dropped, and we will proceed to ballot on Ballot No. 3. I now declare the ballot open. Ballot No. 3.

While the ballots are being collected, I'll call on the Museum Committee.

REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

MRS. KITTY ALLEN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers:

Immediately after the 1991 Grand Chapter Session, the \$25.00 appropriation check for Museum expenses was received and returned to the Grand Secretary.

A detailed inventory was made of the Museum, as there had not been one since 1986.

At least one committee member attended all planned parties of the Worthy Grand Matron at the Home and served as hostess for the Museum visitors.

Gold numerals were donated and placed on all cabinets by Elsie Wright.

We appreciate all visitors and have a lovely Guest Book for them to sign, donated by the Museum Committee:

Kitty M. Allen	District 1
Barbara L. Oches, Co-Chairman	District 2
Norma Jean Graham	District 2
Elsie M. Wright	District 3
Joy Bentley	District 4
D. Jane Alberthal	District 5

The following items were donated to the Museum:

- 1. Dr. Effie Mae Davis Dress
- 2. Pat Major Neinast Dress and Parasol
- 3. Gavel belonging to Catherine Miller, Past Matron, El Paso #4 donated by Helen Watt
- 4. O. E. S. Vanity given by Kitty Allen
- 5. O. E. S. Spoon and Drama of Excellence Spoon from Mary Kito
- 6. Large Wooden Gavel, used by Claude Austin when he was Worshipful Grand Master in 1944
- 7. Longfellows Birthday Book given to Claude Austin from Pat Major, donated by Bob Bruner
- 8. Belle Tomlinson Past Grand Matron's Jewel given to Mary Ella Shoverling and donated by her
- 9. Irving Assembly #120 O. R. G. box of programs and roster etc. given by Winnie Vaughn
- 10. O. R. G. Ritual, White Bible, Gold Book and Service Bars donated by Shanel Stone

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Excuse me, Sister Kitty. Have all the ballots been collected? No. Okay. When they are, they will be deposited at Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4, but not until you are told.

MRS. KITTY ALLEN:

- 11. McCoy Ritual from Ed Shelton
- 12. Three-Shelf Cabinet given by Elsie Wright
- 13. Framed Notice of Rob Morris death from our Worthy Grand Matron
- Book of Marches of the Worthy Grand Matrons of Texas donated by Rosemary Swetland
- 15. Three Plates, O. E. S. Dishes and Signet Cloth from Barbara Ochs
- 16. Two 8 x 10 Pictures, Certificate, 1957 Grand Assembly Program, Two Rainbow Girl News, Study Questions with an A Certificate pin, Birthday Card, two newspaper articles and 1955 Grand Assembly Program from Marijo King
- 17. Large Masonic Bible belonging to Paul Stoneman
- 18. Jane Gregory Dress now on Display in the Museum.

I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Kitty. You and your committee certainly have made that a place of interest and one that no one wants to miss. Sisters and Brothers, you have just heard the motion made and seconded to adopt the Museum Report. All in favor will signify by raising their green card. Cards down. Opposed, same sign. Adopted. Thank you very much, Kitty.

Have all the ballots been collected now? I now declare the ballot closed, and you will deposit the ballots on Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Sisters and Brothers, nominations are in order for Grand Examiner of District 2..

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE WEST: Worthy Grand Matron, we're missing a teller at Table 2.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Betty Timberlake, will you please take that place. \end{tabular}$

MRS. SUE PHARES: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sue Phares, Worthy Matron of Lubbock Chapter No. 76. I am pleased to nominate Joyce Fields, Past Matron of Denver City No. 863, now affiliated with Chapter No. 76, for the office of Grand Examiner, District 2, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Sister Joyce Fields has just been nominated for Grand Examiner of District 2. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed, and we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Joyce Fields as Grand Examiner of District 2 will signify by saying aye. Opposed, no. You have just elected Joyce Fields, Grand Examiner of District 2. Sister Joyce, would you come to the east, please.

Sisters and Brothers, this is your beautiful Sister Joyce Fields who has just been elected by you as Grand Examiner of District 2. Congratulations, Joyce. [Applause]

Nominations are now in order for the office of Grand Examiner, District 3.

MRS. ROWENA CALFEE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Rowena Calfee, Worthy Matron of Waco Chapter No. 7. It is my pleasure to place into nomination the name of Alma Lynn Bane, a Past Matron of Waco Chapter No. 7 for the Board of Grand Examiners as the District 3 member for the ensuing Grand Chapter year. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. The name of Sister Alma Lynn Bane has just been placed in nomination for Grand Examiner of District. 3. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we'll proceed to elect by acclamation Sister Alma Lynn Bane. All in favor, let it be known by saying aye. Opposed, no. You have just elected Alma Bane your Grand Examiner of District 3. Sister Alma, would you come to the east.

Sisters and Brothers, this is your lovely Grand Examiner of District 3, Sister Alma Lynn Bane. Congratulations. {applause}

Gracie Hartwell, if she is in this Grand Chapter room, will she please go to Table 2. Gracie Hartwell. Does anybody know if she's in the room? Jo Ann Connor, if Gracie is not in the room, Jo Ann Connor, we need another teller at Table 2. The one that was there had to leave unexpectedly. Will someone wave an arm or something if you're Jo

Ann Connor or Gracie Hartwell? Is that you up in the heavens? Okay. Thank you. You're getting your replacement, Brother Harry.

Nominations are now in order for the Grand Examiner of District 5.

MRS. JULIA VANDER HAMM: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Julia Vander Hamm, and I'm Worthy Matron of Shertz Chapter No. 911. I wish to place the name of Nanette Nelson, a Past Matron of Shertz Chapter and a Dual Member of Army Chapter No. 664, in nomination for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. The name of Nanette Nelson has just been placed in nomination as Grand Examiner of District 5. Are there other nominations? [No response.] Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we'll proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Nanette Nelson as Grand Examiner of District 5, let it be known by saying aye. Opposed, no. You have just elected Sister Nanette Nelson. Sister Nanette, would you come to the east.

Sister and Brothers, this is your lovely Sister Nanette Nelson whom you have just elected as Grand Examiner of District 5. Congratulations, Nanette. [Applause]

Nominations are now in order for the Grand Examiner at Large.

MRS. BETTY GIBBONS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Betty Gibbons, a Past Matron of Duncanville Chapter No. 1014. I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Jimmie Lee McMahon, a Past Matron of Duncanville No. 1014, for the office of Grand Examiner at Large for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. The name of Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon has just been placed in nomination as Grand Examiner at Large. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and we'll proceed to elect by acclamation Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon. All in favor will signify by saying aye. Opposed, no. You have just elected Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon as Grand Examiner at Large.

Sister and Brothers, this is your Grand Examiner at Large, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon. Congratulations. [Applause]

I think that this second ballot will soon be ready. So in the meantime let's hear from the choir again. We won't start any reports that we'd have to stop. We'll get those that tickle the ivories, our Grand Organist, or Pat, or Curtis, or whoever is there. How about "Beautiful Texas," or something real peppy? Y'all might like to stand, membership, and stretch your legs. [Singing by Grand Choir.]

Thank you. We have an election. On Ballot No. 2, total ballots cast: 3517; needed to elect: 1759. Lorrie Faith: 463; June Whitaker: 1873; Marijoe King: 1811. You have elected June Whitaker, Grand Examiner of District 1. [Applause] Now, Sisters and Brothers, let's not show a display, please. There are feelings on both sides, and it's only fair that we be subdued. We will see them individually.

All right. Sisters and Brothers, nominations are now in order for the office of Grand Examiner of District 4.

MR. JOHN ELKINTON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am John Elkinton, Worthy Patron of Pearland Chapter No. 1065. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name

of Karen Morganthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter No. 1065, for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MRS. MILDRED LOVE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Mildred Love, Junior Past Matron of Andral Van Chapter No. 741 in Houston. I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Sister Naomi Wolfe, a Past Matron of Hurst Chapter No. 1099 and Andral Van Chapter No. 741, Houston, for the office of Grand Examiner of District 4 for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Are there other nominations?

MRS. SHERRI GARNER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sherri Garner, Worthy Matron of Seabrook Chapter No. 1096. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Coy Baker, a Past Matron of Pasadena Chapter No. 711, and a Dual Member and Past Matron of Seabrook Chapter No. 1096, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MRS. KATHLEEN CUDD: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Kathleen Cudd, a Past Matron of Pearland Chapter No. 1065. I wish to place in nomination the name of Betty Warner, a Past Matron of Pearland Chapter No. 1065, for the office of Grand Examiner, District 4.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations? [No response.] If not, I declare the nominations closed, and we will proceed to elect. First, I would ask those nominated to come to the east in the order they were nominated.

Sister and Brothers, these are your nominees for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 4: Karen Morganthaler, Naomi Wolfe, Coy Baker, Betty Warner. Thank you, girls. We will proceed to cast our vote on Ballot No. 4. I now declare the ballot open.

While the ballots are being cleared, I am going to call on the Grand Historian for her report.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN COMMITTEE

MRS. JUDITH VAN HORN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:

Myrtle Speck - District I, Norma Fisher - District II, Linda Totten - District III, Hazel Smith - District IV, Emily Duty - District V and I thank you for asking us to serve with you during your Grand Chapter year.

The Grand Historian Committee was originally charged with writing the brief history for Past Grand Matrons Betty Phillips and Effie Mae Davis that would appear on the Historical Highlights pages. Upon being informed that these ladies were responsible for writing their own, this Committee offered to assist the Historical Highlights Committee by selling the Books and the new pages when they were made available.

The Grand Historian Committee set up a table at Festal Day and sold 4 books and

22 pages. The star committee person is Hazel Smith, District IV, who sold 14 books and 29 pages. Total sales made by the Grand historian Committee were 22 books and 59 pages.

There were, of course, many more books and pages sold during the year by the Historical Highlights Committee, as reported by Irene Linam, Chairman, and by direct orders from the Grand Secretary's office.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move adoption of this report.

Judith Van Horn General Chairman Grand Historian Committee 1991-92

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Judith. You just heard the report of the Grand Historian. There has been a motion made and seconded that we accept. All in favor, raise your green cards. Those opposed. Thank you for the adoption.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, we have our Grand Examiner of District 1 in the east, and I'd like to introduce her to you now. Sister June, would you come forward. Sisters and Brothers, this is your Grand Examiner of District 1, Sister June Whitaker. [Applause]

I would now call on the spokesman for our Poet Laureate. Brother Hubert Paul was ill and unable to be here to give his report, so Sister Colleen Gasparini will bring the report for Brother Hubert.

REPORT OF THE POET LAUREATE

MRS. COLLEEN GASPARINI: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I am Colleen Gasparini, Worthy Matron of Arlington Heights Chapter No. 702. As our Worthy Grand Matron said, our Grand Poet Laureate was ill and unable to be here. This is his letter.

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for the honor of serving you and Grand Chapter as Poet Laureate for 1991-1992. It has been a great honor, one that will always be close in my heart. I loved sharing my thoughts and feelings with the membership through the 12 poems I wrote for the Bulletin. I hope they were received in the spirit of love and faith, as intended.

I am saddened by the fact that I did not visit as much as I wanted due to ill health. Regretfully, I will not be able to attend Grand Chapter. My wish for you and each member of our beautiful Order is all the good things God has prepared for each of us. Signed: Hubert L. Paul, Poet Laureate.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Colleen. You have just heard a motion made and seconded that we adopt the Poet Laureate's report. Brother Hubert, I think, has done a magnificent job in the poetry that he has given to you the membership to enjoy. He has a beautiful talent. All in favor of adopting the Poet Laureate's report will please signify by raising your green cards. Cards down. Those opposed. It's adopted. Thank you.

Have all the ballots been collected? Have all the ballots been picked up? [No

response.] I now declare the ballot closed, and the pages will proceed to Tables 5, 6 and 7, if necessary.

Go to 5, 6, 7 and 8. You will now deposit the ballots on Tables 5, 6, 7 and 8.

I would like to call now on David Dibrell, chairman of the Endowed Membership.

REPORT OF THE ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MR. DAVID DIBRELL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

The Endowed Membership are:

District I, Mr. David Dibrell, General Chairman District II, Mrs. Karen Kidd District III, Mrs. Clelia Burch District IV, Mr. Jack Wright District V, Mr. Henry Knepp

From November 1, 1987 to October 31, 1989, a total of 113 Endowed Memberships were purchased.

From November 1, 1989 to October 1, 1990, a total of 93 Endowed Memberships were purchased.

From October 1, 1990 to November 1, 1991, a total of 110 Endowed Memberships were purchased.

For this Grand Chapter Year, from November 1, 1991 to October 1, 1992, a total of 164 Endowed Memberships were purchased. The total count of Endowed Memberships now stands at 480.

The Committee wishes to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for selecting us for this place of service. The Committee worked hard to accomplish our goals and we each wish to thank the membership for their support and participation in this vital Grand Chapter program. Thanks also to Mrs. Lola Wallace, Grand Treasurer, for her support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted, David B. Dibrell General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've just heard the report from the General Chairman of the Endowed Membership. The motion has been made and seconded that we accept this report. All in favor will signify by raising your green cards. Cards down. Opposed. you have adopted the Endowed Membership. Brother David, I certainly do appreciate the efforts you and your committee have put forth. As they say, every little bit helps; and you certainly have performed so well. Now, if Brother Cleo would come over and take our picture. The rest of the committee left.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: May I speak while you're photographing?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Go ahead.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Sisters and Brothers, as you know, we had a few Annual Reports that had some bad copies. We have about 20 left on the table out there and about 150 ditty bags or partial ditty bags. You're welcome to them. I encourage you not to gather up ten at a time because some of your other Sisters and Brothers may want one. Right where you registered and picked up your credentials, they are laid out. When there isn't any on the table, they're gone. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Richard.

I now recognize Sister Billie Glover, General Chairman of the Bulletin Committee.

Would Bernadine Watson or Winn Harbison, we need another teller at Table 8? They have just lost one. You're there already. Good! Winn Harbison, I don't see him. Win Harbison, go to Table No. 8, please, and serve as teller.

VOICE: He's already at a table.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Billy Buckman, Martha Owens, is she in the room? Ola Mae Davis. With everybody walking around, I can't tell if they're coming or going. Okay. There's one coming, Brother B. F. Thank you.

REPORT OF THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE/BULLETIN COMMITTEE

MRS. BILLIE GLOVER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Grand East, my Sisters and Brothers:

The members of the Book of Knowledge Bulletin Committee have worked hard as they have served the Grand Chapter under the leadership of Sister Jane Gregory.

I want to thank the District Chairman for a job well done and each member of the committee for all the contacts made through the Eastern Star Schools, Chapter meetings, telephone calls, and convincing the membership of their need to receive the "Official Bulletin" every month. We appreciate the support of the membership of Texas in subscribing to this most important publication.

Our thanks to Sister Frances Burbank and her staff for their cooperation in coordinating our records and reports. They are fine ladies to work with and we are fortunate to have all of them in the office of the Grand Secretary.

At this time, I would like to introduce the five district Chairmen and ask them to stand with me as I give this report.

Mrs. Janette Fisher, District I

Mrs. Christeen Ledbette, District II

Mrs. Charlene Clark, District III

Mrs. Catherine Sanders, District IV

Mrs. Darlene Byerly, District V

It is our privilege to report 1,566 new subscriptions, 3,803 renewed subscriptions, and 460 miscellaneous for a total of 5,829.

We now recognize the committee member from each District who garnered the most subscriptions and ask them to stand with us at this time.

District 1	Mrs. Ann Wilkinson, Section 9
District II	Mrs. Delores Telford, Section 8
District III	Mrs. Betty Rose, Section 1
District IV	Mrs. Fay Stockwell, Section 5
District V	Mrs. Sharron Brown, Section 3

This has been a most rewarding appointment this year as we became closer as a committee and to you – our loved and loving Sisters and Brothers. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for another beautiful opportunity for service to our Order.

Mrs. Billie Glover, General Chairman Book of Knowledge Bulletin Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Billie, for an outstanding performance by you and your committee. I knew when I chose you that you would make the membership aware that \$7 a year didn't cost much to have a wonderful Bulletin. I appreciate the efforts of all of you. Sisters and Brothers, it has just been moved and seconded that we accept as given. All in favor of the Bulletin report, please signify by your green cards. Cards down. Thank you very much. It has been adopted.

We do not have an election on Ballot No. 3. ballots cast: 3,537; necessary to elect: 1,769. Rosemary Swetland: 1,726; Montie Malone: 1,607; Marjorie Errington: 204. We will drop the name of Marjorie Errington and proceed to cast our ballot on Ballot No. 5. I now declare the ballot open on Ballot No. 5. Pages, after the collection, we'll use Table 1, 2, 3 and 4.

I will call on Brother Curtis Cole, General Chairman of festal Day, for his report.

REPORT OF THE FESTAL DAY COMMITTEE

MR. CURTIS COLE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members of the Order of the Eastern Star, my dear Sisters and brothers:

Would the members of the Festal Day Committee who are present please stand as we give our report. My heart-felt thanks to each of you for your untiring efforts this year. I am pleased to introduce the various chairman who have been such an influence on our success this year:

Mrs. Lillie Mae Eades, District One

Mrs. Peggy Glascock, District Two, could not be with us due to illness.

Mr. Newton B. Ceat, District Three, is unable to attend Grand Chapter this year.

Mrs. Frances Wilburn, District Four

and Mrs. Oma Bush, District Five

Mr. Lloyd Carpenter, General Co-Chairman, is also unable to be with us today due to a job-related commitment.

Worthy Grand Matron, you assigned us a monumental task this Grand Chapter

year, but how pleased we were to serve you, the Worthy Grand Patron, and the wonderful membership of Texas, and are excited to present the following report:

As our special project this year, our committee distributed the traveling mugs. To date, we have forwarded \$22,221.00 to the Grand Secretary's Office as proceeds from the mugs. We still have some of them available for a \$5.00 donation in the exhibit area outside this Grand Chapter room. The Worthy Grand Matron has specified that these funds be used toward the renovation of our Eastern Star Home in Arlington.

Our committee has also been responsible for accepting donations from the subordinate chapters for the Worthy Grand Matron's Festal Day Program. To be 100% in this program, the Worthy Grand Matron requested 50¢ per member as of the chapter membership on May 31, 1991. Although this was a large increase from the past several years, the membership of Texas met the challenge! Our final report to the Grand Secretary's office as of September 30, 1992, totaled \$38,973.89. Congratulations, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and membership of Texas for your generosity. As in years past, these funds from the subordinate chapters supplemented the Home Operation Fund.

This year, "Festal Day" was celebrated on August 1 and 2, 1992, in the airconditioned comfort of our Eastern Star Home. At our chapel devotional service on Saturday morning, the Worthy Grand Matron presented the Grand Chapter of Texas with a copy of the official notice from General Grand Chapter announcing the death of Dr. Rob Morris. This framed remembrance has been hung in the Eastern Star Museum.

Following the devotional service, a pizza-pasta luncheon was served in the dining room of the Home and beautiful music provided by many of our talented members, was enjoyed throughout the day. At 2:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon, an auction was held at the pavilion on the Home grounds. Donna Douglas, our auctioneer, under the direction of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, netted \$7,000.00 to the Home Operation Fund. This amount is not included in our report, however, the activity was part of Festal Day.

From 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoon, members of the Festal Day Committee were pleased to host the tea honoring the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Floor Officers, and Elected Board members, with the distinguished residents of our Eastern Star Home as honored guests. Delicious refreshments, beautiful music, and friendly fellowship were enjoyed by the approximate 250 members in attendance.

A detailed financial report is filed with this report.

Total receipts from Chapter Donations \$38,973.89
Total receipts from special projects (mugs) 22,221.00
Less expenses 15,464.86 CR
Net profit to date \$45,730.03

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, please join me. The duties of the Festal Day Committee have come nearly full circle. We are reminded that there is an appointed time for everything and for every purpose under heaven. Yet time is our friend, for every time we meet, the time we spend is tender and sweet. Soon it will be time for us to go, for everything must end, but we will see you soon, we know, because time, like each of you, is our friend!

Respectfully submitted, Curtis Cole, General Chairman Festal Day Committee 1991-1992

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE FESTAL DAY COMMITTEE Grand Chapter Year 1991-1992

Receipts from Chapter Donations		22,221.00 (15,019.14)
NET PROFIT TO GRAND CHAPTER		\$45,730.03
**FESTAL DAY ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts: Currency and coin for luncheon tickets on Saturday Checks for luncheon tickets on Saturday Check for the sale of the afghan donated by Edna Earl Scott of Rockwall Chapter No. 858		
Total Receipts:		\$973.16
Disbursements:		
To Curtis Cole, General Chairman: a. Beverly's Florist for flowers for Sunday tea b. Carrol Macon for gifts for WGM and WGP c. Printing d. food/paper goods/beverages/supplies Net deposit sent to the Grand Secretary's Office:	\$111.50 50.00 12.33 212.30	(386.13) \$587.03
The Pizza luncheon on Saturday was catered by Cici's Pizza of Arlington. There were complimentary tickets provided for the Residents of the Eastern Star Home as well as for the employees of the Home. The bill was sent directly to the Grand Secretary's Office and paid directly to Cici's by her office from funds of the Festal Day Committee		\$587.03 (1,032.75)
Net loss for this activity	******	\$ (445.72)

Note that any surplus papergoods, tea, coffee, cookies, punch, etc. was donated to the Eastern Star Home.

Curtis Cole, General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, is that not a fantastic report? [Applause] Brother Curtis and this committee, I want to thank you for your diligence and your determination. You certainly have made the heart of this Worthy Grand Matron warm. You have heard the motion made and seconded that we adopt the Festal Day report. All in favor, please show by raising your green cards. Cards down. Opposed. We adopted the Festal Day report. Sisters and Brothers, I thank you. If you still don't have enough mugs for Christmas, you can get them on the way out this afternoon. Thank you.

Have all the ballots been collected? Okay. You are at Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4. I now declare the ballot closed, and you will deposit the ballots on Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4.

I call on Iris Miller for her report, Community Service and Publicity Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

MISS IRIS MILLER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

What a privilege it has been to serve as General Chairman of this committee. Sometime after sitting in our small chapters, we begin to think that the Order is dead, but after reading all the exciting things the chapters all over Texas are doing, I now know that the Order of the Eastern Star is <u>ALIVE</u> and <u>WELL</u>. The duties I performed this year began by writing letters to all the District Chairman to inform them of their duties. They then wrote letters to all members of the committee in their District and ask that all articles published in the newspaper about their chapter activities in the community and all invitations to teas and special meetings be sent to them. These articles and invitations were then mailed to me to be used in the scrapbook I compiled for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I received articles and invitations from all 5 Districts. This made for a very full and complete scrapbook. I wrote one article to be published in the Bulletin. Thank you notes were written to all District Chairman for all their assistance. They are:

Mrs. Jan Holt, District I Mrs. Mildred Brenner, District II Mrs. Rada Shelburn, District III Mrs. Jewel Walker, District IV Mrs. Winifred Whisenant, District V

We hope you enjoy reading the scrapbook.

Iris Miller General Chairman

I move that this report be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Iris. You have done a magnificent job on this committee. As our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Virginia Painter has stated, she wants the world to know about us, and only through publicity is this possible. Thank you, my sweet friends.

Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Community Service and Publicity general chairman. The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt her report. All in favor, please signify by the green card. Cards down. Same sign. Report adopted. I'm proud of this gal! She's from my home section. [Applause] Sisters and Brothers, look at this beautiful scrapbook that this general chairman has made for your Worthy Grand Matron and one for the Worthy Grand Patron. This is filled with the publicity and community service that the Order of the Eastern Star has done in the state of Texas.

I call on Fran Childers chairman of the Music Committee, for her report.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

MRS. FRAN CHILDERS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past

Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

The Music Committee has sold more that \$4200.00 worth of music with more sales to report after Grand Chapter. This is due to the generosity of the membership and the diligence of the members of this committee.

I would like to thank my General Co-chairman and five District Chairman for their hard work and cooperation during this year.

General Co-chairman, Cynthia Marr District I, Jane Oxley District II, Wynona Byrd District III, Jessie Manasco District IV, Adele Isaacs District V, Jack Stanley

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for allowing me to serve as General Chairman of the Music Committee.

Fraternally, Fran Childers

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Fran. You have just heard the report of the Music Committee and the general chairman. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this report. All in favor, signify by raising the green cards. Cards down. Same sign. The committee report has been adopted.

I now call on Sister Ruth Jameson, General Chairman of Leaders of the Future Committee, for her report.

REPORT OF THE LEADERS OF THE FUTURE COMMITTEE

MRS. RUTH JAMESON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: I was deeply honored by the appointment to this committee. The Order of the Rainbow for Girls is dear to my heart. I have received 30 years of pleasure watching Rainbow Girls mature into sisterhood in the Order of the Eastern Star. Would all former Rainbow Girls please stand at this time. This is visible proof that the future of the Order of the Eastern Star is in the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Thank you. [Applause]

Would the members of the Leaders of the Future please stand.

This is the report of "The Leaders of the Future" Committee for 1991-1992. This Committee was composed of Past Matrons who have served as Mother Advisors and Grand Visitors. They were asked to obtain names of former Rainbow Girls who have become Eastern Star members in their sections. Our duties were to take these girls to their Chapter meetings, to visit other Chapter and social functions, such as banquets, teas, dinners, etc. This was to introduce these new young members to our Order and to allow them to observe the beauty of the Order.

Attendance of the following was reported by this Committee:

Rainbow Church Service	22
Charity Projects	32
Fund Raising Projects	14
Socials	
Furnished transportation to	
Rainbow or Chapter meetings	139
Rainbow Advisory Board meetings	
Rainbow Meetings	
Rainbow Teas	5
Past Mother Advisory Meeting	
Rainbow Installation	35
Meeting to form new Assembly	1
Choir and Drill practice	
School of Instruction	
Honor Night	6
Visit to new Petitioner	
Grand Assembly Worker's Meeting	
Attended Grand Assembly	
Attended Supreme Assembly	29
Founder's Day Event	
Grand Cross Banquet	18
Took Rainbow Girls to O.E.S. Meeting	
Took Rainbow Girls who are now	
O.E.S. Members	54
Rainbow Girls used in O.E.S. Installation	

One Assembly performed a Drill at an O.E.S. Installation.

It was my special pleasure to be able to participate in, or attend the Initiation of 6 Rainbow Girls.

Give Me Time
Time for patience
For understanding too.
Time to remember
Thoughtful deeds to do
Time to believe in
All fellowmen
Time to perceive
The value of a friend.

Ruth Jameson, General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Ruth, for taking on this assignment. This was a brand new committee which we hoped would stimulate interest in getting new members into our Order through our youth. You have done magnificently.

Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the general chairman of the Leaders of the Future. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt. All in favor, signify by raising your green cards. Cards down. Opposed. You have adopted the report.

Sister Ruth, she and I served as Worthy Matrons together and I knew how good she was.

I call on Sister Penny Vletas from the Board of Grand Trustees.

REPORT NO. 5 - AUDIT REPORT

MRS. PENNY VLETAS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with Chapter 5, A., Article 81, No. 1, we the Board of Grand Trustees wish to give you the following report on the audit of the books of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1991.

This Audit Report, conducted by Arthur Anderson and Co., is printed in its entirety in Sister Effie Mae Davis' Proceedings.

I would like to share with you these items:

Revenues:		
	Endowment	\$432.702
	General	345,007
	Home	•
	Benevolent	
	Educational	6.850
	Fannie V. Ward	•
	Special	93,465
	Endowed Membership Fund	57,814
Total Rever	iues:	\$2,183,211
Expenses:	Endowment	¢94 599
	General	
	Home	,
	Benevolent	
	Education	•
	Fannie V. Ward	
	Special	•
	Endowed Membership Fund	•
	Endowed Membership Fund	
Total Exper	ises	\$2,264,143
Revenues	over/under expenses:	
	Endowment	\$408,179
	General	(104,523)
	Home	(474,285)
	Benevolent	(4,656)
	Educational	5,442
	Fannie V. Ward	(123)
	Special	
	Endowed Membership Fund	53,895
Expenses or	ver revenue	(\$80,932)

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Audit Report ending October 31, 1991.

Charlene Littlewood, Chairman A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman Elizabeth Young, Secretary Penny Vletas, District 4 Member Sarah Coursey, District 1 Member

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have just heard the audit report of the Board of Grand Trustees ending October 31, 1992. Is there a second? It has been moved and seconded. Discussion? [No response.] All in favor of accepting the audit report as of October 31, 1991, please signify by raising your green card. Cards down. Accepted. Thank you, Sister Penny.

I now call on Sarah Coursey for her portion of the report.

REPORT NO. 6 - ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND

MRS. SARAH COURSEY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with Article 293B, Paragraph 4d, page 150a, of the Code of Laws, we the Board of Grand Trustees presents the report on Endowed Memberships for the period 1 June, 1991 through 31 May, 1992.

One hundred fifty-two Endowed Memberships have been purchased this year for a total of \$76,000.00. In accordance with Paragraph 4c of this article, distribution of earnings will not be made until April 10, 1994. Total invested to date is \$222,000.00. A complete list of those individuals who purchased Endowed Memberships is included in the Grand Treasurer's report.

Charlene Littlewood, Chairman A. D. Jackson, Vice Chairman Elizabeth Young, Secretary Penny Vletas, District 4 Member Sarah Coursey, District 1 Member

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Endowed Memberships. There has been a motion made and seconded that we adopt. Is there discussion? [No response.] All in favor will signify by raising your green cards. Cards down. Opposed. Thank you, Sarah.

I will call on my personal secretary to give her report.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

MRS. ZENA WILSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron; Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Today ends the happiest year of my Eastern Star life. Words cannot express the joys I have experienced in traveling this great state with our Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Jane, you are more than a friend, you are "family" and I love you and Moe dearly.

To the Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for your loving care of me when in your section. The certificates of appreciation, honorary memberships and each courtesy extended to me are deeply appreciated. You are fifty special people.

The five District Deputy Grand Matrons affectionately adopted me as their "Granny". The bond of friendship between us will only grow stronger as the years pass. For each sweet act of kindness shown to me I thank you. How very much you mean to me.

The fun and fellowship shared with the Grand Examiners will be a lasting memory. Thank you for each courtesy.

To the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn and to June, thank you for each courtesy shown to me this year. I appreciate you very much.

The membership in this Grand Jurisdiction is magnificent, I am glad I got to know you.

I was privileged to attend 44 schools and 55 fraternal visits of the Worthy Grand Matron. Also, I attended the New Mexico and Louisiana Exchange Visits and the six state meeting in Fort Smith Arkansas. I appreciate the comfort and convenience of the Grand Chapter Van.

The correspondence and other stenographic duties were staggering. Without God's grace this task could not have been done. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for always understanding, always willing to help and always being there for me. Thank you are such small words to say for giving me this beautiful experience this year and I shall be eternally grateful to you.

A detailed account of the secretarial allowance has been filed with the Grand Secretary.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Zena Wilson

Personal Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Zena. There are no words to tell you what you mean to me and how I would never have been able to make it without you. The correspondence is absolutely awesome.

Sisters and Brothers, you have just heard the report of the personal secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt her report. All in favor, signify by raising the green card. Cards down. Opposed. It's adopted.

