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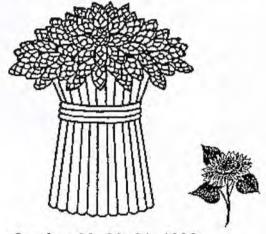
# "Friendship Is Constant"

SESSION Fort Worth, Texas

Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield Worthy Grand Matron Mr. Kenneth Gregory Worthy Grand Patron

# The Grand Chapter of Texas Order Of The Eastern Star

Extends Fraternal Greetings and Cordially Invites You to Attend the 116th Annual Session



October 29, 30, 31, 1998 Fort Worth Convention Center Fort Worth, Texas

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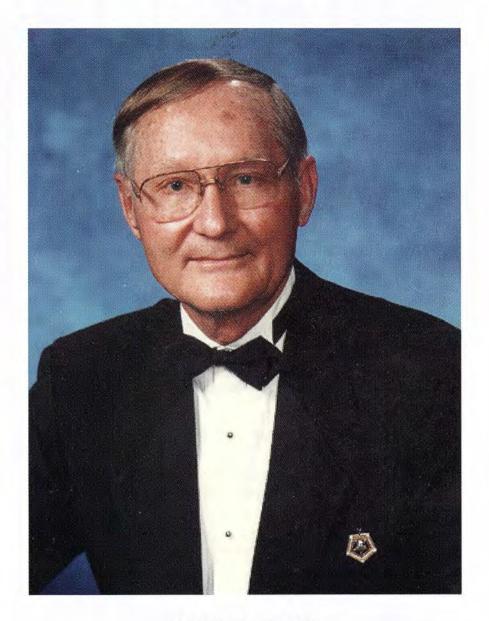
Mrs. Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON



YVONNE BROWNFIELD Worthy Grand Matron Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

#### WORTHY GRAND PATRON



KENNETH GREGORY Worthy Grand Patron Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

#### DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

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PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

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TEXAS' OWN PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

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INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS

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

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DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

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DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF ALL APPENDANT BODIES

#### SPECIAL GUEST



MRS. FLORENCE ADAIR
Most Worthy Grand Matron
and a
Past Grand Matron of Michigan

#### SPECIAL GUEST



RENNIE OFTON
Right Worthy Grand Trustee
General Grand Chapter
and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

#### SPECIAL GUESTS



MRS. EFFIE MAE DAVIS
Worthy Grand Adah
and a
Past Grand Matron of Texas



MRS. LENA MAYE COOK Registration Committee General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas



HAROLD TODD
Knights Templar Eye Foundation
General Grand Chapter
and a
Past Grand Patron of Texas



MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico



RAUL GARCIA
Deputy to the Most Worthy
Grand Patron in Mexico
and Central America

#### INSTALLED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS



MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE Associate Grand Matron



MR. HENRY S. MARTIN Associate Grand Patron



MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON
Grand Secretary



MRS. PATSY WILSON Grand Treasurer



MRS. BETTY FRIEND Grand Conductress



MRS. NAOMI WOLFE Associate Grand Conductress



MRS. REBECCA CATHEY
POTTS
Grand Chaplain



MRS. ANN KELLY Grand Marshal

## INSTALLED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT



MRS. MARY L. FERGUSON Grand Organist



MRS. CAROLYN BROOM Grand Adah



MRS. KAREN KIDD Grand Ruth



MRS. JOANN SNOW Grand Esther



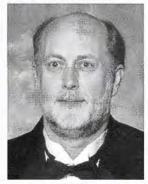
MRS. MARIAN VON HEEDER Grand Martha



MRS. MICKEY L. GUNDER Grand Electa



MRS. ELWANDA SPINDOR Grand Warder



MR. JOHNNY J. FREEZE Grand Sentinel



MRS. CAROL S. HALL Fraternal Correspondent

#### **BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES**



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#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



MRS. ZENA WILSON Chairman



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MRS. MELISSA ROBERTS Secretary



MRS. WANDA O'KELLY Treasurer

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MRS. ANNETTE CURRY Co-Chairman



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MRS. LUCIA W. TRAMMELL Housing Chairman



MRS. SHARON K. PRAGUE Housing Co-Chairman



MRS. BETTY R. STEELE Housing Co-Chairman



MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD Housing Co-Chairman



MRS. MARQUETTA WHITFIELD Social Chairman



MRS. DAISY ROGERS Social Co-Chairman

#### **CEREMONIAL OPENING**

#### Thursday Afternoon Session October 28, 1998

#### "I HAVE SEEN HIS STAR"

12:00 p.m. Musical Prelude	
Master of Ceremonies	
Worthy Grand Adah	
Assisting Grand Marshal	
Special Music	
Grand Soloist	
PROCESSIONAL OF DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS AND GUESTS	
DISTINGUISHED MANDENS INVO GOESTS	
12:30 p.m.	
Presentation of Texas Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent	
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	
Escorted by Mr. Robert Brownfield	
Mr. Kenneth Gregory	
Mrs. Alma L. Bane	
Escorted by Dr. Bill Bane	
Mr. Henry Martin	
Mrs. Marjorie Errington	
Mrs. Patsy Wilson	
Mrs. Betty Friend Grand Conductress	
Escorted by Mr. Jack Friend	
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	
Escorted by Mr. Robert Wolfe	

Mrs. Ann Kelly
Mrs. Mary Ferguson
Mrs. Carolyn Broom
Mrs. Karen Kidd
Mrs. Jo Ann Snow
Mrs. Marian Von Heeder
Mrs. Mickey Gunder
Mrs. Elwanda Spindor
Mr. Johnny J. Freeze
Mrs. Carol S. Hall
PRESENTATIONS:
The Holy Bible
Square and Compasses
Grand Escort
Grand Escort
Grand Escort FLAG PRESENTATIONS:  United States Flag
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Greetings / Welcome
General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron
Response to Welcome
Presentation to Most Worthy Grand Matron
Greetings
Filling of Vacancies Appointment of Telegram Committee Special Recognition
Reports:  Worthy Grand Matron
"Constant Friends Around The World" Drill Texas' Own and Visiting Grand Representatives Directed by Mrs. Ann Kelly, Grand Marshal
Purposes and PoliciesMrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron Chairman
Grievance and Appeals
O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund
Closing Ode: "Family Of God" Grand Choir and Assembly
Benediction
Closing of the Bible

Please join us for our District Banquets

Session Called from Labor to Rest until 8:00 a.m. Friday

#### Friday Morning Session October 30, 1998

#### "WE SHALL GATHER"

7:45 a.m.	Musical Prelude	Patricia Johnson General Chairman, Music Committee
8:00 a.m.	Call to Order	Mrs. Elise Hammack Past Grand Matron
"Sheaf Wi	thin The Circle" Drill Ins Directed by Mrs. Ann K	stalled Grand Officers and Grand Pages elly, Grand Marshal
	of Installed Grand Officers	
Opening o	f the Bible	
Special M	usic	Mrs. Rebecca Schaefer, Grand Soloist
Invocation	1	
Session Ca	alled from Rest to Labor	·
Reports C	ontinued:	
Parl	liamentarian	Mrs. Mildred Love
. Juri	sprudence M	frs. Elsie Paladino., Past Grand Matron Chairman
Boa	rd of Grand Trustees	
	rd of Directors of nd Chapter Benevolences	Mrs. Delbert Shoemaker Chairman
		ttor of   
Recognition	on of Residents of "Our" O.E.S. Ho	ome of Texas (Sunflowers)
Benedictio	n	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland Past Grand Matron
Closing of	the Bible	

Session Called from Labor to Rest until 1:30 p.m.

#### Friday Afternoon Session October 30, 1998

#### "PATIENT INDUSTRY"

1:00 p.m. Musical PreludeFo	.Mrs. Geraldine Graves ounder's Day Committee
	Singing Stars of Retirement Home, ed by Mrs. Pat DiMinno
1:30 p.m. Call to Order	Mrs. Alma Carter Past Grand Matron
"Sheaf Within The Circle" Drill Installed Grand Of Directed by Mrs. Ann Kelly, Grand Mar	9
Entrance of Installed Grand Officers	
Opening of the Bible	Mrs. Betty Friend Grand Conductress
Invocation	Mr. Herbert Arnold Past Grand Patron
Session Called from Rest to Labor	
Reports Continued:	
JurisprudenceMrs. Elsie Paladi	ino, Past Grand Matron Chairman
Grand Examiners District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand M	[atrone
International Temple	
Museum	Mrs. Lillie Mae Eads Chairman
Titles, Deeds and Properties	Mr. Charles Easterling Chairman
Development and Marketing	
District/Study Committee Mrs. Wanda Fairch	
Benediction	Mrs. Sherrill Cain Past Grand Matron
Closing of the Bible	Mrs. Betty Friend Grand Conductress

Please plan to attend our Humanitarian, ESTARL and Memorial Presentations at that time.

Session called from Labor to Rest until 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday Evening Session October 30, 1998

### "FIELDS OF CHARITY, TRUTH & LOVING KINDNESS"

6:45 p.m. Musical Prelude	
7:00 p. m. Call to Order	
"Sheaf Within The Circle" Drill Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages Directed by Mrs. Ann Kelly, Grand Marshal	
Entrance of Installed Grand Officers	
Invocation Mr. Charles Morris Past Grand Patron	
Opening of the Bible	
ESTARL PROGRAM MEMORIAL PROGRAM	
Humanitarian Presentation	
Presentation of 100% Humanitarian Chapters Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Jr. Past Matrons and Jr. Past Patrons "Loving Service" Drill	
Directed by Mrs. Ann Kelly, Grand Marshal	
Opening of the Bible	
Benediction	
Session Closed until 8:00 a.m. Saturday	

### REHEARSAL FOR 1998-1999 INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS IN ARENA

# "Planting Seeds for the Future" ESTARL Service and Awards



Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield Worthy Grand Matron Mr. Kenneth Gregory Worthy Grand Patron

Ms. Judith VanHorn General Chairman

## "Planting Seeds for the Future"

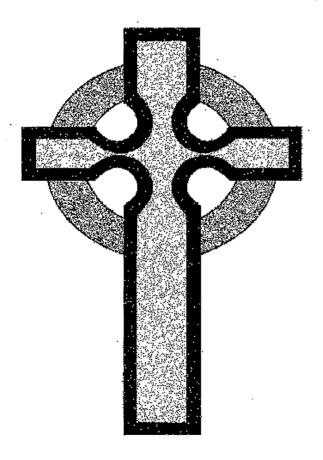
#### ESTARL SERVICE AND AWARDS

Welcome	Ms. Judith VanHorn General Chairman
Introduction of ESTARL Committee	Mrs. Donna Douglas, District I Mrs. Doris Holbrook, District II Mrs. Sherry Hopson, District III Mrs. Rebecca Drews, District IV Mrs. Thelma Beavers, District V
Invocation	Recipient
Medley of Hymns  I Love To Tell The Story  Because He Lives	Membership
Count Your Blessings	
Scripture - Preserving The Past	Recipient
Solo - Whither Thou Goest	Recipient
Scripture - Preparing for the FutureI Corinthians 12:4-13	Recipient
Hymn - Bringing in the Sheaves	Membership
Offering Meditation	Ms. Judith VanHorn
ESTARL Love Offe	ering
Special Music	
Prayer of Thanks	Recipient
Presentation of Awards	
Closing Prayer	Mr. Kenneth Gregory Worthy Grand Patron

### "CIRCLE OF LOVE"

### Memorial Service

October 30, 1998



Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield Worthy Grand Matron Mr. Kenneth Gregory Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Rebecca Potts Grand Chaplain

#### "CIRCLE OF LOVE"

Memorial Service

"Nothing on Earth is Forever Yours -Only the Love of the Lord Endures!"

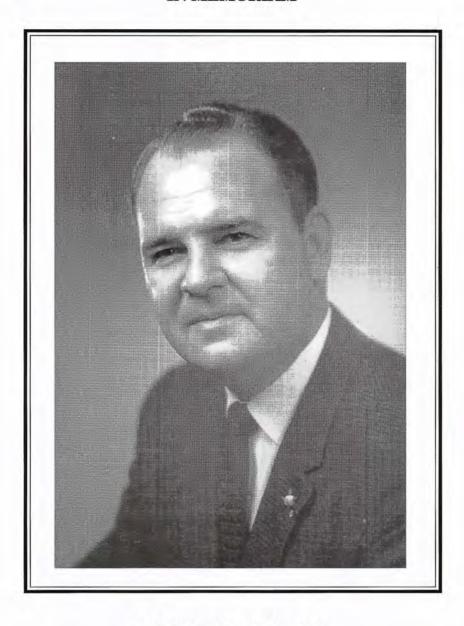
Illumination of the Circles of Light	Johnny J. Freeze Grand Sentinel
Opening of the Holy Bible	
Report of the Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Rebecca Potts
Solo - "Closer Walk With Thee"	Mr. Donny Broughton Mayfest - District I Chairman

### TRIBUTES OF LOVE ENCIRCLES WITH FLORAL PRESENTATIONS

General Grand Chapter Officers	Mrs. Rennie Ofton Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Past Grand Matron of Texas
Grand Chapters of Other Grand Jursidictions	Mrs. Elsie Paladino Past Grand Matron of Texas
Grand Chapter of Texas	Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green Past Grand Matron of Texas
Subordinate Chapters	
Solo: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"	Mr. Donny Broughton
Memorial Service	Mrs. Rebecca Potts Grand Chaplain
"Circle of Love" Drill In Directed by Mrs. Ann	
Solo: "Circle Be Unbroken" Mrs. Mary Horan, Deputy Grand M Mrs. Linda Mc Mrs. Eva DeHar	latron, District One, Section Three Cloud, Mayfest

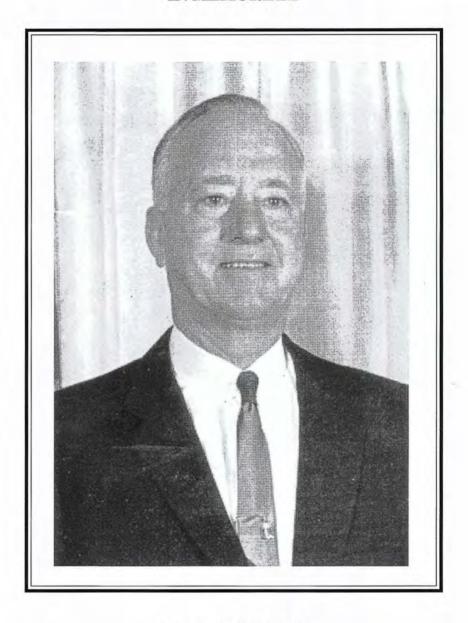
Draping of the Altar	
•	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe Associate Grand Conductress
·~	Mrs. Rebecca Potts Grand Chaplain
Closing of the Holy Bible	
Benediction	Kenneth Gregory Worthy Grand Patron

#### IN MEMORIAM



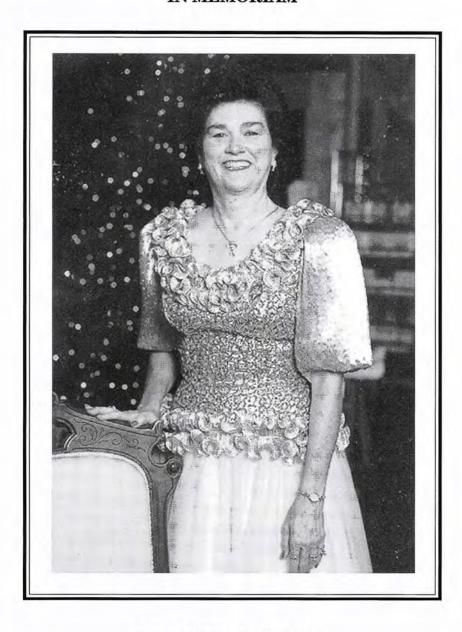
MR. E. F. "VAN" PLUMLEE Worthy Grand Patron 1963-1964 Died November 22, 1997

#### IN MEMORIAM



MR. J. T. SANDERS Worthy Grand Patron 1968-1969 Died March 1, 1998

#### IN MEMORIAM



MRS. SHERRILL R. CAIN Worthy Grand Matron 1987 - 1988 Died September 20, 1998

#### Saturday Morning Session October 31, 1998

#### "PRESERVING THE PAST WHILE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE"

7:45 a.m. Musical Prelude	Mrs. Jackie Stogner
8:00 a.m. Call to Order	
Special Music	
	Installed Grand Offices and Grand Pages nn Kelly, Grand Marshal
Entrance of Grand Officers	
Opening of the Bible	
Invocation	Mr. Wayne Jones Past Grand Patron
Session Called from Rest to Labor	
Reports Continued:	
has been given. Please be ava	be seated in the East until their report ilable at all times since you may be or later than scheduled.)
(All Candidates and the person nomi	inating them to be seated in the East also.)
Unfinished Business:	
Final Credentials Report	Mrs. Marijo King Chairman
Adoption of Humanitarian, EST. and Grand Chaplain Reports	
10:00 a.m.	Election of Grand Chapter Officers
Recognition of our 50-year members	
Reports Continued:	
Registration	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Secretarial	Chairman Mrs. Betty Carter
Endowed Membership	Secretary to Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Lori Faith-Owens

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	Poet Laureate	Mrs. Nona Gibson		
	Resolutions			
		Past Grand Matron, Chairman		
	Historical Highlights			
		General Chairman		
	Bulletin			
		General Chairman		
	Constant Friends			
		General Chairman		
	Founder's Day			
	•	General Chairman		
	General Grand Chapter Projects	Mrs. Ruth Jameson		
		General Chairman		
	Good Samaritan			
		General Chairman		
	Knights Templar	Mr. Kenneth Gregory		
		Chairman		
	Labor of Love	Mr. Raymond Luther		
		General Chairman		
	Masonic Family Unity	Mr. Jim Williams		
		General Chairman		
	Masonic Home/School	Mrs. Virginia Schmidt		
	•	Coordinator		
	Mayfest			
	·	General Chairman		
	Membership			
	*	General Chairman		
	Exchange Visits: Louisiana	Mrs. Jean Nesbitt		
	C	Past Grand Matron		
	New Mexico	Mrs. Beulah Speer		
		Past Grand Matron		
	Music	Mrs. Patricia Johnson		
		General Chairman		
	Proficiency	Mrs. Dorothy High		
		General Chairman		
	Stars Across Texas	Mrs. Carolyn Schultze		
		Chairman		
	Team 98	Mr. Monroe Cooper		
		General Chairman		
	Texas Cardinals			
		Chairman		
	Time and Talent			
		General Chairman		
	Visitation			
		General Chairman		
Appreciation & Recognition of Executive and Arrangements for 1997-1998 with recognition for Zena Wilson.				
Invitation to 1998-99 Grand Chapter SessionDr. Bill Bane				
Benediction				
репе	:шсыон	Past Grand Matron		
		rast Grand Matron		
Closi	ing of the Bible	Mrs. Betty Friend		
	-	Grand Conductress		

#### SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND THANK YOU

Mrs. Zena Wilson & Executive Committee Members			
Mr. William D. Prague & Arrangements Committee Members			
Mr. Carrol Macon Lettering in the East Mrs. Pat Turner Altar Cloth			
Mrs. Bobbie E. Paul			
Mr. David Lucas			
Mr. Bill Armstrong			
Mr. E.A. (Dutch) Treadaway			
Star Point pedestals which are gifts to them.			
Susie and Donny Broughton Other wooden items made as gifts for other appointed officers			
Robbie Abshere			
District 3, Section 10			
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Headquarters Hotels			
Grand Chapter Sessions Fort Worth Convention Center			
Wednesday Evening – General Banquet Fort Worth Convention Center			
Thursday Afternoon Informal Opening			
Thursday Ceremonial Opening 12:30 p.m.			
Thursday Evening District Banquets			
Friday Morning Session			
Friday Line Officers' Luncheons			
Friday Afternoon Session			
Friday Evening Session			
Memorial Service - 45 Minutes			
Humanitarian Program - 30 Minutes			
Friday Evening 1998-1999 Grand Officers' Practice			
Saturday Morning Session			
Distinguished Guests and Grand Representatives			
Radisson Hotel			
Registration and Credentials			
Radisson Hotel Wednesday 10:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.			
Fort Worth Convention Center			
Fort Worth Convention Center Friday 8:00 a.m.			
Fort Worth Convention Center Saturday 7:00 a.m.			
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Reports: All reports must be brief (limited to 3 minutes), concise, and contain only relevant information. Printing costs and limited time will not permit "thank you" messages. Reports must be typed, in triplicate, double spaced, and given to the Grand Secretary after adoption.

First Aid: Once again, we are fortunate to have a modern, up-to-date first aid room. Our staff in the First Aid Room is very professional. The R.N.s, L.V.N.s, and E.M.T.s. will be on duty one hour **before** and one hour **after** each Session.

Chairmen: Please be readily available until your report has been given. You are requested to watch the progress as each report is given, since you may be called upon to give your report earlier or later than scheduled in our Session program.

Members who have received 50-year membership certificates during this year will be recognized Saturday Morning. Please be seated in the designated area for the Saturday Morning Session.

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 Guests during all sessions of Grand Chapter.

Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Warders, and Assistant Grand Sentinels will be on duty forty-five (45) minutes before each session. Please assist in proving Grand Chapter following the Installation on Saturday evening.

The Grand Examiner-at-large, Sister Nancy Brown, will have the Examining Room open on Thursday from 2:00 to 3:00 P. M., Friday from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M., and from 12:45 to 5:00 P.M. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 A.M. If for any reason you need to have an examination other than these specified times, please contact Sister Nancy and she will arrange a time to assist you in taking your Proficiency Examination.

Official Photographers: (Pictures or Videos may be ordered.)

Mr. Cleo Ellison, Photographer 4025 Field Street Ft. Worth, TX 76117 Mr. Ed Perdue, Video 3516 Hampshire Arlington, TX 76013

Scheduled Pictures (Please Go immediately to the East)

Floor Officers and their Grand/Personal Pages ...... Formal Attire Immediately after Thursday Afternoon Session

Floor Officers and their Grand/Personal Pages ............ Daytime Dresses Immediately after close of Friday morning Session

Note: If you should desire special individual pictures, please schedule directly with Bro. Cleo Ellison

All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Immediate Past Matrons and Immediate Past Patrons of 100% Chapters in the Humanitarian Program for 1997-1998 are lovingly invited to participate in our "Loving Service" drill on **Friday evening.** Please participate and represent your Chapter wearing any long dress and/or tuxedo or dark suit.

Personal Page

Grand Officer

#### INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND PERSONAL PAGES

Grand Officer	Personal Page
Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron	Marvolyn Province Bess Madison Caldwell Joyce Nicklas Vi Griffin JoAnne Conner Betty Carter
Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron	
Alma Lynn Bane, Associate Grand Matron	Greta Bane Hecker Betty Lynn Bobbie Pinto
Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron	William T. Irwin James Stewart H. Frank Wicke
Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary	Joyce Ball Martha Hover
Patsy Wilson, Grand Treasurer	Jeannine Guinn Robbie L. Pynes Helen L. Sanderford
Betty Friend, Grand Conductress	Sharon Harbison Elizabeth Wilkerson Karen Wright
Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Conductress	Rita Lytle Dorothy Nicholson Laura Holden Evelyn Adams
Rebecca Cathey Potts, Grand Chaplain	Susie B. Broughton Helen Hambrick
Ann Kelly, Grand Marshal	Diane Davidson Faye Long Donna Grenier
Mary Ferguson, Grand Organist	Martha Lou Holland Ladois West
Carolyn Broom, Grand Adah	Cuba L. Beavers Elsie Odom Boots Hawkins
Karen Kidd, Grand Ruth	Fran Johnson Evelyn Kelley

JoAnn Snow, Grand Esther	Billie Branch Evelyn Homesley
Marion VonHeeder, Grand Martha	Frances R. Atkinson Marilyn Hunnicutt Delphia VonHeeder
Mickey Gunder, Grand Electa	Georgieana Howard Bernadine Watson
Elwanda Spindor, Grand Warder	Laverne Daniels Marie Krebbs Jo Taylor
Johnny J. Freeze, Grand Sentinel	William Hunnicutt Paul W. Kirk Albert Koltermann

# SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

# FORT WORTH, TEXAS OCTOBER 29, 30, 31, 1998

# "FRIENDSHIP IS CONSTANT" 116th SESSION

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1998

7:00 P.M. Banquet. "Constant Friends Forever". Floor Officers Dinner. Co-Chairman: Mrs. Ann Kelly and Mrs. Elwanda Spindor. Ticket Chairman: Miss Diane Davidson, 2405 North 42nd Street, Waco, TX 76710. Petroleum Club, 777 Main St. (By Invitation Only.)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1998

- 9:00 A.M.4:00 P.M. : Hospitality Room for Distinguished Guests. Chairman: Mrs. Freda
  Combest. Co-Chairman: Mrs. June Whitaker. Radisson Hotel.
  Mezzanine, Citizens B.
- 9:00 A.M.- Hospitality Room for Grand Representatives. Chairman: Mrs. 4:00 P.M. Cacy Fidler. Radisson Hotel. Mezzanine, Citizens A.
- 9:00 A.M. Cameos & Top Hats Reception. Honoring Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, 10:30 A.M. Associate Grand Matron. Hosted by Associate Grand Patron. Associate Grand Patron's Suite. Ramada Hotel. Room 1204. (By Invitation

Only.)

- 10:30 A.M. Past Grand Matrons & Patrons Association of Texas Business Meeting. Ramada Hotel. (Open to this group only.)
- 12:00 Noon Luncheon. "Fantasy Land of Oz". Past Grand Matrons & Patrons. Honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees; Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah; GGC Committee Officers, Mrs. Lena Mae Cook, and Mr. Harold Todd. Chairman: Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Phyllis Macon, 108 Pecan Drive, Rockwall 75087, (972) 475-7652. Donation: \$15.00. Ramada Hotel, (Open to Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons, their Spouse and/or Traveling Companion.)
- 12:00 Noon Luncheon. "Thanks for the Memories". Honoring Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Examiners and Traveling Secretary. Chairman: Mrs. Joyce Nicklas. Ticket Chairman: Miss Kimi Kidd, 161 S. Pioneer, Apt. 61, Abilene, 79605, (915) 692-4282. Radisson Hotel. Donation: \$15.00 (Open to this group only.)

- 4:30 P.M.
  Reception. Honoring Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand
  Matron; Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Rennie
  Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Trustee; Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy
  Grand Adah; General Grand Chapter Floor Officers and Committee
  Members; Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Committee Members;
  Past Grand Matrons; Past Grand Patrons; Floor Officers and Elected
  Boards. Radisson Hotel. Mezzanine. (Open to the Membership.)
- 7:00 P.M. General Banquet. Bluebonnet Belles & Beaus Bar-B-Que Dinner and Western Dance. Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang Catering, Line Dancing with Instructor, Dress: Western or Casual dress. Honoring Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. Dorothy Dewing, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Trustee; Dr. Effic Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah, Mrs. Lena Mae Cook, Registration Committee and Harold Todd, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, General Grand Chapter. Chairman: Mrs. Joyce Martin. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Melissa Roberts, 4225 Galway, Fort Worth 76109, (817) 924-7988. Convention Center. Donation: \$17.50. Please include: SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1998

- 7:00 A.M. Breakfast. "Sunflowers at Sunrise". Honoring Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by Mrs. Elwanda Spindor, Grand Warder; Mr. J.J. Freeze, Grand Sentinel; Assistant Grand Warders; Assistant Grand Sentinels; Pages and Grand Choir. Chairman: Mrs. Elwanda Spindor. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Deanna Coplin, 6020 Wester Avenue, Fort Worth, 76133-3637 (817) 292-0189. Convention Center. Donation: \$12.00. Please include: SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)
- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast. "Breakfast of Sweethearts". Honoring Mrs. Edna Earl Duke, Past Grand Matron; Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron; Grand Representatives of District IV, Section II; District Deputy Grand Matron, District IV, and Deputy Grand Matron, District IV, Section II. Hosted by Past Matrons and Past Patrons of District IV, Section II. Chairman: Mrs. Sue Langley. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, Route 4, Box 23, Kirbyville 75956, (409) 423-3829. Radisson Hotel. Donation: \$12.00. Please include: SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)
- 8:30 A.M. Breakfast. "Roads of Friendship". Honoring Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by Texas Grand Representatives Association. Chairman: Mrs. Cacy Fidler. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Grace Aderholt, 7216 Fuller Circle, Fort Worth 76133, (817) 292-3346. Convention Center, Donation: \$12.00. Please include: SASE, Name and Title. (Open to Present and Former Grand Representatives, Fraternal Correspondent, Spouses or one Traveling Companion.)
- 9:00 A.M.- Hospitality Room for Distinguished Guests. Radisson Hotel. 4:00 P.M.

9:00 A.M.- Hospitality Room for Grand Representatives. Radisson Hotel. 4:00 P.M.

9:30 A.M. Brunch. "Love is Forever". Honoring Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron and Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron. Hosted by District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons of 1996-1997. Inviting 1996-97 Traveling Secretaries, Floor Officers, Fraternal Correspondent and Grand Examiners. Chairman: Mrs. Jean Hunt. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Geraldine Dusek, P.O. Box 508, Rio Hondo, 78583 (956) 748-3370. Radisson Hotel, Donation \$15.00. Please include SASE, Name and 96-97 Title. (Open to this group only).

- 6:30 P.M. District I Banquet. "Puttin' On My Top Hat". Honoring Mr. Henry S. Martin, Associate Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Marvolyn Province. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Betty Prater, 10865 Sharondale Lane, Dallas 75228-2444, (972) 279-3581. Convention Center. Donation: \$20.00. Please include: SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)
- 6:30 P.M. District II Banquet. "Ruth's Feast of Thanksgiving". Honoring Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District II. Chairman: Mrs. Bess Madison Caldwell. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Sue W. Barnes, P.O. Box 112, Tuscola 79562, (915) 554-7710. Convention Center. Donation: \$20.00. Please include: SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)
- 6:30 P.M. District III Banquet. "Forever Friends". Honoring Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron and Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Associate Grand Matron. Hosted by Deputies of District III. Chairman: Mrs. Joyce Nicklas. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Edna Jefferies, 4805 E. Hwy. 377, Granbury 76048, (817) 279-0011. Radisson Hotel. Donation: \$20.00. Please include: SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)
- 6:30 P.M. District IV Banquet. "Celebration of Friendship". Honoring Mrs. Lena Mae Cook, General Grand Chapter Registration Committee; Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron and Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Vi Griffin. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger, 2703 20th Avenue, Texas City 77590, (409) 948-4092. Convention Center. Donation \$20.00. Please include: SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)
- 6:30 P.M. District V Banquet. "A Bountiful Harvest of Friendship". Honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Trustee; Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah; Mr. Harold Todd, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, General Grand Chapter and Mrs. Betty Friend, Grand Conductress. Hosted by District Deputy Grand Matron, District V and Deputy Grand Matrons of District V. Chairman: Mrs. Jo Anne Conner. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Vickie Hardee, 6601 Bourg Cove, Austin 78744, (512) 443-6339. Convention Center. Donation: \$20.00. Please include: SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1998

6:30 A.M. **Breakfast.** "New Horizons". Honoring Mrs. Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary. Hosted by the Secretaries' Association. Chairman and Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Cheryl McGee, 122 Prairie View Lane, Red Oak,

75154, (972) 576-5585. Radisson Hotel. Donation: \$12.00. (Secretaries include \$1.00 for the 1998-1999 dues) Please include SASE. (Open to Past and Present Secretaries, Treasurers and Traveling Companions.)

6:30 A.M. Breakfast. "Hickory Dickory Dock." Honoring Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by Elected Boards and Committees of Grand Chapter. Chairman: Mrs. Frances Burbank. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Betty Capps, Route 2, Box 402, Hillsboro 76645, (254) 582-3617. Convention Center. Donation: \$12.00. Please include SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership).

9:00 A.M.- Hospitality Room for Distinguished Guests. Radisson Hotel. 12:00 Noon

9:00 A.M.- Hospitality Room for Grand Representatives. Radisson Hotel.

12:00 Noon Luncheon. "Friends Are Friends Forever". Honoring Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by Gleaners of District III, Section I. Chairman: Mrs. Karen Holder. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Sandy Gough, 5508 Asbury Drive, Fort Worth 76114, (817) 737-7378. Convention Center. Donation: \$10.00. Please include SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership).

12:00 Noon Luncheon. "Teddy Bears and Top Hats". Honoring Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Henry S. Martin, Associate Grand Patron. Hosted by Cameo Ladies of District III, Section I. Chairman: Wanda Hall. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Barbara Martin, 6808 Richardson Drive, Fort Worth 76148, (817) 485-2640. Convention Center. Donation: \$10.00. Please include SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership).

12:00 Noon Luncheon. "Follow Those Stars". Honoring Mrs. Betty Friend, Grand Conductress. Hosted by Starlights of District III, Section I. Chairman: Cindy Kersh. Ticket Chairman: Margaret Beck, 1401 W. Cleburne, Crowley 76036 (817) 297-4296. Convention Center. Donation: \$10.00. Please include SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)

12:00 Noon

Luncheon. "Moonbeams Over Fort Worth". Honoring Mrs. Naomi
Wolfe, Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by Moonbeams of District
III, Section I. Chairman: Ann Walton. Ticket Chairman: Donna Hill,
1135 Trail Ridge, Keller 76248, (817) 431-0679. Convention Center.
Donation: \$10.00. Please include SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1998

6:30 A.M Breakfast. "A Joyful Noise". Honoring Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Henry S. Martin, Associate Grand Patron. Hosted by Deputies of Grand Chapter 1998-1999. Chairman: Mrs. Jayne Yenger. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Mary Ruth White, 4310 Bellaire Blvd., Bellaire 77401-4304, (713) 664-1833. Ramada Hotel. Donation: \$12.00. Please include SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1998

8:30 A.M. Breakfast. "Dreams Come True". Honoring newly Installed Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by Associate Conductresses of District III, Section I. Chairman: Betty Hancock. Ticket Chairman: Lisa Britton, 4404 Green Acres Ct., Arlington 76017, (817) 483-7532. Radisson Hotel. Donation: \$12.00. Please include SASE, Name and Title. (Open to the Membership.)

10:00 A.M. Deputies School. Ramada Hotel.

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South Fort Worth 835

Haltom City 982
Handley 617
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Lake Worth 1109
Mansfield 876
North Fort Worth 684
Polytechnic 420
Tarrant-Keystone 8
Webb 1140
Wedgwood 756
White Settlement 1053

### **EXHIBITS**

Formals Badges Jewelry Eastern Star Supplies Cosmetics Masonic Jewelry

Various Other Miscellaneous Exhibits

Please visit the exhibits and show our appreciation to the vendors.

# PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR GRAND CHAPTER

- Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the adopted parliamentary authority and the rules found therein shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
- 2. The Credentials Committee, immediately after the Ritualistic Opening of Grand Chapter, shall report the number of delegates registered. The report of this committee will determine that a quorum is present. The Credentials Committee shall make a final report at the Saturday morning session, immediately prior to holding the election, of those entitled to vote and the total number of votes.
- 3. All delegates shall wear the official badge issued by the Registration Committee at all business sessions. In order to enter the Grand Chapter meeting room, members must show a current dues card. On Saturday morning, delegates must also have their signed official ballot for admission to the Grand Chapter room.
- 4. There shall be three (3) written copies of all motions made from the floor. These copies shall have the name, signature, and Chapter name and number of the maker of the motion as well as that of the member seconding the motion. These copies are to be distributed as follows:

One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron

One copy to the Grand Secretary

One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee

- 5. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction (or members holding the proxy of the Worthy Matron and/or Worthy Patron) are entitled to speak, make motions, debate or vote.
- 6. In order to obtain the floor, the following procedure will be used:
  - A. Proceed to the nearest microphone
  - B. Address the Presiding Officer
  - C. Wait for recognition from the Presiding Officer before speaking
  - D. State name, title, Chapter name and number, then proceed to make a motion or participate in debate.
- 7. All motions must be seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer before debate can begin.
- 8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment, then the original motion as amended.
- 9. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. The three-minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection.
- 10. A majority vote shall determine all questions, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called for.

Voting Delegates will hold up the blue card – Chapter Representatives will hold the red card.

- After a motion has been made, seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission of the voting body.
- 12. The following motions are not debatable:
  - 1. Reconsider
  - 2. Refer to a committee
  - 3. Call for the orders of the day
  - 4. Division of the question
  - 5. Previous question \*
  - 6. Lay on the table
  - 7. To call off
  - 8. To proceed to close
  - \*If a member wishes to close debate, proceed to a microphone, address the Presiding Officer, after being recognized, state your name, title, Chapter name and number and then make the following motion, "I move the previous question". Calling out the word "question" from the audience will not be recognized by the Presiding Officer.
- 13. Emergency legislation may be presented at Grand Chapter if it is approved by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. There shall be three (3) copies in writing of all emergency legislation proposals with distribution as follows:

One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron

One copy to the Grand Secretary

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- 14. The motion to reconsider must be made by a delegate who voted on the prevailing (winning) side either on the same day the vote was taken on the original motion, or the next succeeding day.
- 15. The maker of the motion shall be entitled to be the first speaker on that motion.
- 16. The affirmative and the negative vote will be taken on all questions and resolutions and the result announced by the Presiding Officer.
- 17. The Worthy Grand Matron shall make all rulings and decisions. It will take a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting to overrule a decision of the Chair.
- 18. Nominating speeches are not permitted. Nominations shall be made on election day as follows by the member making the nomination:
  - 1. Go to a microphone and address the Presiding Officer
  - 2. Wait for recognition
  - 3. State your name, title, Chapter name and number
  - 4. Give the name and Chapter of the member being nominated and the office for which this nomination is made.
- 19. Nominations do not require a second.
- 20. The election results will be announced by the Presiding Officer.
- 21. No tape recorders (except official recordings) are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.
- 22. No food or drinks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.

### SONGS

#### OPENING ODE: JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

#### ALTAR SONG: ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

#### CLOSING ODE: THE FAMILY OF GOD

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.
I've been washed in the fountain,
Cleansed by His blood.

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod.

For I'm part of the family, the family of God.

You will notice we say brother and sister 'round here.

It's because we're a family, and these folks are so near.

When one has a heart-ache, we all share the tears.

And rejoice in each victory, in this family so dear.

#### GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her.
Through the night with a light
from above.
From the mountains, to the
prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home
sweet home.

God bless America, my home sweet home.

#### AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Oh beautiful for spacious skies.

For amber waves of grain.

For purple mountains majesties

Above the fruited plain.

America, America, God shed his grace on thee.

And crown they good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

#### CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,

No lovelier spot in the dale; No place is so dear to my childhood as the little brown church in the vale.

Oh, come, come, come to the church in the wildwood,
Oh come to the church in the vale;

No spot is so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.

### PASS IT ON

It only takes a spark to get a fire going.

And soon all those around can warm up to its glowing

That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it:

You spread His love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

#### OTHERS

Lord, help me live from day to day, In such a self-forgetful way, That even when I kneel to pray My prayer shall be for others.

Others, Lord, yes others.

Let this my motto be.

Help me to live for others,
that I might live like Thee.

#### THE EYES OF TEXAS

The eyes of Texas are upon you all the live long day.

The eyes of Texas are upon you, you cannot get away!

Do not think you can escape them from night to early in the morn.

The eyes of Texas are upon you 'Till Gabriel blows his horn.

#### TEXAS OUR TEXAS

Texas, our Texas all hail the might state.

Texas, our Texas, so wonderful and great.

Boldest and grandest, withstanding every test;

O Empire wide and glorious, You stand supremely blest.

God bless you Texas, and keep you brave and strong.

That you may grow in power and worth Throughout the ages long.

God bless you Texas, and keep you brave and strong.

That you may grow in power and worth Throughout the ages long.

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"Entreat me not to

Leave thee, or to return

Jrom following after thee;

Jor whither thou goest,

I will go and where thou

Lodgest I will lodge;

Thy people shall
Be my people
Thy God
My God."

# GRAND OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1997-98

Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield (Robert) (1070)
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2600 Richards, Waco 76710-1058, (254) 776-5547
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# TEXAS' OWN GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. Rennie Ofton	Right Worthy Grand Trustee
131 Andricks	
San Antonio 78223	1

A letter was sent to our Worthy Grand Matron listing those Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from Texas who have been selected to serve as General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee members for the 1997-2000 Triennial as follows:

Dr. Effie Mae Davis (49)	Worthy Grand Adah
20018 Horizon Way	
San Antonio 78258-3154	
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7722 Wedgewood Lane	-
Houston 77055	
Mr. J. T. Sanders (Martha) (2)	Knights Templar
4701 Avenue R-1/2	
Galveston 77550	

# PAST GRAND MATRONS

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus (135) 713/952-1224 (45-46)	
6363 San Felipe, Apt. 117, Houston 77057	Mav 1
Mrs. Eunice Connell (3) 210/822-9585 (54-55)	······
259 Thorain, San Antonio 78212	April 2
Mrs. Ruby Enloe (222) 409/776-3755 (57-58)	12p111 =
2307 Long Dr., Bryan 77802	Oct. 5
Mrs. Katherine Poulis (664) 210/599-3029 (58-59)	
414 Waycrest Drive, San Antonio 78239	Ang. 25
Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith (90) 817/665-2793 (59-60)	xxug. 20
924 S. Denton, Gainesville 76240	Oct. 5
Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard (733) (60-61)	
2800 W. Illinois Ave., Ste. 204, Midland 79701	Mar. 31
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture (785) 806/637-3225 (63-64)	11141. 01
1011 E. Tate, Brownfield 79316	Oct. 18
Mrs. Edna Earl Duke (823) (65-66)	000. 20
1658 Wild Pine Way, Reston, VA. 22070	Dec 24
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe (574) 214/827-3192 (66-67)	200. 21
P.O. Box 140716, Dallas 75214	Sept 30
Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen (616) 915/453-2683 (67-68)	вори во
P.O. Box 7, Robert Lee 76945	May 14
Mrs. Sally Matranga (856) 409/935-2513 (69-70)	May 11
Turner Geriatric Center, Rm. 128	
2228 Seawall Blvd., Galveston 77550	Oct. 20
Mrs. Frances Key Herrin (803) 512/474-4349 (70-71)	000. 40
1801 Lavaca St., 5-J, Austin 78701	Sept 25
Mrs. Katherine Harbour (384) 806/256-2247 (72-73)	Бери. 20
P.O. Box 231, Shamrock 79079	Feb 28
Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup (651) (73-74)	1 00. 20
15520 Bedford Ln., Conroe 77384	Nov 19
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast (Dick) (830) 903/895-4421 (74-75)	1107. 15
P.O. Box 33, New London 75682	Mar 20
Mrs. Joyce Roberts (Joe) (244) 915/591-7542 (76-77)	
10660 Park View Circle, El Paso 79935	June 14
Mrs. Mary Brown (Doss) (996) 512/446-3605 (77-78)	0 and 11
Rt. 2, Box 726, Lexington 78947	Aug. 27
Mrs. Rennie Ofton (Paul) (750) 210/533-8888 (78-79)	110g. a.
131 Andricks, San Antonio 78223	Aug. 31
Mrs. Lena Maye Cook (Jim) (984) 713/686-0030 (80-81)	
7722 Wedgewood Ln., Houston 77055	Dec. 27

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Welcome Rennie Ofton Right Worthy Grand Trustee		
Response		
Dinner		
Introductions Wanda Fairkehild, Past Grand Matron		
Tribute of American Flag		
Tribute to Most Worthy Grand Matron & Presentation of Love Gift Betty Phillips Hager, Past Grand Matron		
Tribute to Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron & Presentation of Love Gifts Elsie Hammack, Past Grand Matron		
Greetings		
Mrs. Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron		
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Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron		
Benediction		

#### MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: Would everyone please take their places?

It is my pleasure tonight to welcome each of you to this wonderful, wonderful banquet. And I mean it's wonderful because all of you came. I am your Master of Ceremonies.

Before I start, I would like to give some kudos that I won't be able to give later. The first one is to Melissa Roberts who was Ticket Chairman. I couldn't have done it without her, and she knows it. Thank you, Melissa. [applause] And at these three head tables, the decorations were done by Jody Chadwick from Hurst Chapter and her neighbor Shirley. The bookmarks at 90 people's places were done by Jean Brandt who's from Hurst Chapter. I certainly want to thank her.

And not least of all -I don't want you to think that I'm not appreciative - but I really do thank you, Yvonne, for having confidence in me to give me this wonderful job. Thank you.

At this time we will be anchored in love by our invocation brought by Sister Elsie Paladino.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. As we bow our heads in prayer, please join hands with the one next to you.

Precious God, our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude for the dear privilege of this time of fellowship together. As we break bread, we celebrate Your loving presence. And with grateful hearts, Father, we thank You for the many blessings which You have bestowed on us personally and on our Order.

As we touch each other's hands, may we also touch each other's hearts, and through this touching communicate the spirit of love and peace. Bless those who we honor this evening with good health that they may fulfill the duties they have assumed. Father, we lift up the leaders of this beautiful Order to You and ask that You protect them and grant them strength in all of their efforts. Father, let their vision be translated into words and deeds that through their contributions lives may be touched and enriched.

Father, in all that we do, may You be revealed through us in gentle words and kind actions. Now we would ask that You strengthen and sustain our bodies through this food. And as we grow in love and understanding of Thy will, may we be filled with Your grace to truly love one another. In Jesus' Name we pray, amen.

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: We will now have the welcome by Sister Rennie Ofton, Texas' own Redbird.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members All.

On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron, it is my privilege to welcome all of you to this wonderful Bluebonnet Belles and Beaus Bar-B-Que Dinner and Western Dance. You know, it took us a while to get into this dancing, but I think we like it. In Texas we have North, South, West and East. Each part of our State is so different, if you don't like one part, just wait two or three

hours and you might reach the other part. We have all kinds of things that we do. We raise cotton; we raise cattle; sometimes we raise cain. We drill oil wells. Sometimes we hit oil; sometimes we don't. We raise fruits and vegetables. And all of this is in some part of Texas, if you just want to go and see it. Then we have hills and plains and seashores. We have piney woods and dogwoods; we have mesquites; we have cactus. But most important, we have a loving membership of Texas. We have a strong Order which respects and honors our beloved Eastern Star. So to our own members, just know we're glad you're here. And to our visitors, we hope that you will enjoy your time in Texas. And if I haven't covered enough about Texas, you just ask any of us if you have 45 minutes or an hour and we'll tell you all about Texas. Welcome y'all! [applause]

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: Sister Dorothy Dewing, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, will now bring the response.

MRS. DOROTHY DEWING: Thank you, Sister Joyce. To the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, to dear Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron; most of all, to all the members of Texas, those being honored at the table, each of you that have come, I know that I speak for every visitor that has come from all over the United States and Canada and from Mexico to join with us in this beautiful day. I don't think there's anyone in this crowd that doesn't like to come to a costume affair. I know that whether you have an Hawaiian night, a Mexican night or a Western night like this. I see the enthusiasm, and I know that if every person out there that has come could join with me, they would say to Yvonne and to Kenneth and to all the wonderful members of Texas that we really are happy to be here with you.

I'd like all the visitors to stand right now. [applause]

While I'm speaking, I'm speaking for each one of you. I want you to say thank you to those members of Texas that have planned this wonderful party for us. [applause] And to your Rennie, and your Effie Mae and Lena Maye and Harold, we in the General Grand Chapter are so proud of you. We're proud of the way you're representing your beautiful state, but most of all we're happy to be here tonight. Thank you for the courtesies, and I know you're all ready to eat. Thank you very much. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: And we know she's right; we are ready to eat. I'm going to ask if the three tables up front will please go down into the serving line. Please take your ticket with you and give it to one of the ladies.

[Dinner was served.]

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: I believe that most of our group has been served. We will hear from our Reflection who will bring the introductions.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. I think that protocol has been established, as our Worthy Grand Matron has said many, many times this year, so I am going to move forward. But I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and our Chairman, Sister Joyce Martin, for the privilege of making the introductions at this western party with over 700 in attendance. [applause] Each of you is important, but our very capable and proficient Grand Conductress, Sister Betty Friend, will introduce many of you tomorrow afternoon, so I'm going to go through these introductions as quickly and fast as I possibly can tonight, if that's

okay with each one of you. [applause] I only have 168 to introduce!

I would ask that you hold your applause until after each category is introduced. I am pleased to introduce Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and her husband Robert; Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron, and his wife Juanita, Grand Representative of Oregon in Texas. Please join me in welcoming these two. [applause]

I am pleased to introduce Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, and her husband Bob.

VOICES: Michigan.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Florence, we'll take you. We'll correct that as Michigan. Let's welcome her! [applause]

I'm privileged to introduce Sister Lois Newman, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Missouri. Let's welcome her! [applause]

We are honored with Elective General Grand Chapter Officers: Sister Dorothy Dewing, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Oregon; Sister Pat Rasmusson, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Minnesota; Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma, and her husband Tom, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

VOICES: Oklahoma!

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: I'll do better. I had better slow down.

Anyway, Tom is here tonight. We were talking, and he said, "I am just full as a tick." I said, "By the time this is over with, Tom, you'll be ready for a midnight snack!"

Texas' own Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees and a Past Grand Matron of Texas – Texas – and her husband Paul, Grand Escort; Brother Fred Clarke, Vice Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees and a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia, and his wife Margaret, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia; Brother Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and a Past Grand Patron of California. Let's welcome these people to Texas. [applause]

We are privileged with General Grand Chapter Appointed Officers: Sister Margaret Berreth, Worthy Grand Organist and a Past Grand Matron of Alberta, Canada, and her husband Allen; Texas' own Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Sister Pauline Yockey, Worthy Grand Ruth and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, and her husband Wendell; Sister Madonna Meyerrose, Worthy Grand Electa and a Past Grand Matron of Indiana, and her husband Allen; Sister Ella Mae Hardy, Worthy Grand Warder and a Past Grand Matron of Utah. Give these a Texas welcome. [applause]

We are honored with the presence of General Grand Chapter Committee members: Brother Stephen Karstadt, Charters and a Past Grand Patron of Kansas, and his wife Patty; Sister Betty Ann Rupert, Eastern Star Journal and a Past Grand Matron of Arizona; Sister Myrtle M. Alexander, Eastern Star Journal and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Sister Jeanette G. Britton, Education and a Past Grand Matron of Maryland; Sister Jeanne Castle, Membership and a Past Grand Matron of Minnesota; Brother Guy Jenkins, Registration and a Past Grand Patron of Louisiana, and his wife Norma; Sister Katie McPherson, Shriners Hospital and a Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Brother Lyle H. Tuttle, Shriners Hospital and a Past Grand Patron of Florida, and his wife, Ruth; Sister Jeanne Beck, Ambassador to Philippines and a Past Grand Matron of Kansas; Sister Lola Lane, Ambassador to Hawaii and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Brother J. Wilburn Miller, Ambassador to Mexico and a Past Grand Patron of New Mexico, and his wife Shirley, Grand Representative of Australia in New Mexico. Join me in welcoming this group. [applause]

And now Texas' own: Sister Lena Maye Cook, Registration and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, and her husband Jim; Brother Harold Todd, Knights Templar and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, and his wife Cleta. Join with me in welcoming this group. [applause]

We are honored with the presence of Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Worthy Grand Matrons: Sisters Mittie Small, Arkansas; Audry Cleland, Florida; Paulette Fioretti, Kansas, and her husband Eddie, Grand Warder —

VOICE: Mississippi.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Mississippi, okay. That was my typist!

Lynn Bankston, Louisiana; Elizabeth Pullum, Oklahoma, and her husband Jerry, Grand Representative of Georgia in Oklahoma.

Worthy Grand Patrons: Brothers Richard C. Daniel, Florida, and his wife Melodie, Grand Ruth; Julio Morales, Louisiana, and his wife Dorrie; Donald R. Devore, Oklahoma, and his wife Judy, Grand Representative of Arizona in Oklahoma. Join me in welcoming this group. [applause]

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Past Grand Matrons, Sisters Martha Patterson, Arizona; Maxine Heigle, Arkansas; Elizabeth Ann Cooney, Arkansas; Marian Edwards, Colorado, and her husband James, Grand Representative of Texas in Colorado; Terrie Castay, Louisiana; Elizabeth Roach, Louisiana; Dottie Berg, Minnesota; Dr. Geraldine Roberts, Mississippi; Geraldine Molander, Missouri; Margie McConnell, Oklahoma, and her husband Warren, DeMolay Committee; Nancy J. Tillman, Oklahoma, and her husband Max, Grand Representative of Arkansas in Oklahoma.

Past Grand Patrons. Brothers Roy Babb, Oklahoma, and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and his wife Colleen; Alvin Roach, Louisiana; Kenneth L. Blackwell, Louisiana, and his wife Evelyn; Edmond Hays, Louisiana, and his wife Velma, Grand Conductress; Glen Carlson, Minnesota, and Grand Secretary. Let's give this group a hearty welcome. [applause]

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Past Grand Matrons, Sister: Mary Katharine Smith; Nancy Bailey Allen; Mary Brown and her husband Doss; Elise Hammack; Elsie Paladino; Betty Phillips Hager and her escort, Farris Benham, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M. and my Grand

Master in 1994-95; and Alma Carter. Past Grand Patrons, Brothers Herbert L. Arnold and his wife, Maude; Oliver Chamberlin and his wife Bobbe; Ralph Davis, Garland Rattan and his wife Shirley; Charles Morris and his wife Betty – my Worthy Grand Patron; Richard Ochs and his wife Barbara, Grand Representative of Maryland in Texas. Let's give these Texas Past Grands a hearty welcome. [applause]

We have a very special lady with us, Sister Bobbie Paul, widow of Arnold Paul, Past Grand Patron of Texas, and a member of the Constant Friends Committee. Let's welcome her. [applause]

Okay. We're going to switch around just a little bit. We're going to do the rest of them by state. The Installed Grand Chapter Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions. Arkansas: Sister Rosemary Messersmith, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Earl Hodges, Associate Grand Patron and his wife Bobbie; Sisters Nancy Lindsey, Grand Conductress; Roberta Folks, Associate Grand Conductress; Judy Bell, Grand Chaplain; Betty Opitz, Grand Marshal; Glenda Payton, Grand Adah; Johnnie Carson, Grand Electa. Let's give these a big Texas welcome. [applause]

Florida. Sisters Penny Mott, Grand Treasurer; Delores J. Laird, Grand Conductress; Elizabeth Harms, Grand Chaplain, and her husband Dagfin; Charlene L. Williams, Grand Marshal and her husband Billy – and once from Fort Worth, Texas; Mary M. Reaves, Grand Adah, and her husband C. Richard; Carolyn Milcarek, Grand Martha; Kathleen Smith, Grand Electa; Barbara Mannon, Grand Warder, and her husband Jim; Brother John Peters, Grand Sentinel, and his wife Alice; Sister Pacia J. Brown, Grand Treasurer Emeritus – Florida. Let's welcome this group. [applause]

Georgia. Sister Sue Mason, Grand Conductress. Let's welcome this peach from Georgia who has come to be with us. [applause]

Louisiana. Sisters Janet Shook, Associate Grand Matron; Virginia Jenkins, Associate Grand Conductress; Brother Joseph I. Cox, Elected Board Member, OES Memorial Foundation; Sisters Beverly Cowart, Grand Chaplain, and her husband Kenneth, Credentials; Jodi Benton, Grand Adah; Alice Gaumnitz, Grand Ruth; Diane Smith, Grand Esther; Lois Premeaux, Grand Martha, and her husband James, Grand Representative of Florida in Louisiana and Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; Norma Lee, Grand Electa; Brother Richard Shaw, Grand Sentinel, and his wife Linda. Let's welcome this group. [applause]

Mississippi. Sisters Janice Crisco, Grand Conductress, and her husband Larry; Sandra Calhoun, Associate Grand Conductress. Let's welcome this group. [applause]

New Mexico. Sister Bernell Patton, Grand Electa. Let's welcome this lovely Sister. [applause]

Oklahoma. Sister Jean Hall, Associate Grand Matron; Brother William F. Wise, Associate Grand Patron, and his wife Theda, Grand Secretary; Sisters Joyce Jones, Grand Treasurer; Inez Russell, Grand Conductress, and her husband George; Jan Hanna, Associate Grand Conductress, and her husband Robert; Ann Barnes, Grand Chaplain; Cheryl Martin, Grand Marshal; Melinda Johnson, Grand Adah; Dee Linvill, Grand Ruth; Ethelyn Forth, Grand Esther; Debbie Johnson, Grand Martha, and her husband Joe; Jo Adams, Grand Electa, and her husband Don; Lyn Mosier, Grand Warder. Let's welcome this group from up north. [applause]

Texas, I've been trying to say that all night long. Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Associate Grand Matron, and her husband Dr. Bill Bane; Brother Henry S. Martin, Associate Grand Patron, and his wife Opal; Sisters Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary; Patsy Wilson, Grand Treasurer, and her husband Herbert; Betty Friend, Grand Conductress, and her husband Jack — I'll give you my book; Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Conductress, and her husband Bob; Rebecca Cathey Potts, Grand Chaplain; Ann Kelly, Grand Marshal, Carolyn Broom, Grand Adah, and her husband Glenn; Karen Kidd, Grand Ruth, and her husband Horton; JoAnn Snow, Grand Esther, and her husband Charles; Mickey Gunder, Grand Electa, and her husband Fred; Elwanda Spindor, Grand Warder; Brother J. J. Freeze, Grand Sentinel. Let's welcome Texas. [applause]

Elected Boards of Texas. Board of Grand Trustees: Sisters Patsy Neeper, Chairman; Shirley Jones, Vice Chairman; Brother Jim Rippey, Secretary, and his wife Selma, Mayfest Committee; Patsy Washington, Member, and her husband Delton, Membership Committee.

Board of Directors, Grand Chapter Benevolences: Brother Tom Warner, Vice Chairman, and his wife Jimmie; Sister Betty Capps, Secretary.

Board of Grand Examiners. Sisters Marlene Dibrell, District 1; Kimi Kidd, District 2; Sharon Fentress, District 3; Karen Morganthaler, District 4; Doris Hester, District 5, and her husband Johnny, Mayfest Committee; Nancy Brown, Grand Examiner at Large, and her husband Gayle, Founder's Day Committee. Let's welcome our hard-working boards. [applause]

Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Barbara Jean Moss, President of the International Grand Representatives Association; Kitty Reimann, Missouri in Louisiana; Susan Feldkamp, Texas in Arizona; Brother Larry Hutson, Texas from Connecticut; Sisters Goldie Snavely, Texas in Indiana; Leslie Bond, Texas in Mississippi; Ethel Whisenant, Texas in South Carolina; Marie LaBoulve, Texas in Louisiana. Let's welcome these travelers. [applause]

Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. Sisters Letha West, Arkansas; Maurine Creech, Colorado, and her husband Bill, Constant Friends Committee; Willie Mae Schumacher, Connecticut; Connie Autrey, Florida, and her husband Larry; Bonnie Fay Davis, Indiana; Mildred Blair, Louisiana, and her husband Joe; JoAnn Drescher, Maine, and her husband Karl, Historical Highlights Committee; Mary Crow, New York, and her husband Herb; Marilyn Knowlton, North Dakota, and her husband Travis, Founder's Day Committee; Wanda Hachenberg, South Carolina; Jessie Manasco, Washington, and her husband Henry, Arrangements Committee; Mary Horton Beach, West Virginia, and her husband Walter; Millie Barbee, Wisconsin. Let's welcome these. [applause]

Will the Deputies of all Grand Chapters please stand. Let's welcome this group. [applause]

We have another very special lady with us this evening. Sister Pearl Mills, Supreme Outer Observer/Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and her husband Hubert. Let's welcome her. [applause]

We have our sweet Sisters from our Eastern Star Home and their caregivers. Would they please stand. [applause]

Now I know that I may have missed someone. If I have, would you please stand. They wouldn't dare! [laughter]

I want to thank each one of you tonight. How pleased we are to have you in Texas. I did the best I could to move it along just as fast as I possibly could. My husband says that sometimes I add one or take away one, or read them wrong. But, certainly, it's my pleasure to be here with you tonight. I'll see you on the dance floor. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: We will now have the tribute to the American Flag by Sister Alma Carter. There is no one better in Texas than Alma to do this.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Thank you, Sister Joyce, Master of Ceremony. Protocol has been established this evening, as our Most Worthy Grand Matron has said, so I will not go through all the names. I'm very pleased to have been asked to do a tribute to the American Flag.

I would also like to say that we love the Maple Leaf and our people to the North. We would not want you to think that because we're doing the American Flag, that we think less of you and yours. And also, those of you from other countries who have your own flag, how delighted we are that you are here, and we know that being Eastern Star and Masons that you are very proud and very patriotic to your own flags. We pay tribute to them also.

Today in the world our flag is scattered to the four winds. Our boys and young ladies are covering the world with our red, white and blue. Let's always remember to say a prayer for them, and that our flag will enfold them and keep them safe wherever they may be.

It has flown through space and time, unfurled its colors so very sublime.

Although not always seen in enchanted places, wherever it's seen, there are always enchanted faces.

Touching common chords with duty and pride, we salute it with honor that will never subside.

As it waves in the breeze with strength and might, such beauty, grace and majesty, o, what a sight.

It was planted on the moon with love and care, a space ship orbiting the earth carried it there.

On plane, ship and tank with pride it waves unfurled, carried into battle representing freedom for the world.

From Fort McHenry to Fort Worth, Texas, today that inward vision of courage and nobility waves.

So we salute you tonight, our red, white and blue, and to you may we all forever stay true.

Thank you. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: And now the Radiant Jewel of Texas will bring a tribute to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Florence Adair.

MRS. BETTY PHILLIPS HAGER: Thank you, Master of Ceremony. Worthy

Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron – protocol has already been established – I say one and all, my dear Sisters and Brothers: I've been looking forward to this day in October, and Texas has also looked forward, and anxiously waited to welcome you to our "Friendship Is Constant" Grand Chapter Session and to visit with our Most Worthy Grand Matron and her Officers that follow her.

Sister Florence, I have looked forward to this moment not only to welcome you to Texas Grand Chapter, and I, along with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, extend to you a cordial and sincere greeting. We would especially like to thank you for honoring Texas with the appointees. Of course, we're proud of our very own Sister Rennie Ofton. We are proud that you appointed Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Sister Lena Maye Cook and of course Brother Harold Todd, and it's our pleasure that we honor them too.

The membership of Texas is pleased that you came to be with us to our General Banquet and for the dance. And now that Texas recognizes dancing, I have a question for you. What did the people of the Mayflower dance to? Why, it was the Plymouth Rock!

There is a personal tie that I hold dear to this Most Worthy Grand Matron, and she might remember this too. I attended the triennial assembly in 1988 in Georgia, and Sister Florence Adair had a wonderful reception there. She was so kind to give all the visitors a beautiful stained glass fan. Well, guess what? How many recognize this stained glass window? [applause] I had admired the stained glass fan and had called Sister Florence — not that she knew who I was, but she was most kind, and when I asked about the fan and where she had the fans designed, she was most pleasant and glad to tell me that it was a Past Grand Patron of Michigan that had done this for her, so I called the gentleman. And now you know the rest of the story. We have a little bit of Michigan in Texas, too. We try to keep you in Texas, it seems.

We do have the privilege of being born in a nation that allows us to achieve that that we want to achieve if we really set our hearts on it, and if we will be willing to pay the price, and if we will persevere in these hours until we can actually see it, feel it and love it and live it. And Sister Florence Adair has achieved the highest position one can hold in Eastern Star throughout the world because she was dedicated and paid the price in effort and in time. Now she is able to see it, to feel it and to love it.