Thank you, dear. And she's not through yet! [Applause]

All right. Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to call on the chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees to bring the budget report. She may have to be interrupted if we get the tallies on our ballots, but we do need to start it. This way we're not wasting time and you're not going to be here all day and neither am I. Sister Virginia would like to get

a bath before she's installed, but we're doing very well. You, the membership, I will never be able to express to you the gratitude that I have in my heart for the way you've cooperated this year and the manner in which you have conducted yourself. We've had more legislation this year than we have ever had to try to accomplish, and we're down to about three things. So hold in there with us and we'll get you out soon. But know that I deeply appreciate you and love you. Thank you.

Sister Elizabeth Young will bring a portion of it.

MRS. ELIZABETH YOUNG: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers, we the Board of Grand Trustees are pleased to present for your consideration the proposed budget for the Home Fund for the Grand Chapter of Texas for the year 1992-93. We recommend careful consideration of the needs of the home.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 1992-1993

NOTE: All figures are tentative and could be changed at Grand Chapter.

		<u>89-90</u>		90-91		<u>91-92</u>		92-93
ESTIMATED EASTERN STAR								
HOME REVENUE								
Dues (Per Capita) (@ 2.75)	\$	257,906	\$	246,510	\$	236,810	\$	220,000
Interest on Endowment		456,000		450,000		435,000		410,000
Pensions - Ladies in Home		412,200		415,000		465,000		480,000
Interest		15,000		20,000		20,000		15,000
Notes Due		6,000		6,000		6,500		6,500
Dividends		1,300		1,500		2,000		0
Oil and Gas		10,000		12,000		12,000		12,000
Bequests & Grants		50,000		50,000		25,000		60,000
Home Member Receipts		20,000		25,000		30,000		40,000
Real Estate Property Sales		40,000		40,000		35,000		50,000
Other Receipts		10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000
Special Funds (WGM)		35,000		35,000		35,000		0
Medi-care		50,000		00		10,000		0
Humanitarian/OES Home Fund		0		40,000		35,000		35,000
Reimbursement for Uniforms								2,050
Reimbursement for Employee In	ısu	rance						34,750
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$1	,363,406	\$1	,351,010	\$1	,352,310	\$1	,375,300
		Budget <u>1991-92</u>		6 Mo. <u>Actual</u>		Estimate For Year		Budget 1992-93
1991-92 SHORTAGE (Overdue bil	ls,	mostly				(\$	30,000)

medical, which could not be paid out of 1991-1992 revenue) In addition, \$90,060,00 was transferred from the following areas to the Home Fund in order for the Home to pay overdue bills. (The

Worthy Grand Matron was not aware of these overdue bills until July 15 of this year).

\$75,000.00 Glaze Estate

Festal Day Furniture Auction

7,000.00 Festal Day Furniture Auction 8,060.00 Worthy Grand Matron Special Funds

	Budget 1991-92	6 Mo. <u>Actual</u>	Estimate For Year	Budget 1992-93
UTILITIES & RELATED FEES				
Electric	\$ 50,500	\$ 26,555	\$ 53,110	\$ 54,000
Water	13,500	10,927	21,854	22,000
Gas	50,500	17,251	34,502	35,000
Phone	3,600	1,736	3,476	3,600
Disposal	4,500	1,026	2,988	3,000
	\$122,600	\$57,495	\$115,930	\$117,600
DAVDOLI				
PAYROLL Superintendent	¢ 92 400	¢ 19.000	¢ 96 500	¢ 97 661
Superintendent	\$ 23,400	\$ 13,999	\$ 26,598	\$ 27,661
Infirmary Administrator	25,199	12,910 14,300	25,820 $28,600$	26,853 0
RN Supervisor Charge Nurse \$10.40 hr.	28,600 0	14,300	20,000	21,632
Ret. Home RN \$10.40 hr.	0	10,400	20,800	21,632
Activity Dir. \$ 5.72 hr.	12,012	5,720	11,440	11,898
Food Mgr. \$7.00 hr.	4,800	5,200	12,480	14,680
Matrons (5) (3-8 hr. shifts/7 days)	52,050	5,200	12,400	14,000
3 @ \$4.68	52,050	14,040	28,080	29,202
2 @ \$4.35		9,048	18,096	18,820
Kitchen (13) 2-8 hr shifts/7 days)	139,781	3,040	10,050	10,020
2 @ \$4.16	109,701	10,400	20,800	21,032
2 @ \$4.52		9,048	18,096	18,820
5 @ \$4.68		23,400	46,800	48,672
2 @ \$5.72		11,440	22,880	23,795
2 @ \$5.98		14,560	29,120	30,284
Housekeeping (1-8 hr shift/5 days)	50,632	14,000	23,120	00,204
Ret. Home 1 @ \$4.68	00,002	4,680	9,360	9,734
Inf. 1 @ \$4.68		4,680	9,360	9,734
Maintenance (1-8 hr. shift/5 days)	45,170	4,000	5,500	5,104
Ret. Home 2 @ \$6.24	40,110	12,450	24,900	25,896
Inf. 1 @ \$4.52		4,534	9,048	9,048
Office (1-8 hr. shift/5 days)	26,002	4,004	5,040	3,040
2 @ \$6.24	20,002	12,450	24,900	25,896
Infirmary (3-8 hr. shifts/7 days)	253,972	12,400	24,500	20,000
3 @ \$10.40	200,012	31,200	62,400	64,896
2 @ \$9.88		19,260	38,520	40,061
1 @ \$5.30		5,304	10,608	11,032
1 @ \$5.36		5,356	10,712	11,140
3 @ \$4.73		14,196	28,392	29,508
1 @ \$4.68		4,680	9,360	9,734
7 @ \$4.52		31,668	63,336	65,869
Nursing Pool	4,000	7,092	14,184	10,000
-	\$665,618	\$312,015	\$624,690	\$637,529

Taxes		Budget 991-92		6 Mo. Actual		timate or Year		udget <u>992-93</u>
FICA	ф	43,195					ф	39,500
Medicare	Ψ	10,000					φ	9,200
Unemployment		4,800						8,600
Onemployment		4,000						0,000
•	\$	57,995						57,300
ADP (Payroll Service)	\$	3,500	\$	1,299	\$	2,600	\$	2,500
Workers Compensation Insurance		85,528		27,522	\$			80,000
Miscellaneous	•	,	•	,	•	,	•	,
Uniforms (reimbursed)		0		1,016		2,032		2,032
Employee Insurance (reimbursed)	0		17,367		34,734		34,734
Physicals		9,000		1,610		3,220		2,500
	-\$	9,000	ф.	19,983	ф.	39,986	- d-	39,266
	φ	5,000	φ	19,900	φ	55,500	φ	33,200
TOTAL EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	\$8	821,641					\$8	316,595
CONSULTANTS								
Pharmaceutical	\$	500	\$	720	\$	1,560	\$	1,560
Food	•	500		620	•	1,200	,	1,200
	\$	1,000	\$	1,340	\$	2,760	\$	2,760
OFFICE, ADMIN & SERVICE CO	NT	RACTS						
Supplies	\$	2,550	\$	4,212	\$	6,424	\$	6,000
Postage	•	1,500	•	147	,	325	•	300
Classified Ads		1,500		650		1,350		1,350
Contracts		_,				-,		,
AutoChlor System		3,500		1,752		3,500		3,780
Pest Control		3,500		1,752		3,500		3,120
Office Equip. Maint.		1,826		912		1,672		1,668
Elevators (2 + 1 lift)		3,350		1,950		3,900		3,900
Phone Equipment		5,700		2,790		5,580		5,400
Fire Alarm		1,200		600		1,200		1,200
License, Seminars, Inhouse Tng,	etc			621		1,242		1,000
Computer	000.	0		1,477		1,477		0
New Equipment		0		90		90		0
New Equipment				30		50		
	\$	28,626	\$	16,953	\$	30,260	\$	27,718
RESIDENTS' EXPENSES								
Allowance Retirement Home	\$	40,000	\$	10,555	\$	23,755	\$	26,000
Allowance Infirmary	٠	-,	,	8,410	•	16,810	,	16,800
Insurance		12,650		8,138		16,276		19,000
Newspapers - subscriptions		250		140		265		265
Cleaning		300		160		320		300
Linens Infirmary		4,000		1,503		3,006		3,000
Funeral		7,500		4,421		7,500		7,500
Ambulance Contract		4,830		2,360		5,240		5,250
Taxes on Residents Property		0		279		300		300
Note (Jacobs)		0		1,289		1,289		0
2.000 (040000)	_					1,200		
	\$	69,530	\$	37,255	\$	74,761	\$	78,415

FOOD SERVICES		Budget 991-92		6 Mo. Actual		timate r <u>Year</u>		udget 1992-93
Food	\$:	131,000	\$	59,917	\$	123,834	\$:	126,000
Supplies	·	4,000		845	·	2,690	•	2,500
		105.000	_	00.500	<u>_</u>	100 504	ф.	100 500
	ф.	135,000	ф	60,762	ф.	126,524	Ф.	128,500
MEDICAL								
Prescriptions Retirement Home	\$	3,842	\$	34,029	\$	72,158	\$	74,000
Prescriptions Infirmary		0		35,730		76,520		78,000
Non-prescriptions Retirement H	ome			978		2,956		3,500
Non-prescriptions Infirmary		0		5,404		12,808		14,000
Doctors/Dental X-rays, Lab		60,000		11,217 $1,769$		27,343 3,800		29,000 4,000
Hospitals		3,841		2,543		6,586		7,000
Physical Therapy		1,000		1,170		2,640		3,000
Patient Care Supplies		3,842		4,858		12,716		14,000
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	\$	76,366	٠\$	97,698	\$:	217,527	\$2	226,500
MAINTENANCE	ф	10.000	ф	10.010	_ф	01 600	ф	04.000
Routine Supplies	ф	19,000 3,500	ф	10,816 3,178	ф	21,632 6,356	Ф	24,000 6,500
Plumbing		1,000		421		842		1,000
Housekeeping		6,000		3,740		7,480		8,000
					_			
	\$	29,500	\$	18,155	\$	36,310	\$	39,500
VEHICLE (Page Von 9 Ctm Warns	ر م							
<u>VEHICLE</u> (Bus, Van, 2 Stn Wgns, Fuel	(ar	2,578	\$	2,177	\$	4,354	\$	4,000
Repair, Licenses, Et.	φ	4,425	φ	414	φ	1,628	φ	1,500
1100411, 110011500, 110		1,120				1,020		2,000
	\$	7,003	\$	1,691	\$	5,982	\$	5,500
INSURANCE								
Auto, Boiler, Umbrella, Coml	\$	39,539	\$	19,769	\$	39,539	\$	43,500
CONTINGENCY	\$	10,000	\$	12,038	\$	12,038	\$	10,000
LADIES SPECIAL DAYS	\$	2,000	\$	1,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
BOARD EXPENSES	\$	9,000	\$	3,240	\$	9,000	\$	9,000
AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT Funds which could be needed if compliance with this Act is directed this year	OF	<u>1992</u>					\$	40,000
(New Equipment & Gates From 1990-91 WGM Funds)	_	0		10,007	_	10,007		, O
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,8	351,805					\$1,5	47,588
DEFICIT							(\$1'	72,288)
1992-93 Budget for the Benevole INCOME Per Capita (\$0.75 from 80,000 m Estimated interest earned TOTAL INCOME			1	,000.00 ,200.00 ,200.00				

Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences
Report of Benevolent Aid for 1991-1992

Date	Members	Chapters	Amount
November, 1991	28	22	\$5,850.00
December, 1991	28	23	\$5,400.00
January, 1992	28	23	\$5,450.00
February, 1992	27	22	\$5,150.00
March, 1992	27	22	\$5,200.00
April, 1992	27	22	\$5,200.00
May, 1992	26	21	\$5,050.00
June, 1992	24	20	\$4,700.00
July, 1992	24	20	\$4,700.00
August, 1992	27	21	\$5,200.00
September, 1992	26	21	\$5,050.00
October, 1992	26	21	\$5,050.00
Total Benevolent Aid Sent			\$62,000.00

I want this Grand Chapter to note that in 1991 the Benevolent fund received \$66,192.75 from per capita tax. This 1992 year this fund only received \$63,454.50.

Our Sisters and Brothers planned well for Benevolent Aid to help take care of deserving and needy members. This is one of the sweetest gifts our Grand Chapter can give.

Balance as of 11-1-91	\$51,544.36
Disbursements 11-1-91 to 6-30-92	\$42,000.00
Making a total of:	\$9,544.36
Per Capita Added for 1992-1993	\$63,454.50
Totaling:	\$72,998.86
Disbursements 7-1-92 to 10-31-92	\$20,000.00
Leaving	\$52,998.86
Plus Interest for Year	\$703.74
and	
Returned Checks Because of Marriage,	
Death, or other aid:	\$550.00
	\$54,252.60
Less Charge for New Checks	\$139.00
Balance on hand 10-31-92	\$54,113.60

The Board carefully reviews all applications for Benevolent Aid. We are happy to meet the needs of a few of our members. I have been pleased to serve as Treasurer for the Board this year. It is a very rewarding way to serve Grand Chapter.

Patsy Wilson, Treasurer for 1991-1992

MRS. ELIZABETH YOUNG: If you will turn to page 61 in your Annual Report, you may follow along with this. Some of the figures have been revised, and I will call these to your attention. I will not read each item listed, but you may observe them.

Estimated Eastern Star Home Revenue. Under that is Special Funds, and you will see that it has zero recommended for 92-93. We're able to add \$35,000 to that. This is a change from zero. We originally left it out because we made the decision not to include this amount in the monthly transfer because we were transferring it twice, once in the monthly transfer and then again when the Worthy Grand Matron decided how it should be used.

However, this gives you a more accurate picture and we will withhold this amount from the monthly transfer as we do the contingency fund, insurance and so forth, and transfer it to the Home as needed.

The total estimated receipts for the Home revenue is \$1,410,300. This revised total includes the \$35,000 that were mentioned awhile ago.

1991-92 Shortage. Overdue bills, mostly medical, which could not be paid out of the 91-92 revenue. We see that that's \$41,000. This is an increase from our estimation of \$30,000. In addition, \$90,000 was transferred from the following area to the Home Fund in order for the Home to pay overdue bills: \$75,000 from the Glaze Estate, \$7000 from the Festal Day Furniture Auction, \$8060 from the Worthy Grand Matron Special Funds.

On page 63, Utilities & Related Fees-

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Elizabeth, can I interrupt here?

We do not have an election on Ballot No. 4. Ballots cast: 2990; needed to elect: 1495. Ballots cast: Morganthaler, 561; Wolfe, 1397; Baker, 769; Warner, 263. We will drop the name of Warner and proceed to cast your ballot for the Grand Examiner of District 4 on Ballot No. 6. I now declare the ballot open.

Okay. I'm sorry to interrupt you, but this way we can just keep moving right along.

MRS. ELIZABETH YOUNG: Under Utilities & Related Fees, you will find a total of \$177,600. The payroll, which includes a 4 percent raise, is \$637,529. Taxes, \$57,300. For ADP (payroll service), \$2500; workers compensation insurance, \$101,800. This is an increase from \$80,000. Miscellaneous, \$39,266. A new total employee expense of \$338,395.

Consultants, \$2760 — This is on page 63; the consultants start on 63. Office, Administration & Service Contracts, \$27,718. Residents' Expenses, \$78,415. Food Services, \$128,500.

On page 64, Medical. Prescriptions Retirement Home, \$50,400. Infirmary, \$51,600. Both these figures are down from \$74,000 and \$78,000 respectively. This decrease is possible due to the recent change to a new physician who has cut down on the number of medications. The new total is \$176,500.

Maintenance, \$39,500. Vehicle, \$5500. Insurance, \$43,500. Contingency, \$10,000. Ladies Special Days, \$2000. Board Expenses, \$9000. American Disabilities Act of 1992, \$40,000. This is a new item to replace the boiler, \$25,000.

The grand total is now \$555,388. The deficiency \$120,088, with a total of \$145,088.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the acceptance of this report. If there are any questions, a representative from the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence will be happy to answer them.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any debate on this? I recognize the mike in the south.

MR. JOHN WALLACE: I'm John Wallace --

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Worthy Grand Matron, when the next ballot

is taken, have them come to Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. I'm sure that will be the last ballot.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Are all the ballots collected? [No response.] I declare the ballot closed, and you will proceed to Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Do not deposit until you are so instructed.

MR. JOHN WALLACE: Worthy Grand Matron, I need to ask a question about the budget, please.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right, sir. The Worthy Grand Patron is handling this. I was just trying to do some other work.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We recognize you. Go ahead.

MR. JOHN WALLACE: We need a clarification. I have a question under office administration where it says AutoChlor System and Pest Control. I don't know what it is. Can you tell me what it is?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes, hang on, please.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Glenn, he has to identify himself.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Will you please identify yourself with your chapter.

MR. JOHN WALLACE: I beg your pardon. I'm John Wallace, Past Patron, present Associate Matron — that got close, Associate Patron, chapter representative of James Ladd Burgess Chapter No. 983 in Dallas.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you.

MR. MAC CROWDER: Autochlor is a system that is installed in the kitchen that we use to wash the utensils that the ladies eat from. This is the soap and the equipment that is provided for us under contract.

The pest control is the people that come in and spray the kitchen, that is required by the health department of the City of Arlington.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will now deposit the ballots on Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Thank you. Excuse the interruption, Mac.

MR. JOHN WALLACE: Then there's a question under residents' expense called insurance, and we see insurance in three different places. Tell me what that particular insurance is, under the residents' expenses.

MR. MAC CROWDER: Under residents' expenses this is insurance that the ladies have come into the Home with. Some of them are burial policies. They were paid to a point that we felt if we cancelled them that we would lose ultimately. It has cost us less to pay them off than to bury them at the expense of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

MR. JOHN WALLACE: This is life insurance that we're the beneficiary on is what you're saying?

MR. MAC CROWDER: Right. We are the beneficiary of all policies of the ladies of the Home. They are turned over to us upon their entrance. If we feel that we can profit from these policies, we then cash them in at cash value and turn the money over to the

Grand Secretary's office as required by the Constitution.

MR. JOHN WALLACE: Go across the page to 62, down there at the bottom where we talk about workers compensation and the premium has gone up to \$101,000. I'm active in a couple of other associations where we have current information on business in Texas. On the order of 80 percent of the commercial businesses, small businesses in the state, are no longer carrying workers compensation. They instead are carrying a work-related accident policy, which I believe probably with our situation, it would cost us in the neighborhood of 3 1/2 percent of payroll. You're talking about changing a \$100,000 item to a \$20,000 item.

MR. MAC CROWDER: I agree with you 100 percent. This was discussed at length with the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence. It is felt that for the protection of the Home, that this insurance must stay in force because if anyone — an outsider — comes on the property and injures theirself, we do not have enough money available in any fund to pay for what the courts are awarding these people today. They are awarding them 50 and 100 million dollars at different times. We cannot take the chance of destroying Grand Chapter for this amount of money.

MR. JOHN WALLACE: But if a visitor on the premises gets hurt, if it's a visitor we're talking about, that's covered under our general liability insurance, and I think you have several million dollars worth of coverage. [Applause]

We're talking about the working employees who are employees of the Home and School that we're spending \$100,000 for an insurance item that we could buy for twenty.

MR. MAC CROWDER: I will let Mrs. Littlewood confer with you on this matter because I believe she's better versed than I am. Thank you.

MR. JOHN WALLACE: Do we need to make a motion or some kind of a thing to get this — $\,$

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: May I explain that to you first?

MR. JOHN WALLACE: You bet.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: For the last two years we have had representatives from insurance companies come to us and make presentations on alternative workers comp insurance. These prices are lower than the 101,000. However, if one of our workers is hurt and they are awarded a large monetary amount, that insurance might not be enough to cover the claim.

In order to protect you and the money that we have in the endowment for the ladies, we opted to go ahead and continue with workers comp, rather than take the chance to go to another insurance company and risk a large claim which would bankrupt us.

MR. JOHN WALLACE: For an employee to collect a claim against the Eastern Star Home, they would have to prove that that employer is a negligent employer. Companies like Wyatt's Cafeterias, who have the most claims, the biggest in that bunch, have had these claims and won them in the courthouse. You lose three defenses when you take an accident policy instead of a workers comp policy. You cannot say that his fellow employee caused the accident, nor can you say that the employee himself was negligent enough to cause the accident, nor can you say that anybody who took this job knew it was dangerous enough they were going to get hurt. None of those three instances will ever occur, I feel, at the Home and School.

At least that decision ought to be made by the members rather than the Board, I would think, since we are trying to get \$145,000 out of this budget. We can get \$80,000 of it in one lick. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sir, you have been allotted your time, I'm told. I'm sorry. Thank you.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: I would like, if I could, to answer that. This is your Grand Chapter. This is your decision. We did not feel we could make that decision for you. If you would like to make this decision, we can cancel our workers comp policy. We have already made the first payment of approximately \$26,000 which is required because we had to go into the pool.

But if you would like to make this decision, your Board of Grand Trustees has proposals from two insurance companies which they would go back and consider. But this is your decision.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Is there anyone at the mike in the north?

MR. JIM MANFORD: Worthy Grand patron, I'm Jim Manford, Past and Present Worthy Patron, Luling 155. I'd like Elizabeth Young to repeat the grand totals and the deficit on page 64. We missed those two figures, please, ma'am. That's the grand total and deficit on the bottom of page 64. Thank you.

GRAND TREASURER: Worthy Grand Matron, may I say something on this insurance?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Peaches.

GRAND TREASURER: I think that you may have overlooked the fact that the cost of this insurance is high because we are in the penalty pool. We have had so many claims already under workman's comp that we are having to pay a high premium. Workman's comp is a place where employees' claims can break us easily. If we don't have the coverage that we need to protect ourselves and our investment, we can be in serious trouble.

I want you to think seriously about giving up workman's comp insurance. [Applause]

VOICE: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Just a minute, please. We need to answer this gentlemen's question in the north first.

MRS. ELIZABETH YOUNG: The grand total was \$1,555,388. The deficit is \$145.088. Did you understand that?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize the mike in the south.

MR. WAYNE GADDIS: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Wayne Gaddis, Seagoville Chapter No. 697. I believe if you'll look where the income for the operation of the OES Home shows zero on Worthy Grand Matron's projects, I don't believe we have elected a Worthy Grand Matron's projects, I don't believe we have elected a Worthy Grand Matron this year that will take over after tonight that is not going to put some of the money that comes in from her projects into our Eastern Star home. I think I know her well enough to know that she loves the ladies.

Also, we cannot live with a \$145,000 deficit. So I would make a motion that the Board be instructed to have this Grand Chapter operate on the money that comes in, give a report monthly to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Corporate Board. And if money is needed, advise the membership because we've always taken care of the ladies and we always will. I make that in a motion.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Wayne, please, you will have to put all that in writing. Come to the Grand Secretary's —

MR. WAYNE GADDIS: I certainly will.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you.

MR. MAC CROWDER: I will answer the question about that money. It has been put back into the budget at an estimated \$35,000. It could be in excess of that.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize Garland in the west.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: I'm Garland Rattan, Past Patron, Dumas Chapter No. 653. I was at the budget meeting in which two insurance companies made the presentation. I listened. I've worked with this for many years. The board asked my opinion, and I stated and I quote, that I would be scared to death not to be under workman's compensation. Thank you. [Applause]

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize the mike in the south.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: I'm Katherine Duncan, a Past Matron of Alvin Chapter No. 15. I would like to commend the boards on digging as deep as they have and giving us a little more adequate information each year, like the six month actuals and the estimate for this current year we're in.

However, there's one thing I'd like to point out on the estimated income to our membership. Under Humanitarian OES Home Fund, there's only \$35,000 there, which probably is more than what we have taken in this year. In the Bulletin through August I think I read \$19,000 there.

But I would like to caution our membership, when our chapters do their 100 percent Humanitarian, one of the programs this year we had added was renovation of the Home. There was over \$55,000 that went out of this Humanitarian Fund in the renovation pool, to be aside, that could have gone toward operation of the Home, that maybe we wouldn't have been quite as much in the hole. This \$41,000 we were in the hole, it would have covered it. So we need to think about that renovation fund when we're doing our 100 percent Humanitarian and put it into operation of the Home instead. Thank you.

MRS. LAUREL ROTH: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize the mike in the south.

MRS. LAUREL ROTH: I'm Laurel Roth, Worthy Matron, Nash No. 320. I have a question about the budget figures. You're basing your budget figures essentially on your six-month actual figures; is that correct? Basically?

MR. MAC CROWDER: Yes, it is basically on those figures.

MRS. LAUREL ROTH: All right. The shortage that was discovered in July of \$45,000 to \$60,000, were those numbers included in those actual six-month numbers?

MR. MAC CROWDER: Those numbers were included.

MRS. LAUREL ROTH: Thank you.

MR. TREY SMITH: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize the mike in the south.

MR. TREY SMITH: I'm Trey Smith, Worthy Patron of Arlington Chapter 249. I do have a question regarding the payroll. The budgeted amount for 91-92 was \$23,400. The estimate for the year was \$26,598. The budget for 92-93 is \$27,661.

My first question: Is this not a salaried position?

MR. MAC CROWDER: Will you restate that question, please?

MR. TREY SMITH: Is this a salaried position?

MR. MAC CROWDER: Which position is that again?

MR TREY SMITH: The position of superintendent.

MR. MAC CROWDER: It is salaried, yes.

MR. TREY SMITH: How is it that what is budgeted and the estimate for the year is two different numbers and also an increase for the budgeted 92-93 year?

MR. MAC CROWDER: I believe there's an increase of 4 1/2 percent. I don't know where you're getting the figures that we budgeted a certain amount for that, other than —

MR. TREY SMITH: I'm reading it in the budget, in my copy that I have on page 62.

MR. MAC CROWDER: He was estimated to be paid last year \$26,598 and projected for next year was \$27,661.

MR. TREY SMITH: I understand that. If you have a budget of \$23,400, is that not what the pay would be based on for the entire year on a salaried position?

MR. MAC CROWDER: The raise was given after the budget was initiated.

MR. TREY SMITH: So there was a raise given during this time, and then another raise is planned. Depending upon how the Grand Chapter votes, another raise then is also possibly being given?

MR. MAC CROWDER: There is that possibility, yes.

MR. TREY SMITH: Is it also — I mean, I'm asking this as a question. From your report that you stated yesterday, was the superintendent of the Home placed on 90 days probation?

MR. MAC CROWDER: He was placed on 90 days probation by the Worthy Grand Matron and the Corporate Board.

MR. TREY SMITH: Does it not seem that a 4 percent increase for one position, whenever there is a 90-day probation or 90-day problem, I don't understand how you can — It's like a raise for a problem is my question. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Trey, I'm sorry, but I've been told that your time is up.

MR. TREY SMITH: Thank you.

VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Just a moment, Sisters and Brothers. If you remember — It's your decision and you'll have to make this — but if you remember yesterday, we took a two-thirds majority vote that speakers would be limited to two minutes, one time only on the subject, and that the length of time of 20 minutes, the question would be called for or it would change. Now, to extend the length of time for a discussion, we will have to revote, and it will again have to be two-thirds vote of this assembly for the extension on the speakers and extension of the time of 20 minutes. Do you understand? Okay.

Those in favor of extending the length of time from 20 minutes and the -

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: To how long?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To 30 minutes.

VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Until you finish each one? All right. Again, let me say: We are under what we voted on yesterday. If we extend it, you're going to have to vote by two-thirds majority to extend and we're going to have to set a time unless you want it indefinitely, and we'd be here for hours and hours and hours. I mean, that's fine, you know.

What I'm trying to say to you, Sisters and Brothers, is this is your decision; and we're here to work with you. But let's do it legal. So let me ask you, if you are in favor of extending the discussion time from 20 minutes until you have finished the entire budget. All in favor, signify by raising their green cards. Now, there has to be two-thirds vote to do this. Cards down. Those opposed. They don't want it.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: You have to extend the time a little bit because Mr. Gaddis had a motion, and he has written it. So you at least have to listen to that motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's fine. I'm willing. I just want it in proper form, Sisters and Brothers, and you do too. You defeated that we would extend debate until the entire budget was adopted, but we will allow you to speak longer than two minutes. Is this what you want? Okay. You have it. No? Are you saying that you do not want the speaker to be longer than two minutes?

VOICES: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You want to leave it the way it is?

VOICES: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We have a motion that the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence budget not to be accepted and be instructed to operate under the amount of income and keep the Worthy Grand Matron and Corporate Board advised of all needs to meet the needs of operating the Home and members advised. Do I have a second? Did we have a second?

VOICES: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Is there any discussion?

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: I'm Charlene Littlewood, Past Matron of Ridglea Chapter No. 999. I'm going out so I shouldn't care, but I do. If you adopt this amendment and direct the Benevolent Board to live within the anticipated income, then you must assume upon yourselves the responsibility of supporting Sister Virginia Lynn Green's special projects to the fullest, in order that she can come up with that extra \$145,000, because they can't cut much more. So it's up to you to come up with the extra \$145,000 by supporting Sister Virginia.

MR. TREY SMITH: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize the mike in the south.

MR. TREY SMITH: Is it my understanding that I will be able to speak longer?

VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: No, they turned it down, Trey. He can answer your question if you'll come up to the side, I think, over here.

MR. TREY SMITH: I'm sorry?

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{WORTHY GRAND PATRON:} He probably is prepared to answer your question at a later time. \end{tabular}$

MR. TREY SMITH: A little later tonight?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Uh-huh.

MR. TREY SMITH: A later time, I'm sorry. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: He'll answer it now for you.

MR. MAC CROWDER: I'll answer it now. The Board of Directors did not place Mr. Poff on probation. This was an action of the Corporate Board. Therefore, I request that you ask the Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Okay. We have the motion from Brother Wayne Gaddis; it has been seconded. Is there any discussion on it?

MR. TREY SMITH: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize the mike —

MR. TREY SMITH: This is my first time to be able to speak ever at a Grand Chapter, and I'm sorry, am I able to ask then the Worthy Grand Matron like he said? I mean . . .

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I'm sorry, Trey. We've got to take a vote on the motion. We've had a second, and discussion is over right now. All those in favor of the motion that the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence budget not be accepted and be instructed to go back to operate under the amount of income, and keep this Worthy Grand Matron and Corporate Board advised of all needs to meet the needs of operating the Home and membership advised — I'm sorry. I've been told to shut it off.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Patron, the membership wants to discuss this.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: One minute, please.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Trey, I was working up here. If you'll come up. I'll. be happy to answer what you're wanting to know.

VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The membership wants to know?

VOICES: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Let the Brother in the south ask the question. Go on down there, Trey. You have to... [Applause] Let me .say this to you, Sisters and Brothers: You voted that we stay with what we voted yesterday. Okay. We understand that. But it's also not fair to not let someone ask a question or get an answer if they want it. How are we going to know if we don't? Right? So let Brother Trey ask a question.

MR. TREY SMITH: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I appreciate that consideration. My question—I just don't see how we can be giving a raise in a situation like this when we have the deficit that we do, just from the numbers that have been presented to us. It's not a personal thing towards Brother Poff or anyone else that's in a position in the Home. I just don't know that necessarily this is the time to be giving a raise to practically anyone, especially under the situation and circumstances. That's my question.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The question you directed to me, let me answer you and say this. I am not involved in any of that as a Worthy Grand Matron for raises. This comes strictly from the Board, so the Board of Benevolence would have to answer that. I would be happy to if I had anything to do with it, but I don't give raises or take them away. I mean, I have nothing to do with working the budget.

I attend the meetings when possible, but it is not my responsibility as a Worthy Grand Matron to be involved in the portion of what you are asking. Did that help clarify what you had in your mind?

MR. TREY SMITH: No, ma'am, I'm sorry it didn't.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The Board of Benevolence makes up the budget.

MR. TREY SMITH: Right.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: With the Trustees' budget. They work together. They're the ones — the Trustees handle the money; the Benevolent Board handles the Home. The money that is decided upon is exactly what you heard the Board of Benevolence give. Brother Mac told you what's coming in.

I don't know how . . . I don't know how to explain . . . [Confers.] Okay. I didn't hear that part because I was working. They tell me you wanted to know why Brother George Poff was placed on probation and then got a raise. [Applause] Okay. I didn't know that. I'll answer that because I'm the one that placed him on probation with the full consent. It was a Corporate Board decision; all eight of us made that decision.

The reasoning — and I'll tell you — when we had the banquet for the Worthy Grand Patron in Plano after we were installed last October, and the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron, we were leaving the next day to start the school schedule.

Before we left, I called the boards together. They were clearly and without any doubt in their minds told that I was to be notified at all times of everything that went on in that Home or was happening. I did not want to be somewhere in the state of Texas and someone come up and say, "Worthy Grand Matron, what's this I hear about the Home," or "How come we're \$30,000 in the hole," and me not have any idea what they're talking about.

I am elected like they are elected. True, I am the titular head of the Order, but, nevertheless, they were given full instructions to inform me of a deficit or anything that happened. I was not. I did not know about this until July the 15th of 1992, when we had this .\$75,000 debt that I was not aware of.

So I reprimanded the Board of Benevolence and placed Brother George Poff on a 90-day probation, with the full consent of the Corporate Board. I felt that if I had asked to be completely informed, then that's exactly what I should have been. I should have been informed of all of this, and I was not. [Applause]

MR. TREY SMITH: With that being the situation then, can I make a motion that this not be considered a raise? I mean, that we put a freeze on that at twenty-three four. Can I amend this budget to do that? [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'll let our parliamentarian answer that. Right now I don't think that would be legal. But let her answer that. This is her expertise.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: You have two motions on the floor. One is to adopt the budget as presented. The other one was the motion made by Wayne Gaddis that we substitute his motion for adopting the budget. Now, we can't accept another one until we get rid of one of these, because it has nothing to do with either one of these motions. If they vote down Mr. Gaddis's motion, then you can move to do anything else with the budget that you want to.

DR. DOUG HALL: Worthy Grand Matron —

MR. TREY SMITH: Thank you.

DR. DOUG HALL: Dr. Doug Hall, Worthy Patron, Bethany #912. I believe the question is — and it still hasn't been answered by anyone; maybe it needs to be answered by the Board of Benevolence, and it is very important we have this information to be able to say, "Yes, we accept the budget," or "No, we don't." The question is why is .someone who is on a 90-day suspension getting a raise? [Applause] That's all we need to know.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, sir, you have a right to that answer. The Board of Benevolence would be the one that would answer that, since they're the ones that gave the raise.

DR. DOUG HALL: Whoever gave him the raise, whoever it is, if they would give this information to this body, I think this body would then be able to make a correct and informed decision on the budget.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Brother Mac Crowder, I ask you to answer this question.

MR. MAC CROWDER: The budget that we have proposed was written in July. It was written prior to any letters, any reprimand or any probation. It Was all taken care of in July. We have to prepare these things to get them to the Grand Secretary at the proper time. This we did. We just conformed with the Constitution of Laws that the Grand Chapter of Texas has set forth for us to operate under.

MRS. DONNA REED: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, Donna.

MRS. DONNA REED: I am Donna Reed, a Past Matron of Highland Park Chapter No. 1029 in Dallas. The amount that's proposed for the raise for the superintendent is a minor item, although it is an important item in the consideration of the entire budget.

My problem at this time is the amendment proposed by Mr. Gaddis, which I feel is a negative motion without a total. A budget must have — You must have some idea of revenues to adopt a budget. You have to have some form of working figures. It would be my preference that we amend the present budget to more realistic figures of revenue and go that way. You can't have an open-ended budget without a total amount. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Donna.

MR. TOMMY MARSH: Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Tommy Marsh. I'm Past Patron, Panhandle Chapter #760. I'd like to speak against the amendment. Am I out of order?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: [Confers with parliamentarian.] All right. Sisters and Brothers, my parliamentarian just told me that we can't have the cake with the icing on the top. Either we vote to extend the time or we take the motion, that we can't have it both ways.

MR. TOMMY MARSH: I believe the question was asked, is there any discussion on the amendment. That's what I'm here for. If I can't discuss the amendment, I'll leave.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: [Confers with parliamentarian.] The parliamentarian says that it was not debatable at that time.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Because you wouldn't extend the time for debate. You've gone nearly an hour on this — $\,$

MR. TOMMY MARSH: I'm sorry, I can't hear you.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: The assembly would not vote to extend the time for

debate, so it's up to the assembly. If the assembly doesn't want to extend it, the only thing the chair can do is take the vote.

MR. TOMMY MARSH: Are we going to have an opportunity to speak to the amendment?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: [Confers with parliamentarian.] Will the assembly extend the time to two minutes to allow this gentleman to speak? Hold your cards up if you'll allow him two minutes. Our parliamentarian has a stop watch. Okay.

MR. TOMMY MARSH: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, I do appreciate that very much. I would simply like to say that, Brother Cunningham, we are here again — this morning when you said we were still squabbling over the buck — and I would like to certainly approach this with two thoughts in mind. One of them is when we use the words, "Love one another."

When we use the words, "I've seen His Star in the east," what did we really see? I would like to recommend that this amendment be defeated wholeheartedly because it simply does nothing but tie the hands of that Board to operate the Home.

I do recommend wholeheartedly that we do not put our Grand Chapter in a spot to where we cannot pay our bills and where we make recommendations to the membership, but we did not say what action we might take to correct those recommendations.

Thank you very much, and I appreciate your time.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Sisters and Brothers, the question before us now is the amendment.

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Effie Mae Davis.

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: Sister Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Effie Mae Davis, Past Matron of Adah Chapter No. 49. According to the Constitution, as I read it, the Benevolent Board hires and fires; the Benevolent Board also gives reprimands. Last year Mr. George Poff, under the capable leadership of our Benevolent Board, Mrs. Nelda Hastings, Chairman, kept us in the black. I cannot see that a few figures and all this contention reflects badly against such a fine gentleman. He is a true Christian gentleman; I would trust him with my own bank account. I feel the reprimand was entirely out of order. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Effie Mae, the reasoning for the reprimand — that was to the Board of Benevolence. George and I had a long talk and he understood that he was between the Chairman of the Board and the Worthy Grand Matron. He was informed not to tell me, and he felt that he should tell me, but he also felt that he was obeying the laws that his boss laid down for him, which was the Chairman of the Board.

I felt that if I were going to lead this membership in any capable manner at all, that I was entitled to know what was going on, if I asked specifically before I ever started my trot through the state that nothing be kept from me.

By not complying with my wishes, I felt that if you do not, it's like any type of an order that's given from a parent to a child, if you do not carry out what you have asked, then it's useless and it gets out of hand. That was my reasoning, I think Mr. Poff has done

a fantastic job, and he knows that I know that.

MRS. DORIS EFIRD: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Doris Efird, a Past Matron of Wedgwood Chapter No. 756. In addition to serving as superintendent of the Eastern Star Home, Mr. George Poff happens to be the Worthy Patron of my Chapter, at the request of my Chapter. We think that he was unjustly placed on probation. Our Chapter supports him 100 percent, and we are wholeheartedly in agreement with the way Mr. Poff is running our Eastern Star Home and what he is trying to do to put the Home back in the black.

I would like to see Mr. Poff exonerated at this Grand Chapter. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Doris, as you know, this was not my action alone. It was the entire Corporate Board. Therefore, the entire Corporate Board would have to consider and decide and make that decision as a whole.

MRS. DORIS EFIRD: Worthy Grand Matron, then I so move that that action be rectified at this Grand Chapter session.

MR. WAYNE GADDIS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Wayne Gaddis. I made a motion; the motion has been seconded. All of this talk has nothing to do with this motion. I believe the motion ought to be voted for or against. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You're right. We're going to do it right now, Brother Wayne. The motion is that the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence budget not be accepted and be instructed to go back and operate under the amount of income and keep the Worthy Grand Matron and the Corporate Board advised of all needs to meet the needs of the operation of the Home and the members advised.

This is what I said. We have to know what's going on or we can't help you. This is signed by Wayne Gaddis.

Now, this is the question. All that are in favor that this motion be accepted will so show by the raising of their green cards. This is that you do not accept that. Cards down. Those opposed to it, that they want to.

VOICES: What?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Let me explain so you know what you're voting for. If you raise your card that this motion be accepted, then you are saying that the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence budget not he accepted. All right. So we know, if you raise your cards, that's what you're saying you want to happen

All in favor will show their green cards. Cards down. Now, those opposed, same sign.

That looked close to me. Okay. We're going to have to do it like we did last night. You will stand and raise your card, if you want the motion that Brother Wayne Gaddis made, that the Benevolence budget not be accepted and be instructed to go back and operate under the amount of income and keep the Corporate Board and Worthy Grand Matron informed on the needs of the Home, you will stand and raise your green cards.

Well, I guess that answers it. All right. Be seated. Now, those opposed to this motion, stand and hold your green cards.

The motion was adopted. [Applause]

Associate Grand Matron, were you trying to get my attention? You've got it!

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, in our Constitution on page 40, Section C under Endowment Fund Interest, "No part of the OES Home Endowment Fund, except interest rising from investments thereof, shall be used for any purpose whatsoever, unless specifically authorized by this Grand Chapter. The Endowment Fund shall be invested and reinvested from time to time under the direct control and supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees, subject to the limitations set out in paragraph (b) above."

In compliance with that article, we would like to move that the Corporate Board be allowed to withdraw funds from the Endowment Fund principal until next Grand Chapter session to make a determination on funding of Home activities, to give us some —an opportunity to have some funds to use in case there is no money.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Virginia, would you like to put that in writing and bring to the Grand Secretary's desk, please.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

 $\label{eq:worthy} \textbf{WORTHY GRAND MATRON:} \ \text{The Grand Treasurer wants to say something to you.}$

GRAND TREASURER: I believe she said Endowment Fund principal. That cannot be touched, Sister Virginia, only the interest can be moved. The interest from the Endowment Fund was included in the anticipated income for the Home. Therefore, they have already the vote to use that interest as it accrues. As it comes in, it will be used by vote of the Trustees.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sister Peaches, it says that the investment shall be used for any — the interest — "No part of the OES Home Endowment Fund, except interest rising from investments thereof, shall be used for any purpose whatsoever, unless specifically authorized by this Grand Chapter." I am asking for that authorization from this Grand Chapter to use those funds in an emergency.

GRAND TREASURER: Excuse me, Virginia. The Benevolent Board has asked for that interest to operate the Home.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Principal.

GRAND TREASURER: The principal cannot be touched.

MRS. JUDITH VAN HORN: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I hear you.

MRS. JUDITH VAN HORN: I'm Judith Van Horn, Past Matron from Oak Forest Chapter in Houston. It's my understanding — and I could be wrong here — we just voted down the budget. We said they'll operate on their own, but there is no budget. If there's no budget, does that mean that they're entitled to that \$400,000?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Not without a vote of this Grand Chapter.

MR. KEITH WEISS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Brother in the south.

MR. KEITH WEISS: I'm Keith Weiss, Past Patron of Floyd Easterling #1074 in Odessa. I just have one question. The amendment we just approved, does that mean that the Home will just operate and y'all will send a monthly bill to each Chapter for the expenses because there is no guideline —

VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No.

MR. KEITH WEISS: — of what they spend, what money they have available. We have just given them free rein, to my understanding.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Without a budget, you are at free rein. It's the same as your own personal home.

MR. KEITH WEISS: They cannot spend anything they want and we will just receive a bill on a periodic basis to pay for the —

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: If this Grand Chapter wants us to operate within a budget, which we do, and we most certainly try to do this within our own lives, then a budget must be prepared and accepted by this Grand Chapter.

MR. KEITH WEISS: We have just destroyed the budget that we had prepared before. Now they have no budget to work with, other than spend the money and then send us the bill. That's my understanding.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No. I'm going to let the chairman tell you again.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: If I understood Brother Gaddis's motion, this is basically what we had to do a couple of years ago. You said go back and live within your income. Is that what you want the Benevolent Board to do, to live within their income? [Applause]

MR. WAYNE GADDIS: That's exactly what I operated on when I was chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences in 1988.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: The interest from the Endowment Fund is a part of that income. If you approve our living within our income, then that includes the interest from the Endowment Fund, the ladies' pensions, the special funds, et cetera, as listed at the beginning of the Home budget.

Sister Virginia, I have a question for you. I want to make sure I understand. Are you saying you want us to use the principal of our Endowment Fund to help operate the Home?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: What I am saying, Sister Charlene, is that I think we need a backup in the event that that money is not there. I have a tremendous amount of confidence in this membership, but I also have a lot of compassion for those ladies at the Home. We are doing everything we can possibly do to raise money, work for money, but I would think that this Grand Chapter should allow us this exception.

I do not want to touch the principal in the Endowment Fund either. That will be the last choice that we have. But in an emergency, it says that you have to have the approval of Grand Chapter — that it has to be specifically authorized by this Grand Chapter.

What we're asking is that it be authorized, and we would use it only if absolutely, positively essential.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, what Virginia is saying — let me just explain to you. As I told you, I asked to be informed of every single thing because you cannot lead any organization or home or whatever if you do not have all the facts.

So after I fussed at them a little bit, they've been real on the ball and keeping me up to date. I was told three days ago that the boiler has gone out at the Eastern Star Home and it will cost \$25,000 to put in a new one. So if we don't put a new one in there, our ladies are not going to be very warm this winter. Now, there is an example, I think, of what Virginia was trying to say, that if that was necessary as an emergency, which very well could be. But now you also know that there's no boiler in the Eastern Star Home. It blew up and cannot be repaired; it must be replaced. They told us it would be \$25,000.

MRS. DEE MOODY: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Our chairman said that that boiler is over 40 years old.

I recognize the lady in the south.

MRS. DEE MOODY: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Dee Moody. I'm Past Matron of Cypress Chapter No. 1102. It is my personal opinion that to draw against our Endowment Fund is signing our own death warrant. [Applause] There is another way out; we've done it before, we have to do it again. It's a special assessment on every member. You have voted down the \$5 assessment. You have ordered the Board to live within their budget, but you have not given them the means to make up the deficit that they are facing now. [Applause] They need the assessment to cover the deficit before they can even begin to think about living within the income they are receiving.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my Sister. But we have a motion that has been made and seconded on the floor, do we not? Okay. We've got to take that off. As you just heard, Sister Virginia has asked this Grand Chapter to allow her, in case of an emergency —

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Point of order, Worthy Grand Matron. Am I to understand that this is a motion to which there will be no debate?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No, no.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm just holding it down before we get three or four things on top of this one. We're going to go one step at a time.

All right. What it says, as she read to you — and there will be debate, Brother Joe — no part of the OES Home Endowment Fund, except interest rising from investments thereof, shall be used for any purpose whatsoever unless specifically authorized by this Grand Chapter. Now, that refers to the interest only, not the principal. The Endowment Fund shall be invested and reinvested from time to time under the direct control and supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees, subject to the limitations set out in paragraph (b) above, which paragraph (b) is the principal of the OES Home Endowment Fund shall not be spent, but shall be kept invested under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees in interest-bearing securities, subject to the following limitations.

What Sister Virginia read was interest only, and that's the motion that was made and seconded. Now, we're open for debate on it, which we just had. [Confers.]

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} \textbf{ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:} Worthy Grand Matron, it says that you can use that money, comma — \\ \end{tabular}$

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Interest. You can use the interest.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Honey, it says that you can use, "except interest rising" — "shall be used for any purpose unless specifically authorized by this Grand Chapter." Is that not the principal?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No. That's just the interest. Read (b). Read up above there on (b), the fourth line down from the top on that page. [Confers.]

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: Sisters and Brothers, if you have your Constitutions, turn to page 40, subparagraph (b), starting on the fourth line on page 40. It says, "The principal of this OES Home Endowment Fund shall not be spent, but shall be kept invested under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees in interest-bearing securities, subject to the following limitations and restrictions."

Then it goes on down to (c), Endowment Fund dash Interest, period. "No part of the OES Home Endowment Fund, except the interest," et cetera, as Sister Virginia read it earlier. "... interest arising from investments thereof shall not be used for any purpose whatsoever unless specifically authorized by this Grand Chapter."

That is only referring to the interest, not the principal. If we start using that principal, then we're depleting our base from which we draw our interest to help pay the bills.

If we had not started using the interest several years ago, our Endowment Fund would be close to \$10 million, instead of only 5-1/2 million. You start using your principal and we're dead.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Garland. Yes, sir.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: I'm Garland Rattan, Past Patron, Dumas #653. We came to Grand Chapter knowing that we had a decision to make which was either to keep the Home open or to close it. If we decide to keep it open, which I believe we did, then we must figure out a way to pay for it. We destroyed the budget. We were told to live within the means, the \$5 assessment went down. The \$10 assessment went down. I see one alternative left. Would you like to pass the hat and help have some money to operate with? What do you want us to do? We are in an impossible situation to manage without any money, folks.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I completely agree with you, Brother Garland. I know where you're coming from because we're all in this and I am very well aware of it.

Our problem, Sisters and Brothers, is that we're having a difficult time, I guess, in explaining to you that we really are in a hard spot. Like I said, the boiler went out. That's a fact. We have to replace it. That's a fact, but we don't have \$25,000 to do it and that's a fact. We can only do what you allow us to do. Remember, you are the membership and you make the decisions. That's the way it should be, so how do you want us to handle this when you haven't given us any money? This is what Brother Garland is trying to say. You have to let us know what you want to do.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Charlene Littlewood. Sisters and Brothers, you defeated a special assessment of \$5. You defeated

a special assessment of \$2.50. Would you be willing to agree to a special assessment of \$1 if it would mean that we would not have to touch the principal of our endowment? [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is that every person? Do you mean every person, Charlene?

MRS. GWEN McCOLLOM: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the south.

MRS. GWEN McCOLLOM: I'm Gwen McCollom, Past Matron, Luling Chapter #155. I agree with Sister Charlene, but what I would want to suggest, that we do what we did in Amarillo —

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm for that.

MRS. GWEN McCOLLOM: You want to replace the boiler, let's pass the hat.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm for that.

MRS. GWEN McCOLLOM: It would cost 28 cents per member, that is, our 87,703 members is what it would cost to replace the boiler.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: If every member gave just \$1 and we passed the hat, it would certainly help. We have to have a start somewhere because it's a fact that we need the money. If you are in agreement — and it sounded like you all were, you're trying to help us — with an assessment per member.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Joe Jeffers, a Past Patron of Alvin Chapter No. 15 and Friendswood Chapter No. 1131. I still do not understand fully what we are concerned about with this business about taking the principal out of that Endowment Fund. Whether we are thinking about this today or not, we've had money troubles for 12 years that I'm perfectly aware of and we're not going to get rid of them today.

But I'm telling you now, if we touch that Endowment Fund, the principal thereof, we have had it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's right, Brother Joe. [Applause]

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Not only will we begin to spend ourselves into oblivion, but we're going to have problems with the government because that money was donated under some rather peculiar tax statuses, one of which we just agreed to keep, and we had best keep our wits about us and our money in the bank. Thank you. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I have just had brought before me from our Jurisprudence Committee emergency legislation as per Article 181, page 111. We, the undersigned, propose the following emergency legislation to read as follows, to wit: We propose that each member of this Grand Chapter be assessed the sum of \$1 to meet the necessary expenses of operation of the Eastern Star Home. Each subordinate chapter will collect this amount from each member on their rolls as of May 31, 1992, and forward to the Grand Secretary...[Confers with parliamentarian.]

MRS. JACKIE AKEMANN: Worthy Grand Matron, may I make an amendment to the amendment, please? I am Jackie Akemann, a Past Matron of Walter Baldwin #929 in Waco, Texas. I have been coming to Grand Chapter for years. We are in trouble. If you

did not have a heater in your home, you certainly would replace it before the first cold snap. We have ladies in our Home who depend on us. It behooves me and you to give a donation for these ladies to have heat.

I would like to amend the amendment to be that we give a \$5 donation from each member — $\,$

VOICES: No .

MRS. JACKIE ACKMANN: — and also to receive gifts from members in addition.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion made and seconded on the floor from Sister Virginia and seconded by Brother Garland in reference to this interest on the Endowment Fund. We have to take care of that before we go any further. Okay? They've called for the question. Let me read what they sent up from the west. "In compliance with the Constitution, Article 7, Part B.4.2 and C, page 40" — that's what you were just asked to turn to — "that the Corporate Board be allowed to withdraw funds from the Endowment Fund principal until next Grand Chapter session, to make a determination on funding the Home activities."

Now, this is what you...[Confers with parliamentarian.] All right. What they're trying to tell you is that it is the interest only that you can spend. You cannot withdraw or draw on the principal of the Endowment Fund. As Brother Joe said, if we start doing that, we'll be broke in a minute. The parliamentarian says this is not in proper form. The parliamentarian said it would be null and void if adopted the way it's written because you're asking for the principal and we can't do that. Y'all understand that, don't you? [Applause]

All right. Now that you understand that, we'll go back to the emergency legislation that I was reading you that will come before you for discussion, that we propose that each member of this Grand Chapter be assessed the sum of \$1 to meet the necessary expenses of the operation of the Eastern Star Home. Each subordinate chapter will collect the amount from each member on their rolls as of May 31, 1992, and forward it to the Grand Secretary no later than February 1, 1993.

Now, what you have just heard is this emergency legislation of the assessment. Is there any discussion on this?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All in favor of the assessment of \$1 per member raise your green cards. Thank you. Down. Opposed. This emergency legislation has passed. Now, we have to go back to the budget. You get ahead of yourselves and then everybody gets confused and gets upset. We don't want to do that, Sisters and Brothers, there's no way that we're going to be able to understand what we're doing; and that's not fair to you. Now, we're back to the budget.

MRS. MARCELLA SNOW: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Marcella Snow, Past Matron of San Antonio Chapter No. 3. Yesterday when the \$2.50 assessment was turned down, it wasn't turned down because they didn't want to pay it, it was turned down because of the wording.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Murray, they said the way the wording of that \$2.50 assessment yesterday was written is the reason they turned it down. Brother Murray, the membership is saying that yesterday when we turned down that \$2.50 proposed assessment it was because of the way it was written, not that they were not in favor of paying \$2.50. [Confers with parliamentarian.]

Okay. Now normally once emergency legislation is adopted, that's it. But our chairman of the Jurisprudence says that it can be reconsidered. So if it's written this way, would you like me to insert \$2.50 instead of \$1 and you pass it that way.

MRS. IRENE GLASS: Worthy Grand Matron. Excuse me. Excuse me, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Irene Glass, Dripping Springs Chapter #860. I proposed the \$2.50 assessment last night. I have been continually asking persons today what happened. I have been told they were confused by the way in which it was presented — excuse me for saying this — but from the podium. They didn't really understand what they were voting on, a lot of them, because it was worded and reworded. It was 5; it was 2.50. They said they were for it, but they didn't get that across. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: So do you want to vote over on it? [Applause and "nos."] All right. Do you want to reconsider the passage of the \$1 and go back to that?

VOICES: No.

MRS. BETTY SANDERSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Betty Sanderson, a Past Matron of Irving Chapter No. 777. I believe we have several members in this Grand Chapter room that are not aware that when we take these ladies into the Home, we take every asset they have, with the pledge that we will care for them in our Home for the rest of their life. You may not like giving \$2.50, \$5 or whatever. But we have an obligation to these ladies. It is pathetic to think that you're not willing to go to McDonald's one day for lunch instead of having a steak. I think it's a sad situation when our membership gets to the point that we cannot take care of our obligations. Let's get with it and handle it. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, now you voted on the \$1, so the discussion on it is over. Let's stay calm. Let's realize that we're trying to solve a very difficult situation. Would some of you members or one of you members that have been speaking, would you like to write your proposal to assess the \$2.50 per member and bring it to the secretary's desk?

MRS. IRENE GLASS: Worthy Grand Matron, I've already presented that in writing as you instructed me to do.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: What?

MRS. IRENE GLASS: I've already presented that to the secretary as you instructed me last night to do. By the way, if you take the deficit — the newly created deficit, divide it by the 80,000 membership, you'll come up with somewhere around \$2. That would cover the total deficit.

I do not know if this is out of order, but if it's possible I'd like to make the motion that we vote on a \$2 assessment rather than vote on a \$1 assessment which will only —the \$1 will only pay one-half of the deficit and that's it. I move to reconsider the previous motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Our parliamentarian is going to explain to you, my Sister, on this proposal that you sent up.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: This motion was defeated yesterday for \$2.50. You have just adopted a motion for an assessment of \$1. You could have gone to the floor at that time and moved to strike out \$1 and insert \$2.50, but you didn't do it, so your time is up; and there's nothing you can do about it now . [Applause]

MRS. IRENE GLASS: Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have just received — Sisters and Brothers, would you like to get a sack and we can do a Billy Graham system? AMrs. B. Bolton has just sent to the Grand East a check for \$100 for a donation to help our deficit. [Applause] Thank you, my Sister.

VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron -

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Charlene first. She had the podium.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: Sisters and Brothers, our parliamentarian tells me that I have to move that you adopt the budget. I think with this special assessment that you have given us, plus the hope that Sister Virginia Green's special funds will work, I move the adoption of the budget for the Home, as presented by your Board of Grand Trustees.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any further discussion? [No response.] All right. All in favor of accepting the budget, signify by raising your cards —

MR. KEN SHELLEY: Worthy Grand Matron, point of order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, sir.

MR. KEN SHELLEY: I need a clarification on my part. I'm Ken Shelley, Past Patron of Wharton Chapter #380. I believe we voted while ago that we would have to live within our budget. That in essence should have taken care of accepting the committee report, if they do live within their budget. If I'm wrong, I'm sorry, but I think that that was voted on and carried on the floor.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I don't think that was adopted.

MR. WAYNE GADDIS: That was the motion.

MR. KEN SHELLEY: And that was income. I think I said budget, but I think it was income.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: Our parliamentarian was not aware that we had adopted Brother Wayne Gaddis's motion, so I withdraw my motion. [Applause]

MR. WAYNE GADDIS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have a question.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, Brother Gaddis.

MR. WAYNE GADDIS: I would like to know — I heard all the reports of all these special committees and how much money we as a membership — how we love the Home. We sold these things; we worked this Strawberry Extravaganza; we worked the Festal Day. Where is the money that was brought in in these special funds? [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The money that was brought in from the special funds was designated at the beginning of the year to where each item would go; and that is where it has been placed. If you listened to Brother Curtis when he gave his report, he said that it was for the Home Fund; and that's where that portion went.

The stickers for our dues cards went to the infirmary. All of it was written, and it was all in the Bulletin where the money would be placed when it came in. Now, my

year, total income of what you the membership have helped gather will not be noted until October 31st because my year goes from November 1 till October 31st. So all that comes in until the 31st of October, even though Sister Virginia will be installed, will still be a portion of my year. I'm hoping above all hope that we will see a nice amount.

Now, I also used \$8000 of some of the money that came in to help pay part of that \$15,000 drug bill we had. I gave \$8000, and they raised seven on the auction. That took care of that bill.

I have just furnished the front of the Home with the wheelchair ramps that the government was soon going to tell us we had to have. I used the money that was raised to do this. It is being used very, very wisely; and there will be every chance for you to know exactly where every penny has gone.

When October 31st comes and I have a final tally of what I have in the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Fund, then most certainly we'll see the amount and know what is needed the most, and that's where it will go. My whole Humanitarian Program this year was devoted to the Home. Number one was Home Renovation. Number two was Home Endowment. Number three was Special Needs of the Home. And of course, four was ESTARL.

So, Brother Gaddis, all of my money is being used that is being brought in for the Home. I am thrilled to death, and we just now have another check received for \$ 500 to help meet our deficit. [Applause] Thank you, my Sister.

MR. WAYNE GADDIS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. That was my point: The membership will take care of the Home if they know what's going on .

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Well, I told the membership at the beginning of the year that they would know everything from me, and I think, Sisters and Brothers, I've been very fair this year and I have told you everything that I know. I always will be honest with you.

I certainly don't think that you who run this Grand Chapter should be in the dark on anything. Any time you want to ask me a question pertaining to my year, you feel perfectly free to do so and I guarantee you I'll give you a straight answer.

We just received another check for .\$250 to meet-the Home deficit.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And I want to tell these Sisters and Brothers that are coming through like this, now this is the heart of our Order and this is where our love is shown, just like the crusade we had Betty's night. That was wonderful! Here's another one for \$75.I also have one from a member that she says she's an associate member of Grand Prairie, and this is a little start to help. This is a \$75 check. Now that means we have just in the last — less than ten minutes received four checks from these Sisters and Brothers that understand our problem and are trying to help. That's what it's all about, folks, that we help each other.

Look at what we came across with the disaster of the tornadoes and the floods . Well, we're in the same shape . We're sinking. Thank you, you generous ones.

We will now get on with the General Fund budget. Here's 18 cash that was just handed to us.

MRS. SHEILA VIDAL: My name is Sheila Vidal I'm from Winnie Chapter in Ennis, Texas. I want to make a suggestion., I want to take the \$1 assessment that we voted on, stop the quibbling, pass the hat tonight which we've already got a good start

on, support Virginia next year in all her projects and join together as a membership. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I just now received another check for another \$100. [Applause]

MRS. BARBARA REYNOLDS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Barbara Reynolds, a Past Matron of Queen Esther Chapter No. 833 in Abilene. The membership here are the ones with the Lincolns and the Cadillacs that was mentioned yesterday, and I think that if we would pass the hat tonight that we would really be beneficial to the Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I just now had a hundred dollar bill handed to me and a check for another \$100. I have two more checks that have just now been handed to me, \$50 and \$25.

VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron -

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We're going to have to stop this right now for a few moments, please, and let's get on with the business that we had. Then we'll get back to the General Fund, but we have an election. [Applause] The ballot on the Associate Grand Conductress, the number cast was: 3017. The results: Swetland - 1580; Malone - 1437. Now, Sisters and Brothers, you have elected — Please, no display. Let's show compassion and kindness to our Sisters and Brothers. You have elected Sister Rosemary Swetland as your Associate Grand Conductress. Would Rosemary please come to the east. [Applause] Please, Sisters and Brothers. I'm going to bring her up here and then we can greet her.

While she's coming to the east, on the ballot for the Grand Examiner of District 4, cast: 3024; necessary to elect: 1513. Morganthaler - 444; Wolfe - 1972; Baker - 608. You have elected Naomi Wolfe as your Grand Examiner of District 4. Would Sister Naomi come to the east.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Worthy Grand Matron, I want to speak for you and I know you will join with what I am about to say. We have had devoted table judges and devoted tellers. They have worked diligently along with the computers, and before they are dismissed, I know that you wish to express your appreciation for their labor of love. [Applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you to each one who helped with this election. Would you like to hear about the other money that just came in?