Sister Florence, would you come stand by my side, please. Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, it is a title most fitting to you and most well deserved. But not only the Most Worthy Grand Matron title, you are most worthy of the dream you have dreamed, most worthy because of the love and kindness which you have shown to others, most worthy as your fan unfolds: your integrity, faith, insight and truth.

And one of your many attributes is the patience that you portray. You have patience because you have learned the importance to wait when sometimes it seems impossible to do so, and discover pleasant memories while you wait. You have taken the time to dream your dream and change those dreams into reality. You have developed confidence in yourself, and you have learned to accept others as they are. You keep busy doing the things that keep you healthy and happy, and you are always willing to work hard for the accomplishments that you have achieved. Patience and

willingness to face whatever challenges that life gives you, from this you have learned strength and courage. You have the ability to love, and it shows in your beautiful appearance, that beautiful smile as you continue to love and laugh.

By your example you have instilled in those around you your love and laughter, and that has a much deeper meaning to all around you. And it gives to you determination and the determination that you continue with patience. Yet your patience has been achieved because of the faith that you have in your Heavenly Father and knowing that He will guide you every day of life.

And the fan, that being the emblem that was designed with the kind of faith that would fail if it were not for the strong, courageous support that holds it together; and that is your quality likened to the fan, such as dedication, devotion, dreams, confidence, humor, challenges, strength, courage, sweet spirit and a loving heart. All of these qualities equal adoration.

Sister Florence, I wish to express to you how very much that we love you and especially care about you and your friendship and what you mean to us. We are thankful that we have a common bond to bring us together, that being the Eastern Star. We're grateful for your kindness and for each thoughtful word that you have shared. Our Eastern Star fraternity needs a kind, gentle and humorous lady like you. Thank you for being the world leader of our organization of the Order of the Eastern Star and for encouraging us to be instrumental and dedicated to helping others. Thank you for inspiring us to reach higher goals for our Sisters and Brothers and for our Order. We admire your loyalty and dedicated service, and we wish you many years of health and happiness. And may God continue to watch over you and guide you throughout the remainder of your service.

And from the membership of Texas, we give you this little fan to take with you. [applause]

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That was a very beautiful tribute. I'm not sure who she was speaking about, but it sounded wonderful. I'll try to live up to all of that. Thank you, my dear Sisters and Brothers in Texas, for this beautiful fan. It will be put to good use. Know that we love each one of you. You are very important, each Sister and Brother sitting out there, in our Order of the Eastern Star. You are very important to each of us. If we can be of service to you, then that will give us some happiness. Thank you so much. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: The Elite Lady will now bring a tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Master of Ceremony, Sister Joyce Martin.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, other Distinguished Members, my wonderful Sisters and Brothers all: I am truly honored to be here tonight and to be allowed to pay tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron and to present them love gifts.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are fortunate to record another successful year under your leadership. We extend our loving thanks and admiration to the fullest measure for the fine services you have rendered to our Grand Chapter. Our Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to bless this, another great Grand Chapter year, for us for which we are deeply grateful. You as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have exerted much thought and effort in planning this 116th "Friendship Is Constant" Session. May it be a resounding success.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth, it has been said "he that would govern others first should be master of himself, and humility is indicative of greatness". And this is surely most descriptive of you. We admire you for your greatness of heart and humility.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne, we admire your candidness, your keen wit, your fair manner and your good judgment. You have given unselfishly of your knowledge and your time. Certainly, you have taught us by example that friendship is constant.

It is now my happy duty to present to you love gifts from those assembled here tonight. With these love gifts, we extend our friendship and love. May your session be all that you have hoped and prayed for, and even more. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: Sister Florence, I'm on time; I've got ten minutes. We would love to have greetings from you. She said she doesn't talk after nine o'clock!

#### MRS. FLORENCE ADAIR: For you I'd make it 9:30!

Protocol has already been done. I just want to say, Yvonne and Ken, we're so pleased to be here with you. We're looking forward to your session. We know it's going to be great because you've worked hard for it. And each of these Sisters and Brothers are with you every step of the way.

To our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, don't you think she's sexy, Sisters and Brothers? Stand up, Lois. [applause] Look at that. I'd like to look like that, but the way you all have been feeding me these square meals, it's making me so round I don't think it will ever happen. [laughter]

I'm so happy that so many of our elected and appointed Officers, our Committee Members, Ambassadors and our two Special Deputies to Mexico are here with us. We think they're just the cream of the crop. We know that you are very proud of those who represent you, and in particular to our Rennie — I didn't choose you, Rennie, but if I had had a chance I would have taken you over everybody because you're great. You and Paul are so wonderful, and we wish you the best as you go forward. I will be there to help you every step of the way, the Lord willing.

And to our Worthy Grand Adah, Effie Mae, come here a minute, dear. Three years ago we had a wonderful time at this special night here in Texas. Do you remember, it was a rainy night? Effie Mae got up and gave a speech, and it was wonderful. So, tonight, Effie Mae! [presented with a toy stuffed duck to applause and laughter]. You were a quacker that night, Effie Mae. Now you've got a little reminder. Bring it to the triennial assembly and see what you can do with it!

Lena and Harold are dear children. We are very, very proud of you. We look forward to continued service with you.

I'm not going to talk too long because there are others that need to talk. This is a fun night, so I'm going to leave you with a little word, Sisters and Brothers. Think about this: You're past your middle age when the only action you can get is with the prune juice you took. [laughter and applause]

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: That's a hard act to follow, but it's your turn. We'd love to have greetings from our Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Sister Joyce. You would do this to me this particular time!

Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Head Tables, my Sisters and Brothers: What a pleasure it is to be here tonight. I feel like the fathers or the men who were in the waiting room at the hospital. The nurse came out and said, "Congratulations! Your wife just had twins." The husband said, "Well, what a coincidence. I work with the Minnesota Twins."

About 45 minutes later the nurse came out and said to the second one, "Congratulations! Your wife just had triplets." And he said, "What a coincidence. I work with 3M."

At that point the third man fainted dead away. When they were trying to revive him, one of the nurses looked in his wallet and found out that he was a distributor for 7-Eleven. [laughter]

Sister Yvonne, you and I have been anxiously awaiting this Grand Chapter. And what a beautiful moment this is tonight. As I looked at this head table, I commented to Sister Yvonne that we've had banquets with fewer people than we have at these three head tables tonight.

And, Sister Florence Adair, what a pleasure it is to have you with us in Texas for this Grand Chapter Session. We know that your schedule is very busy, but we appreciate you being here; and you honor us with your presence.

To the other General Grand Chapter Officers, to the Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, what a pleasure it is to have you here tonight. And, Sister Wanda, you did a beautiful job on the introductions. I was in a small Chapter in Southeast Texas not long ago, and when I walked into the meeting, the Worthy Matron just nearly fainted because she had never seen a Worthy Grand Patron before. And if she had had this many distinguished guests to introduce, she would have literally passed out. But, thank you, you did a beautiful job.

I want to thank you, membership, for reaching and touching the life of this Worthy Grand Patron this past year, not only the membership of Texas, but also of other Grand Jurisdictions.

I look out and see a lady, Sister Sue Mason from Georgia, whom Juanita and I first met as we were flying to Portland, Oregon, to attend the Oregon Grand Chapter. Thank you, Sister Sue, for being here tonight.

We appreciate the fact that you are here for this Grand Chapter, and we look forward to this Session. You will make this Grand Chapter beautiful because of your presence with us. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: Sister Yvonne, friendship is constant, and we certainly want you to bring our greetings at this time.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Sister Joyce. And as we have been told earlier, protocol has been established. Brother Bill Prague, can you hear me? Do you care if you hear me? [laughter]

This has been a wonderful evening, a dream come true. We voted in dancing I think about three years ago, so we thought we had better use it. In the meantime I've gotten too crippled to dance, but at least I can tap my toes.

I appreciate everyone who participated tonight: the introductions, the welcome, the tributes, invocation, and you, my Sisters and Brothers, for being present with us. I appreciate the love gift. And, of course, it goes without saying that without Sister Florence Adair's presence with us tonight, I know many of you would not be here. And to have Sister Lois Newman and these other General Grand Chapter Officers is very gratifying. I'm extremely pleased, of course, to have Brother Loyal Stark. I was initiated in California, and the first time I served as Worthy Matron was in California. I have not been able to go back because the session is usually when Texas has their Grand Chapter. But I'm so pleased that he and Sister Pat could join us, because of the difference in the dates this year.

Yes, we learn to feel humble in these offices at times. I must share something with you before some of my Floor Officers take the opportunity of telling you. In Texas we go on a school schedule for about five months. We have 50 schools normally; this year I had 49, I lacked one. But we were out in northwestern Texas, and I was really proud of myself: I was Worthy Grand Matron! The building was a little storefront building in a very small town with the tumbleweeds rolling down the street. That morning they placed a chair in the East next to the wall for me and some folding chairs in front of me. I was very busily making my nest, getting ready to have the school. An older lady came in. And I could tell she had been to several schools for several years. Her hair was about the color of mine now. But she walked over, and she put her hand on the back of that chair in front of me, she leaned over to me and said, "Are you the Deputy Grand Matron?" See, we have a Deputy at each of our 50 sections who teaches. She said, "Are you the Deputy Grand Matron?"

I said, "No, ma'am, I'm not."

And she looked at me and she said, "Well, who are you?"

I said, "Well, I'm the Worthy Grand Matron."

She said, "Well, why don't you wear a name tag?" [laughter]

So we do have a way of getting a little bit of humility, and sometimes we don't expect it. I sent out right quick for my secretary to make a name tag for me.

We came here tonight to have fun and fellowship, so I'm not going to hold you except I've got one little verse I'd like to read to you. It's entitled "Texas." "A cowboy died and went to heaven. When he arrived at the pearly gates, he was met by a frowning St. Peter. The cowboy, remembering more than a few earthly indiscretions, feared the worst. But St. Peter neither turned him away nor beckoned him in. After a few tense moments, the cowboy summoned all his courage and asked the obvious question: 'St. Peter, what's the matter?' The old saint opened his palms apologetically and said, 'You can come in, but it won't be like Texas."

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Yee-haw! [applause]

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: Our benediction tonight will be brought by Brother Harold Todd.

MR. HAROLD TODD: Please remain seated. Dear Heavenly Father, we're thankful to You for all the good things You've done for us. We're thankful for this great Order that we have. We ask Thy blessings on our leaders today and tomorrow. Walk by their side. May the things they do be pleasing to You. Father above, we would ask that Thou would be with us throughout our Grand Chapter. Let us do things that would be pleasing to You in the tomorrows to come. Walk by our side as we walk down this pathway of life together. We would ask these things in Jesus' Name and for His sake. Amen.

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN: Strike up the band!

# PROCEEDINGS GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR 116TH ANNUAL

#### "FRIENDSHIP IS CONSTANT" SESSION

A "Friendship Is Constant" banner hanging high above the arena floor proclaimed the Worthy Grand Matron's theme. The East platform was covered in silver cloth with red fabric chairs for guests in the East. White rocking chairs were provided for all Officers.

In front of the stage a wheat field had been created with cutouts of a sheaf of wheat, a standing gleaner and two stooping gleaners. Sheaves of wheat from some Chapters in the Worthy Grand Matron's Home District were in the field. The field was ringed with low brown fence intertwined with sunflowers. Two field mice were in the field: one a Christmas mouse, the other a patriotic mouse. An arrangement of sunflowers was on the stage between the podiums for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Sitting beside the sunflower arrangement were a blackbird and a field mouse. Thirteen large pots of fern were stage front.

The stations of the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress were surrounded with a natural wood picket fence twined with fall foliage. Sunflower cutouts and blackbirds were atop the fence. A rustic birdhouse topped a signpost announcing "Welcome Friends" and twined with sunflowers was in front of each station.

Star point pedestals were inlaid mahogany with a 12-inch circular top. The altar was covered with a yellow topping and gold lame skirting. The kneeling bench was covered with gold lame.

Nighttime dresses for the Lady Officers were two-piece, candlelight in color.

There was a full skirt with a chiffon overlay and a white hip-length overblouse with short sleeves embellished with sequins and gold beads in the front. The Gentlemen Officers were handsome in traditional black tuxedos.

Daytime attire for Sisters were brown skirt and blouse with a long beige vest. Personal Pages wore beige skirt and blouse with a teal colored vest. The men wore black slacks, white shirt, a tie displaying a sheaf of wheat and a beige blazer.

## CEREMONIAL OPENING Thursday Afternoon Session October 29, 1998

#### "I HAVE SEEN HIS STAR"

12:00 p.m. Musical Prelude	Mrs. Mary Alberts
	Past Matron, Killeen No. 490
Master of Ceremonies	Dr. Effie Mae Davis
	Worthy Grand Adah
Assisting Grand Marshal	Mrs. Betty Phillips Hager
	Past Grand Matron
Special Music	Mrs. Rebecca Schaefer
	Grand Salaigt

**DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** Welcome, welcome, welcome to the "Friendship Is Constant" Session. We're glad you're here. Please take the hand of the person sitting next to you and shake it just a minute. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. That was a real Texas handshake.

The beautiful music that we've been enjoying has been played by Sister Mary Alberts, Past Matron of Killeen Chapter No. 490. The Assisting Grand Marshal this afternoon is Mrs. Betty Phillips Hager. The special music that we're going to enjoy in a few minutes will be by Rebecca Schaefer, the Grand Soloist.

Assisting Grand Marshal, will you escort Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron, to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Florence Adair, escorted by her husband Robert, to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, please give our Most Worthy Grand Matron a very warm loving Texas welcome. [applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lois Newman, is from Missouri, the Show-Me State. Please show her how we welcome people in Texas. [applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Elective and Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, I know you agree that these are the most beautiful General Grand Chapter Elective and Floor Officers that we have ever seen in Texas. Please help me welcome them. [applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort Texas' own General Grand Chapter Committee Members to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, such an honor to present our own Texas Past Grand Matron, Sister Lena Maye Cook, who is a member of the Registration Committee, and our own Past Grand Patron of Texas, Mr. Harold Todd, who is a member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee. Join me in telling them how proud we are of them. [applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our very own esteemed and beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East. Assisting Grand Marshal, while they are lining up, will you see if we have other Committee Members of General Grand Chapter from other Grand Jurisdictions here that we should present. Thank you. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, these are General Grand Chapter Committee Members from other Grand Jurisdictions and Ambassadors of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Please help us welcome them. [applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Isn't it wonderful to have too many to go across the stage? We are so proud of Texas' own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and the service that they have given to you and me. Let's give them a big loving welcome. [applause]

ASSISTING GRAND MARSHAL: Master of Ceremonies, we have a gentleman in the back that is an Ambassador to Mexico for the Most Worthy Grand Matron. Would you like for me to bring him on to the East?

**DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** You will present him. [applause as he comes to the East] Sisters and Brothers, please welcome Mr. Miller, who is the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Ambassador to Mexico. Thank you. [applause]

The service given this year by our Grand Soloist is one that we treasure. Mrs. Rebecca Schaefer will now present some music in honor of these wonderful people that have been welcomed by you to our stage. Thank you, Rebecca. [singing of "Star of the East"]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present our Deputies to Mexico, Mrs. Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, in Mexico. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, how proud we are in Texas to have the two Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sylvia, and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Raul, to assist us in the tremendous amount of work that they're doing this year and this triennium in Mexico. I want you to notice that the special music Mary played was "The Redbird March," and it's such a tribute to Rennie because she did help in the development of this Chapter in Monterrey. So instead of clapping, we're going to just yell "Ole." I think they liked that; I did. Thank you.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past

Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. [applause as they come to the East] Please help me greet the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Thank you. [applause]

The service given this year by our Grand Officers is one that we will always treasure. As we present these Officers, I know you will recognize the service that they have given. Our Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Carol Hall will be escorted by Mr. Clyde Hall. [applause] The Grand Sentinel, Mr. J.J. Freeze, escorted by Mrs. Gail Smith. [applause] Our Grand Warder, Mrs. Elwanda Spindor, escorted by Mr. Jerry Davis. [applause] Grand Electa, Mrs. Mickey Gunder, escorted by Mr. Fred Gunder. [applause] Mrs. Marian Von Heeder, Grand Martha, escorted by Mr. Dwight Von Heeder. [applause] Grand Esther, Mrs. JoAnn Snow, escorted by Mr. Charles Snow. [applause] Grand Ruth. Mrs. Karen Kidd, escorted by Mr. Horton Kidd, Grand Adah, Mrs. Carolyn Broom, escorted by Mr. Glenn Broom. [applause] Grand Organist, Mrs. Mary Ferguson, escorted by Mr. Virgil Ferguson. [applause] Grand Marshal, Mrs. Ann Kelly, escorted by Mr. James Kelly. [applause] Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Rebecca Cathey Potts, escorted by Mr. Donny Broughton. [applause] Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, escorted by Mr. Robert Wolfe. [applause] Grand Conductress, Mrs. Betty Friend, escorted by Mr. Jack Friend. [applause] Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Patsy Wilson, escorted by Mr. Herbert Wilson. [applause] Grand Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Errington, escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron. [applause] Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Henry Martin, escorted by Mrs. Opal Martin. [applause] Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, escorted by Dr. Bill Bane. [applause] Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Kenneth Gregory, escorted by Mrs. Juanita Gregory. [applause] Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, escorted by Mr. Robert Brownfield. [applause]

The Masonic Bible of the late Brother Arnold Paul, Worthy Grand Patron, 1985-86, will be presented by Mrs. Bobbie Paul, General Chairman of Constant Friends, and widow of Brother Arnold. The Square and Compasses belonging to Copperas Cove Chapter No. 1070 will be presented by Mr. Jack Friend, Grand Escort to the Grand Conductress.

The United States Flag will be presented by Mr. Billy Combest, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Sisters and Brothers, under the leadership of our Grand Choir, let us sing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The Canadian Flag will be presented by Mr. Garland Rattan, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Sisters and Brothers, under the leadership of our Grand Choir, let us join in singing "O, Canada."

The Texas Flag will be presented by Mr. Lee Stallings, Past Patron of Friendswood Chapter No. 1131. The Michigan Flag will be presented by Mr. Oliver Chamberlin, Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Christian Flag will be presented by Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Past Grand Patron; and the Eastern Star Flag will be presented by Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron.

It is now a great pleasure for me to introduce Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will call this Session to order. Thank you, Elsie, for your service to our Grand Chapter this year as Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Effie Mae Davis. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings! Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Right Worthy Grand Adah, your very presence brings

good tidings to any occasion. The Golden Rule has been lengthened by your service to our Order.

Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my pleasure to call this 116th Grand Chapter of Texas to order and to open the "I Have Seen His Star" Session this Thursday afternoon. Our invocation will be rendered by Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Our Father, Creator of all living beings, we come to You this afternoon as we open this "I Have Seen His Star" Session thanking You for the privilege of assembling together as Sisters and Brothers to conduct the business that concerns the welfare of our Grand Chapter. We pray for wisdom and strength for our leaders as they conduct the affairs of this Grand Chapter Session. May every member present remember the teachings of our Order: to be kind, forebearing and forgiving one toward another. Let us throw around each other the broad mantle of charity or love. Grant, our Father, Thy blessing upon our Grand Chapter, upon our leadership, upon each member, and help us to seize every opportunity to serve this great Order in a manner that will reflect honor upon Your Holy Name. Amen.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The Grand Officers will line up immediately and present the "Sheaf Within the Circle" drill. Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I invite the Installed Grand Officers of 1997-98 and their Personal Pages to enter for the "Sheaf Within the Circle" drill under the capable direction of Sister Ann Kelly, our elegant Grand Marshal. [applause following drill]

I now invite Sister Zena Wilson, Chairman of the Executive Committee, to address the assembly on behalf of the City of Fort Worth.

MRS. ZENA WILSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, other Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers: Worthy Grand Matron, I appreciate the opportunity of extending a very warm Fort Worth welcome to those assembled to this 116th "Friendship Is Constant" Session. We are honored with the presence of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and those visiting us from other Grand Jurisdictions. We trust your stay with us will be a pleasure to you. We offer a most cordial welcome to each one present and extend to you the open hand of friendship.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, in honor of your visit with us and to tell you just how much we appreciate your service on the behalf of our Order, it is my privilege to represent the Mayor of Fort Worth and present you with this certificate conferring upon you honorary citizenship in Fort Worth. On this, the 29th day of October 1998, you are now one of us.

MRS. FLORENCE ADAIR: Bless your heart. Thank you. [applause] Hi, y'all! I belong to you.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I would invite the assembly to join me in welcoming Brother Harry G. Cunningham, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Brother Harry, we eagerly await your greeting. [applause]

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you very much. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy

Grand Matron, Distinguished East, my great Sisters and Brothers: This place seems familiar from ten years ago. I well remember. It's good to be with you today. I bring greetings to you from the 140,000 Masons in this great State of Texas. Most Worthy Grand Matron, I want to tell you: You're in the greatest State in the whole wide union. [applause] I know Sister Rennie Ofton will agree with me. Most Worthy Grand Matron, we appreciate your attendance here in our great State. If there is anything that we Masons can do for you during your stay here, as well as the other General Grand Chapter Officers, we'll be most happy to accommodate you in any way we can. You're a beautiful lady. I've known you; I met you in Atlanta many years ago. That has been about ten years, hasn't it? And you look better today than you did then! She has a great personality, doesn't she?

We've had a great year in the State of Texas. I know we have many District Deputy Grand Masters here today, also some Grand Lodge Officers. I'd like to ask them to stand and be recognized, if you would, please. The Grand Treasurer is here I know. The check is always in the mail, he tells me. Thank you for being present, my Right Worshipful Sirs. [applause]

We have had many Lodges in the State this year that have increases in membership. We have lived and taught Masonry during 1998. We have tried to encourage our Brothers to do so, and I believe we're making some steps in the right direction. We had one Lodge that had a ten percent increase. They had ten members; they now have 11 members. That's a great increase! I wish every Lodge could have a ten percent increase.

I want to thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for your courtesies to this office. We have certainly enjoyed serving with you and your Officers this year. We hope for you the greatest Session this Grand Chapter has ever had. I hope in the year to come that we will still have the greatest year that we have ever had in Eastern Star in the State of Texas.

You know, as you go about your business from place to place, it's amazing what a secret we still are, when it comes to finding Lodges in this State. We went into a city the other day, hunting a Lodge to level a cornerstone. We stopped by the fire station and asked one of the firemen, "Can you please tell us where the Masonic Lodge is?" One fireman called over another fireman and said, "Can you help these gentlemen?" The Grand Marshal said, "Sir, could you tell us where the Masonic Lodge is?" He said, "Well, it's kind of hard to find. You go down here two blocks, make a left, and it's one block on the right." So we go down there and we run deadend into a railroad track. We drive around the town, finally found the street on the other side of the tracks that we knew the Lodge was on. We were on the 300 block; it was in the 100 block. So we go back. Guess where the Lodge was? Behind the fire station! Right, Glenn Whitaker? You have a lot of fun. I'm sure the Worthy Grand Matron could tell you similar experiences.

It's good to be in Fort Worth, one of the greatest towns in Texas. It's my second home, I like to think, away from San Antonio. We didn't float away, like everybody said we did. We all survived.

I want to thank you very much, Sisters and Brothers, for supporting your Grand Chapter and being present. To all our guests: We welcome you and we hope for you a good stay in Texas. Maybe we can return the visits to your Jurisdictions one of these days.

Now Alma Bane told me if I talked more than ten minutes, I had to pay \$100 to the Renovation Fund. If I talked less, she was going to pay. So, Alma, pay up! Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I call on Sister Marijo King, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, who will give us a partial report.

MRS. MARIJO KING: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: We are pleased to report that we have Chapter Representatives of more than 200 Chapters. This constitutes a quorum to open this Grand Chapter Session and to transact its business.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Sister Marijo, for that report. Now it is safe for us to proceed.

The Grand Officers will line up. I invite the Worthy Grand Patron, the Associate Grand Patron, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Organist to their stations. Worthy Grand Patron, it is my pleasure to present to you the gavel.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: All who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will retire. Sister Associate Grand Conductress.

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** You will invite the Worthy Grand Matron and other Grand Officers to enter the Chapter room. Sister Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron to the East.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my honor to present Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The Grand Officers will assume their stations and prepare for the active duties of the Chapter.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, you have honored me by allowing me to open this "I Have Seen His Star" Session. The tie that binds us is not visible. As the culms of the sheaves are bound, so are we by the events of our lives. Strong, sure and constant, once again, I am blessed by your kindness. Thank you for this special recognition. You have labored in the fields of our Order. You prepared the soil; you have planted the seeds, nourished and fed the friendship. As you sit and glean through your memories — and I assure you all Past Grand Matrons do — may the sheaves of accomplishment stand firm and strong. You have been constant in your endeavors to bring peace and joy to the membership of Texas, and it's time to reap the harvest of a job well done.

Worthy Grand Patron, our friendship is anchored in a common bond, that of the love of the sea. You have been devoted and unselfish. All your acts and deeds have reflected the teachings and the principles of the One whose Star we follow. Your gentle manner and thoughtfulness have endeared you to the membership. May His Star continue to be the beacon that guides you in every endeavor.

Worthy Grand Matron, this gavel does not have much value in a monetary

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sense, but great value in what it stands for. As you use it to preside over this 116th Grand Chapter Session, may God give you the strength, courage and understanding in all matters that would come before this assembly. Remember: The echoes of all actions will be embedded in the grain of this gavel and in our hearts and also in our minds. I wish for you a joyful session, and may it exceed all of your expectations.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron, for opening this Session. You know how special you are to Brother Robert, Brother Kenneth and Sister Juanita and myself. Your friendship means much; it has for many years.

I also thank Sister Effie Mae Davis for once again being the MC of our ceremonies that I have participated in. You are a delight and a special friend.

Sister Mary Alberts for playing our musical prelude and getting us to this point this afternoon. For those who are not aware, Sister Mary Alberts was Grand Organist for our own Sister Rennie Ofton.

And to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, we are so pleased that she is with us and bringing these wonderful, beautiful visitors with her. It's with a happy heart that Brother Kenneth and I welcome you to this Grand Chapter Session. We are indeed delighted to have each of you sharing this time with us.

And without further ado, we would ask those who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star to retire at this time so we can get on with business.

#### [Ritualistic ceremonial opening]

I now declare this 116th Grand Chapter Session, Order of the Eastern Star, duly opened for the transaction of business. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, the 116th Grand Chapter is now duly opened, and you will permit no interruptions.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** There will be no interruptions, Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Our Grand Marshal will now present the Flag of the United States of America. You will join the Worthy Grand Patron in the Pledge to our Flag followed by our Patriotic Song. [Pledge of Allegiance said in unison followed by singing of "Battle Hymn of the Republic."]

Sisters and Brothers, again I welcome you with open arms and deepest thanks for your sharing of this time. We come to the part of the afternoon that sometimes Worthy Matrons panic when they do this in their Chapters. I may panic because this chair nearly fell out from under me! But we are going to introduce our visitors and do it formally. We would hate for them to come all this way and none of us really know who they are. But we in Texas want to make sure that you know you're welcome. And as they said earlier, anything that we can do for you, please let us know. If there's something we have not done that we should have, please tell us. Don't go to another state and tell them. We want to give you the Texas hospitality that Sister Rennie has promoted in her goodwill travels and that our Worthy Grand Adah has shown all this time.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Most Worthy Grand Matron at the Altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is a distinct honor for me to introduce Sister Florence A. Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Florence, since your initiation in 1948 forward, you have shown your dedication for our beloved Order. You have worn the Eastern Star, then the Pentagon was added, and now you wear the Circle which reminds us that you have encircled each of us with your love and enthusiasm. We heartily welcome you to Texas. Our Worthy Grand Patron would like to add his welcome.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, how thrilled we were to be present in Orlando, Florida, at your installation last November. We rejoice each time we hear of your travels around the world promoting our beautiful Order. Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to be with us. You honor us with your presence, and we extend to you a big Texas welcome. Welcome! [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Giving her applause at the Altar somehow does not seem right because she is so very, very special. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East. [applause as she comes to the East] Sisters and Brothers, join me in saluting our Most Worthy Grand Matron with the Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron at the Altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is an honor and my pleasure to introduce Sister Lois J. Newman, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and a Past Grand Matron of Missouri.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Lois, you presided over the 40th triennium in St. Louis. You reminded us of God's scroll of time that gives us yesterday, today and tomorrow. We in Texas are pleased that you have taken your time to join us. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East. [applause as she comes to the East] Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] She will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Elected General Grand Chapter Officers at the Altar.  $^{\rm i}$ 

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my delightful pleasure to introduce these Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter: Sisters Dorothy M. Dewing, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Oregon; Patricia B. Rasmusson, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of Minnesota; Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand

Trustees and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brothers Frederick W. Clarke, Vice Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and a Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia; Loyal Stark, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and Past Grand Patron of California, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My friends, you have served your respective jurisdictions in a manner pleasing to Him whose Star we follow. And now you, too, are encircling us with your love and dedication. It goes without saying how proud we in Texas are of our Rennie. We are also very proud to call you our Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to Texas.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these illustrious Sisters and Brothers to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting these Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] They will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter: Sisters Margaret Berreth, Worthy Grand Organist and Past Grand Matron of Alberta, Canada; Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Pauline H. Yockey, Worthy Grand Ruth and Past Grand Matron and Grand Treasurer of Kansas; Madonna L. Meyerrose, Worthy Grand Electa and Past Grand Matron of Indiana; Ellamae L. Hardee, Worthy Grand Warder and Past Grand Matron of Utah, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: What a beautiful group! Texas is also proud of our Effie Mae, Worthy Grand Adah. Sister Florence chose well, and she chose well with each of you. And I know she must be proud of the constant love you have shown for our Order. You're traveling far and wide during this triennium. May you continue to have safe travels and good health.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Sisters will be escorted to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting these Officers of General Grand Chapter with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] They will remain in the East.

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

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors of the Most Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Myrtle M. Alexander, Chairman and Editor of the Eastern Star Journal and Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Betty Ann Ruppert, Eastern Star Journal Committee and Past Grand Matron of Arizona; Jeanette G. Britton, Education Committee and Past Grand Matron of Maryland; Jeanne M. Castle, Membership Committee and Past Grand Matron of Minnesota; Lena Maye Cook, Registration Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Katie McPherson, Shrine Hospital Committee and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Brothers Stephen W. Karstadt, Chairman, Charters Committee and Past Grand Patron of Kansas; Harold C. Todd, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee and Past Grand

Patron of Texas; Guy A. Jenkins, Registration Committee and Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Lyle H. Tuttle, Shrine Hospital Committee and Past Grand Patron of Florida. Ambassadors: Sister Lola Lane, Ambassador to Hawaii and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Brother J. Wilburn Miller, Ambassador to Mexico and Past Grand Patron of New Mexico; Sister L. Jeanne Beck, Ambassador to the Philippines, Mindanao and Past Grand Matron of Kansas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My Sisters and Brothers, you have been charged with the responsibility of carrying out Sister Florence's and Brother Leonard's message to our many jurisdictions. Many of you will have hands-on duties to make our time in Detroit a success. We rest assured that like Allstate, it will be in good hands. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Sisters and Brothers to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting these General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Brother Kenneth and I have been visiting co-workers here today. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Sisters and Brothers at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I introduce the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Mittie Small, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas; Audrey J. Cleland, Worthy Grand Matron of Florida; Shirley J. Palmer, Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas; Lynn C. Bankston, Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana; Paulette N. Fioretti, Worthy Grand Matron of Mississippi; Elizabeth Pullum, Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Brothers Richard C. Daniel, Worthy Grand Patron of Florida; Julio Morales, Worthy Grand Patron of Louisiana; Donald R. Devore, Worthy Grand Patron of Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We are pleased that your schedules have allowed you to be with us. It's a humbling experience to be in these places of service for our respective memberships, and I know there's some new kids on the block out there. They're the ones with the biggest smiles and the most clenched fists. But to represent your State in another Jurisdiction is always so very special because we're always made to feel welcome. I want to welcome you in that manner to Texas. And I know our Worthy Grand Patron would like to welcome his co-workers as well.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Indeed, it is a pleasure to have each of you representing your Grand Jurisdictions here at the Grand Chapter of Texas. We extend to you a big Texas welcome. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, please join me, after we get through with all this hugging and kissing, in saluting our co-workers with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] Hopefully, there will be room for them to remain in the East, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

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 my honor to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Martha M. Patterson, Past Grand Matron of Arizona; Elizabeth Anne Conney, Past Grand Matron of Arkansas; Marian R. Edwards, Past Grand Matron of Colorado; Gladys Allison, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Terrie C. Castay, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Elizabeth Roach, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Dorothy Berg, Past Grand Matron of Minnesota; Geraldine Roberts, Past Grand Matron of Mississippi; Geraldine Molander, Past Grand Matron of Missouri; Margaret A. Clarke, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Margie McConnell, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Nancy J. Tillman, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; JoAnn Sheppard, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Elizabeth H. Bordeaux, Past Grand Matron of Vermont; Peggy Caldwell, Past Grand Matron of Virginia; Brenda Jones, Past Grand Matron of Virginia; Brothers Kenneth L. Blackwell, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Edmond Hays, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Alvin Roach, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Percie F. Kuhn, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts; Glen Carlson, Past Grand Patron and Grand Secretary of Minnesota; Jerry Jones, Past Grand Patron of Minnesota; Elmer Schultz, Past Grand Patron of Minnesota; Ray Babb, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma and Past Grand Master of Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Dear Ones, when we become Past, the word "Worthy" is dropped. That's just the way it is! But each of you is worthy of the love given to you by the membership of your respective jurisdictions. And we heartily welcome you to Texas. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort this beautiful group of Sisters and Brothers, WORTHY, WORTHY, WORTHY, to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, please join me in saluting these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] They will be seated in the Grand Chapter room, by the way of the Grand East.

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

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my distinct honor and happy privilege to introduce these wonderful Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Sisters Lallah Mae Vollus, Mary Katharine Smith, Molly Goodpasture, Mildred Sharpe, Nancy Bailey Allen, Katherine Harbour, Patricia Major Neinast, Joyce Roberts, Mary M. Brown, Elise Hammack, Lois Bell, Beulah Speer, Elsie Paladino, Jean Nesbitt, Doris M. Efird, Betty Phillips Hager, Jane Gregory, Virginia Lynn Green, Wanda Fairchild, Rosemary Swetland, Alma Carter, Past Grand Matrons; Brothers Herbert L. Arnold, O. D. Christian, Oliver B. Chamberlin, Ralph A. Davis, Wayne P. Jones, Glenn Whitaker, Garland Rattan, Leland G. Benefield, Charles Morris, Billy H. Combest, Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My, how proud Texas is of each of you! From Sister Lallah Mae to Sister Alma, from Brother Herb to Brother Richard, your dedication is to be respected and admired. You have exhibited constant friendship for our membership. Along with the constancy you have also exhibited fidelity, loyalty, faith and love. You are truly fairest among thousands, altogether lovely. Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to greet these fine Sisters and Brothers.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. To our own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, you have walked this way before us and have given us a beautiful example to follow. Thank you for the wise counsel you have whispered in my ear. You have been a source of inspiration and strength to this Worthy Grand Patron. We are always delighted to be in your presence. Welcome.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort Texas' own to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, they had a meeting, I think, and luncheon yesterday, but this is a brand new day, so we're greeting each other again. They're special, special. Join me in saluting our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] And I wouldn't dare tell them where they should sit!

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present at the Altar our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with the greatest pleasure that I introduce the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M., Brother Harry G. Cunningham, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Harry, it has been a pleasure working with you this year. We readily recognize the need for our two fraternities to work together for the good of mankind. I know that you have fond memories of your year as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Doris Efird. However, we in Texas are extremely proud to recognize you as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort Brother Harry to the East. [applause as he comes to the East] I'm going to miss this sugar next year!

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: You'll get more of it next year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Oh, okay. They won't be afraid to be seen with me then, huh? Sisters and Brothers, join me in saluting this wonderful, wonderful Past Grand Patron and also our Most Worshipful Grand Master with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] And also Brother Harry can be seated anywhere he so desires.

I'd like to announce before we do this next group: We do not have these cards for everyone like we'd like to have. We're going to get better! If we have any Grand Officers Emeritus, would they please go to the Grand Conductresses' Pages in the West back of Esther.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, if you will present the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions in the West.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor of introducing these Installed Grand Chapter Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions: From the State of Arkansas: Rosemary Messersmith, Associate Grand Matron; Earl Hodges, Associate Grand Patron; Nancy Lindsey, Grand Conductress; Roberta Fooks, Associate Grand Conductress; Judy Bell, Grand Chaplain; Betty Opitz, Grand

Marshal; Glenda Peyton, Grand Adah; Johnnie Carson, Grand Electa. From the State of Florida: Penny G. Mott, Grand Treasurer; Delores Laird, Grand Conductress; Charlene Williams, Grand Marshal; Mary M. Reaves, Grand Adah; Melodie E. Daniel, Grand Ruth; Carolyn Milcarek, Grand Martha; Kathleen Smith, Grand Electa; Barbara Mannon, Grand Warder; John Peters, Grand Sentinel. From the State of Georgia: Sue Mason, Grand Conductress. From the State of Kansas: Rosmarie Geisdorf, Grand Esther. From the State of Louisiana: Janet Shook, Associate Grand Matron; Velma D. Hays, Grand Conductress; Virginia Jenkins, Associate Grand Conductress; Beverly Cowart, Grand Chaplain; Jodi C. Benton, Grand Adah; Alice Gaumnitz, Grand Ruth; Diane Smith, Grand Esther; Lois Premeaux, Grand Martha; Norma Lee, Grand Electa; Richard J. Shaw, Grand Sentinel. Also from the State of Louisiana, Brother Joseph Cox, OES Memorial Board. From the State of Mississippi: Janice Crisco, Grand Conductress; Sandra Calhoun, Associate Grand Conductress; Eddie Fioretti, Grand Warder. From the State of New Mexico: Ella Argall, Grand Martha. From the State of Oklahoma: Jean Hall, Associate Grand Matron; William F. Wise, Associate Grand Patron; Theda Wise, Grand Secretary; Joyce M. Jones, Grand Treasurer; Inez Russell, Grand Conductress; Jan Hanna, Associate Grand Conductress; Ann Barnes, Grand Chaplain; Carolyn Hacker, Grand Lecturer of Oklahoma; Cheryl Martin, Grand Marshal; Melinda L. Johnson, Grand Adah; Dee Linvill, Grand Ruth; Ethelyn Forth, Grand Esther; Debbie Johnson, Grand Martha; Josephine Adams, Grand Electa; Lyn Mosier, Grand Warder; Tom Benton, Grand Sentinel, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How proud your Grand Jurisdictions must be! I would be remiss if I didn't recognize and mention the fact that there's a couple of Texans out there, or they were at one time. I'm not going to say this is Texas' loss and another Jurisdiction's gain. We do miss them, but we're also very proud of them. Each of you have a delightful and awesome responsibility during your year of service. We thank you for taking time out to be with us, and we hope you will have no regret for your decision to come to Texas. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these members to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Nowhere but in Eastern Star would we be tickled to death to wear so many dresses just alike! [laughter] We're so very proud of these Sisters and Brothers. Let's show them how proud we are to have them in our midst. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Chapter room, but I'd like them to go by my Pages first.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Special Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in the West.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce the Deputies of General Grand Chapter: Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, and Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My dears, you have been given places of responsibility as well as honor. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron must be able to appoint those whom they know will carry on the work of our beautiful Order with love and dependability. You have proven that to be true, and we are so very proud of both of you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort this lovely couple to the East. [applause as they come to the East] We've got pucker power up here! Sisters and Brothers join me in

welcoming Sister Sylvia and Brother Raul Garcia. [applause] And as busy as they have been helping with new Chapters, I will also allow them to be seated wherever they wish. They may be going to Dallas to start a Chapter!

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, if we have Grand Officers Emeritus, please present them in the West.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing these Grand Officers Emeritus: Sister Pacia J. Brown, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of Florida, and Sister Margaret Lester, Grand Secretary Emeritus of Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My Sisters, on behalf of the membership of Texas, we welcome you. We know that your duty and your devotion to your respective Jurisdictions allowed you to have this title, and we heartily welcome you to Texas. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Sisters to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in offering a hearty welcome to these two Sisters. [applause] They will be seated in the Chapter room after they have made a detour to the back.

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

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Susan Feldkamp, Texas in Arizona; Frances Golden, Texas in California; Goldie Snavely, Texas in Indiana; Virginia Ford, Pennsylvania in Louisiana; Marie Labauve, Texas in Louisiana; Dorris R. Morales, Utah in Louisiana; Kitty Rhyman, Missouri in Louisiana; Donna L. Morawiec, Texas in Massachusetts; Lexie Bond, Texas in Mississippi; Cookie Stude, Texas in Missouri; Janice Carskadon, Manitoba in Nebraska; Alnetta Schroeder, Saskatchewan in Nebraska; Nancy Byerly, Texas in Nebraska; Dorothy Acquaro, Texas in New Jersey; Shirley Miller, Australia to New Mexico; Judy Devore, Arizona in Oklahoma; Mary Ruth Beale, District of Columbia in Oklahoma; Eunice Hayes, Texas in Oregon; Jean F. Puhl, Louisiana in Pennsylvania; Ethel Whisenant, Texas in South Carolina; Phyllis Noble, Texas in South Dakota; Glenna Densman, Texas in Vermont; Frances Harvie, Texas in Virginia; Brothers Charles E. Mayo, Texas in Alabama; James C. Edwards, Texas in Colorado; Larry A. Hutson, Texas in Connecticut; James Premeaux, Florida in Louisiana; Patrick Reiland, Texas in Minnesota; Max L. Tillman, Arkansas in Oklahoma; Jerry Pullum, Georgia in Oklahoma; Calvin Beale, Texas in Oklahoma; Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How proud we are to welcome you to the "Friendship Is Constant" Session. Our wish is that you will cement bonds of fraternalism with your counterparts, whether it be in Texas or another Jurisdiction. We hope that if this is your first visit here, it will not be your last. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Sisters and Brothers to the East. [applause as they come to the East] I wanted to tell this illustrious group also that this year we are going to have our Fraternal Correspondent Report and our Drill of Flags this afternoon, because I wanted us to do it while you were here. Many of you come in for the Formal Opening, and because of time and other matters you have to leave to go back home. Well, we want you to strut your stuff on our Grand Chapter floor with our Grand Representatives. Sisters and Brothers, join me in giving them a hearty Texas welcome. [applause] They will be

seated in the Chapter room. The first one today! Please join me in saluting these Sisters and Brothers with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] They came all this way and I ignored the fact that they were due Grand Honors. Please forgive me. They will be seated in the Chapter room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor and pleasure to introduce the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Sisters Jane Minter, Alabama; Leonora Owre, Alberta; Letha West, Arkansas; Shirley Haygood, British Columbia and the Yukon; Wanda Smith, California: Maurine "Tootsie" Creech, Colorado; Willie Mae Schumacher, Connecticut; Mary Wunsche, Delaware; Marilyn Smith, District of Columbia; Connie F. Autrey, Florida; Marie Pavelka, Idaho; Elizabeth Young, Illinois; Bonnie Fay Davis, Indiana; Owena Sutton, Kansas; Betty Prater, Kentucky; Mildred Blair, Louisiana; JoAnn Drescher, Maine; Barbara Ochs, Maryland; Una Faye Ballentine, Massachusetts; Joyce McKnight, Michigan; Elsie Pope, Minnesota; Elva Burlin, Mississippi; Jackie Culp, Missouri; Fleeta Fannett, Montana; Ruth Starke, New Hampshire; Arie Ann Taras, New Jersey; Irene Akins, New Mexico; Mary Crow, New York; Marilyn Knowlton, North Dakota; Shirley Meerscheidt, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Dale Hester, Ohio; Betty Lou Davis, Oklahoma; Juanita Gregory, Oregon; Dorothy Kinsinger, Pennsylvania; Delia Whitfield, Puerto Rico; Georgia Orr, Rhode Island; Wanda Hachenberg, South Carolina; Grace Stovall, South Dakota; Gladys Morgan, Utah; Ann Wyatt, Virginia; Jessie Manasco, Washington; Mary Horton Beach, West Virginia; Millie Barbee, Wisconsin, and Brother John Clark, Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How great you look! Every time I see a group of you, I'm reminded of the song, "It's a Small, Small World." It is my wish for you that as you travel our state and to other Jurisdictions, you will be as happy and excited as you were the day you received your Commissions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives to the East. [applause as they come to the East and singing of "It's a Small, Small World"] Sisters and Brothers, you remember when our Past Grand Patron, Brother Billy Combest, told us if we didn't know the words of the song, we could say "Watermelon seeds, watermelon seeds"? This is what we need to do. Join me in saluting these Grand Representatives with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] They will be seated in the Chapter room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, if we have Committee Appointments from other Grand Jurisdictions, would you please present them in the West.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce the Committee Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Margaret Summerlin, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 28, Georgia; Lora McDaniel, Unfinished Business, Louisiana; Evelyn Blackwell, Distinguished Guests and Registration, Louisiana; Jerrie Tracy, Membership, Louisiana; Evelyn Roper, ESTARL, Louisiana; Bettye Gibbs, Pageantry and Poetry Committee, Mississippi; Mereline Walker, Youth Committee, 18th District, Mississippi; Della Murphy, Board of Examiners Chairman, Oklahoma; Colleen Babb, Reception - Arrangements, Oklahoma; Betty J. Johnson, Personal Grand Page to Grand Adah, Oklahoma; Jolene Reid, State Co-Chairman and Banquet General Chairman, President of Grand

Representatives Association, Oklahoma; Nan McKissack, Grand Chapter Mom, Oklahoma; Brother Paul McKissack, Grand Chapter Pop, Oklahoma, and Brother Walter Harvie, Star Festival Vice Chairman, Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, how we appreciate all you do for your Grand Jurisdictions. You are truly the glue that holds your state together. Thank you for being with us today. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Sisters and Brothers will be escorted to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, join me in giving these Committee Members of other Grand Jurisdictions a hearty welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Chapter room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Mrs. Pearl Mills in the West.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my delight and pleasure to introduce Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Outer Observer and Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Pearl, how much we love you. You and Hubert have dedicated a large portion of your lives to our future, which is the Rainbow for Girls. Words cannot express the appreciation we feel. Thank you, dear one, for being with us yesterday, today and the tomorrows that we have left. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort Sister Pearl Mills to the East. [applause as she comes to the East and the assembly sings "My Rainbow."] Sisters and Brothers, let's show our own Sister Pearl Mills how much we love her. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, this is someone else that I would not tell her where she should be seated.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present those Distinguished Members of Appendant Bodies in the West.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I take pleasure in introducing these members of other Masonic Bodies and Appendant Officers: Brother David B. Dibrell, Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden; Brother Orville Willingham, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer; Brother Mack Reed, Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain; Brother Bill Boultinghouse, Right Worshipful Grand Marshal; Brother Donny Broughton, Worshipful Grand Tiler, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M.; and Sister Diane Wilson, the Bethel Guardian, Dallas Bethel No. 3, International Order of the Job's Daughters.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Dear ones, our hearts swell with pride when we see our Masonic Brothers attending our Eastern Star functions, not only at Grand Chapter but our Subordinate Chapters. You mean so very much to us, and we're all so very proud of the positions that you're holding now in Grand Lodge. Some of you will continue where you are; some will be climbing up the ladder. We're so very, very proud that you are our Masonic Brothers and such an extremely important part of our fraternal family. Sister Diane, we appreciate you being here also because we know that you're working with the youth, which is our legacy for tomorrow. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Distinguished Members to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, join me in extending a hearty welcome to these wonderful Brothers and our Sister Diane. Thank you for being here. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress

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and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you be mad if I tell you I believe that takes care of introductions? You have done beautifully. Just think about it, Sister Betty, you don't have to worry about doing it tomorrow and Sister Naomi can think about next year. [applause]

At this time it is my privilege and pleasure to call on our own Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will welcome our guests.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members all: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of greeting this assembly this afternoon. I am pleased to join in extending a hearty welcome to every member and visitor. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Florence, how good it is to have you make your official visit at this 116th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. If our Texas General Grand Chapter family will stand with me at this time, I will offer our appreciation for these fine appointments and let you know how proud we are to have this team working for you and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Lennart Johnson. We love you both and are happy to be a part of your triennium.

We are pleased to have the rest of the General Grand Chapter family at our Session. For those of you who have come for the first time, I hope you can enjoy the flavor of our Texas hospitality to the fullest. To those who have come for a second visit, I hope you find more enjoyment than you had the first time. And for those of you who have been here several times, we expect to hear you saying "Taxes," "howdy," and "y'all," just like the rest of us. Welcome to you and all our distinguished guests who have honored us with their presence. We're mighty proud y'all came! And I'm especially pleased to welcome Brother Fred Clarke, who is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees. I have to be nice to him because he and our secretary, Barbara White, can gang up on me in our meetings, and no telling what they might do. Welcome, Brother Fred, and your fine wife Margaret, Past Grand Matron, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

To the beloved membership of this Grand Chapter, I extend love and appreciation. As we look forward to providing Texas representation in General Grand Chapter, please know how good it is to have you walking by my side. Thank you so much for your love and support.

Sister Yvonne and Brother Kenneth, you have inspired us with your leadership, your caring and loving attitude and just for being the fine persons you are. We love you. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of your membership, it is my pleasure to extend a sincere wish for a successful, happy session, which is everything for which you have worked and planned. Thank you so much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The next lady that I asked to bring the response, I had called her and she said, "Well, I can't come to the Texas session; I'm going to be in California. They meet the same time you do."

I said, "No, honey, this year Texas is meeting later; California will be a week before us." So she readily agreed to come and respond to the welcome. Sister Pat Rusmusson, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Minnesota.

MRS. PAT RASMUSSON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Yvonne, Worthy Grand Patron Ken, Most Worthy Grand Matron Florence, my fellow General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, all Distinguished Guests and all my Sisters and Brothers: Howdy!

VOICES: Howdy.

MRS. PAT RASMUSSON: And I know I speak for everyone here when I say thank you, Rennie, for that warm welcome to us. We're all pleased to be here in your big State of Texas, where the stories are almost as big as your hospitality. I'm reminded of a story about the prospector from back East who walked into a Texas saloon with his shiny new shoes. A big old Texan said to him, "Hey, foreigner, can you dance?"

"No, sir," replied the prospector, "I never did learn how to dance."

"Well," he said, "I'm going to teach you." And with that, he took out his six-shooters and he started shooting. And, boy, that old prospector danced right out of that saloon. About an hour later, the Texan left the saloon, and as soon as he stepped out of the door, he heard a click. He looked around, and there four feet from his head was the biggest old shotgun he had ever seen. The little prospector said, "Mr. Texan, have you ever kissed a mule?"

"No," said the quick-thinking Texan, "but I sure always wanted to." [laughter]

Well, your guests may not be ready to kiss a mule, but we are quick to learn that your welcome is as big as your outdoors, your hospitality as warm as your summer days, and your Star love as bright as your big shiny sky. Your guests are always pleased to be in the company of your members — special members Rennie, Effie Mae, Lena Maye and Harold — and we thank them for their service to General Grand Chapter. We know that true friendship is constant, whether we see each other every day or not for several years. So today your guests thank you for that constant friendship and your welcome. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Pat. At this time the Worthy Grand Patron has a presentation to Sister Florence Adair, our Most Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this honor and privilege to make this presentation. Sister Florence, I have a letter from a most important person in the State of Texas to a most important person in our beautiful Order. It's dated September 2nd, 1998. "Greetings to the Order of the Eastern Star: Welcome to Fort Worth for the 116th Session of Grand Chapter of Texas. This October 29th gathering provides a great opportunity for people to meet, renew old friendships and honor two special guests from out of state: Florence A. Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Lennart A. Johnson, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter. The Order of the Eastern Star has touched the lives of many people through the years. The time and energy you invest in providing assistance for people of all ages represent the true Texas spirit of caring and sharing. I commend you for your commitment to helping others through community outreach programs and other charitable efforts. You help make Texas a beacon State. To those from out of town, I know you will enjoy Fort Worth. From fine restaurants and museums to historic sights and beautiful parks, the city has something for everyone. Laura joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion. Sincerely," and it's signed George W. Bush. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Most Worthy Grand Matron, you know we've got a big State here. And for several years to promote travel and visiting Chapters in our State and in our jurisdiction, we've had a traveling plaque within each of the 50 sections. The Chapter that gets to sign it the most times gets the plaque. If there's a tie, we have to see who came the furtherest. And every year our Worthy Grand Matrons that have a plaque try to come up with something unique that maybe the members would feel like it's a competition worthwhile. I feel that you travel more than any of us, so I would like to present to you our traveling plaque for 1997-98. And don't be surprised since it's a brown field mouse. [applause] And before she's seated, I'm going to go ahead and ask her to bring greetings to this loving membership at this time.

MRS. FLORENCE ADAIR: Well, if Pat can do it, I can do it. Howdy!

VOICES: Howdy.

MRS. FLORENCE ADAIR: How wonderful to be here with you to share in the fraternalism of being a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. To the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, our Elected and Appointed Officers, our Committee Members, Ambassadors, Deputies and each of you, my Sisters and Brothers, we are so very happy to share with you the joys of being a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. I do bring you greetings also from our Most Worthy Grand Patron. He will be joining you for his official visit next year in Waco. I am sure that you are going to enjoy him as much as we in the General Grand Chapter enjoy and appreciate our Most Worthy Grand Patron.

I have many memories as I come back to this State each time. Always it's a delight. The first visit, of course, was when your Sister Mildred Haney Harris was the Most Worthy Grand Matron and I was a Grand Representative of British Columbia, and there wasn't anybody that was more important than I was at that time. We had a marvelous session. Texas did things in a beautiful way. And of course you know that we are now facing a triennial meeting in Detroit, and we hope that we can somehow compare with the beautiful job that Texas did at that time, and that you have continued to do as you've served through these years.

I want to express my deepest appreciation for all your kindnesses and your courtesies. They've been just tremendous. And, Sister Yvonne, your Committees are just absolutely wonderful. I appreciate the kindness of having our Michigan Flag. I enjoyed hearing our special marches, as I was presented, so beautifully today. I am very happy to have the wonderful Pages that you have given to us: Sister Charlotte and Jack Beall. They are just marvelous. I appreciate you two more than we can say. Both Bob and I do.

Sister Lois has gone already. She had to get back to a meeting in Missouri, but we were so pleased to see her.

To our Elected Officers, if you would just stand quickly, please. Now you see these four girls. These are your next four Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Sisters and Brothers; and you have Brother Fred who's going to take care of the money for each one of them. And we have Brother Loyal who will be serving with Sister Pat. Don't you think the future is in very good hands? [applause] Just hang in there, each one of you, so that we can support them as they deserve to be supported.

Now quickly, I'm going to ask our Appointed Officers, our Ambassadors, our

Committee Members, our Deputies and their Escorts to stand. All of you together. And you Elected Officers stand, too. That makes us even more. Now aren't they wonderful? [applause] Thank you.

But here in Texas, of course, besides your very special Rennie, you have other Shining Stars: our Sister Lena and our Brother Harold and of course Raul and Sylvia, the Deputies, who have given of their service to the General Grand Chapter. One year has passed, and we appreciate all that you have done, each of you, dear Sisters and Brothers; and we know that you are with us for the next two years. Bless you for giving of yourself to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Quickly, we're going to give you sort of a rundown on what we've had the privilege of doing so far this year. In February we started out in Aruba. We went to Panama, and then we went to Mexico. We went to the Philippines. We went to Guam. We went to Okinawa. We were in Tokyo, Japan and Taipei, Taiwan. We went over to Italy to institute a Chapter. We came back, and we had our official visit in half of the Chapters in Alaska. And this is our 33rd Grand Jurisdiction that we've had the privilege of sharing fellowship, and in fact the ninth Grand Jurisdiction this month. So we have not let any grass grow under our feet. And, yes, I am very happy to have that darling mouse award for all the traveling that we've done.

I would just briefly share with you that Eastern Star is growing in other areas. We have three Chapters U.D. in Italy, three Chapters U.D. in the Philippines. We have one instituted, one constituted in Peru. We have four constituted, one instituted in Brazil. We should go back to Sao Paulo, Brazil - no, Sao Paulo is its own state, not Brazil. And they have almost 300 members there waiting to be initiated to form Chapters. In December we will go back to Peru to do one more Chapter there, to do four in LaPaz, Bolivia, one in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Our Most Worthy Grand Patron has had inquiries from a Chapter in Turkey, if you can believe that, Sisters and Brothers. It's amazing to me. And also we are working on papers and a Chapter in Bucharest, Romania. Eastern Star is growing in this great big world of ours. We know that we in America and those in Canada have much to be grateful for, for we can go to an Eastern Star meeting or a Lodge meeting, and we do not have an armed guard at the door. We can go into hotels and book a room without showing a picture ID. We can look at our neighbor's yard and see their beautiful home and flowers. We're not behind a six-foot cement wall with glass embedded in the top of it. We can go to the taps in our homes and drink water without being worried about it. So be so grateful for the privileges that we have in the Order of the Eastern Star in our beautiful part of the world.

We know our membership is smaller, and we know that our charities are stronger than they have ever been. It's just amazing what our Sisters and Brothers do in the way of charitable works, and it thrills me when I hear the reports in the various Grand Jurisdictions. True, our membership is smaller, but our loss is not as great as it has been, and our membership is creeping up. I had a letter from one Worthy Matron, and they have initiated 21 members so far this year. Pretty soon that loss and that gain is going to meet, and we're going to be back on top again. So keep up the good attitude; keep up the good work. Eastern Star, as I said, will never die. But in membership, when you seek membership, I urge you, please, Sisters and Brothers, seek quality members, not quantity. Quantity doesn't do us any good in our Chapter rooms if they're not there to support us. But your quality members, such as you yourself, you're there and you're the ones that will be doing our work. Get more members just like yourself. Be enthusiastic. Have fun. Dare to be different. It's okay that you don't always do what Jenny did, and you don't have to do what Susie al-

ways did. In fact, maybe in your Chapter rooms, you might have some of those dear members that sort of run around and cluck a little bit. We call them biddies in some states. But nevertheless they're very good members, and if you kill them with kindness and make them think that the idea you have is really their idea, they're going to support you one hundred percent.

Remember to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative and don't ever mess with Mr. In-Between. And in all things, my Sisters and Brothers, if it is to be, it is up to me. Don't leave it up to George or Mary or anybody else. If something must be done, you start it; you show the way, and you will have great rewards.

These are such exciting times really for all of us in this world right now. To be on the Website — and I know that you realize that the General Grand Chapter is, and your Secretary, Marjorie, has that information. You can pull out the pictures of the International Temple. You can have the pictures of the General Grand Chapter Officers. You can have the addresses of all the Grand Secretaries. And if you're traveling and you want to visit a Chapter in any particular state, just get that information. We're also on e-mail. I have an e-mail number, and I'll be happy to share it with you later on. There's the fax machine, and it is marvelous. When I'm home for a day or two, and I get a chance to be home that long, I'm able to fax a message to Saudi Arabia, and I know that they have that call much quicker than it would be over the telephone.

I want to thank the Past Grand Matrons and the Past Grand Patrons of this fine state that has brought you forward to your 116th year. You have done wonderful things throughout the years, supporting our projects here in Texas and in the General Grand Chapter. So I also want to say a very special thank you to the Subordinate Chapter members who really are the backbone of our Order because they help each Worthy Grand Matron and each Worthy Grand Patron complete their projects. We thank you so much for supporting the General Grand Chapter projects, and I'm just thrilled with the project for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. I don't know if you've had that report yet, but it is absolutely marvelous.

We have the editor of our Journal here, and if you are not yet subscribing to the Journal, she has subscriptions. Our Committee Member has subscriptions, and I have subscriptions. But we would like you to join us in our travels by reading the Journal.

We also invite you to join with us the last Sunday in February in 1999 in an ESTARL service to be held throughout the world at 4 p.m. I know, Sisters and Brothers, if we all meet united, all one million and a half members of us, we will help bring peace to the world.

To our Conductresses, Betty and Naomi, how do you feel right now, you two dear children? Your feet hurt? Well, let me tell you: They should because you just introduced and escorted 250 Sisters and Brothers. That's a lot. And I'll tell you what to do if you want your feet to feel better. Stick them in the toilet and flush the cold water over them. [laughter]

Really, don't knock it. It makes you feel wonderful, all that cold water running through your toes. It's great.

To the West, Alma Lynn and Henry, we know that you're full of butterflies and bubbles right now, and that's only right. You're facing a wonderful adventure. We know you're going to have a marvelous time. You will have the support of these fine members of Texas. We wish you success throughout the entire year. Bless you both.

And now to Sister Yvonne and to Ken: You've been wonderful. I know you've had a great time this year. I can tell it just by talking to your members, and I can see it by the twinkles in your eyes. We thank you for everything, and we wish you well. I see you've already started in your rocking chairs. They're practicing already, Sisters and Brothers. Enjoy! You've been wonderful, and thank you. We again invite you – Illinois and Michigan – to come to Detroit in the year 2000, the last week of October, to join us in the 43rd triennial session. We have lots of happy things planned for you. We have wonderful facilities. Our meeting will be in the Cobo Center, and everything will be there: registration, vendors, banquets, breakfasts. You do not even have to go out of the building to go into the auditorium. I used to say, when I started out 18 years ago, save your pennies. It's no good anymore. And Fred will tell you, you had better save your dollars and come and join us.

Now I'm going to demonstrate with Yvonne the sixth sign of the Order, because every Most Worthy Grand Matron is supposed to give some sort of instruction, so this is my instruction. [applause] That's a very important sign, and I don't want you up on the risers to try it, though. When you come down on the floor, hug somebody. It's very healthy.

And now, Sisters and Brothers, it has been a delight to share this time with you. We will go home Saturday with wonderful memories of wonderful Sisters and Brothers. And so I share with you my special prayer: Dear Lord, please make me thin. And if You can't, make my friends also fat! [laughter and applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Isn't she a delight? I want to thank Sister Florence for allowing me to use her gavel during this session. It's very meaningful that she did so.

At this time I would like to fill vacancies. We had illness on the Registration Committee, and Brother Max Fairchild will fill that position. Of course, right now he's still wearing the By-Laws hat; I'm not going to let him out of that.

Sister Jean Nesbitt has accepted Telegram Committee. However, the last few years instead of telegrams, we have used letters. A letter will be drawn up and given to the Grand Secretary under Sister Jean's signature, and this will be mailed to those Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who are unable to attend our session. Thank you, Mama Jean.

[The letter mailed to the Past Grands is as follows:]

October 28, 1998

Dear Ones:

The book of memories of our 116th year has been closed. The "Friendship is Constant" Session was a pleasure to all who attended. Reports given reflected the love our membership has for the Beautiful Order of which all are proud to belong. By exercising the Patient Industry taught by Ruth's station, this year was brought to a beautiful and rewarding close.

Our circle was broken for many reasons; and your absence was one. We

sincerely hope that you will be in attendance in the future; because you are sorely missed when your smiling face is not with us.

That you may feel a part of this gathering, a copy of the Official Program, and the Advanced Report is enclosed.

A new year for our membership has commenced. May those serving have safe travels, and an abundance of happiness to each of you.