VOICES: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. A \$500 check, \$50 check, then one of my deputies has returned the money allotted to a deputy of \$15.36. I have another \$100; I have another \$50, another \$50, \$25, \$100, a \$100 bill, another 100, another 50, another 50, another 100. Now, Sisters and Brothers, this is love. Now, I just received 70 more plus — 80.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, realize that if you're leaving this Grand Chapter room, you're not going to help us because we have to pass the budget and we must have a quorum of 200 chapters or we cannot conduct the business. So if you're going to leave, we're going to be in a pickle.

Here's \$200 more. Thank you so much. Here's another 100, another 20 and another pledge of 50.

Sisters and Brothers, before you all leave, we are going to have to approve the budget as presented for the General Fund, as printed in your report. They are going to present it, and it won't take that much longer. Please bear with us and let us get this legislation completed so that when we go home, we will know that we have had the hands to help those that are necessary.

Sister Charlene, would you come forward.

Brother Sentinel, order that the doors be locked, please.

GRAND WARDER: Assistant Grand Warders, please secure the doors, along with the Grand Sentinels. No one is to leave the Grand Chapter room. You cannot leave the Grand Chapter room.

GRAND SENTINEL: Worthy Grand Matron, the doors have been closed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Grand Sentinel.

Sisters and Brothers, since we've emptied the ballot boxes and you have had your elections, we're going to ask the pages to pass the boxes and we'll do like you said, let's pass the hat and see what we get to add with what we have. Wouldn't that be wonderful? Thank you.

MR. A. D. JACKSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: We, the Board of Grand Trustees, are pleased to present for your approval the proposed budget for the General Fund for the Grand Chapter year 1992 and 1993.

Please turn to page 55 in your Advanced Annual Report and follow along with me. We have made some adjustments since the Advanced Annual Report was printed, and I will call these to your attention as I go along.

THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES PRESENTS THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET 1992 - 1993

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Dispensations, etc.	1,292	1,500	1,158	1,300
Reimbursable Expenses Endowed		1,300	1,345	2,000
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Sale of Session Summary Miscellaneous	1,935	1,800 0	3	2,000 100
Sale of C.D. If Needed	$12,126 \\ 0$	75,000	ə	75,000
	\$345,007	\$491,400		\$437,400
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GRAND OFFICERS, GRAND EXA COMMITTEES EXPENSE FUNDS		;		
Worthy Grand Matron		3,500		3,500
Worthy Grand Patron		1,600		1,600
Associate Grand Matron		2,000		2,000
Associate Grand Patron		375		375
Grand Conductress		250		250
Associate Grand Conductress		200		200
Grand Examiners		750		750
DDGM & DGM		7,500		7,500
Humanitarian Committee		800		800
Home Endowment Committee		75		75
ESTARL Committee		250		250
Jurisprudence Committee		50		50
Registration Committee By-Laws Committee		200		200 150
International Temple Fund Commit	too	$150 \\ 25$		25
Education Fund Committee	iee	25 25		25 25
Purposes & Policies Committee		50		50
Chapters U.D. Committee		25		25
Fraternal Correspondent		25		25
Museum Committee		25		25
Grand Choir Director	•	50		50
WGM's Secretarial Committee		600		600
	\$14,418	\$18, 525	\$18, 500	\$18, 525
GRAND CHAPTER SESSION				
The Session	\$20,000	\$20,000		\$20,000
Entertain Visiting Grand Officers Expenses: MWGM/MWGP/GG	1,000	1,000		1,000
Chap Officers	500	500		1,000
Mileage	7,113	6,500		6,500
Registration Forms	1,214	1,500		1,300
Ballots & Voting Cards	1,219	1,350		1,250
Advanced Reports (4500)	7,562	8,000		8,000
Session & Memorial Programs (45		6,800		6,000
Grand Warder/Grand Sentinel Boo		500		300
Invitations	255	250		250
Installation Programs (4000)	2,676	3,500		3,000
Postage for Pre Registration and Invitations	745	700		750
	\$48,181	\$50,600		\$49,350

	Actual <u>90-91</u>	Budget <u>91-92</u>	YTD Actual	Budget <u>92-93</u>
GRAND CHAPTER AUTOMOBILE	FOR WC	M		
Acquisition Fund (every 2 years)	15,266	8,500	8,500	8,500
Operating Expenses	3,138	3,500	1,453	3,500
	\$18,404	\$12,000		\$12,000
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JEWELS: Past Grand Matron's Jewel	750	750		750
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	450	450		450
	\$1,200	\$ 1,200		\$ 1,200
PRINTING AND POSTAGE				
Rosters (every 4 years)	0	6,500	6,500	6,500
Annual Proceedings	27,206	25,000	27,319	27,000
Annual Chapter Reports	1,741	1,800	1,710	1,750
Compilations	476	500	498	500
Grand Chapter Session Summary		1,000	400	300
Revisions to Constitution	13,125	2,000		2,000
Instructions to Sub. Chapters	2,486	2,000	2,987	2,500
Directories	4,773	5,000	2,001	5,000
Deputy Books	5,773	4,500	$\frac{-}{3,944}$	4,500
Stationery/Envelopes	3,773 $3,221$	3,000	2,538	3,000
Grand Chapter Committees		-	•	1,500
Forms and Supplies	3,506	1,500	1,427	•
Bulletins	64,512	65,000	38,406	55,000
Memorials/Postage	499	800	546	800
Printing - Forms, Supplies (for resale)	54,676	50,000	7,941	40,000
Miscellaneous Printing	546	600	753	500
(Inst/Const/50 year/GR Cert., e				
Photos for Proceedings	500	500	-	500
Postage - Annual Proceedings	3,142	2,700		3,200
Postage - Bulletins	5,171	10,000	7,976	10,000
Postage - Rosters (every 4 years)	0	225	225	225
Postage - Meter Forms, Supplies Annual Reports	10,000	10,000	10,179	10,000
Compilations		•		
Instr to Subor Chapters Directories				
Stationary				
Session Summary, etc.				
•	\$201,588	\$192,625		\$174,775
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES				
Legal Services	3,452	5,000	2,156	3,500
Audit	18,500	19,500	19,500	19,500
Computer Expenses	4,064	7,000	2,808	4,000
CPA Services	0	500	0	0

	Actual <u>90-91</u>	Budget <u>91-92</u>	YTD <u>Actual</u>	Budget <u>92-93</u>
Endowed Memberships	52	575	166	200
Postage Permit & Permit Mail	2,012	1,000	575	1,000
Grand Secretary Salary	12,000	12,000	8,000	12,000
Auto Expense	1,800	1,800	1,200	1,800
Office Salaries	28,547	58,675	33,059	52,000
Part Time Help	4,225	2,000	427	5,000
. Payroll Taxes	5,435	5,200	3,742	5,500
Telephone	3,099	3,200	1,821	3,100
Mail Handling/Light Maintenance	535	1,200	375	300
Equip/Machine Lease/Repair/Repla	ace 6,305	6,000	3,908	6,500
Office & Printing Supplies	3,640	3,300	1,808	.3,000
Grand Treasurer Salary	3,900	3,900	2,600	3,900
Grand Treasurer Expenses/Equipn	nent 600	600	600	600
Utilities and Disposal	7,191	7,500	4,909	7,500
Janitorial Service	2,400	2,400	1,400	2,400
Building Maint/Repair/Replacemen	at 3,599	4,000	2,477	3,000
Major Repairs to Admin Building	.0	20,000	8,343	10,000
	\$111,356	\$165,350	\$99,874.	\$144,800
OTHER EXPENSES				
Grand Chapter Contingency	\$ 8,966	\$15,000	\$ 1,139	\$10,000
Grand Chapter Fidelity Bonds	256	900	+ -,	600
General Grand Chapter Expense Expenses (every 3 years)	1,800	600	600	600
Official Reporter	2,500	2,500		2,500
General Grand Chapter Supplies (for resale)	12,459	25,000	6,824	15,000
Miscellaneous	601	50	1,458	500
Board of Grand Trustees	2,782	5,000	840	4,000
Constitutional Expenses	187	1,000	188	500
at General Grand Chapter (Art 1	86)	_,	,	
	\$29,551	\$50,050		\$33,700
INSURANCE				
Automobile	2,100	2,200	1,945	2,200
Workmans Compensation	500	585	342	575
Building/Personal Property/Umbre	lla 4,117	5,175	1,625	5,725
	\$ 6,717	\$ 7,960		\$ 8,500
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES		\$498,310		<u>\$442.850</u>
DEFICIT		\$ 6,910		\$ 5,450

	$\underline{\mathbf{Members}}$	<u>50 Year</u>	Paying
89	97,245	4,790	92,455
90	94,607	4,968	89,639
91	91,287	5,070	86,107
92	87,703	4,804	82,764
93 (ESTIMATED)			80,000

The first section, General Fund Revenue Sources — and we will be referring all the time to Budget 92-93, except in one place and I will tell you when we get there. Since we are showing a shortfall in the Home budget, we decided to include our anticipated balance on hand in the General Fund as of 31st October 1992. So an item which comes before "Dues/Per Capita" is \$150,000, the balance on hand added to the General Fund Revenue Sources. The last item I want to call to your attention is the sale of a CD, if needed, which in the budget last year was listed as \$75,000.

Since we have a balance on hand and it will not be necessary to sell the CD, we have changed that amount from \$75,000 in last year's budget to a zero balance in this year's budget. The estimated — the revised estimated revenue which you have — the estimated revenue which you have for 92-93 is \$437,400. It now is \$512,400.

The second section, Grand Officers, Grand Examiners and Committee Expense Funds, is \$18,525. You know by the reports that have been made from the Ad Hoc Committee, those will be changed. But, remember, this budget was made several weeks ago before we heard the report of the Ad Hoc Committee yesterday.

The Grand Chapter Session on page 56 of your Advanced Reports, \$49,350. The Grand Chapter automobile for the Worthy Grand Matron on page 56, \$12,000. Jewels, page 56, \$1200. Printing and postage, also on page 56, \$174,775. That total is at the top of page 57.

Administrative expense, page 57, there is one item I want to call to your attention, which is in the actual for 90-91, your first column. There was an error in office salaries, which was listed on your copy there as \$28,547. There was an error in the listing used to compile the budget, and we used the incorrect figure. That figure, instead of being \$28,547, should be \$46,290. That amount will not change, of course, the budget item for 92-93. So the budget item on page 57 for 92-93 remains at \$144,800.

Other expenses on 57 and 58, \$33,700. The insurance, which we did not get the figures from our insurance agent until last week, the actual cost will be — for the automobile, instead of \$2200, which is listed in your Advance Report, will be \$1905. Our workers comp, \$575 listed there on your Advance Report, has gone up to \$1520. The building/personal property and umbrella insurance, which is listed there on your program as \$5725, has gone down to \$2495. The total for insurance which you have on your Advance Report is \$8500. That revised total insurance is now \$5920.

The revised total expense, which you have on your Advance Report as \$442,850, is now revised downward to \$440,270.

And then when we take the anticipated income over the anticipated expenses leaves us an excess of 72,170 for the 1992-93 budget.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report of the General Fund Budget for 1992-1993.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do I hear a second?

VOICES: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Any question?

MR. FRANK SMITH: Can you have a question on that, Worthy Grand Matron? I would just like to ask for this consideration. I'll take less than your two minutes.

I'm Frank F. Smith, Past Patron of Queen Esther Chapter #833 and Mansfield

#876 and Present Patron of Mansfield #876. We were asked to bite the bullet last night. We've been asked to bite the bullet again today in all of our mileages and everything else. Sister Millie Sharpe was my first Worthy Grand Matron years ago. And starting back with her and going back further, these Past Grand Matrons up there can remember when they used their own cars. Let's do away with this 12,000, at least till we get out of the hole, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Excuse me just a minute, Brother Frank.

Grand Sentinel, they tell me they're going in and out of the doors like water. Get your sentinels at the doors.

I'm sorry, Brother Frank.

- MR. FRANK SMITH: No problem. With the insurance and everything else, that's \$14,000 a year. Two years without having the furnished vehicle will put in that heating system, according to my figures. If we're going to bite the bullet, let's do it straight across the board, from the top to the bottom. That's just something for consideration. Thank you.
- MR. A. D. JACKSON: Sir, if you're referring to the \$72,000 overage, we have to use that money to loan to the Home Fund in order that they may operate.
- MR. FRANK SMITH: No, this is for the Grand Chapter automobile for the Worthy Grand Matron, sir. You read it yourself on page 56. All I'm asking for is consideration to use their own cars for a couple of years till we get past that.
- MR. A. D. JACKSON: We have a van on hand that was bought last year. We will not buy an automobile until this time next year, which will go to Sister Marcella Curry for her use as Worthy Grand Matron.
- MR. FRANK SMITH: Right, sir. My two minutes are just about up, but at the end of next time This isn't just instantaneous. We didn't get in this bad a shape over night, but let's start thinking about ways where we can cut some money.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. We're ready for the vote —

MR. KEITH WEISS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Keith Weiss, Past Patron of Floyd Easterling 1074 in Odessa, Texas. On page 56 on printing and postage, just some clarification, please.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: They can't hear, I don't think, my Brother. A. D., he's talking in reference to the postage.

- MR. KEITH WEISS: Brother A. D., on page 56, printing and postage, you have listed \$6500 for the rosters. Did we not decide to not send those rosters?
- MR.A.D. JACKSON: I explained that awhile ago, Keith, in that this budget was prepared several weeks ago and the things that have gone forth here through the Ad Hoc Committee and other motions will be taken care of, and the budget will be reduced by those things which came out of the Ad Hoc Committee and the motion you're talking about, to do away with the roster.

MR. KEITH WEISS: Thank you, sir.

MR. A. D. JACKSON: Did that answer your question?

MR. KEITH WEISS: It sure did.

MR. A. D. JACKSON: I can't see you. Where are you?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: In the south, All right, Any more discussion? Ready for the question? All in favor of accepting the budget as you've just heard presented, show your cards. Cards down. You accepted it. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

Now, I just had a check handed to me from Virginia Vanderwig for \$1000, and it's a challenge to this membership. Isn't that great? [Applause]

I would Like to call on Brother J. T. Sanders. We've got this Purposes and Policies that we have to finish.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

MR. J. T. SANDERS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm J. T. Sanders, chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee. I'd like to present a supplementary report. The annual report was presented the other evening, but we didn't quite finish.

We, your Purposes and Policies Committee, beg leave to make the following supplementary report. A meeting of the Purposes and Policies Committee was held at the Royal Oak Ballroom of the Holiday Inn/Astrodome Hotel at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 1992, to consider the Pennies From Heaven moneymaking project of Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Associate Grand Matron, to be used during her year as Worthy Grand Matron. All members of the committee had received a copy of this project in advance and had had time to study the project before arriving.

After much discussion, the motion was made by Harry Cunningham and seconded by Jean Nesbitt that this Pennies From Heaven project be approved by this committee. A vote was taken, and the project was approved unanimously.

The purpose for which this meeting was called having been accomplished, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Signed by the entire committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this supplementary report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother J. T. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the supplementary report of the Purposes and Policies Committee. Is there any discussion? [No response.] All in favor of adopting the report, so signify. Opposed, same sign. Your report is adopted, Brother J. T. Thank you

I call on Gerri Dusek, the Educational chairman.

Would a representative of San Saba Chapter No. 191 that so graciously brought up a check come up and endorse it? [Laughter] Thank you.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

MRS. GERRI DUSEK: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distin-

guished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: I'm Gerri Dusek, chairman of the Educational Fund Committee. The other members of my committee are: Sisters Oma Fae Carter and Helen L. Rile. We wish to express our appreciation for the opportunity of serving in this capacity for this Grand Chapter year and to thank our Grand Secretary and her staff for her assistance and support in our efforts.

We submit the following report regarding the 28 outstanding loans which are owed by 19 recipients.

Principal balance as of October 1991: \$30,072.81

Total principal paid: \$1,395

Principal balance as of October 1992: \$28,677.81

Total interest paid: \$1,011.37

Total receipts for this Grand Chapter year: \$2,406.37

We are pleased to note that interest payments were made on ten loans and six individuals have remitted principal payments. However, this committee is concerned that a timely payment of interest and/or principal is not being accomplished in many instances. In fact, in the case of some of the loans all or a portion of Article 162.8.B, C, D and E of our Constitution has not been accomplished for several years. Some loans are several years in arrears. The Board of Grand Trustees has been advised of the situation. As a result and after having conferred with the Board of Grand Trustees, we respectfully refer the matter to the Purposes and Policies Committee for its review and recommendations regarding the practicality of the Educational Fund Committee as it now functions and its seemingly limited capability to act as expeditiously and appropriately as necessary.

A more detailed report on the status of the loans is being submitted to the Grand Secretary and will be a matter of record in the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted, Geraldine Dusek, Chairman Oma Fae Carter Helen L. Rile, Members

STATUS OF EDUCATIONAL FUND LOANS AS OF OCTOBER, 1992

	Date of Loan	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Balance Due
Ashton, Donna Anne	5-9-88	-0-	-0-	1,500.00
Baucom, Sandra Kaye	9-3-87	120.00	-0-	2,000.00
Cantrell, Lisa Rene				
LOAN NO. 1	8-3-83	189.00	225.00	450.00
LOAN NO. 2	9-22-84	162.00	-0-	675.00
Carson, Jason Andrew				
LOAN NO. 1	8-7-88	450.00	-0-	2,500.00
LOAN NO. 2	3-5-90	120.00	-0-	1,000.00
Cogburn, Matthew R.				
LOAN NO. 1	8-27-87	450.00	-0-	2,500.00

LOAN NO. 2	8-24-88	120.00	-0-	2,000.00
Doss, D. J.	8-29-86	81.00	-0-	675.00
Fagan, Patricia Anne	9-20-85	81.00	-0-	675.00
Fitch, Catherine Leigh				
LOAN NO. 1	7-5-83	300.50	150.00	525.00
LOAN NO. 2	9-12-84	184.00	-0-	675.00
LOAN NO. 3	1-13-87	138.50	-0-	675.00
Graham, Jay D.				
LOAN NO. 1	7-15-82	276.46	410.54	264.46
LOAN NO. 2	7-5-83	324.00	-0-	675.00
Head, William R.	8-1-87	150.00	-0-	2,500.00
Horton, Christina E.				
LOAN NO. 1	7-21-87	330.00	1,910.00	590.00
LOAN NO. 2	8-12-83	150.00	1,360.00	1,140.00
Miller, Kevin S.				
LOAN NO. 1	9-1-81	20.25	-0-	675.00
LOAN NO. 2	10-4-82	-0-	-0-	675.00
Phelps, Douglas Joseph	8-30-84	121.50	-0-	675.00
Pierce, Terri Jo.	4-17-87	60.00	-0-	1,000.00
Reed, Allison Lynn	8-1-82	250.50	475.00	200.00
Ripple, Jim Bob				
LOAN NO. 1	8-27-86	202.50	275.00	400.00
LOAN NO. 2	8-27-87	162.00	275.00	400.00
Reimers, Sherrie Kay	9-3-87	150.00	-0-	2,500.00
Scott, Laura Carol	9-12-84	148.50	450.00	225.00
Sorrells, Gary W.	9-19-86	81.00	-0-	675.00

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Gerri. I couldn't call on you because I needed you as a teller and we ran out of time yesterday. I appreciate your work and support of this committee and your diligence in straightening it out. You have done a magnificent job. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of your Educational chairman. All in favor of accepting. Cards down. You have accepted the report of the Educational Fund Committee. Thank you, Gerri.

Sisters and Brothers, remember now if you leave and we lose 200 chapters, we're not going to be able to finish. We're going as fast as we can. We just had too much this year. You agree with that, don't you?

Sister Elizabeth.

MRS. ELIZABETH YOUNG: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers: The Board of Grand Trustees is pleased to present for your consideration the proposed budget for the Benevolent Fund for the Grand Chapter year of 1992-93.

If you will please refer to page 64 of your Advanced Annual Report, you may follow these figures. Income: \$61,200. Expenditures: \$66,000. A deficit of \$4800.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this

portion of the report from our Board of Grand Trustees. All in favor will indicate by showing their green cards. Cards down. Opposed. It has been accepted. Thank you, Sister Elizabeth.

I now call on the chairman of the Strawberry Extravaganza while we get our pictures taken.

REPORT OF THE STRAWBERRY EXTRAVAGANZA COMMITTEE

MR. BILLY H. COMBEST: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers, as each and every member of this great fraternal order that either hears this committee's report or reads it later in the Grand Chapter Proceedings are truly distinguished.

Before my allotted time escapes me, allow me to introduce the ones that worked closest with me on this committee:

General Co-Chairmen: Freda Combest Virginia Schmidt

District Chairman:
District 1 – Sandra McAlister
District 2 – Claudette Carroll

District 3 – Sharon Fentress District 4 – Arie Ann Taras

District 5 – Foy Burgess

Due to time limitations of Grand Chapter and the heavy load of Grand Chapter business still to be addressed, I will necessarily have to keep my thank you remarks brief. The difficulty and danger in brief thank you remarks is that there will be someone left un-thanked.

For this I apologize and can only hope that you will understand and forgive me.

I can't keep from offering my grateful thanks to my co-chair persons. To my wife that performed all the duties of a General Co-Chairman splendidly, while at the same time giving me the support I needed in order to do what I had to do.

To Virginia Schmidt: You are a SPECIAL SISTER. You have a real talent for taking an envelope filled with money, checks and incomplete information, and ending with an orderly financial report.

To These District Chairmen. Thank you for your efforts that went well past what might be considered common. Your un-common dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star is why this committee was such a success.

To Sisters Frances Burbank, Grand Secretary, and Lola "Peaches" Wallace, Grand Treasurer, thank you for the prompt action when we needed to draw money for some project. Also to the Grand Secretary's staff, for all their hard work and efforts.

To Brother George Poff and the staff at the Home, our thanks for your assistance during the year and especially during Strawberry Extravaganza day on the grounds of our Home.

TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP FOR SUPPORTING THIS COMMITTEE.

To Sister Jane Gregory, for giving each member of this committee the opportunity to do all that we were able to accomplish.

To the Worthy Grand Patron, for all the things you did to support Grand Chapter by supporting this committee. To Sister June Whitaker, Grand Esther, for coordinating the activities of this committee at the schools of instructions when myself or a District Chairman could not be there.

Attached is a financial report.

The "bottom line" of this financial report sets out a gross of \$68,666.33 and a net profit of \$52,152.67.

There will be a supplement financial report submitted that will increase the profit considerable.

Respectfully submitted, Billy H Combest General Chairman Strawberry Extravaganza Committee

STRAWBERRY EXTRAVAGANZA FINAL REPORT

	HOUR GLASS	COINS	SUN- CATCHERS	STRAWBERR EXTRAVAGAN DAY	_
GROSS INCOME	9,847.66	6,858.66	8,790.68	44,023.33	69,520.33
EXPENSE	4,211.75	4,571.40	4,425.00	3,335.00	16,543.15
NET PROFIT	5,635.91	2,287.26	4,365.68	40,688.33	52,977.18
	BRE	AKDOWN	BY DISTRIC	TS	
District 1	2,303.00	1,210.00	1,871.00	4,775.00	10,159.00
District 2	1,778.00	698.00	1,491.00	1,543.00	5,510.00
District 3	1,929.00	874.00	1,515.00	3,051.00	7,369.00
District 4	1,764.00	1,064.00	1,689.00	1,743.00	6,260.00
District 5	916.66	625,66	832.68	870.00	3,245.00
General Chairman	1,157.00	2,387.00	1,392.00	32,041.33	36,977.33
GROSS	9,847.66	6,858.66	8,790.68	44,023.33	69,520.33
EXPENSES	4,211.75	4,571.40	4,425.00	3,335.00	16,543.15
NET INCOME	5,635.91	2,287.26	4,365.68	40,688.33	52,977.18

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Billy, there's no way in this world I could begin to tell you how much I appreciate the work that you put forth to make the total that you did for our Strawberry Extravaganza. It was through the love and interest of this Grand Chapter that that was possible.

Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Strawberry Extravaganza report made and seconded. All in favor of accepting, let it be known. Cards down . Opposed . It's accepted . Thank you, my sweet ones .

MRS. DORIS MARSHALL: Worthy Grand Matron .

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I hear you, the Sister in the south.

MRS. DORIS MARSHALL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Doris Marshall, Past Matron of Dumas #653. I respectfully request that the East check and see if we have a 200 quorum of Chapter Representatives.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Pardon me?

MRS. DORIS MARSHALL: I would respectfully request that the East check and see if we have the 200 quorum of chapter representatives present to pass this legislation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The legislation has been taken care of. These are just special reports, my Sister. Actually they are in the Final Proceedings. It does not require what your legislation does. We're down to just two —

MRS. DORIS MARSHALL: Worthy Grand Matron, everybody is leaving like flies. You asked the doors to be sealed, and they're forcing these girls to let them out.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No, what I'm saying is we can give the report—you don't have to have the 200.

MRS. DORIS MARSHALL: Actually everybody can go home now, is that what you're saying?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: If you'll let me finish. What I'm trying to say is that I can refer the special project reports to the Grand Secretary, which are printed in the Proceedings anyway in their entirety. So we're down now to asking for the invitation for the Grand Chapter session to be held in Dallas next year. If you all want to go, you can go.

MRS. DORIS MARSHALL: Thank you, Worthy Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Bill Irwin.

GRAND SENTINEL: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Grand Sentinel, you wanted to tell me that they're going out? What did you want to say, Kermit?

GRAND SENTINEL: We have lost complete control over people going out of the Grand Chapter room.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, I'm aware of it, but it's okay now. Thank you.

INVITATION TO 1993 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

MR. BILL IRWIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Distinguished Members: On behalf of Virginia Lynn Green, Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District 1, the Chapters of District 1, Sections 4 and 5, the Dallas Convention

Bureau and the City of Dallas, we extend to each of you our most cordial welcome to attend the 111th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, to be convened in the Convention Center of the City of Dallas on November 4, 5 and 6, 1993. We look forward to serving you.

Virginia Lynn Green, Worthy Grand Matron-Elect; Garland Rattan, Worthy Grand Patron-Elect; Patricia Major Neinast, Past Grand Matron, Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron, Mary Katharine Smith, Past Grand Matron; Jean Nesbitt, Past Grand Matron; Dr. O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron; T. L. "Duke" Weaver, Past Grand Patron; Glenn Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, soon to be Past,

Bill Irwin, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Respectfully submitted.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move acceptance of this invitation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Bill. We all look forward to a session in Dallas with you in 1993. I'm sure it will be as lively as this one. I have just had a motion made and seconded that you accept the invitation for the Grand Chapter session to be held in Dallas in 1993. All in favor, signify. We're going to come to Dallas.

MR. BILL IRWIN: That's not a hundred percent!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, before you leave, let me introduce your new Associate Grand Conductress and your Grand Examiner of District 4.

Listen! I wish you were standing up here when ten people are talking at you at the same time. I can only do so much.

Sister Rosemary Swetland, your Associate Grand Conductress. [Applause] And Sister Naomi Wolfe, your Grand Examiner of District 4. [Applause]

Now, Sister Pat, for the report of the Visitation Committee.

REPORT OF THE VISITATION COMMITTEE

MRS. PAT ARCHER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. May I present at this time our district chairmen who have served so diligently this year:

Mrs. Willie Nell Pope, District I Mrs. Babe Mastin, District II Mrs. Nell Koonce, District III Mrs. Paulette Allen, District IV Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, District V

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, thank you for the honor and privilege

of serving on this committee. I have enjoyed promoting your visitation program. It has also been my delight and pleasure to serve with these lovely ladies, whom you chose to serve as the District Chairmen.

To each member of this committee and to the beautiful membership of our Order, I say thank you from the bottom of a most grateful heart. Your donations for the Worthy Grand Matron's special "Calendar of Events" totals \$11,425.00. The credit of our success belongs to each of you.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Pat Archer General Chairman Fraternal Visitation Committee

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Sales made at Grand Chapter in San Antonio – 1991. Sales made at Schools of Instructions and donations raised by General Chairman.

Submitted by, Pat Archer, General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Pat. You and your committee, too, have outdone yourselves in the excellence in the way you performed and passed to the membership the calendars of the year. Sisters and Brothers, there was a motion to accept the Visitation Report of Sister Pat Archer. All in favor, please signify. So accepted. Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, to you who are being so loyal to stay through this session, I want you to know that I have worked as rapidly as possible on the committees. The reason that Brother Cliff Engel, the general chairman of the Masonic Ties That Bind, was late is because his report is so fantastic, and it's going to take a little longer than the others. Please listen to this report. He has done more to cement the bonds of fellowship between our two orders than has been done in a long time.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC TIES THAT BIND COMMITTEE

MR. CLIFFORD ENGEL: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters and Brothers: The best part of this committee was being able to get out among all of the members, see the love they had for the Eastern Star and the love they had for each other.

A year ago, 178 members of the "Masonic Ties that Bind" Committee were asked to take the Worthy Grand Matrons programs to all the Blue Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters all over the State. I am happy to report that most of them were visited and the response was more than we could have expected. The cooperation within the Masonic Family was outstanding.

Your General Chairman was very happy to have attended 45 of the 50 Schools of Instruction and was invited to speak on behalf of the work of the Committee at 41 of the schools. In April, the Texas O.E.S. pamphlet was published and made available to the membership. Because of the generosity of the members, we have had 20,000 copies printed.

In September at the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of Beauceant, I gave out copies to Masons from as far away as Hawaii to Florida.

In closing, I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for making it possible to bring this program to the membership. My thanks to the members of the "Masonic Ties That Bind" Committee for allowing me to work with them and for all the work, visits, talks, pictures and many other things that they have done this year.

Respectfully submitted, Clifford W. Engel General Chairman Masonic Ties That Bind Committee 1991-92

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Cliff. I have known you for a long time, and I knew that you were one of the hardest working Eastern Stars and Masons that I know. I knew that if I wanted a job taken care of, and especially this one which was new and tried to make it a success, you were the one to do it. Believe me, you did and I love you dearly and appreciate it very much. I'm so sorry that we were late in getting to you, but you saw what was ahead of us and what I was into. But, Cliff, I think

that you made a mark on the two fraternities, and I think it will show in the years to come. Thank you.

MR. CLIFFORD ENGEL: I move this report be accepted by the Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Ties That Bind general chairman. All in favor. Thank you. It's accepted.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the following members at the Altar: Sisters Elizabeth Williams, Pat Shelton, Hazel Smith, Juanita Thomas and Zena Wilson. You will meet the Conductresses in the southwest, please. I hope all those girls are still here.

[Applause as they are presented at the Altar.]

This has been one of the fastest years of my life, but one of the greatest pleasures has been recommending to the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions those whom I felt worthy to receive a Grand Representative appointment for your years of outstanding devotion and service to this Order. It is a joy for me at this time.

Each of you has been long-standing friends and very special in my life. You have supported me, always been there for me, knew the times that I needed you most, showing me your love. Always know and remember that your devotion and loyalty to me over the years will never be forgotten by this Worthy Grand Matron for the remainder of my life.

So now I am pleased to present these commissions which read, WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Tennessee, Alabama, Arizona, Nebraska and Vermont, be known that as evidence of our confidence, we by these presents do constitute and appoint Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Arizona; Mrs. Pat Shelton, Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Tennessee; Mrs. Hazel Smith, Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Alabama; and to my personal secretary, Mrs. Zena Wilson, to the Grand Chapter of Vermont; Mrs. Juanita Thomas, Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

This has been extended another year. At first it was three years, then it went to two and back to three. So, Juanita, I'm so pleased that you have another year of your commission in Nebraska.

It is with much pride and pleasure that I present these to you. Sister Elizabeth, enjoy it; this is yours.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representatives to the east. [Applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my honor and pleasure to introduce to you these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Sister Zena Wilson, Vermont; Elizabeth Williams, Arizona; Juanita Thomas, Nebraska; Hazel Smith, Arizona; and Pat Shelton, Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star. [Applause] You will join with me in according them Grand Honors. [Grand Honors are given.]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I think they will want to return to their places.

Grand Soloist, are we ready for this special song? This is a song that we felt would be fitting for the end of my reign with my service to each of you. It is called "Places that Belong to You for Us."

[Singing by Grand Soloist.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Jim. That's to you, the membership.

Sister Lois Bell, our little china doll, my how the membership loves you and so does your Worthy Grand Matron, I can never fully thank you for the support that you showed to the office of the Worthy Grand Matron this year. It was a joy and a delight each time you were present at the school of instruction or function. Thank you for bringing to close this session and for the comforting words from our Heavenly Father. Sister Lois will bring our benediction.

BENEDICTION

MRS. LOIS BELL: May we pray. All wise and merciful God, we come into Thy holy and divine presence grateful to You for Thy tender care and love made evident to us in countless ways during this "A Time For All Things session. We come to this closing hour of business of this session. We submit to You the record and put it in Your loving hands and pray that You bless that which will be good for this Order and remove in Thine own loving way that which would hinder.

We are grateful for our leadership of this year and ask Thy continued blessings on them. We ask You to keep in Thy loving care those that will be installed this evening, and that this membership work together to make this Order a force for good in our world.

Forgive us wherein we fail You. We ask all these things in the name of Him whose Star we follow in the east. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

[The Grand Conductress closed the Holy Bible.]

I now declare the "End of Time" session from labor to rest until the installation of the 1992-1993 officers at 6:00 p.m. this evening. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this "End of Time" 110th session of Grand Chapter has been called from labor to rest until 6:00.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Grand Officers, remember to leave your badges with the Grand Secretary.



THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

presents

THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

"In the Shelter of His Arms"

1992



1993

October 10, 1992 ASTROARENA HOUSTON, TEXAS 6:00 pm

Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green Worthy Grand Matron Mr. Garland Ward Rattan Worthy Grand Patron

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 1992-93

The worthy Grand Matron had chosen for the 111th Annual Installation of Officers the theme, "In the Shelter of His Arms." The installation program cover beautifully carried out this theme by showing Jesus hugging a person and in effect saying "Welcome home." Above Jesus and the person was a dove, a rainbow and open arms. The Worthy Grand Matron said that this picture had been received on a card which she had received on the death of her mother.

In front of the stage an idyllic scene had been created. Stage left was an angel and two children standing beside a beautiful reflecting pool. Greenery was everywhere.

The officers sat in desk-type chairs with black upholstery. The pedestals had a covering of purple with an angel prominently displayed. The Altar was covered with a luxurious quilted white cloth.

The Lady Officers were beautifully dressed in purple gowns, long and close fitting until they reached the knee. The dress tops were lavishly decorated with shiny silver jewels. The Gentlemen Officers were handsomely attired in black tuxedoes.

HONORED GUESTS

TEXAS' OWN GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Elise Hammack, ESTARL Mr. Leonard Ellington, Fraternal Relations Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, Registration

AND

Past Grand Matrons of Texas

Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Mrs. Florence Read Mrs. Hallie Anglin Mrs. Cynthia Mae Watts Mrs. Lillian Bernard Parker Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus Mrs. Mildred Garlitz Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling Mrs. Eunice Connell Mrs. Lois Burnett Mrs. Ruby Enloe Mrs. Katherine Poulis Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard Mrs. Molly Goodpasture West Mrs. Edna Earl Duke Mrs. Mildred Sharpe Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen Mrs. Sally Matranga Mrs. Katherine Harbour Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup Mrs. Joyce Roberts

Mrs. Mary Brown

Mr. Earl G. Manning Dr. R. O. Fugua Mr. E. F. "Van" Plumlee Mr. Herbert L. Arnold Mr. J.T. Sanders Mr. Richard T. Porter Mr. Harold Todd Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes Mr. Paul Huffhines Dr. O. D. Christian Mr. Murray Watson Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver Mr. Oliver Chamberlin Mr. Gene Belk Mr. Ralph A. Davis Mr. Wayne P. Jones Mr. B. F. Hutson Mr. Harry Cunningham Mr. Graham Childress

Mrs. Rennie Ofton Mrs. Lena Maye Cook Mrs. Lois Bell Mrs. Beulah Speer Mrs. Elsie Paladino Mrs. Jean Nesbitt Mrs. Sherrill Cain Mrs. Doris Efird Mrs. Betty Phillips Dr. Effie Mae Davis

INSTALLATION PROGRAM

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Sandra Perdue Past Matron, Grand Prairie Chapter #219

> Mrs. Johnnie Burgess Past Matron, Dumas No. 653

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Mary Brown, PGM Escorted by: Mr. Murray Watson, PGP

Call to Order

Mrs. Jane Gregory Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Glenn Whitaker Worthy Grand Patron

Processional

General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

Distinguished Members and Guests of the Grand Chapter of Texas

Texas' Own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons

Mr. J. P. Vogel, Most Worshipful Grand Master Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Mr. R. O. "Bob" Schnell, Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

> Mr. Jerry Sprinkle, Worshipful Master Mesquite Masonic Lodge #928 AF&AM

> > Other Masonic Dignitaries

Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Chaplain and Supreme Inspector in Texas
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Miss Vedra Clavin, Grand Worthy Advisor Grand Assembly of Texas International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Mesquite Chapter No. 887

Dumas Chapter No. 653

Amarillo Chapter No. 787

Family and Friends

Music by Mrs. Pat Smith Shelton Past Matron, Dallas No. 1

Presentation of Grand Officers of 1992-1993 (Honor Guards Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Texas)

Assisting Grand Marshal

Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast Registration Committee, General Grand Chapter, and PGM of Texas

Special Presentations

Musical Selections by

Mr. Curtis Cole Mrs. Peggy Sherman Daniels Mrs. Sandra Perdue

Chapter Bible of Mesquite

Chapter No. 887

Mrs. Donna Lynn Green Gonnet Mesquite Chapter No. 887 Escorted by: Mr. Floyd E. Green

Square & Compasses

Mr. Jerrell Wayne Cotton Mesquite Chapter No. 887 Escorted by: Mrs. Pat Cotton

Bible Marker

Mrs. Barbara Shable Worthy Matron, Mesquite Chapter No. 887 Escorted by: Mr. Roy Shipley Worthy Patron, Mesquite Chapter No. 887

Flowers

Miss Jennifer Lynn Gonnet Master Matthew Kyle Gonnet Assisted by: Mr. Lindsay Gonnet

Master Andy Ward Rattan II Miss Courtney Noel Rattan Assisted by: Mr. & Mrs. David Rattan Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Rattan

Star Point Emblems

Adah

Mrs. Jean Nesbitt, PGM Escorted by: Mr. Leonard Ellington, Fraternal Relations Committee, GGC, and PGP of Texas

Ruth

Mrs. Sherrill Cain, PGM Escorted by: Mr. B. F. Hutson, PGP

Esther

Mrs. Doris Efird, PGM Escorted by: Mr. Harry Cunningham, PGP

Martha

Mrs. Betty Phillips, PGM Escorted by: Mr. Joe Jeffers, PGP

Dr. Effie Mae Davis, PGM

Electa

Escorted by: Mr. Graham Childress, PGP

HONOR GUARDS: "FAITHFUL FRIENDS" AND "GENTLE GUARDIANS" **WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS 1992-1993**

Flags

Musical Selections by

Ivan Wallace, Bill Crews Frank Smith, Curtis Cole

American Flag Texas Flag Christian Flag

Mr. Wayne Jones, PGP Mr. Paul Ofton, Grand Escort Mr. Ralph Davis, PGP

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Glenn Whitaker Worthy Grand Patron

The National Anthem

Assembly

Opening of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Marcella Curry, Grand Conductress

Invocation

Mr. Gene Belk, PGP

Flower Dedication

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, PGM Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, PGM

Special Dedication

Retiring of 1992-1993 Grand Chapter Officers for the Ceremony of Installation. Honor

Guards. (All "Faithful Friends" and "Gentle Guardians") PRESENTATION OF INSTALLING GRAND OFFICERS

Installing Grand Officer

Assistant Installing Grand Officer Assistant Installing Grand Officer

Mrs. Lois Bell, PGM Mr. J. T. Sanders, PGP Dr. O. D. Christian, PGP

ASSISTING GRAND OFFICERS

Obligation

Dr. O. D. Christian, PGP

Installing Grand Chaplain

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, PGM

Installing Grand Marshal

Mrs. Elsie Paladino, PGM

Installing Grand Organist

Mrs. Patricia Smith Shelton Past Matron, Dallas Chapter No. 1

Installing Grand Secretary

Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith, PGM

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1992-1993

Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green

Worthy Grand Matron

Escorted by: Mr. Floyd E. Green

Mr. Garland Ward Rattan

Worthy Grand Patron Escorted by: Mrs. Dena Rattan

Closing of the Holy Bible

Greetings

Mrs. Marcella Curry	Associate Grand Matron Escorted by: Mr. William R. Curry
Mr. Leland Benefield	Associate Grand Patron Escorted by: Mrs. Lynda Benefield
Mrs. Frances Burbank	Grand Secretary Escorted by: Mr. Don Burbank
Mrs. Lola "Peaches" Wallace	Grand Treasurer Escorted by: Mr. Ivan Wallace
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	Grand Conductress Escorted by: Mr. Max Fairchild
Mrs. Rosemary Swetland	Associate Grand Conductress Escorted by: Mr. Russell Swetland
Mrs. Betty Whatley	Grand Chaplain Escorted by: Mr. John Whatley
Mrs. Phyllis Macon	Grand Marshal Escorted by: Mr. Carrol Macon
Mr. Curtis Cole	Grand Organist Escorted by: Mrs. Phyllis Speigel
Mrs. Connie Barron	Grand Adah Escorted by: Mr. Donald Barron
Mrs. Tamye Leslie	Grand Ruth Escorted by: Mr. Rick Leslie
Mrs. Shirley Rattan	Grand Esther Escorted by: Mr. Christopher Rattan
Mrs. Charlene Stimits	Grand Martha Escorted by: Mr. Roy Stimits
Mrs. Winnifred Whisenant	Grand Electa Escorted by: Mr. Andrew Whisenant
Mrs. Mildred Love	Grand Warder Escorted by: Mr. Robert W. Love
Mr. Charles Pinto	Grand Sentinel Escorted by: Mrs. Bobbie Pinto
Mrs. Billie Maxwell	Fraternal Correspondent Escorted by: Mr. Paul Rogers

Mr. J. P. Vogel, Most Worshipful Grand Master Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild Grand Conductress

Mr. R. O. "Bob" Schnell Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM

Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Chaplain, Supreme Inspector in Texas
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Miss Vedra Clavin Grand Worthy Advisor Grand Assembly of Texas, IORG

Rainbow Drill & Presentation

Miss Vedra Clavin Grand Worthy Advisor Grand Assembly of Texas, IORG Rainbow Assemblies

Presentations:

Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel

Mrs. Jane Gregory Junior Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel

Mr. Glenn Whitaker Junior Past Grand Patron

Past Grand Matron's Jewel

Mr. Morris Gregory

Past Grand Patron's Jewel

Mrs. June Whitaker

Worthy Grand Matron's Year

Special Dedication of Year

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, PGM

Dedication of Year

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, PGM

Theme

Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling, PGM

Emblems

Mrs. Eunice Connell, PGM

Flowers

Mrs. Katherine Poulis, PGM

Scriptures

Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, PGM

Dedication of Music

Mrs. Sally Matranga, PGM

Presentation of Music ·

Mr. Curtis Cole Grand Organist

Mrs. Sandra Perdue Deputy Grand Matron, District I, Section 5

Challenge

Mrs. Bobbie Paul, Museum Committee Widow of Arnold Paul, WGP 1985-1986

Humanitarian Program

Mrs: Lena Maye Cook, PGM

Eastern Star Home

Mrs. Cynthia May Watts, PGM

OES Home Repoyation Fund Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, PGM

OES Home Endowment Fund Mrs. Beulah Speer, PGM

ESTARL Mrs. Elise Hammack, ESTARL Committee

General Grand Chapter, and PGM of Texas

Summary Mrs. Katherine Harbour, PGM

Pennies From Heaven Mrs. Molly Goodpasture West, PGM

Dedication of Worthy Grand Patron's Year Mr. Oliver Chamberlin, PGP

"The Rose" Mrs. Billie Hicks

Deputy Grand Matron, District IV, Section 2

Address Mr. Garland Rattan
Worthy Grand Patron

"You'll Never Walk Alone" Mrs. Peggy Sherman Daniels

Grand Soloist

Mr. Curtis Cole Grand Organist

Address Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green
Worthy Grand Matron

PRESENTATION OF 1992-1993 GRAND OFFICERS WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

under the direction of Mrs. Phyllis Macon, Grand Marshal

Mrs. Phyllis Macon, Grand Marsha

Mrs. Joyce Roberts, PGM

RECESS

To our distinguished guests, members, and visitors: The Installed Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, all committee members and the fabulous membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, thank you so very much for sharing this evening with us. Your attendance has been gratefully appreciated.

THOSE WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR WILL PLEASE RETIRE AT THIS TIME.

A very special "thank you" to the Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, and Grand Pages for your devoted service throughout our Grand Chapter session. Your assistance will be appreciated in the proving of Grand Chapter to convene for the purpose of closing the 110th Grand Chapter Session.

Call from rest to labor Mrs. Virginia Green

Worthy Grand Matron

Ritualistic Closing

Benediction .

The "Dream Catcher" breakfast honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress will begin at 8:00 AM in the Sam Houston Room of the Sheraton Astrodome, Sunday, October 11, 1992.

The School for Deputies will begin at 10:00 AM, October 11, 1992, in the Holiday Inn Astrodome, Royal Oak Ballroom, 8111 Kirby Drive. Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, 1992-1993 Installed Floor Officers and Elected Boards and their spouses are invited to attend.

Mesquite Chapter No. 887, cordially invites you to attend the "Love Begins at Home" banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron, Saturday, October 17, 1992, Banquet at 5:30 PM, Fraternal Visit at 7:30 PM. West Mesquite High School. Banquet tickets are \$20.00. Ticket Chairman for the banquet; Mrs. Janice Herridge, 3026 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75226, Telephone: 214-761-1710 (business)

Dumas Chapter No. 653 cordially invites you to attend the "Panhandle Angels" Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron, Saturday, October 24, 1992. Banquet at 5:30 PM at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church (across the street from Dumas Chapter), Banquet tickets are \$11.00. Fraternal Visit at 7:30 PM. Dumas Chapter #653, 9th and Maddox, Dumas. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Betty Unlaub, P. O. Box 302, Dumas 79029, Telephone: 806-935-7492 (Business) - 806-935-2330 (Residence).

Pending acceptance of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the constituting of Webb Chapter UD will be Friday, October 16, 1992, 7:30 PM, at the Masonic Temple in Fort Worth, 1100 Henderson, A no-host dinner from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Care-A-Lot Inn across the street from the Masonic Temple.

Installation pictures and videos may be ordered from our photographers.

Mr. Cleo Ellison, Photographer Mr. Dwaine E. Cooper, video photographer

4025 Field St.

1062 Eastlake Fort Worth, TX 76117 Houston, TX 77034 Phone: 817/834-4676 Phone: 713/944-1174

Please take a few minutes to peruse our Grand Chapter projects in the foyer. We urge you to support your Grand Chapter of Texas with these projects. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Schedule

Friday, October 16	Constituting Webb Chapter UD, Fort Worth
Saturday, October 17	Fraternal Visit, Mesquite Chapter #887
Monday, October 19	Fraternal Visit, Ransford #135, Houston
Saturday, October 24	Fraternal Visit, Dumas Chapter #653
October 26-27	School/FV Dist. V/I, Robert Lee
October 28-29	School/FV Dist. V/2, El Dorado
October 30-31	School/FV Dist V/9, Corpus Christi
November 2-3	School/FV Dist. V/10, Harlingen
November 4-5	School/FV Dist. V/4, Del Rio
November 6-7	School/FV Dist. V/6, Lockhart
November 9-10	School/FV Dist. V/3, Boerne
November 11-12	School/FV Dist. V/8, Victoria
November 13-14	School/FV Dist. V/7, San Antonio
November 16-17	School/FV Dist. V/5, Lytle
November 18-19	School/FV Dist. IV/9, Richmond

November 20-21 November 23-24	School/FV Dist. IV/5, Houston School/FV Dist. IV/8, Bastrop
November 25-29, 1992	Holiday Vacation
November 30-December 1	School/FV Dist. IV/10, Pearland
December 2-3	School/FV Dist. IV/3, Crockett
December 4-5	Grand Lodge
December 7-8	School/FV Dist. IV/6, Franklin
December 9-10	School/FV Dist. IV/2, Willis
December 11-12	School/FV Dist. IV/2 Port Arthur
December 14-15	School/FV Dist. IV/1, Bronson
December 17	Joint FV Farmers Branch #6787/Lonnie L. Blake #1116

December 16-31, 1992 Holiday Vacation

Please consult the Official Bulletin for the complete school schedule and Fraternal Visit details.

One Grand Chapter Trip Scheduled

August 30 - September 2, 1993 • Branson, Missouri

The special trip planned for this Grand Chapter year is to Branson, Missouri, August 30 – September 2, 1993, departing from Dallas by bus. Exciting and fun things are being planned on the buses. This trip is being coordinated by Pennie Shine, 214-337-7329. There are limited spaces available, so please make your reservations and deposits as soon as possible. It was felt that more of our membership might be able to participate in a shorter trip. This is the only trip planned for next year.

There is a table in the lobby in which you may get additional information and/or brochures and you can make your advance registration for a \$50.00 deposit. The total package is \$435.00 (based on two in a room). SPACE WILL BE LIMITED. RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS MUST BE MADE BY NOVEMBER 15, 1992, TO INSURE HOTEL ROOMS, ENTERTAINMENT, ETC. This does include all meals except lunches.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mrs. Mary Horton Beach	Dresses
Mesquite Chapter No. 887	
Mrs. Phyllis Macon	
Mr. Carrol Macon	
Mrs. Donna Lynn Green Gonnet	Special Projects
Mr. Floyd Green	Altar
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Gaddis	Altar Cloth
Mrs. Johnnie Sprinkle and Mrs. Jewell Elliott	Pedestal Covers
Mrs. Jewell Gwilliam	
Mr. and Mrs. Don Barron	Pedestals
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pinto	Bridge
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ervin	Children on Bridge
Mrs. Pat Turner	Angel on Bridge
Mr. Curtis Cole and Mrs. Sandra Perdue	
Mr. Roy Stein	Printing
Bellaire Chapter No. 1021, OES	Chairs
Executive and Arrangements Committee 1992-1	

Executive and Arrangements Committee 1991-1992 "Faithful Friends" and "Gentle Guardians" of Texas

Beautiful Membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the honor of serving.

ROY SHIPLEY, WORTHY PATRON, MESQUITE NO. 887: Would you give your attention for just a moment? Mesquite Chapter No. 887 cordially invites all of you to attend our Fall Festival of Friendship and the Fraternal Visit of Virginia Lynn Green on Saturday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the West Mesquite High School. The "Love Begins at Home" Banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Janice Herrige will be seated all evening in the southeast corner of the lodge room and will be glad to take care of your tickets for you. We hope to see all of you there. Thank you.

[Applause as Sister Mary Brown, Master of Ceremonies and Past Grand Matron, is escorted to the east, escorted by Mr. Joe Jeffers, Past Grand Patron.]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Sisters and Brothers, it is time to begin. May we get the floors cleared and please be seated.

Good evening, my beloved Sisters and Brothers, families and friends. Being in your presence this week has, as always, lifted my spirits to a new high. God bless you for your love and thoughtfulness.

Have you enjoyed our beautiful music as we have waited the appointed hour? Please assist me in thanking Sandra Perdue of Grand Prairie and Johnnie Burgess of Dumas. [Applause]

What an honor to be escorted by and share the East with Brother Joe Jeffers, a distinguished Mason and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, a good friend of mine. Brother Jeffers, will you please greet this assembly.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Thank you, Past Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, it is an absolute joy to stand here before you in the very first gathering of "In the Shelter of His Arms" year. It is indeed a pleasure to be any part of the installation of our beautiful friend, Sister Virginia Lynn Green, and her corps of officers. We look forward to her service to this Grand Chapter and to your support of her. Thank you.

MRS. MARY BROWN: Thank you, Brother Jeffers. And now may I present our Assisting Grand Marshal, Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, Member of the Registration Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Isn't she beautiful on the floor? [Applause] She will be assisting in all processionals.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East, along with their beloved spouses. [Pause.]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pleasure that I present to you our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jane Gregory, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn Whitaker. You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. [Grand Honors are given.]

Sister Jane, the hour has arrived for your final official act as Worthy Grand Matron of Texas. A year ago at this hour, you were excitedly waiting in the wings for presentation of your officers, your theme and the beginning of a rewarding year of service. Now you have come full circle, and I am pleased to present to you your gavel that you may call to order this final convening of the 1992, "A Time For All Things" Grand Chapter session.

CALL TO ORDER

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my precious friend and Past Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown. It is with pleasure that I call to order the 110th session of "A Time For All Things." My appreciation to you, the membership; I say the final sands have sifted through the hourglass and bring full circle another year in our Grand Chapter. We feel a sense of accomplishment and deeply and sincerely thank all those responsible for giving their very best to bring to our memory book a successful 1992 Grand Chapter session. There truly is a time for all things, and now is our time to say "thank you".

Robert Browning said it best. And to you, my very precious Sisters and Brothers: "The year is closed, the record made, the last deed done, the last word said. The memory alone remains of all its joys, its griefs and gains, and with purpose full and clear we turn to greet another year." Farewell. [Applause]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, I have the delightful privilege of serving as your Master of Ceremonies for this 111th Installation of Grand Officers, the "In the Shelter of His Arms" Installation. In your hands is a beautiful printed program. Please keep it with you as a ready reference. All presentations will not be announced because Sister Virginia has carefully planned tonight's program, orchestrating each movement of the musical drama in an effort to conserve time and to allow it to flow smoothly from one part to the next. If you wish to know who is performing, consult the booklet in your hand.

PROCESSIONAL

Assisting Grand Marshal, there are Distinguished Members and Guests waiting in the West to be escorted to their places of honor. You will present them as directed. Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the General Grand Chapter Committee Members to their places of honor in the East, including Texas' own: Mrs. Elise Hammack, ESTARL Committee; Mr. Leonard Ellington, Fraternal Relations; and you, my dear, Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, Registration Committee. [Applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort to their places of honor in the East the Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions. [Applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to their places of honor in the East . [Applause] Isn't that a beautiful sight?

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort Mr. J. P. Vogel, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and Mr. Jerry Sprinkle, Worshipful Master of Mesquite Lodge No. 928, to the East. [Applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present to her place of honor in the East Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Chaplain and Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and Miss Vedra Clavin, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. [Applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the members of Mesquite Chapter No. 887, the family and friends of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, to their seats of honor

within the Grand Chapter. Sisters and Brothers, welcome these members of the chapter of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect. [Applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort to their seats of honor within the Grand Chapter room the members of Dumas Chapter No. 653, members of Amarillo Chapter No. 787, the family and friends of our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect. Sisters and Brothers, greet these members of the chapters of our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect. [Applause]

Thank you, Assisting Grand Marshal. Wasn't she tremendous? [Applause]

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND OFFICERS OF 1992-1993

Sisters and Brothers, I present to you the Grand Officers of 1992-1993:

 $FRATERNAL\ CORRESPONDENT: \ Mrs.\ Billie\ Maxwell,\ escorted\ by\ Mr.\ Wayne\ Gaddis.\ [Applause]$

 $\it GRAND\ SENTINEL:\ Mr.$ Charles Pinto escorted by Mrs. Bobbie Pinto. [Applause]

GRAND WARDER: Mrs. Mildred Love, escorted by Mr. Robert W. Love. [Applause]

GRAND ELECTA: Mrs. Winnifred Whisenant, escorted by her husband, Mr. Andy Whisenant. [Applause]

GRAND MARTHA: Mrs. Charlene Stimits, escorted by Mr. Roy Stimits. [Applause]

 $\it GRAND\ ESTHER:$ Mrs. Shirley Rattan, escorted by Mr. David Rattan. [Applause]

GRAND RUTH: Mrs. Tamye Leslie, escorted by Mr. Rick Leslie. [Applause]

GRAND ADAH: Mrs. Connie Barron, escorted by Mr. Donald Barron. [Applause]

GRAND ORGANIST: Mr. Curtis Cole, escorted by Mrs. Phyllis Speigel. [Applause]

 $\it GRAND\ MARSHAL:$ Mrs. Phyllis Macon, escorted by Mr. Carrol Macon. [Applause]

Our Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Betty Whatley, is not here due to critical illness.

 $ASSOCIATE\ GRAND\ CONDUCTRESS:\ Mrs.\ Rosemary\ Swetland,\ escorted\ by\ Mr.\ Russell\ Swetland.\ [Applause]$

 ${\it GRAND\,CONDUCTRESS:} {\it Mrs.\,Wanda\,Fairchild, escorted\,by\,Mr.\,Max\,Fairchild.} \\ {\it [Applause]}$

GRAND TREASURER: Mrs. Lola "Peaches" Wallace, escorted by Mr. Ivan Wallace. [Applause]

GRAND SECRETARY: Mrs. Frances Burbank, escorted by Mr. Don Pettke. [Applause]

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Mr. Leland Benefield, escorted by Mrs. Lynda Benefield. [Applause]

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Mrs. Marcella Curry, escorted by Mr. William R. Curry. [Applause]

 $WORTHY\,GRAND\,PATRON: \mbox{Mr. Garland Rattan, escorted by Mrs. Pearl Rattan.} \label{eq:morted} \mbox{[Applause]}$

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, escorted by Mr. Floyd Green. [Applause]

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Sisters and Brothers, please give your attention to the following presentations made extra special through the participation of precious family members of our incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, enhanced by the music of "The Wings."

PRESENTATION OF STAR POINT EMBLEMS

Presentation of the Star Point Emblems will be by five Past Grand Matrons and five Past Grand Patrons, special friends of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, whom she actively served.

[As the Special Presentations and Presentation of Star Point Emblems were made, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "Holy Ground," "Footprints," "Arms of Love," and "Sheltered in the Arms of God" were sung.]

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

Sisters and Brothers, give your attention to the presentation of the flags of our country, our state and our faith.

[As flags were presented, a patriotic song medley was sung by Messrs. Ivan Wallace, Bill Crews, Curtis Cole and Frank Smith.]

Our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Glenn Whitaker, will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, after which we will sing our National Anthem. [The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the National Anthem sung.]

That the spirit of our Precious Lord may permeate our every thought, our every action, our Grand Conductress will open our Holy Bible.

[The Grand Conductress opened the Holy Bible.]

Our invocation will be pronounced by Brother Gene Belk, Past Grand Patron, whom God has touched in a wondrous way.

INVOCATION

MR. GENE BELK: Gracious Master, thank You for this day and the many blessings that have been ours We thank You for the year in this great Order that we have just completed, and we now look forward to the challenges of the new year with this new corps of officers. As we think of this new corps of officers, Father, we said a prayer for them today and know that You must have heard. We felt the answer in our heart, although You spoke no word. We didn't ask for wealth or fame; we knew You wouldn't mind. We ask Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind. We ask that You be near them at the start of each new day, to grant them health and blessings and friends to share their way. We ask for happiness for them, in all things great and small; but it was for His loving care that we pray them most of all.

Keep them in Thy holy spirit, Father, and guide them as they go through this way. We ask these things in Thy Name. Amen.

There will be two special dedications by Sister Lallah Mae Vollus and Nancy Bailey Allen, Past Grand Matrons.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS:

ONE RED ROSE

God worked His wonderful magic When He made the beautiful red rose. Each petal was made to perfection The brilliant red color of love it shows.

My dear ones and I share a tradition In times, both bad and good. One will find one beautiful red rose The meaning always understood.

It means, "You are loved."

And it also means, "I am so proud of what you do!"

And when a heart is so heavy

It means, "My heart aches with you."

So when I see God's great creation My heart with love does swell. For it reminds me of the love and kindness Of those who know me so well.

My dear loved ones who shelter me And through this one red rose, they've shown. That in joy and despair, they are always there So I'll never walk alone.

When I see this beautiful flower
I think of the family bond of love it shows.
A bountiful bouquet of roses for some —
For me — just one red rose.

The words written by our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect.

[After this poem, Donna, Lindsay, Jennifer and Matthew gave Floyd one red rose each.]

MRS. NANCY BAILEY ALLEN: This is lovingly dedicated to my most "Faithful Friend" and "Gentle Guardian," my husband, Floyd E. Green.

You have always made me feel special Through the giving of your love so deep. You always allowed me to spread my wings, To soar with the angels on the mountain peaks.

Had it not been for your unwavering strength
That I knew was mine to share.
Had it not been for your confidence and faith
That I knew would always be there.

For the times we have shared in laughter and joy And when you held me so close when I was aching. For wanting so to transfer that pain to yourself So that my heart would not be breaking.

From the first time we met, both of us knew
It was our destiny to be man and wife.
Thank you for the wonderful years, my faithful friend and love
What a difference you've made in my life!

Mrs. Floyd E. Green Grateful Wife

[The Worthy Grand Matron-Elect gave a rose to Mr. Floyd Green. "Forever's As Far As I'll Go" was sung by Peggy Sherman Daniels, accompanied by Mrs. Sandra Perdue.]

MRS. MARY BROWN: The "Faithful Friends" and "Gentle Guardians" will serve as the Honor Guards for the retirement of our 1992-1993 Grand Officers who will retire to prepare for the installation.

GRAND OFFICERS RETIRE

Hailing from the city of Luling, every inch of that petite frame a lady, as beautiful within as without, extremely articulate and a recall beyond compare, I loved her when I first met her as we were waiting to be installed as Deputy Grand Matrons in 1957, and all Texas adored her when she served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1982-83, more importantly, she invited a talented young girl, Virginia Lynn Green, to serve as her Grand Chaplain, that was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. Sisters and Brothers, I present to you Mrs. Lois Bell, Past Grand Matron, who will serve as our Installing Grand Officer; Sister Lois, your gavel. Please announce those who will assist you.

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER: Thank you. It is a delightful privilege to be

named the Installing Grand Officer on this beautiful evening. Now it is my delightful privilege to name those who will be assisting me.