In Constant Friendship,

Mrs. Jean Nesbitt Past Grand Matron Telegram Committee

Enclosures

At this time I have a special recognition I would like to make. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I'm going to call some names. And I would like for you to present them in the West: Robert Brownfield, Bill Prague, Ann Kelly, Betty Carter and Jack Beall. If they're not in here, someone run find them. Tell them I don't have a job for them, I just need them.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my delight to present to you these members: Robert Brownfield, Ann Kelly, Bill Prague, Betty Carter and Jack Beall.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My Sisters and Brothers - and just because I'm doing this today does not mean you don't have a responsibility for the rest of Grand Chapter. Please know that. But I wanted to do this today so that you could participate in our Fraternal Correspondent's Drill and perhaps meet some counterparts that you'll be seeing down the road. Each of you is very important in my life and in the life of Grand Chapter. Now I'm not going to go into details. Most of the membership, unless they've been under a rock, knows what each one of you means to me. But you have never told me no when I've asked you to do anything. Robert has never told me no when I need a check. So to Robert Brownfield, I'm presenting him a Commission for the Grand - now remember, it's Representative, it's not Grand Rep - Grand Representative to Arizona. It expires September 1st of the year 2000. Bill Prague - honey, I'm sure glad you work for American Airlines. Bill Prague to Australia, and it expires June 1st of the year 2000. Ann Kelly - I think I surprised you. This is the sister I never had. She's not only a good member of the Order of the Eastern Star, she's a good Christian. And it has been said in this Grand Jurisdiction, if anybody is going to be a candidate for the Grand North, they've got to have either a Phyllis Macon or an Ann Kelly. I firmly believe that. Your commission is to Manitoba. It expires June 30th, year 2001. Sister Betty Carter, my secretary, I can't describe what she has done this year. She has been a good friend. She was also a Deputy for Sister Rennie Ofton. And how I love her. She's going to visit Nebraska until October 1st, year 2000. Jack Beall, God love you. You and Charlotte have been friends, and when I called and told you I needed somebody to take care of Sister Florence and Brother Bob, I knew that you both would do it and not look back, and that she would be taken care of in a magnificent manner. But, of course, you have been doing this for a number of years, this type of service to the Order of the Eastern Star. And I love and appreciate both of you more than you will ever know. And I'm going to send you to Tennessee, honey; and that's going to expire October 1st,

year 2000. Let's hook 'em up and bring them to the East. [applause as they come to the East to the tune of "Sentimental Journey"] Let's welcome these people and tell them how proud we are. [applause] I'm not going to ask them if they have anything to say like we do when you present them in the schools and elsewhere, because I'm sure they'll all have plenty to say after it soaks in. But they will be either seated in the East or in the Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they are going to let you know what they want to do. They are still in a state of shock.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I recognize Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron, for her report.

# REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S. 1997-1998 Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield

As I assumed the responsibilities of Worthy Grand Matron, on October 11, 1997 it was my wish for our Beloved Order to PRESERVE THE PAST WHILE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

Our lessons give us the opportunity to be in tune with the world, if we only allow ourselves to do so. When we practice principles rather than personalities, thinking of service rather than self we are following those lessons.

In traveling this beautiful jurisdiction I came face to face with our past; and experienced hope for our future. You, my Sisters and Brothers have exhibited your love for our Order within your Subordinate Chapters as well as Grand Chapter. You welcomed me into your Chapters, homes and hearts.

I know that many of you have prayed for my health... I fully believe that those prayers have sustained me both, mentally and physically... for you have truly been the WIND BENEATH MY WINGS!!

#### "IN MEMORIAM"

"The Clock of Life is wound but once, and no man has the power to say just when the hands shall stop, at late or early hour. And, this brief journey that we know as life, must really be the gateway to a finer world...the vast Eternity... Just why the all seeing power sees fit to still the clock for some at a certain hour, passing others by is a deeply shrouded mystery, a mystery which we can neither understand nor seek to fathom."

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It is with sorrow that we report the deaths of two Past Grand Patrons:

- E. F. Plumlee, Worthy Grand Patron 1963-1964, passed away November 22, 1997.
- J. T. Sanders, Worthy Grand Patron 1968-1969, passed away on March 1, 1998. At the time of his death, Brother J. T. was serving General Grand Chapter on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee.

I extend my sympathy to the families of those in the Subordinate Chapters who are no longer with us.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

One of the more satisfying privileges that a Worthy Grand Matron has is to appoint those from our membership to represent the Grand Chapter of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions.

Those appointed to serve as Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas are:

Mrs. Jane Minter	315
Mrs. Leonora Owre	222
Mr. Robert Brownfield	1070
Mr. William D. Prague	326
Mrs. Shirley Haygood	620
Mrs. Maurine "Tootsie" Creech	210
Mrs. Mary Wunsche	1141
Mrs. Ann Kelly	1070
Mrs. Una Faye Ballentine	687
Mrs. Elva Burlin	823
Mrs. Fleeta Fannett	222
Mrs. Betty Carter	222
Mrs. Arie Ann Tarras	228
Mr. Jack Warlick	597
Mrs. Juanita Gregory	315
Mrs. Dorothy Kinsinger	1070
Mrs. Doris Shelton	630
Mrs. Wanda Hachenberg	472
Mrs. Grace Stovall	1005
Mr. Jack C. Beall	508
Mrs. Betty Laird	309
Mrs. Jessie Manasco	20
Mrs. Millie Barbee	530
	Mrs. Leonora Owre Mr. Robert Brownfield Mr. William D. Prague Mrs. Shirley Haygood Mrs. Maurine "Tootsie" Creech Mrs. Mary Wunsche Mrs. Ann Kelly Mrs. Una Faye Ballentine Mrs. Elva Burlin Mrs. Fleeta Fannett Mrs. Betty Carter Mrs. Arie Ann Tarras Mr. Jack Warlick Mrs. Juanita Gregory Mrs. Dorothy Kinsinger Mrs. Doris Shelton Mrs. Wanda Hachenberg Mrs. Grace Stovall Mr. Jack C. Beall Mrs. Betty Laird Mrs. Jessie Manasco

I was privileged to appoint the following to serve in their Grand Jurisdictions:

# GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

ARIZONA	. Mrs. Susan Feldkamp
AUSTRALIA	Mr William Gennings

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON	Mr. George Kalmakoff
DELAWARE	Mrs. Isabel Turley
FLORIDA	Mrs. Mary Nan Ellis
INDIANA	Mrs. Goldie Snarely
KENTUCKY	Mrs. Vivian P. Collins
MANITOBA	Mrs. Frances Widdicombe
MASSACHUSETTS	Mrs. Donna L. Morawiec
MINNESOTA	Mrs. Pat Reiland
MISSOURI	
NORTH DAKOTA	Mrs. Marabelle Bobbe
NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD IS	
OHIO	Mrs. Arlene Kava
ONTARIO	Mrs. Norma Dunlop
PUERTO RICO	Mr. Antonio Matos Rivera
QUEBEC	Mr. Calvin Atkin
RHODE ISLAND	Mr. James E. Dale
SOUTH CAROLINA	Mrs. Ethel Whisenant
SOUTH DAKOTA	Mrs. Phyllis Noble
WEST VIRGINIA	Mrs. Elaine McCollam

# SCHOOLS AND FRATERNAL VISITS

I would like to express my thanks to the School Officers in each of the Districts and Sections. Also, a special thanks goes to the District Deputy Grand Matrons: Marvolyn Province, Bess Madison Caldwell, Joyce Nicklas, Vi Griffin and Jo Anne Conner and to the Grand Examiners: Marlene Dibrell, Kimi Kidd, Sharon Fentress, Karen Morgenthaler, Doris Hester and Nancy Brown.

Bess Madison Caldwell, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2

Section	Place	Date	Deputy Grand Matron
1	Pampa	11-13-97	Linda Palmer
2	Amarillo	11-15-97	Sandra Fitch
3	Hereford	11-18-97	Jayne Euler
4	Wellington	11-20-97	Marcia Henard
5	Lubbock	11-22-97	Susan Bigham
6	Wichita Falls	12-01-97	Jane Hill
7	Abilene	12-03-97	Sue Barnes
10	El Paso	12-09-97	Michele "Mike" Romaine
9	Monahans	12-11-97	Jane Crawford
8	Midland	12-13-97	Wanda Duncan

Marvolyn Province, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1

Section	Place	Date	Deputy Grand Matron
9	Texarkana	01-03-98	Maureece K. Hall
10	Gilmer	01-06-98	Pam Dean
8	Longview	01-08-98	Bonita McElroy
7	Jacksonville	01-13-98	Cynthia Moss

3	Greenville	01-15-98	Mary Horan
2	Sherman	01-17-98	Sandra Armstrong
1	Gainesville	01-20-98	Gayle Doyle
5	Richardson	01-22-98	Barbara Hines
4	Dallas	01-24-98	Pat Archer
6	Palestine	01-26-98	Carolyn Martin

Vi Griffin, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4

Section	Place	Date	<b>Deputy Grand Matron</b>
1	Nacogdoches	01-28-98	Eileen Torrence
3	Shepherd	01-29-98	Audrey Gardner
6	Normangee	01-31-98	Doris Wyont
8	Brenham	02-03-98	Barbara Thomas
7	Conroe	02-05-98	Mary Brown
5	Houston	02-07-98	Margaret Faircloth
9	Bay City	02-10-98	Shirley Arnold
10	Texas City	02-12-98	Vicki Hertenberger
4	Pasadena	02-14-98	Connie Barron
2	Port Neches	04-18-98	Robbie Abshere

Jo Anne Conner, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5

Section	Place	Date	<b>Deputy Grand Matron</b>
8	Gonzales	02-17-98	Peggy McNabb
9	Corpus Christi	02-19-98	Myra Eads
10	Weslaco	02-21-98	Lois Ihrke
4	Del Rio	02-24-98	Rusty Stark
5	Devine	02-26-98	Cathy Davila
7	Floresville	02-28-98	Gail Fuller
1	San Angelo	03-12-98	Jan Walmer
6	Austin	03-14-98	Vickie Hardee
3	Boerne	03-17-98	Fran Morris
2			VACANT

Joyce Nicklas, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3

Place	Date	Deputy Grand Matron
Graham	03-19-98	Dorris Fisher
Granbury	03-21-98	Edna Jeffries
Hillsboro	03-26-98	Joy Pat Miller
Ft. Worth	03-28-98	Debra Parker
Desdemona	03-31-98	LeVona Owen
Brownwood	04-01-98	Bettie M. Scott
San Saba	04-04-98	Debbie Williams
Killeen	04-07-98	Laura Johnson
Waco	04-11-98	Pat Turner
Gatesville	04-25-98	Cheryl Walker
	Graham Granbury Hillsboro Ft. Worth Desdemona Brownwood San Saba Killeen Waco	Graham       03-19-98         Granbury       03-21-98         Hillsboro       03-26-98         Ft. Worth       03-28-98         Desdemona       03-31-98         Brownwood       04-01-98         San Saba       04-04-98         Killeen       04-07-98         Waco       04-11-98

# OTHER FRATERNAL VISITS

Copperas Cove #1070 to my Chapter on October 18, 1997. Spurger #315 and

Wisteria #832 Chapters of Worthy Grand Patron in Beaumont on October 25, 1997.

Hurst #1099
Oak Forest #1080\*
Rosewyn #927\*
Archives #1095\*
Galena Park #884\*
Pasadena #711
East Houston #955
Andral Vann #741\*
Corrigan #631

Dist. 1, Sec. 4 Chapters

Hamilton #215

White Settlement #1053 Friendswood #1131 Gatesville #1005 Odessa #447 \*

Floyd W. Easterling #1074\*

Fairfield #331 Navasota #309

Houston Heights #258\* Garden Oaks #987\* Channelview #954\* LaPorte #683\*
Northside #651\*
North Shore #1058\*
District 5, Sec. 7 Chapters
Tomball #838
Kilgore #630
Queen Esther #833
Pearland #1065\*
Bethlehem #728
Dist. 1, Sec. 5 Chapters

South Ft. Worth #835 Quinlan #170 Canton #667 Aurora #779\* Atlanta #151 Killeen #490

Friendship #1008\*

Dist. 4, Sec. 2 Chapters

\* = Combined

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Graham #668 - 75th New Boston #700 - 75th Lewisville #935 - 50th Bethlehem #728 - 90th Troup #421 - 90th Pasadena #711 - 75th DeLeon #693 - 75th Floydada #31 - 100th Fairfield #331 - 92nd

#### OTHER FUNCTIONS ATTENDED

Banquet for Harry Cunningham

Grand Lodge

Christmas Party at OES Home

Easter Party at OES Home

Mother's Day Party at OES Home

Honor night Bluebonnet Buckner Texas/Oklahoma Worthy Grand Matron's MAY FEST

Associate Grand Patron's Banquet

Associate Grand Matron's Banquet

Associate Grand Conductress Banquet

Grand Conductress Banquet (Mr. X)

Honor night District 3, Section 2 Past Matron & Past Patron Association

Honor night District 3, Section 1 Past Matron & Past Patron Association

Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls

Founder's Day District 3 Arlington

Founder's Day District 2 Lubbock

Founder's Day District 4 Pasadena

Founder's Day District 1 Tyler

Founder's Day District 5 San Antonio

Round-Up District 1, Section 4 Dallas Worthy Grand Patron's Banquet Worthy Grand Matron's Banquet

# SPECIAL HONORS MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS

#### YVONNE BROWNFIELD DAY AND/OR KENNETH R. GREGORY DAY

Amarillo Pasadena Floresville
Gatesville LaPorte Port Neches
Houston Palestine Richardson
Longview Shepherd Gonzales
Sherman Somerville

#### ADMIRAL IN THE EL PASO NAVY

El Paso

#### HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF

Harris County Galveston Dallas

Gainesville

# KEY TO CITY/HONORARY CITIZEN

BrownwoodMidlandPasadenaAustinWacoNormangeeKilleenPort NechesGreenvilleSan SabaJacksonvilleGalvestonTexas CityBoerneOdessa

## EASTERN STAR DAY

Waco Gonzales Somerville

#### EASTERN STAR WEEK

New Boston

#### LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

Richardson

#### TEXAS FLAGS FLOWN OVER CAPITOL 10-11-97

Austin

Bay City, with Senate Resolution

#### SENATE PROCLAMATION No. 552

#### Gatesville

I received many beautiful gavels and other gifts. Many were handmade or purchased with love. Also, many of you purchased a 'Sheaf" club membership in my name. I sincerely appreciate each of these, you are truly Fairest Among Thousands, Altogether Lovely.

#### **BY-LAWS**

#### CHAPTERS WITH BY-LAWS CHANGES

I had the privilege of approving By-Law amendments for the following:

Chapters:

Paris Chapter No. 5 Texas Chapter No. 35 Alice Chapter No. 61 Bastrop Chapter No. 64 Beaumont Chapter No. 71 Gate City Chapter No. 77 Mart Chapter No. 109 Tyler Chapter No. 112 Alpine Chapter No. 132 Wimodausis Chapter No. 141 Brady Chapter No. 167 Garrison Chapter No. 192 Grand Prairie Chapter No. 219 Dayton Chapter No. 233 Dayton Chapter No. 233 Beckville Chapter No. 273 Eastland Chapter No. 280 Oak Cliff Chapter No. 303 Navasota Chapter No. 309 Marshall Chapter No. 356 Coleman Chapter No. 360 Johnson City Chapter No. 376 Lufkin Chapter No. 382 Hondo Chapter No. 404

Humble Chapter No. 415

Beeville Chapter No. 422

Cleveland Chapter No. 465

Junction Chapter No. 497

Decatur Chapter No. 543

Dal-Cliff Chapter No. 574

Seadrift Chapter No. 602 Longview Chapter No. 610

Jourdanton Chapter No. 581

Kilgore Chapter No. 630 Rothwell Chapter No. 669 Port Neches Chapter No. 677 Edna Chapter No. 692 Conroe Chapter No. 710 San Juan Chapter No. 726 LaFeria Chapter No. 732 Andral Vann Chapter No. 741 Carthage Chapter No. 747 Ft. McKavett Chapter No. 783 Cockrell Hill Flora Chapter No. 794 Aurora Chapter No. 799 Stephenville Chapter No. 801 Waskom Chapter No. 812 Lometa Chapter No. 871 Abernathy Chapter No. 877 Galena Park Chapter No. 884 Mesquite Chapter No. 887 Crosbyton Chapter No. 891 Poteet Chapter No. 913 Rosewyn Chapter No. 927 Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 929 Blanco Chapter No. 934 Lancaster Chapter No. 943 Carlton Chapter No. 949 Channelview Chapter No. 954 East Houston Chapter No. 955 Bellmead Chapter No. 980 James Ladd Burgess Chapter No. 983 James Ladd Burgess Chapter No. 983

Friendship Chapter No. 1008

Bellaire Chapter No. 1021

Sanger Chapter No. 1027

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Richland Hills Chapter No. 1040 Norma D. Allen Chapter No. 1050 New Caney Chapter No. 1092 Archives Chapter No. 1095 Burke Chapter No. 1098 Evadale Chapter No. 1111 Amistad Chapter No. 1115 Lonnie L. Blake Chapter No. 1116

# SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

The following Dispensations were granted, with fees:

#### LATE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### ASSOCIATE MATRON

Ransford #135 Pittsburg #381

#### ASSOCIATE MATRON AND ASSOCIATE PATRON

Love Field #875

#### ASSOCIATE MATRON AND SECRETARY

Willis #1017

#### ASSOCIATE PATRON

Dallas #1 San Angelo #10 Beaumont #71 Hadassah #188 Ballinger #266 Beeville #422 El Campo #535

Dal Cliff #574 Highland Hills #1075 Leah Elliott #1119

#### ASSOCIATE PATRON AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

The Colony #1136

#### SECRETARY

Aransas Pass #162

#### TREASURER AND CONDUCTRESS

Seagoville #697

#### CONDUCTRESS

Tarrant - Keystone #8

Cushing #368

Harlingen #641

#### CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Mart #109

Duncanville #1014

#### ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Dallas #1 San Antonio-Radiant #3

San Saba #191 Garrison #192

Anahuac #649 Farmers Branch #687 Park Place #731 Grand Falls #744 Amarillo #787

Walter Baldwin #929 James Ladd Burgess #983 River Oaks #1013 Emory #1120 Bellaire #1021

Lake Worth #1109

White Settlement #1053 Nederland #1079

#### ALL OFFICERS

Vashti #32 Mexia #57 Mt. Pleasant #305 Hedley #413 Levelland #797 Abernathy #877

#### LATE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Tarrant - Keystone #8 Leakey #18 Wimodausis #141

Lockhart #210 Santo #270 Yoakum #282 Lorena #1124 Teague #408 Ferris #508 San Juan #726 Freer #848

Freedom #898

Covington #1007 Lake Jackson #1009 Clute City #1011 Lorena #1124

TO ELECT A WORTHY MATRON AND WORTHY PATRON

Marlin #286

TO ELECT A WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON
AND ASSOCIATE MATRON

Yoakum #282

TO ELECT A WORTHY MATRON AND ASSOCIATE MATRON

Center #348

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE MATRON

Pittsburg #381

Haskell #892

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE MATRON AND ASSOCIATE PATRON

Bellville #611

TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE PATRON

Beaumont #71 Wortham #96 Floresville #271 Kilgore #630

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

Robstown #540

#### TO ELECT A SECRETARY

Ranger #275

Wisteria #823

Hurst #1095

Marble Falls #435

Norma D. Allen #1050

# TO ELECT A SECRETARY, CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

LaMarque #979

#### TO ELECT A SECRETARY AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Vernon #424

#### TO ELECT A TREASURER

Bonita #184 Lockhart #210 Pleiades #620 Grandfalls #744 Richland Hills #1090

## TO ELECT A CONDUCTRESS

Burke #382 Seguin #555 Mt. Sylvan #595 Dawson #1046

#### TO ELECT A CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Rockport #479

#### TO WAIVE PHYSICAL DISABILITY

Alice #61 Garrison #192 Fort Stockton #230 Yoakum #282 Hereford #312 Robstown #540 Handley #617 Groesbeck #810 Seminole #855 Graford #905

Graford #905 Ridglea #999 Archives #1095 Klein #1141

#### TO MOVE PLACE FOR MEETING

Dallas #1 Mizpah #2 Plainview #37 Athens #177 Dayton #233 Dayton #233 Dayton #233 Hemphill #375 Rockport #479 Rockport #479 Haltom City #982 Copperas Cove #1070

## TO PARTICIPATE IN FRATERNAL VISIT

San Antonio - Radiant #3 Texas #35 Adah #49 Wimodausis #141 Grand Prairie #219 Floresville #271 Ferris #508 Waxahachie #599 Bexar #616 Northside #651 Farmers Branch #687 Seagoville #697 Somerset #730 Alamo Heights #734 Andral Vann #741 Alamo Logos Star #782 Prospect Hill #817 Schertz #911 Richardson #921 Rosewyn #927 Lancaster #943 Groves #953 East Houston #955 Garden Oaks #987 Northshore #1058 Highland Hills #1075 Oak Forrest #1080 Valley Hi #1104 Balch Springs #1132

#### TO WAIVE VISITATION FOR AFFILIATION

Perryton #161

Arlington #249

Zavalla #952

South Ft. Worth #835

Dripping Springs #860

#### TO REPLACE LOST AND/OR WORN SECRET WORK

Mizpah #2 Tarrant-Keystone #8 Cedar Bayou #11 Lubbock #76 Normangee #87 San Marcos #276 Nash #320 Port Lavaca #373 Houston #385 Beeville #422

Nacogdoches #428 Chico #433 Odessa #447 Edinburg #473 Mission #527

Ganado #957 James Ladd Burgess #983 Copperas Cove #1070 Quitman #695 Canyon Lake #1103 Kountze #724 Del Mar #1127 Woodbine #738 Justin #1128 Mahank #821

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS REFUSED OR NOT NECESSARY

Big Spring #67 Dawson #349 Paducah #506

Goldthwaite #909 Godlev #922

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

Teague Chapter No. 408 requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Marvel M. Cook. The request was sent to the Grand Chapter of Iowa. Three members of Des Moines Chapter No. 89 complied with the request and returned the results under Seal of the Chapter.

Wallace Hughston Chapter No. 1100 requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Carolyn J. Benton. The request was sent to the Grand Chapter of Missouri. Three members of Herculaneum Chapter No. 325 complied with the request and returned the results under Seal of the Chapter.

Irving Chapter No. 777 requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Margie A. Garcia. The request was sent to the Grand Chapter of New Mexico. Three members of Turquoise Chapter No. 71 complied with the request and returned the results under Seal of the Chapter.

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

The Grand Chapter of Arkansas requested a Waiver of Grand Territorial Jurisdiction in the case of Elizabeth Ann (Libby) Hogue. This was referred to Kilgore Chapter No. 630. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of the Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia requested a Waiver of Grand Territorial Jurisdiction in the case of Connie K Bays. This was referred Azle Chapter No. 899. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of the Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of New Mexico requested a Waiver of Grand Territorial Jurisdiction in the case of Miss Deborah Stewart. This was referred to Austin Chapter No. 304.. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of the Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of New Mexico requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Billie L. Hutcheson. This was referred to Kerrville Chapter No. 24. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of the Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Mrs. Mabel Jett. This was referred to Gladewater Chapter No. 831. Three members of this Chapter complied with the request and mailed the results under Seal of the Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of California requested a Courtesy Investigation for Reinstatement in the case of Jeffie A. Reeves. This request was referred to Hurst Chapter No. 1099. Upon making inquiries, the Chapter was informed that the petitioner had been deceased prior to receiving the request; the forms were returned to California incomplete, with the explanation and date of death noted.

#### OUT OF STATE

I had the privilege of representing Texas during the following functions:

 $Oklahoma\ Grand\ Chapter,\ Guthrie,\ Oklahoma.$ 

General Grand Chapter, Orlando, Florida Louisiana Exchange Visit, Shreveport/Marshall

Louisiana Grand Chapter, Alexandria where I was privileged to bring greetings.

 $New\ Mexico\ Exchange\ Visit,\ Hobbs/Odessa.$ 

Eight State Exchange Visit, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

During the times our Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane did not attend or I was on a personal trip, I left the affairs of Grand Chapter in her hands. Those times when she was also out of the State I confidently left the affairs in the hands of our Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Elise Hammack.

I was also, out of the State during the Alaskan Tour/Cruise. Robert and I were accompanied by twenty-nine others. Some for the pre-cruise tour; but all thirty-one of us had a great time aboard the Sky Princess. We had the pleasant experience of traveling with an Eastern Star group from New York which included their Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Secretary.

One of the highlights of the cruise was on the last evening when a reception was given for our Texas group, and I had the privilege of presenting Mrs. Fleeta Fannett of Bryan Chapter No. 222 with her Grand Representative Commission to Montana!

# DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES

Prior to being installed as Worthy Grand Matron, I had been informed that charges had been filed in a Chapter. This event was so near to my being installed that the trial was delayed until October 20, 1997. Brother Harold Todd, Past Grand Patron agreed to serve as trial judge. The accused was found not guilty. I have had no further correspondence with this Chapter. Hopefully, their problems have been settled.

There was a great deal of unrest within a Chapter over the black cube and it's use thereof. There were many letters from the Worthy Patron (who was also Master of the Lodge) to myself and Brother Harry Cunningham. His letters stated his displeasure over the refused admittance to the Chapter of a Brother for dual membership. He eventually ordered the Chapter to admit to membership this man within a given period of time or the Chapter would have to move to another location on a certain date. I presided over a convened meeting of this Chapter, on December 17, 1997, and removed the Worthy Patron for:

Violation of Landmarks #7 and #11

Violation of Obligation, Part 2, paragraph #5

Failure to adhere to the duties of Worthy Patron as covered on pages 101, 104, 105 and 107 of the Ritual.

The Chapter was directed to repeat the Obligation at the close of each meeting and to forward copies of the minutes until further notice. On June 21, 1998 I informed the Chapter that the minutes would not be necessary any longer as it was evident they were working in peace and harmony.

A Chapter was having integral problems and had been for a number of years. After receiving many letters I instructed my District Deputy Grand Matron to make an appointment to get their books current (they had been without a Secretary a year) and to attend their next meeting covering some of the errors in methods she had found. This did not stop the letters, so I attended their next meeting on June 8, 1998, again explaining this was integral problems but suggested ways for them to co-exist. At this writing all seems quiet.

At the election of officers of a Chapter the Worthy Matron elect was quite upset about the results of the election. She was very vocal and it was reported to me that she violated the Obligation. After researching the event and speaking with my Deputy Grand Matron I issued a written reprimand. I feel that this matter has subsided, as I have had no further correspondence from the Chapter or it's members.

A Chapter's Secretary had been quite ill. This was during the time dues were coming in and the books were somewhat behind. I asked my Deputy Grand Matron to pick up the books from the Secretary's husband, and get them current, issue dues cards, etc. She did, but before she could complete the task the Secretary succumbed to her illness. The Chapter has elected and installed a new Secretary.

I received a letter from a Chapter stating that during balloting for the degrees members left the Chapter room. I declared the ballot void and the Chapter must ballot again at the next meeting.

I refused a request to reinstate a deceased member.

It was determined a petitioner who was divorced from a Master Mason did not have the correct eligibility.

I determined that great, great granddaughters are not eligible to petition.

There were several small problems that I had inquiries on; but what may seem small to me were not small to the person involved. Most of the answers are in our Laws. Most of the problems stem from personalities. We can't all be right all the time; we must learn to live and let live by practicing the principles of our Order.

#### LEGAL ACTS

In compliance with Article 35 of the Code of Laws, as Worthy Grand Matron, I signed the following legal instruments:

On January 23, 1998 - Signed Division Order No. 02797400-00002, Division Order Name of M. L. McClurg Property of Young County, Texas, with Amoco Production Company, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On March 25, 1998 - Signed Contract to Lease 20% of One-Half Fee Mineral Interest of WT 1 & 2 of Section 46, Block 33, HSTC Ry. Co. Svy., Ward County, Texas containing 80 acres, more or less of the Byron L. Price Estate by Platinum Exploration, Inc., Midland, Texas.

#### MUSIC AND TAPES

Mrs. Mary Ferguson, Grand Organist composed "The Brownfield March"

Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland, Past Grand Matron, produced the tape of Christmas songs and the Worthy Grand Matron's March.

#### GRAND CHAPTER VAN

I took possession of the new 1997 Dodge Van on October 11, 1997 after the installation. There were four hundred miles on the speedometer.

This vehicle has been excellent transportation. However, I feel that we need to seriously look at the potential problems we will be facing if we drive this vehicle for three years. The two year use has been positive; but to stretch it to three years would be just that...a STRETCH.

As our Worthy Grand Matron and School Officers travel our State, do we, the membership want them to possibly be placed in "Harm's Way"? The membership elects a Worthy Grand Matron to be among them, not to sit at home.

Also, we must look to economics as well. How much will it cost the Grand Chapter on the trade-in if we go that extra year?

Please, my Sisters and Brothers look at the big picture; not just the bottom line.

#### EASTERN STAR HOME ACTIVITIES

My husband, Robert and I enjoyed Thanksgiving with our Sisters on November 27, 1997. I was in attendance for the Christmas Party, December 14th, Easter on April 5th and Mother's Day on May 3rd. Each of these parties were well planned and executed by the Time and Talent Committee.

Also, during Mayfest and District III Founders Day celebrations, we were with our Sisters.

It has been our pleasure to spend many days and nights in the beautiful suite provided for the Worthy Grand Matron. Robert and I, always, look forward to being with the "Sunflowers".

#### GRAND LODGE

It was my pleasure to attend Grand Lodge. I attended the Ladies Luncheon and Reception. Also, Brother Harry Cunningham afforded me the honor of bringing greetings from you, our Sisters and Brothers prior to his installation as the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

#### ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

At my installation, in Dallas on October 11, 1997 after the beautiful drill I was presented my own Rainbow Bible.

I attended Grand Assembly in Lubbock and presented a check for \$750.00 from our Order in honor of the 75th anniversary of Rainbow. Also, In attendance were other Grand Line and Installed Officers.

My husband, Robert and I were humbled by being presented the Grand Cross of Colors.

#### GLEANERS AND REAPERS

My what a joy you have been to me. In San Antonio in 1994, I was given the honor of being elected Associate Grand Conductress. Many of you were in office in your Subordinate Chapters at that time. Some came into our "fold" later, just as the Reapers did in June of 1996. There has been a bonding that is indescribable. When I stumbled over a bump in the road, you were there to pick me up, encourage me and share your strength.

Your time in your Subordinate Chapters as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron has drawn to a close, and my time is nearing; but my dears, you will always be Gleaners and Reapers and Constant to my Heart.

#### WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Kenneth, you and Juanita have been friends of Robert and me for a number of

years. We knew in our hearts when I called you on January 19, 1997 that if you said yes; this year in the Grand East would be complete. God works in mysterious ways, and He knew what He was doing. You have never faltered in your desire to serve by my side, serve the membership and serve your God. Thank you both for being you.

#### CORPORATE BOARD MEETING

#### October 18, 1997

The Corporate Board met Saturday, October 18, 1997 in Copperas Cove with the following present:

Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron Alma Bane, Associate Grand Matron Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary Patsy Wilson, Grand Treasurer Betty Friend, Grand Conductress Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Conductress Board of Grand Trustees: Patsy Neeper, Chairman Shirley Jones, Vice-Chairman James Rippey, Secretary Patsy Washington, Member Board of Directors Grand Chapter Benevolences: Delbert Shoemaker, Chairman Betty Capps, Secretary Maxine Nance, Treasurer Norma Graham, Member Board of Grand Examiners: Marlene Dibrell, District I Sharon Fentress, District 3 Karen Morganthaler, District 4 Doris Hester, District 5 Nancy Brown, Grand Examiner at Large

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron. She thanked everyone for coming and welcomed all present. The Worthy Grand Patron led the group in prayer.

A letter was read from the Board of Trustees concerning typewriters in the Grand Secretary's office and for use by the Grand Treasurer. Yvonne reported that she and Robert had brought a typewriter to be donated for the use of these offices. The Grand Treasurer reported that she had purchased a typewriter and that she would be reimbursed at the end of the fiscal year.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported that the Direct Mail Out that was approved at Grand Chapter would be out within 10 days, and that the monies received would be earmarked for Home Endowment Fund.

She encouraged everyone to put all things in writing, keep records, and when

involving OES, have a paper trail. She stated that each person was elected to their office and would make their own decisions. She will not "muddy" the waters - - she was not elected to serve on a Board, however, she does not like surprises, and encouraged to have open communication. She reported that a pending trial in District V, and that Past Grand Patron Harold Todd would be the presiding judge; also, a problem in another District, but hoped it would be resolved.

Patsy Neeper, Chairman, invited everyone to visit the Board meetings and that the schedule would be published in the Bulletin. She reported that the Board was asking for bids for the renovation of the Grand Secretary's apartment, including new carpet and painting of the walls.

Delbert Shoemaker, Chairman of the Benevolent Board invited everyone to attend the Board meetings, and the schedule would be in the Bulletin. He reported that the fencing and gates surrounding the Home was being installed by volunteers and was not costing Grand Chapter, and would be completed soon. He also reported that Lillian Martin, a resident of the Home needed a special pair of glasses costing \$600; that Betty Moake was in the hospital terminally ill. He stated that their meetings begin on Friday mornings.

The Grand Examiners had no comments or concerns, but appreciated being included in the Corporate Board meetings. Doris Hester expressed her concerns about issuing proficiency certificates in the Section that was not scheduled for a School for Instruction. The question was asked, directed to the Worthy Grand Matron, concerning the proposed changes in the Secret Work, and would appreciate receiving the changes approved by General Grand Chapter as soon as feasible.

Betty Capps of the Benevolent Board was appreciative that all Boards had been invited and were present.

Naomi Wolf thanked the Worthy Grand Matron for the invitation, and was looking forward in being a part of the Line.

Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron, commented that he was looking forward in working with all.

Alma Lynn Bane, Associate Grand Matron, is anxious to work with all.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported that she was reviewing the duties of the HOPE and Purposes and Policy committees.

The Worthy Grand Patron stated that open communications within the membership was the key to understanding; he welcomed Henry Martin to his place of service.

Norma Graham, member of the Board of Benevolence, is very humble about serving on the Board, and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported that she was appreciative of the van, and the use of the vehicle.

Corporate Board meetings will be held April 24 in Gatesville, July 31 in Arlington, and October 3 in Copperas Cove.

The Benediction was given by Brother Henry Martin. Meeting adjourned.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

#### CORPORATE BOARD MEETING

December 14, 1997

An emergency meeting of the Corporate Board was held Sunday, December 14, 1996 in the suite of the Worthy Grand Matron at the Eastern Star Home with the following members present:

Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Conductress

and two members of the Benevolent Board who were present upon invitation of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Delbert Shoemaker, Chairman Norma Graham, Member.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron and was opened in prayer led by the Worthy Grand Patron.

The Worthy Grand Matron explained that she had just received a copy of the suit that has been filed against the Grand Chapter of Texas and that she felt that the Corporate Board should be apprised of suit. She called the emergency meeting of those that were present at the Christmas Party being held at the Home on this date.

Copies of the suit were given to each member present, and the Grand Secretary reported on the actions that had been taken by the attorney and the insurance agent. The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Secretary to mail out copies of the suit to the Corporate Board members who were not present and to the Board of Trustees Chairman and members.

The next meeting will be held January 2nd or 10th. Notices will be mailed.

The Worthy Grand Matron gave a brief report on the Purposes and Policies Committee meeting that is upcoming for the discussion of some property. Also, that she would be visiting a Chapter in District 4 for disciplinary action.

The meeting adjourned by prayer led by the Associate Grand Patron.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

#### CORPORATE BOARD MEETING

#### January 10, 1998

The Corporate Board met Saturday, January 10, 1998 in San Antonio with the following present:

Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron Alma Bane, Associate Grand Matron Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary Patsy Wilson, Grand Treasurer Betty Friend, Grand Conductress Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Conductress

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron. She thanked the group for attending. The Worthy Grand Patron led the group in prayer.

The information that had been received was reviewed by the Board members concerning the Mize suit filed against Grand Chapter. It was moved by Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron, that the Grand Secretary would have the authority to contact the attorney on all issues of the suit and trial. The motion was seconded, voted and carried.

Each one present was asked to express their viewpoint and all agreed that the attorney would advise on all issues.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported that the trial in District 5 and the disciplinary action in District 4 had been resolved.

The next meeting will be held January 31 or February 7. The Purposes and Policies Committee will meet January 23 in Dallas.

The meeting adjourned with prayer from Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

#### CORPORATE BOARD MINUTES

The Corporate Board met Saturday, April 25, 1998 in Gatesville, Texas. Those present were:

Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron Alma Lynn Bane, Associate Grand Matron Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary Patsy Wilson, Grand Treasurer Betty Friend, Grand Conductress Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Conductress

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron. The Worthy Grand Patron led in prayer.

The Interrogatories concerning the pending lawsuit from Peggy and L.D. Mize were discussed.

Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron, discussed the fees levied by the bank of the Mary C. Kennington Trust Agreement.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Associate Grand Patron.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

#### CORPORATE BOARD MINUTES

The Corporate Board met Saturday, August 1, 1998, in Arlington, Texas in the Administration Building.

Those present were:

Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron
Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron
Alma Lynn Bane, Associate Grand Matron
Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron
Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary
Patsy Wilson, Grand Treasurer
Betty Friend, Grand Conductress
Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Conductress
and Mr. Lee Stallings, by invitation of the Worthy Grand Matron.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron. The Worthy Grand Patron led in prayer.

The agenda items discussed were: (1) The Mize pending lawsuit; (2) Vantage Program Agreement termination; (3) Charges of Discrimination from Ft. Worth Human Relations Board; (4) Amendments and Budget that will be presented at Grand Chapter; and (5) an anonymous letter to the Worthy Grand Matron concerning the Home.

The next meeting will be October 3, 1998 at Gatesville, Texas.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

As most of you are aware, our membership is getting older. Chapters are consolidating causing our Chapters to be more scattered within our Sections. This has caused difficulty as the Associate Grand Matron begins selecting the Deputy Grand Matrons. In fact, we only had forty-nine schools this year instead of fifty because one section did not have anyone who would accept the responsibility of Deputy Grand Matron. To survive I feel we must give our Districts and Sections a long hard look. What is the answer? I do not know, Sisters and Brothers, perhaps some of you do.

Another area needing our consideration is storage facilities in Arlington. For several years we have had a large celebration in the Spring. The committee has to begin a round of borrowing from Chapters and other Organizations for tables, chairs and cooking equipment. The Home assists in these functions by cooking, food storage, ice and etc. The 1998 Mayfest Committee made and donated twenty-two booths, plus one hundred and fifty chairs and ten tables. We have had items donated in the past, but we have no central, safe, out of the weather storage area. If a committee could be established to raise money for and have erected a central storage area in back of our pavilion this would be outstanding. This could be complete with a ceiling and locked door with our Grand Secretary having the key to it. Additional equipment for functions could be donated, perhaps a stove/griddle/chest freezer/upright freezer and refrigerator as well as additional chairs and tables. Also, Grand Chapter paraphernalia could be stored in one place, freeing space our Grand Secretary could use for business needs.

Some upgrading has been done on our pavilion this year, and I feel this will continue. Let's continue working in that area so that it may once again be the center of our outdoor activities at the Home.

#### CLOSING REMARKS

I have opened my "Book of Memories" as this report has been compiled. You have afforded me the biggest challenge of my life; but also one of the most humbling and rewarding experiences. I thank you for this; and I thank my husband, Robert, for making me eligible to be a member; and most definitely for his faith in me.

In Constant Friendship and Love,

Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield Worthy Grand Matron

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

#### IN MEMORIAM

Sherrill R. Cain, Worthy Grand Matron 1987-1988 passed away September 20, 1998.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	Jane I	Minter
Vermont	. Betty	Laird

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO ELECT ASSOCIATE MATRON

Newbern #1135

## TO ELECT ASSOCIATE MATRON-ASSOCIATE PATRON CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Robstown #540

#### TO ELECT SECRETARY

McKinney #518

Everman #624

#### TO ELECT TREASURER

Houston #385

Collinsville #674 Winnsboro #967 Borger #811

#### TO ELECT CONDUCTRESS

Houston #385 Waxahachie #599 Bluebonnet Buckner #888 Stephenville #801

#### TO ELECT ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Tarrant-Keystone #8

River Oaks #1013

Richland Hills #1040

#### TO PARTICIPATE IN FRATERNAL VISIT

Orange #214 Edwin J. Kiest #959 Port Arthur #262 Nederland #1079

#### TO WAIVE PHYSICAL DISABILITY

Travis #472

Vidor #914

#### TO MOVE MEETING PLACE

Houston #385

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#### TO CHANGE MEETING NIGHT

Plainview #37

#### TO REPLACE LOST AND/OR WORN SECRET WORK

Brownwood #116 Cuero #618 Canton #667 Wedgewood #756 Goosecreek #798 Mathis #874 Ashland #961 Seabrook #1096

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS REFUSED OR NOT NECESSARY

Hughes Springs #349

#### **OUT OF STATE**

I represented Texas during the Grand Chapter of Colorado, held in Denver. During this time the affairs of our Grand Chapter was left in the hands of our Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane. I also attended Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, held in Guthrie, leaving the affairs of our jurisdiction in the hands of Mrs. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron.

#### **MEMORIAL**

Our entire jurisdiction was saddened by the untimely deaths of our Past Grand Matron, Sherrill R. Cain, and her husband Bicker, September 20th. The Grand Officers performed the Eastern Star service, as requested by the family. We shall always remember Sister Sherrill's beautiful smile, and Doc's ready wit.

#### DECISIONS, RULINGS, AND IRREGULARITIES

Unrest within some Chapters have continued. Some of these problems stemmed from consolidations being done incorrectly which has resulted in animosity between members. Through correspondence, hopefully, these situations have been cleared up.

It was reported that one Chapter dispensed with business at a "called" meeting without a ritualistic opening. I instructed them to re-vote, at a properly opened meeting.

There have been ongoing problems within another Chapter. I convened a meeting, July 27th in hopes that these problems could be reconciled. I regret to report that charges were filed and a trial was held, August 29th. Sister Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron presided as trial judge, at my request. The accused was found not guilty. I fervently pray that fences might be mended within this Chapter, and that they attempt to work in peace and harmony.

There has been unrest in our Home regarding a resident for several months. The Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolence has placed her on probation resulting from her actions. On September 11th the Board voted to have her Chapter remove her from the Home within 30 days. This decision had not been discussed with our Attorney. After careful thought, and conversation with our Grand Secretary, I decided this decision should be rescinded until such time we received written advise and recommendation from our Attorney. I notified the Chairman, Brother Delbert Shoemaker, and Vice Chairman, Tom Warner of my decision. (Copies of my telephone notes are attached to the Grand Secretary's copy of this report). I received a copy of a letter from Board Chairman dated September 20th to other members explaining my action of September 14th, which said action would stand until further notice.

I further received from Mrs. Errington on September 22nd a copy of a FAX from Attorney Donald Ferrill in answer to our inquiry. I requested she contact the Chairman, and tell him that was the information I felt necessary, and that I had no problem with the Board proceeding as before. The Chairman called and gave my husband a message that the Board would meet September 26th with the Attorney present. I have received a copy of the minutes of this meeting stating that the resident was in the hospital (she has since been released) and that statements from Doctors be requested. I understand from these minutes the Board is looking into a solution to the problem. Again, my Sisters and Brothers, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard a motion and a second to refer this report to the proper Committee. All those in favor, signify by raising your green card — Oh, you don't have them. By saying "aye." All opposed "no." Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to preside.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. I now recognize Brother Kenneth Gregory for the Worthy Grand Patron's report. Brother Kenneth.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

#### REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

How swiftly this past year has flown. I am a firm believer that God works in our lives in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. I thank Him for opening this door of service and for giving me health and strength to serve our beautiful Order this past year.

Thank you, Sister Yvonne, for asking me to walk by your side as you have served the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. as Worthy Grand Matron.

Thank you, the membership, for electing me to the office of Worthy Grand Patron at the Grand Chapter Session in Dallas, Texas on October 11th, 1997. This

truly is the highest honor that can be conferred upon a brother by our Order. Thank you also for the many acts of kindness and courtesies extended to the office of Worthy Grand Patron as I have traveled this great state. You, the membership, truly are "Fairest Among Thousands, Altogether Lovely."

#### INSTALLATION

The installation of the 1997-98 Grand Officers on October 11th, 1997 was an evening that we will cherish the rest of our lives. Thank you, Sister Elsie Paladino, for serving as Installing Grand Officer and Sister Elise Hammack for serving as Installing Grand Marshal.

It was our privilege to have our daughter, Karen Wadle, and her new husband, Gregory Wadle, with us at the installation. I was honored to be escorted by my wife, Juanita.

#### COPPERAS COVE CHAPTER NO. 1070

On Saturday, October 18th, 1997, Juanita and I attended the Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, to her home Chapter, Copperas Cove No. 1070, in Copperas Cove, Texas. Thanks to the members of this hard working Chapter for making this event one that will be treasured in our memories and for every courtesy extended to the office of Worthy Grand Patron.

#### SPURGER CHAPTER NO. 315 AND WISTERIA CHAPTER NO. 823

On Saturday, October 25th, 1997, the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, made a Joint Fraternal Visit to my parent Chapter, Spurger Chapter No. 315, and my Dual Chapter, Wisteria Chapter No. 823. The Banquet was held at the Hilton Hotel in Beaumont and the Fraternal Visit was held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Beaumont. Thanks to both of my Chapters for all the hard work that made this visit so very special. You made your Worthy Grand Patron proud!

#### PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

One of the added bonuses of serving in the office of Worthy Grand Patron is getting to know and spend quality time with the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. Each of you have been a source of strength, inspiration, and encouragement this past year.

Our hearts were saddened this year by the loss of Brothers E. F. "Van" Plumlee and J. T. Sanders, Past Grand Patrons. It was my privilege to serve as Worthy Patron in the Eastern Star funeral service for Brother J. T. Sanders.

#### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Juanita and I attended the 42nd Triennial Assembly of General Grand Chapter, O.E.S. arriving in Orlando, Florida on Sunday, November 2nd, 1997. It was my privilege to present the Texas flag at the Cavalcade of Flags at the Formal Opening ceremonies Monday evening. We enjoyed attending all sessions of General Grand Chapter. The highlight was the Installation Ceremony on Thursday evening when Sister Florence A. Adair was installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Lennart A. Johnson was installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron. The hearts of all Texas delegates were thrilled as the Texas flag was presented two more times as Sister Rennie Ofton was installed as Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Dr. Effie Mae Davis was installed as Worthy Grand Adah.

#### OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

On the 20th of October, 1997, we had the privilege of attending Oklahoma Grand Chapter held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Then on March 23rd, 1998 we enjoyed being present at Louisiana Grand Chapter held in Alexandria, Louisiana.

On Sunday, June 21, 1998, Juanita and I flew to Pendleton, Oregon where we enjoyed Oregon Grand Chapter. Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah, also attended Oregon Grand Chapter.

#### EXCHANGE VISITS

On November 28th and 29th, 1997, we attended the Texas/Louisiana Exchange Visit in Marshall, Texas and Shreveport, Louisiana. The "Wonderland of Lights" Banquet and the tour of the Christmas lights around the court house was beautiful. Thank you, Sister Jean Nesbitt, Past Grand Matron, and your hard working committee for this beautiful Exchange Visit.

On March 6th and 7th, 1998, we were present for the Texas-New Mexico Exchange Visit in Odessa, Texas and Hobbs, New Mexico. The "Texas-New Mexico Jamboree Banquet" was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you, Sister Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron, and your dedicated committee for making this visit one that will be cherished in our memories in future years.

On June 26th and 27th, 1998, we participated in the Eight-State Exchange Visit in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The following states participated: Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. We attended an outdoor production of the musical "Oklahoma" on Friday evening and a beautiful banquet on Saturday evening.

#### GRAND LODGE

It was our privilege to attend Grand Lodge on December 5th and 6th, 1997 in Waco, Texas. The program on Friday evening by the children from the Masonic

Home and School was enjoyed by all in attendance. It was an honor and a privilege to see our own Past Grand Patron, Brother Harry G. Cunningham, installed as Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M.

#### O.E.S. HOME

On Sunday after the installation, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron drove to the O.E.S. Home and presented each lady in the Home with a button designating them as "Yvonne's and Kenneth's Sun Flowers". Each of these "Sun Flowers" has become special to Juanita and me. We have enjoyed singing with you in the mornings when we have stayed in the Home with you.

May each "Sun Flower" in the Home Continue to turn toward the One, Whose light will cause you to blossom As you follow the Son!

We enjoyed the following activities at the O.E.S. Home:

Christmas Party
Easter Party
Mayfest Celebration
Mother's Day
Founder's Day

We also stayed at the Home on other occasions when attending Eastern Star function in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

#### EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

It was my desire and goal to attend every Eastern Star School of Instruction this year. We attended all the schools in District 1, 2, 3 and 4, however, due to circumstances beyond our control, we missed two week-day schools in District V.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to be a part of the Schools of Instruction. Thanks to each of the District Deputy Grand Matrons for the opportunity to get to know and love each of you as we traveled together in your district. The bonds of friendship with each of you will be cherished always.

To the Deputy Grand Matrons of each district – thank you for the labor of love that made each school different, interesting and successful. Know that each of you is special to Juanita and me. Thank you for the many acts of kindness, hospitality and every courtesy extended to the office of Worthy Grand Patron. This includes the many salad suppers, luncheons, hospitality baskets, tickets to food functions, room accommodations, pages and drivers. Thank you for taking care of every need of your Worthy Grand Patron.

What a pleasure it was to get to meet, greet and know you, the beautiful membership of this great state, at each School of Instruction and to bring greetings at the Joint Fraternal Visits.

#### HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS AND SPECIAL AWARDS

What an honor it was to receive honorary memberships from Chapters all over the State. The fact that these required a vote of your Chapter makes them even more special. Thank you for making me feel a part of each Chapter. This was the greatest honor I have received this year and I will always strive to be worthy of your trust.

At many schools and other visits I was honored to receive civic presentations. The keys to various cities, Honorary Citizenship of several cities, Plaques, Honorary Sheriff commissions and many Proclamations. These will always be treasured and remembered. Thank you for every courtesy extended to the office of Worthy Grand Patron.

#### GLEANERS AND REAPERS

Thank you, Gleaners and Reapers, for all the love and support this past year. I want to especially thank the Reapers for their support of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's and Most Worthy Grand Patron's special project to benefit the Knight's Templar Eye Foundation. At the end of July, the Grand Secretaries Office reported that over \$8,000.00 had been received. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

I know that the friendships we have made with each of you this past year will continue to grow in the future.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

In addition to the Joint Fraternal Visits following the schools, it was our privilege to attend twenty-one other Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron. We received special invitations from twenty other Chapters plus fourteen visits to Chapters in District IV, Section 2.

I had the honor of being invited to participate in seven Chapter Installations this year.

I concurred with the Worthy Grand Matron's decision to remove a Worthy Patron from office in his Chapter.

There were no Chapters Instituted or Constituted this year.

It was my pleasure to attend the following:

Opening Session of the 75th Rainbow Grand Assembly held in Lubbock, Texas and gave the benediction Monday evening.

At the presentation of more than one hundred quilts to the Ronald McDonald House in Corpus Christi, Texas by the Chapters of District V, Section 8.

The Banquet honoring our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. in San Antonio.

The Banquet honoring the Associate Grand Patron in Dallas.

The Banquet honoring the Associate Grand Conductress in Houston.

The Banquet honoring the Associate Grand Matron in Waco

The Banquet honoring the Grand Conductress (Mr. X) in San Antonio.

The Banquet honoring the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District III, Section 1 in Ft. Worth.

A reception at the Masonic Home and School in which the children of the Home were introduced and those Chapters who have adopted a child at the Home were recognized.

#### PERSONAL COMMENTS

I would like to express my appreciation to my Secretary, Georgia Campbell of Silsbee Chapter No. 298, for taking care of things at home during the weeks and months we were away.

Thanks to my Grand Pages: Nelson Campbell of Silsbee Chapter No. 298, Norman Abshere of Pt. Neches Chapter No. 677, and Charles Edwards of Bronson Chapter No. 337 for their assistance this past year. Your faithfulness and dedication will always be cherished.

How can I express my appreciation to my wife Juanita, Grand Representative of Oregon in Texas, for her dedication, love and support this year? What a privilege it was to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary with our daughters in San Francisco while on our way to Grand Chapter in Oregon!

Our Order teaches us that within each Chapter we will find friends who will stand by us in our journey of life. Thank you, the membership, for the love and support I have felt this past year. Our Order also teaches us that we have an Eternal Friend who walks beside us in the journey of life. I want to thank Him whose all powerful hand has supported and sustained me this past year as I have served as your Worthy Grand Patron.

Fraternally, Kenneth Gregory Kenneth R. Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron '

Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Since the Advance Annual Report had to be submitted to the Grand Secretary by the end of August, I would like to add the following activities for September and October.

Attended an additional 12 Chapter meetings and one joint fraternal visit of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Attended the Worthy Grand Patrons banquet on September 26th held at the First United Methodist Church in Beaumont, Texas. I want to express my appreciation to the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club of District IV, Section 2 for all the hard work that made this banquet a tremendous success.

I attended the Worthy Grand Matron's banquet in Killeen, Texas. Thank you Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club of District III, Section 7 for making your Worthy Grand Matron proud.

On the 20th of September our hearts were saddened to learn of the tragic death of our beloved Past Grand Matron, Sister Sherrill R. Cain and her husband, Bicker. It was my privilege to serve as the Worthy Patron for the Eastern Star service for Sister Sherrill.

On October 19th and 20th, I attended the 98th "Love One Another" Session of the Grand Chapter of Alabama. There were seven Texas members in attendance including the newly appointed Grand Representative of Alabama in Texas, Sister Jane Minter.

Finally, let me again express my appreciation to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne, and her husband, Robert, for the love and friendship Juanita and I have felt throughout this past year. Thank you, Sister Yvonne, for allowing me to walk by your side this past year. You and Robert have been a blessing to us and we are thankful that God allowed our lives to touch. May the friendship that we have felt this past year continue to grow stronger and remain constant in future years.

Finally, my hope and prayer is:

When I have come to the end of this year I should like to look back and see that I have done my best with the trust that as placed in me I should like to know that I have never by action, word or deed betrayed a special confidence or forsaken a friend in need. I should like the consolation when I have traveled the last mile to know that I have meant something to someone and caused them in sorrow to smile I know that I shall be happy if in the heart of one, I can leave a lingering memory of something good I have done.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report be referred to the proper Committee for audit.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have a second? I have a motion and a second to refer the Worthy Grand Patron's report to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? There being none, please signify by saying "aye." "Nay." Motion carried.

At this time, Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to kind of skip around a little bit

and ask that our Fraternal Correspondent come forward to bring her report. We'd like for the Grand Representatives to take their places in the arena quickly so that we can continue to do some business before we adjourn. And those new Grand, Representatives, I hope you remember what State!

Brother Max Fairchild, they're going out and getting their flags. I'd like for you to go ahead and make your report, if you would.

# REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

MR. MAX FAIRCHILD: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of serving on this By-Laws Committee with two such lovely ladies as Sisters Edna Goettee and Betty Morris.

We received over 90 requests of which more than one third (1/3) were returned for improper presentation, signatures, and most for failure to furnish duplicate forms or proposals. Of those returned all but a few were returned corrected. Those remaining will be submitted at a later date.

Applications for By-Laws changes were approved for Eighty Eight (88) Chapters. One copy of the approved applications were returned to the Chapters for operation. The duplicate applications will be transferred to the Grand Secretary's Office.

Respectfully Submitted: Max Fairchild, Chairman Edna Goettee, Member Betty Morris, Member

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We've had a motion and a second to approve the report of the By-Laws Committee. All those in favor, signify by saying "Aye." Opposed. There being none, this report is accepted.

Sister Elise Hammack would you like to give your report, dear?

# REPORT OF THE CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION COMMITTEE

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron.

We were deeply saddened by the loss of our other member on this committee, the late Sister Sherrill R. Cain, Past Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, how we wish there had been work to do on this committee, as we stood ready and willing.

Thank you for your confidence in us and for inviting us to serve.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Submitted by:

Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron

Elise B. Hammack, Past Grand Matron, Chairman

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have heard the motion by Sister Elise Hammack. Is there a second? We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Those in favor say "aye." Opposed "nay." Motion has been carried.

I now call on Sister Elsie Paladino with the Jurisprudence Committee.

# PRELIMINARY REPORT JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

It is my pleasure to introduce the members of the Jurisprudence Committee who are:

District One: Brother Billy Combest District Two: Sister Betty Phillips Hagar District Three: Sister Lola "Peaches" Wallace

District Five: Sister Effie Mae Davis

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for appointing these special ones to serve on the Jurisprudence Committee. They have been diligent in their efforts and great to work with.

The duties of the Jurisprudence Committee are set forth in our Code of Laws, Article 152-E. As you will note from the Advance Report, we will have several Amendments which will take special concentration. Each of us on this Committee shall be available as legislation is being considered before this Grand Chapter or for special consultation at other times if you feel the need to discuss any of the business privately.

Relating to our duties as specified in our Code of Laws, we, your Jurisprudence Committee recommend the distribution of the matters contained in the Annual Reports (including the Supplemental Reports) of Grand Chapter to the following Committees for consideration:

- 1. TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER.
  - a. All matters contained within said reports.

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#### 2. TO THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES:

- a. The Report of the Grand Secretary
- b. The Report of the Grand Treasurer
- c. The Report of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences

#### 3. TO THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:

a. The Amendments to the By-Laws as contained in the reports of the Worthy Grand Matron.

#### 4. TO THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS:

a. That portion of the Worthy Grand Matron's Report and Supplemental Report relating to Discipline.

#### 5. TO THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE:

a. All matters contained in the Reports specifically assigned to the Jurisprudence Committee by Chapter 9 Article 152-E of the Code of Laws for the Government of Grand Chapter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business carried over from the 1997 Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, this completes the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee. I move the adoption of this report.

Submitted by:

Jurisprudence Committee

Billy Combest

Betty Phillips Hagar

Lola "Peaches" Wallace

Effie Mae Davis

Elsie M. Paladino, Chairman

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Elsie. You have heard the motion made to accept the Jurisprudence report. Is there a second? Motion has been made and seconded that we accept this report. Those in favor, say "aye." Those opposed "nay." Motion carried.

Okay. Sister Carol, I think we've got our Grand Representatives in line out there. I'm sure they're going to be okay because we're not going to have a question-and-answer session on it.

#### REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honored Members, Sisters and Brothers, the past year has been the highlight of my Eastern Star life.

When I first attended Grand Chapter as a newly initiated member, and heard the Fraternal Correspondent Report, I thought to myself, "My what a great position to be given, to travel and attend all those Grand Chapters, meet all those new people, and see all those great sights." Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for affording me the opportunity to enjoy the travels, the people, and the sights these wonderful

Grand Representatives shared with our membership. I know they spread your Constant Friendship throughout their travels.

We will now have our "Constant Friends Around The World" Drill directed by Mrs. Ann Kelly, Grand Marshal.

This report reflects the correspondence I received from twenty-eight of our Grand Representatives during the last twelve months. The Grand Representatives of Arkansas and Florida were unable to attend their particular Grand Jurisdictions due to personal health problems. They did, however, attend other Grand Chapters when their health permitted. The Grand Representative of British Columbia sent reports for her jurisdiction and the State of Arizona. I truly wish there had been room in our Bulletin to print all they reported.

Arizona's 98th "Eastern Star Angels Light The Way" Session purchased property that will be renovated to become their Eastern Star home. This jurisdiction has 71 Chapters with 100% representation.

British Columbia held the 87th "Sympathy of the Stars" where elections are held outside the Chapter room.

Georgia's 97th "Storybook Theater" Session sold Eastern Star Spreads as their fund-raising activity. They also sold their home that had only three residents in it.

Idaho's 96th "Treasures of The Heart" Session had tried to endow an Eastern Star Home with two other bordering states, instead, they donated the monies to the "Safe Return", a fund to help return missing persons.

Illinois's 123rd "Scroll of Precious Memories" Session, was in Springfield where it is held every year. They have lecturers who must memorize the ritual, and if they wish to remain lecturers, are tested every three years.

Indiana's 124th "The Dream Comes True" Session continued their support of the Masonic Home. This year, each Chapter raised \$2,000 for this project. The Associate Grand Conductress is elected from the Grand Star Point Officers.

Louisiana's 99th "Peace on Earth" Session had 100 members from Texas in attendance.

Maryland's 100th "Season of Reflection Centennial" Session supports the Masonic Home. Nominations for elected offices are given to a committee appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron

Massachusetts's 122nd "Symphony of Stars" Session supports the Masonic Home. They do not have Grand Examiners or proficiency tests.

Minnesota's 120th Annual Session, "The Grand Chapter Inn", also supports the Masonic Home. The State Bulletin, named 'Starlites', is an eleven-month newspaper publication at \$6.00 per year.

Mississippi's 92nd "Angles Among Us" Session voted to close their Masonic and Children's homes. The Grand Conductress is the Fraternal Correspondent. Their special project is to endow the "Little Red School House".

 ${f Missouri's}$  123rd "Renaissance" Session continues to support the Masonic Home.

Montana's 108th "Seize the Moment" Session continues to support the Masonic Home. Each Chapter is asked to have a fund-raiser with proceeds going to a Youth Group, i.e. Rainbow, DeMolay, Job Daughters.

**Nebraska's** 123rd "Galaxy of Stars" Session continued their support to the Masonic and Children's Homes. They have District Supervisors, who are known as the Board of Grand Supervisors, and are introduced as a Standing Committee.

New Brunswick's 68th "Tie that Binds" Session voted to sell their Home, which only had four non-member residents. Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress teach all the schools of instruction.

New Hampshire 106th "Wish Upon A Star" Session supports the Masonic Home and "David's Home", a place where children with cancer or other catastrophic diseases may stay during treatment.

New Jersey's 128th "Starlite" Session gave over \$22,700 to their OES Home. They also can be very informal in their dress to meetings.

New York had their 128th Session. No other information was provided regarding this Session.

North Carolina's 93rd "The Heritage Pathway of Love" Session continued to support a combined Masonic/Eastern Home known as MESH. A twenty-member board of directors consisting equally of Masons and Eastern Star members manages the Home. The Grand Conductress is also the Fraternal Correspondent.

North Dakota's 104th Session was called "Love, Laughter and Friendship". Each Grand Star Point is in charge of a particular charity, i.e. Heart, Rainbow and DeMolay, ESTARL, Flood Relief, Speech Disorder. The Associate Grand Matron receives the reports from the Grand Representatives.

Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island's 51st" Beside Still Waters" Session raised \$14,660 for the Nova Scotia Lung Association, asthma being very prevalent in this area.

Ohio's 108th "Spirit of America" Session supports TWO Eastern Star Homes that operate in the Black. Ohio is also the largest jurisdiction in the world.

**Oklahoma's** 89th "World of Love" Grand Chapter was held at the World's largest Scottish Rite Masonic Temple in Guthrie, Oklahoma, with many of our Texas members in attendance.

**Oregon's** "Treasures from the Attica" Session continues to support a joint Home with the Masons. They acknowledged a 78-year member who is 99 years old and still holds an office in her Chapter.

**Pennsylvania's** "The Miracle of Brigadoon" Session continues to supports the Masonic Home. This year they gave \$36,000 to the "Make A Wish" Foundation.

Washington's 107th "Star of Odyssey" Session continues to support their

members who reside in the Masonic Home with per capita tax and fund-raisers.

Wisconsin's 107th "Circle of Love" Session have all in attendance give a password, this year the word being 'Electa'. They also have Grand Instructors.

These fraternal reports also reflected that our Order is truly a benevolent organization with donations to Home Endowment funds, ESTARL programs and college scholarships. Nationwide, numerous charitable donations were made to Alzheimer, Cancer, Heart Disease and other research programs. Many fund-raisers were organized in support of other fraternal bodies including the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Scottish Rite Language Disorder, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, and the Order of the International Rainbow for Girls. Eastern Star members were also generous in support of their communities by giving unselfishly to Flood and Tornado relief, Abused Children's Funds, and the "Make a Wish Foundation".

Besides spreading our Worthy Grand Matron's constant friendship through their visits, they did much sight seeing. Reports of visits to Sedona and Oak Creek Canyons in Arizona, Canada, Niagara Falls, mountains of Idaho, and Machinac Island were included. They drove from Texas to the East and West Coasts, and to our northern border, and enjoyed temperatures ranging from the 40's and 50's to 114 degrees. I also received reports of cheese factory tours in Wisconsin, and UNO and Chicken Foot tournaments. But most important, wherever our sisters traveled they made sure everyone knew of our great State of Texas and its Friendliness.

I would like to close with the following poem by Amanda Bradley:

"When special people touch our lives, then suddenly we see how beautiful and wonderful our world can be. They show us that our special hopes and dreams can take us far, by helping us look inward and believe in who we are. They bless us with their love and joy through everything they give. When special people touch our lives, they teach us how to live."

Thank you Grand Representatives for being special people, and for sharing your travels and lives with our membership. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, for this appointment and your friendship.

Submitted by: Carol S. Hall, Fraternal Correspondent

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Carol Hall, Fraternal Correspondent, and Sister Ann Kelly, Grand Marshal.

At this time I would like to make some announcements. We will not give any more reports at this time. For one reason, we do not have a quorum. It has been requested by our Associate Grand Matron that the breakfast for the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress on Sunday begin at 8 a.m. Please make note of this.

Candidates will have parties individually only when we are not in session. The list of the suite numbers will be in the lobby at the Radisson Hotel. This is not a form of electioneering. This is a form of information for the members.

Be here tomorrow. We're going to take care of business. Sister Lena Maye Cook, we would ask that you voice our benediction.

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Sisters and Brothers, please bow your heads as we pray. Heavenly Father, Your presence with us is felt by Your love and care. For all the things we have been pleased to do in the opening of this beautiful "Friendship Is Constant" Session, we thank You. Give to us a peaceful night and stay with us in all the coming sessions. Give to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron the strength and wisdom for the days ahead to handle the business of this Grand Chapter Session. We extend to both of them our love and appreciation. These things we ask in Your Name. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Lena Maye. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to engage in the ceremony of calling this Grand Chapter 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 Grand Chapter Session from labor to rest, and you will permit no interruption while we are thus engaged. There will be no interruption, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.]

I now call this Thursday afternoon Ceremonial Opening from labor to rest until Friday morning at 8 a.m. for the "We Shall Gather" Session. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this Session is now closed. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well.

#### "WE SHALL GATHER" Friday Morning Session October 30, 1998

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, other Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers all: Good morning. It is a great pleasure to open this Friday morning "We Shall Gather" segment of Texas' 116th "Friendship Is Constant" Session. We are highly honored by the presence of many wonderful members from other Grand Jurisdictions. We join our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in welcoming these distinguished guests. Sisters and Brothers, this will be a busy day, filled with business and lots of fellowship. May we be ever conscious of our loving Heavenly

Father and realize how dependent we are on Him, our source of all wisdom and strength. May our actions glorify and honor Him whose Star we follow.

You have surely enjoyed the lovely music by Sister Patricia Johnson, General Chairman of the Music Committee. Thank you, Sister Patricia. Let us greet her. [applause]

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room for our Floor Officer and Personal Page drill, "The Sheaf within the Circle." [applause following drill] Thank you, Floor Officers and Personal Pages, for the lovely drill.

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and other Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room for the opening. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I present Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] The Officers will assume their respective stations.

Sister Yvonne and Brother Kenneth, just over a year ago you began what we hope has been one of the very best years of your lives. We congratulate you both on the many achievements accomplished this year. May the good Lord bless you and guide you as you preside over the coming sessions. And when you have passed the duties to your successors, may you both be able to get some well-earned rest. My thanks to you for this special privilege, and it is now my pleasure to hand you your gavel of authority.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, for extending us the honor of opening our Friday morning session. You have grown very special to me, and I hold you dear in my heart.

Sister Grand Warder, 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 Grand Chapter from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** There will be no interruptions, Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

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 Session.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate

Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter Session. [The Grand Chapter was proved.] Worthy Grand Matron, all present are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter Session.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened as "Alleluia" was sung by the Grand Choir.]

At this time we will have special music by Mrs. Rebecca Schaefer, our Grand Soloist. ["We Gather Together" sung.] Thank you, Sister Rebecca: Sister Rebecca's father has been ill for quite some time, and she did not know if she would be able to attend this session. It is our blessing that she was able to, and we give our thoughts and prayers to her father's comfort.

Our invocation will be given by Brother Oliver Chamberlain, Past Grand Patron.

MR. OLIVER CHAMBERLIN: Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, amid the busy hours of this day, we pray for strength, to be thoughtful and kind in our relationships with each other. Direct our minds as we think and our words as we speak that we may feel Your guidance in every moment throughout this day. Dear Lord, we pray for our loved ones. Guard them with Your presence that they may be safe. Thank you for health and strength. Blot out from our memory yesterday with its mistakes and cares. Hide from our sight the anxieties of tomorrow. Let us live to the fullest this day which you have prepared for us. For the countless blessings that are ours to enjoy because of Your goodness to us, we are grateful. May we share life's blessings and Your love with those about us. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Oliver, for starting out this day by asking for God's guidance. I also want to thank Sister Patricia Johnson for the prelude. I now declare this "We Shall Gather" Session called from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this Grand Chapter is called from rest to labor. Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sisters and Brothers, we're going to pick up with the reports that we had to bypass yesterday. But first I have a little information I want to share with you. As a reminder, would all those presenting reports to this Grand Chapter Session please be sure the Grand Secretary or her Pages have a copy of your report. Please do not just lay them on the desk if someone is not in attendance. Make sure you hand them to the proper person because they have the responsibility, and we don't want to hinder them in any way. If anyone wants to see the report, Sister Marjorie or her Pages would be delighted to let you look at them. Again, ask them when they're not busy with someone else.

Sisters and Brothers, today is a very important day of vital business which will directly affect the future of our Order. We would ask that you be considerate and listen to everyone's opinions. And if there is one request your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron would make of you, it is to please be kind and patient with each other. We can disagree without being disagreeable. Let us practice principles above personalities. The Worthy Grand Patron and I want you to all realize that each opinion is just as important as the others, and we respect that right. We shall always respect the desires of the majority of our membership.

To the membership: If at any time you do not understand what you are voting on, please let us know and we will do our best to explain it more clearly so that you totally understand the issues. Please stay with us and share your expertise and opinions. We have tried in every possible way to cut down on things so that we can have time for our most important legislation and budgets, and I might add, for our installation on Saturday. We need you to help us. This is your Grand Chapter Session. Please join your leaders to help make this a productive and positive time. This can be a positive or negative experience, whatever we choose to make it. The one thing that is apparent is that each of us has the ability to make our own decisions. Let us remember our Obligation, as well as the lessons of our heroines, and let us work as a team. Also, we know the respect you have for our offices; you have lovingly shown that through the year. So, therefore, during our business session, would you please just give your report without first recognizing the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Protocol has been established, and let's use the short form of that introductory message. It is not necessary to do it again.

Our Parliamentarian is Sister Mildred Love. As stated before, this is your Grand Chapter and your business. We want to conduct it that way, the way that it would be better and easier for you. And, of course, the green cards are for the voting delegates; the brown and beige for Chapter representatives. Constitutional amendments require delegate approval and Chapter representative approval. We cannot conduct our business unless we have 200 Chapter representatives present. So, Sisters and Brothers, please stay with us. I have promised that on Saturday when we have our election, I am not going to hold the results because I am treating you as if you are all adults, which I know you are. But stay with us until we get through so we can have an installation in a timely manner. And to do that, we must get our business taken care of today.

I now recognize Sister Mildred Love, our Parliamentarian, for her report.

#### REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

MRS. MILDRED LOVE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers: Being appointed Parliamentarian has been the icing on my cake of 50 years of active service in this wonderful Order. This member became fascinated with parliamentary law in the early 1950s. In one of our study clubs I met Sister Jean Staples, and we have been dearest friends and close buddies ever since. We both became Registered and are very active in both the State and National Associations. When this member served as President of the Texas State Association, Jean served as Second Vice President.

Since my loss of hearing early this year, my resignation was offered and turned down. But our precious Worthy Grand Matron was very considerate, and appointed Jean as my assistant and my temporary ears. May I present Sister Jean Staples, Professional Registered Parliamentarian and the Associate Matron of Andral Vann Chapter No. 741 in Houston. Will you greet her? [applause]

During this year, your Parliamentarian has been contacted on various points of parliamentary law and was pleased to be of help. Also, it was a privilege to meet with our Worthy Grand Matron and Sister Elsie Paladino, our very capable Chairman of Jurisprudence, to study and go over the proffered amendments for this

session. Any service this member may render to this membership will always be a "labor of Love."

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the Parliamentarian's report. All in favor. Green cards or "aye," but let's get our green cards. Those opposed. I guess that would be a red card. Motion carried.

Okay. I have just been told that we've got – Robert Brownfield must have put these cards together because he's color blind. The voting delegates are the cream ones, and the Chapter representatives are the green. Have we got that? Okay. "Blessed are those who are flexible; they shall not be bent out of shape." Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers.

MRS. MILDRED LOVE: Sisters and Brothers, we are going to present the parliamentary rules of procedures for this Grand Chapter Session. It's printed in your session program on pages 44 and 45, if you would like to follow as we read these rules. If there's no objection, will you please make one correction in item 10 as to the colors of the voting cards. In the last sentence of item 10 on the top of page 45, it reads "blue delegate card" and "red Chapter representative card." So in the last sentence of item 10 on the top of page 45, delete the word "blue" and insert the word "cream," the color of the delegates' cards this year. Also delete the word "red," and insert the word "green," which is the color of the Chapter representatives' cards this year. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the parliamentary rules of procedure for this Grand Chapter as printed on pages 44 and 45 of our session program with corrections.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we abide by the rules as printed in our program and also as Mrs. Mildred Love has just covered. And it has been seconded. All in favor, hold whatever card you're supposed to hold up. All opposed. The motion carried. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, and thank you, Sister Mildred, my friend. Many times we hear things, but we don't listen. So if you have any doubt, be sure and read it in your session program.

I must tell you this - I was sitting in a Chapter room one night; they were having a vote, and somebody hollered from the sidelines and said "question." The Worthy Matron reared back and she said, "Okay, honey, ask it."

Okay. I now call on our Grand Secretary, Sister Marjorie Errington, for her report.

GRAND SECRETARY: Protocol has been established.

# REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Distinguished Members,

On November 1, 1997, I extended to you my pledge of acceptance of the duties of Grand Secretary and I thank you for your confidence. It has been a pleasure to be of service to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the Installed Grand Floor Officers, Elected Boards, and to the membership of Texas.

In compliance with the Code of Laws, I submit the record of the official transactions of the Grand Secretary during the year of 1997-1998.

The Annual Chapter Reports as of May 31, 1998 submitted by the Subordinate Chapters reflect a decrease of 5,738 in total membership and a decrease of 9 Chapters, 2 demised and 7 consolidated. An increase of 3,224 members by initiation, affiliation and reinstatement. Effective June 1, 1998, 11 more Chapters consolidated. The total number of Chapters on July 7, 1998 was 543. The total membership as of May 31, 1998 was 62,438.

I am most pleased to report that there were no Chapter in arrears as per Article 66 of the Code of Laws. However; due to the changes in Article 234 f. as amended at the 1997 Grand Chapter Session, Article 66 should read June 8; therefore, the Annual Reports for 1999 should be submitted by June 8 so that your Chapter will not be in arrears.

#### IN MEMORIAM

"Beautiful life is that whose span Is spent in duty to God and man, Beautiful twilight at set of sun, Beautiful death with life well done."

Our hearts were saddened by the deaths of two Past Grand Patrons.

MR. E. F. "VAN" PLUMLEE November 22, 1997

> MR. J. T. SANDERS March 1, 1998

MRS. SHERRILL R. CAIN September 20, 1998

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 1998 Annual Reports again reflect a decrease in membership and the number of Subordinate Chapters.

Membership on May 31, 1997	66,123	
Increase - Adjustments to 1997 reports	13	66,136
Decrease - Adjustments to 1997		
reports (Consolidations/Demise)	1,184	64,952
INCREASE:		
Initiated	1,108	
Reinstated	<b>45</b> 8	
Affiliations	1,658	3,224
		68,176
DECREASE:		
Demits	800	
Withdrawals	131	
Transfers	210	
Suspensions	2,352	
Expulsions	1	
Deaths	$\frac{2,244}{-}$	5,738
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON MAY 31, 199	98	* 62,438

<sup>\*</sup>Includes 108 members residing in our Eastern Star Home and Texas Masonic Retirement Center. (exempt of dues and per capita tax)

2,392 Total Exempt Members are included in the above total membership.

#### LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP SINCE 1997 - 3,685

Dual Members - 1, 663

105 Chapters reported a GAIN in membership

419 Chapters reported a LOSS in membership

30 Chapters reported the SAME in membership

#### Chapters leading in number of Initiations:

Vidor No. 914	17
Lufkin No. 382	16
Lake Worth No. 1109	14
Wimodausis No. 141	12
Arlington No. 249	12
Carthage No. 747	12

#### The following Chapters Consolidated:

Augusta No. 317 with Grapeland No. 120 - August 14, 1997 Dublin No. 910 with Stephenville No. 801 - September 4, 1997 Marfa No. 344 with Alpine No. 132 - October 7, 1997 Denver City No. 863 with Seminole No. 855 - December 2, 1997

<sup>\*</sup>Includes 2,284 50 Year Exempt Members (exempt of dues and per capita tax)

Stamford No. 269 with Anson No. 867 - January 12, 1998
Clarksville No. 662 with Deport No. 1045 - May 5, 1998
Goldsmith No. 854 with Friendship No. 1008 - May 13, 1998
Merkel No. 212 with Queen Esther No. 833 - June 1, 1998
A.C. Garrett/Mt. Auburn No. 774 with Dallas No. 1 - June 1, 1998
Alamo Logos Star No. 782 with Texas No. 35 - June 1, 1998
Delta No. 824 with Ckrlhill Delta Flora No. 794 - June 1, 1998
Azle No. 899 with Lake Worth No. 1109 - June 1, 1998
Honey Grove No. 901 with Bonham No. 852 - June 1, 1998
Mamie D. Crane No. 1018 with Roby No. 25 - June 1, 1998
Hermleigh No. 974 with Snyder No. 450 - June 1, 1998
Utopia No. 468 with Uvalde No. 297 - June 1, 1998
Crane No. 816 with Odessa No. 447 - June 1, 1998
Burleson No. 431 with Ruth No. 20 - June 5, 1998

#### The following Chapters Demised:

Iraan No. 832 - April 14, 1998 Mt. Pleasant No. 305 - May 14, 1998

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS ON JULY 7, 1998......543

(Loss of 20 Chapters since July 31, 1997)

#### GRAND DEMITS ISSUED

Mr. Fred Allen Mrs. Jerry Ann Amerson Mrs. Bess Arnold Mrs. Mattie Austin Mrs. Rubve M. Bascom Mrs. Louise Bates Mrs. Dorothy P. Beckett Mrs. Miriam Bills Mrs. Claflin M. Black Mrs. Marguerite Blackard Mr. A. L. Boeker Mrs. Lillian Bowen Mrs. Dorothy Box Mrs. Rita Joyce Bragg Mr. Herbert R. Bretches Mrs. Monie F. Brewer Mrs. Mary Joe Bright Mrs. Mary G. Brown Mrs. Laura Burton Mrs. Merle Burton Mr. Tommy Earl Burton Mrs. Irene Caldwell Mrs. Lou Ella Carlisle Mrs. Jean R. Carmichael Mrs. Marilyn Clay Mrs. Doris Cockrell Mrs. Mary Jane Coker

Mrs. Elaine Conradt Mrs. Regina Conroy Mrs. Rufene Cooke Mrs. Chere Smith Covin Mrs. Hazel Craig Mrs. Marjorie Crain Mr. Harry W. Culver Mrs. Louise Culver Mr. James E. Davis Mrs. Joyce J. Davis Mr. Charles Day Mrs. Coleen Dixon Mrs. Gladys Dorris Mr. John D. Dorris Mrs. Linna Dorris Mrs. Ethel Ensley Mrs. Jane Fendley Mr. Dwain Fortenberry Mrs. Virginia Fortenberry Mrs. Geraldine Fortner Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett Mrs. Ardelia Gauntt Mrs. Dessie Gay Mr. Carl D. Gerrish Mrs. Norma J. Gerrish Mrs. Rebecca Gerrish Mr. Walter Gerrish

Mrs. Bobbie Giddens Mrs. Susan Glenn Mrs. Julia D. Graham Mrs. Lora Lee Graham Mrs. Marcelle Hall Mrs. Loretta Hamilton Mrs. Yvonne Hampton Mrs. Nina Harbour Mrs. Carleen Harkrider Mrs. Jimmie D. Harmon Mr. Bill R. Harper Mrs. Dorothea Harper Mrs. Tonya Hartman Mrs. Glenda Hays Mr. Charles Ray Head Mr. Kenneth Heard Mrs. Martha Heard Mrs. Helen Henson Mrs. Ruth Marie Hill Mrs. Kay Hoffman Mrs. Nancy H. Holman Mrs. Gloria Holt Mrs. Ola M. Horne Mrs. Jewell C. Huddleston Mrs. Beatrice Hunter Mrs. Deborah R. Hutchings Mr. A. Dennis Isaacs

Mrs Nadine Isaacs Mr. Glynn Jackson Mrs. Virginia Johnson Mrs. Patricia D. Jones Mrs. Sandra Jones Mrs. Georgia A. Kellev Mr. Homer Kelley Mrs. Ann Killian Mr. Bruce D. King Mrs. Patricia M. Knight Mr. Charles Kurth. Jr. Mrs. Velva Lea Mrs. Lou Lee Ledeen Mr. Paul Lennier Mrs. Lelene Louvier Mrs. Miram McCullah Mr. Alvin Rex McGee Mrs. Carole McGee Mrs. D'Auan McNeel Mrs. Jeanette Malone Mrs. Virginia Monroe Mrs. Ruby Moreland Mrs. Mildred Morgan Mrs. Opal Morris

Mrs. Patsy Morrison Mr. Thad C. Morrow Mrs. Wanda E. Morrow Mrs. Connie L. Moss Mrs. Elaine Nichols Mrs. Lorene Owens Mrs. Osa Velma Page Mrs. Sue Paine Mrs. Billie June Parr Mrs. Myrle B. Parsons Mrs. Vennie Rea Penny Mrs. Mildred Perkins Mrs. Beth Poag Mr. Lester Poag Mrs. Frances Rape Mr. Lester Rape Mrs. Wanda Nell Roach Mrs. Fama H. Roland Mr. Garv B. Sasin Mrs. Sheila Sasin Mrs. Hortence Sivess Mrs. Mary Sloan Mr. Irby J. Smith Mrs. Jo Ann Smith

Mrs. Marie Smith Mrs. Virginia Smith Mr. William M. Smith Mrs. Winnie Smith Mrs. Jini P. Solomon Mrs. Winna Southerland Miss Ruby Stanley Mrs. Geneva Stapler Mrs. Maidell Stout Mrs. Vivian Sullivan Mr. John Edward Thomas Mrs. Juanita Thomas Mrs. Lois J. Thompson Mrs. Rosalie Thompson Mrs. Wilma Townsend Mrs. Jean Turman Mrs. Jerry Via Mr. B. C. Watson Mrs. Opal Whitefield Mrs. Carol A. Williams Mrs. Ethel Williams Mr. James H. Yokom Mrs. Mayme A. Young

#### CHAPTER NAME CHANGE

Grapeland No. 120 to Grapeland-Augusta No. 120 Cockrell Hill Flora No. 794 to Ckrlhill Delta Flora No. 794

#### CHARTER NAME CHANGE

Grapeland No. 120

Cockrell Hill Flora No. 794

#### REPLACE CHARTER DISPENSATION

Port Arthur No. 262 South Fort Worth No. 835

Ckrlhill Delta Flora No. 794 Richland Hills No. 1040

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SPECIAL FUNDS July 31, 1998

# HUMANITARIAN: \$13,558.71 Eastern Star Home \$13,558.71 Home Endowment 48,038.52 ESTARL 22,272.98 Home Renovation 260.00 International Temple 3,255.00 Founder's Day 100 percent 13,614.81

PROJECT	RECEIPTS	EXPENSE	ADMN FEE	PROFIT
Fraternal Fields	\$ 1,694.00	\$ 675.16	\$	\$ 1,018.84
Masonic Home & School	10,071.49			10,071.49
Labor of Love	41,489.42			41,489.42
Masonic Family Graphics	50.00	10.00		40.00
Music	5,961.00	3,394.00	119.50	2,447.50
Proficiency	2,509.00		555.75	1,953.25
Sheaf Club	5,595.00	1,956.00		3,639.00
Team '98	7,075.00	1,500.00	1,237.50	4,337.50
Time and Talent	2,789.00	65.00	622.75	2,101.25
Visitation	8,066.00	3,676.00	621.25	3,768.75
Mayfest	26,755.95	6,405.71	5,908.17	14,442.07
	\$112,055.86	\$17,681.87	\$9,064.92	\$85,309.07

#### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS:

Knight's Templar Eye	
Foundation	9,016.50
International Temple	120.00
Shrine Hospital	250.00
Youth	270.00
ESTARL	250.00
	\$9,656.50

#### HOME RENOVATION FUND

HOME RENOVATION TRUST ACCOUNT				
Balance in Fund as November 1, 1997			\$3	99,702.03
Income/Other Receipts	\$18	8,808.20		
Cash Additions	2	1,108.28		
Expenses /Distributions	[1	,269.39]		
Market Value Change		18.75		
_				38,665.84
Balance in Fund as July 31, 1998			\$4	38,367.87
HOME RENOVATION FUND CHECKING ACC Beginning Balance in Checking Account November 1, 1997	OUI	VТ	\$	8,495.61
Williams Act Enterprises (Concrete walkway)	\$	370.41		
Rusty Seabolt (Roof repairs )		550.00		
O. E. S. Home Fund		402.00		
	-		\$	1,322.41
Balance in Account as of July 31, 1998			\$	7,173.20

#### VANTAGE MAIL-OUT PROGRAM

(Profit will be invested in Home Endowment)

Total of Donations	\$328,652.22
Total Cost of Program	<263,198.21>
Grand Total for 1997-1998 Program	\$ 65,454.01

Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary

My supplemental report that I will give is an addendum to the Vantage mail-out program, which is on page 29. This is as of October 27th.

#### ADDENDUM TO THE:

#### VANTAGE MAIL-OUT PROGRAM AS OF 10/27/98

(Profit to be invested in the Home Endowment Trust)

TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED

\$344,740.49

COST OF PROGRAMS

280,298.21

TOTAL PROFIT FOR 1997-1998 PROGRAM AS OF 10/27/98

\$ 64,442,28

The complete report will be included in the Auditor's Report as printed in the back of the Proceedings.

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Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

Also, in compliance I will need to read the report of the Eastern Star Home of Texas. This report is to be given in compliance with Section 1 of the Standing Rules of the By-Laws of the Eastern Star Home of Texas. It states: The Corporate Board shall report annually their official actions to the Grand Chapter of Texas. The Corporate Board met Saturday, October 3rd, 1998, and the following report was submitted. During the 1997-98 Grand Chapter year, the following donations were received for the Eastern Star Home of Texas: Golden Sheaves to the Endowment Fund - \$7,595; Members through grant-matching funds - \$3,070; United Way of Amarillo - \$269.41; Insurance policies of deceased Home residents - \$12,443.73; Residents' accounts entering the Home - \$9,556.25; Sale of real estate and vehicles - \$52,881.15; Bequests, wills and foundations - \$42,979.30; From the Treasury Trophy Room - \$965. The total receipts under the 501(c)(3) were \$129,759.84.

Expenses in the amount of \$2,656.61 from the Home Renovation Fund were used to make preventive roof repairs and preventive maintenance, concrete walkway repair, brick counters, siding and fans to the pavilion.

Thank you, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron, for your support this year. You have stood by my side as I have endeavored to uphold the teachings of the Order and fulfill the

responsibilities of the office of Grand Secretary. I cherish the words of good deeds and encouragement from the membership, the wise counsel of those that have served before me and for the joy of working with the dedicated staff and the Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Patsy Wilson.

A beautiful life is one whose span is spent in service to God and man.

Thank you for the beauties of life. Worthy Grand Matron, I move this report be referred to the proper Committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have a second? Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and a second to refer this report to the proper Committee. Any discussion? You will signify your agreement by the uplifting of the voting card. Those opposed. The motion carried. Thank you, Sister Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary. It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with you this year. The professionalism you have brought to our State Office is commendable, and I have grown to respect and love these qualities very much.

The report of the Grand Treasurer. I now recognize Sister Patsy Wilson for her report.

MRS. PATSY WILSON: Good morning, and thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My report starts on page 30 in the advanced annual report. I'm going to let you read this yourself and I want you to know if you need any questions answered, I will be glad to answer them. I just want to say thank you, and I would like for the Grand Secretary to please come up here with me for just a minute. This is my buddy, and I want you to know she has done — in the first year, I have never seen anything like it. I'm just now learning after three years. But here we are, and we're a team and we're working for you. [applause]

# REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, My Sisters and Brothers All.

> Little by little the time goes by--Short if you laugh through it---long if you cry Little by little---an hour---a day And another year has passed away

Another year is nearing its close and all of us will remember this 1997-1998 year. This Grand Family has given of themselves this year and my sincere wish is that each of them will receive the same happiness in the years to come that you have brought to this membership of Texas. May God bless you and keep you in the hollow of his hand.

As this year turns the corner of time I can only report things as they are received and as they happen. I trust I have merited your confidence during this past

year. I am grateful to each of you for permitting me to serve in this position of duties and responsibilities.

Sincerely, Patsy Wilson Grand Treasurer

22 ACCOUNTS AND 8 CD's

I present for your consideration a summary of the November 1, 1996 thru June 30, 1998 Funds. Detailed accounting of all Funds are on file in the Grand Secretary's Off~ce for use in the annual audit of the books and records of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Submitted by: Patsy Wilson, Grand Treasurer

#### LIST OF BANKS & ACCOUNTS BY GRAND TREASURER

BA	NKS	NO. OF ACCOUNTS
1.	Bank One - Fort Worth, Texas	11
2.	Chase Bank - Arlington, Texas	
	(Old Name Texas Commerce Bank	
	- Arlington, Texas)	6
3.	Comerica Bank - Arlington, Texas	2 and 3 CD's
4.	Bank of Commerce - Fort Worth, Texas	2
5.	Security Bank - Arlington, Texas	1
6.	Wells FArgo Securities - Arlington, Texas	$2~\mathrm{CD's}$
7.	Guaranty Federal Bank - Arlington, Texas	2  CD's
8.	Colonial Savings - Arlington, Texas	1 CD
	EIGHT (8) BANK	S 30 TOTAL

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S. - C D'S - July 1, 1998

\$100,000.00
501C8
\$ 65.000.00
501C8
\$ 35,000.00
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COMERICA BANK HELEN M. BRAMLETT Interest Rate 7.20%	Mat 9-1-99	\$ 6,261.77
#523679		501C8
GUARANTY FEDERAL BANK EDUCATIONAL FUND Interest Rate 5.870%	Mat 10-15-99 Opened 2-24-98	\$ 16,096.97
#1388029959	•	501C8
GUARANTY FEDERAL BANK GENERAL FUND Interest Rate 5.250%	Mat 11-23-99 Opened 4-23-98	\$ 20,000.00
#1388010496	Opened 4 20-50	501C8
WELLS FARGO SECURITIES HOME FUND Interest Rate 5.3600%	Mat 9-7-99	\$ 34,635.24
#31771C3D5		501C8
WELLS FARGO SECURITIES HOME FUND	Mat 3-7-99	\$ 32,675.48
Interest Rate 5.2610% #31771C3C7		501C8
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GENERAL FUND:	Nov. 1, 1996	Nov. 1, 1997	
DISBURSEMENTS:	Oct. 31, 1997	June 30, 1998	
Administrative	116,883.06	01 519 54	
Printing	145,377.75	81,512.54 $79,759.35$	
Postage	34,979.92	12,627.07	
Supplies	15,477.92	37,049.58	
WGM'S Van	16,856.67	1,719.22	
Insurance & Emp. Reimb Ins.	111,378.73	50,462.38	
Refunds	1,530.41	411.20	
Lawyers & Auditors	31,897.77	23,810.16	
Taxes from property given	573.11	796.51	
Grand Officers & Committees	9,625.00	10,644.37	
G. C. Expenses	46,218.51	12,155.92	
PGM & PGP Jewels New & Repaired		750.00	
G. C. Recorder	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Computer System	-0-	11,049.00	
Misc.	3,464.72	2,840.59	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$539,713.57	\$331,054.91	
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OES CLEARING ACCOUNT:			
Nov. 1, 1997 \$27,231.04			
June 30, 1998 \$ 2,304.26			
Invested			
OES HOME ENDOWMENT FUND TRUS	ST:		
Nov. 1, 1997 \$6,211,885.88			
June 30, 1998 \$6,455,167.48			
RECEIPTS:			
Dividends	\$ 13,026.34	\$2,173.32	
Interest Taxable	363,005.99	43,343.92	
The One Group Fee Rebate	427.20	23.20	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	$375,\!459.53$	45,540.46	
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Distributions	\$ 9,522.13-	\$ -0-	
Fees	30,542.40-	2,196.13-	
Other Disbursements	140,712.59-	1,115.12-	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	180,777.12-	4,029.25-	
PRINCIPAL CASH			
RECEIPTS:			
Additions of Dividends	\$194,662.82	\$ 73,946.65	
Other Receipts	30,338.98	1,113.12	
Investment Sales & Maturities	1,475,843.08	$77,\!510.90$	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			
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DISBURSEMENTS:	¢1 670 E05 40	¢110 000 11	
Investment Purchases	\$1,670,525.49-	\$119,022.11-	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	1,670,525.49-	119,022.11-	
Balance Ending 10-31-97	954 649 17	288 681 44	
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288,681.44

GENERAL FUND: Nov. 1, 1996 Nov. 1, 1997 Oct. 31, 1997 June 30, 1998

OES HOME FUND HOLDING TRUST:

Nov 1, 1997 \$249,640.70 June 30, 1998 \$805,524.91

OES HOME FUND MONEY MARKET:

Nov. 1, 1997 \$96,407.55 June 30, 1998 \$47,703.55

RECEIPTS:

Ladies Pensions	\$486,459.51	\$306,385.37
Investment Income	26,062.33	9,351.25
Donations	12,740.01	5,705.02
Bequest & Grants	33,224.24	29,549.90
Home Member Receipts	41,104.85	12,467.81
Interfunds Transfered	20,234.47	11,302.15
WGM'S Special Funds	92,854.03	12,375.73
Ladies Insurance & Refunds	12,987.78	156.00
Interest Earned In Account	2,249.03	1,233.82
Board Of Directors	-0-	3,353.03
Medical Refunds	2,016.13	3,675.73
Payroll Taxes	-0-	1,388.33
Property Sales	46,315.29	50,046.85
Funds from Deceased Ladies	3,184.82	-0-
Misc.	989.65	1,449.85
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$780,422.14	\$448,440.84

DISBURSEMENTS:

 Home Operating
 \$178,106.86
 \$64,427.79

 Home Holding Trust
 560,049.58
 368,787.30

 Misc.
 97,370.88
 104,197.34

OES CLEARING ACCOUNT:

Nov. 1, 1997 \$ 11,303.57 June 30, 1998 \$686,294.91

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP:

Nov. 1, 1997 \$706,073.67 June 30, 1998 \$798,786.80

# GRAND CAHPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S. ACCOUNT #52 00 3239 01 0

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS Net Income 6/1/97 to 5/31/98		
Income Cash (From 5/31/98 Statement)		\$27,595.33
Short-term / Long-term Gains Previously Realized		1,565.14
Short-term / Long-term Gains Realized for this year		640.62
Accrued Interest as of 5/31/98 (Computed)		12,461.27
NET INCOME 6/1/97 TO 5/31/98		\$42,261.36
*Reconciliation of Net Income*		
Interest Received		\$45,036.33
Dividends Received		3,287.09
Short-term / Long-term Gains		640.62
Accrued Interest as of 5/31/98 Less –		12,461.27
Accrued Interest from 5/31/97		(14,351.95)
Accrued Interest Purchased		0.00
Management Fees		(4,812.00)
NET INCOME 6I/1/97 TO 5/31/98		\$42,261.36
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S. ACCOUNT #52 00 3239 01 0 Accrued Interest as of 5/31/98		
Treasury Trust Fund (May Dividends Received 6/2/98)		\$380.74
U.S. Treasury Notes (Interest Due 5/31/97, Received 6/1/98)		10,937.50
100,000 Par Value, U.S. T-Notes, 6.375%, Due 5/15/99 (Paid 5/15/98) Annual Interest Days Daily Interest Days Accrued as of 5/31/98	$   \begin{array}{r}     100,000.00 \\     \underline{6.375\%} \\     6,375.00 \\     \underline{365} \\     17.47 \\     16   \end{array} $	
	279.45	279.45
25,000 Par Value, F.H.L.B., 6.624%, Due 11/19/02	25,000.00	
(Paid 5/19/98)	6.624%	
Annual Interest	1,656.00	
Days	365	
Daily Interest	4.54	
Days Accrued as of 5/31/98	$\frac{12}{54.44}$	E A A A
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100,000 Par Value, F.H.L.M., 6.565%, Due 11/4/02 (Paid 5/4/98) Annual Interest Days Daily Interest Days Accrued as of 5/31/98	$ \begin{array}{r} 100,000.00 \\ \underline{6.565\%} \\ 6,565.00 \\ \underline{365} \\ 17.99 \\ \underline{27} \\ 485.63 \end{array} $	485.63
100,000 Par Value, F.N.M.A., 6.56%, Due 11/13/01) (Paid 5/13/98) Annual interest Days Daily Interest Days Accrued as of 5/31/98	$   \begin{array}{r}     100,000.00 \\     \phantom{00000000000000000000000000000000$	323.51
TOTAL ACCRUED INTEREST AS OF 5/31/98		\$12,461.27

#### ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS

No's 1 thru 723	\$361,500.00	(723)
724 thru 863	\$ 70,000.00	(140)
684 thru 999	\$ 68,000.00	(136)
1000 thru 1151	\$ 87,000.00	(152)
1152 thru 1310	\$ 96,500.00	(168)

TOTAL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS AS OF JUNE 30,1998--- 1533

Received \$33,141.11 from Bank of Commerce for Chapters having Endowed Members. Checks were for \$26.00.

WGM ES SPECI	AL FUNDS:	HOME OPERAT	TIONAL FUND:
Nov. 1, 1997	\$20,746.45	Nov. 1, 1997	\$156,558.75
June 30, 1998	\$20,883.30	June 30, 1998	\$ 35,499.26
OES GC OF TEX	KAS HOME	HOME RENOVA	ATION CHECKING:
ENDOWMENT I		Nov. 1, 1997 \$8,495.61	
Nov. 1, 1997	\$206,139.98	June 30, 1998	\$7,173.20
June 30,1998	\$226,001.30	•	• •
		EDUCATIONAL FUND:	
OES HOME RENOVATION FUND:		Nov. 1, 1997	\$9,882.93
Nov. 1, 1997	\$399,231.24	June 30, 1998	\$8,371.38
June 30, 1998	\$437,436.67		
		ES SPECIAL ACCOUNT:	
WGM'S SPECIA	L FUNDS	Nov, 1, 1997	\$ 17,223.96
Nov. 1, 1997	\$ 28,897.06	June 30, 1998	\$ 15,529.39
June 30, 1998	\$142,766.12		$\epsilon$
		BENEVOLENT FUND:	
ES MEMBER D	EPOSIT:	Nov. 1, 1997	\$80,147.72
Nov. 1, 1997	\$39,684.73	June 30, 1998	\$55,482.86
June 30, 1997	\$44,040.44		

#### FANNIE V. WARD **EDUCATIONAL FUND:**

Nov. 1, 1997 \$2,552.20 June 30, 1998 \$3,801.58

#### MARY C. KENNINGTON **SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:**

New for \$500,000,00 June 30, 1998 \$510,097.00

#### BENEVOLENT BOARD EXPENSE:

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXPENSES: Nov. 1, 1997 \$3,353.03 Nov. 1, 1997 \$283.09 June 30, 1998 \$5.861.03 June 30, 1998 \$503.84

Worthy Grand Matron, I move this report be given to the proper Committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and a second to refer this report to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? Please signify your agreement by raising your voting card. Those opposed, Motion carried. Thank you, Sister Patsy, for your dedication and cooperation this year. Your love for our Order shows in your endeavors.

I now recognize Sister Mildred Sharpe, Chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee.

## REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

With pleasure I present the five appointed members of this Committee: I am from District One; Richard Ochs, District Two; Alma Sivley, District Three; Lena Maye Cook, District Four and Harold Todd, District Five. Also serving on the Committee are the eight elective Grand Officers, the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

Two meetings were held during the course of the year.

1. January 23, 1998 immediately following the Dallas School Banquet at the Dallas Grand Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

Several matters referred to the committee were discussed. Inasmuch as our laws are very specific as to the duties of Boards and Committees, the matters pertaining to admission to the Eastern Star Home, physical requirements for admission, and eligibility for admission were referred to the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

The matter concerning donations to the Home Endowment Fund as well as the inquiry concerning the sale of the vacant land of the Home grounds were referred to the Board of Grand Trustees.

The matter of an Out-Door Music Festival was referred to the Associate Grand Matron for her attention and consideration in connection with special Home activities.

2. Meeting No. 2 was held on March 27, 1998, 6 p.m., preceding the School Banquet, Masonic Temple, Fort Worth, Texas.

In accordance with Art. 152-J, the proposed Humanitarian Program for 1998-99 was presented by Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Associate Grand Matron. Her proposed Projects are as follows:

- 1. Eastern Star Home of Texas.
- 2. Home Endowment Fund
- 3. ESTARL
- 4. Home Renovation

The Committee voted unanmimous approval of these projects.

Article 17 grants the appointing of Standing Committees and Special Committees. We list only the following Committees and items to be offered to the membership for a donation with the named Project.

- 1. SPRING FLING 99 CELEBRATION FUTURE OF OUR ORDER COMMITTEE Springtime Celebration, week-end of May I Planning, organizing and coordinating various events as outlined. A TWELVE YEAR PLANNER \$5.00 with proceeds to benefit SPECIAL PROJECTS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON FUND.
- 2. TOGETHER WE GIVE GIFT OF LIFE Together We Give The Gift of Life Button (assisting Grand Lodge Committee in the statewide program sponsoring Blood Drives). Button to be given, not for money, but earned by donation of time or donation of blood.
- 3. COLUMNS OF STRENGTH Buttons available for donation of \$25.00 or more to be awarded one of four Columns of Strength Buttons...two classifications...Charter (in lieu of Grand Chapter Dress) and Regular.
- 4. HUGS ACROSS TEXAS STATEWIDE MAILING Circle Pin, Eastern Star Emblem, Letter from Worthy Grand Matron explaining purpose of the pin and designated fund for voluntary donation.
- 5. OES TIME AND TALENT CAMEO Sticker donation of \$1.00 to be placed on Dues Card HOME OPERATION FUND.
- 6. FOUNDER'S DAY Teddy Bear Sun Catchers available for donation of \$5.00 (Pavilion Project).
- 7. BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS 'TOP HAT' Sticker available for donation of \$1.00 to place on 'A' Proficiency Certificate. GRAND CHAPTER OPERATING FUND.
- 8. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 1998-99 Calendars donation of \$5.00 GRAND CHAPTER OPERATING FUND.
- 9. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP BUTTON Endowed Members may purchase . . . \$5.00 to benefit GRAND CHAPTER OPERATING FUND.
- 10. GRAND APPOINTMENT NAME BADGES Proceeds to benefit GRAND CHAPTER OPERATING FUND.

- 11. ACTS OF KINDNESS Volunteer work (as outlined by Worthy Grand Matron to Committee).
- 12. MELODY MAKERS Two Marches @ \$5.00 each; Cassette Tape .. \$5.00; Book of three Marches and Song ..\$10.00. Proceeds to be divided equally to Fraternal Youth Organizations.
  - 13. BULLETIN Free LAMP OF KNOWLEDGE Sticker to subscribers.
- 14. FOUNDERS DAY TO BENEFIT SPECIAL PROJECTS (Home Renovation).

NOTE: In cases whereby members donate through their respective Chapters toward Funds designated for HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM, their contributions apply toward a Chapter's 100% status.

SPECIAL PROJECTS TO BENEFIT SPECIAL PROJECT OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

- 1. FRATERNAL FAN COMMITTEE: Donations accepted for the Four Pins available from General Grand Chapter for donation of Five Dollars . . .
  - a. ESTARL Pin . . . Lamp Pin
  - b. YOUTH Pin . . . Stop/Look/Listen Pin
  - c. SHRINER HOSPITALS .. Pin, Most Worthy Grand Patron Emblem of the Horse.
  - d. INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE .. Pin, Picture of the International Temple

SPECIAL PROJECT TO BENEFIT SPECIAL PROJECT OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

2. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION... Donations in lieu of Table Favors at OES SCHOOLS, BANQUETS AND COVERED DISH SUPPERS for 1998-99. Donations in lieu of Corsages and Flowers for OES School Officers at OES Schools for 1998-99.

Designated sales and donations approved by the Purposes and Policies Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Mildred Sharpe, Chairman, District 1 Richard Ochs, District 2 Alma Sivley, District 3 Lena Maye Cook, District 4 Harold Todd, District 5 Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron Kenneth R. Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron Alma Lynne Bane, Associate Grand Matron Henry S. Martin, Associate Grand Patron Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary Patsy Wilson, Grand Treasurer Betty Y. Friend, Grand Conductress Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Conductress Patsy Neeper, Chairman, Board of Grand Trustees Delbert Shoemaker, Chairman, Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and a second to accept the Purposes and Policies Committee report. All those in favor –

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Marjorie Errington.

GRAND SECRETARY: As Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction, I did want to inform the membership that the Northeast Division of the Postal Inspection Service and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts are conducting an official investigation into possible abuse of special bulk rate mailing privileges by Vantage Group. They were unable to resolve the matter, and so the United States Attorney's Office has filed a civil action against Vantage in federal court. I just wanted you to be aware of this. It doesn't affect Grand Chapter of course, but it is going to affect a company that we have been requested to do business with by the Purposes and Policies and by Grand Chapter approval. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Marjorie. Is there any other discussion?

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Worthy Grand Matron, perhaps our Associate Grand Matron would like to explain further about the statewide mailing. Would you, Sister Alma Lynn?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Mildred Sharpe. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: I have been in constant communication with the company that we have used not only this last year, but the year with Sister Rosemary Swetland. They have assured me that this is an harassment suit of a former employee. They will be giving us a mailing to every member of the Grand Chapter of Texas, as their address is listed on our Grand Secretary's file. You will receive a pin and an information letter from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, as well as my letter. This will be a one-time mailing. If they have not heard from you in 35 days, they will mail you a gentle, one-time reminder, and that is all that we have in communication, will be one mailing. They have held up the printing of these pins until we vote this morning on the acceptance of this. This is a project Brother Henry and I have worked on, and we ask your support. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, Chairman.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Alma.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Worthy Grand Matron, a clarification. We are being investigated – or they are being investigated from January 1st, 1991, through July 17th, 1998. And all of the information that they requested has been sent to the Attorney General's Office.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any further discussion? Sister Mildred Sharpe, you made the motion, didn't you?

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Yes, ma'am.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And it has been seconded. The motion has been made, seconded and discussed. All in favor of this Purposes and Policies Committee report, please signify by raising your card. Those opposed. The motion carried. Thank you, Sister Mildred Sharpe, and the Purposes and Policies Committee. I appreciate your Committee's efforts for the betterment of our Order.

I would like to recognize the Sister who we all know and love who has entered our midst. She does not want to be escorted, but I must recognize Sister Katherine Poulis, our Past Grand Matron. Hello, sweetheart. Let's show Sister Katherine how much we appreciate her. [applause]

I now recognize Sister Jane Gregory for her report on Grievances and Appeals.

## REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MRS. JANE GREGORY: 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 members of this Grand Chapter Session after receiving an abundant amount of correspondence with complaints and accusations from members of both Dayton Chapter No. 233, Order of the Eastern Star, and Dayton Masonic Lodge #825 A.F.& A.M.

Beginning October 15, 1997, the correspondence accused the misuse of the ballot by the Worthy Patron (black cube) in refusing membership to a brother with continual violations of Landmarks #7, #11, of the Ritual. This prompted the Worthy Grand Matron on December 4, 1997 to notify Dayton Chapter No. 233 that she was issuing a summons to be held December 17, 1997, in their regular meeting place at 7:30 P.M. The purpose of this meeting was to remove from office the Worthy Patron who failed to adhere to the obligations of the Order of the Eastern Star, and to perform the duties of a Worthy Patron as covered on pages 101, 104, 105 and 107 of the Ritual.

The meeting was convened under authority of Article 24, Code of Laws, regarding the violations.

Those present, not members of Dayton Chapter No. 233: J.J.Freeze, Grand Sentinel, Oak Forest Chapter No. 1080, Connie Barron, Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Section 4, Archives Chapter No. 1095; Donald Barron, husband of the Deputy Grand Matron and member of Archives Chapter No. 1095, Vi Griffin, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Elsie Paladino, Chairman Jurisprudence and Past Grand Matron.

By authority of Article 26, Code of Laws, and with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Patron, the Worthy Grand Matron removed from office the Worthy Patron of Dayton Chapter No. 233, and further ruled he would not be eligible to the title of Past Patron, nor hold any office within said Chapter during the remainder of

this Grand Chapter year of 1997-1998. She requested that copies of the minutes beginning with those of December 18, 1997 be forwarded to the Worthy Grand Matron. The Worthy Grand Matron also reprimanded the Secretary of Dayton Lodge #825 A.F.& A.M. and member of Pasadena Chapter No. 711, Order of the Eastern Star, for actions unbecoming a member and violation of Landmark #7.

A copy of that meeting was mailed to the Grand Secretary, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee and Dayton Chapter No. 233.

The members of your Grievances and Appeals Committee recommend:

- (1) the membership of this Grand Chapter Session ratify the actions taken by our Worthy Grand Matron against this brother.
- (2) We further recommend that the 1998-1999 Grand Chapter officers monitor this situation toward a harmonious solution, allowing the Dayton Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, to return to the Dayton Lodge #825 to hold their meetings in the year 2000, if not resolved before that date.

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the members of the Grievances and Appeals Committee, I wish to thank you for the privilege of serving the Grand Chapter of Texas on this Committee.

Submitted By:

Jane Gregory, Chairman and Past Grand Matron

Brothers: Murray Watson and Charles Morris, Past Grand Patrons

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you heard the motion and a second to approve the report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee. All those in favor, signify by raising your voting card. All opposed, raise the same. Motion carried. Thank you, Sister Jane, my special friend, and Brother Charles, Robert's "42" buddy. I appreciate your report.

I now recognize Brother Carl Starkey for his OES Home Endowment Fund report.

# REPORT OF THE HOME ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

MR. CARL STARKEY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Grand Chapter Officers, my distinguished Sisters and Brothers all:

First of all Worthy Grand Matron, let me say on behalf of this committee that it has been an honor and a pleasure to represent you and Grand Chapter in this endeavor. Thank you for the members of this committee that you chose for me to serve with.

It was this committee's privilege to talk to numerous chapters and many, many members statewide, presenting your message and expressing your desire that we continue in the important effort to fully endow our Eastern Star Home, thereby making it self-sufficient.

According to the information that I have received, Home Endowment Funds received through September of this year were as follows: Humanitarian - \$50,215.29; Vantage - \$64,442.28; Sheaf Club - \$7,850.00; individual and miscellaneous contributions sent to the Grand Secretary for this fund - \$1,238.00. Total funds collected through September were \$123,745.57 and funds are still coming in.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you again for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter this year.

Fraternally submitted by the Home Endowment Fund Committee:

Carl E. "Gene" Starkey, Chairman

Mrs. Betty J. Warlick - District I

Mrs. Sheryl F. Koltermann, District II

Mrs. Marjorie Halbrook, District III

Mrs. Gail Smith, District IV

Mrs. Elizabeth Ripple, District V

Worthy Grand Matron I move for the adoption of this report.

Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to recognize those who served with me on this committee:

District I - Mrs. Betty J. Warlick - who sends her regrets that she could not be here because of her husband's health.

District II - Mrs. Sheryl F. Koltermann.

District III- Mrs. Marjorie Halbrook - who sends her regrets that she could not be here because of her own health problems.

District IV - Mrs. Gail Smith.

District V - Mrs. Elizabeth Ripple.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and a second that we adopt the OES Home Endowment Fund report. All those in favor, signify by raising your voting card. Those opposed. Motion carried. Thank you, Brother Carl, and the OES Home Endowment Fund Committee. Now let's pose! This man is always taking pictures of everybody else, this time we're going to get him to stand up here and smile.

I now recognize our Jurisprudence Committee.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I would ask a favor of you. Before we begin presenting the amendments that we are to consider at this Grand Chapter, would you please take your Advance Reports, all of the amendments are printed in your Advance Report; turn to page 51. That is Amendment No. 8. Will you mark that amendment withdrawn. On the same page 51, would you mark Amendment No. 9 withdrawn. Amendment No. 10 on page 52, mark that amendment withdrawn. Are you up with me? Amendment No. 8, 9, 10 have been

withdrawn by the proponents. Turn to page 59. Resolution No. 1 has been withdrawn by the proponents. The remaining amendments, I hope that you will consider them carefully. In your Advance Report, notice that the changes are printed in bold letters and they are underlined so that you may follow a little bit more closely the changes that the proponents are trying to achieve by presenting these amendments.

Sisters and Brothers, I know that you're going to pay close attention. I realize that each of you — hopefully, you have taken the responsibility of reading these amendments. And in doing so, I hope that you will allow us to dispense with reading the amendment in its entirety and present to you a synopsis. Of course, if you have any questions — if our synopsis does not cover all of your questions, you're certainly free to ask questions before this is voted on. And you're certainly free to express your opinion. I would emphasize at this point that each amendment will be considered separately, and you will have the opportunity to address each one individually. We are again proposing to only read the synopsis and give you the opportunity to question the format or the legality, but not the content, as that will be handled under the discussion prior to the vote.

Worthy Grand Matron, I would therefore move that the assembly permit the Jurisprudence Committee to read a synopsis of each amendment rather than the entire original and proposed amendment, ask for any questions concerning the format or legality of the proposed amendment and then refer it to the Worthy Grand Matron for presentation to the membership.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the proposal of our Chairman of Jurisprudence that they be allowed to only read the synopsis affecting the changes; is that correct, Sister Elsie? And we have a second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of this proposal, would you please raise your card? Any opposed? Motion carried.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. This will certainly be a lot easier on all of us, and certainly it makes us better stewards of Grand Chapter's time. I would encourage those of you who will be proposing amendments to any amendment to refer to Article 171 in our Code of Laws and make sure that it is in proper order and typed. We are ready to begin the business of this Grand Chapter. I call upon Brother Billy to present the first amendment.

MR. BILLY COMBEST: Sisters and Brothers, Amendment No. 1 is printed in your Advanced Report on page 44. It is a constitutional change. Article VII C on page 42 of your constitution. This is regarding a change in the title of the Benevolent Board. It is a constitutional change and will require a favorable vote both this year and next year for it to become law. If passed this year, it can be amended at the second reading next year. If passed, it would delete the word "Directors" from the title of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. The new title would be Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. If passed, this amendment would be the authority to make all changes in the constitution and Code of Laws regarding the title of this Board in accordance with Article 152(a)(1) and (a)(5) in your Code of Laws, page 106. A "yes" vote will change the title of this Board. A "no" vote will leave the title as Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

Worthy Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 1 reads as follows:]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

WHEREAS the title "Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences" is overly long and difficult for Conductresses and members to announce,

We the undersigned respectfully propose the following:

Division III, Constitution ARTICLE VII C (page 42)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

BOARD OF **DIRECTORS** OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

## ARTICLE VII. C BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

Submitted by: R. J "Tom" Warner Betty Capps Maxine Nance Norma Graham Janet W. Holland

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this proposal and a second. Those in favor, please show by raising your voting card. Those opposed. Any discussion? I left that out again, I'm sorry. Sisters and Brothers, the motion has carried.

Sister Elsie.

MRS. BETTY PHILLIPS HAGER: Sisters and Brothers, this will be on Amendment No. 2, and you will find this in your Advance Report, page 44. It's taken from Article IV, Section 1 in your constitution, page 36 and 37. This amendment is regarding adding Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons as members of Grand Chapter. It is a constitutional change and would require a favorable vote both this year and then again next year for this to become law. Also, if passed, amendments to this section may be made next year. If passed, this amendment would add Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons as members of Grand Chapter. As such, they would have the privilege of voting on the business matters of Grand Chapter and shall not be eligible to serve as Deputies and District Deputies. That is Article 149, page 104 in our constitution where that comes from. And this, of course, makes it "Except as officer of Grand Chapter for a particular district or section," and that is found in Article 5 (a) and (b), page 36, A "ves" vote will add Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons as members of Grand Chapter. A "no" vote will preclude them from voting or holding appointments. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds that amendment in proper order and ready for action by the Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 2 reads as follows:]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2

ARTICLE IV COMPOSITION OF GRAND CHAPTER (page 36-37).

To increase interest and attendance at Grand Chapter.

#### WHICH NOW READS:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The Grand Chapter shall be composed of the following:

- a. Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons
- (1) All Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Chartered Chapters in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be members of this Grand Chapter.
- (2) If the Worthy Matron is absent from Grand Chapter, the Associate Matron, if present, shall be entitled to represent the Worthy Matron. In case of the absence of both the Worthy Matron and the Associate Matron, the Worthy Matron may appoint, as her proxy with full power of representation, any member of her Chapter. In case of the absence from Grand Chapter of the Worthy Patron, the Associate Patron, if present, shall be entitled to represent the Worthy Patron. In case of the absence of the Worthy Patron and Associate Patron, the Worthy Patron may appoint, as his proxy with full power of representation, any member of his Chapter. In order for a member to be seated as a proxy, she or he shall present to the Committee on Credentials a certificate of such appointment, duly certified to under Seal of the Chapter by the Secretary.
- b. 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.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

- a. Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons
- (1) All Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Chartered Chapters in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be members of this Grand Chapter.
- (2) If the Worthy Matron is absent from Grand Chapter, the Associate Matron, if present, shall be entitled to represent the Worthy Matron. In case of the absence of both the Worthy Matron and the Associate Matron, the Worthy Matron may appoint, as her proxy with full power of representation, any member of her Chapter. In case of the absence from Grand Chapter of the Worthy Patron, the Associate Patron, if present, shall be entitled to represent the Worthy Patron. In case of the absence of the Worthy Patron and the Associate Patron, the Worthy Patron may appoint, as his proxy with full power of representation, any member of his Chapter. In order for a member to be seated as a proxy, she or he shall present to the Committee on Credentials a certificate of such appointment, duly certified to under Seal of the Chapter by the Secretary.
- b. 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, providing 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.

c. Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons. All Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons of Chartered Chapters in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be members of this Grand Chapter. They cannot appoint proxies.

Submitted by:

Yvonne S. Brownfield
Rennie Ofton
Effie Mae Davis
Alma Lynn Bane

Betty Friend
Naomi Wolfe
Wanda Fairchild
Tinie Riggs
Katherine Poulis

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we are now voting on proposed Amendment No. 2. We have a motion and a second on proposed Amendment No. 2. This is the first reading of proposed Amendment No. 2, and if passed it will have to be voted on again next year. It can be amended at that time. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, show by raising your cards. Those opposed. The motion defeated.

Sister Elsie.

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: Sisters and Brothers, on page 46 of your Advance Report you will find this amendment, Article X, Section 10, in your constitution, pages 46 to 47. This is regarding voting privileges and elections. It is a constitutional change and would require a favorable vote both this year and again next year for this to become law if passed. It can be amended at the second reading next year. You have defeated Amendment No. 2 to make Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons members of Grand Chapter. Therefore, you delete paragraph b(l)c, which would give the Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons a vote. The portion of this amendment remaining pertains to the number of votes a member may have in electing candidates. Currently, a Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron unable to attend Grand Chapter may give his or her proxy to another member. We know that you understand the current law for you to have one, two or three votes. A "yes" vote would change this law so that no member will have more than one vote. A "no" vote will leave voting and elections as it is now, with some members having up to three votes. Are there any questions concerning the format or legality of this amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 3 reads as follows:]

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 3**

To possibly increase attendance and interest at Grand Chapter by allowing the Associate Matron and Associate Patron of Charter Chapters a vote in determining the business of Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE X, SECTION 10. VOTING PRIVILEGES (pages 46 - 47)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

a. 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.

b. In Elections.

#### (1) 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. 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.
- (2) Two Votes. Each of the following shall have two votes:
  - (a) A Worthy Matron who is also a Past Matron.
  - (b) A Worthy Patron who is also a Past Patron.
  - (c) A Worthy Matron holding the proxy of a Worthy Patron.
  - (d) A Worthy Patron holding the proxy of a Worthy Matron.
  - (e) A Past Matron or Past Patron holding the proxy of either the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron.
  - (f) An Associate Matron (in the absence of the Worthy Matron) holding the proxy of the Worthy Patron.
  - (g) A member (not a Past Matron or Past Patron) holding the proxies of both the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.
- (3) Three Votes. Each of the following shall have three votes:
  - (a) A Worthy Matron who is also a Past Matron and holds the proxy of the Worthy Patron.
  - (b) A Worthy Patron who is also a Past Patron and holds the proxy of the Worthy Matron.
  - (c) <u>A Past Matron or Past Patron holding the proxies of both the</u> Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron.
- (4) No one shall cast more than three votes.
- c. Chapter Representative When Voting by Chapters and Amendments to the Constitution of 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 is 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.

- d. 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.
- e. 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 first day of the second month following the close of the Subordinate Chapter year shall forfeit the vote of its Chapter Representative. Voting privileges may be restored by a two-thirds' vote of those voting at Grand Chapter.
- f. Voting ballots and badges shall not be issued to the Chapter Representative of a Chapter in arrears or of a Chapter failing to make its Annual Report and pay its obligations to Grand Chapter on or before the first day of the second month following the close of the Subordinate Chapter year, except upon appropriate action of Grand Chapter in accordance with the above provisions The Grand Secretary shall furnish to the Credentials Committee a list of all such Chapters so as to facilitate the enforcement of this provision.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

- a. General. On all matters before Grand Chapter, each member of Grand Chapter shall have <u>only</u> one vote. <u>A member holding a proxy of a Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron shall have only one vote.</u>
  - b. In Elections.
  - (1) One Vote. Every member of Grand Chapter shall have only 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. 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.
    - (c) Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons of Chartered Chapters and Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons of U.D. Chapters after their Charter has been granted at that Grand Chapter.
- c. 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 is 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.
- d. 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.

- e. 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 first day of the second month following the close of the Subordinate Chapter year shall forfeit the vote of its Chapter Representative. Voting privileges may be restored by a two-thirds' vote of those voting at Grand Chapter.
- f. Voting ballots and badges-shall not be issued to the Chapter Representative of a Chapter in arrears or of a Chapter failing to make its Annual Report and pay its obligations to Grand Chapter on or before the first day of the second month following the close of the Subordinate Chapter year, except upon appropriate action of Grand Chapter in accordance with the above provisions. The Grand Secretary shall furnish to the Credentials Committee a list of all such Chapters so as to facilitate the enforcement of this provision.

Submitted by: Yvonne S. Brownfield Rennie Ofton Effie Mae Davis Alma Lynn Bane Betty Friend Naomi Wolfe Wanda Fairchild Tinie Riggs Katherine M. Poulis

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the proposed amendment for this action. If approved, it would have to be carried over and voted on again next year, and an amendment could be made at that time. There has been a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, please signify by raising your voting cards. Those opposed. Motion defeated.

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: In your Advanced Report on page 48, you find Amendment No. 4. It is concerning Article 3.a, the Code of Laws, on page 56. This amendment, and all the rest that follow, is to the Code of Laws and becomes effective immediately at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. This is regarding candidates' announcements. Currently, Resolution 3, Code of Laws, page 177, passed in 1995, allowed candidates to place an announcement in the Advanced Annual Report, the cost to be "billed to the candidate." It adds a sentence to the Code of Laws and clarifies the cost of placing this announcement in the Advanced Annual Report. A "yes" vote specifies the cost of the announcement to be comparable to the cost of the one in the Official Bulletin. A "no" vote will leave the cost of such printing up to the Board of Grand Trustees or Grand Secretary. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 4 reads as follows:]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4

WHEREAS candidates for Grand Chapter offices are permitted to insert an announcement in the Advanced Annual Report,

We submit the following:

CHAPTER 2, ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS ARTICLE 3.a. ELECTIONEERING (page 56)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

a. Each candidate may place an announcement of such candidacy in the Official Bulletin one time ONLY during the Grand Chapter year, specifying the office for which she/he is to be nominated. Such announcements shall not exceed one page in length and shall include a picture of the member, resume of her/his Eastern Star Service, both in Subordinate and Grand Chapter, arranged chronologically, giving year of service and appointment, together with her/his education and employment history ONLY. The cost of such Bulletin announcement shall be borne by the member to be nominated.

#### BE AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE:

A similar announcement may also be placed in the Advanced Annual Report at the same cost as a comparable announcement in the Official Bulletin.

Submitted by: Shirley Jones Jim Rippey

Patsy Washington Frances Burbank

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the proposed Amendment No. 4 and a second. Is there any discussion? Those in favor of Amendment No. 4 being passed, please raise your voting cards. Those opposed. Amendment 4 carried.

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: In your Advanced Report on page 49, you will find Amendment No. 5, Article 17.0 in the Code of Laws, page 59. This is regarding the residency of the Executive Committee. Currently, the Executive Committee must reside in the section where the Grand Chapter session is to be held. A "yes" vote would allow the Executive Committee to reside in the district in which the Grand Chapter Session will be held. A "no" vote would require that a member of the Executive Committee continue to be from the section where the Grand Chapter Session is held. Are there any questions regarding the format or the legality of this amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by your Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 5 reads as follows:]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 5

Realizing that Grand Chapter cannot always be held in the section in which the Worthy Grand Matron resides, and in order to provide a broader people-base from which the Associate Grand Matron can choose her Executive Committee, we propose the following amendment:

CHAPTER 4 - DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS
A. WORTHY GRAND MATRON
ARTICLE 17. APPOINT COMMITTEES
PARAGRAPH O. (page 59)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

o. Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session. Three or more members, one of whom shall be designated "General Chairman". All members of the Executive

Committee shall hold membership within the <u>Section</u> in which the Grand Chapter Session at which they are to serve shall be held.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

o. Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session. Three or more members, one of whom shall be designated "General Chairman. " All members of the Executive Committee shall hold membership within the <u>District</u> in which the Grand Chapter Session at which they are to serve shall be held.