Assistant Installing Grand Officer, Mr. J. T. Sanders, Past Grand Patron; Assistant Installing Grand Officer, Dr. O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron; Installing Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron; Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron; Installing Grand Organist, Mrs. Patricia Smith Shelton, Past Matron of Dallas Chapter No. l; Installing Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith, Past Grand Matron.

Now, we will have a short recess to prepare for the ceremony itself.

RECESS TO PREPARE FOR INSTALLATION

Grand Marshal, you will invite tile Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

RITUALISTIC INSTALLATION CEREMONY

INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER: Grand Marshal, you will proclaim the Grand Officers regularly installed.

GRAND MARSHAL: In the name of the Grand Chapter and by order of the Past Grand Matron, I proclaim the officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, duly installed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Grand Conductress, you will close our Bible.

[The Grand Conductress closed the Holy Bible.]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Brother J. P. Vogel, as you are aware, Masons and Eastern Stars are drawn together by the most sacred of ties, family ties. Each, through his own organization, strives to enrich the lives of his fellowman. Please come now. Your Sisters and Brothers are eagerly awaiting your greetings. Sisters and Brothers, welcome Brother J. P. Vogel, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. [Applause]

GREETINGS FROM GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, AF&AM

MR. J. P. VOGEL: Thank you very much, Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Garland Ward Rattan, Worthy Grand Patron; Elective and Appointive Officers of this Grand Chapter; Ladies of the Rainbow; Distinguished Guests; also our Honored Guests; my Brothers and my Sisters.

I bring you greetings and best wishes and, of course, congratulations from every Mason in Texas. I came here last Thursday. The atmosphere was so warm and so pleasant, it was just a joy to be in this great auditorium with you lovely, lovely ladies and my brethren. You have been very gracious to myself. You have treated me as a prince. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Frances, my wife. She's sitting

over here somewhere. Would you stand, Frances? Hi. [Applause] You have treated her as a princess. We've never been in a greater place or a more dignified position.

Of course, you have also been very generous. I want to tell you — I don't want to take much of your time — but I want to tell you that I don't know what the Grand Lodge could do if we didn't have the Order of the Eastern Star looking after our subordinate lodges. We understand that; we realize that and we certainly love you every minute for what you do for the service of Masonry in this great state of Texas. [Applause]

The only way that we can return this great meeting or this great experience that we are receiving tonight and through this week is to invite you on December 3, 4, and 5, to Waco, Texas, to be our guests at the Grand Lodge. I want to mention that certainly this Grand Lodge will be different than any that you have attended. Some of, you haven't experienced Grand Lodge, and if you will come to the 157th Annual Grand Communication, I will be presiding. That will really make it different. I'm just a country boy from Vida, Texas. We'll certainly try — and I will say this, that Frances will entertain the ladies there. You won't be bored. She has programs for you, and we would love for you to come.

Of course, we expect these Master Masons here to be a part of us at that great event of the 157th Annual Grand Communication.

I am proud to tell you also that certainly this evening in this great auditorium, there are many of our District Deputy Grand Masters of this great Grand Lodge of Texas in 1992. Let me say this. Certainly, we expect to see you and to have you as our guests. I want to say God bless you and thank you for everything that you have given to us this great evening. Thanks again. Thank you, ma'am. [Applause]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Thank you, Brother Vogel. I'm sure there are many within this assembly that will be with you in December in Waco.

Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Chaplain and Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, we appreciate you for the wonderful leadership and training you so unselfishly give to our young ladies. Our youth are the most valuable treasures we have. They are our future. Please bring us greetings.

GREETINGS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

MRS. PEARL MILLS: Thank you, my friend, Sister Mary Brown, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, Friends, and then my precious Rainbow Girls, our Grand Worthy Advisor is here in the Grand East with me. The others are outside getting ready for their drill.

The pleasure is now mine to express our best wishes and congratulations to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on this beautiful installation tonight. When we first arrived to come into the building, we were presented — and I'm sure each of you were — this beautiful program. This cover is so very outstanding, with those powerful, outstretched arms, the dove of peace, and in the dim background the rainbow representing God's first covenant that's so meaningful in the organization which I'm speaking for.

This is truly an outstanding evening for me. We want to pledge to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron our full love and support this year for them. We want to make them so very proud of the organization that this Grand Chapter sponsors in Texas. We want all of you to be proud of your girls, just as I am proud to be their leader in Texas and to work with them.

To Sister Virginia Lynn Green, we bring you our love always and our support. Thank you. [Applause]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Miss Vedra Clavin, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Texas, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, we are delighted to have you with us tonight. I know Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green is especially pleased. I understand that you're good friends, or as my little granddaughter would say, best friends.

Your youthful beauty is most refreshing, and we look forward to your greetings, Vedra.

MISS VEDRA CLAVIN: Thank you. Distinguished Members of this 111th Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to each of you on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. It is an honor to stand here tonight as a witness to the installation of my very dear and admired friend, Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, and Mr. Garland Rattan.

It has been a pleasure to witness your special evening, not only as a representative of the Rainbow Girls in Texas, but as an honored member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Rainbow Girls in Texas, I am sure, join me in appreciating the many hours of faithful support and gentle guidance that you have given to us throughout the years. Our lives have so many backward glances in them, thinking back to how things were and how things might have been. There's nothing wrong with thinking back, but we should not dwell upon the past. Instead, we should concentrate on today, on tomorrow and on tomorrows yet to be. There are many beautiful days yet to come. The past is passed, but tomorrow will last forever. We should never stop hoping that each tomorrow will fill our hearts with love and laughter, that our days will help our dreams come true, and will fill your life with much happiness to look forward to.

When our organization is changed every day by your love and support; you change our young ladies into the beautiful ladies that you will see before you tonight. That reminds me of the words of a song I once heard. "I'm just an old chunk of coal, but I'm going to be a diamond some day." Your tremendous help allows our beautiful Rainbow teachings to turn the Rainbow girls, as they come in as rough, unpolished pieces of coal, into beautiful, sparkling diamonds for the future. You give a splendor and beauty to each of us by your inspiration.

May you always know in your heart that we are always thinking of each of you. May you always have rainbows after the storms, and may you celebrate the wonderful things about you. And when tomorrow comes, may you do it all over again. Remember how full of smiles each day can be and believe that what you search for can truly come true. May you find time to smell the flowers and find time to share the beauty of you. We know that you are all angels sent to us from the stars above, and you give us the courage to believe in our dreams and to make our dreams come true. Thank you. [Applause]

 $\mathbf{MRS.}$ \mathbf{PEARL} $\mathbf{MILLS:}$ Our Grand Worthy Advisor will join our Rainbow Girls in the drill and presentation.

RAINBOW DRILL AND PRESENTATION

MISS VEDRA CLAVIN: Many pleasant duties have fallen to me during my associations with this order, but none more pleasant than that which I am privileged to discharge at this time. There comes a time in the affairs of everyone when it seems no one can be depended upon, and we are left to our own resources. But that all wise and, Supreme Being has furnished us a way for our own consolation.

Upon reflection, you will doubtless remember among the first things brought to your attention in this Order was a copy of this old book, which you placed next to your heart and have been taught that it alone was to be the rule and guide to your faith and practice. At each succeeding step in your advancement, you have been reminded that it will guide you to All Truth, direct your path to the Temple of Happiness and point out to you your whole duty to mankind.

And now, at this most propitious hour, surrounded by those who take you as a Sister and in whose very hearts you have no doubt of the sincerest wish for your future happiness, let me impress upon your mind in the most lasting and substantial manner possible that this old book contains the mind of God, the state of mankind, the way to salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy; its precepts are binding; its histories are tried and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, strength to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the Rainbow Girl's light, the Christian's character. Through it, heaven is opened; paradise is restored; and the gates of Hell are disclosed. The Messiah is its grand subject, your good its design and the glory of God its end.

Now, on behalf of this Grand Assembly, I have the very distinct honor, as well as the supreme pleasure, of presenting to you this beautiful white Bible, the gift of this Grand Assembly. May it be a beacon light to direct you through life to that assembly above where all is love and religion and nature and immortality and fidelity and patriotism and service.

 $\boldsymbol{MRS.}$ PEARL MILLS: Will you please stand and sing "My Rainbow" with the girls.

[Singing of "My Rainbow."]

Thank you. You may be seated.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To Sister Vedra and the beautiful Rainbow Girls and Mrs. Pearl Mills, you will never know how much this means to this Worthy Grand Matron tonight because I have stood where you stand as a Rainbow Girl and as a Mother Advisor. My heart overflows. Thank you. You're so beautiful! [Applause]

MRS. PEARL MILLS: The girls will now retire. [Applause] Girls, I was very proud of you.

MRS. MARY BROWN: Thank you, Mrs. Mills, Miss Vedra and the Rainbow Girls.

As is our custom, the Junior Past Grand Matron will present the Worthy Grand Matron's jewel. Sister Jane.

PRESENTATION OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S JEWEL

MRS. JANE GREGORY: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Virginia, one year ago this beautiful membership bestowed on me the honor of wearing this beautiful, beautiful jewel, representing the office of the Worthy Grand Matron. How proud and honored and humbled I was, for it is the pin that has been worn by many of our Past Grand Matrons. It is my honor and joy to pass this pin to you, a friend of many, many years, sharing a lot of our ups and downs, sadness and happiness, but always knowing that we were good friends. Sister Virginia, with joy I pin on you the badge of your office as Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Texas. I sincerely pray that you will have all the joy that comes with this office, but also knowing that it is a beautiful gift of God, that you will humbly accept it in His Name, serving your fellowman and the Order of the Eastern Star. I love you. [Applause]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Likewise, Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Junior Past Grand Patron, will present the Worthy Grand Patron's jewel. Brother Glenn.

PRESENTATION OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S JEWEL

MR. GLENN WHITAKER: Brother Garland Rattan, I ran the race as best I could, but you caught me anyway! What an honor has been bestowed upon me to be the one chosen to present this beautiful jewel to you. You are the 111th Worthy Grand Patron to wear this very jewel. It is the original when Eastern Star began in Texas. So I know you will wear it with pride and be among the membership and be a great Worthy Grand Patron. If there is anything along the way that I might be able to do for you, please let me do it. You are a wonderful Christian, and it makes it even more special to be the one to put this on your lapel. God bless you. [Applause]

MRS. MARY BROWN: And now for the long awaited hour, Mr. Morris P. Gregory, affectionately known as "Moe," will present his wife a homecoming gift, her Past Grand Matron's pin. Sister Jane and Moe. Incidentally, she's going home to a husband who can't even talk to her; he has lost his voice. [Laughter]

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MATRON'S JEWEL

MRS. JANE GREGORY: I think he needs glasses along with a new voice.

MR. MORRIS GREGORY: May I be the first to call you Past Grand Matron? [Laughter and applause.]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Sister June, are you also anxiously awaiting this moment in time? The presentation of the Past Grand Patron's pin by Mrs. June Whitaker.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND PATRON'S JEWEL

MRS. JUNE WHITAKER: Glenn, you are my best friend, my loving husband.

You've always helped to give me strength in the storms of my life. I love you more today than yesterday and less than tomorrow. You are the wind beneath my wings. May I present to you this Past Grand Patron's pin with all my love. I love you. [Applause]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Our Worthy Grand Matron's plans for her year of service, her theme, her flower, her Scripture, her Humanitarian Program, all the facets of her program for 1992-1993 will be presented individually by our beloved Past Grand Matrons of Texas. Each will come forward at the proper time without being presented. Mrs. Rennie Ofton will begin with the Special Dedication of the Year.

PRESENTATION OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S YEAR SPECIAL DEDICATION OF YEAR

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: For so many years, there have been those who have uplifted my soul and my spirit. Without their constant love and devotion, the pathway would have been long and dark. I have always been able to draw strength from these special ones.

First of all, my husband, Floyd Earl Green. Never could I have undertaken a task of this magnitude without his love and guidance. His gentle loving nature has been an inspiration to me, and to all those who know him. His personal concern for humanity has always made him an outstanding husband and friend. If you do not know him, I hope you will get to know him personally during this special year of service.

Floyd, for all the times you were neglected, and you never complained, for all the times you needed me, and I was not there, and for all the times you held me in the shelter of your arms, know how I love you — what a joy to be your wife. How I treasure our lives together!!!

Our beautiful daughter, Donna Lynn Gonnet, her husband, Lindsay, our two wonderful grandchildren, Jennifer Lynn and Matthew Kyle. Donna, you are the culmination of the love your Father and I have for each other and for you. That love has now been magnified by two with the God-given gifts of life through Jennifer and Matthew. What a blessing all of you are to our lives.

My mother and father, Edna and Jerrell Lynn Prock, who were reunited in heaven this year on Mother's Day when Mother was called to her heavenly reward. My father was a dedicated Mason and my mother would soon have received her fifty year certificate. It was because of their love and encouragement that I am in the Order of the Eastern Star and for their guidance and love, my heart overflows.

My cousin, Jerrell Wayne Cotton, who lived with my parents, and now resides in Mississippi, and has always been a constant source of love and support for them and for me. He is also a Master Mason and a member of Mesquite Chapter #887, Order of the Eastern Star.

Then there are those special ones who are not related by blood, but how I have appreciated their constant supply of love and encouragement.

In loving memory of Mrs. Kathy Johnston, Past Grand Matron, and her husband, J. E. Kathy's constant supply of courage as I watched her in her long battle with cancer was awesome. She believed in me long before I believed in myself, and she taught me how precious was each minute of every day and to use these precious moments for

constructive, positive purposes.

Phyllis Macon, for her constant and never wavering faith in me. Through the years of our friendship, she has been devotedly by my side to share heartbreak, joy and happiness. If I could have made a mold of the perfect "Faithful Friend", it would be of Phyllis Macon. She and Carrol have been steadfast in their encouragement and devotion.

Curtis Cole, personal family friend, for the love and care he extended to my Mother and Father; and for his unselfish sharing of his talents and time.

Phyllis, Carrol and Curtis: My special "Faithful Friends" who know me best and love me anyway — thank you from a grateful heart — I love you so very much.

DEDICATION OF YEAR

MRS. THELMA JOYCE ALSUP: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas — Through their ever present faith in our Order, and for the many years of love and devotion, we gratefully acknowledge their contribution to our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. There are several of you who have been a constant source of love and encouragement for me. Know how very much I appreciate this very special relationship we share.

"Faithful Friends' and 'Gentle Guardians"—you are a constant source of strength. Your excitement and enthusiasm are exceeded only by your love and support. We have walked side by side for almost three years now, and I know our last year of active service together will be one of outstanding accomplishment. I know you will eagerly accept the challenge to make a positive contribution in the Order of the Eastern Star.

This poem, "IN THE SHELTER OF HIS ARMS" has been written and lovingly dedicated by the Worthy Grand Matron to the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the Subordinate Chapters of Texas – with much love, devotion and respect.

"IN THE SHELTER OF HIS ARMS"

The angels of love and devotion Reach outstretched arms to us. Arms of security and protection In whom we have total trust.

With faith that can move mountains And a gentleness beyond compare. God sent these holy messengers To watch over us with love and care.

From this source of strength from God We receive a peace that knows no ends. His angels serve as our "Gentle Guardians" And our most loyal and "Faithful Friends".

From the mountain tops to the valleys
Each moment and everywhere.
Knowing that in all things
We are in His prayerful care.

He cares so much for each of us Through fair weather and frightening storms. We are protected through gentleness and faith IN THE SHELTER OF HIS ARMS!

Mesquite Chapter #887 – Barbara Shable, Worthy Matron, and Roy Shipley, Worthy Patron. Individually, all of these members are wonderful, united they are a powerful force. How I love each of them for their faith in me. There was never a time when I needed help — that they were not always there, knowing and supplying my every need, and for this act of love, I am eternally grateful.

Distinguished Residents of our Eastern Star Home — Never have Eastern Star Sisters shown such faith in any membership. The beloved ladies in our Eastern Star Home have given to us a life of service totaling 533 combined years, and in addition, all their personal possessions; they have entrusted their golden years to our safekeeping. Because of this dedication, we must, as a membership, meet our obligations to keep these gracious ladies in a secure home, free from turmoil, doubt and strife. John 12:2 simply sates, "And Martha served," and as a pledge to these beautiful ladies, the "GREEN" sister station of MARTHA is lovingly dedicated to a total commitment for their care and comfort. Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, I challenge each of you to be their most "Faithful Friend" and "Gentle Guardian".

Excited, enthusiastic membership of Texas – I know I can count on you to make a positive contribution to our Order this year. This is none better than you!!!

THEME

MRS. MARY ELLA SCHOVERLING: Our Worthy Grand Matron wrote this beautiful theme, which I share with you. We have the most faithful of friends in Him who holds us in the shelter of His arms, and who sends His ever ministering angels to watch over us.

It is our earnest desire that as the angels watch over us, they will see us portray the kind of love and caring that will reflect our sincerity, charity and benevolence to all mankind. May our friends and loved ones know they can always depend upon us to be there to offer the shelter of our arms in times, both bad and good.

May we always be proud to be called "Christians", and it should be our earnest prayer that God can always be proud that we are called by His Son's name. And as the wonderful old hymn goes, "They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love, they will know we are Christians by our love."

Please join with us in making a difference through every minute of every day, and we are lovingly held "In the Shelter of His Arms."

EMBLEMS

MRS. EUNICE CONNELL: God has provided each of us with an administering angel who is always with us. Her watchful care and tender love for us makes our personal angel a most "Faithful Friend." God has used the guardian angel as an instrument of comfort, always holding each of us close to the Master.

As a child, my grandfather gave me the picture of the Guardian Angel in watchful protection of the children on the frail bridge. This has been so special to me during my

lifetime and is even more so since I have become a mother and a grandmother. It comforts my heart to know that while I serve in this place, Floyd, Donna, Jennifer, Matthew and Lindsay, have a loyal and devoted loving angel to constantly watch over them.

FLOWERS

MRS. KATHERINE POULIS: It is with pleasure that I tell you of the flowers selected by our Worthy Grand Matron for this year. The white gladioli chosen for their pure "angelic" color, the white gladioli blooms with their spires pointing sturdily heavenward.

Lush ferns and assorted greenery. Especially have these been chosen because they are "emblems of nature's life and beauty" and because there is a part within each of us that is ever living and everlasting. The greens symbolize everlasting life

The purple violet has been chosen because of its richness in color and because of its ability to bloom in the midst of darkness. A very special reason for this flower is because of its significance in precious memories of the Worthy Grand Matron's father, J. Lynn Prock.

And the red rose, whose significance has already been explained to you.

SCRIPTURES

MRS. MILDRED GARLITZ: Ecclesiastes 4:9. "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. for if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."

Psalms 91:11-12. "For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all they ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.".

Genesis 24:40. "The Lord, before whom I walk, will send His angel with thee, and prosper thy way."

DEDICATION OF MARCH

MR. CURTIS COLE: From the haunting strains of a lone violin to the resonant deep chords of a mighty pipe organ, MUSIC is an integral part of daily life. Expressing more than mere word or thought, music lifts our thoughts heavenward.

With grateful appreciation for her unyielding service to our beautiful Order, and because of the myriad of memories we share as members of District One, Section Five, it is with the greatest joy that we lovingly dedicate "Beneath An Angel's Wing" to our Worthy Grand Matron and most faithful friend, Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green. Beneath her sheltering wings, our "angel" has encouraged us in hours of despair and taught us by her own example to fly stronger and soar higher to greater realms of service to Him whose star we follow.

Lovingly and appreciatively dedicated by Curtis Cole, Grand Organist, and Sandra Perdue, Deputy Grand Matron, District I, Section 5.

Two songs that you will find in this — It's very simply written — will be "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "Danny Boy." We hope you enjoy it.

[The Worthy Grand Matron's March was presented.]

CHALLENGE

MRS. BOBBIE PAUL: Our Worthy Grand Matron's Challenge is: To challenge each member to be a positive force in the Order of the Eastern Star and earnestly strive to truthfully say, "I am a vital contributing member, and I am making a difference."

HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK:

IN THE SHELTER OF "OUR" ARMS "I AM MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

We have always been so securely cradled
In the arms of our Lord above.
And because of this peace and fulfillment
We are able to pass on His love.

Let us always remember that we are blessed For our daily needs are met. But we have responsibilities to others — And we must never forget.

Never forget our firm commitments
To protect our ladies and our home from harm.
Their future depends on me and upon you—
We must shelter them in our arms

Virginia Lynn Green Worthy Grand Matron

The pride and joy of the Grand Chapter of Texas are our residents of the Eastern Home and the beautiful home itself. We have promised our ladies we will provide for them in an atmosphere of kindness, dignity and love. This is our commitment to them and ourselves — but we must diligently and purposely see to the needs of our ladies in our home. This is such a monumental effort, that only a united caring membership can provide their ultimate peace and contentment. Will you be an active part of this labor of love for our "Grand Angels"? Let us hold our Eastern Star Home — in the shelter of OUR arms.

THE EASTERN STAR HOME

MRS. CYNTHIA MAY WATTS: The Eastern Star Home at Arlington belongs to all. of us. We must all volunteer our time and resources to make this an ideal haven for our beautiful ladies. They have placed their welfare and well-being in our hands. The per capita tax for our Home is decreasing every year, but the demands for funds have not decreased. We must have your complete and total responsiveness to the financial needs of our Home.

The next time you want to send flowers in memory of a dear one, or you just want to acknowledge some thoughtful deed, don't send them flowers. They soon die and are gone forever. It is so very easy to make a living gift. Just give your donation to your chapter secretary; and tell her who the loving gift memorializes or honors; and, if there is a particular fund you want it to go into our humanitarian programs; the name and address of the person to be notified of this gift. She will send an acknowledgement card to them, and then send your donation to the Humanitarian Chairman of your District. Your chapter will also be credited with this donation.

This way, Sisters and Brothers, we can remember those special ones with a living gift, aid our humanitarian efforts, enhance the good work and generosity of our beautiful Order with others, and most of all, making our valuable assets work for the benefit of our Home. What better way for us to hold our dear ones close to us than by honoring them in a loving, unselfish act of giving to our Eastern Star Home. We need your help and support in attaining these goals.

I had planned to mention that in the years we have been giving memorials to loved one and friends in time of illness and sadness, and the flowers fade and they're thrown away. Only the memory lingers. But when we give a living memorial to the Eastern Star Home, that memorial will continue to shine as bright as the Eastern Star. The lovely ladies in our Home, they live together, they worship together, they sing together. In visiting with them, I asked one of the ladies about their devotion. Every morning they clasp hands and they say together the 23rd Psalm, and they place a lot of emphasis on "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." And then they sing; their favorite song is "Amazing Grace" and then "Love Lifted Me."

Why can't we send a cash donation to the Eastern Star Home and call it a living memorial? It will never grow dim, never fade away, but grow in beauty, in sunshine. It helps to take care of our lovely ladies, for we do care for them morning, noon and night. May we adopt this new program of giving a living memorial to the Eastern Star Home.

Our prayer is, "Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love and fraternal friendship."

OES HOME RENOVATION FUND

MRS. AGNES LEE HOWARD: We have already begun the funds for the much needed renovation to our Home. As you are very aware of our needs there, I know you will want to expend every effort for an expedient, efficient completion of obtaining our financial goals. This effort can only be accomplished with your help. Please know your time spent in physically working at our Home is also a major and much appreciated effort. We welcome your efforts as we work to hold our ladies of the Eastern Star Home in the shelter of our arms.

We are all aware of the age and condition of our Eastern Star Home. There are many skilled and dedicated members who could assist with some of the maintenance items, thus saving us money to spend elsewhere. Take our Eastern Star Home into the shelter of your arms and volunteer to our Maintenance Supervisor at the Home. We all will be so very grateful for your effort — and you will feel so very good about sharing of yourself with our Order.

OES HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: I am pleased to present this information on the Home

Endowment Fund, as expressed by our lovely Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Virginia Green.

Personal contributions into our OES home endowment funds by gifts, wills, or trusts are donations that add to the principal of this trust fund, but they cannot be spent. We are allowed only to use the interest from these funds, and though there is money in our home endowment fund, we cannot use it!!! If you wish to make a donation of money, securities, real estate, stocks, bonds, or any other assets you may have, how pleased we would be for your loving gift. These items should be made payable to the Eastern Star Home Endowment Fund and also given to your chapter secretary. Thank you for providing a strong foundation for the future of our home — and for the security of our residents of being sheltered by our beautiful membership of Texas!!! We know we can count on your support — for you have always been a "FAITHFUL FRIEND" for the residents of our Eastern Star Home.

EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership. These are the words of our new Worthy Grand Matron.

All contributions to ESTARL are to be given to your chapter secretary, who will forward them to the Humanitarian Chairman of your district. We should not participate in a monetary way only. We should work with these young people, encourage them, counsel them, make the needed contacts for them, give of ourselves first, then of our money. Many times the greatest need is knowing someone cares. Support these youth, let them know we care about God's ministry, that we care about them as individuals — that we want to share their joys, their sorrows — to hold their hand as we walk by their side.

What a glorious opportunity is ours in giving ESTARL awards to deserving recipients. May I encourage you, the membership, to work together to strengthen the bonds of fraternal friendship and serve the Master through this charitable and benevolent purpose. This is one particular area where so little can do so much.

My small contribution Is insignificant, it seems. But with mine, and yours, and yours We can help fulfill a dream.

A dream of service to mankind A chance to witness for our Lord. Not for praise or glory — For salvation is the reward.

Then that insignificant amount you gave Would have made the difference, you see. For sometimes the end result Is never revealed to you and me.

That small contribution you can make
To help one of God's chosen few.
May be the instrument that God uses
To save one that's dear to you.

We have received His admonition For God said,"Go, therefore, and teach". It is our responsibility then To put the whole world within His reach.

So everyone can have the opportunity
Of knowing of His gentle touch.
Then your small contribution will become
So little that did so much.

SUMMARY

MRS. KATHERINE HARBOUR: Sisters and Brothers, I have outlined the needs of our Humanitarian Program. The needs are great. What a challenge we are faced with, but I know you will, as in years past, generously respond to the responsibilities we have committed ourselves to.

When we exceed our expectations
When we've given all we can
Then only can we know
We have sheltered our fellowman.

And what a feeling of joy, we'll experience No more cause for apprehension and alarms. For our Home will be securely infolded In the shelter of OUR arms.

> Virginia Lynn Green Worthy Grand Matron

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE WEST: The Grand Lodge of Texas had a very successful program last year whereby their membership voluntarily donated one penny a day, or a larger donation if their hearts and financial status were so inclined.

In response to the needs of our Grand Chapter and our Eastern Star Home, the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Matrons — our "Faithful Friends" and "Gentle Guardians" have been asked to have special projects to relieve some of our financial burdens. We have complete and total confidence in the leadership of these Dear Ones, and their enthusiasm, excitement and dedication to any task is overwhelming. We know they will find many enjoyable, profitable and innovative ways to help alleviate some of our financial problems. They have been challenged to individually make a difference and shower us with the pennies from heaven. Can we count on our other Sisters and Brothers to assist us in this loving and caring endeavor?

We, in the Grand Chapter of Texas, are going to voluntarily make a difference through our own generous efforts and our kind and willing hearts. You may obtain a form from the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patron or Worthy Grand Matron. You may send your donation directly to the Grand Secretary's Office marked "Pennies From Heaven for Special Needs". May we re-emphasize this is NOT part of the humanitarian program.

Please help us make a difference this year, and help alleviate some of the burdens on our struggling chapters who just cannot help us because they have financial burdens of their own.

Dear Membership, our earthly "Angels of Mercy", because of the enormous faith we have in you, we know you will graciously and generously respond to this totally voluntary gift of love.

MRS. MARY BROWN: Mr. Oliver B. Chamberlin, Past Grand Patron, will present the dedication of our Worthy Grand Patron's year. Mr. Chamberlin.

DEDICATION OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S YEAR

MR. OLIVER CHAMBERLIN: The Worthy Grand Patron will, of course, be engaged in all those things you have just heard about, but in addition his special dedication of his year.

This year of service to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, is lovingly dedicated to my wonderful wife, Shirley, whose love and support inspire me; to Dumas Chapter #653, the place of my Eastern Star beginning; and to the members of Amarillo Chapter #787, for their loyal support.

MRS. MARY BROWN: At the request of our Worthy Grand Patron, Mrs. Billie Hicks will sing "The Rose" in tribute to Brother Garland's wife, Shirley, our Grand Esther.

MRS. BILLIE HICKS: It is my special privilege to sing this dedication in song to Sister Shirley, dedicated to her by Brother Garland Rattan, our Worthy Grand Patron. [Singing of "The Rose."]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Mr. Garland Ward Rattan, Worthy Grand Patron of Texas, you are our man of the hour, a fine Mason and educator, a lover of children, particularly the underprivileged, husband of a lovely lady and my sweet friend, your public is waiting, eagerly awaiting your address. Brother Garland.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, my dear friend, Sister Mary Brown. Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Virginia Lynn Green, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Floor Officers, Elected Boards, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Members, Family, Friends All:

In the shelter of His arms, the precious promise of our Lord has been beautifully presented here this evening. His promise to keep us in His care until the day when we shall be like Him, the pledge revealed in 1 John 3:2. Our praise is to our Heavenly Father for the certainty of resting in the shelter of His arms.

The membership of this Grand Jurisdiction has been kind in placing me in the position of Worthy Grand Patron. I offer my sincere thanks. My life has changed

significantly this past year. My precious friend, Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Worthy Grand Matron, has often told me that the kindness, goodness and intelligence of our Sisters and Brothers cannot be overestimated. Sister Virginia, the picture is coming into focus.

It is my privilege to introduce the members of my family that are with me this evening. My mother, Pearl Scott Rattan, has come from Matador, Texas. She is the most loving and loyal mother anyone could ever have. [Applause] She has always been my champion. I appreciate her dedication in visiting and caring for my father, who has been in the Lockney Care Center in Lockney, Texas, for 4-1/2 years. Since my father has had both legs amputated, MaMaw could not care for him at home. She is wearing herself out driving the 84-mile round trip too many times a week, but she wouldn't have it any other way. Thanks, MaMaw, for being here. Shirley and I love you very much. [Applause]

Our son, David, is here from Lubbock, Texas, with our grandson, little Andy Ward Rattan II, age 22 months. I hope you enjoyed him with the flower presentation. [Applause] David's wife, Lee Ann, is at home with our three-week-old granddaughter, Courtney Noel. Lee Ann was thoughtful enough to have our Courtney a little early so David and Andy could come and be with us this evening. David, you have been such a treasure for your mother and me. We remember with pride your State FFA Convention in this Astro Arena about a dozen years ago. As you gave your retiring address as State Vice President that year, your mother and I could not have been happier. Thank you for taking on the challenge of caring for that precious little Andy so he would be even more special to us. [Applause]

And to Andy Ward Rattan II, I thank you for presenting the flower at the Altar. I don't know how much of this you will remember, but it will be a treasured page in our memory book. Andy's dad always gives him a big hoot when he does something great. Andy, this is for you. Hoot, hoot. [Laughter and applause.]

Our younger son, Chris, and his wife Dena live in Bushland, Texas, just 12 miles west of Amarillo. We are sorry that they could not be with us this evening.