Submitted by: Betty Friend
Alma Lynn Bane Naomi Wolfe
Henry S. Martin Willie Mae Shaw

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of Amendment No. 5 and a second. Is there any discussion? Those in favor of passing Amendment No. 5, please signify by your voting card. Those opposed. Amendment No. 5 carries.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I would express my special appreciation to this membership for your attention. We're going to move on to Amendment No. 6. This amendment is found on page 49 of the Advance Report, Article 174, Code of Laws, page 124. This is regarding the notification to the Grand Secretary for 50-year membership certificates. Currently, Chapter secretaries report the name of a member who has accumulated 50 years of membership to the Grand Secretary. The law does not specify how this is reported. This amendment specifies that the Chapter Secretary must forward a written request to the Grand Secretary for the 50-year membership certificate. This would eliminate phone calls and notes written on scratch paper or whatever. A "yes" vote will require all requests to be in writing. A "no" vote means the request may be made by other means. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

If not, Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 6 reads as follows:]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 6

WHEREAS, it takes time for the Grand Secretary's office to research a member's records to verify 50 year membership,

WE, the undersigned, submit the following Revision:

ARTICLE 174. FIFTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE (page 124)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

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. 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 are 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 TO READ:

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. When it appears that a member of any Subordinate Chapter has completed a period of such accumulative membership, the Chapter Secretary must forward a written request for the Certificate to the Grand Secretary, giving the member's name. The Grand Secretary will check such membership on the records of Grand Chapter. If the years of cumulative membership are 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.

Submitted by: Marjorie Errington Coweta Engel Jan Haag Shirley Martindale Marquetta Whitfield Billie Wilk

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of proposed Amendment No. 6 and a second. Is there any discussion? Those in favor of approving Amendment No. 6, please signify by raising your voting card. Those opposed. Motion carried.

MRS. LOLA "PEACHES" WALLACE: Sisters and Brothers, Amendment No. 7 is found on page 50 of the Advance Report, from Article 256 of the Code of Laws, page 165. This is regarding introductions of General Grand Chapter Appointments. It makes provision for introductions of Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. There is currently no provision for this in our laws regarding introductions. A "yes" vote would add a group to the introduction of General Grand Chapter Appointments. This would be after Committee Members of General Grand Chapter and as directed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron. A "no" vote would continue these introductions as directed by our own Worthy Grand Matron each year. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 7 reads as follows:]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 7

In each Triennium of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Chapter of Texas is privileged to receive appointees of various titles to serve during that 3-year period. Sometimes, our Grand Chapter Laws pertaining to introductions do not have a category for the newly appointed office.

Generally, the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter will direct introduction guidelines for a special appointment. This Triennium, we have had the Deputy for the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and the Deputy for the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America. The Worthy Grand Matron has directed introduction of these appointees as informed by the present Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Therefore, we the undersigned, propose the following amendment to our Code of Laws:

CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 256, INTRODUCTIONS: a. (2) General Grand Chapter Officers: (page 165)

#### ADD:

(e) Introduction of special appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron will be accomplished as she directs during her Triennium.

Submitted by:

Effie Mae Davis

Rennie Ofton Alma Lynn Bane

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of Amendment No. 7 and a second. Is there any discussion? Those in favor of passing Amendment No. 7, please signify by raising your voting card. Those opposed. Motion carried.

MR. BILLY COMBEST: Amendment No. 11 is printed in your Advanced Report on page 53. It involves Article 82.h of the Code of Laws, page 72 in your Code of Laws. This is regarding deleting expenses for various committees and officers of Grand Chapter. It deletes the paragraph for the Board of Grand Trustees to recommend a budget for postage for the Grand Chaplain, Jurisprudence Committee, Humanitarian Committee, Educational Fund Committee, ESTARL Committee and the By-Laws Committee. A "yes" vote would delete a provision for postage for these committees. A "no" vote would require the Board of Grand Trustees to continue to recommend an appropriation for postage for these committees. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

Hearing none, Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 11 reads as follows:]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 11

WHEREAS, decreasing membership and rising costs of operation have made it necessary for the Board of Grand Trustees to remove appropriations for postage

for several committees, and

WHEREAS, expenses for District Deputies, Deputy Grand Matrons, and Grand Examiners were previously removed from our Code of Laws.

We submit the following Amendment to CHAPTER 5. BOARDS OF GRAND CHAPTER. A. BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES, ARTICLE 82.h. (page 72)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 82. ADDITIONAL DUTIES. In addition to the powers and duties provided in the Constitution, the Board of Grand Trustees shall have and perform duties as follows:

- a. 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.
- b. Cause the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences to be audited at least annually; the audit to be made by a Certified Public Accountant. A copy of the report shall be furnished to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron after each audit. The Board shall make a full report thereon to the Grand Chapter at each annual session covering the entire Fiscal O.E.S. year.
- c. Designate the amounts of and approve the Bonds of all officers, banks or other persons who are required to give bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter. The premiums for said bonds are to be paid for by the Grand Chapter from the fund or funds involved.
- d. Designate and approve depositories for all funds belonging to the Grand Chapter.
- e. The Board of Grand Trustees shall, with the participation of the Associate Grand Matron, prepare a proposed General Fund Budget of anticipated income and expenditures for the operation of the Grand Chapter for the period ensuing until the next succeeding Grand Chapter Session.

They shall report this Budget to the Grand Chapter with such recommendations as they deem necessary for the best interest of Grand Chapter.

f. The Board of Grand Trustees shall receive from the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences a proposed Budget of anticipated income and expenditures for the Operation and Maintenance of the Eastern Star Home of Texas and Grand Chapter Benevolences for the period ensuing until the next succeeding Grand Chapter Session.

The Board of Grand Trustees, after considering same, shall report this Budget to the Grand Chapter with such recommendations as, in their judgment, will be for the best interest of Grand Chapter, and of the Grand Chapter Benevolences.

g. They shall consider all propositions and resolutions affecting the revenue

and expense of the Grand Chapter and report same to the Grand Chapter with such recommendations as, in their judgment, will be for the best interest of Grand Chapter.

- h. 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.
- i. In case of the death, resignation, permanent disability, or removal from the State of a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint a successor from that District in which such vacancy occurs to serve until the next Annual Session of Grand Chapter at which time a member from that District shall be elected by Grand Chapter to fill the unexpired term. Such member elected to fill such unexpired term shall not succeed herself/himself on said Board, in compliance with Article VII, Paragraph B., Section I, of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.
- j. They shall make an annual report of each scholarship fund which is placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Grand Trustees.
- k. 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.
- l. The Board of Grand Trustees is hereby directed and empowered to handle all matters relative to insurance, except on properties under the control of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, including the allocation of payments of all premiums therefor. In this connection, said Board of Grand Trustees shall have a survey and careful check made of needs for insurance as often as deemed necessary. They shall have full power to place such insurance in such amount, or amounts, and for such term, or terms, as they may deem advisable.
- m. 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 of Grand Chapter Benevolences and the Superintendent of the Eastern Star Home of Texas, and they shall be placed in safe-keeping and must be turned over to her/his successor in office; or they shall be covered by the crime policy of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, in such amount as may be required.
- n. The Board of Grand Trustees shall have the power and authority to manage and control the maintenance and operation of the O.E.S. Administration Building and administer the funds appropriated under the budget therefor by the Grand Chapter from time to time.
- o. Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Grand Trustees shall be furnished to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, and Associate Grand Conductress within ten (10) days after each meeting of said Board. The cost of mailing such minutes shall be borne by the Board of Grand Trustees. Said Board will not employ or pay from Grand Chapter funds, anyone to perform the duties of a Secretary.
  - p. Upon acceptance and entrance of a lady into the Eastern Star Home of

Texas, the Board of Grand Trustees shall administer and/or dispose of all properties belonging to such lady as delivered to them by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences through the Grand Secretary, to include but not be limited to real estate, minerals, oil and gas interests, and all other assets not specifically reserved for disposition by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences in Article 83.

#### TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### Delete paragraph h. and reletter the following paragraphs accordingly:

will become h.
 will become i.
 will become j.
 will become k.
 will become l.

n. will become m.
o. will become n.

p. will become o.

Submitted by:

Frances Burbank Shirley Jones
Patsy Neeper Jim Rippey

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of proposed Amendment No. 11 and a second. Is there any discussion? Could we have the mike in the West, please?

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, Brother Henry.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Regarding this amendment, it would seem that it's being recommended that these committees have the postage rescinded. In our laws, I would suggest that paragraph o discusses the mailing of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Grand Trustees. And in that it talks about the cost shall be borne by the Grand Trustees. I would suggest if we're going to delete the expenses for these other committees, we also delete the expenses of mailing for the Board of Grand Trustees. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Is there any other discussion? Brother Henry, was that an amendment to the amendment – or was it discussion?

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am speaking in opposition to this amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, dear.

MRS. PATSY NEEPER: I would like to tell the membership — I'm Patsy Neeper, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees — this has been deleted. The Board of Grand Trustees does not get postage. We do that at our own expense for the mailout of the minutes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Richard Ochs in the West.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Richard Ochs, Amarillo Chapter No. 787. Having been a Trustee and also served as Grand Chaplain, I am personally of the opinion that we need to defeat this amendment and allow the minor amount of postage we do currently allow. These folks have some proper business for our Grand Chapter, and I support defeating this amendment. Now, my Worthy Grand Matron that I served with may be saying something different, but we still get along great. [laughter]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Well, if you don't, there's enough of us in here to referee it. [laughter]

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: I'm Alma Carter, Past Matron of Plano 703. I think we should keep the postage for these groups, but I think we should add the Deputies and District Deputies. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Alma, that is in the form of an amendment; is that correct? Has it been typed? I know you carry a typewriter around with you, honey.

Will they accept longhand?

VOICES: Sure.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Well, we had that before we had typewriters.

MR. JIM RIPPEY: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jim Rippey, Trinity 186, and on the Board of Grand Trustees. As a Trustee, we continually look for places to cut because our budgets are being cut by the decrease in membership. We need your help. We all have to tighten our belts. As our Chairman said already, the Board of Grand Trustees routinely mails out the minutes and so forth. We have dissolved our budget so we have none. We are paying out-of-pocket expenses, too. We need your cooperative help to help us cut these budgets. Thank you.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: I am Alma Bane, Past Matron of Waco Chapter No. 7. I have carefully studied our budget for many years. I have been able to do some work on a calculator. The postage for these vital committees that help us with our work is small change to the printing and postage in another part of our budget. We will be working diligently this year to cut all costs. But, please, do not cut off our ability to communicate to those who want to help us with our benevolent purposes. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Alma. Is there any other discussion?

MRS. MARY CALVERT: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. MARY CALVERT: My name is Mary Calvert, Past Matron of Athens No. 177. There are some of us on other committees that do have to bear our own expense. I say that anybody that accepts these appointments knows going in that they are going to bear an expense. I don't think it's fair for anybody else to have to bear the expense and a few have their expenses paid for. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Mary. Is there any further – Okay.

MRS. BARBARA CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Barbara Cunningham, Past Matron of Somerset Chapter No. 730. The Worthy Grand Matrons in the past few years have had a hard time getting people to serve. Now, Sisters and Brothers, when a member is willing to give of her time and effort, the postage is so small, why put that extra burden on her. Plus, it would help the Worthy Grand Matron in getting people to serve. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Barbara.

MRS. ANNA SHELPER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. ANNA SHELPER: I'm Anna Shelper, a Past Matron of Star Chapter, now in Texas Chapter 35. We have many capable people who would not be able to accept an appointment if they did not have sufficient funds in their private life to take care of this. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Any further discussion? Okay. I have in my hand a proposed amendment, and it states — in the entirety of the original one, it says that in addition, that the postage to Deputies and District Deputies be added to h in Amendment No. 11. That is the proposed amendment made by Sister Alma Carter. Do we have a second on that amendment — the amendment to the amendment? Do we have a second?

VOICE: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The amendment has been made and seconded to change the amendment — or add to Amendment No. 11 that postage be allowed also for the Deputies and District Deputy Grand Matrons. Is there any discussion?

All those in favor of this amendment to the amendment, please signify by raising your voting card. Those opposed. The amendment carried.

Okay. Now are we ready to vote on the amendment as amended? Amendment No. 11 as amended has been stated and seconded. Is there any — I'm sorry, honey.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I have a question. I am confused. This amendment is to remove h. And if we vote for the amendment that removes h, we just added something to h. Could we please have a clarification?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I see where you're coming from. Sister Alma Carter, we're kind of confused.

We approved your amendment, but now we're confused. The Sister in the West was asking, were you wanting to allow postage for the Deputies and District Deputies?

Sister Alma, honey, would you mind coming up here and helping?

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Sister Alma Lynn, all I'm saying is, if we're going to keep the postage for this group that the amendment is in here to eliminate, let's just add the Deputies and District Deputies. Now if you want to eliminate the ones that are in here, you're automatically going to eliminate the Deputies and District Deputies; correct?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: So if we voted for adding the Deputies, when the amendment comes back up as amended, and we defeat removal –

MRS. ALMA CARTER: You'll defeat all of them. But if you keep them, Sister Alma, you're going to keep the Deputies and District Deputies in with these others.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: If I see it right, we've added the Deputies and District Deputies in with this group of Humanitarian and these other committees. If we defeat Amendment No. 11, the postage is staying as is with the addition of the Deputies and District Deputies.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Correct.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Did I make myself clear like muddy water?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Well, I'm not a parliamentarian. And I know I am hearing questions from this end of the room. What it is, we have amended the amendment that's not part of the – We've added something to the old part, not the part that's being voted on.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: To make it really legal, if we hold the amendment out until we vote on this, that's when it should have been added. If we keep it, then we will amend –

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: The special legislation.

MRS.ALMA CARTER: To give the postage to the Deputy and District Deputy. So I withdraw the amendment for this time, and then we will add it if we keep the postage for these. Then I will move that we use it for the other. Okay?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I now understand.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Well, I don't think any of us have been elected, except Sister Alma Carter, for our jurisprudence expertise.

Okay. We're going to withdraw the amendment to the amendment. Brother Billy.

MR. BILLY COMBEST: Sisters and Brothers, while we're waiting here, this was not meant in any way to try to confuse anybody besides me perhaps. But this was one of those situations where a "yes" vote would have done away with everything that we had agreed to do. A "no" vote would have said yes, we keep it. So that's not meant to confuse you. A "no" meant we'd approve the amendment to the amendment, but it is being withdrawn, plus the amendment. And a "yes" vote would have made it different. Does that make you more confused?

VOICES: Yes.

MR. BILLY COMBEST: I'm sorry!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the North.

**VOICE:** We have voted on the amendment and it cannot be withdrawn.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I beg your pardon?

**VOICE:** We have voted on the amendment to the amendment. It cannot be withdrawn after a vote. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Just a minute. I've got some brains up here bigger than mine trying to figure this out.

Okay. What we've done, we've added these Deputies and District Deputies to Amendment No. 11. That's what we've done.

The Sister in the West.

MRS. IRIS STONE: I'm Iris Stone, a Past Matron of Brazoria Chapter No. 74. I need some clarification. Are we trying to keep postage for these? Is that what the amendment – I mean, that's what it says now, is that committees receive postage; is that right?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At the present time they do.

MRS. IRIS STONE: Could I ask somebody on one of the committees that are there if they do receive postage, because I'm under the impression that some of these committees do not receive postage now.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It's the committees that were listed. Sister Elsie, would you please -

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I cannot speak for any other committees. I know the Jurisprudence Committee has not received any funding the last couple of years or so since I've been on it. We didn't expect any, so we didn't get any. We weren't disappointed!

MRS. IRIS STONE: I guess what we're doing is voting on some money that nobody is receiving, because she's not the only committee I've heard from that has not received the postage. So why are we saying we're going to continue paying postage when it hasn't been paid for several years?

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, I recognize the Sister in the East.

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: If you will look in the amendment as printed in its original form, over under h it refers to the Board of Grand Trustees. It says they shall recommend special appropriations for postage for the following committees. The past few years there have been one or two there where the Board of Grand Trustees did not recommend postage, but that was their alternative.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Peaches. Okay. The Sister in the North.

MRS. NANCY WOOD: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Nancy Wood. I'm a Past Matron of League City Chapter No. 621. Could I please ask for a ruling from the Parliamentarian or Jurisprudence Committee on the validity of the written amendment? I thought we had to have a typed amendment, and would we need to vote to accept that written amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers' we have a question, and I probably am not wording this correctly. But this Sister would like to know if we as a body will accept a handwritten proposed amendment rather than a typed. All those in favor, please show your cards. Those opposed. Okay. This is a valid amendment.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. CHARLENE LITTLEWOOD: I'm Charlene Littlewood. I'm a Past Matron of Ridglea Chapter No. 999. For the past several years, if you'll look at your budget, the Humanitarian Committee has received \$600, the By-Laws Committee has received, I believe, \$100, and ESTARL has received \$50.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Charlene. Sister Elsie.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, as I understand it, we have voted to add the amendment to the amendment. Are we all legal on that now, Sister Parliamentarian?

All we need to do now is to vote on the amendment, the original amendment as amended.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. That's what we tried to do a few minutes ago, I believe.

It has been moved and seconded that we vote on Amendment No. 11 as amended. Is there any discussion – any more discussion? Those in favor, please signify by raising your voting card.

A "yes" vote takes away the postage and a "no" vote leaves the postage, if we have the money to give it to them.

Okay. Now are we all on the same sheet of music? Aren't you glad we're not trying to sing!

Those in favor of passing this amendment, which will take the postage away,

raise your card. Those who are in favor of opposing this proposed amendment, which will keep the postage and add for the Deputies and District Deputies, please raise your voting card. Motion defeated. And I hope we can get enough money to do something with it.

MRS. BETTY PHILLIPS HAGER: I'm so thankful 12 comes after 11! We're now ready for Amendment No. 12. You will find this in your Advance Report on page 56. This comes from our Article 152-G, Code of Laws, page 107 through 109. This is regarding the Educational Fund. It would change the provision of this fund to provide scholarships instead of loans for members and specific relatives and to phase out existing loans as they are paid. The current law provides for the Educational Fund Committee to grant loans, the amounts of interest on these loans, the repayment schedule and the maximum total of \$4,000 that a student may receive over a four-year period. Students must attend an accredited college, university or teaching hospital in Texas. It also provides that the interest income received on investments may be used to provide for scholarships under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees. The proposed amendment would prohibit all future loans, and the Educational Fund Committee would award scholarships instead. Loans currently in effect would continue to be paid off as loans. Scholarships would be limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per year, and there would be no limit on how many years a person could receive a scholarship or to require a student to attend a Texas college, university or teaching hospital. Corrections to the subparagraph numbering would be done by the Jurisprudence Committee if this is passed. A "yes" vote would provide scholarships to be awarded in the future and existing loans would be phased out as they are paid off. A "no" vote would continue to grant loans to students, and the Board of Grand Trustees would continue to use the interest income of these funds, but they would award scholarships with this money. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

Worthy Grand Patron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 12 reads as follows:]

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 12**

WHEREAS, the Educational Fund no longer serves the same purpose in providing student loans since few students presently request these loans, with loans available through many lenders, University Scholarship fund, and other benevolent organizations, and

WHEREAS, several loans have been completely written off the books as uncollectible upon the advice of our auditors, and

WHEREAS, according to Item 2. "Unrelated Trade or Business (UTB) of Publication 598 of the Internal Revenue Service on "Tax on Unrelated Business Income of Exempt Organizations", as a non-profit organization, we are in direct violation of IRS regulations which places Grand Chapter in the position of being taxed on all previous interest collected upon all loans.

WHEREAS, These funds were raised for Educational Opportunity for our members and their families.

We submit the following Amendment to EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE, ARTICLE I 52-G (page 107-109)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 152-G. The Educational Fund Committee shall perform the following, to wit:

- a. Solicit and collect voluntary contributions from the Texas Eastern Star Chapters and their members for an Educational Fund. The amount collected shall be turned over to the Grand Secretary before August 31st of each year. Any person can devise or bequest by will to this Grand Chapter any amount of money, securities or real estate for the purpose and use for which said Educational Fund is administered.
- b. This Fund shall be for the purpose of awarding loans to members of the Order in good standing in a Texas Chapter and to spouses, children, grandchildren and orphans of Eastern Star members who are/were in good standing in a Texas Chapter, so that said members or their spouses, children, grandchildren and orphans may acquire additional education after graduating from a public high school in Texas. Only one loan shall be given to any one member during any one year.
- b. (1) The interest income received on Educational Fund Investments may be used to provide Eastern Star Scholarships to qualifying Students, under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees. An annual report shall be made to the Grand Chapter of these Awards
- c. The Committee is authorized to award five (5) loans not to exceed \$1,000.00 per year to be paid one per semester to the applicant while the applicant is in college, university or an accredited teaching hospital in Texas, and making satisfactory progress in their prescribed course of study. The total of all loans shall not exceed \$4000.00. Such loans shall he made for a baccalaureate or graduate degree or a nursing certificate not to exceed a four-year period.
- d. All applications for <u>loans</u> shall be made on forms prepared by the Educational Fund Committee. Each application form shall contain the <u>information and data the Committee may deem necessary</u>, including the names and addresses of three or more reliable persons as references.
- e. The Committee shall meet in August of each year to select the recipients of the  ${f loans.}$ 
  - (1) The amount of each  $\underline{loan}$  shall be determined by the Committee, not to exceed \$1,000.00.
  - (2) The <u>loan</u> shall be based on the information furnished by the above-described application and letter from the applicant setting forth their financial status, plans for the future, and reasons for applying for the <u>loan</u>.
  - (3) The <u>loan</u> shall be given only to members and spouses, children, grandchildren, and orphans of members whose legal residence is/was in Texas.
  - (4) The Educational Fund Committee Chairman shall provide copies of

the <u>loan</u> applications which <u>are</u> granted by the Committee, with written instructions to the Grand Secretary to be issued through the Grand Treasurer.

- (5) Each applicant receiving a <u>loan</u> shall communicate, by letter, with the Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee at least twice each year during the academic year for which the <u>loan is</u> awarded.
- (6) Applicants who fail to communicate, by letter, with the Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee, as stated above, shall not be eligible for additional <u>loans</u>.
- (7) Recipients must carry a minimum of twelve (12) hours per semester.
- (8) Recipients whose grade point average is less than 2.5 <u>in all subjects</u> SHALL NOT be eligible for additional <u>loans</u>.
- (9) Proof of grade points must be furnished to the Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee with each semi-annual communication. The Fall Semester letter, with grades, must be provided before the Spring Semester share of the annual <u>loan</u> shall be sent.
- (10) The Educational Committee shall make a complete report, annually, to the Grand Chapter of its activities. They **shall** maintain records and pass them on for their successors through the Grand Secretary.
- f. Interest rates on all loans shall be 6% on the unpaid balance, beginning November 1, 1996, payable annually as it accrues. Unpaid annual interest will be added to the unpaid balance and begin to accrue interest at the same rate. All principal and interest payments are to be made directly to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary will issue a receipt for payment to the borrower and the Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee, and transfer same to the Grand Treasurer.
- g. The principal of each loan shall he repaid in three equal annual installments, due respectively one, two, and three years after the date of graduation of the applicant (but in no case more than five years after the first loan), or in monthly payments satisfactory to the Educational Fund Committee and the Board of Grand Trustees. All payments received will first be applied to the total of unpaid annual interest, if any, and then to the reduction of the principal.
- h. The Grand Secretary shall furnish the Educational Fund Committee Chairman with the current status of each outstanding loan by February 1 in order that the Committee may communicate annually with each recipient
- i. The Educational Fund Committee Chairman shall advise the Board of Grand Trustees by June 1 of each year of each delinquent loan and shall make recommendation to said Board for action.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

a. Remains the same.

- b. This fund shall be for the purpose of awarding <u>funds for education</u> to members of the Order in good standing in a Texas Chapter in the form of scholarships and to spouses, children, grandchildren and orphans of Eastern Star members who are/were in good standing in a Texas Chapter, so that said members or their spouses, children, grandchildren and orphans may acquire additional education after graduating from a public high school in Texas. Only one <u>scholarship</u> will be given to any one <u>person</u> during any one year.
  - b. (1) remains the same.

#### c. To be deleted

- d. All applications for <u>scholarships</u> shall be made on forms prepared by the Educational Fund Committee <u>and submitted by June 1.</u> Each application form shall contain the <u>necessary</u> information and data, including the names and addresses of three or more reliable persons as references.
- e. The committee shall meet in August of each year to select the recipients of the  $\underline{scholarships}$ .
  - (1) the amount of each <u>scholarship</u> shall be determined by the Committee, not to exceed \$1,000.00.
  - (2) The <u>scholarship</u> shall be based on information furnished by the above described application and a letter from the applicant setting forth their financial status, plans for the future, and reasons for applying for the <u>scholarship</u>.
  - (3) The <u>scholarship</u> shall be given only to members, spouses, children, grandchildren and orphans of members whose legal residence is/was in Texas.
  - (4) The Educational Fund Committee Chairman shall provide copies of the <u>scholarship</u> applications which <u>were</u> granted by the committee, with written instructions to the Grand Secretary to be issued through the Grand Treasurer.
  - (5) Each applicant receiving a <u>scholarship</u> shall communicate, by letter, with the Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee at least twice each year during the academic year for which the <u>scholarship was</u> awarded.
  - (6) Applicants who fail to communicate by letter, with the Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee, as stated above, shall not be eligible for additional <u>scholarships</u>.
  - (7) Recipients must carry a minimum of twelve (12) hours per semester.
  - (8) Recipients whose grade point average is less than 2.5 SHALL NOT be eligible for additional **scholarships**.
  - (9) Proof of grade points must be furnished to the Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee with each semi-annual communication. The Fall semester letter, with grades, must be provided before the Spring Semester share of the annual **scholarship** shall be sent.
  - (10) The Educational Fund Committee shall make a complete report,

annually, to the Grand Chapter of its activities. They maintain records and pass them on for their successors through the Grand Secretary.

#### f. To be deleted.

#### g. To be deleted.

- h. <u>Until all educational loans are closed</u> the Grand Secretary shall furnish the Educational Fund Committee Chairman with the current status of each outstanding loan by February 1 in order that the Committee may communicate annually with each recipient. The Educational Fund Committee Chairman shall advise the Board of Grand Trustees by June I of each year of each delinquent loan and shall make recommendations to said Board for action.
- i. The Principal of the Educational Fund shall be kept invested by the Board of Grand Trustees and the interest only may be used in providing scholarships.
- j. The Educational Fund Committee shall coordinate duties with the Board of Grand Trustees.

Submitted by: Jean Hunt Frances Burbank

Barbara Winklemeyer Marjorie Errington

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order, and it is ready for action by this Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion? All in favor of this amendment, please signify by the voting card. Down. All opposed. It is carried.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Let me get on the right page so we will all be together. This is Resolution No. 2, Advanced Report, page 60. First of all, may I take just a moment to say that a resolution does not change a law. You do not change laws by resolution. This resolution is simply to solicit the support of the Grand Chapter membership to propose to General Grand Chapter that the requirement for black cubes to reject a petition for membership be changed from one to two or three. Now, Sisters and Brothers, Texas cannot do a thing about that however you vote for this. If you vote "yes" for this resolution, you're not adding a thing to Texas law. All you're saying is we support this resolution to be presented to General Grand Chapter because General Grand Chapter is the only body that could change Landmark No. 7. It is a process. Just as we have a process to change our laws, this is the process that we have to change General Grand Chapter laws. If passed, this resolution would carry the endorsement of this Grand Chapter. If defeated, the proponents could still petition the General Grand Chapter to change the number of black cubes required since they are members of General Grand Chapter. It just would not have the endorsement of the Texas Grand Chapter. Are there any questions regarding the format or what we're trying to do, the legality of this resolution?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this resolution in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Resolution No. 2 reads as follows:]

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2

#### PREFACE

This Resolution is being submitted to solicit the endorsement of this Grand Chapter for the proposal. If accepted by this Grand Chapter, the proponents will work up the proper proposals to amend the Ritual and other General Grand Chapter laws, which will then be submitted at the General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly in Detroit, in the year 2000.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is vital to the welfare of The Order of The Eastern Star to encourage membership in the Order, and

WHEREAS, subordinate Chapters in some Grand Jurisdictions have experienced continual and significant misuse of the blackball in an arbitrary and dictatorial manner by one member or a married couple; and

WHEREAS, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and past and present Grand Lodge Officers have been blackballed and prevented from becoming members of a local Eastern Star Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Past Matrons, Past Patrons, and Past Grand Chapter Officers have been blackballed when attempting to transfer membership to another Chapter or become a dual member of another Chapter; and

WHEREAS, members of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay, who in many cases are daughters and sons of active Eastern Star members, have been prevented from becoming members of our Order by one or two blackballs dropped as a result of a frequently minor disagreement with the young person's parents; and

WHEREAS, the results of this misuse of the ballot process has prevented a number of subordinate Chapters from acquiring any new members in several years; and

WHEREAS, membership in the Order of the Eastern Star should be controlled by use of the ballot for the good of the Order and not to satisfy personal piques and quarrels; and

WHEREAS, Masonic Grand Lodges of several states have, in past years, experienced a similar problem and have adopted rules that require more than one black cube to prevent membership in a subordinate Lodge; and

WHEREAS, the results of that legislation by several Masonic Grand Lodges have proven beneficial to the Masonic fraternity in terms of quality and quantity of membership.

THEREFORE, it is resolved that the following resolution be adopted:

Each Grand Jurisdiction of the Order of the Eastern Star may adopt a balloting rule, which requires two or three black cubes to prevent membership in a subordinate Chapter.

Submitted by:

Yvonne Brownfield Alma Lynn Bane Wanda Fairchild
Eunice Connell Marjorie Errington C. A. "Bill" Holmes
Joyce Roberts Betty Friend Harry G. Cunningham

Jean Nesbitt Kenneth Gregory
H. L. Arnold Agnes Lee Howard
Charles Morris Elsie Paladino

Henry S. Martin Patsy Wilson Naomi Wolfe

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of Resolution No. 2 and a second. Is there any discussion? Those in favor of Resolution No. 2, please signify by raising your voting card. Those opposed. Motion carried.

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: Sisters and Brothers, we are on Resolution No. 3. It's located in the Advanced Report on page 61. This resolution would authorize the Grand Chapter of Texas to develop and maintain a home page on the Worldwide Web and would provide information agreed upon by the Worthy Grand Matron. In addition, any Subordinate Chapter who desires would be allowed to create Web pages to promote their activities. The proponents of this resolution did not address the responsibility of the expenses involved. A "yes" vote would allow a Web page to be developed. A "no" vote would prohibit a Web page. Are there any questions regarding the format or the legality of this resolution?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this resolution in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Resolution No. 3 reads as follows:]

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the use of computers in homes, schools and businesses is increasing dramatically every year, and businesses have found the World Wide Web to be one of the most widely accessible and least expensive forms of advertising available today; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Star in Texas is consistently losing membership and needs to make itself, its members, and its charitable works more visible in order to support the participation of its current members and to encourage eligible young women and men to join the Order;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Grand Chapter of Texas develop and maintain an official Home Page on the World Wide Web, providing such information as may be agreed upon by the Worthy Grand Matron. In addition, any Subordinate Chapter who might wish to do so, be allowed to create Web pages promoting their activities and their accomplishments.

Submitted by:
Glenna Frost
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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of Resolution No. 3 and a second. Is there any discussion?

MRS. GLENNA FROST: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. GLENNA FROST: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Glenna Frost. I'm a Past Matron of Archives Chapter No. 1095. I'm one of the proponents of this resolution, and I would like to speak on its behalf. Anyone that has turned on the TV or opened a magazine has seen advertisements for companies, and they always say, "Contact us at www dot something dot com." The Internet and the Worldwide Web are one of the best forms of – I hate to use the word "advertising" – but to be able to put Eastern Star and Texas Grand Chapter in front of the people not just of Texas, the country, but the entire world. General Grand Chapter has a Web page. Several other Grand Chapters have Web pages. Even the Grand Lodge of Texas has a Web page. I think Grand Chapter of Texas needs to be able to show the people of the world what we do and who we are.

The issue of cost was addressed. I have good news that the cost should be negligible, if anything. I have had a couple of generous Masonic Brothers who have offered us space on their servers on which to put our Web page for free. I have had offers from individuals to help in the design of the Web page. And any of you that work for companies or have been involved in developing Web pages, you know that it can be very expensive. I've even had an offer of a contribution to cover getting a personal domain name.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Glenna, I'm sorry. Your time is up, dear.

MR. LOYD PHELPS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Brother in the West.

MR. LOYD PHELPS: My name is Loyd Phelps, Past Patron of Bluebell Chapter No. 856. I'm also a Past Master and currently Secretary of Gray Masonic Lodge #329 in Houston, Texas. I personally fund and support Grand Lodge's Web page on the Internet. We have personally received about three or four petitions where we have gained new members from our presence on the Web. I recommend that this Grand Chapter approve this resolution.

 $\mbox{\bf WORTHY}$   $\mbox{\bf GRAND}$   $\mbox{\bf MATRON:}$  Thank you, Brother. I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. CAROL SCOTT: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Carol Scott, Past Matron of Bethlehem 728. I'm not opposed to a Web page, but the way this is written, it puts no restrictions. I don't think anyone's name should be published without their express permission, and nothing like that is written into the amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Carol.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: This is not an amendment; it is a resolution.

MRS. GLENNA FROST: May I address Sister Scott's concern?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry, Sister Glenna. The rules say you have spoke once; you can't again, not right now or without a vote.

MRS. JANICE HERRIDGE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Janice Herridge, a Past Matron of Farmers Branch Chapter No. 687. I think being on the Internet is a great idea, but I think we're getting ahead of ourselves. There are not any provisions in this amendment as it's written for who's going to control the input, who's going to access the features. As I understand it, it's left to the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron. I think if they wanted to rethink this or amend it, leave it in the hands of the Corporate Board. There's no continuity; there's no control over what information is provided. We do not give out our names in any of our mailings. We just don't have control. I think in the future it could be a good idea, but I would ask that you defeat it now. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the resolution, you have heard the motion, you've heard the second and we've had discussion. Is there any further discussion pertinent to what we must decide.

MRS. GRETA BANE-HECKER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. GRETA BANE-HECKER: My name is Greta Bane-Hecker, and I'm a Past Matron of Waco No. 7. I feel that having a Web page on the Internet would be wonderful information for people to learn about Eastern Star. But I do feel that we would need a proper committee to provide guidelines for this Web page.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister. Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to call for the vote. Those in favor of accepting Resolution No. 3 as stated, discussed and seconded, please signify your agreement by raising your voting card. Those opposed.

Well, I couldn't get in on that because I'm computer-free. I don't even know what you're talking about! [laughter]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, this concludes the business that the Jurisprudence Committee has to present to this Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I'm sorry. The last resolution – I was in such a hurry to close this book – Resolution No. 3 was defeated.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: That, I believe, concludes our business and jurisprudence. I want to again thank this membership for your attention and for your consideration of the business brought before this Grand Chapter. I'm going to dodge when I say this over here, but I believe that the membership, the Grand Chapter of Texas, is the greatest in the world! [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** And I want to thank Sister Mildred Love for acting as Parliamentarian at this time. I would like to get a quick picture of Jurisprudence and their secretary, Katherine Duncan.

Sisters and Brothers, now that is good. Y'all done good! You've done good in voting and taking care of business.

Many of you were not here yesterday afternoon when we had greetings from our Most Worthy Grand Matron. I have prevailed upon her to share her wisdom and wit because you cannot miss hearing this beautiful lady. Sister Florence. MRS. FLORENCE ADAIR: Hi, everybody! I'd say this is a very intelligent delegate body. You have given your comments; you have acted well for the good of your Order, and I commend each one of you. You've sat for a long time. Why don't you stand up for a minute. We're going to give you an exercise. Okay. Put your arm out straight; lift it up in the air; pat yourself on the back. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and all of your members of this great state of Texas, for all the kindnesses and the courtesies that you have shown us. It has been a joy to be with you, and we'll go home with wonderful memories of wonderful Sisters and Brothers. I do want to say a special word to Sister Rennie Ofton and Sister Effie Mae Davis, if they will come up here, please. Sisters and Brothers, we know that you are very proud of these two Sisters, and we in the General Grand Chapter are very proud of them and love them very much. Rennie, we want you to know that we stand behind you every step of the way as you progress to the future when you will serve as our Most Worthy Grand Matron. It was approximately thirty years ago that we were here when Sister Mildred Haney Harris had that beautiful triennial session, and I know that you're going, probably, to even top her when you're the Most Worthy Grand Matron. They'll support you, I know they will, every step of the way. Give Rennie a big hand, Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

VOICES: Ole!

MRS. FLORENCE ADAIR: That's right. Let's hear a Texas "ole."

VOICES: Ole!

MRS. FLORENCE ADAIR: We do love you, Rennie; and we have every confidence that you will be a wonderful, gracious presiding officer through the years up to that special time when you are our Most Worthy Grand Matron. And, you know, my dear, it's going to come so quick. I don't know where the last 18 years have gone for me. And when this year finishes -- when this triennial finishes, it will be 21 years of service to the General Grand Chapter. Twenty-one wonderful years of association with each of you made even more joyous for us and for me in particular that we can have our dear Effie Mae as our Worthy Grand Adah. I fell in love with Effie Mae many, many years ago. And I was so afraid someone would choose her before I had the opportunity to do so. So I said, "Thank you, Lord," and then I asked her, and then when she said yes, I said, "Thank you, Lord," again. Effie Mae, you're wonderful! We admire you, my dear, and we love you.

Texas, you've got wonderful people here. I spoke last night to Lena Maye and to Harold, and of course to our two Deputies who live in the State of Texas also and are your Past Matron and Past Patron. We appreciate and we thank you for the dedication of these members.

I'm just going to leave you a little thought: Patience is the ability to throttle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears. Then there's one other thing about patience that is a favorite of mine.

Patience is a virtue; virtue is a grace.
Put them both together, and you'll have a happy face.
Patience is a virtue; catch it if you can.
It's seldom found in woman and it's never found in man.

I just want you to know that Effie Mae and Rennie are wearing opposite outfits. That's just so that you know we do have more than one for the whole three years. [laughter]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I thought it was so we could tell them apart.

Okay. Sisters and Brothers, let's see if the Grand Choir can pep us up. Y'all have done good. You've already stretched and straightened your pantyhose, but let's tap our feet now. [Grand Choir sang "You Are My Sunshine."]

Thank you, Grand Choir. I tell everybody that was my dad's favorite song. He would always get about three sheets in the wind and try to sing it, but we knew what he was saying. [laughter]

Our Educational Fund Chairman is ill, and we've given her report to our Grand Secretary for the record. But I do want to recognize those that have served with her: Sister Betty Barr and Barbara Winklemeyer. We appreciate all of their hard work and dedication, not only to the Order of the Eastern Star but to our young people as educators. If it's okay with you, the Secretary will have the report.

## WRITTEN REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

#### **PREAMBLE**

MRS. JEAN HUNT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a privilege to serve as Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee for the past year. It was a pleasure serving with my two co-workers: Sisters Betty Barr and Barbara Winklemeyer. I respectfully submit the following report.

#### REPORT

During the year 1997-1998 this Committee made many attempts to contact the delinquent borrowers with little positive results. In early 1998, I met with the Board of Grand Trustees to discuss the status and resolution of the outstanding loans in which no payments have been received within the past 8 to 10 years.

It was discussed at that time to consider the possibility of including the accrued interest from the Educational Fund investments with the interest accrued on the existing scholarship investments and to award Scholarships instead of making further loans due to the losses which we have experienced in the past.

Our efforts resulted in the collection of a total of \$2,527.59 in principal and \$369.17 in interest for the year 1997-98.

In August, 1998 a letter was sent to each Board member with my recommendation that they consider a write-off of seven outstanding balances as unrecoverable debts. It was the decision of the Board on September 18, 1998 to accept my recommendation to write off seven loans for a total principal write off of \$8,025.00 with a loss of interest income of \$4,574.50. The Board also determined, at that

time, to consider three loans closed since the total monies received exceeded the amount borrowed.

Fifteen loans were reported as outstanding from 1996-97 for twelve borrowers. The current status of these loans are as follows:

Two loans are currently in paying status.

Two loans are not in repayment because the borrowers are still active students.

Seven loans were written off as unrecoverable debt.

Three loans were closed since the monies received exceeded the amount borrowed.

One loan was collected in full.

As of October 24, 1998 there are four loans still outstanding.

The Board of Trustees furnished me with applications for scholarships which were mailed to five prospective recipients. The Board distributed the scholarships to the applicants along with the available scholarships from the other investment funds.

Respectfully Submitted, Jean Hunt, Chairman Barbara Winklemeyer Dr. Betty Barr Educational Fund Committee

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time I'm going to ask our Worthy Grand Patron to give his report on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Special Project that our Most Worthy Grand Patron asked the Worthy Patrons to assume. Brother Kenneth -- I've lost my Worthy Grand Patron. I knew I'd probably run him off, but I didn't mean to. We'll get him in a minute.

While we're waiting on our Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Dorothy Dewing, our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron who we know and love, is going to have to leave at noon to go be grandma with her grandkids in Austin. So at this time I would like for Sister Dorothy to bring us greetings.

MRS. DOROTHY DEWING: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, to all the members of the Texas Grand Chapter, but particularly those four that are representing you in General Grand. This is a surprise, but I am very proud and very happy to be with you once again in this beautiful city of Fort Worth and enjoy all of you sitting out there in your rockers. You know, I've been a little worried about the Star Point Officers because their feet don't touch the floor. I was wondering if they needed a wedge behind their rocker and if that would work.

I do want to thank you for all the courtesies, especially those that have been accorded to us by your Officers and Rennie and Paul, Effie Mae, Lena Maye and Harold. Just being together makes it wonderful. I am sorry I have to leave, but, you know, being a General Grand Officer and a grandmother of 16 is kind of a busy time



Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron Escorted by her husband, Robert



Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron Escorted by his wife, Juanita



Alma Bane, Associate Grand Matron Escorted by her husband, Bill



Henry Martin, Associate Grand Patron Escorted by his wife, Opal



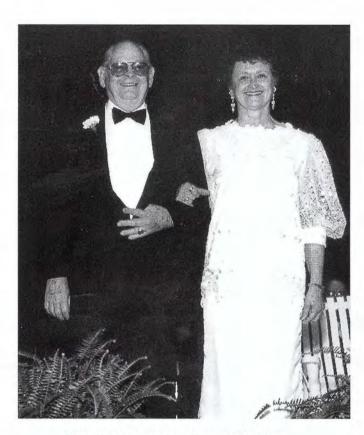
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Rebecca Potts, Grand Chaplain Escorted by Donny Broughton



Ann Kelly, Grand Marshal Escorted by her husband, J.B.



Mary Ferguson, Grand Organist Escorted by her husband, Virgil



Carolyn Broom, Grand Adah Escorted by her husband, Glenn



Karen Kidd, Grand Ruth Escorted by her husband, Horton



JoAnn Snow, Grand Esther Escorted by her husband, Charles



Marion Von Heeder, Grand Martha Escorted by son, Dwight



Mickey Gunder, Grand Electa Escorted by her husband, Fred



El Wanda Spindor, Grand Warder Escorted by son, John Jr.



Johnny J. Freeze, Grand Sentinel Escorted by Mrs. Gail Smith



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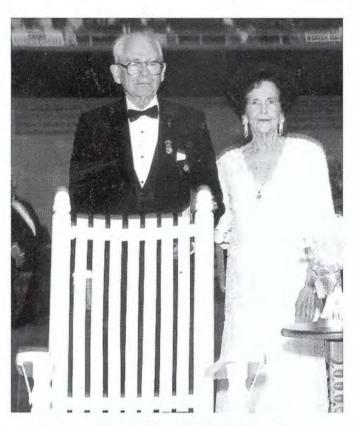
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Presenting American Flag, Robert Brownfield husband of Worthy Grand Matron.



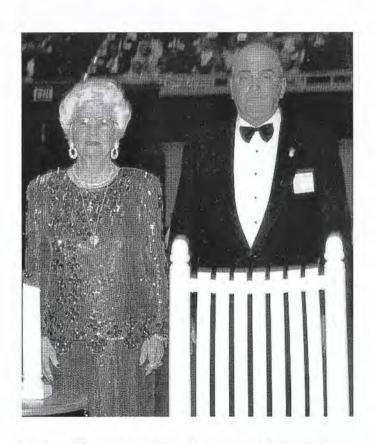
Past Grand Patron, Wayne Jones, escorting wife Margaret who presented Sword and Veil.



Past Grand Patron, Oliver Chamberlain escorting Past Grand Matron, Lois Bell who presented Sheaf.



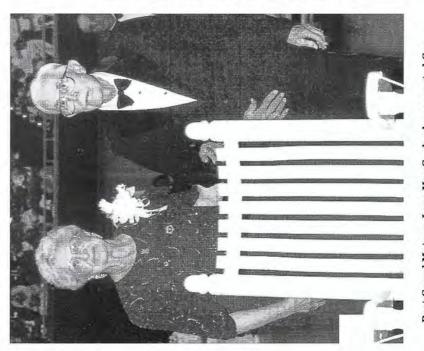
Past Grand Patron, Garland Rattan, escorting Past Grand Matron, Virginia Green who presented Crown and Scepter.



Past Grand Matron, Nancy Allen who presented Broken Column escorted by Past Grand Patron, Harry Cunningham.



Worthy Grand Patron and wife Juanita, their daughter Karen Walde and her husband Greg.



Past Grand Matron, Lena Mae Cook who presented Cup, escorted by her husband, Jim.



INSTALLATION DRILL Led by Grand Mdarshal, Mrs. Ann Kelly



District One Front Row L to R: Marlene Dibrell, Grand Examiner; Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron; Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron; Marvolyn Province, District Deputy Grand Matron. Back Row: Gayle Daigle, Sandra Armstrong, Mary Horan, Pat Archer, B arbara Hines, Carolyn Martin, Cindy Moss, Bonita McElroy, Maureece Hill and Pam Dean, Deputy Grand Matrons.



District Two Front Row L to R: Kim Kidd, Grand Examiner; Yvonne Brownfield Worthy Grand Matron; Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron; Bess Madison Caldwell, District Deputy Grand Matron. Back Row: Linda Palmer, Sandra Fitch, Jane Eular, Susan Bigham, Marcia Hennard, Jane Hill, Sue Barnes, Wanda Duncan, Jane Crawford and Mike Romaine, Deputy Grand Matrons.



District Three Front Row L to R: Joyce Nicklas, District Deputy Grand Matron; Yvonne Brownfield Worthy Grand Matron; Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron; Sharon Fentress, Grand Examiner, Nancy Brown, Grand Examinerat-Large. Back Row: Debra Parker, Edna Jeffries, LeVonna Owen, Bettie Scott, Debbie Williams, Cheryl Walker, Laura Johnson, Pat Turner and Joy Pat Miller, Depty Grand Matrons.



Four Front Row L to R: Vi Griffin, District Deputy Grand Matron; Yvonne Brownfield Worthy Grand Matron; Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron; Karen Morgenthaler, Grand Examiner. Back Row: Betty Carter, Secretary to Worthy Grand Matron; Ailcen Torrence, Robbie Abshere, Audrey Gardner, Connie Barron, Margaret Faircloth, Doris Wyont, Mary Brown, Barbara Thompson, Shirley Arnold and Vicki Hertenberger, Deputy Grand Matrons.



District Five Front Row L to R: Doris Hester, Grand Examiner; Yvonne Brownfield Worthy Grand Matron; Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron; JoAnne Conner, District Deputy Grand Matron. Back Row: Jan Walmer, Fran Morris, Eleanor Stark, Cathy Davilla, Vicki Hardee Matthews, Gail Fuller, Peggy McNabb, Myra Eads, Lois Irke, Deputy Grand Matrons.



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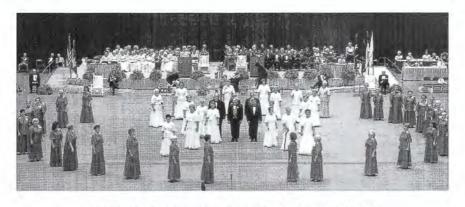
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Most Worthy Grand Matron, Florence Adair with her own Traveling Mouse.



Most Worthy Grand Matron, receiving letter of greeting from Governor George W. Bush.



FLOOR OFFICERS AND PAGES PARTICIPATING IN "CIRCLE OF LOVE" MEMORIAL



HUMANITARIAN DRILL OF 100% CHAPTERS FOR 1997 - 1998



Our Most Worthy Grand Matron trying out one of the Rockers used during 1997-1998 Grand Chapter Session.



THE SINGING STARS OF OUR HOME
Front Row L to R: Opal Dalton, Loraine Sageser,
Leona Rascoe, Pat Dimino, Director.
Back Row: Irma Grounds, Lois Pate, Edna Cowsert, Worthy Grand Matron,
Peggy Allen, Pianist; Ron Johnston, Superintendent of Home.



Junior Past Grand Matron with husband, Robert, Grand Representative to Arizona in Texas.



Junior Past Grand Patron with wife Juanita, Grand Representative to Oregon in Texas.

for me. And when I had a new granddaughter in Austin, I thought it would be most appropriate, and certainly if I go home and talk to my daughter and haven't seen that baby, I would be in real trouble. You've had a wonderful, wonderful session. And to those in the West, you know I love you and I'll be back again. Thank you for every courtesy. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Dorothy Dewing. I think we've found our Worthy Grand Patron now. Brother Kenneth, I call on you to bring your Knights Templar report with Brother Harold Todd.

## REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'd like for Brother Harold Todd to stand here with me, and would our Most Worthy Grand Matron please come and join us, Sister Florence A. Adair.

In the 24th chapter of Matthew we find the parable of the talents where a man travelling into a far country gave his servants 5, 2, and 1 talents.

At the end of November 1997, I received a letter from Sister Florence A. Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter, which contained a one dollar bill and a challenge that the Subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Texas help this dollar to grow to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Would all the Gleaners and Reapers of the Grand Chapter of Texas please stand.

Sister Florence A. Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Harold Todd, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee of General Grand Chapter, I am happy to report that the one dollar sent to the Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas was not buried in the ground but rather the seed was sown in the hearts and minds of the Gleaners and Reapers of this Grand Jurisdiction. We expected a great harvest and the Lord of the harvest has not disappointed us. We come today rejoicing — bringing in the sheaves and are happy to report to you that your one dollar has yielded a harvest of \$9,891.25. Now the Grand Secretary forwarded me a letter where a Chapter sent their funds directly into Knights Templar, and this was a check for \$400, which brings the total amount to \$10,291.25.

Thank you, Gleaners and Reapers of this great state, for your faithfulness. And, Brother Henry, I would like to challenge you and Brother Lee to meet this goal that we have set for you. Thank you so very much. [applause]

MRS. FLORENCE ADAIR: Thank you, Reapers and Gleaners, for this marvelous, marvelous show of fraternalism and the charity that this Order expresses. This will help many to see the light, and we thank you so much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Did you move the adoption?

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I move that this report be referred to the appropriate committee.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** All those in favor of the Worthy Grand Patron's Knights Templar report, please signify your agreement by raising your voting card. Those opposed. The report will be referred.

At this time I would like to recognize Brother Oliver Chamberlin, Past Grand Patron, and Sister Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron, to bring us a report on the Texas Cardinals. In other words, that's this bunch of Redbirds. Sister Wanda will present the report, but Brother Oliver is the president, and I want him up here with her to keep her straight.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Worthy Grand Matron, that's because they can hear me.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And they care, too!

# REPORT OF THE TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: The Texas Cardinals, Inc. annual report to Grand Chapter, 1997-98.

The Texas Cardinals, Inc. is an organization to assist our representative in General Grand Chapter, Sister Rennie Ofton, prepare for the eventuality that she will serve as the Most Worthy Grand Matron in the Triennium 2009-2012. Our Officers are here with me: Wanda Fairchild, Vice Chairman, and Harold C. Todd, Secretary/Treasurer.

The support of the membership of this Grand Chapter has been most gratifying and we are pleased to report another year of successful activity. Our membership now totals 920 and others are still signing up to be a part of this interesting activity for the future.

Through the dedicated efforts of those working in the organization, we have accomplished the following:

Our funds now total over \$40,000.00 and are invested to bring in good interest. Jeff Geyer has been appointed to assist with the financial investment program.

We have appointed Sister Donna Douglas as Chairman of the reception, to be held in Detroit in November 2000 and Sister Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron, is assisting her in this endeavor. Sister Rennie will be a candidate for Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress at this Triennial Assembly.

Sister Corinne Pope chaired a committee which made over 3000 of our trademark bluebonnets for use in Detroit, and the Red Bird Pins for this Triennium have sold at a good pace. The design for the next pin is in the works.

We express our appreciation to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron who have made significant contributions to our Texas Cardinals organization through designations of funds from various events. A total of \$720.00 has been given in lieu of decorations at the school activities and a number of banquets. Thank you so much.

Our Associate Grand Matron has designated the evening after Founders Day activities in August 1999 for a special Texas Cardinals activity. Details will be provided in the Grand Chapter Bulletin as soon as they are finalized. Thank you for that courtesy.

The annual membership meeting will be held in San Antonio at 1:30 P.M., January 10, 1999, at the Crestholme Presbyterian Church.

Thank you Sisters and Brothers for your interest and fine support as we make plans to accomplish our responsibilities in General Grand Chapter activities.

Respectfully Submitted Oliver B. Chamberlin Chairman Texas Cardinals, Inc.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You have heard the report, Sisters and Brothers, and the second that we accept this report of the Texas Cardinals. Is there any discussion? Those in favor of accepting this report, please signify "yes" by raising your voting card. Those opposed. So moved. We shall now have our picture made – I'm sorry, Sister Rennie. Don't excommunicate me! Sister Rennie Ofton would like to bring greetings.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: I would like to thank this membership for your support of the Texas Cardinals. We have done well this past year, and we are working toward a very significant goal. This Committee standing behind me has done yeoman work, and I appreciate all of their effort. I appreciate the efforts of the individual members who show me their enthusiasm by their excitement in wanting to know what can we do. Sisters and Brothers, right now I don't know what I can do too well, so we're working on getting organized. And I hope that we will be able to spread out through the state so that all of you can enjoy our plans as we go forward. Please know that I appreciate everything that you are doing, but most of all, just know I appreciate your love and your support for this very special endeavor.

And to the Line Officers: Sister Yvonne, Sister Alma and Sister Betty and Sister Naomi, your pledges of support are very important to me because this Redbird doesn't want to be out on a limb in any tree all by itself. Thank you so much, Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside during the report of the Board of Grand Trustees.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I recognize Sister Patsy Neeper, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, for her report.

## REPORT NO. 1 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. PATSY NEEPER: I'm Patsy Neeper, a Past Matron of Roby Chapter 25 and Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers.

It is with great pleasure I introduce my friends and fellow members of the Board of Grand Trustees:

Mrs. Shirley Jones, Vice Chairman - District V Mr. Jim Rippey, Secretary - District IV Mrs. Pat Washington, Senior Member - District I Mrs. Frances Burbank, Junior Member - -District III

Thank all of you for the cooperation and support you have given this year. These dedicated members worked well together. Their accomplishments were numerous.

Thank you membership for electing me to the Board of Grand Trustees. Thank you Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron and the entire Corporate Board for your interest, support and attendance at our Board Meetings.

Delbert Shoemaker, Chairman of the Benevolent Board and all his Board Members thank you for providing lodging and meals when we were in session and for the cooperation you have given this year to the Board of Trustees. The monthly transfer (\$116,000.00) for the operation of the O.E.S. Home was made each month to the Benevolent Board.

A contribution from each member of the Board was made to each lady in the O.E.S. Home. Jim Rippey, dressed as Santa and his three helpers delivered these gifts to the ladies Christmas Eve.

Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary was a pleasure to work with. This was her first year as Grand Secretary and she is serving Grand Chapter of Texas well. The Grand Secretary's apartment was renovated at a total cost of \$6,188.84. This included carpet, painting, vent cleaning and various other repairs. An alarm system was installed. The work was completed and she moved to the apartment the latter part of November. She has decorated at her cost and the apartment is beautiful.

Patsy Wilson, Grand Treasurer is a dedicated member. She kept a detailed record on her monthly reports. It was very enjoyable working with Patsy. Carol Coleman, appointed secretary to the Board has faithfully performed her duties and has been an asset to the Board by helping in various areas. Thank you Carol.

The Board met eleven times. The first meeting was at Grand Chapter in Dallas October 1997. The next a called meeting at Copperas Cove. The next eight were held at the Administration Building in Arlington. The last meeting was held at Grand Chapter, Fort Worth 1998.

Two Board members attended General Grand Chapter Orlando, November 1997, Patsy Neeper - Chairman and Pat Washington- Senior Member. The Chairman had the pleasure of assisting with the Texas Luncheon.

The Trustees Chairman attended the Purposes and Policies Meeting in Fort Worth where Sister Alma Bane, Associate Grand Matron presented her projects for the 1998-1999 year. She met at a later date with the Board of Trustees and presented her plans for 1998-1999.

Shortly after Grand Chapter 1997, lightning struck and completely destroyed the computer and telephone system in the Grand Secretary's Offices. All of this equipment had to be replaced. Fortunately this was covered by insurance. The heating and cooling unit in the Administration Building quit working and a new unit was installed at a cost of \$5,992.00. The total cost of pavilion renovation was \$9,400.00.

The Executive Committee of 1997 Grand Chapter returned funds totaling \$19,270.86. Chairman of Orlando Texas Luncheon returned \$653.88 funds.

A check in the amount of \$500,000.00 was received from the Kennington Estate for the purpose of establishing an O.E.S. Scholarship Fund. This check was deposited January, 1998 in a trust and the accrued interest is used each year for scholarships. A total of \$15,000.00 was distributed this year to thirty-eight (38) approved applicants. We are very appreciative of this gift. Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron designated \$12,500.00 funds to be used for the implementation of computer change over for the year 2000. This year a house in Arlington sold for \$49,081.85.

Bequests from the estates of the following persons were received this year:
Ada Irene McCoy \$495.24
Gladys Heckel \$5,000.00
Arco Foundation Matching funds Betty and Richard Garrett \$120.00
Herman G. Clark \$15,000.00
Fredrick Woods \$12,343.75
Leo Potishman Foundation \$3,000.00

The Benevolent Board voted to buy the Worthy Grand Matron's used vehicle in 1999 for use of the O.E.S. Home and to pay \$10,000.00 from 1998 unused funds this year and also include the Home's used vehicle for a trade-in at the time the new vehicle is purchased.

Thanks to all of you for allowing me the privilege of serving on the Board. I have represented you to the best of my ability. The following reports will contain more detailed information concerning this year's work and future needs.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of Report No. 1 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We have a motion to accept Report No. 1 of the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion? All in favor, signify by the voting card. Down sign. All opposed. It is carried.

MRS. PATSY NEEPER: Thank you. Mrs. Shirley Jones, Vice Chairman, will give Report No. 2.

## REPORT NO. 2 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. SHIRLEY JONES: Thank you, Sister Patsy. My Sisters and Brothers, your Elected Board of Trustees' members have diligently worked to anticipate the available income and allocate it to its best use of our Grand Chapter needs. Therefore, we, the Board of Grand Trustees, are pleased to present for your approval Report No. 2, the proposed budget for the General Fund for the Grand Chapter year 1998-99. The detail of this information can be found on page 36 of your Advanced Annual Report.

### GENERAL FUND BUDGET 1998-1999

	BUDGET 96-97	ACTUAL 96-97	BUDGET 97-98	ACTUAL YTD (6/30/98	PROPOSED ) 98-99
REVENUE GENERAL FUND					
Balance on Hand	\$ 40,050	\$ 40,050	\$ 68,890	\$	\$ 20,000
Dues/Per Capita	118,913	113,794	105,000	109,269	101,500
Registration Fees	40,000	31,478	40,000		35,000
WGM Special Funds	7,500	34,385	7,500	18,042	20,450
Interest-General Fund	6,500	6,177	7,500	6,223	2,500
Sales of Proceedings	1,500	831	1,500	530	1,000
<b>Bulletin Subscriptions &amp; Announcements</b>	70,000	76,862	75,000	44,244	80,000
Advanced Report Announcements	2,000		2,000		2,000
Sales of Supplies & Printed Materials					
incl. Postage	85,000	67,854	100,000	82,936	85,000
Dispensations	1,300	1,096	1,300	803	1,300
Administrative Fees on Endowed Members	ships 2,800	56	3,447	3,486	4,600
GC Session Summary	2,500	2,341	2,500	85	2,500
GC Vendor Sales					20,000
Miscellaneous	1,500	14,349	1,500	170	2,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$379,563	\$389,273	\$416,137	\$265,788	\$377,850
EXPENSES GENERAL FUND					
Grand Officers & Committees					
Worthy Grand Matron	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,228	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Worthy Grand Patron	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Associate Grand Matron	2,000	2,000	2,200	2,264	2,200
Associate Grand Patron	375	375	400	400	400
Grand Conductress	250	250	400	400	400
Associate Grand Conductress	200	200	400	400	400
Humanitarian	600	600	600	600	300
ESTARL	200	200	200	200	100
By Laws	100	. 79	100	100	50
Total	\$ 8,825	\$ 8,532	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,464	\$ 8,950
Grand Chapter Session					
Session	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,165	\$ 20,000	-\$ 10,771	\$ 20,000
Entertainment Visiting Grand Officers	1,000	745	1,000	692	1,000
GGC Officer Expenses	500		500		500
Registration Forms & Postage	1,100	1,014	1,000	307	1,000
Ballots/Voting Cards	1,000	1,733	1,500		1,500

	BUDGET 96-97	ACTUAL 96-97	BUDGET 97-98	ACTUAL TO (6/30/98)	PROPOSED 98-99
Advance Reports (4000)	7,000	7,002	7,000		7,000
Session & Memorial Program (4000)	5,300	6,998	6,000		6,000
Grand Warder/Sentinel	200	200	300	72	200
Invitations	200		150		100
Installation Program (3000)	1,700	2,062	2,000		2,000
Insurance Convention Center		1,701	1,700		1,700
Total	\$ 38,000	\$ 41,620	\$ 41,150	-\$ 9,700	\$ 41,000
Grand Chapter Automobile/Transport	ation				
Acquisition Fund	8,000	12,418	8,000		3,450
Operating Expense	3,000	3,154	3,000	1,715	3,000
Total	\$ 11,000	\$ 15,572	\$ 11,000	\$ 1,715	\$ 6,450
Past Grand Jewels					
Past Grand Matron	750	750	750	750	750
Past Grand Patron	450	450	450		450
Total	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 750	\$ 1,200
Administration					
Legal Services	7,250	1,489	6,000	2,860	5,000
Audit	15,350	21,500	20,000	21,000	17,000
Computer Maintenance	2,000	2,298	1,630	2,751	500
Endowed Memberships	500	378	500	517	500
Grand Secretary Salary	12,000	12,254	12,000	9,440	12,000
Grand Secretary Auto Allowance	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,333	2,000
Office Salaries	55,170	45,949	63,104	39,636	63,000
Payroll Taxes	5,562	6,057	6,000	4,437	6,000
Telephone	3,100	2,854	3,000	2,103	3,000
Equipment Lease/Repair/Replacement	7,500	12,977	10,000	3,756	7,500
Office/Printing Supplies	3,600	2,510	3,500	4,728	3,500
Grand Treasurer Salary	3,900	3,900	3,900	2,600	3,900
Grand Treasurer Expense Allowance	600	600	600	600	600
Utilities/Disposal	8,500	8,240	9,000	4,746	8,500
Janitorial Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,700	2,500
Building Maintenance/Repair	4,000	9,955	7,000	10,769	4,000
Capital Improvement	4,000	6,525	5,000	2,967	4,000
Total	\$137,532	\$141,986	\$155,734	\$115,943	\$143,500
Printing & Postage					
Annual Proceedings	27,000	26,607	28,000	9,280	27,000
Proceedings Photos	600	600	600	600	
Annual Chapter Reports	2,000	1,960	2,000	2,348	2,000
Compilations	400	191	300	291	300
GC Session Summary	500	672	650		650
Constitution/Revisions	2,500	5,478	10,000		2,000
WGM Interpretations	1,250	1,715	3,000		1,000
Directories	5,000	5,201	5,000		5,000
Deputy Books (140)	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,135	2,700
Stationary	1,000	1,442	2,000	1,003	2,000
GC Committee Forms/Supplies/Memorials	2,500	2,980	2,500	1,387	2,500
Bulletins	65,000	63,618	65,000	39,639	65,000
Postage/Bulletins	10,000	10,100	10,000	5,056	10,000

	BUDGET 96-97	ACTUAL 96-97	BUDGET 97-98	ACTUAL YTD (6/30/98	PROPOSED 3) 98-99
Printing for Resale Items	10,000	6,535	10,000	17,129	10,000
Printing Instituting/Constituting/	·	•	•		
50 Yr/Grand Rep	1,000	3,076	3,000	91	2,500
Postage Permit/Mailings	500	746	500	438	800
Postage Meter (Forms, Supplies, Printe	ed				
Items, etc.)	14,500	17,103	15,000	7,259	15,000
Total	\$147,250	\$151,524	\$161,550	\$ 88,656	\$148,450
Other					
GC Contingency	1,300	10,201	5,000	842	3,000
GGC Expenses (3rd Year)	600	1,800	600	-654	600
Official Reporter for Grand Chapter	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
GGC Resale Supplies (Includes Dues C	ards) 20,000	12,055	20,000	32,095	15,000
Miscellaneous	500	154	500	530	500
Board of Grand Trustees Expense Allov	wance 500	221	500		200
Total	\$ 25,400	\$26,931	\$ 29,100	\$ 35,313	\$ 21,800
Insurance					
Grand Chapter Vehicle	1,500	1,720	2,000		2,000
Workmen's Comp Replacement	3,000	2,835	600		600
Bldg/Personal/Umbrella	5,256	5,915	3,400		3,500
GC Fidelity Bond/Insurance	600	600	600		400
Total	\$ 10,356	\$ 11,070	\$ 6,600	\$ 0	\$ 6,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$379,563	\$398,435	\$415,734	\$242,141	\$377,850
TOTAL REVENUE	\$379,563	\$389,273	\$416,137	\$265,788	\$377,850
NET BUDGET (Revenue Over/ Under Expenses)	\$0	-\$9,162	\$403	\$ 23,647	\$0

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of Report No. 2 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We have a motion to adopt Report No. 2.of the Board of Trustees. Is there any discussion? All in favor signify by the uplifted voting card. Down sign. All opposed. Motion is carried.

MRS. SHIRLEY JONES: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Brother Jim Rippey will present Report No. 3 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

### REPORT NO. 3 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MR. JIM RIPPEY: Thank you, Sister Shirley.

We, The Board of Grand Trustees, are pleased to present for your consideration the Proposed Budget for the O.E.S. Home Fund for the Grand Chapter Year 1998-1999. We recommend careful consideration of the needs of the Home.

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 1998-1999

	1996-97 Actual		1997-98 Budget	7	Months Actual		1998-99 Budget
RECEIPTS							
Dues	\$ 551,982	\$	510,000	\$	289	\$	493,000
Interest	26,489	Ψ	16,000	Ψ	6,704	Ψ	12,000
Dividends	351		10,000		31		12,000
Oil & Gas	7,679		6,000		5,450		6,000
Bequests & Grants	33,224		30,000		26,416		30,000
Home Member Receipts	50,531				11,098		20,000
Ladies' Pensions	•		36,000		,		
Real Estate Sales	526,558 $46,315$		494,000 30,000		266,125		450,000 30,000
	,		•				•
Special Funds	48,797		30,000		10 071		30,000
Humanitarian	20,821		40,000		12,371		30,000
Endowment Interest			380,000		242,083		417,000
Other Receipts			10,000		9,540		10,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$1	,582,000	\$	580,107	\$1	,528,000
EXPENDITURES							
SALARIES							
Superintendent	14,800		31,200		18,646		33,800
Administrator	19,000		25,830		0		0
Director of Nurses	,		31,200		19,646		33,300
Resident Nurse	24,441		22,880		13,820		23,920
Records Clerk	14,321		15,600		8,846		15,600
Food Manager	17,359		21,840		8,558		20,800
Minimum Wage Incr.	,		,_		-,		
Computer Clerk	14,368		15,600		7,553		15,600
Activity Director	15,252		15,600		9,784		16,640
Matrons	46,187		57,200		26,721		57,200
Housekeeping	29,505		34,320		18,099		34,320
Kitchen	139,738		152,152		80,295		152,200
Maintenance	42,472		55,120		23,750		50,330
Infirmary	254,946		256,880		137,746		256,880
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TOTALS	\$632,388	\$	735,422	\$	373,464	\$	710,090
Payroll Taxes			75,638		28,570		61,400
INSURANCE							
Commercial	1,857		75,590		19,197		76,550
Workers' CompReplacement	6,304		,		12,221		,
Machinery, Boiler, etc.	•				ŕ		
Auto	2,189				12,285		
Umbrella	, -				•		
Ladies Medical	45,362		45,710		38,852		46,250
Employee Health	3,497		0		1,907		0
TOTALS	\$ 59,209		121,300	\$	84,462		122,800
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		1996-97 Actual		1997-98 Budget	7	Months Actual		1998-99 Budget
HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLE	ŒS							
Housekeeping Supplies Laundry		3,381 426-		15,000 0		$12,029 \\ 177$		16,000
TOTALS		3 2,995		15,000	\$	12,206	\$	16,000
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NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZI Subscriptions	MES	1,377		1,040		457		800
TOTALS		1,377	\$	1,040	\$	467	\$	800
DOCTORS/HOSPITALS								
Podiatrist				0		0		0
Dental Madical Destars	\$	, ,		10,000		14,530		14,500
Medical Doctors X-Rays & Labs		33,028 1,831		45,000 $3,500$		16,443 $2,377$		40,000 4,000
Hospitals & Day Surgery		13,229		20,000		5,636		15,000
TOTALS	\$	50,167	\$	78,500	\$	38,986	\$	73,500
MEDICAL SUPPLIES								
Rx Medicine Non-Rx Medication		85,785		100,000		56,165		100,000
Infirmary Housekeeping Sup	plies			20,000				
Patient Care Supplies		27,851		0		9,870		17,000
TOTALS	\$	113,843	\$	120,000	\$	66,035	\$	117,000
FOOD & SUPPLIES								
Food		132,397		144,000		97,494		135,000
Kitchen Supplies		3,615		7,000		2,629		5,000
TOTALS	\$	136,012	\$	151,000	\$	100,123	\$	140,000
UTILITIES								
Electrical		67,616		65,000		37,862		66,000
Gas Water		24,080 $15,308$		30,000 19,000		19,341 $13,005$		$34,000 \\ 24,000$
Telephone		8,657		10,000		7,506		12,500
TOTALS	\$	115,161	\$	124,000	\$	77,714	\$	136,500
LAUNDRY & CLEANING								
Linen Service		4,302		3,000		3,188		5,500
Dry Cleaning				500		352		500
TOTALS	\$	4,302	\$	3,500	\$	3,540	\$	6,000

		.996-97 Actual	1997-98 Budget	Months Actual	1998-99 Budget
OFFICE EXPENSE					
Postage		662	1,100	480	1,100
Office Supplies		2,423	2,500	1,713	3,000
Advertising (Local Papers)		5	500	462	800
TOTALS	\$	3,090	\$ 4,100	\$ 2,655	\$ 4,900
CONTRACT SERVICE					
Contract Maintenance Super	visor		15,000	0	
Contract Services				1,002	
Nursing				1,248	
Physical Therapist			5,000		 
TOTALS			\$ 20,000	\$ 2,250	\$ 0
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPE	NSE				
Administrator Conf.	NOL		800		800
In-House Training			000		-
Admin. Consultant	\$	851			
Home Hospital License		585-	500	635	700
In-Service				432	1,000
TOTALS	\$	266	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,067	\$ 2,500
MOTOR VEHICLES					
Fuel		1,523	3,000	1,305	3,000
Parts & Repairs		415	2,000	2,754	6,000
Licenses		228	300	221	400
TOTALS	\$	2,166	\$ 5,300	\$ 4,280	\$ 9,400
CONTRACT MAINTENAN	CE S	ERVICE			
Elevator		4,189	3,900	3,580	3,900
Copy Machine			1,000	199	1,000
Typewriters			300		300
Ambulance		1,825	5,200	3,360	5,200
Fire Alarms		1,156	3,000	$936 \\ 2,340$	3,000
Pest Control Time Clock		$2,960 \\ 287$	3,000	2,340 $204$	$3,200 \\ 225$
Trash Pickup		3,563	4,000	2,192	3,200
Payroll Processing		1,166	4,500	1,670	4,000
TOTALS	\$	15,146	\$ 24,900	\$ 14,481	\$ 24,025
MAINTENANCE & SUPPI	ÆS				
Painting		195	1,000	461	585
Plumbing		4,025	15,000	1,555	10,000
Home/Hospital		14,248	15,000	22,497	20,000
Hardware & Lumber		5,493	2,000	3,633	4,000
Electrical Supplies		2,422	4,000	1,864	4,000
TOTALS	\$	26,411	\$ 37,000	\$ 30,010	\$ 38,585

		1996-97 Actual		1997-98 Budget	7	Months Actual		1998-99 Budget
OTHER OPERATING EXP	ENS	SE .						
Equipment & Furnish		4,786		2,000		4,634		4,000
Funeral Expense		4,065		7,000		18		7,000
Ladies Special Days		2,763		1,000		4,091		,
Allow. to Ladies (\$50)		32,050		32,000		17,154		36,000
Physicals		•		,		•		•
Contingency Fund				10,000				10,000
Board of Directors' Exp.		725		6,000		174		6,000
Hum/OES Home		10		,				,
Home MaintOther		3,501				3,778		
Ceramics Therapy Exp.		389				238		
Beauty Supplies		819				208		
Other Exp. on Acq. Prop.		300				311		
Miscellaneous		8,029		1,000		7,033		1,000
Reserve		·		5,000		ř		ŕ
TOTALS	\$	57,437	\$	64,000	\$	37,639	\$	64,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1	,236,616	1	,582,000		877,939	1	,548,000
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$	69,068	\$	0	\$ (	297,832)		0

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of Report No. 3 as printed in the Advanced Proceedings and corrected here now.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to adopt Report No. 3, as printed in your Advanced Report, as amended. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor signify by the uplifted voting card. Down sign. All opposed. And the motion carried.

MR. JIM RIPPEY: Sister Pat Washington will present Report No. 4, the Audit Report.

### REPORT NO. 4 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with Chapter 5A, Article 82(b), we, the Board of Grand Trustees, are pleased to present the Audit Report covering the books of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, for the Grand Chapter fiscal year ending October 31, 1997. This Audit Report, as conducted by George, Morgan & Sneed, PC, Certified Public Accountants, is printed in its entirety in the Proceedings of the October 1997 115th Annual Session. The following is a summary of this information.

#### AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY

Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 1997

	REVENUES	EXPENSES	REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES
General Fund	\$ 400,004	\$ 441,054	\$ (41,050)
Home Fund	1,349,558	1,399,608	(50,050)
Endowment Fund	670,070	29,877	640,193
Benevolent Fund	53,534	35,200	18,334
Education Fund	2,104	650	1,454
Fannie V. Ward Fund	1,687	1,711	(24)
Humanitarian Special			
Projects Fund	203,212	84,039	119,173
Home Renovation Fund	55,659	139,039	( 83,380)
TOTALS	\$ 2,735,828	\$ 2,131,178	\$ 604,650

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of Report No. 4.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We have a motion for the adoption of Report No. 4 of the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion? All in favor signify by the uplifted voting card – I recognize Sister Alma Carter in the West.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Sister Pat, on the Fannie V. Ward I notice that you have a debit in there.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: \$24.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: I just want to be sure that is not going to come out of the principal. Is it going to come out of the General Fund then and make up for that? Where is that going to come from, because we can't spend the principal –

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: The principal was not spent. There was additional interest received, if I'm correct. There was additional interest received before this was actually paid out.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: So we had enough to cover that deficit this time then without having to go into the principal?

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Yes. The principal was not touched.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Okay. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Any further discussion? All in favor of the adoption of Report No. 4 of the Board of Grand Trustees signify by the uplifted voting card. Down sign. All opposed. And the motion is carried.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Sister Frances Burbank will present Report No. 5, Endowed Membership Fund.

### REPORT NO. 5 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you, Sister Pat.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers,

In compliance with Article 204e, Pages 142-144 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Grand Trustees, present the report on the Endowed Memberships for the period from July 31, 1997 through July 31, 1998.

Two-Hundred and two (202) Endowed Memberships were purchased from July 31, 1997 through July 31, 1998 for a total of \$101,000.00. In accordance with Article 204, e(7)(b) page 144, distribution earnings cannot be made until after May 31 of the second year after the purchase of the Endowed Membership.

As of July 31, 1998 we had a grand total of 1,534 Endowed Memberships that had been purchased. The grand total invested as of July 31, was \$811,714.50.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the report on Endowed Memberships.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We have a motion for the adoption of the report on Endowed Memberships. Is there any discussion? All in favor, signify by the uplifted voting card. Down sign. All opposed. The motion is carried. Thank you.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Mrs. Shirley Jones, Vice Chairman, will present Report No. 6.

### REPORT NO. 6 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. SHIRLEY JONES: Thank you, Sister Frances.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

We, THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES, are pleased to present for your information the Report of the Scholarship Program for the Grand Chapter Year 1997-1998.

#### REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 1997-1998

Funds Available as of 7/31/98:

 Kennington Fund Interest
 \$12,217.42

 Less portion to ESTARL
 -\$1,221.74

 Bramlett Fund Interest
 \$309.72

 Ward Fund Interest
 \$1,121.92

Educational Fund Interest

\$3,482.05

	\$15,909.37
Awards Issued:	
one at	\$300
five at \$420	\$2,100
one at	\$200
thirty-one at \$400	\$12,400
continuing education for office personnel	\$900
TOTAL	\$15,900

As a point of interest to the membership, I would like to let you know that I have received many, many letters of gratitude from these students. It's very heartwarming to receive them. And many comments from their Eastern Star relatives, including at this Grand Chapter, of their gratitude for this assistance for their students.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of Report No. 6, Report of the Scholarship Program.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We have a motion for the adoption of Report No. 6. Is there any discussion? All in favor, signify by the uplifted voting card. Down sign. All opposed. The motion is carried.

MRS. SHIRLEY JONES: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Brother Jim Rippey will present Report No. 7.

### REPORT NO. 7 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MR. JIM RIPPEY: Thank you, Sister Shirley.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

We, The Board of Grand Trustees, are pleased to present for your consideration the report of the Benevolent Aid Fund for the Grand Chapter Year 1997-1998.

\$83,551.89

#### Benevolent Aid Fund

Beginning Balance 9/30/97

Deposits:

Per Capita 46,209.00

Interest <u>1,166.05</u> <u>47,375.05</u> 130,926.94

Disbursements:

Benevolent Aid 37,350.00

Check Order 54.50 <u>37,404.50</u>

Ending Balance 8/31/98 \$93,522.44

24 Members in 22 Chapters received Benevolent Aid.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your generous assistance to these members in need.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of Report No. 7.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We have a motion for the adoption of Report No. 7. Is there any discussion?

VOICE: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes. I recognize the Brother in the West.

**VOICE:** It's not in regard to this motion, but I would appreciate it if the Committees that are giving these reports would please tell what page they're on so we don't have to hunt through the whole thing. [applause] Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, my Brother. We have a motion that we adopt this Report No. 7. All in favor signify by the uplifted voting card. Down sign. All opposed. And the motion is carried.

MR. JIM RIPPEY: Sister Pat Washington will now present Report No. 8, Contingency Fund.

### REPORT NO. 8 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: These reports we're giving now are not in a book, so there is not a page number to give.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

We, the Board of Grand Trustees, are pleased to present this Report of the Contingency Fund for 1997-1998.

#### CONTINGENCY FUND

Beginning Balance November 1, 1997 \$5,000.00

Less: Expenditures 842.00

Ending Balance July 31, 1998 \$4,158.00

Account balances 7-31-98

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of Report No. 8.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We have a motion to adopt Report No. 8. Is there any discussion? All in favor, signify by the uplifted voting card. Down sign. All opposed. The motion is carried.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Sister Frances Burbank will present Report No. 9, the Renovation Fund.

### REPORT NO. 9 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you, Sister Pat. Let me remind you, membership, that while the budgets for the General Fund and the Eastern Star Home are printed in the Advanced Annual Report, these additional reports that the Board of Grand Trustees are giving this morning are not printed. They cannot be found in your Advanced Annual Report, so there is no page number that we can give you. It's blank. How about that? We're just giving it to you at this time. It will be presented in the Proceedings when that is printed.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers,

In compliance with the 113th Annual Session of 1995, Resolution No. 2, Page 177 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Grand Trustees, present the report on the Home Renovation Fund for the period from July 31, 1997 to July 31, 1998.

(Accounts with Chase Bank/Arlington (formerly Texas Commerce Bank)

Checking Account					
	\$19,252.	\$413,368.			
	16,000.	21,108. 24,568.			
17,811.					
8,653.					
550.					
370.					
402.					
27,786.	27,786.				
•	15.	1,681.			
		4,207.			
cking accour	ıt	16,000.			
	17,811. 8,653. 550. 370. 402.	\$19,252. 16,000. 17,811. 8,653. 550. 370. 402. 27,786. 27,786.			

7,451.

437,156.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the report on the Eastern Star Home Renovation Fund.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We have a motion on the adoption of Report No. 9 on the Eastern Star Home Renovation Fund. Is there any discussion? All in favor signify by the uplifted card. Down sign. All opposed. The motion carried. Thank you, Sister Frances. Does that conclude the Board of Trustees?

MRS. PATSY NEEPER: This concludes the reports of the Grand Trustees. [applause]

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Time for another photo op!

Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron and the Board of Grand Trustees. Any time you're handling money for someone else, it is not easy. I commend them on their diligence and open-mindedness.

At this time I would like to call on Sister Jean Nesbitt to give her Exchange Committee report when we visited Louisiana. This year we had two exchange visits, and two states bordering us let us cross over into their state line, and I was real pleased that they granted us that visa. Sister Jean Nesbitt was my chairman for the Louisiana visit.

### REPORT OF THE TEXAS-LOUISIANA EXCHANGE VISIT

MRS. JEAN NESBITT: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

On November 28, 1997, members and family met at the Marshall Civic Center, Marshall, Texas for the Texas-Louisiana Exchange Visit. There were 186 present at the "Wonderland of Lights" Banquet. After an enjoyable dinner, a caravan of cars and buses traveled to see the Christmas Lights in the residential areas and the downtown area. The Harrison County Courthouse Museum was decorated in over three million twinkling lights.

On Saturday we gathered to caravan to Shreveport, Louisiana for their banquet. We stopped in Jonesville, Texas to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the T. C. Lindsey General Store. They had approximately 1,000 in attendance to help with this celebration. The cloggers, led by Dolores Hartley from Marshall Chapter No. 356, performed at the celebration.

The "Cajun Night Exchange in Louisiana" Banquet was held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday at the Martin McClanahan Masonic Lodge in Bossier City, Louisiana. Mrs. Elizabeth Roach, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana chaired this meeting. The food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted Mrs. Jean Nesbitt, Past Grand Matron Chairman, TX-LA

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You have heard the report of the Texas-Louisiana Exchange Visit given by Sister Jean Nesbitt, Past Grand Matron. Do I have a second? Those agreeing to accept Sister Jean's report as given, raise your voting card. Those opposed. I wonder what we'd do if they were opposed to it! Motion carried. Thank you, Mama Jean.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside during the presentation of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I recognize Brother Delbert Shoemaker' Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Brother Delbert.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

MR. DELBERT SHOEMAKER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. It is my pleasure to bring you this final report of the Benevolent Board. I want to make a correction in your Advanced Report on page 19. "Mrs. Delbert Shoemaker" is not Chairman, but she is sitting over here and she's a whole lot prettier than I am.

First, let me introduce my fellow Board members: R. J. "Tom" Warner, Vice Chairman, District 4 Betty Capps, Secretary, District 3 Maxine Nance, Treasurer, District 5 Norma Graham, Member, District 2 I am Delbert Shoemaker, Chairman, District 1

We were elected to these positions following the elections at Grand Chapter in Dallas last year.

These people are hard working and dedicated to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Eastern Star Home and all of the Ladies who reside there. They have been easy to work with, yet, with opinions of their own, which they do not mind stating. This has worked to the benefit of our Order, our Home and our assigned job. They should be applauded for their hard work and devotion to their job. Thank you and thank you Board for a job well done. I want to also recognize Jan Holland, our recording secretary for recording our minutes during our meetings. Thank you, Jan, for a job well done.

The Eastern Star Home is owned by the members. Therefore, we have tried to encourage you to come to the Home and give of your time and talents. A large number of people have and have been blessed by doing so. In the process, they have scraped, painted, repaired, and replaced on the inside as well as the outside of the building and their effort shows. This is the best example of love that I know of. People doing what they can for someone else and all involved enjoying it.

Since November 1, 1997, we have had sadness in losing 6 members at the Home. These ladies ages were 91, 84, 87, 98, 92 and 97 years old. This speaks well of our Home.

In January we also lost our maintenance supervisor, friend and member, Mr. Joe French, who we miss. He has been replaced by Mr. Hugh Simpkins, who is also doing a good job.

As of September 1, 1998, we have 46 Residents in our Home with 16 in the Infirmary and 30 in the residential section.

Our Board has received 9 applications for admission to the Home this Grand Chapter year; four were accepted and five were withdrawn. We welcome the newest residents.

Another duty of our Board is the distribution of benevolent aid. We have given financial assistance to 24 members in 22 different Chapters across our State in the form of monthly aid or in emergency situations. The membership should be proud to have helped those in financial need.

I want to say thank you to the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, both present and past, with whom it has been my pleasure to serve the membership. Also, the various members of the Board of Trustees, Benevolent Board and Corporate Board who have served during the past five years.

To the membership, I thank you for having elected me to this Board and I hope I have served you to your satisfaction.

To the Ladies of the Home, I have enjoyed getting to know each of you and wish for your health and happiness in the future.

Thanks, also, to the many dedicated employees at the Home and all of the volunteers over the past five years. Please continue the hard work.

Respectively,
Delbert Shoemaker, Chairman
R.J. "Tom" Warner, Vice Chairman
Betty Capps, Secretary
Maxine Nance, Treasurer
Norma Graham, Member

Since the preliminary report in your handout, in the Advanced Report, we have had one more death of a resident of the Home. This leaves us with 45 residents who live there.

Let me express my appreciation to the membership for letting me serve these five years. I have enjoyed it, as well as not enjoyed it. It has been a long time – five years – but it's the shortest I believe I've had. This concludes my report. Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Patron, I appreciate working with y'all. You've been great.

I'll ask that this preliminary report be accepted. I make a motion that they be accepted.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We have a motion that we accept the preliminary report and this report for the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Is there a second? Is there any discussion? All in favor signify by the uplifted voting card carried. Down sign. All opposed. The motion is carried.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time I want to recognize Brother Tom Warner, Vice Chairman of the Board – you know! I'm so glad we voted to change that, that's a tongue-twister – to the Home Board.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO GRAND CHAPTER

MR. TOM WARNER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This is a partial report of the Superintendent/Administrator of the Eastern Star Home. The complete report will be printed in the Annual Proceedings.

What's happening in this Home.

Truth sometimes hurt, but it is truth from my prospective as to what I am going to say. Vendors often ask me, what is your waiting list? My response is none. These administrators just can't understand why, but I know part of the problem is the negative publicity which filters back to the Chapters in the form of "Gossip". This gossip comes from either a resident or employee. Often their perception or analysis of a situation is not totally correct. Yet, it is the negative publicity which affects others.

The O.E.S. Home is not the "Black Hole of Calcutta", which some may think it is. I'm not afraid to invite the State Ombudsmen to this Home at any time of the day to investigate for resident rights.

Our ladies do have opportunities to participate in a wide range of meaningful and productive activities which are either individualized or grouped.

I recognize that little things which would not have impacted one's life years ago, today is often misunderstood.

You as members must recognize, that the purpose of the Home is to provide a secure place for the members of Eastern Star.

You the membership must also understand, that our ladies will manifest their weaknesses at times, it's just part of life. Don't let Gossip prevent you from applying to this home. There exists a new zeal and zest from the Singing Stars who are telling our side of the story.

The Truth is, our employees do care about our residents. The truth is, we at the home do what we can with the resources, labor and capital given us. The truth is, our ladies needs are being met. The truth is, because of "Gossip" we don't have as many volunteers as we need.

If you have the following skills or talents, or know of someone who has, ask them to contact me.

This home needs volunteers in the following areas:

1. <u>Drivers</u> - to transport our residents not only to Chapter meetings but other social entertainments within our surrounding area/community.

- $2.\ \underline{Data\ entry\ person}$  an individual who can assist the administrator in data entry of important information.
- 3. <u>Social Worker</u> Retired or Semiretired LSW with the State of Texas, to work part-time to meet the state requirements. Your OES Home is in immediate need of a Social Service worker.
- 4. <u>Nurses</u> who would like to work with the administrator in developing Inactive slide presentations, either of Power Point or Presentation computer software
- 5. <u>Maintenance and yard people</u> For both inside and outside maintenance. The final truth is, this is a great place for a few of the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star to spend the later years of their lives. The membership should be PROUD for the most part, of the things going on within the walls of this home.

Our Ladies here are treated with respect, and their personal rights are not being violated.

We live in what has been described as the information age, but our message is simply not being told. When you return to your Chapters, pass the message on that though this is not a perfect Home, it is a great Home, and it is an institutional home that affords one the opportunity to age in a place with respect and dignity.

God Bless you in your efforts to understand the truth of this your Home and for your commitment to an idea, which is not found in most facilities within this industry. You are doing something to care for your members.

They are thankful, please don't fail them.

Your servant Ron Johnston, Superintendent

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We have a motion to adopt the report of the Superintendent of the Home. Is there a second? Is there any discussion? All in favor of the motion, signify by the uplifted card. Down sign. All Opposed. The motion is carried.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. We were going to recognize the residents of our Home this morning, and we will still recognize them but not until after lunch because their peers at the Home will be entertaining us at 1:15, musical selections by the Singing Stars. More of them will be here at that time. We will skip that for now.

While I'm gathering my thoughts, could the Choir do a ditty for us? [Grand Choir sang "There's Within My Heart."]

I call on Sister Jessie Lea Shaw, International Temple Committee Chairman, committee of one, to give her report.

# REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE COMMITTEE

MRS. JESSIE LEA SHAW: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

The International Temple is located in Washington D.C.; priceless records, statistics and the history of the Order of the Eastern Star are stored in the Temple. It is filled with treasures of marble, silver and gold. It is a grand monument to our high ideals and purposes. A directory and honor roll is maintained listing the names of all Eastern Star Chapters that are 100% in the International Temple Fund. The Temple serves as headquarters of the General Grand Chapter. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary is required to live there and attends to the affairs of Eastern Star.

The building and furnishings are paid for and maintained by using only the interest from the International Fund. It is the obligation of each Subordinate Chapter to see that \$1.00 for each member is given to the International Temple Fund. This includes dual and affiliated by transfer members, in other words, every new member that signs the By-Laws.

Slides are available for use by the Subordinate Chapters. These may be obtained from the chairman of the International Temple. A VCR tape is also available from the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Both of these are very interesting and gives us a special glimpse of the Temple's splendor and beauty.

I am pleased to report a total of \$3,686.00 dollars from 198 Chapters was given to the International Temple during this Grand Chapter year 1997-1998.

The Order of the Eastern Star is international, therefore, no flag flies over the building, the soft ray of the Star within a pentagon within a circle, the emblem of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, sends a warm glow throughout the night to warm the hearts of all mankind.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne, I want to thank you for the privilege of serving as International Temple Chairman this year. I would also like to personally thank each Chapter that helped to make this a successful year.

The responsibilities of International Temple Chairman was made easier by the cooperation of the Grand Secretary's Office, a special thanks to Sister Billie Wilk for her help.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally Submitted, Jessie Lea Shaw International Temple WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report by the International Temple and the motion and second. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, please signify by your voting card. Those opposed. Motion carried. Thank you, Sister Jessie Lea. She has been a friend of mine for years, since we served as Deputy Grand Matrons for Sister Elsie Paladino.

I call on Sister Wanda Fairchild, Chairman of our District and Section Study Committee.

### DISTRICT/SECTION STUDY COMMITTEE

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We will have a picture made sometime later because some of my people, I think, are probably going to be here this afternoon. I would like to present the report of the District/Section Study Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to introduce the members of your District/ Section Study Committee:

Sisters, Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron Lois Bell, Past Grand Matron Brother Garland Rattan, Past Grand Patron Sister Willie Mae Shaw

Your District/Section Study Committee entered this year with the hope that some progress would be made for the good of our Order.

After much appreciated input, it is our opinion that any change presented to the membership, at this time, would be received in a negative manner. Therefore, we recommend that the District and Section boundaries remain as they are and that any changes be left to the discretion of a majority of Chapter members.

When a Section feels it has too few Chapters to hold a School, they can always petition the Worthy Grand Matron to include them with a neighboring Section. And, should too many Sections fall short of Chapters in the future; The Grand Chapter of Texas can entertain an Amendment to The Code of Laws to reduce the number of Sections from Ten (10) to Eight (8).

Respectfully Submitted, Wanda Fairchild

Worthy Grand Matron, I move to adopt this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The report of the District/Section Study Committee has been given, motion made and seconded. Is there any discussion? All those

in favor of this report and this motion, please signify by your voting card. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Well, Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to go into the closing for lunch because I think we've lost our quorum. We want to get this business taken care of. The only way we will be able to do that is for you to be here taking care of business. So be sure and be back so we can finish business.

At this time I will ask Sister Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron, to come to the podium to offer our benediction.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Let us pray. Father God, we humbly come before You on this day offering our praise and thanksgiving for Your presence among us as we have conducted the business of this great fraternity dedicated to Your Star in the East. As we have gathered together, You have kept our hearts calm and our minds focused on our great responsibilities to do our work well. We thank You, Father God, for Your loving of us just as we are at this moment and yet gently nudging us forward to be more like You as our life plan is developed. Thank you, Father God, for Your care and protection of our leaders of this year and Your continued guidance and blessings upon us all in the coming year. May we truly remain constant in friendship toward one another, and at all costs may we walk in peace with our fellowman. We humbly pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Rosemary. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this Grand Chapter 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 engage in calling our Grand Chapter from labor to rest. You will see there are no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: There will be no interruptions, Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar [The Holy Bible was closed.]

I now call this Friday morning "We Shall Gather" Session from labor to rest until 1:30 p.m. at which time we will continue our business session, hopefully with a quorum. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, our "We Shall Gather" Session is called from labor to rest.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sisters and Brothers, we appreciate your attention. We hope that you will enjoy lunch, go to the vendors and be back here at 1:15 so you can hear your Singing Stars of our Home entertain us.

### "PATIENT INDUSTRY" Friday Afternoon Session October 30, 1998

1:00 p.m. Musical Harmonies	
	Founder's Day Committee
1:15 p.m. Musical Selections	Singing Stars
	Texas' Own Residents of Retirement Home,
	directed by Mrs. Pat DiMinno
1:30 p.m. Call to Order	Mrs. Alma Carter
	Past Grand Matron

- MRS. ALMA CARTER: Sisters and Brothers, if I may have your attention for just one moment, I would like to introduce Mr. Ron Johnston, Superintendent of our Eastern Star Home. Let's tell him how much we appreciate all of his service. [applause]
- MR. RON JOHNSTON: Brothers and Sisters I guess I can call you Brothers and Sisters, although I'm not a member; I have been a member of the DeMolay. I wish to thank you all for the trust and the faith that you have in me to be your Superintendent to guide and direct your Home. I thank you. [applause]
- MRS. ALMA CARTER: Thank you, Ron. Now I would like to introduce our Singing Stars from the Eastern Star Home under the direction of Mrs. Pat DiMinno. [Entertainment by Singing Stars.]
- MRS. PAT DiMINNO: Thank you. The ladies would like to end their program with their theme song. It's to the tune of "Every Day with Jesus." You might pay particular attention to the second verse as it reflects how the ladies feel about all of you. [applause following singing]
- MRS. ALMA CARTER: Sisters and Brothers' we'll call this Session to order in one moment. We have a couple of people that need to clear the building before we start.

Let's tell our ladies from the Home once more how much we enjoyed their beautiful singing. [applause]

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. It is a great pleasure for me to call this afternoon "Patient Industry" Session to order. Thank you, Sister Geraldine Graves from my own District 1, for your beautiful musical prelude. We also thank our Singing Stars for their lovely musical selections. Sisters and Brothers, this is the most important day of our Grand Chapter Session. It is the time most of our business is conducted. Let us keep cool heads and a prayerful and intelligent thought about all that is said and done.

Grand Marshal, you will direct the Floor Officers and Personal Pages in their drill. [applause following drill]

Sister Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand

Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, I am both honored and pleased to introduce Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in extending them Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.]

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I want to thank you for the great honor you have extended to me by allowing me to call this Friday afternoon Session to order. We all appreciate your service to our Grand Chapter this year. Sister Yvonne, I enjoyed so much having you serve as my Associate Grand Matron last year. There was never a dull moment with you around. Brother Kenneth, what a great gentleman you are. You have performed your duties with love, compassion and great skill.

Sisters and Brothers, the Worthy Grand Matron has titled this Session "Patient Industry." May we all take those words to heart. May we be patient and never give up, never give up on our Order, never give up on our country and never give up on God's mercy. Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present you with your gavel. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Alma Carter, my good friend, for extending us the honor of opening our Friday afternoon Session. I hope you know how I treasure your friendship. We had a lot of fun, but we got a lot of work done, too.

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 interruption while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we're about to call this Grand Chapter from rest to labor, and you are directed 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, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be in this Session of Grand Chapter. [The Grand Chapter was proved.] Worthy Grand Matron, all present are entitled to be with us at this Session of our Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.] Our invocation will be given by Past Grand Patron, Brother Herb Arnold.

MR. HERB ARNOLD: May we pray. Please join hands with the one next to you. Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we come now to Thee and give thanks to Thee for Your many, many blessings and for the privilege of being together as Sisters and Brothers of this great Order. Dear Lord, we do thank You for putting Your arms around our Worthy Grand Matron and Patron's shoulders at the beginning of this year and continuing with it all through the year and bringing them to this great session to tend to the business of our Order this year. We thank You for the privilege of our members meeting with love in their hearts for one another. We thank You for the privilege of belonging to such a great organization as ours. May we continue to be touched in our hearts and lives that we may be better servants of Thee in the future. Bless the ones that could not be with us for this Grand Chapter, and see us all safely home on completion of it. Thank you, dear Lord. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Herb, for asking God to be with each of us as we continue our deliberations. You know how important you and Maude are to Brother Robert and I. I also thank Sister Geraldine Graves for our prelude and our beautiful Singing Stars. I now declare this "Patient Industry" Session called from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this Session is now called from rest to labor. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. We shall now resume our business. This morning we postponed, Sisters and Brothers, introducing the Sunflowers from our Home because we wanted the Singing Stars to be here. They are in the West I believe. Sister Grand Marshal, will you prepare to escort these Sisters? I think they are going to come to the East. I hope there are enough Escorts in the back who will help these lovely ladies, or let them help the Escorts get to the East. Sometime we've worn out these Escorts. We have to give them all the help they can have.

Please present the Sunflowers of our Eastern Star Home. [Sunflowers come to the East to the tune of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."] See, it's hard to tell who's helping who! Sisters and Brothers, I will not try to name these beautiful Sisters but they are our Sisters and they do reside in our Home. I also want to recognize Brother Paul Ofton. I'd like for him to come up here and stand. Brother Paul was a resident of the Home 68 years ago. I didn't know they were taking the babies! But, again, these are our Sisters and our one fine Brother, and this is your Eastern Star Home. Make it your business and your desire to visit them because they thoroughly enjoy welcoming you into their residence. Many times people are negative about the establishment, and they have never visited the Home. So to have good thoughts or whatever thoughts you may have, go to that Home so that your thoughts will be honest thoughts. Let's welcome them one more time. [applause] They are precious! I would ask them to stay in the East, but I think some of them are going to go back to the Home. The bus driver I think has to take a nap. Sister Caty is working on the door! and I believe Sister Peggy Sue is working on the door. So again let's tell them how much we appreciate them and they will leave at this time [applause] I was just given some additional information. I understand these Sisters just told the driver they were not going directly home, they were going by Braum's. [laughter] That's Sisters with a mind of their own.

I believe we have had some visitors to this Grand Jurisdiction who have joined us today. So at this time I would ask our Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress to present the first lady at the Altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor and pleasure to introduce to you Sister Ella R. Kovash, Most Worthy Grand Matron, New Jersey, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My dear, how pleased I am that you have chosen to be with us today, you and your other Sisters from New Jersey. We heartily give you a Texas welcome. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, this Sister will be escorted to the East. [applause as she comes to the East] Sisters and Brothers, join me in saluting this Most Worthy Grand Matron with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, we would like to invite her to remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you present for introduction the Installed Grand Floor Officers of another Grand Jurisdiction in the West.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor of introducing these Installed Grand Chapter Officers of New Jersey: Sister Catherine Fusaro, Worthy Grand Marshal; and Sister Marjorie Post, Worthy Grand Martha, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My sweet Sisters, we are so proud that you chose to come to Texas and be with us for this 116th Session of our Grand Chapter. We hope you had pleasant travels, and we hope you have safe travels when you leave Texas. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these beautiful Sisters to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, let's show these two beautiful ladies a Texas welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I will ask them to remain in the East if they so desire.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Special Committee Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions in the West.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce this Committee Appointment of New Jersey: Sister Valerie Ford, Private Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Matron of New Jersey, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Valerie, this lady standing to my left I'm sure can identify with you; she is my secretary. We welcome you to Texas, and we would love for you to be escorted to the East. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, escort this Sister to the East. [applause as she comes to the East] Sisters and Brothers, let's show this secretary how much we welcome her to Texas. Of course I don't know who works the hardest for these Worthy Grand Matrons: the personal secretary or the Grand Escort. Now my Grand Escort would say he does, but I doubt that very seriously. Let's give her a hearty welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will be seated in the Chapter room.

Thank you, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. You've got Jack and Bob trained. As soon as you turned those corners, up they stood!

Now I will be happy to have the reports of the Grand Examiners. I recognize Sister Marlene Dibrell.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT I MEMBER BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

#### MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pride that I submit the following report for District One for the Grand Chapter year of 1997-1998. This report is a reflection of the love of many special Sisters and Brothers and of the team effort exemplified throughout the District One School Schedule.

#### CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

TOTALS BY SECTION	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\dot{s}}$	B's
Section 1	82	1
Section 2	134	2
Section 3	63	
Section 4	184	
Section 5	124	1
Section 6	62	
Section 7	110	
Section 8	110	1
Section 9	123	
Section 10	111	
Total Number of "A" Certif	1103	
Total Number of "B" Certif	5	
Total Number of Certificate	1108	

This total includes 47 members who achieved Certificates for the first time.

A Detailed Report by Section and by Chapter is on file with the Grand Secretary. Each Chapter in District One has been forwarded a list of their members earning Certificates of Proficiency.

Thank you for the privilege of serving on the Board of Grand Examiners. It is an opportunity that comes infrequently, and then, only to a few. You have given me four particularly special and meaningful years in our Order and have honored me by allowing me to perform the duties of this office, a task I have enjoyed tremendously. Thank you for every kindness and the many courtesies through the years.

I treasure our friendships deep within my heart and although my place of service will change, I know that our relationships as Sisters and Brothers in the Masonic fraternities will continue to increase and that we will enjoy many happy times in the future. My husband, David, joins me as I say, "Au revoir" for the present and we say, "Bonne chance et bon courage" for the months and years ahead. God bless you, every one.

There is a ripple effect in all that we do.
What you do touches me, what I do touches you.

I hope that with the ripple effect of our actions, we will continue to touch each other with love as we serve the beautiful Eastern Star and Masonic fraternities.

Fraternally,
Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Board of Grand Examiners, District One

It is my pleasure to recognize the Grand Examiner of District Two, Sister Kimi Kidd.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT II MEMBER BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

MRS. KIMI KIDD: Thank you, Sister Marlene.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters and Brothers:

I am very pleased to present my first report as Grand Examiner for District Two. It has been my honor to serve in this capacity this year. Thank you, the membership of Texas, for allowing me to serve on the Board of Grand Examiners. Thank you to my Chapters, Odessa No. 447 and Cora Posey No. 1072 and also to Friendship No. 1008 of which I was a member until May of this year.

This report is possible due to the hard work of the members of District Two. Sister Bess Madison Caldwell, District Deputy Grand Matron, and the Deputy Grand Matrons planned each school well. I appreciate each member who assisted in the Examining Rooms. Because of them, I am able to present the following report.

	"A" Certificates	"B" Certificates	Total
Section 1	31	0	31
Section 2	58	0	58
Section 3	32	0	32
Section 4	64	0	64
Section 5	25	0	25
Section 6	65	0	65
Section 7	58	0	58
Section 8	106	0	106
Section 9	40	0	40
Section 10	64	0	64
Total	543	0	543
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Total Ce	rtificates Issued	543	

There were seventeen, "First Timers", those members who earned their first Certificate of Proficiency during this Grand Chapter year.

Due to the inclement weather and illness during the schools of District Two, I offered additional opportunities to each section for their members to receive examinations and earn Certificates of Proficiency. Additional examining rooms were provided in Amarillo on May 23, 1998, Brownfield on August 11, 1998, and Abilene on August 16, 1998.

Respectfully submitted, Kimi L. Kidd Board of Grand Examiners, District Two

It is my pleasure to recognize the Grand Examiner of District Three, Sister Sharon Fentress.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT III MEMBER BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

MRS. SHARON FENTRESS: My Sisters and Brothers:

This has been another rewarding and unforgettable year of service, successfully completed with the enthusiastic and capable assistance of the membership of District Three.

I am honored to present their report:

	"A" Certificates	"B" Certificates	Total
Section 1	308		308
Section 2	78		78
Section 3	42	1	43
Section 4	51		51
Section 5	37		37
Section 6	77		77
Section 7	58		58
Section 8	63		63
Section 9	69		69
Section 10	96		96
Total	879	1	880
	"A" Certificates	879	
	"B" Certificates	1	
	Total Certificates Issued	880	

There were sixty-seven, "First Timers", those members who earned their first Certificate of Proficiency in the schools of District Three. This is a very positive and encouraging figure.

I was pleased to join my co-workers in a "Ladies Accessories" booth benefiting

the Mayfest Celebration and a love gift benefiting the Founders Day Celebrations, both sponsored by the Board of Grand Examiners. The membership was generous as always and our project was very successful providing a generous donation to those funds. Thank you for your constant love and support.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Grand Examiners this past year and a tremendous joy and sense of pride for the confidence placed in me by you the membership in allowing me to serve as the Grand Examiner of District Three for these four years. Service is nothing but love in work clothes. My heart is grateful for every kindness and courtesy extended and I pray that I have never disappointed you for you certainly have never disappointed me. Your love is awesome. Gratitude takes three forms: a feeling in the heart, an expression in words, and giving in return. Thank you again and always!

It is my honor to present to you my co-worker and friend, Grand Examiner of District Four, Sister Karen Morgenthaler.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Fentress Board of Grand Examiners, District Three

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT IV MEMBER BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

MRS. KAREN MORGENTHALER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

This was my second year to serve on the Board of Grand Examiners as the District Four member, and it has been a wonderful and challenging year. A special thank you to the membership for allowing me the privilege of serving our beautiful Order in this position.

It is my pleasure to submit the following report:

"A" Certificates: 1,403
"B" Certificates: 10
Total Certificates: 1,413

#### **CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY 1997-1998**

	"A" Certificates	"B" Certificates	Total
Section 1	108	1	109
Section 2	179		179
Section 3	72		72
Section 4	222	3	225
Section 5	331	<b>2</b>	333
Section 6	82		82
Section 7	120	1	121

Section 8	72		72
Section 9	63	2	65
Section 10	154	1	155

To Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for making this year as Grand Examiner an exciting one but most of all for the love and support you gave me. To Brother Robert Brownfield it has been fun to travel this way with you.

To Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron, and Sister Juanita Gregory it was a delight to travel with you both this year - may all good things come your way.

A special thank you to the District Deputy, Sister Vi Griffin, the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4 and to the Traveling Secretary, Sister Betty Carter for your thoughtfulness and many deeds of kindness.

To the Membership thank you for allowing me to serve this year - we have been able to renew old friendships and to make new ones - this is what Eastern Star is all about the friendships we have with one another.

> Respectively Submitted: Karen T. Morgenthal Grand Examiner - District 4

It is my pleasure to recognize Sister Doris Hester, Grand Examiner of District Five.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT IV MEMBER BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

MRS. DORIS HESTER: Thank you, Sister Karen.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers.

This Report of the Grand Examiner of District 5 was made possible by much hard work, love and dedication by the membership for our beautiful Order. I wish to thank everyone for their assistance in the Examining Room.

It is with pride that I submit the following report for District 5 for the Grand Chapter Year of 1997-1998.

#### CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

TOTALS BY SECTIONS	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{\dot{s}}$	B's
Section 1 Section 2	57 $23$	

Section 3	64	* 4
Section 4	34	
Section 5	27	
Section 6	137	2
Section 7	151	
Section 8	58	
Section 9	71	1
Section 10	64	

Total Number of "A" Certificates earned were 686 Total Number of "B" Certificates earned were 3 Total Certificates earned were 689

Of this amount, fifty-three (53) earned their "A' Certificate for the first time.

A detailed report is on file in the Grand Secretary's office. Each Chapter in District Five was sent a complete list of their members earning Certificates of Proficiency.

It was such a pleasure to travel and work with our school officers. The Nine Deputies had planned well for each school. My special thanks to those who served as pages, drivers and the membership for every courtesy and acts of kindness extended to the Office of Grand Examiner and to me personally.

Since we did not have a Deputy in Section Two, I was invited and was able to open the Examining Room for those members.

Special appreciation to Sister Nancy Brown, Grand Examiner-at-Large for opening the Examining Room at the School in Section Three in Bandera until I arrived due to the flooding and three bridges that were washed out.

My thanks to you the membership for allowing me this special place of service as the District 5 Member of the Board of Grand Examiners. May God continue to bless you with much "HAPPINESS".

It is my pleasure to present my Co-Worker and special friend, Sister Nancy Brown, Grand Examiner-At-Large.

Fraternally,
Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Board of Grand Examiners, District Five

### REPORT OF THE EXAMINER-AT-LARGE BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

MRS. NANCY BROWN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

We have had a wonderful time so far in the Examining Room, and have issued

26 A certificates and -0-B certificates so far yesterday and today.

I invite any members who did not have the opportunity to take your examination and earn your certificate earlier in the year to do so today. The Examining Room is located next to Registration, in room W110, and it will be open today until 5:00 P.M., and again tomorrow morning from 8:30 to 9:30 A.M. I look forward to seeing many of you as you come to take your examinations.

My final report will be presented tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted: Nancy Brown Board of Grand Examiners-At-Large

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have a second? We have a motion and a second that we accept the reports of our Board of Grand Examiners. Is there any discussion? All in favor please raise your cards. All opposed, the same method. Motion carried. Thank you, Board of Grand Examiners, for performing your duties with kindness and gentleness. You are deeply appreciated.

We will have the report of the District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons. Dear ones, you have served this Grand Chapter well this year, and my heart overflows with pride, shown by each of you in your places of service. Thank you for giving so much of yourselves to the membership. I call Sister Marvolyn Province, District I.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT I

MRS. MARVOLYN PROVINCE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, for choosing me for this special place of service, and for selecting ten special ladies to represent you in District One. They are the best!

It has been a very rewarding experience as we travelled our District in this great State. The best parts of our travels were getting to know the membership and the opportunity to spend quality time with our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory, the Grand Examiner, Sister Marlene Dibrell, and the Worthy Grand Matron's "right arm", Sister Betty Carter, her travelling secretary. What a great time we had!

Mrs. Gayle Doyle and the 15 chapters of Section One held the "Under the Blue Ray of Knowledge" School in Gainesville on January 20 at the Gainesville Masonic Lodge with 161 members attending.

Mrs. Sandra Armstrong and the 17 chapters in Section Two held "The Unveil-

ing of Knowledge" School in Sherman on January 17 at the Travis Masonic Lodge with 263 attending.

Mrs. Mary Horan and the 13 chapters of Section Three held "The Planting Seeds of Knowledge" School in Greenville on January 15 at the Greenville Masonic Lodge with 167 attending.

Mrs. Pat Archer and the 15 chapters in Section 4 held the "Field of Service and Love" School in Dallas on January 24, at the Masonic Temple, with 355 attending.

Mrs. Barbara Hines and the 20 chapters of Section 5 held "The Field of Knowledge" School in Richardson on January 22 at the Holiday Inn with 181 attending.

Mrs. Carolyn Martin and the 9 chapters of Section 6 held the "Sunflowers on Parade" School in Palestine on January 26, at the Palestine Masonic Lodge with 165 attending.

Mrs. Cindy Moss and the 13 chapters of Section 7 held the "Constant Devotion" School in Jacksonville on January 13 at the Jacksonville Masonic Lodge with 149 attending.

Mrs. Bonita McElroy and the 13 chapters of Section 8 held the "Sow Seeds of Love" School in Longview on January 8 at the Longview Masonic Lodge with 189 attending.

Mrs. Maureece Hall and the 16 chapters of Section 9 held the "Come Rejoicing" School in Texarkana on January 3 at the Texas Masonic Bodies Building, with 264 attending.

Mrs. Pam Dean and the 13 chapters of Section 10 held the "Harvest of Knowledge" School in Gilmer on January 6 at the Bethesda Masonic Hall with 176 attending.

We were pleased with our total attendance of 2,070 at the ten schools.

Our District was comprised of 144 chapters as of October 31, 1997. As of September 30, 1998, there are 139 remaining. There were 4 consolidations and 1 chapter demising in District One as follows:

Section 2: Honey Grove No. 901 with Bonham No. 852.

Section 4: Delta No. 824 with Cockrell Hill Flora No. 974

A.C. Garrett/Mt. Auburn No. 774 with Dallas No. 1

Section 9: Clarksville No. 662 with Deport No. 1045 in Section 3.

In Section 3, Mt. Pleasant No. 305 demised.

Worthy Grand Matron, these Deputy Grand Matrons are to be commended for their excellent service to Grand Chapter.

I want to express our appreciation to the membership of District One for the courtesies extended to each of us. We will remember this year with fond memories.

Sister Betty Carter, Travelling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, you

had a special part in our team this year. Having been a travelling secretary in the past, I can really appreciate all you did for Sister Yvonne.

To the other four District Deputies, you are all very special in my life and our friendship will continue to grow.

Sister Marlene Dibrell, our Grand Examiner, is a wonderful roommate and she will always be a special friend.

Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron, you are a delight and I am privileged to have had the opportunity to serve with you this year. Juanita is a special lady and the membership appreciates her sharing you with us during this year of service.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne for allowing me to share your special year. I appreciate your Robert for his sense of humor and for his encouragement along the way.

Respectfully submitted, Marvolyn Province District Deputy Grand Matron, District One

It is a distinct honor to present Sister Bess Madison Caldwell, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Two.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT II

#### MRS. BESS MADISON CALDWELL: Thank you.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, for your confidence and trust in me, and for this honor you bestowed upon Cora Posey Chapter No. 1072, in allowing me to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron in District II.

It is a pleasure to present the annual report for District II and a special honor and privilege to introduce the ten Deputy Grand Matrons who served our District with constant friendship, faith and love. This report is made possible as a result of their labors and devotion for our Order.

Mrs. Linda Palmer and the 5 chapters in Section One held the "A Time to Remember" School on November 13, 1997 in Pampa with 70 in attendance.

Mrs. Sandra Fitch and the 7 chapters in Section Two held the "Amber Waves of Grain" School on November 15, 1997 in Amarillo with 115 in attendance.

Mrs. Jayne Euler and the 6 chapters in Section Three held the "Searching the Stars" School on November 18, 1997 in Hereford with 70 in attendance.

Mrs. Susan Bigham and the 9 chapters in Section Four held the "Harvest of Blessings" School on November 22,1997 in Lubbock with 145 in attendance.

Mrs. Marcia Henard and the 7 chapters in Section Five held the "Friends Over Texas" School in Wellington on November 20, 1997 with 56 in attendance.

Mrs. Jane Hill and the 10 chapters in Section Six held the "Stars of Knowledge" School in Wichita Falls on December 1, 1997 with 108 in attendance.

Mrs. Sue Barnes and the 14 chapters in Section Seven held the "Bountiful Harvest" School in Abilene on December 3, 1997 with 133 in attendance.

Mrs. Wanda Duncan and the 12 chapters of Section Eight held the "Field of Flowers" School in Midland on December 13, 1997 with 163 in attendance.

Mrs. Jane Crawford and the 7 chapters in Section Nine held the "Golden Chain of Friendship" School in Monahans on December 11, 1997 with 58 in attendance.

Mrs. Michelle "Mike" Romaine and the 6 chapters in Section Ten held the "Golden Sheaves of Learning" School in El Paso on December 9, 1997 with 111 in attendance.

The District II schools began in Pampa on November 13th and continued through Midland on December 13th. Total attendance for our ten schools in District II was 1029.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory, what a joy it was to have you in attendance at all ten schools in District II.

Grand Examiner, Sister Kimi Kidd, your rendition of the Secret Work was excellent. We appreciate your love and dedication and the many hours of service you provided in the examining rooms of each of the schools. It was my honor to serve with you my sweet friend.

Grand Examiner-at-Large, Sister Nancy Brown, thank you for your presence and support at so many of our schools.

To my wonderful dedicated and loving coworkers, Sister, Marvolyn, Joyce, Vi, and JoAnne what wonderful memories we share. I will treasurer your friendship always. To the new friends I have made through the other Deputies we will have special memories for years to come.

Humanitarian Chairman, District II, Sister Faye Murphy, you presented our 1997-1998 program in an outstanding manner in each of our schools. Thank you for your love and devotion to the order.

Sister Betty Carter, Traveling Secretary, you were a delight to travel with and always had that word of encouragement and support when needed, you helped each of us in many ways, but we especially thank you for your valuable assistance to the Worthy Grand Matron. I have found a special friend in you.

To the membership of District II: We thank you the 83 Chapters for every courtesy and for each act of kindness extended to the School Officers. We thank you for the honorary membership you so graciously gave us and we trust we will always

be worthy of this honor. We thank you for the cooperation you gave which made each of our schools special and made our year one of wonderful precious memories.

Respectfully submitted, Bess Madison Caldwell District Deputy Grand Matron, District II

#### Statistical Report

Chapters Assigned	83
Chapters Consolidated	7
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	83
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	10
Schools Attended Unofficially	16
Letters Written	1,772
Miles Traveled	52,335

#### Consolidations

Section 4	Denver City #863	with Seminole Chapter #855
Section 7	Stanford #269	with Anson Chapter #867
	Hermleigh #974	with Snyder Chapter #450
	Mamie D. Crane #1018	with Roby Chapter #25
	Merkel #212	with Queen Esther #833
Section 8	Goldsmith #853	with Friendship Chapter #1008
	Crane #816	with Odessa Chapter #447

#### Demised

Section 9 Iraan #832

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT III

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests, my Sisters and Brothers: It is with pride and pleasure that I present the District Three report resulting from the dedicated work of ten wonderful Deputy Grand Matrons, with whom I have been privileged to serve. The success of our schools and the following report were made possible through the efforts of ten lovely Deputies.

SEC.	DEPUTY	SCHOOL ATTE	NDANCE
1	Mrs. Debra Parker	"Seeds of Sunshine"	442
2	Mrs. Edna Jefferies	"Memories Are Made"	326
3	Mrs. Dorris Fisher	"Eastward Ho The Wagons"	97
4	Mrs. LeVona Owen	"Joy of Friendship"	104

SEC.	DEPUTY	SCHOOL	ATTENDANCE
5	Mrs. Bettie Scott	"Pathway of Friends"	116
6	Mrs. Debbie Williams	"Son Harvest"	192
7	Mrs. Cheryl Walker	"Smooth Sailing"	319
8	Mrs. Laura Johnson	"Sheaves of Understanding"	127
9	Mrs. Pat Turner	"A Pattern for Learning"	258
10	Mrs. Jov Pat Miller	"Bloom Where You Are Plant	ed" 181

The following is a combined Statistical Report of District III:

Chapters Assigned	98
Chapters Consolidated	3
Chapters Inspected	98
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	76
Letters written	2,221+
Miles Traveled	25,609+
Total Attendance at Ten Schools	2,161

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, you and Robert have been so special to me for many years now. There are no words to express my appreciation to you for allowing me to serve this wonderful Order as District Deputy this year. I pray that I shall never forget the many lessons learned, the knowledge and insights gained nor the friendships made and strengthened during my service. The inspiration you have given will forever be with me. You are a very dear friend and I will cherish our friendship always.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory. What a joy it has been to come to know you and your lovely wife Juanita. I feel I have known you always. Your gentle way with the membership was inspiring. Your prayers were felt by all and your leadership was so appreciated. Thank you so much for your love and support.

To Mrs. Sharon Fentress, my sweet friend. What a joy it has been serving with you this year. Thank you for your patience and for sharing your knowledge with me. District III was indeed fortunate to have you as their Grand Examiner. May you always know their love and gratitude for a job well done.

To Mrs. Betty Carter, our Worthy Grand Matron's traveling Secretary. Yvonne knew what she was doing when she selected you to serve. You are a brilliant lady and now a very dear friend. We shared lots of laughter and a few tears along the way, I shall cherish these memories always.

To the Membership of District Three, the ten Deputy Grand Matrons and myself wish to thank you for your love and support. The honorary Memberships are greatly appreciated and will always be held in a special place in our hearts.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Nicklas District Deputy Grand Matron, District III Matron from District 4, could not be with us because of a death in the family. Sister Joyce Nicklas has agreed to give her report.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT IV

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: Sisters and Brothers, I'm a poor substitute for Vi.

It is with pleasure that I present the annual report for District Four and my special honor to introduce the "Terrific Ten" Deputy Grand Matrons. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for selecting such capable and dedicated ladies.

Mrs. Eileen Torrence and the 15 chapters in Section One held the "Golden Grains of Knowledge 'Neath the Pines" School on January 28, 1998 in Nacogdoches with 208 in attendance.

Mrs. Robbie Abshere and the 18 chapters in Section Two held the "Homeward Bound" School on April 18, 1998 in Port Arthur with 337 in attendance.

Mrs. Audrey Gardner and the 11 chapters of Section Three held the "Harvest of Love" School on January 29, 1998 in Shepherd with 160 in attendance.

Mrs. Connie Barron and the 15 chapters in Section Four held the "For the Love of a Sunflower" School on February 14, 1998 in Pasadena with 336 in attendance.

Mrs. Margaret Faircloth and the 25 chapters in Section Five held the "Roping In Knowledge" School in Houston on February 7, 1998 with 516 in attendance.

Mrs. Doris Wyont and the 10 chapters of Section Six held the "Gathering of Friends" School in Normangee on January 31, 1998 with 188 in attendance.

Mrs. Mary Brown and the 15 chapters of Section Seven held the "Brown's Field of Dreams" School on February 5, 1998 in Conroe with 210 in attendance.

Mrs. Barbara Thomas and the seven chapters of Section Eight held the "Gleaning the Best of 0ES" School on February 3, 1998 in Brenham with 165 in attendance.

Mrs. Shirley Arnold and the six chapters of Section Nine held the "Sheaves of Knowledge" School in Bay City on February 10, 1998 with 104 in attendance.

Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger and the 15 chapters of Section Ten held the "Memories of Home Sweet Home" School on February 12, 1998 in Texas City with 204 in attendance.

I am proud to report that 2,428 members participated in the Schools of Instruction in District Four.

A contribution in the amount of \$325.00 was lovingly given to the Texas Cardinals in lieu of table favors and corsages at the District Four Schools.

District Four began the Grand Chapter year with 138 chapters and ended with 136. Augusta No. 317 was consolidated with Grapeland No. 120 and Swift No. 1138 was consolidated with Nacogdoches No. 428.

The following statistical report is filed:

Chapters Assigned	138
Chapters Inspected	138
Chapters Consolidated	2
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	84
Letters written	2,895
Miles traveled, Officially	55,393+

These ten special Deputy Grand Matrons join me in extending our grateful appreciation to Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron: This has been a wonderful year of service and we thank you for the confidence and trust you have placed in us by allowing us to serve. Our lives have been richly blessed by the experiences of this year.

Respectfully submitted, Vi Griffin District Deputy Grand Natron, District IV

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sisters, from District 4. Sister Vi has wanted many times for all ten of you to be together at the same time, and I believe this is the case, the first time that we've been able to do that since our Deputy School. I know how proud she would have been of you if she were here.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT V

MRS. JO ANN CONNER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

We have had a fantastic year in District V and I am honored to give the following report:

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the special privilege of allowing me to introduce the nine constant and delightful Deputy Grand Matrons of District V. These special ladies, whom you selected, have truly exhibited their cooperation, devotion and efficiency which made this year of service so gratifying. No matter what was asked of them they were always willing to do the job and gave their very best. The friendships we formed will be everlasting. Thank you for selecting such gracious ladies to these responsible positions.

Section One: Mrs. Jan Walmer, Deputy Grand Matron Heart of Texas Gleaners of Knowledge School held in San Angelo, March 12, 1998, 116 attended.

Section Two: Although we did not have a Deputy Grand Matron assigned to this section, three Deputy Grand Matrons from other sections and the District Deputy Grand Matron, made official visits to the following Chapters: Eldorado Chapter No. 140 by Mrs. Jan Walmer from Section One; Sonora Chapter No. 575 by Mrs. Rusty Stark from Section Four; Big Lake Chapter No. 752 by Mrs. Wanda Duncan, District II, Section 8; and Fort McKavett Chapter No. 783 was visited by me.

Section Three: Mrs. Fran Morris - Sowing Seeds of Knowledge School held in Boerne, March 17, 1998, 127 attended.

<u>Section Four:</u> Mrs. Rusty Stark - Harvest of Knowledge School held in Del Rio, February 24, 69 attended.

<u>Section Five:</u> Mrs. Cathy Davila - Field of Dreams School held in Devine, February 25, 1998, 120 attended. Mrs. Davila is not here today.

Section Six: Mrs. Vickie Hardee Mathews - Springtime Harvest School held in Austin, March 14, 1998, 305 attended.

<u>Section Seven:</u> Mrs. Gale Fuller - Field of Knowledge School held in Floresville, February 28, 1998, 274 attended.

<u>Section Eight:</u> Mrs. Peggy McNabb - Gleaners in the Field of Life School held in Gonzales, February 17, 1998, 171 attended.