To my wife Shirley, representing the beautiful Queen Esther this year, I say thank you for being my help mate, for believing in me, for supporting me in my professional career in education and in my fraternal work. It has been an easier road with you by my side, and I love you very much. [Applause] Thirty years ago the wonderful membership of Dumas Chapter No. 653 accepted me as a part of their group by allowing me membership. Tonight I was privileged to have a large number in attendance. Will the Faithful Friend, Sister Wynona Eddlemon, and the members of Dumas Chapter, please stand. [Applause] Thank you, special ones, for looking after me so well and sharing this special honor with me.

A very special thanks to Sister Johnnie Burgess for playing part of the beautiful prelude and to Sister Reba Black, Junior Past Matron, who always honored the position of Associate Grand Patron with such dedication. I go to Dumas Chapter regularly, and one of the joys is when Sister Johnnie plays the "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," for I am refreshed and uplifted.

As best as I could count, we had 16 members from Dumas. The lady and her daughter who left in the wheelchair while ago that I went over and said good-bye to, Mrs. Lois Simms, who lives with her daughter in Houston now, was here this evening. She and her daughter both are members of Dumas Chapter. Mrs. Simms is age 95, and she has been a member over 60 years. I was so proud that she came. [Applause]

Will the Faithful Friend and Gentle Guardian of Amarillo Chapter #787 please stand. Sister Jane Sharp and Brother Al Martin are doing an excellent job of leading our Chapter this year. My thanks to Sister Margaret Stroud, Junior Past Matron, for her beautiful contribution to our Chapter last year and for her many kindness to the Associate Grand Patron. I was also her Chaplain last year. Will the other members of Amarillo Chapter please stand. Thank you for accepting me into membership as a dual member and for your loving support of my position. Truly, I am doubly blessed. As best I could count, there were 15 here from Amarillo. Thank you. [Applause]

Dear Faithful Friends and Gentle Guardians all over the state, I appreciate you. Whenever we meet, I am thankful that you are Virginia's and mine. Your intelligence, coupled with your love for the Order, will make you the best of the best. You have been there for Virginia for three years, and you have accepted me this past year. Thank you for your love and your caring, and I enjoyed seeing all of you on the Arena floor during the installation. It was my pleasure to greet as many of you as I could.

The Installing Grand Officers could not have done a more splendid job than was done here this evening. Thank you, each special one, for your contribution this evening. A very special thank you to Brother J. T. Sanders of District 4. Our Past Grand Patron and I have been friends for so many years. I was a Lampwick when Brother J. T. Sanders served this Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Patron. He and I always shared the love and respect of our mutual friend, Sister Robbie Yates, Past Grand Matron, now deceased. Thank you, Brother J. T., for remaining such a constant friend.

My respect and love for the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas continues to grow. I ask you, my friends, for wise counsel and patient understanding.

Sister Virginia Lynn Green, it was indeed a privilege to be invited by you and Floyd to serve in this capacity. I share the belief the membership has in your proficiency, talent, integrity and loving kindness. It is difficult for an old boy from the Texas Panhandle to express the depth of his love and appreciation. I want you to know that I will do my utmost to live up to your expectations of good for the membership. Thank you for your confidence, and I pledge my undying friendship and love. I will always be glad that we were friends with you and Floyd. [Applause]

My Sisters and Brothers, 1 John 4:11 tells us, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." Our Worthy Grand Matron's good plans are in place. Let us show our love by putting these plans in action. Our zest for life should continue for however many years we live. God's purpose will continue to be made clearer and clearer with a daily walk with Him. I hope that the coming years will allow you to share the enthusiasm for life that is expressed by the poet, Henry Van Dyke.

Let me but live from year to year
With forward face and unreluctant soul,
Not hastening to, nor turning from the goal,
Not mourning for the things that disappear in the dim past,
Nor holding back in fear from what the future veils.

But with a whole and happy heart That pays its toll to youth and age And travels on with cheer.

So let the way wind up the hill or down,
Through rough or smooth.
The journey will be joy.
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,
New friendship, high adventure and a crown.

I shall grow old but never lose life's zest Because the road's last turn will be the best. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. [Applause]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Sister Virginia Lynn Green, 15 years ago at the Master Potter Installation in El Paso, you walked beside Brother Murray Watson and me. How very thoughtful of you to invite us to walk by your side as you begin the most beautiful, the most rewarding year of your life.

When good friends walk beside you on the trails that we must keep,
The load is not so heavy and the hills are not so steep.
The weary miles pass swiftly, taken in joyous stride,
For all the world seems brighter when faithful friends walk by our side.
There will be an angel or two fluttering above your shoulder,
And if you hear merry laughter, you'll just smile and know who's there.
So not to worry, with angels, good friends, faithful friends, gentle guardians,
you'll never, ever walk alone.

[Mrs. Peggy Sherman Daniels, Grand Soloist, and Mr. Curtis Cole, Grand Organist, sang "You'll Never Walk Alone."]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Thank you, The Wings. [Applause]

Virginia Lynn Green, my Worthy Grand Matron, your members await your address. And speaking for a mutual friend, "Happiness is" having Virginia Lynn Green as our Worthy Grand Matron.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Mary Brown, Master of Ceremonies.

Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, my Sisters and Brothers All: How my heart overflows with the culmination of many dreams for many of us! It has meant so much to the Grand Family of 1992-1993 to have each of you here, either as a participant or as an observer.

To Floyd — I don't know where he is; my contacts have gone — many times I have felt it was impossible for this place of service to be mine. Through his assistance, his love and encouragement, tonight is a reality. This honor goes as much to Floyd as to me, and I love him dearly.

To those special loved ones — and I assume that my grandchildren have already gone home, since the Astro Arena is still intact [laughter] — how my heart overflowed just to have them share this wonderful evening with us. There have been many times when their personal needs and desires were not met because of my travel schedule. But no matter where my physical thoughts are, my heart is always with you. I was so proud of my Jennifer and Matthew tonight, and Mimi still thinks they're the most beautiful and most handsome, Garland, and I got to speak last. [Laughter]

To all of those who participated in our installation ceremony: Sister Lois Bell, J. T. Sanders, O. D. Christian, Elsie Paladino, Mildred Sharpe, Mary Katharine Smith and Pat Smith Shelton, thank you from a grateful heart. All of you have a very special place in the lives of the Grand Officers of 1992-93. Thank you.

Sister Mary Brown, how proud I am to have had the honor of serving with this

wonderful lady! She is so devoted to the Order of the Eastern Star. We have come a long way from that first roundup, but know, Sister Mary, that my love for you has increased daily; and I love and appreciate you so much.

I don't know whether Pearl Mills — I know some of the Rainbow Girls are still here because they're going to help us with the drill in a little — in a little minute, but to all of the program participants, the beautiful music that was supplied by The Wings during the presentation and to Brother Ivan and those who assisted you with the Flag Presentation, to all of the program participants — I'm afraid I'm going to leave someone out, and if I did, it would just be because of the excitement and certainly not intentional. But, thank you so very, very much for your participation made this evening so very special.

I think my home Chapter — some of them are still here. Know how much I appreciate you for your constant loyalty and encouragement. Floyd and I are truly grateful to be a member of that wonderful Chapter.

My deepest appreciation also to the Executive and Arrangements Committee for 1991-92 and our own 1992-93, for their assistance in making this beautiful installation come to life through their commitment, dedication, excitement and enthusiasm. You have made this evening happen for all of us. Thank you seems so inadequate, but it comes from a grateful heart. They told me that if I had time to change my clothes, they had time to be ready for installation; and they did and I'm so grateful.

To the Faithful Friends and Gentle Guardians, you totally overwhelm us with the outpouring of your love and loyalty. Because of our tremendous confidence in your talents and abilities, you will be the catalysts for the "Pennies from Heaven" project. There is a tremendous challenge ahead of us this year, but with your excitement, dedication and resourcefulness, there is no doubt you will make a difference. To the Installed Officers and Elected Boards, thank you for assuming these places of leadership. We look forward to our time together as we grow in love and service.

To our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Garland Rattan, and Shirley, Grand Esther: Thank you for accepting these places of service to our membership. How grateful we are for your love and devotion to our Order and we love you so very much. [Applause]

To all my dear Sisters and Brothers: As most of you know, our family had very heavy hearts during the long illness and home-going of my mother on Mother's Day. The only way we could have made it through those trying times was from your prayers and concern. This installation named "In the Shelter of His Arms" had been decided for several years, but never had it meant more to me than during these times of heartache and trials. I would like to call your attention to the installation program cover. This picture was sent to me when my mother died, and I was totally hypnotized by the peace and contentment evidenced in that picture and wanted each of you to have one with the hope it would bring the same feelings of happiness and gratification to you. This beautiful inspirational picture is simply entitled "Welcome Home." It is hoped that it will bless and comfort your life as it has ours.

Dear Ones, our challenge this year is to be a positive force in our Order and for each of us to truly make a difference. Even though we want everyone else to do what they're supposed to do, the only one we have any control over is just our own lives. Therefore, we are challenging each of you to make the difference in helping to solve our

financial problems, in helping our fellowman through service in our communities and through living the principles set forth in our Ritual.

We have a pin which says, "I Can Make a Difference." This pin is truly for a donation only. Those of you who are on a fixed income and can only donate 25 cents — and that is giving all you can — then we are grateful for your contribution. For those who can make a difference through a larger donation, it will be appreciated, but not anymore than the smaller ones, for, you see, Sisters and Brothers, it is not the size of the gift, but the size of the heart of the giver. Any donations made to this fund will be appreciated because this truly will be a member making a gift of the heart that will make the difference.

We must start thinking and acting in a positive manner. As we keep delving up the negative influences of the past, we are using that vital energy for no constructive purpose. Wouldn't it be more wonderful if we used all our energy toward positive decisions, solutions and serving our fellowman? Let us use our strength wisely and uplifting rather than degrading, to build rather than to destroy, and to stand up for the vulnerable and to love rather than hate.

It is our challenge this year that each one of us contribute our time, talents and resources towards serving our fellowman. Dear ones, God made you very special. You're the only one of your kind; there's not another person like you. He made you exactly as He wanted you to be, and then gave you talents to use in a specific purpose for your life. Through every moment of it all, you were always sheltered in His arms.

Because God made you, you are special; and you are sheltered in His arms. You're the only one like you made in God's own image and form.

Sometimes we do not realize the elaborate plans God made for our care, For He had a purpose for each of us; He made us exactly as we are.

He made some of us taller than others and in His wisdom made us different from the start, But then through His infinite wisdom and grace tied us together with a loving heart.

Each of us is so very special,
we're the only one of our kind.
And He gave each of us a burning desire
to be of service to all of mankind.

So if we join all our talents and use them in faith and diligence, There is nothing we cannot accomplish, but each of us must make that difference.

We must make a tremendous difference to meet the challenges before us each day, That daily we meet the needs of others, chauffeuring those who have lost the way. We can trust in knowing we search for truth, And that each of us must give our all. No matter what challenges we must meet, We can meet them if on God we call.

For if He loved us enough to make a plan for us so long ago, As children of a Heavenly Father who loves each one of us so.

Our talents are desperately needed in a world that is troubled and bleak, Where evil engulfs and destroys and preys on the defenseless and weak.

My dear ones, we must stand for honor and right No matter whatever the cost. If you and I don't make that difference In helping the disadvantaged and lost.

If we aren't strong enough to meet
whatever challenges are ahead,
If we aren't willing to share what we have with
those who are homeless and unfed.

And for those who are hungry for Spiritual food And those are who lonely and alone, We must make a difference in their lives. We are admonished to care for God's own.

How grateful each of us must be To have been chosen a Child of the King. To be sheltered in His loving arms And cradled in an angel's wing.

Please join with us as we strive To make each day better than the last, Serving for the joy of serving And giving always our very best.

Then as God reflects on us, He'll know We responded in joy and strife And made the very best of what He had given us As we made a difference in some life.

And our greatest reward for service freely given As through God's world we roam, As life ends and God opens the shelter of His arms And lovingly says, "My child, welcome home."

My Dear Ones, for all that you give, I'm totally, totally overwhelmed. The beautiful music that has been shared with us tonight, the beautiful march that was written with loving hands and hearts — and how I appreciate you so — dear ones, I solicit your prayers for those that are leading this Grand Chapter and for me personally.

When we have lived our lives
And wandered all our byways through it,

When we have seen all that we shall see And finished all that we shall do.

When we take that backward glance To where our journey ends, I pray that you shall be as glad as I shall be That we were friends.

I love you. [Applause]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Under the direction of Mrs. Phyllis Macon, our Grand Marshal, we will have the presentation of the 1992-1993 Grand Officers, Grand Family, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons. The narration will be given by Mr. Bill Irwin, Executive Committee Chairman for 1992-1993.

[Under the direction of the Grand Marshal, an angel was formed on the floor of the Astro Arena.]

MR. BILL IRWIN: To conclude our "In the Shelter of His Arms" Installation of Officers, the 1992-93 Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members will form our Guardian Angel, symbol of love and peace and unity in our Order, during which we will be sharing with you information about the respective committees.

First, in support of our youth, our Rainbow Girls, led by Vedra Clavin, Grand Worthy Advisor, will form the halo.

"Angels on Assignment," Service and Outreach, form the outline of our angel, the future of all fraternal organizations depends upon our service to humanity, we must become favorably visible in our communities through our schools, churches, hospitals and involved with a commitment to total community service. This committee is chartered to contact all those who have been initiated this year and encourage them to come back to our meetings, also to call, write and encourage our other members to come back to chapter. We are initiating new members, but they don't come back. This committee also will arrange for visits for nursing homes and hospitals. Another exciting responsibility for this committee is going to be called "Project Angel Food." We will contact our local schools and churches, talk with them about notifying our Eastern Star chapters when they have an urgent need for immediate food for a family emergency. We will not keep a food bank at our chapters, but will be ready and willing to gather an interim portion of food to help in critical situations. How excited we should be to have this chance to minister to ones in need. The "Angels on Assignment" Committee have the angel pins.

"Faith of Our Fathers" Committee is tied to the relationships with our Masonic Brothers. To form the border are our Brothers of the Faith of Our Fathers Committee. Our ancestors and forefathers built the Masonic Lodges and the Order of the Eastern Star. Not only were they responsible for these organizations, but our Masons were instruments in establishing the public schools and were always leaders in community and government efforts. The purpose of this committee is to visit our Masonic Lodges and let them know how proud we are of them and that we would welcome their support by their membership in our organization, let them know that the Order of the Eastern Star is striving to attain the goals that were set by the Faith of our Fathers. They will be selling the sunscreens for windshields that have all Eastern Star Flag and a Texas Flag with the words, "United in Service for Texas, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star."

Officers of Grand Chapter and Grand Chapter Committees. Our Grand Chapter continuity are the officers of Grand Chapter and Grand Chapter committees. Our wings

will be formed by the District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, followed by our Constitutional committees: By-Laws, Chapters under Dispensation, Credentials, Educational, ESTARL, Home Endowment, Humanitarian, International Temple, Museum, Parliamentarian, Registration, Titles, Deeds and Property and Transportation and Mileage, followed by the Arrangements and Security Committees.

We hope to put volunteer effort into the maintenance of our Eastern Star Home, encouraging study clubs for proficiency, visibly working in our communities, a spring celebration and Founder's Day. Every task is vital for our future. Through a caring and loving and willing membership, it is our hope and desire that much of the expense, particularly at our beautiful Eastern Star Home, can be relieved by the sharing of time and talents. The body of our angel will now be formed by the Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron.

The Poets Laureate, Grand Historians, Resolutions and Endowed Membership Committees. Poets Laureate: The Poets Laureate will have the Worthy Grand Matron's Limited Edition Poetry Book, "What a Difference You've Made in My Life." These are some of Virginia's favorite poems she has written through the years.

"Eyes of the World," our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Osburn, has requested a committee be assigned to collect used eyeglasses to be sent overseas for distribution in underprivileged countries. Let us support this request with a big sized Texas response.

"With a Song in Our Hearts" Committee. This committee will have available the Worthy Grand Matron's March, "Beneath an Angel's Wing." This march was written by Curtis Cole, Grand Organist, and Sandra Perdue, Deputy Grand Matron, District 1, Section 5.

"Faithful Volunteers," this is the time and talent committee. They will be encouraging our membership to actively work in our Home, to take our ladies shopping, writing letters for them or just listening to them. All holiday parties and decorating will be under the supervision of this committee. This committee has the angel stickers for your dues card.

"Spread the Good Word." This is the Bulletin/Publicity committee. It is always a joy to fill the personal satisfaction one receives when one is helping others. This joy of service is a private reward, and each of us should be satisfied with the inner warmth of satisfaction. However, we must let our communities know for what the Order of the Eastern Star stands and that we have always been noted for our benevolence.

Also, as the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron will be attending our Grand Chapter session in Dallas, we want to be sure of media coverage for our distinguished visitors. This committee will have Bulletin subscription information and the stained glass angels.

General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Journal. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Virginia Painter, has established a General Grand Chapter OES Journal. This journal has articles about what is happening in chapters around the world, as well as articles about people and projects. We want to inform our membership that there is a journal and how they can subscribe.

Founder's Day. Our Founder's Day celebration will be on August 6 through 8 at our Eastern Star Home. This event will be in association with the "Mountain Movers" Committee for the purpose of entertainment and raising funds. All of us, including your Grand Line Officers: Virginia, Garland, Marcella, Leland, Wanda and Rosemary, our new Associate Grand Conductress, will be there in their work clothes, along with the

other Grand Floor Officers, to assist in the physical labor of maintenance. The Founder's Day Committee will have the green angel thermal cups for sale.

Proficiency Committee. This committee is to encourage the membership to become more proficient in their Eastern Star work, thus instilling a feeling of pride and accomplishment by their membership in the Order. This should be accomplished by encouraging study clubs in the individual chapters, by teaching Secret Work and other chapter courtesies to our new members, and by assisting members in studying for their certificates. Let us have great pride in our Ritualistic work. This committee has the "Joyful Roads" booklet, which gives the meeting nights of every chapter in the State of Texas, as well as the proficiency certificate stickers.

"Joyful Roads." The beautiful traveling plaques were hand painted by Mrs. Phyllis Speigel, a faithful and loving member of Mesquite Chapter No, 887. The love angel, as her new title is, will be passed around to the visiting chapters at either a stated or a special Ritualistic meeting. Each chapter will add its name to the list as it earns the award. The chapter having the love angel the most times as of September 30, 1993, will retain the angel. The love angel will start at the Deputy Grand Matron's first visit in her section. There will be an equalizing number so both large and small chapters will have the same chance of sharing the love angel plaque. The "Joyful Roads" will have the Worthy Grand Matron's pocket calendar.

"Friendfest." This is our spring celebration, April 23-24, 1993, to raise money for our Eastern Star Home. This will include many events we have enjoyed in the past and some new surprises. All events will be on the grounds of the Eastern Star Home. Please make your plans to share this time with us in Arlington. The Friendfest Committee has green and purple can huggers with an angel on them.

"Mountain Movers," as all should be aware, we must watch our budget very closely. It would be so helpful to our Grand Chapter of Texas and the Eastern Star Home if we could count on volunteers on a regular basis to assist with some of the duties we cannot afford to hire done, or in some cases would completely eliminate that expenditure if we did it. The ideal situation is for this committee to function all year, but our main focus will be in conjunction with the Founder's Day Committee on August 4-6, 1993. Please make your plans to come work with us on Founder's Day weekend and any other time you can spare some time or financial assistance. The "Mountain Movers' have the "I Can Make a Difference" buttons, which is a donation item. It must be recognized that any donation is greatly appreciated. When one gives from a loving heart, no matter the size of the donation, the donor will have made a difference. It is not the size of the donation, but the size of the heart that makes the difference.

"Give Them Wings." Another entry into our community is through a much needed and vital effort to assist in the literacy programs. Through contacts with other organizations and agencies, it is our desire to be able to participate in some area of the literacy program in Texas, no matter where you live. This is a tremendous means of serving our fellowman. This committee has the guardian angel wall calendar.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, the Faithful Friends and the Gentle Guardians. They will fill in the area around the angel. We are depending on their leadership to help our various programs reach the membership.

The floral ribbons have been formed by our Secretarial Committee, Grand Escorts and Grand Representatives. Our beautiful rose held by the outstretched arms will be formed by our Elected Board Members and Floor Officers, evidencing the coming together and support for our beautiful Order and strength and shelter for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

In the Psalms we find, "God will put His angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go." We as members of this Order are challenged to make a difference.

Our formation is complete, and our photographer is in the west for a picture. When the formation is complete, you will need to face west for the picture. Be sure you're all facing west. Thank you very much. [Applause]

We will now have our benediction. Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Past Grand Matron, will give the benediction as soon as the Grand Floor Officers have rejoined us.

BENEDICTION

MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS: Our Heavenly Father, we come to Thee with praise and thanksgiving for Thy love and merciful goodness to us. We ask for Thy continued blessings upon our Order. Especially, Lord, we ask Thy blessing upon our leaders now and throughout the coming year of their service to our Order. We pray that in Thy arms we may all be lifted up to know the peace that passeth all understanding as we serve Thee with love.

Again, we ask Thy blessings, Father, as we go our separate ways. Guide us, protect us and bring us together again in love for Thee and for one another, for the sake of Him through whom all things were made.

Go with us, draw us into closer fellowship with Thee, and we will give Thee praise and glory. Amen.

MR. BILL IRWIN: Isn't this beautiful? Let's give these committees of Grand Chapter a big hand. Aren't they swell? Can everybody see the angel? [Applause] Thank you.

MRS. MARY BROWN: There will be a short recess to prepare for the closing of this Grand Chapter Session.

To our Distinguished Guests, Members and Visitors, the Installed Grand Officers and Committee Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, thank you so very much for your attendance. Your support is appreciated. Those who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will please retire at this time.

A very special thank you to the Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels and Grand Pages for your service throughout our Grand Chapter Session. Your assistance will be appreciated in the proving of the Grand Chapter to convene for the purpose of closing the 110th Grand Chapter Session.

RECESS

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will see that the doors are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this 110th "A Time For All Things" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: There will be no interruption, Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruption.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Associate Grand Matron, we are very limited on time, so would you ascertain very quickly and report if all present are members of the Order. I've found out the buses quit running at midnight. So let's hurry, please.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter room.

[The Grand Chapter was proved.]

Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} WORTHY\,GRAND\,MATRON: Sister\,Grand\,Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. \end{tabular}$

[The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.]

I now declare this 110th "A Time For All Things" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas called from rest to labor. I am going to modify this a little bit. We know how to do all of this, so we're going to go immediately into our business. Do we have any business? Oh, we do.

MRS. SARAH COURSEY: Worthy Grand Matron, Virginia Lynn Green, here's the keys to your mean machine. It's not new, but it's not old. It's in good shape I've been told. Drive it often and drive with ease. Here, Virginia, are your keys.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the flag of our country.

Sister Grand Marshal, we will not retire the flag. It won't come out of the stand. [Laughter]

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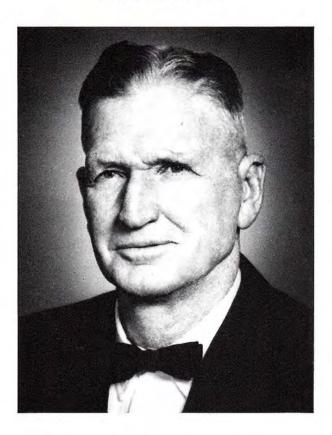
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I'm sorry we had to modify the closing, but we appreciate your endurance. The Grand Officers need to come down and get their pictures made and then turn in their badges.

APPENDIX

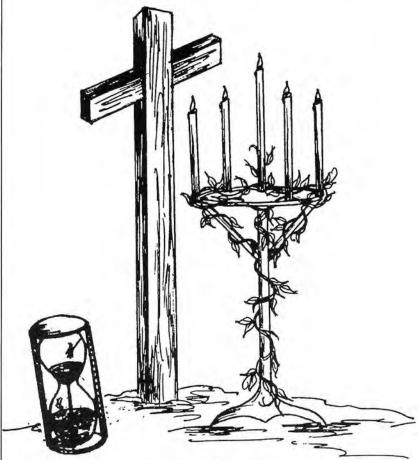
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MR. HAL BURNETT PAST GRAND PATRON 1962-1963 Died May 27, 1992



"He was a friend whose heart was good He walked with us and understood. His was a smile we loved to see, His was a hand that asked no fee . . ."

"Time to Remember"



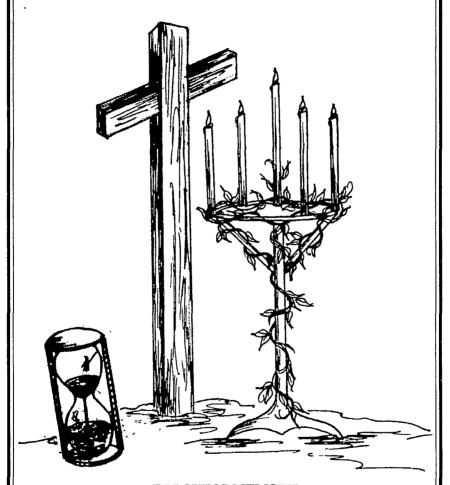
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THE TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS OF TEXAS

WHO ENTERED THEIR ETERNAL HOME 1991 - 1992

"Time to Remember"



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OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS WHO WERE CALLED TO THEIR ETERNAL HOME 1991 - 1992

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RECAP ON ELECTIONS

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS

1st Ballot 2nd Ballot 3rd Ballot

Rosemary Swetland 1433 1726 1580 (ELECTED)

 Alma Carter
 317 (WITHDREW)

 Montie Malone
 1192
 1607
 1437

Montie Malone 1192 1607 14: Yvonne Brownfield 173 (DROPPED)

Marjorie Errington 320 204 (DROPPED)

GRAND EXAMINER - DISTRICT I

Lorie Faith 463

June Whitaker 1873 (ELECTED)

Marijo King 1181

GRAND EXAMINER - DISTRICT IV

Karen Morganthaler 561 444

Naomi Wolfe 1397 1972 (ELECTED)

Coy Baker 769 608

Betty Warner 263 (DROPPED)

Following are those elected by acclamation:

Worty Grand Matron	Virginia Lynn Green
Worthy Grand Patron	Garland W. Rattan
Associate Grand Matron	Marcella Curry
Associate Grand Patron	Leland G. Benefield
Grand Secretary	Frances Burbank
Grand Treasurer	Lola (Peaches) Wallace
Grand Conductress	Wanda Fairchild
Board of Grand Trustees, District 3	Claude O. Ervin
Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 2	Lindsey Pynes
All other Board Members	

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Year	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1884	†Mrs. E.J. Talbot	†W.L. Holt	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†W.J. Wickham	†Mrs. A. McGregor	†R.R. McPhail
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. Hawkins	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Carr Forest	†Mrs. A. McGregor	†J.K. Ashby
1886	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P.H. Stevens	†Mrs. Sallie Wayde	†D.H. Hightower	†Mrs. M. Hightower	†J.K. Ashby
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†J.B. Snodgrass	†Mrs. A. Schwartz	†J.K. Ashby
1888	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†J.B. Snodgrass	‡Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner	†J.K. Ashby
1889	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.W. Ellender	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†T.J. Neely	‡Mrs. M.R. Marsh	†Stephen Gould
1890	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	‡Mrs. M.R. Marsh	*Mrs. Jennie Cassill
1891	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	tJ.L. Miller	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	‡J.D. Slawson
1892	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†J.L. Miller	†Mrs. M. Strehorn	tJ.W. Felbaum	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	‡J.D. Slawson
1893	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†Tom Murrah	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	‡J.D. Slawson
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Laura B. Har
1895	†Mrs. Sadie A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	tJ.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Laura B. Har
1896	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	tW.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†Mrs. Laura B. Har
1897	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	tJ.T. Atchinson	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	tN.M. Karney	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	†Mrs. Laura B. Har
1898	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karnev	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	tS.D. Moore	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	†Mrs. Laura B. Har
1899	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. A.V. Young	tW.S. Hellver	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. Laura B. Har
1900	†Mrs. Agnes V. Young	†W.S. Hellver	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. Laura B. Har
1901	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. Laura B. Har
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. A. Walker	tP.S. Park	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1903	†Mrs. Alma M. Walker	†P.S. Park	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1904	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1905	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1906	†Mrs. Mollie E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1907	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†J.H. Anderson	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1908	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†C.H. Thorn	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†M.T. Bell	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1909	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†G.W. Glasscock	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosev	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1910	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosev	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1911	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1912	†Dr. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1913	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1914	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Miss Cora Posev	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1915	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. MB. Moody	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1917	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1918	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1919	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	tJohn Findlater	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard

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1920	†Mrs. Margaret L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1921	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebits	†S.A. Penix	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1922	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebits	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1923	†Mrs. Norton H. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1924	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1925	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard
1926	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Mrs. LuLu LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss Cora Posey
1927	†Miss LuLu LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss Cora Posey
1928	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Miss Cora Posey
1929	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Miss W.I, Pierson	†Miss Cora Posey
1930	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1931	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1932	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Mrs. Rose Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1933	†Mrs. Rose E. Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1934	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1935	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1936	Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1937	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John Temple Rice	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1938	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1939	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1940	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Mrs. Viva Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1941	†Mrs. Viva S. Huffman	†Victor Keller	Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1942	Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1943	Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	Mrs. Lillian Barnard	E.B. Gauntt	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1944	Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker	†E.B. Gauntt	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Miss Cora Posey
1945	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Miss Blanche Earl	†Miss Cora Posey
1946	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Blanche Earl	†Miss Cora Posey
1947	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Miss Blanche Earl	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Miss Blanche Earl	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1949	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1951	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	Earl G. Manning	Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1952	Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1953	Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1954	Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	Mrs. Lois Burnett	†C.E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles

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1955	Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Chas. E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1956	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1957	Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1958	Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	Dr. R.O. Fuqua	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1959	Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	Dr. R.O. Fuqua	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1960	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1961	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1962	†Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1963	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	E.F. (Van) Plumlee	Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1964	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1965	Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1966	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	Mrs. Nancy Bailey	Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1967	Mrs. Nancy Bailey	Herbert L. Arnold	Mrs, Robbie Yates	J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1968	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	J.T. Sanders	Mrs. Sally Matranga	Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs, Rebecca Miles
1969	Mrs. Sally Matranga	Richard T. Porter	Mrs. Frances Herrin	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1970	Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	†J. Victor Jones	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	Harold Todd	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1971	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	Harold Todd	Mrs. Katherine Harbour	C.A. Bill" Holmes	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1972	Mrs. Katherine Harbour	C.A. Bill" Holmes	Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1973	Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	Paul Huffhines	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast	Joseph B. Powell	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1974	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast		†Mrs. Doris Easterling	O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs, Agnes Lee Howard
1975	†Mrs. Doris Easterling	O.D. Christian	Mrs. Joyce Roberts	†Perry Smithwick	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs, Agnes Lee Howard
1976	Mrs. Joyce Roberts	†Perry Smithwick	Mrs. Mary Brown	Murray Watson, Jr.	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1977	Mrs. Mary M. Brown	Murray Watson, Jr.	Mrs. Rennie Ofton	Thurman L. Weaver	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
1978	Mrs. Rennie Ofton	T.L. Weaver	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†Leslie G. Burnett	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
979	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†Leslie G. Burnett	Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs, Agnes Lee Howard
1980	Mrs, Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	Mrs. Elise Hammack	Oliver B. Chamberlin	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard
981	Mrs, Elise Hammack	Oliver B. Chamberlin	Mrs. Lois Bell	Gene Belk	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong
1982	Mrs. Lois Bell	Gene Belk	†Mrs. Mariorie Johnson	Ralph A. Davis	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong
1983	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	Ralph A. Davis	Mrs. Beulah Speer	Wayne P. Jones	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong
984 -	Mrs. Beulah Speer	Wayne P. Jones	Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong
1985	Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	Leonard M. Ellington	Mrs. Lola Wallace	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong
986	Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	Leonard M. Ellington	Mrs. Sherrill Cain	B. F. Hutson	Mrs. Lola Wallace	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong
987	Mrs. Sherrill Cain	B. F. Hutson	Mrs. Doris Efird	Harry G. Cunningham	Mrs. Lola Wallace	Mrs. Frances Burbank
988	Mrs. Doris Efird	Harry G. Cunningham	Mrs. Betty Phillips	Joe E. Jeffers	Mrs Lola Wallace	Mrs. Frances Burbank
989	Mrs. Betty Phillips	Joe E. Jeffers	Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	Mrs. Lola Wallace	Mrs. Frances Burbank
990	Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	Mrs. Jane Gregory	Glenn Whitaker	Mrs. Lola Wallace	Mrs. Frances Burbank
991	Mrs. Jane Gregory	Glenn Whitaker	Mrs. Virginia L. Green	Garland W. Rattan	Mrs. Lola Wallace	Mrs. Frances Burbank

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Financial Statements
As Of October 31, 1992 And 1991

Together With Auditors' Report

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Grand Trustees, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

We have audited the accompanying combining balance sheets of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star (the "Grand Chapter") as of October 31, 1992 and 1991, and the related combining statements of support and revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances and changes in cash for the years then ended. These financial statements and the schedules referred to below are the responsibility of the Grand Chapter's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and the schedules referred to below based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

It was not practical for the Grand Chapter to establish controls over special fund-raising activities prior to their initial entry in the accounting records, nor was it practical for us to perform other auditing procedures to satisfy ourselves that all special fund-raising contributions were received and recorded. Accordingly, our examination relating to special fund-raising contributions was limited to the amounts recorded in the accounts.