<u>Section Nine:</u> Mrs. Myra Eads - Gleaning Sunlight of Memories School held in Corpus Christi, February 17, 1998, 225 attended; and,

<u>Section Ten:</u> Mrs. Lois Ihrke - Gathering Here a Little and There a Little School held in Weslaco, February 21, 1998, 157 attended.

The total attendance for the nine schools was 1,584.

The statistical report for District V, reflects the following:

Chapters Assigned	98
Chapters Demised or Consolidated	2
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	98
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	9
Schools Attended Officially	18
Schools Attended Unofficially	32
Letters Written	2,001
Miles Traveled	48,198

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, my Constant Friend, words are inadequate to express the love and appreciation I have for you. The privilege was indeed mine to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron for District V and my nine co-workers to serve as your Deputy Grand Matrons in their respective sections has enriched our lives tenfold. Your delightful humor and wit, your solid

steadfastness, warmth, stability and promptness will ever remind us to always temper justice with mercy and to always be kind, forbearing and forgiving. You are a fantastic leader! It is our fervent hope that we have merited the confidence you placed in each of us. Sr. Yvonne, I also want to thank you for affording me the privilege of representing you in presenting Sr. Wanda Hachenberg with her Grand Representative Commission. That was indeed an honor and very special for me.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory, thank you for attending so many of our Schools. Your calm manner and encouraging words were an inspiration to me. To your lovely wife, Juanita, I thank you also for attending our schools. It has been a joy to be associated with both of you.

Grand Examiner, Sister Doris Hester, a very special thank you for the many kind words of encouragement and love you extended to me while we traveled the District V school schedule together. Thank you too for your hard work in the Examining Room. I personally appreciated the courtesies you extended to me and I wish you happiness and love as you continue your service to Grand Chapter.

Grand Examiner-At-Large, Sister Nancy Brown. Thank you for being you! You were a real "Trooper" and came to our rescue in Boerne when our own Grand Examiner was unable to get to the beginning of our school because of road conditions occasioned by bad weather. We sincerely appreciate all you did for us.

Traveling Secretary, Sister Betty Carter, you are one of the kindest ladies I have every met and had the privilege of traveling with. Your patience and tranquil demeanor will always be remembered. Your efficiency in having the Worthy Grand Matron's correspondence ready to be mailed before leaving town for the next school is only one example of your dedication. I genuinely appreciate all you have done this year.

Grand Electa, Sister Mickey Gunder, and Grand Escort to Grand Electa, Brother Fred Gunder, thank you for all you have done for Grand Chapter. It has been a joy for me personally to travel with you as we attended schools in other Districts. I will always treasure your friendship.

To the Membership of District V – thank you for your enthusiasm and attention in our Schools; also for the fine cooperation and support, but most especially your friendship. I will always strive to merit the honor afforded me through the Honorary Memberships in the District V Chapters.

#### Always remember -

There's a time to part and a time to meet,
There's a time to sleep and a time to eat,
There's a time to work and a time to play.
There's a time to sing and a time to pray.
There's a time that's glad and a time that's blue.
There's a time to plan and a time to do.
There's a time to grin and show your grit.
But there never was a time to quit.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Anne Conner, District Deputy Grand Matron, District V I move adoption of the report of each of the District Deputy Grand Matrons.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Do we have a second? We have a second. We have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the District Deputy Grand Matrons. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your cards. All opposed. The report is accepted.

At this time I will call for the report of the Museum Committee.

# REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

MRS. LILLIE MAE EADES: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers:

The Committee had the Museum open during Mayfest, on May 1 and 2, 1998, and again during District III Founder's Day Celebration at the Home, on August 1, 1998, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are delighted to report that a good many members and visitors came in and admired the many displays.

On September 30, 1998, Helen Erskine, Sue Lockhart, and I, assisted by Virginia Woods and Frank Erskine, spent the day taking inventory.

Among the items donated to the Museum this year were: Mrs. Alma Carter's 1996-1997 Grand Chapter Dress; Annual Proceedings of Grand Chapter for 1991 through 1996; a gavel inscribed James W. Stormont, Worshipful Master, Clayton Lodge No. 601, A.F. & A.M., 1959; Mrs. Marion Watkins Bell Donated "Treasures" of Mrs. Belle Moon, Worthy Grand Matron 1891-1892, consisting of her 1890-edition Ritual, letters, and a report she gave at a meeting in Gainesville; a Picture Button of Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron; a Minute Book of Merkel Chapter No. 28 covering the first meeting on November 14, 1896 until the building burned in June of 1903; the 50-Year Pin of Mrs. Betty Moake, of Gate City No. 77, and a resident of the Home at the time of her death on October 20, 1997; and a Scrap Book from District V to Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron. These items have been added to the Inventory. Additional tulle dress covers were made and donated to protect all dresses on display.

My thanks to the Worthy Grand Matron for this appointment and for these lovely and efficient Members appointed to serve with me. They are: Mrs. Helen Erskine, District I; Mrs. Maurine Skipper, District II; Mrs. Sue Lockhart, District III; Mrs. Magdalen Cardwell, District IV; and Mrs. Mary Taulbee, District V.

Respectfully submitted, Lillie Mae Eades Chairman 1997-1998

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the acceptance of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have a second? We have a motion and a second to accept the report of the Museum Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your beige cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

Barbara Grosvenor, is your Committee ready for their report?

# REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

MRS. BARBARA GROSVENOR: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

The Development and Marketing Committee began this year by developing a brochure for the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, explaining the Humanitarian Program for 1997- 1998. This brochure was included with the Installation Program. The brochure was developed to inform the membership and visitors of the purposes selected for emphasis during this Grand Chapter year. It was also available at some of the Eastern Star Schools. You have heard the success of the Humanitarian Program this year because of the hard work done in each District.

During the year, I was unable to be successful in securing funding from foundations because of illness in my family. I apologize for this. The audit prepared for the Grand Chapter for 1996-97 shows a remarkable increase in the self support for the Home with the increase of the portion of the per capita received for those expenses. The donations to the Endowment Fund through the Humanitarian Committee was over \$50,000 as of August, 1998. During the 1998-1999 year, this committee can use this information to secure grants to increase the Endowment Fund for the Home. If this Endowment Fund can be increased to a level that will enable the Home to use the revenue of this fund for its operating expenses, more can be done for our residents without causing strain on the membership.

We also need to encourage our members to apply to live in our beautiful home. We have facilities to serve nearly 100 residents, unfortunately we are not close to the maximum capacity. This year, much work has been done to improve the Home for our residents by the Labor of Love Committee. It takes the commitment of each member of the Order to make our Home a better place to live.

I encourage the 1998-1999 Development and Marketing Committee to concentrate on securing funding for the Home Endowment Fund. If we could match or double the funds contributed by the membership, this important fund could increase by several hundred thousand dollars each year.

Thank you for the honor of serving on this committee and I wish for success in increasing the Home Endowment Fund.

1997-1998 Development and Marketing Committee Mrs. Barbara Grosvenor, District 1, Chairman Ms. Gerri Isaacs, District 1 Mrs. Alice Myatt, District 3 Ms. Nancy Simms, District 4 Mrs. Linda Stein, District 5

I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have a second? We have a motion and a second to accept the report of the Development and Marketing Committee. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

Okay. Sisters and Brothers, we're moving right along. On page 31 of your session program — I know we can't do all of those this afternoon, but that is our Saturday work, so if your Committee is on that list, those of you who are here, please come to the East and we will get your report today. That's Endowed Membership, the Poet Laureate, Resolutions, Historical Highlights, Bulletin, Constant Friends, Founder's Day, General Grand Chapter Report, Good Samaritan, I don't have the report for Labor of Love, the Masonic Home and School, I do have someone to give the report for Masonic Family Unity, Mayfest, Membership, the New Mexico Exchange Visit, Music! Proficiency, Stars Across Texas, Team '98' Time and Talent and Visitation. Now I don't expect all of you to be here because you had been told we would do these reports on Saturday. However, if any of you are here, please come to the East. We're looking for Mr. Easterling. Joe Nance, do you know Mr. Easterling? Well, is there a Mr. Easterling?

VOICES: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. We'll wait a little. I know he's from Houston. Do any of the Houston people know if he's here? Well, we're not going to give up on him yet.

Brother James Kelley, Membership, if you're ready.

# REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MR. JAMES KELLEY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

The Purpose of this committee was to attempt to Re-Enlist Suspended Members, Demitted Members, and to Enlist new members. The following is a list of the final reports of the five districts of Texas.

District I Chairperson, Brenda Hevron - NO REPORT

District II Chairperson, Eurma Martin - Reports on Contacts with Chapter Members:

Mail: cards, etc 150
Phone calls: 275
Potential members: 10
By person: 25

Degrees given: 7 Chapter reported:

Bonita Chapter #184 one Amarillo Chapter #787 one Dumas Chapter #653 three A.E. Shirley Chapter #986 two

By Affiliation: 4 Chapters reported: Amarillo Chapter #787 two

A.E. Shirley Chapter #986 two

District III Chairperson, Judy K.	Baker
Members Contacted:	3
Initiated new members:	55
Petitions Pending:	5
Reinstated:	1
Consolidation:	25
Visitation at Meetings:	12-58

District IV Chairperson, JoNell Cooper Members Contacted: 472 Members Joined: 10

District V Chairperson, Catherine Parker - NO REPORT

#### FINAL REPORT FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Contacts	900
Potential Members	10
Initiations	62
Affiliations	4
Petitions Pending	5
Reinstated	1

I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Yvonne Brownfield, for allowing me to serve as General Chairman of the Membership Committee. I would like to thank the district chairpersons as they labored this year with the membership of each section of their own district to enlist, re-enlist and promote the membership of our beautiful Order. I know that we will benefit many years from these efforts. May we all continue to labor for our beautiful Order.

Respectfully Submitted, James M. Kelley, General Chairperson Membership Committee

I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Do we have a second? The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of the Membership Committee. All in favor, please show by your cards. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Bobbie Paul, would you like to give your report?

### REPORT OF THE CONSTANT FRIENDS COMMITTEE

MRS. BOBBIE PAUL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Members, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

The Constant Friends Committee consist of 58 members. May I introduce to you each District Chairman:

District 1 - Melba Jones

District 2 - Virginia Logsdon

District 3 - Mary Louise Clements

District 4 - Nadine Scruggs

District 5 - Bill Creech

and I am Bobbie Paul General Chairman

The golden chain of fraternalism has been strengthened this year as this committee has united with "Constant Friends", throughout Texas in visiting other Chapters and supporting all the Worthy Grand Matron's programs.

May this year of service be remembered most of all by our generous giving of time and talent and love for one another, for us it has truly been "Friendship and Service" as we have served as "Constant Friends".

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, you have been an inspiration to us and we feel it is a great honor to have you as our leaders this year. You have served this beautiful Order in a faithful and dignified manner with your dedication and hard work.

There will always be a special place in all our hearts for you as our "Constant Friends".

May God continue to grant peace, health, and happiness to each of you.

We thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie E. Paul General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Constant Friends Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, show by your voting cards. Those opposed. Motion accepted. What would we do without friends, constant or otherwise? Thank you, my sweet Sisters and Brothers.

At this time I'm going to call on Brother Jim Williams. He's the District 3 Chairman of Masonic Family Unity. Thomas Griffin is the General Chairman, and it was his mother that we lost this week. He asked that I have Brother Jim Williams give the report in his stead. Brother Jim may not know the other District Members, so would they please come to the podium with him? Brother Jim Williams.

# REPORT OF THE MASONIC FAMILY UNITY COMMITTEE

MR. JIM WILLIAMS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers: It's

indeed an honor for me to present Brother Tommy's report, which I will read in its entirety.

What a joy it has been to serve on this committee for you and Brother Kenneth. You asked the Masons of this great State, who were both active in the lodges of Texas and also in their chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, to visit the Masonic lodges in our areas to promote and relate to them the advantages of Eastern Star membership.

Will the members of the Masonic Family Unity Committee please stand. The five District Chairman serving were:

 ${\bf District\ One-Ronnie\ L.\ Dollgener}$ 

District Two - Hugh Smith

District Three - James D. "Jim" Williams

District Four - Walter J. Bartlett

District Five - Winfred Harbison

With a committee of 100 members and over 900 lodges in the State, we fell short of my expectations. However, we did visit 219 lodges and spoke to over 4,000 Masons. Not once did any of our members feel as though we were imposing or infringing on the lodge or it's members. On many of my visits, I spoke with brothers who thought their wives had to join the Order for them to be eligible for membership and were surprised that this was not the case. We handed out many petitions for the Order and our efforts were not in vain as many of those were initiated as a result of this endeavor.

Worthy Grand Matron, the members of this committee appreciate the fact that we did not have to sell pins, or cups, or cup hooks, or the like. We were proud to sell Eastern Star.

> Fraternally submitted, Thomas F. Griffin, General Chairman Masonic Family Unity Committee

 $\boldsymbol{MR.\ JIM\ WILLIAMS:}$  Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the report of the Masonic Family Unity Committee. Any discussion? Please signify your agreement by your voting cards. Have we lost people, or are you just getting tired? Raise 'em up! Okay. Those opposed. Motion carried. Thank you, Brother Jim. He's also from my Chapter.

Brother Wayne Gaddis, are your people here? This is Founder's Day General Chairman.

# REPORT OF THE FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE

MR. WAYNE GADDIS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: On behalf of the members of the Founders Day Committee, I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter. The very capable district chairpersons whom I would like to introduce at this time are: Sisters Mary Calvert, District 1; Leah Hayes, District 2; Brother Trey Smith, District 3; Sister Jean Hodson, District 4, and Brother Jerry Trees, District 5, who did an outstanding job. We tried something this year. We had a Founders Day Celebration in each of the five Districts.

District 3 July 31 and August 1 – Arlington

District 2 August 7 and 8 – Lubbock

District 4 August 14 – Pasadena

District 1 August 21 and 22 – Tyler

District 5 August 28 and 29 – San Antonio

The results from each District are as follows:

	Activities	100% Chapters	Total
District I	\$ 10,951.01	120 \$7,247.50	\$18,198.51
District 2	\$591.50	23 \$1,625.50	\$2,217.00
District 3	\$ 1,064.25	41 \$2,877.40	\$3,941.65
District 4	\$2,354.56	95 \$3,720.40	\$6,074.96
District 5	\$1,549.84	76 \$4,302.90	\$5,852.74
Total	\$16,511.16	355 \$19,773.70	\$36,284.86

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for your support and your traveling to every one of them with us. We had a beautiful time. We had about 1200 to 1400 people that participated on all the Founder's Day celebrations throughout all five districts. We had wonderful fellowship with each person.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne M. Craddis, General Chairman
Mrs. Mary Calvert, District 1
Mrs. Leah Hayes, District 2
Mr. Trey Smith, District 3
Mrs. Jean Hodson, District 4
Mr. Jerry Trees, District 5

I move the adoption of this report

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept this outstanding report for Founder's Day. Is there any discussion? Those in favor of accepting this report, please signify. Those opposed. Motion carried. Now a report like that will give you bragging rights. We tried something new, and of course we were scared to death. We didn't really know how it was going to work. But I think you the membership really came through like gangbusters. It was fun going to each district. We had some older members that were elated that they got to participate in Founder's Day because we brought it to them.

At this time I call on Sister Ola Mae Davis for the Good Samaritan report.

### REPORT OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE

MRS. OLA MAE DAVIS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to serve as General Chairman of this Committee. Thanks also to my co-chairman and all of the other chairmen for their work to make this Committee a huge success.

It has been very rewarding for all of us.

Bobbie Robinson, Co-Chairman

Charlotte Stevens, District I Chairman, reported 3813 kits, 2055.5 volunteer hours.

Billie Glover, District II Chairman, reported 1361 kits, 2846 volunteer hours.

Doris Fenn, District III Chairman, reported 2974 kits, 3767 volunteer hours.

Freddie Lester, District IV Chairman, reported 5308 kits, 3706 volunteer hours.

Karen Curry Graham, District V Chairman, reported 3446 kits, 2424.50 volunteer hours.

The grand totals – Kits 16,902 Volunteer Hours – 14,799

We assembled these kits and they were distributed to hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and the oncology clinics for the patients while they are taking their treatments. We had a lot of response from all of these, how appreciative they were. I want to tell you, Worthy Grand Matron, that John Seeley Hospital in Galveston wants us to provide them with 500 kits. Although this is not on Sister Alma Lynn's program next year, we will continue in the Houston area to do for M. D. Anderson and Galveston. [applause]

\$165.00 was donated to Home Endowment from members of the Good Samaritan Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Ola Mae Davis General Chairman Good Samaritan Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: A motion has been made and seconded that we adopt this report. Any discussion? Please signify "yes" by raising your cards. "No" Motion carried.

Resolutions Committee, Sister Mary Katharine Smith, Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

MRS. MARY KATHARINE SMITH: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

It has been a pleasure to serve as General Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. This splendid committee who served their districts were:

Phyllis Macon, District I Chairman Joyce Fields, District II Chairman Leta M. Hall, District III Chairman Marcell L. Bailey, District IV Chairman, and Evelyn Conger, District V Chairman

Evelyn Conger and Leta M. Hall are ill and could not be present. Joyce Fields is President of the Sweet Adeline Chapter, and she is in Nashville, Tennessee for their international choral competition.

Working together in CONSTANT FRIENDSHIP, we have been able to accomplish a great number of honor certificates with our dedicated officers and members rising to answering the needs of our members above and beyond the "CALL OF DUTY" and recognizing their many contributions. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were very cooperative in working with this committee, and it was inspiring to read of the many contributions to others of our membership. We thank our Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of serving.

A total of 72 Commendations were presented in District I. 54 in District II. 20 in District III. 128 in District IV, and 32 in District V. For a total of 306 Certificates.

Well Done! wonderful Committee. Your service will live on, not for just a day, not for just a year, but always.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Katharine Smith, Past Grand Matron General Chairman Resolutions Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that the report of the Resolutions Committee be accepted. Those in favor, please show your cards. Those against. Carried. Thank you, Sister Mary Katharine, and your able Committee. I appreciate the work that you did in letting us be aware of the members who go above and beyond.

At this time I'll call on Sister Virginia Schmidt for the report on the Masonic Home & School.

### REPORT OF THE SPONSOR A MASONIC HOME & SCHOOL CHILD PROJECT

MRS. VIRGINIA SCHMIDT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, I want to express my great appreciation to you for allowing me to be the Coordinator for the Eastern Star in the Sponsor a Masonic Home & School Child Project. This has been a most rewarding year.

It is my honor and pleasure to give the following report:

District 1	\$5,111.25
District 2	160.00
District 3	1,470.20
District 4	2,067.04
District 5	1,858.00

TOTAL \$10,666.49

Plus monies sent direct to the Masonic Home and School:

District 1	150.00
District 2	50.00
District 3	15.00
District 4	200.00
District 5	150.00
Total	\$565.00

GRAND TOTAL \$11,231.49

Special thanks to all who participated and enjoyed this special project.

I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Schmidt

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The motion has been made and seconded that we approve this report. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed. Motion carried.

I call on Jack Beall for the Mayfest Committee.

### REPORT OF THE MAYFEST COMMITTEE

MR. JACK BEALL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to submit the Mayfest Final Report.

Mayfest was held May 1st and 2nd, 1998 at the Eastern Star Home in Arlington. On Friday, May 1st we had a Garage Sale on the grounds and BBQ carry out dinners during the day. Friday night we had our "Night of Stars" dinner, entertainment and dancing at the Arlington Community Center.

Saturday, May 2nd we had breakfast early for everyone, booths for the committees, chapters, and vendors. Also had a antique car show and auction.

The children from the Masonic Home and School were invited to join us on Saturday. They seemed to have had a good time. We had asked chapters and individuals to "Sponsor A Child" for the day. We made a donation to the school in the amount of \$7,335.07.

The good Lord blessed us with beautiful weather and an energetic crowd who saw our line officers dance around the May Pole. Afterwards, they auctioned their May Baskets to the highest bidder.

#### We had incomes of:

Sponsor a Lady	75.00
Sponsor a Child	8,300.00
Night of Stars	8,348.00
Auction	6,675.00
Carry-Out Dinners	1,358.00
Garage Sale	2,940.85
Donations, Booths & Misc.	6,356.16
	\$ 34,053,01

#### Expenses of:

Insurance	603.75
Advertisement	92.40
Postage	143.73
Food & Misc. Expenses	575.32
Donation to Masonic Home & School	7,335.07
	\$8,750.27

Net income from Mayfest \$25,302.74

The committee wanted to leave something other than financial assets when our tenure was over. We have donated to Grand Chapter:

- 10 9 x 12 metal frame with tarp top booths Approximately 160 metal folding chairs
- 2 12 x 24 metal frame with tarp top booths
- 4 folding tables

All of these items at no cost to Grand Chapter. We hope these will help future fund raisers.

Respectfully submitted, Jack C. Beall, General Chairman Mayfest Committee 1997 - 1998

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Final Report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we accept this report, which I might add is an outstanding report, from the Mayfest Committee. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, please show by raising your cards. Those opposed. Motion carried. Thank you. You know what each of you mean to me, but I don't know about dancing around that Maypole again. That was a good idea I had until I tried to do it!

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, may I respond on behalf of Grand Lodge for what this Committee has done and you have done for the Masonic Home and School and the membership of this state. I want you to know, we admitted 20 new children in the last six weeks in our Home. We're very happy about that. I want to thank this Committee, Brother Jack and all of them, all the members in this State and you, Worthy Grand Matron, for what you have done and the members have done for the Home and School. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Harry. You scared me when you came up on the stage. I thought, "Oh, my word!" But what we tried to do this year -- when we set this up for the sponsoring -- on Sister Virginia's report, I asked if there was anything else we could do. He said if we took the brochures about the Home on the school schedule that many times our Sisters in a town would be more aware of a need for a child to live at the Masonic Home and School. So this is what we did. I hope that anything that we did will continue to help because our future is what it's all about. Thank you, Mayfest Committee and Brother Harry.

Team 98 Committee. Brother Monroe Cooper.

# REPORT OF THE TEAM 98 COMMITTEE

MR. MONROE COOPER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons' Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

It has been my pleasure to serve as General Chairman of TEAM 98 with the help of five District Chairmen. At this time I would like to introduce the District Chairmen.

Andrew Scott – District 1 A. D. "Doc" Jackson – District 2 Tally McAferty – District 3 Christine Armstrong – District 4 Harry Hainline – District 5

Sister Yvonne, we appreciate your confidence in each of us. Serving you as General Chairman has been a fulfilling experience for me. I applaud you for your leadership and faith in each of us.

Sister Yvonne, your TEAM 98 Committee members have worked hard to TOUCH, ENCOURAGE, APPLAUD AND MOTIVATE the Eastern Star membership across this great State of Texas. With the help of 89 committee members and the generous support of our membership, I am pleased to make the following report:

A combined total of \$9,348.00 from all five districts.

Fraternally Submitted, TEAM 98 Monroe Cooper, General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of the Team 98 Committee. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, raise your cards way up high. Those opposed. Motion carried. I appreciate this Committee working on this. This is what I call my Poor Man's Endowment Committee, and they did good.

I now call on Sister Patricia Johnson, Music Committee, General Chairman.

### REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

MRS. PATRICIA JOHNSON: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

First, allow me to thank you for allowing me to be your General Chairman of the Music Committee for the year 1997-98. It has been such a pleasure in representing you with your music. I have enjoyed it so very much and have made so many friends and appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity during your year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Until Grand Chapter Session, my committees and myself have sold a total of \$6,178.00 in sheet music and tapes for the year 1997-98, which will be added to the total sales we will make during Grand Chapter by selling additional music and tapes.

I have done the best of my ability and am pleased with the results, but I suppose it is human to always wish I could have done more.

Again, let me express my appreciation to you both for the privilege of serving on this committee this year.

Fraternally submitted, Patricia Johnson General Chairman, Music Committee

I move adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the motion and the second to accept the report of the Music Committee. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, please raise your cards. Those opposed. Motion carried. Sisters and Brothers, on the subject of music and tapes, we do have quite a bit left. We've tried to cut down each year when we order them. But they're just like these other items that we offer to the membership, we can't sell them if they're home in the dresser. We know that it's sometime hard to sell these items, but we try to make

them as palatable as we can. We have to have items to make money for those stamps we spent an hour on this morning. If you accept the appointment to sell any item, you know up front our members are not going to come to the house and knock on the door and ask you to sell them some of it. Music I have found, because my first appointment was on the Music Committee for Sister Beulah Speer, is when you get your music at Grand Chapter, get out there and sell it and let those Chapters know about it. You can always give these tapes for Christmas gifts. But if you're not going to sell the items, please, for the good of the Order, do not accept the appointment. These girls coming up the line, we worry about things to sell. For so many years we sold cups, I thought we were going to have to sell cup hooks. But we've gotten past that. Please, I admonish you: If you accept the appointment, please move the merchandise. Those items not sold, turn back in so we can be accountable for it because everyone is accountable.

I call on the Visitation Chairman for her report.

# REPORT OF THE VISITATION COMMITTEE

MRS. MOZELLE THOMPSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It has been my special privilege to serve Grand Chapter this year as General Chairman of the fraternal Visitation Committee. It is with pleasure that I introduce the District Chairmen:

District I – Mary Tomlinson District II – Betty Unlab District III – Dorothy Moxley District IV – Glenda Klemm District V – Malyna Miller

We had one hundred thirty-nine (139) members serving this great State of Texas on our Fraternal Visitation Committee. Would all members of this committee please stand while I give this report? I would like to express my THANKS to each of you for a wonderful job.

The purpose of this Committee was to encourage visitation among the many Chapters of Texas to promote friendship and brotherly love and to distribute the Worthy Grand Matron's calendars among our members for a small donation to be used for our Eastern Star Home.

From the calendars distributed, we have collected the following:

District I	\$1,524.00
District II	\$572.00
District III	\$1,620.00
District IV	\$2,072.00
District V	
Other Sources	\$1,447.00
Making a Grand Total of	

Thank you, and may God bless each of you.

Respectfully submitted, Mozelle "Tommie" Thompson Fraternal Visitation Committee General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of the Visitation Committee. Any discussion? Those approving, please raise your right hand. Those opposed. Carried.

I now call on Sister Jimmie Britt, Historical Highlights Committee.

## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS COMMITTEE

MRS. JIMMIE BRITT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to introduce the District Chairmen of the Historical Highlights Committee:

Ann Wilkinson - District I Nell Casparis - District 2 Mary Nell Ramsey - District 3 Mary Ruth White- District 4 Nell Smith - District 5

Will all the members of the "Historical Highlights" Committee please stand with us for the reading of this report.

These members have collected \$2400 for these books during this year.

We wish to express our appreciation to Sister Yvonne Brownfield for the privilege of serving in your Grand Family.

Respectfully Submitted, Jimmie Britt General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of the Historical Highlights Committee. Is there any discussion? Those members for, raise your cards. Opposed. Motion carried.

At this time I'm going to call on the hardest working bunch in our membership -- or nearly the hardest, the Secretarial Committee. Sister Betty Carter, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, and other Secretaries will bring their report.

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

MRS. BETTY CARTER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. My Sisters and Brothers:

I am happy to present my co-workers:

Mrs. Georgia E. Campbell, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Secretary to the Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Janice Herridge, Secretary to the Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Dorothy J. Wade, Secretary to the Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Nova Guynn, Secretary to the Associate Grand Conductress,. has moved out of state.

Mrs. Esther Haynes is her protein. Mrs. Carol Coleman, Secretary to the Board of Grand Trustees.

Mrs. Janet W. Holland, Secretary to the Board of Directors Grand Chapter Benevolences.

Mrs. Katherine Duncan, Secretary to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Please join me in thanking them for this year of service to our Order.

To our respective Grand Officers it has been an honor and a privilege to serve Grand Chapter with you this year. We wouldn't have missed this opportunity for anything.

This has been the year of TEAM 98 and In Constant Friendship and for me, Travel. I left home on November 11, 1997 and except for holidays and a few nights here and there I did not return until after the school schedule.

I have typed and mailed letters to every Deputy Grand Matron, every Chapter that participated in a School of Instruction and to anyone else as needed to take care of the business of the Worthy Grand Matron while she was on the school schedule. We have mailed thank you, sympathy, get-well, thinking of you and congratulation cards as the year progressed.

Texas is a "Very Big" State. I am happy to have had the opportunity to see so much of it. We were in cold, sleet, snow, wind, tornados, hot and very beautiful weather as we traveled this great State, but the Worthy Grand Matron told us "not to be concerned with the weather report on the TV because we had to go anyway".

Meeting the membership in their respective sections has meant a lot. They were always friendly and welcomed me. In most sections, I sold the items of Grand Chapter outside the School room and got to visit with them. In some sections, I was a protem during the School and Fraternal visit. In others, I assisted the Grand Examiner in the examining room. Sisters and Brothers you have given me some wonderful memories!

To be met with a smiling face and open arms by the Deputy Grand Matrons

and then extended every courtesy available, must have just "popped" the Worthy Grand Matron's buttons and I appreciated it, too. I thank you for the Certificates of Appreciation that I received from your Chapters. It is not easy for a Chapter to vote to extend this honor to some one you never heard of before.

I was privileged to travel in the Grand Chapter Van with the School Officers. If you are not acquainted with the Grand Examiners and the Deputy Grand Matrons of each District you have missed a treat. They have represented Grand Chapter to the utmost of their abilities and welcomed me into their circle. When you share rooms and a bed it is always good to know you are welcomed.

We have an outstanding Worthy Grand Patron! His devotion to our Order this year merits not only my deepest respect and admiration but that of you, the membership as well.

Worthy Grand Matron, I am grateful to you for the privilege of serving with you and getting to know more about the workings of Grand Chapter. I am proud of the manner in which you have handled the good and bad issues that have arisen this year. You have my respect and admiration for a job well done. I have seen you when you were so tired and when the pain was almost unbearable, yet that smile was on your face and in your speech as you met the membership. I love you and am honored and happy to call you my friend. May God Bless You.

In Constant Friendship and Love, Betty S. Carter Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of these Secretaries. Is there any discussion? Those for, raise your cards. Those opposed. Carried.

Okay. Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to call for one more report. That way everybody can go to supper. I call for Sister Betty Jones for the Bulletin Committee.

### REPORT OF THE BULLETIN COMMITTEE

MRS. BETTY JONES: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

The members of the Bulletin Committee appreciate the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter this year.

It has been an honor for me as General Chairman to work with these District Chairmen:

District One – Mrs. Janeva Tuell District Two – Mrs. Christeen Ledbetter District Three – Mrs. Nancy Smith District Four – Mrs. Margaret Beyer District Five – Mrs. Dorothy Angermiller

Many thanks to the Grand Secretary's office for helping to keep the records straight.

Total money for 1997-1998 new, renewal and miscellaneous sales was \$43,146.75 for 3,520 subscriptions and 358 miscellaneous sales. We appreciate the support the membership has given to the Official Bulletin Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Jones, General Chairman
District 1, Janeva Tuell
District 2, Christeen Ledbetter
District 3, Nancy Smith
District 4, Margaret Beyer
District 5, Dorothy Angermiller

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of the Bulletin Committee. Is there any discussion? Those in favor of, raise your cards. Those against. Motion carried.

Okay. Sisters and Brothers, you can see how much we've accomplished today, but we are getting thin on voters. I know that you want to eat and rest before the Memorial tonight. I sincerely hope that you will be with us because we have our ESTARL, our Memorial and our Humanitarian, but we've made such a good dent in these reports that we should be able to wind it up tomorrow at a good time so that everybody can be ready. The candidates are having their parties individually only when we are not in session, so we really hope that they will lay that to one side tonight when we have the Memorial.

Brother Kenneth Gregory is going to lead us in prayer. I did not change the program. I did not want to take Sherrill's name off the program, so Brother Kenneth has agreed to lead us in prayer in her stead.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Our Father, as we close this "Patient Industry" Session, may we be ever mindful that we were created unto good works. Help us to overflow more and more with love for others and at the same time keep on growing in spiritual knowledge and insight. And may we always be doing those good, kind things which show that we are children of God for this will bring much praise and glory to the Lord. Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever, amen.

#### 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 engage in the ceremony of calling this Grand Chapter 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 Session of Grand Chapter from labor to rest, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: There will be no interruptions, Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.] I now call this Friday afternoon session from labor to rest until 7 p.m., at which time we will have our ESTARL, Memorial and Humanitarian program. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this Grand Chapter is now closed until tonight. Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well.

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### "FIELDS OF CHARITY, TRUTH AND LOVING KINDNESS" Friday Evening Session October 30, 1998

6:45 p.m. Musical Harmonies	Mrs. Millie Barbee
•	Grand Representative to Wisconsin
7:00 p.m. Call to Order	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
•	Past Grand Matron

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: I am pleased to call this Friday evening, "Fields of Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness" Session to order. Let's thank our organist for the prelude music tonight, Sister Millie Barbee. [applause] Worthy Grand Matron, I am grateful to you for opening this inspirational time of our session, an hour to reflect on the great leaders of our beautiful Order. May they each one rest in peace. Let us also look to the future, and may the many students we have be able to move forward with their studies as we present these scholarships tonight. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present your drill under the direction of our Grand Marshal, Sister Ann Kelly. [applause following drill] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of

the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] Worthy Grand Matron, it is my sincere and great pleasure to present to you your gavel. I love you much.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Officers will take their respective stations. I would like to thank my friend, Sister Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron, for opening this Friday evening Session. We appreciate all that you do for our beloved Order.

Our invocation will be given by Brother Charles Morris, Past Grand Patron. Brother Charles.

MR. CHARLES MORRIS: Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, we come this evening with grateful hearts to thank You for Thy mercy and Thy loving care. We are ever mindful of the many blessings Thou has bestowed upon us. We thank Thee for the beautiful Order and the principles for which it stands. We ask Your blessings upon all who are assembled here tonight. We pray that You will guide our every thought and every action in the program this evening. May Thy will be done. Forgive our sins and our shortcomings and grant that our every act will reflect upon Your Holy Name. In Jesus we pray, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Charles, my sweet friend. I also thank Sister Millie Barbee for our beautiful music. I didn't realize, really, the significance when I asked Sister Wanda Fairchild to open this session and Sister Millie Barbee to play, that I might have made a mistake because Sister Millie was Sister Wanda's Grand Organist. [applause] Plus she plays a mean "Waltz Across Texas," and that wouldn't have fit in tonight, so we heard her play something a little bit more sedate. Thank you, darling.

I now recognize Sister Judith Van Horn, General Chairman of ESTARL, for her report. Sister Judith.

## REPORT OF THE ESTARL COMMITTEE

MRS. JUDITH VAN HORN: Good evening.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Friends.

Welcome to the *Planting Seeds for the Future ESTARL* Service. This event where we recognize those persons who are dedicating themselves to the service of God is always a highlight of our Grand Chapter Session.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of serving as General Chairman. It is my pleasure to present to you the real workers of this Committee — the five ladies who have devoted hours to working with Chapters and applicants in completing all of the required paperwork.

District I	Donna Douglas	District IV	Rebecca Drews
District II	Doris Holbrook	$\operatorname{District} \mathbf{V}$	Thelma Bevers
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District III Sherry Hopson

Please join me in expressing our thanks to them for their dedication to the work of our Order. [applause]

Before beginning our service, I will introduce the participants.

Rusty Dollar will give the *Call to Worship*. Rusty is a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and can sometimes be found at the Eastern Star Home visiting with the ladies and teaching Bible classes.

Karla Alexis Turner will give the *Invocation*. She is a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Keith Buice will lead the singing. Keith, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is a member and many of you will remember him as Grand Choir Director in 1993-94.

Jill Dibrell Nennmann, a student at Brite Divinity at TCU, will accompany Cheryl Murray, as well as playing the hymns for the evening.

Janet Fluth will read the Scripture from Ruth. She is a student at Perkins Theological Seminary.

Cheryl Murray, also a student at Perkins, will sing.

Melissa Crawford, a student at George W. Truett Theological Seminary in Waco will read the Scripture from I Corinthians.

Douglas Greathouse is a student at Texas Weslayan. He will offer the Prayer of Thanks.

Alicia Ann Dufresne is a student at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. She will sing the closing song.

Now, you know the players. Please let them know now how much you appreciate their participation. [Applause.]

#### MR. RUSTY DOLLAR. Good evening.

I am grateful to see so many beautiful and smiling faces out before me. Each and every face is unique. Our differences can be outwardly seen by all, but it is God alone who knows the internal differences. It is these differences that God uses to complement one another, and then to make us into one body in Christ so that we might serve Him better. So, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I invite you to join us in heart and mind as we worship Him together.

MS. KARLA ALEXIS TURNER: Let us pray. Dear Lord, we thank You for Your blessing and provision for our lives. Please remind us of the responsibility we have to represent You as Your children on this earth, for as Your Word said, "From him to whom much is given, much shall be required." Teach us to use wisely the time, energy and finances with which we have been blessed. Help us to make a difference in the lives of others and to love with the love of Christ every day. Give us the courage to face the new challenges in our lives, and forgive us when we have failed You. Thank You for Your promise to always be there for us. Fill us with the knowledge of Your presence every day. Thank You for sending Christ to die in our

place so that we may know the joy of your salvation from our sin. Help us to never get over being saved. In Jesus' Name we pray, amen.

MR. KEITH BUICE: Good evening. I invite you to stand as we sing "I Love to Tell the Story," "Because He Lives," and "Count Your Blessings." Just the first verse of each one. [singing in unison]

MS. JANET FLUTH: Our Scripture reading is Ruth, Chapter 1, Verses 15 through 19, and Chapter 4, Verses 10 through 22. Hear now the reading of God's Holy Word.

"And Naomi said, 'Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. Return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said, 'Entreat me not to leave you or to turn back from following after you, for wherever you go, I will go. And wherever you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your god my god. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts you and me.' When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her. Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem, and it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem that all of the city was excited because of them. And the women said, 'Is this Naomi?"

And in Chapter 4, Boaz is speaking, "Moreover, Ruth the Moabtess, the wife of Mahlan, I have acquired as my wife to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses this day." And all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. The Lord make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah who built the house of Israel, and may you prosper and be famous in Bethlehem. May your house be like the house of Perez who Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which the Lord will give you from this young woman," So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And when he went into her, the Lord gave her conception and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord who has not left you this day without a near kinsman, and may his name be famous in Israel. And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom and became a nurse to him. Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David."

This ends the reading of God's Holy Word. May God add richest blessings upon it. May God add richest blessings upon it.

We see three widows: Naomi, Orpah and Ruth. There are many Ruths here tonight. Many of us are widows here. We know the loss of a spouse or the loss of a child. Naomi said, "I went out full and empty God returned me." Naomi was saying that she felt empty inside. We all know these feelings of emptiness, but because of Ruth's faithfulness, these women of emptiness became women of fullness. We see three widows at a crossroad. Orpah returns home, but Ruth stepped off the edge of the world and follows her heart. There are many Ruths here tonight, women who have recognized the will of God and accept the will of God. So much of the time we cannot see our own lives. We can't see the given moment for change, for taking control, for claiming our life as our own. But God can see our lives, and we trust God. Ruth joined the matriarchs of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Hannah, all blessed

with children. Ruth crossed between plenty and famine, emptiness and fullness. And yet God was working for a larger purpose, in making Ruth the ancestor of King David. Ruth is the mother of the Messiah. She was the great grandmother of David, and 28 generations later, the grandmother of Jesus.

In our own time, when millions of refugees move across the boundaries to escape hunger, war, persecution, and when death destroys the lives of so many, Naomi and Ruth are signs of hope. Can we, the community of faith, doubt that the same hidden purposes of God are at work among the nations and the communities of our troubled world today?

There are many Ruths here tonight. There are women here who are making sacrifices for the betterment of their family and this society, women who know that God has a plan for this world, women who have faith in God every day. Please join me in this prayer: Dear God, thank You for all of the Ruths who are here today. Bless all of the women who have known emptiness and fullness. Thank You for all of the women who are following Your will and have faith in Your future. Amen.

[Singing by Ms. Cheryl Murray of "Whither Thou Goest."]

MS. MELISSA CRAWFORD: I will be reading from 1 Corinthians 12:4 through 13. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of ministries and the same Lord. There are varieties of affects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the spirit for the common good, for to one is given the word of wisdom through the spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same spirit. To another faith by the same spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as he wills, for even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ, for by one spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one spirit. Thanks be to God for his worth."

MR. KEITH BUICE: I invite you to stand again as we sing "Bringing in the Sheaves." [singing in unison] Thank you. Be seated again.

MRS. JUDITH VAN HORN: God's Constancy in Our Challenges, Choices and Change.

During last Sunday's *Touched By An Angel* when Monica and Andrew met Abraham Lincoln and Join Wilkes Booth, I gleaned some thoughts that I believe are essential to our understanding of God, God's purpose for us, and how everything we do can potentially affect the lives of others.

When Andrew first encountered John Wilkes Booth, his mentor Angel explained to him that in all of our challenges, God constantly provides opportunities to make choices to change how we live; however, if we do not accept the challenge to walk with God, our choices may irrevocably change the lives of those around us.

When Andrew realized that Booth was going to kill President Lincoln, he wanted to take the gun from Booth and save the President, but he was told no. God

is capable of removing guns, felling entire armies, removing all dangerous elements, BUT, if He were to do this, then He would be removing our freedom of choice, and President Lincoln, like us, would not want to live in a world where we were not free.

Preserving Our Past While Preparing for the Future is this year's theme. We are encouraged to look to our past and study it as a means to help us make our future and the future of the children of tomorrow better, rather than to revere the past and wish that everything was like those golden, hazy days in our memories (not to mention the memories of our parents – we all know how everyday they walked 10 miles uphill each way to school in 5 feet of snow).

Rob Morris was challenged with the idea of providing an organization for the female relatives of Masons. His choices included doing something or saying, *That's a really good idea, but I'm too busy. Let somebody else do it.* Relying on God's constancy as a basis for our teachings, He chose to start the group. The choice He made has changed the life of every person in this room.

Let's look at our heroines. Jeptha's daughter, who Rob Morris calls Adah, was challenged with the choice of honoring her father's promise to God or saying, *It's his promise*, not mine, let him deal with it.

Ruth's challenge was to go with Naomi or return to her own people.

Esther's challenge was to save the Jewish race or turn her back.

Martha's challenge was to continue in her trust of God when her brother died.

Electa, Rob Morris' name for the Elect Lady in the 2nd Epistle of John, represents millions of people who every day choose to pick up the cross in the face of persecution.

All of the recipients of an ESTARL Scholarship have faced the challenge of how they can best serve God by choosing to enter the field of religious studies — not for money, glory, fame or power, but in the hope of reaching out to the lonely lady who sits at home with no family or friends to visit her and that mean man down the street who sprays water on children who get too close to his perfectly manicured yard; providing, a safe place for the children who have to pass drug dealers on their way home; providing, a music program for the mentally disturbed patients who cannot be reached in any other way; coordinating activities that help the people of God help others.

Some of you have voiced concerns that these students may not stay in the ministry. My answer is that we are all in the ministry of God, no matter where we work. One recipient may go into Corporate America and be the person who stands up for the rights of children and ensures that child labor is not used in the making, of that company's products. Another recipient may enter the entertainment field, providing programming free of hatred, violence, racism and sexual exploitation. Another recipient may decide to get married, stay home, raise a family, offering a loving, drug-free gathering place for her children and their friends, even that unlovable trouble maker down the street. Still another recipient may go into politics and help pass bills that will strengthen our rights to grow old with grace and dignity. God is constant and He gives every one of us challenges, choices, and the tools we need to make changes.

As we bemoan what is happening in this world, we are challenged with how we can make a difference. We pray to God to make everything all right — to cure the sick, punish the wicked, give us a good harvest. But we make the choices that cause change. This year, the ESTARL Committee received 77 applications. As of August 1, 1998, we had a little over \$22,000, with the promise of at least \$1,000 more. We went out on a limb and trusted in God to provide us with at least \$25,000. You can do the math and know that isn't a lot per recipient.

Right now, this evening, <u>you</u> can make a choice to give to a program that provides students with the tools to change the lives of others. If everyone in this room gave at least \$5, we could potentially add over \$15,000 to be divided among this year's recipients. With minor changes in your lifestyle, you could have this money back before you know. You can choose water instead of a more expensive beverage. You can choose to save money on gasoline by carpooling to Eastern Star meetings or church or work. You can choose to use the cheaper parking lot and walk a few blocks. You can save money on postage by sending Christmas postcards instead of cards. You can use coupons for one week at the grocery store.

Every day we are faced with challenges with a myriad of choices. Let us remember God's constant love for all people, make intelligent, loving choices using the tools God gives us. Two tools that the Masons share with us are the square which reminds us to be square with our neighbors and God, and the compasses, which help direct us toward God. Let us make changes that will benefit all of the family of God.

Let us pray. Creator God, we thank you for the great changes that occurred when You responded to Your challenge of saving the people You so dearly love by choosing to send Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to know how to respond to our challenges by giving us the ability to discern Your will from our will. Guide us in the use of the tools that You have provided to us, that we may use them for good. When we encounter unwelcome change in our lives, help us to accept it and look for the good that can come from it. Bless and guide these students as they walk with You. Give each of us a better understanding of our past that we can go into the future assured of Your constant love for all of Your children. Amen.

We will now collect the offering. The Pages, I believe, have the boxes. Checks are accepted and may be made payable to the Grand Chapter of Texas and note ESTARL. Thank you. [Offertory by Ms. Crawford and Ms. Nennmann, concluding with singing of "Doxology" in unison.]

MR. DOUGLAS GREATHOUSE: We certainly have so much to be thankful for. God has placed so much into our stewardship: the gift of friends, loved ones, perhaps that lasting relationship God has given you that's seated to your right or to your left. Following this prayer of thanksgiving, I'm going to give you the opportunity to affirm your thanks by saying "amen" with me. Let us pray.

Most holy and awesome God, Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus we give You praise and thanksgiving for the abundance of Your love gift of Your salvation that You so freely gave, a salvation, O God, neither earned nor deserved, but one that You poured out for us to receive. And with all of our hearts and minds, with every word that comes from our mouth and every thought we entertain, may we praise You and serve You that others may know You. May we do so in joy. Father, we thank You for the ability to come before You this evening. We praise You for those who have given so generously that Your work may continue through us. And we thank You

that there are no dividing walls to separate us for we are all one in the body of Christ and co-heirs of Your salvation. Now, Father, for the remainder of this evening and the rest of this conference, may we join together in Christian unity to serve You in every possible way. Help us to experience Your very best for our lives in others, as we seek Your will together. We know, Father, that You have always wanted the very best for us; otherwise, You would never have sent Your only begotten Son to die for us on the cross. Therefore, there is no goodness that you have withheld and no guidance that You would withhold. Empower us now to be the people and servants You have called us to be, that Your gospel, goodness and service may be taken to the very ends of this earth through the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. And let the people of God say amen.

MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: It is our pleasure to present the ESTARL recipients. The recipients from District 1 are: Sara Barberee, sponsoring Chapter, Henderson #597; Rusty Dollar, Atlanta Chapter #151; Jason Ewing, Chico #433; Michael Golden, Longview #610; Cory Hines, Belle Moon #90; Ricky Huggins, Greenville #189; Eric Kuykendall, Troup #421; David McClung, James Ladd Burgess #983; John Matkin, Greenville #189; Billy Maxey, James Ladd Burgess #983; Steve Mosley, Winnie #160; Lisa Muratore, Dal-Cliff #574; Jill Dibrell Nennmann, Dal-Cliff #574; Eli Perez, Garland #156; John Pino III, Troup #421; Wade Reck, Plano #703; Alan Roark, Troup #421; Melissa Sanders, Pittsburg #381; David Slyter, Athens #177; Kerry Sumpter, Plano #703; and Richard Eric Vaughn, Tennessee Colony #102. [applause]

MRS. SHERRY HOPSON: The recipients from District 2 are as follows: Jason Bankhead, Burkburnett #655, Kristopher Barnett, Friendship #1008; Joyce Bromm, University #1082; Keith Buice, Floyd Easterling #1074; Cassie Burton, Queen Esther #833; Laura Coombes, Burkburnett #655; Alicia Ann Durfresne, Fort Stockton #230; Alisa Salley, University #1082; Jamie Washam, Norman Read #1010; Eugene Weinette, Seminole #855; Jason Young, Odessa #447. [applause]

The recipients from District 3 are as follows: Janice Baldwin, Belton #589; Robin Burgin, Mansfield #876; Nicholas Burleson, Gorman #443; Ann Burton, Centennial #842; Melissa Crawford, Vashti #32; Tammy Sutherland Eck who is a second-year recipient; Katherine Godby, Wedgwood #756; Douglas Greathouse from Ridglea #999; Shane E. Mize who is a second-year recipient; Stacey Morgan, Centennial #842; Jeremy Nowell who is a second-year recipient; Wes Sherman who is a second-year recipient; and Jennifer Truelove, another second-year recipient. [applause]

MRS. REBECCA DREWS: District 4 recipients and sponsoring Chapters: Marsha Bade, Bryan; Paula Behrens, Ransford; Stephen Brodbeck, LaMarque; Frank Drenner, Bay City; Amber Featherstone, Willis; Frances Foger, Bellaire; Capri Grimes, Cypress; Regina Maas, Andral Vann; William Ramsey, Cypress; Jeffrey Riley, Hearne; Karla Turner, Lake Jackson; and Leonard Wideman, Houston Heights. [applause]

MRS. THELMA BEAVERS: These are the recipients from District 5 and their sponsoring Chapters: Cathleen Ann Alexander, San Juan #726; Kennetha Bigham-Tai, Bexar #616; Lisa M. Burgess, Mason #722; Pamela L. Dykehouse, Portland #1108; Janet Fluth, Portland #1108; John Fluth, Jr., Kingsville #325; Linda Grant, Austin #304; Kevin Griffith, Port Lavaca #393; Sheila Griffith, Port Lavaca #393; David J. Larkin, Austin #304; Spencer B. Lawrence, Austin #304; William Livingston, Austin #304; Patrick Miller, Wimodausis #141; Cheryl Murray, our little songbird, Harlingen

#641; Susan Schelle, Austin #304; Franklin Wilson, Del Mar #1127. [applause] [Singing of closing song by Ms. Alicia Dufresne.]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Let us pray. For this cause I bow my knees before the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth are named and pray that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, might be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in His people by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Judith Van Horn, and the other members of the ESTARL Committee, the recipients who participated and blessed us with their presence tonight. This was a beautiful, beautiful report and program, and I do appreciate it so very much. [applause]

I now recognize Sister Rebecca Cathey Potts, Grand Chaplain, for our Memorial Program.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

Our Grand Chaplain will now present our "Circle of Love" Memorial Service.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

We welcome you to the "Circle of Love" Memorial Service.

I wish to thank Sister Yvonne, our Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Kenneth, our Worthy Grand Patron for giving me the honor of serving as Grand Chaplain this year. It is with a grateful heart that I present the following report.

In our Subordinate Chapters, a total of 2,245 members, including our Past Grand Matron, Sister Sherrill R. Cain who presided over "The Giver and the Gift" Session held in Houston on October 27th through the 29th, 1988; and two Past Grand Patrons, Brothers E. F. "Van" Plumlee who served our Order in 1963 and '64, and J.T. Sanders who gave us his service in 1968 and '69, They have heard our Master's call and now are waiting for us in Heaven. What a grand reunion that will be!

During the year, 114 cards were mailed to other Grand Jurisdictions and 114 personal letters of sympathy were sent to their families.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, I am and will forever be thankful for your trust in giving me this opportunity to serve our beautiful Order.

#### DEDICATION

Grand Chaplain: The illumination of our "Circles of Light" at our Altar on which rests our open Holy Bible represents those bright memories of all of our members that have been called to a greater service. We know that even as we loved these friends so dear to our Fraternity, our Heavenly Father loved them more, and because of that love the golden circle grows larger in Heaven. We know we shall be united once again when this life of service is over. The reflection of these flames are a reminder that we are richer for having walked with them.

Our "Circle of Love" Memorial is lovingly dedicated to all of our Sisters and Brothers who have heard the Master say, "Come unto Me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

[Solo: "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" - Donny Broughton]

### TRIBUTE TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Tonight we pause to pay humble tribute to the members of General Grand Chapter taken from our Circle of Unity. We remember those whose hands clasped ours in the Golden Chain, but have now slipped away from our touch. We walk today in paths made smooth by their devotion to duty.

[Grand Page (carrying gold wreath) leads Mrs. Ofton to the cathedral window and places the wreath on the larger stand on the right side of the window.]

Grand Chaplain: Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, represents our final farewell to those Members of General Grand Chapter who have passed away, remembering them with the never ending circle of gold.

### TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF GRAND CHAPTERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: We have come to a very special time of remembering, a quiet time when we recall with love and gratitude the lives of those Sisters and Brothers of Grand Chapters of Other Grand Jurisdictions who have labored in this service and have now stepped into the Circle of God's tomorrow and now rest with Him. Their journey of faith instilled courage to believe that our parting is temporary, but our meeting will be eternal. We lift our eyes to higher goals because of their dedication to the true ideals of life.

[Grand Page (carrying silver wreath) leads Mrs. Paladino to the cathedral window and places a wreath on the smaller stand on the right side of the window.]

Grand Chaplain: Sister Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron of Texas, remembers the lives of the members of Grand Chapters of Other Grand Jurisdictions who were, are and ever shall be "Fairest Among Thousands Altogether Lovely." Her never ending floral tribute reminds us of their stars whose silvery light shines on.

### TRIBUTE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

MRS. VIRGINIA LYNN GREEN: In this hour of remembrance, our thoughts are turned to those members of the Grand Chapter of Texas who have passed beyond the realms of this life and are abiding in the greater joy and peace of their eternal home. We miss our Sisters and Brothers who have gone before, but we do not wish for their return from a place where eternal happiness reigns supreme. They are the rose whose perfume still lingers though the blossoms are faded and gone.

[Grand Page (carrying copper wreath) leads Mrs. Green to the cathedral window and places the wreath on the larger stand on the left side of the window.]

Grand Chaplain: Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron of Texas, honors our Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas by lovingly placing at the foot of our Cathedral "Window" a circle of copper. Sister Sherrill Cain, our beloved Past Grand Matron of Texas and two of our Past Grand Patrons, Brothers E. F. Van Plumlee and J.T. Sanders have gone to be forever with our Lord. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for these special friends we have known and loved.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

MRS. ALICE O'NEAL: We come to reflect and to remember the love, joy and happiness we feel for the departed Members of our Subordinate Chapters. Memories fill our hearts as we recall with reverent respect those who were so closely associated with us. The final wreath, in loving memory of our Constant Friends, represents the circle unbroken, symbolizing our unity of spirit.

[Grand Page (carrying white wreath) leads Mrs. O' Neal to the cathedral window and places the wreath on the smaller stand on the left side of the windows.]

Grand Chaplain: Sister Alice O'Neal, Constant Friend, with sorrow but not without hope, gratefully leaves the circle of white in cherished memory of the Sisters and Brothers of our Subordinate Chapters. We are reminded of their devotion to our Order as they served in courage, love and faith.

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, When Jesus is my portion? My <u>Constant Friend</u> is He. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

[Solo: "What a Friend We have in Jesus" - Donny Broughton]

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Grand Chaplain: To Martha came that great message that has been a needed strength to all who have lost loved ones, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believeth thou this?"

We ask our Father in Heaven to abide in the hearts of the friends and families of our departed Sisters and Brothers. We commend to His care those who mourn—comfort to them with His everlasting love.

We dedicate our actions and our thoughts to further service for the beauty of the Star, as those we honor dedicated their service to it. Life can hold no greater crown than the reward of love which comes to those who serve faithfully.

Death is not the enemy of life, but its friend. Let us acknowledge that our years are limited, time is but lent to us, in death, we only complete our life's circle.

The circle is associated with perfection and symbolizes a complete timelessness, as it has neither a beginning nor an end.

Each person's life will come full circle,
Even as the seasons do,
To start another, different life,
Much better than the one we knew.

[Grand Chaplain calls Grand Officers up and escorts the Worthy Grand Matron to the floor level in front of the middle window on the floor. The "Circle of Love" drill is performed.]

#### DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will assume your positions for the Draping of the Altar. ["Circle Be Unbroken" - Jackie Culp]

#### GRAND CHAPLAIN:

One by one their seats were emptied, One by one they went away, now the family is parted. Will it be complete one day?

Grand Chaplain: (Prayer at the Altar) Our Loving Heavenly Father, our hearts are full of love for You and for all our members that have been called to a greater service. We know that because of Thy Love we shall be united when this life on earth is through. We feel that "Golden Circle" is forming in Heaven and when, "one by one" we enter Thy presence, may we again find in happy association, those loved ones who have gone before. All this we pray in Thy Sweet, Sweet Name. Amen.

(Music - "Precious Memories" - Jackie Culp - as the Grand Officers back out of the Labyrinth and return to their stations.)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our

Holy Bible. [The Holy Bible was closed.] Our benediction will be voiced by Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Our Father in Heaven, we come to You with heavy hearts because our circle has been broken. Father, we thank You for the lives of these dear ones and we mourn their passing. But, Father, we're also aware that the deepest sorrow is relieved by a trustful faith in God. So, Father, we have faith in Your Word and Your Promise of Your Son who said, "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go, I will come again and receive you unto Myself." Father, we thank You for the memory of these dear ones. May their memory ever be mindful, and help us, Father, that their memories might teach us to serve others and to serve Thee. We lift up the families of these loved ones, Father. Comfort them with Your Holy Spirit. Now, Father, as we come to the close of this service, we trust our lives into Your hands who holds the whole world in Your hands. Thank You, Father, for Your love and Your promise, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name, amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I now declare the "Circle of Love" Memorial Service closed.

I invite Sister Sue Shoemaker, Humanitarian General Chairman, to present our Humanitarian report and drill. Sister Sue.

### REPORT OF THE HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE

MRS. SUE SHOEMAKER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. At this time the Chapter Representatives who will be representing the Chapters in our drill, will you please gather at the West entrance to the Chapter room. If you'll go quickly and as quietly as possible, we would appreciate it.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers, just over a year ago, this Committee began a journey of faith based on that of our heroine Ruth. Tonight that journey will be completed when our "Loving Service" Drill concludes. It has truly been a "Team" effort this year. We have all learned together and worked together to try to accomplish the goals of our Worthy Grand Matron. Though as a group, we have had our share of peaks and valleys this year, we have formed lasting friendships and everyone has pulled together for a common goal. At this time, I would like to introduce the five lovely and capable ladies that have served you as your district chairmen this year: Sisters Sandra Perdue, District One; Faye Murphy, District Two; Patsy Hewlett, District Three; Marie Russell, District Four; and Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek, District Five. They have all done a great job, in the face of various personal difficulties. It has been our joy and privilege to serve the membership in this capacity. It has certainly been a learning experience. Worthy Grand Matron, we would like to thank you for the trust and confidence you placed in us in appointing us to this Committee. We hope that the following report will meet your expectations and help to fulfill your dreams for the year.

#### **HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE 1997-1998**

General Chairman: Sue Shoemaker

District Two: Fave Murphy

District Four: Marie Russell

District One: Sandra Perdue District Three: Patsy Hewlett

District Five: Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek

#### DISTRICT SUMMARIES

#### District One:

Number of Members: 16,683 Number of Chapters: 144

Number of Chapters Participating: 139 100% Chapters: 115

100% Chapters: 200 % Chapters:

200 % Chapters: 13 300% Chapters: 2

400% Chapters: 1

Amount for Endowment	\$14,767.93
Amount for O.E.S. Home:	
Amount for ESTARL	
Other Contributions:	
Total District One Contributions	\$23,069.01

#### **District Two:**

Number of Members: 8,683 Number of Chapters: 83

Number of Chapters: 83 Number of Chapters Participating: 79

 100% Chapters:
 47

 200% Chapters:
 9

 300% Chapters:
 3

 700% Chapters:
 1

2600% Chapters: 1

Amount for Home Endowment	\$7,129.35
Amount for O.E.S. Home	\$1,147.08
Amount for ESTARL	\$3,872.34
Other Contributions	\$45.00
Total District Two Contributions	

#### District Three:

Number of Members: 11,187

Number of Chapters: 99

 Number of Participating Chapters: 99

 100% Chapters: 85

 200% Chapters: 8

 300% Chapters: 2

 400% Chapters: 1

 500% Chapters: 3

Amount for Home Endowment \$11,666.73 Amount for O.E.S. Home \$3,845.29

Amount for ESTARL \$1,827.80  Other Contributions \$25.00  Total District Three Contributions \$17,364.82		
District Four:		
Number of Members: 18,519		
Number of Chapters: 139		
Number of Participating Chapters: 136		
100% Chapters: 119		
200% Chapters: 5		
300% Chapters: 1		
400% Chapters: 3		
500% Chapters: 1		
Amount for Home Endowment		
Amount for O.E.S. Home\$4,040.14		
Amount for ESTARL \$7,359.10		
Other Contributions\$490.00		
Total District Four Contributions\$26,528.56		
District Five		
Number of Members: 10,447		
Number of Chapters: 97		
Number of Chapters Participating: 94		
100% Chapters: 75		
200% Chapters: 9		
300% Chapters: 2		
Amount for Home Endowment\$5,193.60		
Amount for O.E.S. Home		
Amount for ESTARL \$6,147.90		
Amount for Other\$531.35		
Total District Five\$13,644.93		
GRAND CHAPTER TOTALS 1997-1998		
1001-1000		
Number of Members: 65,519		
Number of Chapters: 562		
Number of Chapters Participating: 547		
100% Chapters: 441		
200% Chapters: 44		
300% Chapters: 10		
400% Chapters: 5		
500% Chapters: 4		
700% Chapters: 1		
2600% Chapters: 1 Amount for Endowment		
Amount for O.E.S. Home \$14,109.74		
Amount for C.E.S. nome		

Amount for ESTARL \$23,846.31
Other Contributions \$1,448.81
Total Grand Chapter Contributions \$92,801.09

I congratulate each and every one of you on your help and a job well done because it was certainly your contributions that made our report possible. At this time I would like to invite the Representatives of these Chapters that were at least 100 percent or more to enter the Grand Chapter room to complete our year of loving service. Their drill is under the very capable direction of Mrs. Ann Kelly, our lovely Grand Marshal, and her Pages. Thank you, Sister Ann. ["Loving Service" drill performed to much applause.]

These Sisters and Brothers that are before you on the floor represent the Chapters of Texas that have answered the call of loving service as exemplified in the life of Ruth. By helping us to gather here a little and there a little, they have made our year a successful year. You're beautiful! I never dreamed there would be this many of you here. Thank you for coming. We love looking out there and seeing each and every one of you. It's just magnificent. Join me in thanking them for the effort their Chapters have made. [applause]

Sister Grand Marshal, will you assist our Sisters and Brothers from the floor.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Sue Shoemaker, and the other members of the Humanitarian Committee. I want to express once again my appreciation to the ESTARL Committee for such a beautiful, beautiful program; to the Grand Chaplain and her capable Pages and Brother Donny Broughton. Thank you so very, very much for all you do for the Order. And again to the Humanitarian Committee and to our Sisters and Brothers for giving so freely of your time and dollars.

At this time we will go into closing. Does anyone have an announcement? I know Sister Alma Lynn wants to announce about her practice.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I do want to extend an invitation to all of those who will be serving with us in 1998-99 to remain for a practice for our installation. It is our hope and prayer that the processional will start at 5:30 p.m., with the installation starting promptly at 6 p.m. We are following the format of starting on time. I invite you to stay for the practice. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Alma Lynn. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron will not be with us after tonight. I want to once again thank her for being with us. She's a delight, and we are so proud to call her our Most Worthy Grand Matron. Have safe travels and know how much we love you. [applause] I told her I wanted a picture of her in my rocking chair.