In our opinion, except for the effect of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to verify whether all special fund-raising contributions were received and recorded in the accounts, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star as of October 31, 1992 and 1991, and the results of its operations and its changes in cash for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Exhibits I through V are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effect, if any, of the matter discussed in the third paragraph above, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Dallas, Texas, January 15, 1993

COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS-OCTOBER 31, 1992 AND 1991

		0000000111778			October 31, 1991			
ASSETS	Endowment <u>Fund</u>	All Other Funds	Total	Endowment Fund	All Other Funds	Total		
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	\$ -	\$ 510,465	\$ 510,465	\$ -	\$ 494,423	\$ 494,423		
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	1,002	271,698	272,700	1,002	243,148	244,150		
INVESTMENTS HELD IN TRUST: Cash and equivalents Marketable equity securities U.S. Government obligations U.S. Government agencies Marketable debt securities	543,207 80,050 2,674,737 1,874,765 44,000	538,914	1,082,121 80,050 2,896,530 1,874,765 44,000	465,837 45,300 2,160,112 2,222,906 197,820	690,768	1,156,605 45,300 2,303,239 2,222,906 197,820		
Total investments held in trust	5,216,759	760,707	5,977,466	5,091,975	833,895	5,925,870		
REAL ESTATE NOTES RECEIVABLE	-	65,164	65,164	-	62,075	62,075		
PREPAID INSURANCE	-	74,353	74,353	-	59,662	59,662		
LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT: Land and buildings Equipment Less- Accumulated depreciation	- -	1,939,380 189,649 (2,069,753)	1,939,380 189,649 (2,069,753)	· 	1,915,873 188,746 (2,047,378)	1,915,873 188,746 (2.047.378)		
Land, buildings and equipment, net	-	59,276	59,276	-	57,241	57,241		
ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	108,204	4,170	112,374	110,783	7,276	118,059		
OTHER ASSETS		183,961	183,961		159,220	159,220		
Total assets	\$5,325,965	\$1,929,794	\$7,255,759	\$5,203,760	<u>\$1.916,940</u>	\$7,120,700		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ 104,709	\$ 104,709	\$ -	\$ 130,357	\$ 130,357		
DEFERRED REVENUE	-	305,840	305,840	-	223,867	223,867		
FUND BALANCES	5,325,965	1,519,245	6.845,210	_5,203,760	1.562,716	6.766.476		
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$5,325,965	\$1,929,794	\$7,255,759	\$5,203,760	\$1,916,940	\$7,120,700		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combining balance sheets.

COMBINING STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1992 AND 1991 (NOTE 1)

		October 31, 1992		October 31, 1991			
	Endowment	All Other		Endowment	All Other		
	Fund	Funds	Total	_Fund	Funds	Total	
REVENUE:							
Dues	s -	\$ 428,457	\$ 428,457	s -	\$ 441,937	\$ 441,937	
Interest and dividends	468,808	44,670	513,478	424,944	80,679	505,623	
Gifts and donations	27,480	88,915	116,395	6,564	211,319	217,883	
Pension receipts	/	485,104	485,104	- 0,001	453,047	453,047	
Supply sales	_	76,498	76,498		66,164	66,164	
Bulletin sales	_	65,122	65,122		. 67,652	67,652	
Registration fees	-	41,410	41,410	-	44,350	44,350	
Endowed membership sales	-	83,500	83,500	-		55,000	
Gain on sale of property	-			-	55,000		
	•	15,681	15,681	•	42,310	42,310	
Special funds	-	211,237	211,237	•	117,145	117,145	
Home member receipts	-	74,918	74,918	. .	70,108	70,108	
Other		76.055	76,055	1,194	100,798	101.992	
Total support and revenue	496.288	1.691.567	2.187.855	432,702	1.750.509	2.183.211	
EXPENSES:							
General fund-							
Grand Officer's, Examiner's and Committee expense	_	18,203	18,203		14,418	14,418	
Grand Chapter session	_	50,670	50,670		40,387	40,387	
Printing, postage and supplies	_	183,358	183,358	_	191,294	191,294	
Grand Chapter automobile expense	_	2,247	2,247	_	3,138	3,138	
Jewels expense		1,200	1,200		1,200	1,200	
Administration expense	-	116,396	116,396	-	103,705	103,705	
Board of Grand Trustees' expense	-	2,393	2,393	:		2,782	
Other expenses	•			-	2,782		
Home fund-	•	27,607	27,607	•	51,750	51,750	
Salaries and benefits	-	675,455	675,455	-	714,675	714,675	
Food	-	151,736	151,736	•	132,543	132,543	
Drugs and supplies	-	172,792	172,792	-	212,451	212,451	
Professional care	-	57,546	57,546	-	58,892	58,892	
Utilities .	-	114,293	114,293	•	115,475	115,475	
Insurance	-	97,215	97,215	-	104,332	104,332	
Home maintenance	-	60,484	60,484	-	100,379	100,379	
Other expenses	•	116,434	116,434	•	153,879	153,879	
Investment trust fees	26,411	-	26,411	24,523	714	25,237	
Chapter benevolences	-	61,740	61,740	-	71,576	71,576	
Scholarships	-	4,150	4,150	-	4,650	4,650	
Depreciation	-	24,074	24,074	-	66,024	66,024	
Special funds	-	135,104	135,104	-	59,321	59,321	
Other		9,613	9.613	_	36.035	36,035	
Total expenses	26,411	2,082,710	2,109,121	24.523	2.239.620	2.264.143	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	469,877	(391,143)	78,734	408,179	(489,111)	(80,932)	
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	5,203,760	1,562,716	6,766,476	5,150,545	1,696,863	6,847,408	
INTERFUND TRANSFERS, net	_(347.672)	347.672		(354,964)	354,964		
FUND BALANCES, end of year	\$5,325,965	\$1,519,245	\$6,845,210	\$5,203,760	\$1,562,716	\$6,766,476	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combining statements.

COMBINING STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN CASH

FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1992 AND 1991

		October 31, 1992			October 31, 1991	
	Endowment	All Other		Endowment	All Other	
	Fund	_Funds_	Total	Fund	_Funds_	Total
SOURCES OF CASH:						
Support and revenue over (under) expenses	\$469,877	\$(391,143)	\$ 78,734	\$408,179	\$ (489,111)	\$ (80,932)
Items not affecting cash-						
Depreciation		24,074	24,074		66,024	66,024
Cash provided by (used in) operations	469,877	(367,069)	102,808	408,179	(423,087)	(14,908)
Transfers and receipts from other funds, net	_	347,672	347,672	_	354,964	354,964
Decrease in certificates of deposit	_	J17,072	J17,072	58,020	128,440	186,460
Decrease in investments held in trust	_	73,188	73,188	50,020	120,110	100,100
Decrease in other investments	_	,0,200	-	-	56,828	56,828
Decrease in prepaid insurance and accrued interest receivable	2,579	_	2,579	37,995	-	37,995
Sale of fixed assets, net	-	1,075	1,075	-	-	-
Decrease in other assets	-	-	-	1,393	12,884	14,277
Increase in liabilities and deferred revenue		56,325	56,325	<u>-</u> _	148,856	148.856
	472,456	<u>111.191</u>	583,647	505,587	278,885	784,472
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USES OF CASH:	347,672		347,672	354,964		354,964
Transfers and payments to other funds, net	347,072	28,550	28,550	334,904	-	334,964
Increases in certificates of deposit Increases in investments held in trust	124,784	20,000	124,784	150,623	833,885	984,508
Increases in real estate notes receivable	124,704	3,089	3,089	100,020	000,000	704,300
Increase in real estate notes receivable Increase in prepaid insurance and accrued interest receivable		11,585	11,585	_	37,741	37,741
Purchase of fixed assets, net	_	27,184	27,184	_	25,439	25,439
Increase in other assets	-	24,741	<u>24.741</u>	_	-	-
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	472,456	95,149	_567.605	_505,587	897,065	_1,402,652
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	-	16,042	16,042	-	(618,180)	(618,180)
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	_	494,423	494,423	_	1.112,603	_1,112,603
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CASH AND EOUTVALENTS, end of year	\$	\$510,465	\$510,465	\$	\$ 494,423	\$ 494,423

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OCTOBER 31, 1992 AND 1991

1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and the Eastern Star Home Association. The Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star ("Grand Chapter"), is a not-for-profit organization chartered on July 22, 1884. As set forth in its charter, the organization was established for charitable and benevolent purposes and to cement bonds of good fellowship and brotherly love among its members and adherents. In addition, the Grand Chapter owns a retirement home in Arlington, Texas (the "Retirement Home").

The Eastern Star Home Association ("Home Association") was formed to operate the Retirement Home and to consider the purchase of land for the construction of a new home. Effective November 1, 1988, the operations of the Retirement Home were transferred to the Home Association; however, the facilities and certain other assets included in the home fund remain under the ownership of the Grand Chapter. See Note 4 for additional financial information regarding the Home Association.

Revenues are derived from annual dues paid by members of various chapters located throughout the State of Texas. The Retirement Home obtains revenues from donations and pension receipts from its residents. The Grand Chapter also sponsors various fund-raising activities.

Fund Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual method of accounting and include the following separate funds of the Grand Chapter:

<u>ENDOWMENT FUND</u> - The endowment fund is used to account for designated endowed contributions. Endowment fund principal shall not be spent but is to be invested in perpetuity. Interest earned on endowment funds may be transferred to the home fund, if authorized by the Grand Chapter, to support operations. Any interest earned by the endowment fund not transferred to support home operations is added to the endowment fund principal.

OTHER FUNDS:

<u>General Fund</u> - The general fund is the general operating fund of the Grand Chapter. It is used to account for all financial resources and transactions other than those required to be accounted for in other funds.

<u>Home Fund</u> - The home fund is used to account for operations of the Retirement Home and includes the accounts of both the Grand Chapter and the Home Association.

<u>Benevolent Fund</u> - The benevolent fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the care of deserving and needy members of subordinate chapters and their orphans or dependent children.

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<u>Education Fund</u> - The education fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for making educational loans and granting scholarships to members of the order or their dependents.

<u>Fannie V. Ward Fund</u> - The Fannie V. Ward fund is used to account for financial resources to be used to make grants to further the education of deserving students.

<u>Special Fund</u> - The special fund is used to account for all support and revenue and expenses accumulated from approved humanitarian projects, special events and fund-raising activities. As authorized by the Grand Chapter, 25% of selected net special fund revenues are transferred to the general fund. The use of the excess special funds will be designated by the Worthy Grand Matton.

Endowed Membership Fund - The endowed membership fund is used to account for all endowed memberships (lifetime membership) purchased by Eastern Star members. Endowed membership fund principal shall not be spent but is to be invested in perpetuity. Interest earned on the principal is remitted pro rata to each endowed member's chapter.

<u>Home Renovation Fund</u> - The home renovation fund is used to account for all contributions to be used for renovation of the Eastern Star Home.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Grand Chapter considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Buildings and Equipment

Buildings and equipment are depreciated on the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, generally ranging from 3 to 50 years.

Deferred Revenue

Restricted donations are recorded as deferred revenue until the monies are spent in accordance with the donors' wishes or the restrictions lapse, at which time they are recorded as gifts and donations.

Federal Income Taxes

The Grand Chapter is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. In 1988, the Internal Revenue Service issued an advance ruling that qualifies the Home Association as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This ruling allows the Home Association to receive tax deductible contributions from individuals and other entities. A final determination of the Home Association's exempt status will be made in 1993.

Reclassifications

Certain 1991 balances have been reclassified in order to conform with the 1992 financial statement presentation.

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2. INVESTMENTS HELD IN TRUST:

Investment in trust balances as of October 31, 1992 and 1991, were comprised of the following:

	Endowm	ent Fund	All Other	Funds
	Carrying	Market	Carrying	Market
October 31, 1992	<u>Value</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Cash and equivalents	\$ 543,207	\$ 543,207	\$538,914	\$538,914
Marketable equity securities	80,050	360,088	-	-
U.S. Government obligations	2,674,737	2,789,629	221,793	219,404
U.S. Government agencies	1,874,765	2,046,773	-	-
Other	44,000	44,426		
Total	<u>\$5,216,759</u>	<u>\$5,784,123</u>	<u>\$760,707</u>	<u>\$758,318</u>
October 31, 1991	•			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 465,837	\$ 465,837	\$690,768	\$690,768
Marketable equity securities	45.300	322,822	· · ·	· ·
U.S. Government obligations	2,160,112	2,282,207	143,127	143,127
U.S. Government agencies	2,222,906	2,363,867	-	-
Other	197,820	197,830		
Total	\$5,091,97 <u>5</u>	<u>\$5,632,563</u>	<u>\$833,895</u>	<u>\$833,895</u>

Investments are carried at cost. Write-downs of cost due to market declines are made when they are determined to be permanent.

3. RESTRICTED ASSETS:

Assets held by the endowment fund are restricted. Endowment fund principal must be invested in perpetuity, and the income from endowment investments may be spent as authorized and approved by the Grand Chapter. The endowment fund also includes deposits totaling \$147,535, which are owned by the Home Association.

The general fund holds a certificate of deposit totaling \$6,256, which is restricted for funding certain scholarships, and a certificate of deposit totaling \$15,825, which is restricted for expenses designated by the Board of Grand Trustees. A certificate of deposit in the Fannie V. Ward fund totaling \$35,000 and certificates of deposit totaling \$52,467 in the educational fund are also restricted for funding scholarships.

The home renovation fund holds two certificates of deposit totaling \$328,042. Assets held in the home renovation fund are restricted until the funds reach \$612,000. When the funds exceed this amount, they will be used to renovate the home.

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4. THE HOME:

The Home Association maintains separate checking and investment accounts. These assets are combined for reporting purposes herein, with assets owned by the Grand Chapter (see Note 1). The following summarizes the separate cash, investment accounts and operations of the Home Association as of October 31, 1992, and for the year then ended:

ASSETS (CASH AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT): Endowment fund Home fund Home renovation fund	\$ 147,535 248,277 35,467
	<u>\$_431,279</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE: Fund balance	<u>\$_431,279</u>
REVENUE:	
Dues	\$ 232,666
Pension receipts	485,104
Donations	88,515
Other	<u>145,595</u>
Total revenue	951.880
EXPENSES:	
Salaries	675,455
Food	151,736
Drugs and supplies	172,792
Professional care	57,546
Utilities	114,293
Insurance	97,215
Home maintenance	60,484 12,446
Depreciation Other	116,434
Other	
Total expense	1,458,401
Excess of expenses over revenue	(506,521)
Beginning fund balance	573,511
Transfers from the Grand Chapter	<u> 364,289</u>
Ending fund balance	<u>\$ 431,279</u>

EXHIBIT I

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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET OF OTHER FUNDS

OCTOBER 31, 1992

ASSETS	General Fund	Home Fund	Benevolent Fund	Educational Fund	F.V. Ward Fund	Special Fund	Endowed Membership Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Total All Other Funds
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	\$138,596	\$ 183,680	\$54,029	\$ 7,308	\$ 918	\$101,940	\$ 23,994	\$ -	\$ 510,465
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	112,081	65,000	-	52,467	35,000	-	7,150	-	271,698
INVESTMENTS HELD IN TRUST, at cost: Cash and cash equivalents U.S. Government obligations Total investments held in trust	105,470	105,402			- -		221,793 221,793	328,042 - 328,042	538,914 221,793 760,707
REAL ESTATE NOTES RECEIVABLE	-	65,164	-		-	-	-	-	65,164
PREPAID INSURANCE	4,792	69,561	-		-	-	-	-	74,353
LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT: Land and buildings Equipment Less-Accumulated depreciation Land, buildings and equipment, net ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE OTHER ASSETS: Inventory	117,753 80,118 (176,030) 21,841 462	1,821,627 109,531 _(1.893,723) 37,435 593	· - - -	- - - 2,125	-	-	- 86	- - - 904	1,939,380 189,649 (2,069,753) 59,276 4,170
Educational loans Other	960	23	-	28,424		40,985			28,424 41,968
Total other assets	114,215	337	-	28,424	-	40,985	-	-	183,961
INTERFUND RECEIVABLE (PAYABLE)	69,561	(69.561)							
Total assets	\$567,018	\$ 457,611	\$54,029	\$90,324	\$35,918	\$142,925	\$253,023	\$328,946	\$1,929,794
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES									
CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 22,927	\$ 81,782	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104,709
DEFERRED REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	305,840	305,840
FUND BALANCES	544,091	375.829	54.029	_90,324	35,918	_142,925	253,023	23,106	1,519,245
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$567,018	\$457,611	\$54,029	\$90,324	\$35,918	\$142,925	\$253,023	\$328,946	\$1,929,794

COMBINING STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE. EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF OTHER FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1992

	General Fund	Home Fund	Benevolent Fund	Educational Fund	F.V. Ward Fund	Special Fund	Endowed Membership Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Total All Other Funds
SUPPORT AND REVENUES:									
Dues	\$ 132,337	\$ 232,666	\$63,454	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 428,457
Interest and dividend	14,590	16,387	921	3,709	1,532	-	7,531	-	44,670
Gifts and donations	-	88,515	-	400	-	-	-	-	88,915
Pension receipts	-	485,104	•	-	-	-	-	-	485,104
Supply sales	76,498	-	-	-	-	-		-	76,498
Bulletin sales	65,122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,122
Registration fees	41,410	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,410
Endowed membership sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	83,500	-	83,500
Property sales	-	15,681	-	-	-	-		-	15,681
Special funds	-		-	-	-	211,237	· -	-	211,237
Home member receipts	_	74,918	_	-	-		-	-	74,918
Other	36,373	38.609						1.073	76.055
Total support and revenues	366,330	_951.880	64.375	4.109	1.532	_211.237	91,031	1.073	_1.691.567
EXPENSES:									
General fund-									
Grand Officer's, Examiner's and Committee expense		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,203
Grand Chapter session	50,670	-	-	-	-	-	•	-	50,670
Printing, postage and supplies	183,358	-	-	-	•	-	-	-	183,358
Grand Chapter automobile expense	2,247	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	2,247
Jewels expense	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
Administrative expense	116,396	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116,396
Board of Grand Trustees' expense	2,393	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,393
Other expenses	27,607	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,607
Home fund-									
Salaries and benefits	-	675,455	-	-	-	-	-	-	675,455
Food	-	151,736	-	-	-	-	-	-	151,736
Drugs and supplies	-	172,792	-	-	-	-	-	-	172,792
Professional care	-	57,546	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,546
Utilities	-	114,293	-	-	-	-	-	-	114,293
Insurance	-	97,215	-	-	-	-	-	-	97,215
Home maintenance	-	60,484	-	-	•	-	-	-	60,484
Other expenses	-	116,434	-	-	-	-	-	-	116,434
Investment Trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chapter benevolences	-	-	61,740	-	-	-	-	-	61,740
Scholarships	-		-	400	3,750	-	-	_	4,150
Depreciation	11,628	12,446	-	-	-	-	-		24,074
Special funds	-	-	-	-	-	135,104	-	· •	135,104
Other	=		(350)				8,890	_1,073	9.613
Total expenses	413,702	1.458.401	61,390	400	3,750	135.104	8,890	_1.073	2.082.710
SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	(47,372)	(506,521)	2,985	3,709	(2,218)	76,133	82,141	-	(391,143)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	593,237	551,877	51,044	86,615	38,136	47,819	170,882	23,106	1,562,716
INTERFUND TRANSFERS, net	(1.774)	_330,473				18.973			347.672
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$544.091</u>	\$375.829	\$54,029	\$90,324	\$35,918	\$142,925	\$253,023	\$23,106	<u>\$ 1.519.245</u>

EXHIBIT III

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GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

OCTOBER 31, 1992

Beginning Ending Market Additions Reductions Balance Value Description Balance ENDOWMENT TRUST - RESTRICTED Bank One Money Market Fund \$ 465,837 \$ 463,673 \$ 463,673 \$ 2,164 Other Cash and Equivalents 140.820 61.286 79,534 79,534 Marketable Equity Securities-Texas Industries 2,992 2,992 13,981 Atlantic Richfield 8,950 8,950 46,300 4,245 4,245 29,400 Exxon Mobil Oil Corp. 2,988 2.988 17,136 Abbott Labs 4,420 4,420 148,480 International Business Machines 10,650 10,650 13,375 Westinghouse Electric Corp. 3,355 3,355 11,330 Southwestern Bell and AT&T 7,700 7,700 28,136 General Motors Corp. 275 4,050 Armco Inc. 4,050 575 5,150 Cooper Industries 5,150 9,175 Phillips Petroleum 25,550 25,550 41,925 34.750 80,050 360.088 Marketable Debt Securities-Commonwealth Edison First Mortgage Co. 15,000 15,000 14,831 Duke Power Co. 13,000 13,000 Dequesne Lighting 15,000 15.000 15,269 General Telephone Co. 14.000 14,000 14.326 57,000 13.000 44,000 44,426

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

OCTOBER 31, 1992 (Continued)

Description	Date <u>Acquired</u>	Date of <u>Maturity</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Market Value
ENDOWMENT TRUST - RESTRICTED (Continued)								
U.S. Government Obligations .	6/13/87 2/18/75 2/18/75 7/09/78 5/15/88 9/03/87 12/31/88 3/03/89 3/29/89 3/07/90 9/30/91 12/31/91	8/15/92 5/15/99 2/15/00 8/15/94 5/15/98 11/15/92 2/15/94 3/31/93 2/15/96 9/30/93 12/31/93	8.250% 8.500 7.875 8.750 9.000 8.375 8.875 9.500 9.625 8.875 6.125 5.000 5.000	\$ 385,500 23,000 100,000 202,250 199,868 298,497 149,250 199,970 199,708 202,125 199,944	\$ - - - - - - - - - 799,750 _100,375	\$385,500	\$ - 23,000 100,000 202,250 199,868 298,497 149,250 199,970 199,708 202,125 199,944 799,750 100,375	\$ 24,358 106,313 215,000 226,562 300,375 159,047 215,438 205,000 221,312 204,376 810,504 101,344
				_2,160,112	900,125	385,500	2,674,737	2,789,629
U.S. Government Agencies-FNMA Securities	6/11/90 8/11/87 1/10/88 12/10/87 9/20/89	6/12/95 12/10/97 1/10/95 12/10/97 9/20/96	8.850 7.100 9.000 9.550 8.750	100,000 125,000 447,609 499,375 199,250	- - - -	- - -	100,000 125,000 447,609 499,375 199,250	103,250 126,368 490,500 573,280 209,500
Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	1/05/89 3/07/90	12/27/93 8/25/97	9.550 9.200	348,141 303,281	-	348,141	303,281	339,375
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Bonds	8/15/89	8/15/96	8.450	200,250	andrew sales		200,250	204,500
				2,222,906		348,141	1.874.765	2.046,773
Total Endowment Fund - Restricted				\$5,091,975	\$ 34,750	\$810,091	\$5,216,759	\$5,784,123

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GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

OCTOBER 31, 1992 (Continued)

Description	Date <u>Acquired</u>	Date of <u>Maturity</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Market Value
GENERAL FUND								
Texas Commerce Bank - Hurst Certificate of Deposit Comerica Bank-Arlington Certificate of Deposit (Bramlett) Bank One Certificate of Deposit Guaranty Federal Savings Certificate of Deposit Bank One Certificate of Deposit	1/27/92 8/31/92 6/07/90 9/1/92 12/19/91	1/25/93 9/1/93 8/25/92 9/1/93 12/19/92	3.050% 3.000 4.650 3.500 3.000	\$ 50,000 6,804 40,000	\$ - - - 40,000 _15,825	\$ - 548 40,000 -	\$ 50,000 6,256 - 40,000 _15,825	\$ 50,000 6,256 40,000 15,825
Total General Fund				\$ 96,804	\$ 55,825	\$ 40,548	\$112,081	\$112,081
HOME FUND								
Bank One Certificate of Deposit Bank of North Texas Certificate of Deposit	3/04/91 9/1/92	8/25/92 9/1/93	4.650 3.550	\$ 65,000	\$ - 65,000	\$ 65,000 -	\$ - 65,000	\$ - 65,000
Marketable Equity Securities- Armco Steel Phillips Petroleum Cooper Industries	4/03/81 5/03/85 3/16/82	N/A N/A N/A		4,050 25,551 5,150 34,751	-	4,050 25,551 5,150 34,751	<u>:</u>	-
Marketable Debt Securities- Phillips Petroleum - Bonds Phillips Petroleum - Debentures	5/10/85 5/03/85	. N/A N/A	13.875 14.750	12,042 10.035 22.077	<u>:</u>	12,042 		
Total Home Fund				\$121,828	<u>\$_65,000</u>	\$121.828	\$ 65,000	\$_65,000

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GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

OCTOBER 31, 1992 (Continued)

Description	Date <u>Acquired</u>	Date of <u>Maturity</u>	Interest Rate	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Market Value
EDUCATIONAL FUND								
Comerica Bank-Certificate of Deposit Comerica Bank-Certificate of Deposit	3/19/92 5/27/92	3/18/93 3/18/93	3.000% 3.000	\$ 38,846	\$ 1,621 12.000	\$ - 	\$ 40,467 12,000	\$ 40,467
Total Educational Fund				\$_38,846	\$ 13,621	<u>\$ - </u>	\$ 52.467	\$ 52,467
FANNIE V. WARD FUND								
Comerica Bank-Arlington Certificate of Deposit	8/30/92	8/30/93	3.000	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND								
Bank of Commerce Certificates of Deposit	4/01/92	4/01/93	3.600	\$ 7,488	\$ -	\$ 338	\$ 7,150	\$ 7,150
U.S. Government Obligations	6/28/91	5/31/93	6.750	143,127	<u>_78,666</u>		221,793	219,404
				\$150,615	\$ 78.666	\$ 338	\$228,943	\$226,554

DETAIL OF SPECIAL FUND RECEIPTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1992

ESTARL	\$ 40,691
FOUNDERS' DAY	68,640
STRAWBERRY EXTRAVAGANZA	69,503
CALENDARS	11,431
MUSIC COMMITTEE	4,261
TIME AND TALENT	6,351
DIPLOMA STICKERS	4,623
OTHER	5,737
	<u>\$211,237</u>

DETAIL OF SPECIAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1992

ESTARL - SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 57,432
FOUNDERS' DAY	25,599
STRAWBERRY EXTRAVAGANZA	29,100
CALENDARS	11,430
MUSIC COMMITTEE	4,176
TIME AND TALENT	2,111
DIPLOMA STICKERS	1,124
OTHER	4,132
	<u>\$135,104</u>

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 110th GRAND CHAPTER SESSION HOUSTON, TEXAS

RECEIPTS

Grand Chapter Advance for Installation,
Houston, Texas
Allowance from Grand Chapter
Parking Passes
Bus Passes
Facilities Communication International Refund
Market Place Vendor Donations
TOTAL RECEIPTS
101AL RECEII 13 \$ 44,102.00
DISBURSEMENTS
Astrodome/Astrohall:
Astro Arena Rent \$ 12,000.00
Tables and Chairs (6)
Arena Sound Hook-Up
Arena Red Coat Personnel (33 hrs. @ 9.50 per hour)
Parking Passes
Sierra Stage Coach Bus Company
Freeman Decorating
Printing
AVW Sound Equipment
Copies, Postage and Long Distance Calls
Carroll's Office Supply (Furniture) 280.00
Typewriters and Adding Machines
Parking Pass Refund
Fraternal Home Board (Organ, Piano and Table Rental) 500.00
Badge Ribbons
Facilities Communication International
Bank Check Printing
Worthy Grand Matron's Decorating Expenses
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS(48.37)

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Chairman, Executive Committee Mrs. Vera Evans, Secretary Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Treasurer

ANALYSIS OF 1992 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION HOUSTON OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 1992

INCOME AND EXPENSES RELATED TO THE 1992 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION: (All amounts rounded off to the nearest dollar.)

INCOME: Registration Fees
EXPENSES: The Session (to the Executive Committee) 19,250.00 Installation 750.00 Mileage paid (Chapter Representatives) 6,484.00 Printing: 4,000
Invitations \$ 219.00 Registration, badges, etc. 1,872.00 Ballots and voting cards 1,166.00 Advanced Annual Reports 9,971.00 Session Programs 6,134.00 Grand Warder Books 225.00
Installation Programs3,000.00 22,587.00
Arlington Community Center (drill practice) 155.00 Transportation of printed material and paraphernalia to Houston 422.00 Replacement of U. S. Flag, pole, etc. 85.00 Sheraton Astrodome - work rooms for Arrangements and Registration Committees 239.00 Distinguished Guests 1,000.00 Postage: Mailing Invitations and Pre-Registration 625.00 Liability Insurance 1,625.00 General Grand Chapter Officers 1,526.00
TOTAL EXPENSES 54,748.00
TOTAL EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF INCOME (13,338.00) **********************************
FINAL ANALYSIS OF THE 1992 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION
Executive Committee deficit of \$48.37 paid from Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds
TOTAL EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF INCOME (13,338.00)
Prepared from the books and records of the 1992 Grand Chapter Session by Frances E. Burbank (Grand Secretary in 1991-1992).

Frances E. Burbank Grand Secretary

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