Don't forget in the morning, if you get here on time we're going to get through on time. We've got nine Committee reports to take care of. You did well today, and tomorrow we'll have our election and get out at a good time. Maybe we can not only have a meal before installation, we can perhaps take a bath. I said for years, when we've been running late, we don't have time to bathe before installation, but that's okay, the dirt is the glue that holds us together.

At this time I will call on Sister Jane Gregory, my dear beloved friend, Past Grand Matron, to voice our benediction.

MRS. JANE GREGORY: I ask that you clasp the hand of the one next to you, bow your heads and let us go to God in prayer. As we bring to the close this Friday

night "Fields of Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness" Session of our Grand Chapter and leave for a night's rest, let us commit ourselves to God's care through Christ, beseeching Him to forgive us for all of our sins this day past and keep alive His grace in our dreams. O God, we turn to Thee weary from a day of labor, as we are so often wearied with the conflicts of life, its burdens, disappointments, and yet sometimes we grow weary with what we call its pleasures and its successes. Renew us with strength to serve You another day, if this be Thy will. Open Thy arms, we pray, that we may rest in Thee. Take us to Thy heart through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now declare this session closed until eight o'clock in the morning. Drive safely.

# "PRESERVING THE PAST WHILE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE" Saturday Morning Session October 31, 1998

7:45 a.m.	Musical Harmonies	Mrs.	Jackie 8	Stogner
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8:00 a.m.	Call to Order	Mrs	s. Beula	h Speer
		Dags	Grand	Matron

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Good morning, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Texas, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Sisters and Brothers: Your presence and interest at this important Grand Chapter session is most commendable. I know that you have enjoyed the very beautiful prelude musical selections of Sister Jackie Stogner, Past Matron of Lamesa Chapter. Let's show her our appreciation. [applause] Sister Jackie, Brother Wayne and I also appreciate you playing "The Windmill Lady March" as we were being escorted to the East. We thank you. Let's show our Grand Choir Director and the Grand Choir that we have also enjoyed their music this week. [applause]

I am deeply honored and privileged to be standing in the East once again with my own distinguished Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Wayne Jones. The memories of our Grand Chapter year, supported by the prayers of you the membership, plus the fact that just 13 years ago our own Grand Chapter Session, "This Land Is Our Land," was held in this very arena, fills our hearts to overflowing. I appreciate our gracious Worthy Grand Matron remembering this and according me the special honor of calling this the "Preserving the Past While Planning for the Future" 116th Grand Chapter Session to order, and Brother Wayne Jones the honor of bringing the invocation this morning. We will now have special music from Sister Rebecca Schaefer, Grand Soloist. [singing of "Others"] That was beautiful!

Sisters and Brothers, we have enjoyed our beautiful Marshal, Sister Ann Kelly, directing our pretty and impressive drills this week. Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Installed Grand Floor Officers and Personal Pages to enter the Grand Chapter room for the "Sheaf Within the Circle" drill. [drill performed for the last time to much applause]

I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Floor Officers to 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. [Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron each presented a sheaf of red roses before they are escorted to the East.] Sisters and Brothers, it is my special honor to introduce our very distinguished leaders: Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in according them Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.

Brother Kenneth, Worthy Grand Patron, you were a Courageous Gentleman for Brother Wayne and me in 1984. And as your fraternal mom and dad, we were pleased when Sister Yvonne chose you and Sister Juanita to share with her and Brother Robert the wonderful year ahead. We have watched you with pride and prayerful heart as you fulfilled your duties as Worthy Grand Patron. We were positive that you would enjoy serving with our Worthy Grand Matron and that you would receive a lasting satisfaction from this year of service. You are a Christian family man who lives a good and useful life, one whose character is above the tongue of reproach and one that is loved and respected by all of the membership. God bless you. [applause]

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the special friendship that we share, and thank you for this honor extended to Brother Wayne and me this morning. Sister Yvonne, God blessed you in many ways. He gave you wisdom, Christian values and a happy and positive disposition. You freely gave of your talents as you served in many responsible positions in our Grand Chapter, where you acquired a wealth of experience and good judgment. You did not realize it at that time, but it proved to be a fulfillment of God's plan for your life. Each role of service proved to be a stepping stone, preparing you for this year as our Worthy Grand Matron of Texas. Your deep compassion and concern for others, your natural gift of making people feel comfortable in your presence, and your honest and straightforward personality acquired you the wholehearted support and love of the membership of Texas. Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a deep sense of pride and admiration for your many accomplishments this year that I present you your gavel. God bless you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron for extending us the honor of opening our Saturday morning session. You gave Robert and I our first Grand Appointments. I sold music, and Robert had the cups. That was the first year we had them. And some little lady, before she gave him \$5, wanted to know if you could put it in the dishwasher. And he said, "Yes, ma'am, one time." [laughter]

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this Grand Chapter from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we're about to call this Grand

Chapter from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: There will be no interruptions, Sister Grand Warder.

**GRAND WARDER:** Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed, and there will be no interruptions.

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 Session.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be seated in this Session of Grand Chapter. [The Grand Chapter was proved.] Worthy Grand Matron, all present are entitled to attend this Session of Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.] Our invocation will be voiced by Brother Wayne Jones, Past Grand Patron.

MR. WAYNE JONES: May we pray. Our dear and most gracious Heavenly Father, we praise You and love You, and we want to serve You in the best way we know how. We thank You for the privilege that is ours to assemble here this morning. We pray for our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory. As we enter upon the important business of this day, may all that we do be for the good of our great Order and for the advancement of the principles for which it stands. As we cast our ballots for those who are to lead us during another year, may we remember that all the candidates are our Sisters and Brothers, and may our love for them continue to prevail. Father, I thank You for the wonderful privilege of serving with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Beulah Speer, and the great job she did this morning in calling to order this "Preserving the Past While Planning for the Future" Session. It is in Jesus' name we pray, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Wayne. You're truly a man of God. The membership loves you and your Maggie. Also, I thank Sister Jackie for the prelude.

I now declare this "Preserving the Past While Preparing for the Future" Session called from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are calling this "Preserving the Past While Planning for the Future" from rest to labor. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

# WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well.

Now before the nonvoting delegates make your nest, I want to request humbly that you sit in sections 308, 309, 310. Use entrances number 208 and 207. I

don't want you to get comfortable and then we have to ask you to move. Sometimes people get tight jaws over that, and I don't blame them.

Okay. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you see if we have those to be introduced that have not been previously done so.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Sister Louise Meffert of the Eastern Star Journal Committee of General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron of Missouri.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Louise, we are so proud that you're with us, and we're so proud that you are representing our General Grand Chapter Eastern Star Journal. This is a very important publication, and I hope that every member avails themselves of its information and its beauty. You're truly a fine lady. Thank you for being in Texas. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort this Sister to the East. [applause as she comes to the East] Sisters and Brothers, join me in saluting this Sister with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will remain in the East. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will retire and see if there are others to be introduced.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Brother Bill Ryan, a Past Grand Patron of Arizona, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Bill, it was so good when I met you about a year ago or something like that, when we had the children from the Masonic Home and School at roundup. You're truly a dedicated instructor and teacher, and I appreciate that. We want to make sure that you come to more Texas events, please. This Brother, I believe, is the music director for the Masonic Home and School. We heartily welcome you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort this Brother to the East. [applause as he comes to the East] Sisters and Brothers, join me in saluting this fine Brother with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] He will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, if there are no more to introduce at this time, please return to your Stations and thank you So much. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, there is much to be done today, and we again solicit your attention and cooperation. Many items of business still remain. We done good yesterday, but we're still going to have to play catch up a little bit. We're going to move on as rapidly as possible. We plan to have our business session over in time that Sister Alma and Brother Henry and we can rest before installation. In order to do that, we must have your undivided attention and assistance. I plan on nominating Sister Alma Lynn at 10 a.m., So we must move rapidly and expeditiously. I do not plan to hold election results. You are all adults, and I'm sure you recognize the need for you to remain until all business has been completed. We must have a quorum to complete our business. This is covered in our laws.

For those Committee people who have not given your reports, if you will be up close to the stage, we can work you in. Please let my secretary, Sister Betty Carter, know that you are available.

Sister Judith Van Horn, ESTARL. I recognize this Sister as Chairman of the ESTARL Committee to move the adoption of her report for last evening. How proud we are of all those scholarships.

# FINAL REPORT OF THE ESTARL COMMITTEE

MRS. JUDITH VAN HORN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the ESTARL Committee, we thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving on this Committee. Serving with me were:

District I	Donna Douglas
District II	Doris Holbrook
District III	Sherry Hopson
District IV	Rebecca Drews
District V	Thelma Bevers

During the 1997-98 year, we received 77 completed applications. We awarded 76 scholarships; however, four of these recipients did not return their confirmation letters and will not receive any funds. When we met in August, just over \$22,000 had been collected towards ESTARL, and we were assured of at least an additional \$1,000. We went out on a limb, trusting we would have \$25,000 to divide among the 76 applicants.

Last night at the ESTARL service, I've been told we collected just over \$5,600. Any amount over the original \$25,000 will be divided equally among the recipients. A complete report of all monies will be published in the Proceedings.

We thank you, the membership, for *Planting the Seeds for the Future* with your support and contributions.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the ESTARL Committee and the second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, signify by raising your voting card. Those opposed. Motion carried. I thank this wonderful Committee for doing the work that they have done. I know our ESTARL will continue to be strong.

Is our Grand Chaplain ready to give her report? As soon as she finishes her report, I'll recognize Sister Carol Hall for her Fraternal Correspondent's report.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move that you accept the Chaplain's report, as read last night.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain as presented in the Memorial Program Friday evening. And we have a second. Sisters and Brothers, do we have any discussion? Those in favor, signify by raising your cards. Those opposed the same. The Grand Chaplain's report has been accepted.

Sister Carol Hall.

MRS. CAROL HALL: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Fraternal Correspondent's report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Fraternal Correspondent. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed. Thank you. The report has been accepted.

I now recognize the Endowed Membership Committee for their report. Sister Lorrie Faith-Owens.

# REPORT OF THE ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MRS. LORRIE FAITH-OWENS: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

To promote endowed memberships, this energetic committee has written letters, spoken to members and visited Chapters, Eastern Star Schools and Founder's Day celebrations in their respective districts.

Proudly, I introduce the members of the Endowed Membership Committee:

District One Mrs. Sandra Tedford
District Two Mrs. Sara Crowder
District Three Mr. James Mason
District Four Mrs. Jean Lee
District Five Mr. William Curry

During the months between November 1, 1997 and October 1, 1998, 206 endowed memberships were purchased, which represents a total of \$103,000 investment. You, the membership, are to be congratulated for this year's increased endowed memberships that benefit both Grand Chapter and the Subordinate Chapter. These endowed memberships were purchased by members for themselves, by spouses for their husbands or wives, by Chapters to honor distinguished Chapter members and by individuals or a group of individuals to recognize a very special Eastern Star member.

My appreciation to the Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Patsy Wilson, for her efforts in this project.

My heartfelt thanks to the committee members for the services they performed this year for our Grand Chapter.

Lovingly, Lorrie Faith-Owens, General Chairman Endowed Membership Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Endowed Membership. Any discussion? Signify your approval by raising your cards. Against. Motion carried. Thank you, Committee.

I now recognize Sister Ruth Jameson and her Committee, the General Grand Chapter Special Projects Committee.

# REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

MRS. RUTH LOWE JAMESON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to make the following report of the General Grand Chapter Special Projects Committee with the District Chairman: District 1, Paul New; District 2, Wanda Hosmer; District 3, Joyce Brannan; District 4, Dorothy Hohmann; and District 5, Jerry Lucas. The Special Project for the 1997-98 year was the distribution of four styles of pens for a donation of five dollars each (\$5) to General Grand Chapter. The pens were as follows: a representation of the International Temple for restoration funding; a Horse representing OES helping Shrine Hospitals 1997-2000; Stop, Look, and Listen for Youth to benefit DeMolay and the Order of the Rainbow for Girls; and an Aladdin Lamp for ESTARL benevolence.

Each member of this committee has worked to make a successful team, and we report the following donations: District 1-\$330.00; District 2-\$310.00; District 3-\$470.00; District 4-\$500.00; and District 5-\$275.00; for a total of \$1,885.00. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for selecting us to represent Texas Grand Chapter. I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully Submitted, Ruth Lowe Jameson, General Chairman

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of the General Grand Chapter Committee. Is there any discussion? Those for, raise your cards. Against. It's so moved. Thank you, dear ones. The items that this Committee offered will be in existence through Sister Florence's triennium.

Sister Beulah, you're here. Would you please give your report on the Texas-New Mexico Exchange Visit.

# REPORT ON THE TEXAS-NEW MEXICO EXCHANGE VISIT

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this special honor.

I enjoyed chairing this event and I commend the members of the Committee, members of my Chapter, Abernathy Chapter No. 877, and members in Section 8, District 2.

On Friday night, Texas was privileged to go to Hobbs, New Mexico for their impressive program, delicious banquet, and fraternal visit. The fellowship and food were excellent and a good time was had by all.

On Saturday, Texas hosted a reception before the "Galaxy of Stars" Banquet held in the Convention Center in Odessa, Texas. Music and refreshments greeted the members as they entered the beautifully decorated room with sheafs of wheat, sunflowers, small barbed-wire fences entwined with ivy on the tables. A large gold map of Texas and New Mexico hung on a blue drape behind the head table. Miniature mail boxes were used for place cards and the favors were needlepoint maps of Texas and New Mexico. Balloons and streamers of the star-point colors decorated the walls. The programs enfolded into the emblematic star.

Texas was honored to have Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas to give our welcome, and Sister Katie McPherson, General Grand Chapter Committee member of New Mexico, bring the response. The Grand Organist of New Mexico played as the Grand Marshal of New Mexico carried their flag as Sister Georgia Morphis, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Gray, Worthy Grand Patron of New Mexico, was presented.

The Grand Organist of Texas played as the Grand Marshal of Texas carried the Texas Flag as Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron of Texas was presented.

The United States Flag was presented by my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Wayne Jones.

The Star Point Emblems were presented by Texas' own installed Star Point Officers.

A chuck wagon dinner and musical program was enjoyed by all.

Love gifts and tributes were given to each honoree before their greetings.

We were deeply honored by the presence of five General Grand Chapter Officers, 21 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, 16 of the installed Floor Officers of New Mexico, and 17 of Texas installed Floor Officers.

A total of 389 enjoyed the Texas and New Mexico exchange visit.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron, Chairman

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The report has been given and seconded for the New Mexico Exchange Visit. Any discussion? All for, raise your cards. All against. So carried. Thank you, Sister Beulah, and your Committee. We had an excellent visit. I'd like to recognize these two Sisters for their report. Sisters Carolyn Schulze and Betty Scott.

# REPORT OF THE STARS ACROSS TEXAS COMMITTEE

MRS. CAROLYN SCHULZE: It has been our pleasure to serve on this Committee this year and to work with the Chapters in their community service efforts.

This committee was conceived by our Worthy Grand Matron to encourage Chapters and individuals to reach out to the communities around us and share our love with those who need our help. This was an effort to create positive impressions of our Order across the State and by doing so, promote new membership.

There were 101 Chapters reporting during the year and, together, they totaled up 114,949 hours of community service. Their project included volunteer hours at hospitals and nursing homes, working with young people in organizations like FHA, FFA, Boy Scouts, and church youth groups; working with post-polio patients, cancer patients and the elderly; serving on community boards and committees; free babysitting, grocery shopping, and transportation services, and a multitude of food drives and clothing collections for the needy.

We presented a plaque each quarter to the Chapter that had turned in the most community service hours for that period and the Chapters who won the plaques were: 1st quarter: Denton Chapter #259; 2nd quarter: Kirbyville Chapter #263; 3rd quarter: Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959.

At this time, we'd like to present a plaque to the Chapter who has been the most consistent with their community service for this Grand Chapter year - Denton Chapter #259.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Schulze, General Chairman Betty Scott, General Co-Chairman

I'd also like to thank Sister Betty Scott for serving diligently with me on this Committee. We have enjoyed so much working with you and hearing from you this year. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving us this pleasure. Worthy Grand Matron, I'd like at this time to move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Stars Across Texas. Any discussion? All for. All against.

Sister Sue Shoemaker will give her report for the Humanitarian Committee.

MRS. SUE SHOEMAKER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron: The report being given on the previous evening, I would like to move the adoption of the report as given.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we ac-

cept the Humanitarian report as given. Is there any discussion? Those for. Those opposed. So moved.

Brother Ray Luther, Labor of Love Committee.

# REPORT OF THE LABOR OF LOVE COMMITTEE

MR. RAYMOND LUTHER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

I begin my report with a "thank you" for letting me be a part of your year. The chairmen from Districts 1, 3 and 4 and their Committees have enjoyed laboring for you. We want you to know that you did a great job. One to be proud of!

After Grand Chapter I contacted as instructed the Home and was able to contact Betty who stated the most pressing thing at this time was to get the pecans picked up. As the Christmas holidays were at hand and the pecans were required for the ladies, (cookies, cakes, pies, candy, etc.) at this time I had not received a list of committee chairmen nor their committees. I turned to the Rainbow Girls. I contacted the Advisory Board for Alvarado Assembly No. 68 and asked for help. The Board approved and on November 8th, 1997 they picked up five grocery bags of pecans. Those participating were: Jennifer Edwards, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor; Fannie Nowlin, Jr. Member Grand Finance Committee; Amy Ferguson, Recheal and Sidney Wells, Adults Rachel Jackson, Chris and Fay Edwards.

After a time your secretary sent me a list of committee appointments, three chairmen (District 1, 3, and 4) plus Ray White of the Home Renovation Committee. Until January 1998, I was unable to contact all of the chairmen. On the 18th of January, I received your letter advising the Labor of Love Committees to get their working clothes and stand by. On the 26th of January, I sent a letter to the committee chairmen advising them of your correspondence. (A copy of my letter and all your correspondence and the request from the Home were passed on to the committee chairmen as I received them.)

Brother Tom Everitt, District 4, Chairmen, contacted me by phone with the idea of a adopt-a-room project which would allow all Chapters who wished to send a money gift to aid in the maintenance and up-keep of the rooms of the Home to do so. This was to assist the Labor of Love Committee, with funds for rug cleaning, replacement, etc. I advised him to contact you. You referred him to the Board of Benevolence; with their approval he composed a letter. W.C. Pointer, Chairman, District 1 and myself met him at the Home and signed said letter. After which Brother Tom spent another six days on this project mailing a total of 550 letters which covered all Chapters. He drove over two thousand miles meeting with the Board of Benevolence and the Worthy Grand Matron. The next six months consisted of five trips to the Home, a total of nine days spent on HVAC (air condition) equipment. As everyone is aware we had a long hard hot summer! If not for Brother Tom the Home would have incurred huge bills for air conditioner service.

I wish everyone to know our services of painting was not well received on our visit to the Home for the adopt a room project. District Chairmen and myself looked

at areas requiring paint, for paint and equipment. At which time we were informed that in the past that some of the painting had made a bigger mess than it did good. I quickly informed everyone present that the Chairman of District 1 and his committee would be painting, and needed things ready (where to start painting, etc.) Brother Pointer set forth on May the 9th painting the hall from the Infirmary to the main hall. On their second trip they cleaned, scarped and painted the east wall of the dining room. Those laborers were Brothers Billy Combest, Jack Nash, Billy E. Dugan himself and two non-members, Mr. Jerry Reynolds and Jim Whaley.

On March 7th 1998, the Chairman of District 3 resigned. After our District 3, Section 10 School you appointed Tommy Dutton at which time I sent him a copy of all requests from the Home of things to be done. He made his report by phone and stated that Glen Rose Chapter had put in nine hours and he wished he could have done more.

I do not have the figures on how much money that has been received for the adopt a room project. My prayer is that it goes towards getting rugs cleaned, replaced and painting done.

I am sorry that I failed you. There was so much that could have been done. But I found some have been turned off by ones at the Home telling them they were not needed. Others would not offer their assistance either because they did not have the time, their health, etc.

I wish to state my heartfelt thanks to Brothers Tom Everitt, W.C. Pointer, Tommy Dutton, Billy Combest, Jack Nash, Billy Dugan, and a special thanks to Mr. Jerry Reynolds and Jim Whaley along with the Rainbow Assembly No. 68 Order of Rainbow for Girls, and ask the Grand Chapter to give them a "well done"!!!

Once again on behalf of the Chairmen and Committees of District 1, 3 and 4 and myself, thank you for letting us do what we could for the Home you and the Grand Chapter. God bless.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted, Raymond L. Luther General Chairman, Labor of Love Committee

I move the adoption of this report in its entirety.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Labor of Love Committee. Is there any discussion? Those in favor. Those opposed -

MR. RAYMOND LUTHER: Worthy Grand Matron, could I ask the Grand Chapter to give these Laborers a grand hand for the services rendered?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's just fine. It saved me from doing it [applause]

You know, you've heard all your life that you get what you pay for. But sometimes you get a Labor of Love if you will ask the qualified people to do it. We don't want someone in there just half-stepping and making a bigger mess. But if we'll be conscious of our efforts to do this type of work at the Home, as well as our Subordinate Chapters, it will be rewarding. I thank these fine Brothers for every-

thing they have done for the Home.

Our General Chairman of the Proficiency Committee has a sick husband, and I've asked Dolores Hartley to give her report. Are there other District Members of Proficiency? They're out getting proficient.

# REPORT OF THE PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE

MRS. DOLORES HARTLEY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Guests and Members, my Sisters and Brothers all:

It is a great pleasure to present the report of the Proficiency Committee to this Grand Chapter.

The Committee received 5,000 - 97/98 stickers to be circulated among our membership. Money donated is to be used for a special project of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield.

The members of this Committee appreciate the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas under the leadership of Sister Yvonne, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Kenneth R. Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron during Grand Chapter year 1997-98

It is with great pleasure at this time to introduce my District chairmans and would all Committee members please stand.

District I – Dolores Hartley	\$1,260.00
District II – Frankie Henson	\$98.00
District III – Mary Frances Mason	\$991.00
District IV - Doris Wagner	\$1,051.00
District V - Boots Draper	\$665.00

Therefore I am pleased to report a Grand Total of \$4,065.00.

The Proficiency Committee thanks all of the membership of Texas for their support and donations. It was through their devotion and love to our Order that makes this excellent report possible.

A very special thanks to the secretaries for all their help this year.

I am very proud of each one on this Committee, they did an exceptional job.

Again, Worthy Grand Matron, we the members of your Proficiency Committee, thank you for the privilege of serving during your year in the Grand East. Also the loving membership for their participation and contributions.

I close with a thought or two.

It is never too late to be happy; It is never too late to smile;

It is never too late to extend a hand with a cheering word once in a while.

"Kind hearts are the gardens, kind thoughts are the roots, kind words are the flowers, kind deeds are the fruits."

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Dolores Hartley, General Chairman Proficiency Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Proficiency Committee. Is there any discussion? Those in favor. Those opposed. Thank you, Sister Dolores.

At this time I'd like to ask Brother Joe Nance to join me here at the podium. Brother Joe Nance is the District 5 member of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. I am sure glad he's here! The Chairman did not register, so I will ask our Grand Secretary to write him for a report. But I did want to introduce Brother Joe Nance and have the members welcome him for being here with us and for whatever work they did this year. [applause]

# WRITTEN REPORT OF TITLES, DEEDS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

The Committee did not receive any referrals; therefore no business was transacted.

Fraternally Submitted, Charles Easterling Chairman, Titles, Deeds and Properties

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Is Cheryl Albrecht in the room? In a few moments I'm going to call for the Registration report.

Sisters and Brothers, we are all aware that the Constitution states that the election begins at 10 a.m. In order to begin at that time, I must now determine if all of the nonvoting delegates are seated in the sections which I mentioned. Would you nonvoting delegates raise your hand, your purse, a flag or something. Thank you for your cooperation. If you're a nonvoting delegate and not seated in the designated area, please go to that area immediately. If you are a voting delegate, please hold up your cards. Someone that can see better than me, would they please check? You've still got your cards! Bless your hearts. Thank you.

Is Sister Marijo King in the room? Would one of my Pages ask her to come in?

Is Nona Gibson, the Poet Laureate, in the room? If so, please come to the East sometime soon and I will call for her report. We'd like to get all of our reports done.

The report from the Poet Laureate will be filed with the Grand Secretary.

# WRITTEN REPORT OF THE POET LAUREATE

MRS. NONA GIBSON: The first opportunity to serve Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield came as she prepared her books for her Deputies. This was done by composing a poem relating to each of the heroines of the Order to be placed in each book. This was quite gratifying to me personally as I believe in those women of our Holy Bible.

The next assignment was to have for each Official monthly Bulletin a poem of my choosing. This was done and to my surprise I learned I could not write about anything which I did not believe, so each poem that was composed came directly from my heart.

I received many invitations during the year to give programs in my Section and others, because of the poetry and more poems were composed for these programs. This office has been most gratifying, in the renewal of old friendships and the making of new ones among the membership.

To Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Worthy Grand Matron of 1997-1998 I express my sincere love and gratitude for your love and belief in me. To have served you in this capacity has been a wonderful experience that I will always treasure.

Respectively submitted, Mrs. Nona Gibson Poet Laureate 1997-98

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Grand Choir, give us some music, please. [Singing of "There Rings a Melody."]

Would our 50-year members and escorts please meet Shirley Martindale in the West. [Singing by Grand Choir of "I'll Fly Away," "Love Lifted Me," and "I've Got a Mansion."]

For those who I requested to serve on the adding machines, would you please take your positions and check and make sure you've got power and you've got leg room and you've got other body room, and make your nest.

The 50-year members, I apologize. Just lean a little bit on your Escort just a few more minutes.

Okay. Listen up. We're going to call Tellers. I never had the opportunity to serve as a Teller, and I know some of you when your name's called, you still sit up there and act like you didn't hear, until 14 people holler and call your name and you're wanting to be ignored. But please come on down when I call your name. "Come on down," as Bob what's-his-name says, and let's get — participation is what we need.

At table number one, Table Judge, Effie Mae Davis; table number two, Alma Carter; table number three over by Martha, Jane Gregory; table number four, Elise Hammack. I'm asking this year, so that everybody can have a chance to rest a little bit more, not to have several Assistants at each table. I have discussed this with my Election Judge who, by the way, if you don't already know is Sister Rennie Ofton.

Table number one will be Garland Rattan and Rosemary Swetland. Table number two: Mildred Sharpe, Harry Cunningham. Table number three: Wanda Fairchild, Richard Ochs. Table number four: Beulah Speer and Charles Morris. Table Judges, would you please let me know if those assistants do not show up. And when I call the Tellers, let me know how many you might need.

I ask you, Sisters and Brothers, if I call a name and that person is not here, please don't send me a note telling me they're not here because if they don't show up, we know that. And I ask that the ones on the adding machine have plenty of room. The Election Judge will explain that procedure to you.

Now I will call the Tellers. For table number one: Gail Doyle, Linda Palmer, Debra Parker, Eilene Torrance, Janet Wolmer, Sandra Armstrong, Sandra Fitch, Edna Jeffries, Robbie Abshire, Mary Horan, Jane Euler, Doris Fisher – I know I've already called three that's not here, but that's okay – Audrey Gardner, Frances Morris, Pat Archer, Susan Bigham, Lavonna Owen, Connie Barron.

Table number two, where Brother Harry is back there giving someone — he's whispering wisdom in Sister Wanda's ear, from his mouth to her ear — Eleanor Stark, Barbara Hines, Marcia Henard, Betty Scott, Margaret Faircloth, Carolyn Martin, Jane Hill, Debbie Williams, Doris Wyont, Vickie Hardee Matthews, Cindy Moss, Sue Barnes, Cheryl Walker and Mary E. Brown.

Okay. Table number three where Sister Jane Gregory is: Gail Fuller, Bonita McElroy, Wanda Duncan, Laura Johnson, Barbara L. Thomas, Peggy McNab, Maureece Hall, Jane Crawford, Pat Turner, Shirley Arnold, Myra Eads, Pam Dean, Mike Romaine, Joy Pat Miller, Vickie Hertenberger and Lois Irke. And, yes, Brothers, those were all Sisters because they were Deputy Grand Matrons.

Table four and I'll have to put some Brothers over there with Sister Elise.

I want to make an announcement. You know, "Blessed are those who are flexible, they shall not be bent out of shape." I asked the nonvoters to sit in one section. But, you know, sometimes we have to use some common sense. I have a Page on the floor that is not a voting delegate. I'm not trying to circle her out. But it's our Page sitting in the station of Sister Martha. I can guarantee you this lady knows she cannot vote, so please don't complain about it.

Table four: D. R. Arnold, Larry Atwood, George Baker, Charles Barnes, Dave Bass, Walter Beach, Jerry Beck, Maryann Parmentier, Margaret Berry, Raymond Beyer, Jimmy Bishop, Reba Black, Joe Blair, Dorothy Bonn. Sister Elise, I'm going to hold off a minute and see how many of those show up.

Table one, how many do you need? You need seven. They must be out shopping. Elizabeth Boltinghouse, Maxine Bowers, Ruth Boyd, Patricia Breeden, Joyce Brannon, Jimmy Britt, Wanda Brown. Now that should be seven if they show up.

Need five for my buddy over there on two. Margaret Brown; here's Robert Brownfield, we couldn't find him to get him to sit still that long [laughter]; Kay Buckles; Sherry Bice, Mary Burch, Clelia Burch; Floyd Byerly. Is that five?

Sister Jane, four. Jean Cannon, A. L. Casparius, Cora Chasteen, Frances Choate, Weldon Clampett, Frances Clark. And that should be four.

Table four: Cheryl Clerc, C-l-e-r-c; Molly Clack, Randy Clifton, Joe Klein, Juanell Coates, Helen Cockburn, Susie Cohen, Carol Coleman, Ladonna Combes, James Congry, Madeline Collins and Alice Collyer. That was 12 more, Sister Elise. We'll see if they show up.

Sister Effie Mae, how many do you need? Two more. Nikki Converse, Rule Cooper, Monroe Cooper, Sam Cooper, Jr. – I called four names. I'm sorry.

How many do you need Sister Alma? You need one.

Sister Effie Mae, I called four; you needed two. If we're lucky enough and all four show up, tell them to go to the next table.

Sister Wanda, how many do you need? None? I guess Richard talked them into staying.

Y'all come to table four where I called your name so we can see. We've got these 50-year members; we're going to celebrate their 51st year before we get them up here. [laughter] Sister Effie Mae, are you good to go? You're full. One and two are good. Three is good. Now we've got to rustle up here for Sister Elise. You need six. Okay. Brenda Corey, Oleta Cornelius, Laurie Copeland, Laverne Cooper, Patricia Couch and Judith Cotton. [Pause.]

I'm going to go ahead and call a couple more names. If your place has been taken when you get here, you can be pro tem when they have to go out the door. Marcilene Crenshaw, Don Crawford, Virginia Crawford – she may be on Arrangements, Bobbie Cummings, Charlotte Dana, Syble Davis. Syble Davis, right now I don't think we're going to need you, but we may need you as pro tem.

Is every table filled with your Tellers? Y'all are good to go. Okay.

Now I am going to turn this over to Sister Rennie Ofton, our Election Judge.

# MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Good morning.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. Though many of you have heard instructions for our balloting, we all know we have new members attending each year. Then, too, some of us have "Senior Moments" and forget things sometimes. Please bear with me and listen carefully and we will all be prepared to start our election at 10:00 A.M. as we are directed to do by our Constitution.

We have two methods for our election. First, we have the voice vote.. "By Acclamation" when there is but one nominee for an office. Second, when there are two or more nominees for an Office, we use the paper ballot which you were given when you received your credentials. A majority vote — which is one more than half of the total votes cast — is required for an election.

If there are three or more nominees and there is not a majority vote on the first ballot, the one receiving the lowest number of votes is dropped and the remaining nominees are balloted upon until a majority is acquired. Should there be two receiving the lowest numbers of votes, both will be dropped so long as there are two nominees remaining on the ballot; if two names are not remaining, all nominees will be balloted upon in the second ballot.

Pages, please listen to these instructions. First of all, you are under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron who will tell you when to pick up your ballot boxes, when to pick up the ballots, to which table to take the ballots and when to dump them on the table. Please listen for her instructions.

No person can cast more than one ballot; you cannot leave the room and ask someone to deposit your ballot for you. You cannot leave the room while a ballot is being taken. When you are permitted to leave the room, you must have your registration badge, dues card, and signed ballot to regain entrance to the assembly room. Both the Sentinels and Warders will ask for them.

There will be no ballots cast outside the Assembly room; the Assisting Sentinels will step inside to cast their ballot and then return to their station outside the room.

After the Pages have picked up their boxes, the boxes will not leave their hands. We are aware that the steps are steep and the rows close together and we are asking the membership to assist the Pages as they pass along the rows.

When the Presiding Officer declares the ballot open, Pages will begin collecting the ballots. When they have collected all of them, they will go to the bottom of the stairs and await instructions as to which table they will take the ballots. When the ballot has been declared closed, they will be asked to deposit the ballots on the tables. Be sure all ballots have been taken out of the boxes.

The boards are prepared to assist you with names. We will try to have the boards placed so they are visible to every area; if you cannot see them, please — quietly — let us know. It is requested that the "tellers" at each table list the names on their count sheets in the same order in which they are listed on the boards. This will prevent confusion at the adding machine tables.

It is requested that only the Table Judge and one assistant come to the adding machine table. It is difficult for the operators to hear with several people gathered around when the numbers are being called. The Judge will call out the number, the assistant will verify numbers, and I will work with the operators of the machines.

Table Judges, will you please sign the Table Number and Names of those at your table – this list will be used for the Proceedings. Also, be sure the 2- and 3-vote ballots are correctly totaled. Please do not destroy the ballots as this duty is assigned to the Election Judge and I will pick them up from each table.

In accordance With the Code of Laws, persons making nominations will come to one of the microphones which have been set up in the West, South, and North to make the nomination. After proper identification of self, you will give only the nominee's name, Chapter, and the Office for which she/he is being nominated.

At this time, I express my appreciation to members of the Arrangements Committee for their efforts in getting everything ready for us. It takes a lot of work to get everything set up and they have done their work well.

I express my appreciation to those working on the adding machines. I admire them, the way their fingers work so fast; I can't talk that fast.

Are there any questions? Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers in the West, if you could make room for those 50-year members to be seated for a few moments. We've got to follow the law that this starts at ten. I apologize for them standing back there so long. See if they can be seated. As soon as we get this show on the road, we're going to get them up here. [applause] Does that mean you liked what I said or you couldn't hear me?

I now call on Sister Marijo King to give us her Credentials report.

# REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MRS. MARIJO KING: Worthy Grand Matron, the members of your Credentials Committee wish to thank you for the privilege of serving the Grand Chapter in this capacity. We also express our appreciation to the wonderful Registration Committee for their cooperation and assistance.

It is my pleasure to present the members of the 1997-98 Credentials Committee:

Mrs. Genevieve (Smitty) Jones, District 1

Mrs. Margaret Berry, District 2

Mrs. Bonnie Varnell, District 2

Mrs. Elsie Mae Tolley, District 3

Mr. Irby White, District 4

Mrs. Kathleen M. Johnson, District 4

Mrs. Claudine Mae Burgess, District 5

Mrs. Marijo King, Chairman, District 1

We present the following report:

Total number of Chapters represented: 425 Total number of voting delegates: 2,456

Now these are people who actually picked up their credentials. Delegates are divided as follows:

Single ballots 1968 for a total of 1968 Double ballots 378 for a total of 756 Triple ballots 103 for a total of 309

We have a total number of 3,033.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The adoption of the Credentials report has been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? Those in favor. Those opposed. Motion carried. I thank the Credentials Committee for their hard work.

I believe Sister Rennie has given you all the instructions. I appreciate her serving as Election Judge. I might remind you – let's remember we're all Sisters and

Brothers. Only one person can sit in one office at a time. Those chairs do not hold two of us. So there's always somebody that wins and someone who is not as successful as they would like to be. Would all people with ballots please raise them one more time so I can see where you are? We still have some in 308. I'm sorry. You need to move. Go to 307, if you've got friends you're sitting by. That way there's just a few chairs in between you, and they won't leave without you. Would those in 308 please get your purses, your ballots and move.

Everybody sitting in the handicapped section, are they all voters? Hold your ballot up so I can see. Don't just holler "yeah"! Okay. Now I understand they cannot see the board. Can that board in the West be turned a little better for them? All right. They can turn that board after the names are posted, so you will not be left out.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Sisters and Brothers, there has been a question on the total votes. I'm going to read them to you again. And unless there's a new math, Sister Marjorie Errington and I – we don't know new math because this math looks good. Single ballots – 1,968 for 1,968 votes. Double – 378; that would be doubled and that's 756. Triple ballots – 103 times three would be 309. And when you add it up, it is 3,033 votes. I hope that clarifies it. It looks good to us unless there's some new math we don't know about.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** According to my watch, the mouse has done run up the clock. I think it's ten o'clock. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Yvonne Brownfield.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Yvonne Brownfield, Past Matron of Copperas Cove Chapter No. 1070. I would like to place the name of Sister Alma Bane, a Past Matron of Waco Chapter No. 7, for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Alma Bane has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Alma Bane for the office of Worthy Grand Matron say "aye." Those opposed "no." Sister Alma Bane, you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Patron, with God as my guide and the membership by my side, I will serve this Grand Chapter as their Worthy Grand Matron for 1998-1999. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Kenneth Gregory, Past Patron of Spurger Chapter No. 315 and Wisteria #823. I would like to

place the name of Brother Henry Martin, a Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest No. 959, for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Henry Martin has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Henry Martin for the office of Worthy Grand Patron say "aye." Those opposed. Brother Henry Martin, you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, with gratitude and humility I do accept. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Alma Bane.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: I am Alma Bane, a Past Matron of Waco Chapter No. 7. I have the pleasure of nominating Sister Betty Friend for Associate Grand Matron. She is a Past Matron of New Braunfels Chapter No. 771.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Betty Friend has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Betty Friend for the office of Associate Grand Matron, say "aye." Those opposed "no." Sister Betty Friend you have been elected Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, with an extremely humble heart and much love and adoration of the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction, I happily accept. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year I recognize Billy Henderson.

MR. BILLY HENDERSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Billy Henderson, Worthy Patron, Friendswood 1131, and Past Patron, Texas City 626. I would like to place into nomination Brother Lee Stallings, Past Patron, Friendswood 1131.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Lee Stallings has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Lee Stallings for the office of Associate Grand Patron say "aye." Opposed "no." Brother Lee Stallings, I should have introduced you to this membership before we voted, but I want you to be up here with me. You have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Worthy Grand Matron, it's with great honor, appreciation and excitement that I accept. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, this is the Associate Grand Patron-elect, Brother Lee Stallings. And isn't he pretty?

Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Venus Skipper.

MRS. VENUS SKIPPER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Venus Skipper, Worthy Matron of Bonita Chapter No. 184 in Amarillo. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Marjorie Errington of Bonita Chapter No. 184 for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Marjorie Errington has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Marjorie Errington for the office of Grand Secretary say "aye." Opposed "no." Sister Marjorie Errington, you have been elected Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GRAND SECRETARY: I accept the challenge! [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Earlene Rogers. I'm sorry, we've got a pro tem on that.

MRS. NANCY ARMSTRONG: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Nancy Armstrong, Worthy Matron of Graham Chapter No. 668, Graham, Texas. It is my great pleasure to nominate Sister Patsy Wilson, Past Matron of Graham Chapter No. 668, for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Patsy Wilson has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Patsy Wilson for the office of Grand Treasurer say "aye." Opposed "no." Sister Patsy Wilson, you have been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**GRAND TREASURER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I accept the challenge also. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year is now open.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Betty Friend, a Past Matron of New Braunfels Chapter No. 771. I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Sister Naomi Wolfe, a Past Matron of Hurst 1099 and Andral Vann 741 for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Naomi Wolfe has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Naomi Wolfe for the office of Grand Conductress say "aye." Opposed "no." Sister Naomi Wolfe, you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, with an

humble heart and the excitement of serving this Grand Chapter for another year, I accept. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, the best laid plan sometimes has a fork in the road. The total ballots has been challenged. We're going to stop the election right now and clarify – get another adding machine or whatever and do what we have to do to make everybody happy – or make everybody as near happy as we can.

Now we're going to let those people that they got comfortable in the West the 50-year members, we're going to ask that you bring them to the East. As these 50-year members come up, let's show them how proud we are! [applause and Grand Choir sings "Happy Trails"] My, isn't that a beautiful sight! [applause] It is my happy privilege to recognize each of these members: Ethel White, Vashti 32; Edna Thornsberry, Wimodausis 141; Hartense North, Spur 164; Martha Eaton, Del Rio 204; Billie Hoyt, John Gillespie 257; Mae Pearl Ernst, Silsbee 228; Evelyn Fester, Austin 304; Myrtis Harbison, Austin 304; Winfred Harbison, Austin 304 - she must have waited till he was old enough to be a Mason, so they got married and then joined; Virginia Tracy, Lytle 335; Jean Gunn, Pittsburg 381; Jeannine Guinn, Hondo 404; now this one I don't know about, Nancy Bailey Allen, Bexar 616 - our dancing doll; Peggy Miller, Handley 617; Mary K. Easterling, Jefferson 627; J. B. Easterling, Clyde 308; Edna Evans, Bethlehem 728; Allene Barnhill, South Fort Worth 835; Alberta Mann, Melrose 920; Bernice Trulan, West University 933; Marie Lord, Lewisville 935; Edith Head, Independence 1044; Margaret Pribble, Lake Worth 1109; Lola Sawyer, Friendswood 1131; Mildred Love, Aldine 1088.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to say a word to these fine folks?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. What a pleasure it is to welcome these 50-year members to the East. How beautiful you are, and the number of years of service that you have rendered to our beautiful Order is deeply appreciated. Thank you so very much for your years of service.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I offer my congratulations, too. I hope that you continue to impart your knowledge, wisdom and love for the Order to those who are following along behind us. I want to thank the Escorts for bringing them to the East. I apologize again for the delay, but we are going to seat you in the Chapter room so you will be comfortable. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. Sister Grand Marshal, they will be seated in the Chapter room. [applause as they leave and Grand Choir sings "Happy Trails"]

[Following is a complete list of 50-year members for 1997-98]

# DALLAS NO. 1

Mrs. Patricia Clayton

Mrs. Edez Cox

Mrs. Jessie Lou Hale

E.R. Landrum, Jr.

Mrs. Imogene Landrum

Mrs. France Eloise Sutphen

# MIZPAH NO. 2

James M. Mayo

Mrs. Juanita Yvonne Roberts

Leonard E. Thorpe, Jr. Mrs. Marie Thorpe

# SAN ANTONIO RADIANT NO. 3

Mrs. Hazel Baker

Mrs. Myrtle Alice Baker

Mrs. Annie Clyde Blevins, Sr.

Mrs. Margaretha Dettling

Mrs. Edith R. Fain

Mrs. Elizabeth Ferry

Mrs. Darlene Lasley

Mrs. Dorothy C. Lyons Mrs. Myrtle Mae Martin Mrs. Lorena B. Monty Mrs. Lahoma Oliver Mrs. Margaret Williams

# PARIS NO. 5

Mrs. Donnie Fay Brown T.L. Talma Lee Brown Mrs. Lou Ann Jones Mrs. Coye Reid

# CLARENDON NO. 6

Mrs. Wilma Batson W.R. Christal Mrs. Catherine Porter Mrs. Svea Quinlan Mrs. Billie Jean Roberts

# WACO NO. 7

Miss Iva Mae Bain Mrs. Marguerite Holley Mrs. Evelyn Kaiser Homer Lockridge Mrs. Virginia Lockridge Mrs. Hallie Martin Mrs. Bobbie Pinto

# TARRANT NO. 8

Mrs. Lorine Peoples

# SAN ANGELO NO. 10

Mrs. June Dunkin Mrs. Belle Guess Mrs. Delores McRee

# CEDAR BAYOU NO. 11

Mrs. Inez Clayton Mrs. Jean Epperson Mrs. Joyce Docker Mrs. Myrtle Lea Shehee

# **ALVIN NO. 15**

Mrs. Mary Goff Mrs. June E. Rowell Mrs. Ann Shuler W.C. Shuler

# SAINT JO NO. 17

Mrs. Elizabeth Beauford Mrs. Quilda Beavers Mrs. Charlsamaye Ezzell

# LEAKEY NO. 18 Mrs. Rocille Kramer

# RUTH NO. 20

Mrs. Julia E. Doggett Mrs. Lenna Nell Fine Mrs. Mildred Harris Mrs. Nevada Miles Mrs. Dorothy Pipes

# WEATHERFORD NO. 21

Mrs. Evelyn Pickle Mrs. Ethel V. Upchurch

# **KERRVILLE NO. 24**

Mrs. Marietza Culwell Mrs. Dollie Frizzell James Jennings Mrs. Lucille Looker Mrs. Josephine M. Roberts Mrs. Ladeana Stansbury

# ROBY NO. 25

Mrs. Ruby Killion Elbert Simmons Mrs. Opal Simmons Mrs. Alba Tefteller

# **ABILENE NO. 30**

Mrs. Dorothy Tilson Jimmie A. Tilson

# FLOYDADA NO. 31

Mrs. Dorothy Lowe Mrs. Viola Rowell Mrs. Mabel Tomlin Mrs. Ruth Trapp

# VASHTI NO. 32

Mrs. Dorothy Bandy Mrs. Mollie Covington Mrs. Elma Gidden Mrs. Geoffrey Kornegay Mrs. Ruth Lovaasen Mrs. Jeanette W. Parks Mrs. Mildred Welch Mrs. Ethel White

# TEXAS NO. 35

Mrs. E'Lane Boazman Mrs. Marjorie Hardy Mrs. Dorene Kenney Mrs. Martha Yantis Mrs. Sally Yantis

# PLAINVIEW NO. 37

Mrs. Mildred Ferrell Mrs. Lena Hamilton Mrs. Lorene Jefferies Mrs. Margaret Judah Mrs. Essie Lowe

MIS. Essle Lowe

Mrs. Loretha Rhoderick

Alex H. Williams

# **IOWA PARK NO. 42**

Garnett J. Ford

Mrs. Iona Ford

Mrs. Martha K. Hemphill

Mrs. Edith Hutchinson

A.B. Latimer

Mrs. Bille Latimer

Roy S. Vanhoove

# **DEVINE NO. 43**

Mrs. Bernice Dodson

Mrs. Eva Weisinger

#### PRUDENCE NO. 44

Mrs. Dorval Burger

Mrs. Elsie Fuhr

Mrs. Gartha H. Redman

Mrs. Alene Rogers

Loyd E. Rogers

# ADAH NO. 49

Mrs. Jessie Belor

Mrs. Katherine Goolsby

Mrs. Selma Maxey

Miss Corine Muenster

Mrs. Lillian Patton

# ALICE NO. 61

Mrs. Gladys Crawford

Mrs. Margaret Wulff

# PAMPA NO. 65

Mrs. Virginia Estes

Mrs. Dorothy E. Hawkins

Mrs. Thelma Moore

Mrs. Rosalie Patchin

Mrs. Connie Roberts

# BIG SPRINGS NO. 67

Jasper F. Gibson

Mrs. Mildred Gibson

#### STOCKDALE NO. 69

Mrs. Lola Dowlearn

Mrs. Larue Manford

Mrs. Jimmie Lou Speed

# BEAUMONT NO. 71

Mrs. Dolly Craig

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Daigle

Mrs. Frances Gleason

Mrs. Allie Mae Lee

Mrs. Violet Sellers

# **BRAZORIA NO. 74**

Mrs. Ima F. Barrow

Mrs. Pauline Danford

# GATE CITY NO. 77

Mrs. Hazel Scalf

Mrs. Leta Westbrook

# RUSH NO. 79

Mrs. Mildred Chapman

Mrs. B. Allindra Heflin

Mrs. Edith Kinsel

Carl B. Lloyd

Mrs. Katie Lloyd

Mrs. Eloise Willingham

# WINTERS NO. 80

Mrs. Nina W. Hale

Mrs. Darlene Sims

# CADDO MILLS NO. 82

Mrs. Mattie Lee Morris

# LAREDO NO. 86

Mrs. Edna Thomas

# FRISCO NO. 93

Mrs. Odyne Harris

Mrs. Hazel Seely

# **WORTHAM NO. 96**

Mrs. Frances Crews

Mrs. Lean Ruth Livingston

Mrs. Marie Shelton

Mrs. Sarah Stephens

# CHILDRESS NO. 101

Mrs. Frances Ballew

Mrs. Marie Darter

Mrs. Fern Maddox

# TENNESSEE COLONY NO. 102

Mrs. Genever Scarborough

Mrs. Jessie Williams

# CANYON CITY NO. 105

Mrs. Svlvia Brown Mrs. Lawanda Hunt Samuel B. Johnson Mrs. Irene Parker O.W. Parker, Jr.

Mrs. Bessie Samuelson

# TYLER NO. 112

Mrs. Margaret Neill Mrs. Henrietta O'Conner

# BROWNWOOD NO. 116

Mrs. Katie M. Cox Mrs. Helen Laurence Mrs. Annie Snow Paul Snow

# CORSICANA NO. 118

Mrs. Marguerite Boldin Mrs. Evelyn Carroll Mrs. Beatrice Henderson Mrs. Ozelle Scarborough Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Mrs. Eva Smith Mrs. Wanza Speed Mrs. Vestal Stover

# ALPINE NO. 132

Mrs. Fave Garnett Mrs. Helen P. Jose Mrs. Margaret Stevens A.G. Webb Mrs. Verna E. Webb

# RANSFORD NO. 135

Mrs. Mary O. Bonner Mrs. Anna Louise Riley Mrs. Kitty Wallace

# ELDORADO NO. 140

Mrs. Alma Corbell

# WIMODAUSIS NO. 141

Mrs. Eunice Fowler Mrs. Edna Marie Thornsberry Mrs. Loyce Tucker Mrs. Virginia Worley

# ATLANTA NO. 151

Mrs. Minnie Merle Aldridge Mrs. Georgia Flanagan Mrs. Lucille Warren

# LULING NO. 155

Mrs. Lois Bell Braswell S. Boozer Mrs. Vivian Fox

# GARLAND NO. 156

Mrs. Berneida Hinckley Mrs. Bettie Ruth Janscha Mrs. Kathryn (Birdie K.) Miller

# **BUFFALO NO. 157**

Mrs. Marie Craig

# VIOLET NO. 158

Mrs. Hazel Hammonds Mrs. Helen Kandis Mrs. Avis Moore Mrs. Mary Alice Skeete Mrs. Albina Swoboda

# WINNIE NO. 160

Miss Ruby Hamilton

# ARANSAS PASS NO. 162

Mrs. Deloris G. Brookes Mrs. Mary Beth Coleman Mrs. Sadie Koonce

# **SPUR NO. 164**

Mrs. Eloise Crockett R.W. Crockett Mrs. Hartense North Mrs. Bettye Jane Pitts

# **BRADY NO. 167**

Mrs. Mabel Carmichael

# **QUINLAN NO. 170**

Mrs. Jeanne L. Dyer

# GLEN ROSE NO. 171

Mrs. Maud Gibbs

# ARHENA NO. 177

Mrs. Dorthie Scirrett

# **CARPENTERS NO. 183**

A.J. Beale Mrs. Beth Melton B.F. Savage

# TRINITY NO. 186

Mrs. Vera S. Jones

# HADASSAH NO. 188

Mrs. Dorothy Beckham

Mrs. Evelyn Caskey

Mrs. Pauline Gever

Mrs. Joyce Harrison

Mrs. Lois Powers Smeal

Mrs. Ruby Whitfield

#### SAN SABA NO. 191

Mrs. Joyce Boynton

Mrs. Lois Cain

Mrs. Hazel Patterson

Mrs. Mildred Ragland

# **BOERNE NO. 200**

John Bowman

Mrs. Marguerite Bowman

Mrs. Edythe Dixon

Mrs. Estelle Norris

Mrs. Argolda Swope

# DEL RIO NO. 204

Mrs. Martha W. Eaton

Mrs. Dorothy Peters

# COMMERCE NO. 208

Mrs. Eunice Hill

# LOCKHART NO. 210

Mrs. Virgalia Efird

# **BORDER NO. 211**

Mrs. Christine Cline

Mrs. Mayee Richey

# MERKEL NO. 212

Dr. Billye G. Gant

Mrs. Margaret McAnninch

Mrs. Mildred Starbuck

Mrs. Fern Windham

# ORANGE NO. 214

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#### ALDINE NO. 1088

Mrs. Mildred Love

Mrs. Doris L. Reese

#### WALLACE HUGHSTON NO. 1100

Mrs. Evelyn E. Muncy

#### CANYON LAKE NO. 1103

Mrs. Helen Barbee

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lozo

#### SUGAR LAND NO. 1107

Edward N. Hastings

Mrs. Betty Norman

Mrs. Ocie Lee Steele

#### LAKE WORTH NO. 1109

Mrs. Margaret Pribble

#### **BELLS NO. 1110**

Mrs. Fave Wrann

#### FRANKSTON NO. 1113

Mrs. Clarice Rogers

#### **GUN BARREL CITY NO. 1114**

Mrs. Ruth Frances Busby

#### **EMERY NO. 1120**

Mrs. Nell Click

JUSTIN NO. 1128 Mrs. Norma G. Morgan KLEIN NO. 1141 Mrs. Vernelle Turner

FRIENDSWOOD NO. 1131 Mrs. Lola Sawver Total 50-Year Members - 1005

WHITEHOUSE NO. 1133 Mrs. Adelene Farmer

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Since we're still at a standstill, we have one last Special Committee report. Let's go ahead and call on Sister Jean Graham for the Time and Talent Committee. The General Chairman is ill, and I've asked Sister Jean to give this report.

# REPORT OF THE TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE

MRS. JEAN GRAHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers of the 116th Session of Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.

Will all Time and Talent Committee members please stand for your report?

I wish to thank those who worked so diligently and introduce my "right hands," the District Chairmen.

Sue Donahew - District 2 Chairman Evenly Berry - District 2 Chairman Winnie Dieken - District 3 Chairman who died July, 1998 Jean Graham - District 4 Chairman Cathy Davidson - District 5 Chairman

As of October 23, 1998, \$3,305.00 was received from the Districts for sale of the Sunflower Stickers. There was an additional \$560 in donations for stickers, by 2 Chapters and 3 individuals, in memory of our District 34 Chairman – Winnie Dieken. This brings our total to \$3,865.00.

Other donations to the Time and Talent program were: Postage \$150.89, Printing – \$38.95 and Phone communications – \$84.36. Total donations \$274.20.

Time and Talent had the great pleasure of decorating and sponsoring the four marvelous parties at the OES Home. The Christmas party was sponsored by District 3, Section 1 and District 4 Past Matrons and Past Patrons. The Valentine party was sponsored by the 11 Time and Talent Committee members of District 3 with the assistance of 10 District 3 Chapters and one Chapter of Section 1. The Easter party was sponsored by District 4 with 7 Chapters donating \$166.00. Mother's Day party was sponsored by District 2 with 19 Chapters donating \$358.00 plus \$41.00 to the O.E.S. Country Store. A total of \$565.00 for parties and Country Store.

Thank you Worthy Matron for these very special appointments. On behalf of

the Sunflowers in our Eastern Star Home may we say thank you to EVERYONE who made a donation to the ladies special fund.

Respectfully submitted, Elsie M. Wright Time & Talent Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of the Time and Talent Committee. Is there any discussion? Those in favor. Well, you haven't thrown those things away; I appreciate it! Those opposed. So moved.

If Sister Cheryl Albrecht is in the Grand Chapter room, we could take her report now. This Time and Talent Committee report was the last report for the Special Committees. [applause] All right, Grand Choir. Let's crank it up one more time. [Grand Choir sang "Because He Lives."]

I have a couple of announcements. Please do not take any of the decorations from the Chapter room. Everything must be returned. The plants go to the Tropical Greenery. I imagine there will be someone at the door seeing if you take them out!

We've talked many times about our membership getting a few more years onto them, not older, but a few more years. We have a lady here from Round Rock Chapter No. 316, Jane Nugent. She's 90 years young, and she has been a member of the Order for 72 years. Let's give her a hand. [applause] Of course, our Past Grand Matron, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, has been with us, I guess, 72 years also. We look to her wise counsel. When we first moved to Texas from Germany, Sister Jane was active in Round Rock Chapter. She has not missed a Grand Chapter since becoming Worthy Matron in 1972. [applause]

I was going to save this till later. I felt the last thing you heard would be the first thing you remember, but I wanted to let Sister Alma Lynn remind you of the time of the Installation this evening, so you will be here on time and in the proper place.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a pleasant and very music-filled evening for you this evening. The Hella Concert Shrine Band will be playing our prelude. Please be in your seats at 5:30. The Installation will begin promptly at 6 p.m. It is my goal, and the goal of those who will be assisting, that we will be going home by 9:30 tonight. So please stay with us. [applause] We have planned an evening that will fulfill our dreams, and we want you to be a part of it. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I hate to just keep looking for something to do, and I'm not doing what I'm fixing to do for that reason. I was going to do it later on because I knew we were going to just zip right through this, but this is Murphy's Law in action I guess. At this time I'd like to ask — and I did not speak with her ahead of time and I apologize to her — I would like to ask Sister Patricia Rasmusson, our Right Worthy Grand Conductress, to bring greetings"

MRS. PAT RASMUSSON: Thank you, Sister Yvonne. And to all my Sisters and Brothers of the great Jurisdiction of Texas, most of your visitors from other

Jurisdictions will be leaving very shortly. We do once more want to thank you for your kind hospitality. When they talk about the hand of friendship, you have extended that to us, and it's certainly bigger and better in the great state of Texas. We've enjoyed watching your processes of legislation, your balloting process. You know, we're not the same all over the United States. It's interesting to go to different jurisdictions and see the differences that separate us in some ways, but that wonderful Ritual that brings us back together, we all share in common.

So to each of you, my Sisters and Brothers, thank you for being who you are, for serving your Chapters, for serving your Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter. I thank you. [applause]

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Sister Marijo King, Credentials Chairman, is going to give an amended report, and Sister Marge Errington and I are going to school.

MRS. MARIJO KING: I think we're all going back to school. Ladies and gentlemen, this is what happens when you get everything done so early, we try to throw something in to slow it down. I would like to explain that what happened was we had many votes not picked up. Somehow in the process of pulling those votes from the envelope to subtract them off, there was an error in what was turned in on the final tally. So there's no votes lost or anything like that; it was just an error on what was pulled. Let me give you the amended report.

#### REVISED CREDENTIALS REPORT

Total number of Chapters represented: 425. That does not change.

Total number of voting delegates: 2,456. That does not change.

Single ballots -- there is a change -- 1,972, which gives a total vote for single ballots of 1,972.

Double ballots -- there is a change -- 381, which gives a total number of double ballot votes of 762.

Triple ballots, 103. That does not change. Total votes with triple ballots, 309.

The total number of votes is 3,043.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, we had a lot of ballots not picked up this year. So when Registration gives their report, they are going to report more registered voters, because they were preregistered. We are reporting those who actually picked them up. If you notice a discrepancy, that's the difference in what is still down there not picked up. Are there any other questions? Are you ready to vote? I move the adoption of the revised report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the revised Credentials report as given. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed. Carried. Thank you, Sister Marijo. I know things like this can be frustrating when you feel like there's a deadline and 3,000 people waiting on you.

Okay. Let's go back to where we were, if I can find where we were. I know this has really helped these people sitting up here that's going to be nominated for their first time. There's nothing like giving them something else to be concerned about. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

MRS. EDITH DILLARD: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Edith Dillard, Worthy Matron of Duncanville 1014. I have the pleasure to place in nomination the name of Jimmie Lee McMahon, a Past Matron of Duncanville 1014, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations?

MRS. DENA MASON: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Dena Mason. I am the Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter No. 820 in Fort Worth. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sharon Fentress, a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter 820, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Sharon Fentress has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Would these two Sisters come forward?

You'll notice that we're not putting the names on the boards until all names have been given and I have introduced them. I think this might make it a little bit more equitable. I introduce Sister Sharon Fentress to my immediate left, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon. Both of these Sisters have been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Thank you, my sweet ones.

Would the Pages take the tops off their ballot box – stand up where everybody can see you – just like a ballot in a Chapter – and shake that little dude. Upside down. And if anything falls out, I hope it's a wad of gum or a lint ball. [laughter] Do all the Pages have their boxes? All right. Are there any questions before we ballot? Put the top back on the box.

VOICE: Put the names on the board.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We will put the names up on the board when I tell you which ballot to use. We are going to use ballot number one. Now would you please put the names on the board, as they were nominated.

VOICES: We can't see the names.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. They must be small. Evidently we're saving money in that area! [laughter] I don't know if I can see them. The first name is McMahon, M-c-M-a-h-o-n. The second name is Fentress, F-e-n-t-r-e-ss. If you have any doubt about the spelling, their pictures are in the back of the Advanced Report. I now declare the ballot open. Finally.

Grand Pages, if you haven't already started, please go collect the ballots and deposit them on table one. Sisters and Brothers, in your ballot envelope we're aware that there's a printing error on ballot number four on some of them. Just wait and

don't use the ballot until we tell you what number. It shows October 1997. Now sometimes we get bogged down, but we're not that bad.

Do we have any more Pages that are available that could help? If you can, please check in with Boss Page, I guess. And, Sisters and Brothers, another thing: We're all adults. We don't have to climb and crawl all over each other to get the ballot box to one another. Pass that ballot box down. [applause] If we can't trust you, we should have checked you out a little better before we let you become a member of the Order!

Has everyone balloted who is entitled to do so? Everyone has balloted. I now declare the ballot closed. The Pages will deposit the ballots on the table, not dump 'em. Have all the ballots been collected? Any more ballots? They say that's all.

Okay. Nominations are in order for the District 2 member of the Board of Grand Trustees.

MRS. SARA CROWDER: I am Sara Crowder, Past Matron of Queen Esther Chapter 833, Abilene. I am proud to place the name of Sister Sheryl Kolterman, Past Matron of Queen Esther 833, for the office of Board of Grand Trustees, District 2 Member.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Sheryl Kolterman has been nominated for the office of District 2 Member, Board of Grand Trustees. Are there other nominations?

MR. STEVE IRELAND: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Steve Ireland, Worthy Patron of Shallowater Chapter 1134. I have the distinct pleasure of placing in nomination the name of Leah Hayes, Past Matron of University Chapter 1082 and Dual Member of Shallowater Chapter 1134, for the position of Board of Grand Trustees, District 2.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Leah Hayes has been nominated for the office of District 2 Member, Board of Grand Trustees. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Sisters and Brothers, before proceeding I would like to introduce you to these two Sisters: Sister Sheryl Kolterman to my far left, Sister Leah Hayes. We welcome you here with us today. Thank you, Sisters. Sisters and Brothers, we will be balloting on ballot number two. I now declare the ballot open. Grand Pages, you will begin to collect the ballots as soon as the people have had time. Kolterman, K-o-l-t-e-r-m-a-n. Hayes, H-a-y-e-s.

Also, Sisters and Brothers, if we still need some more Pages to pick up the ballots, we do not have to have just Sisters do that. You know, you Brothers could help! [applause] You've got more mobility most of the time than we do, or at least you try to tell us you do.

Have all balloted that wants to ballot or can ballot on this particular one? I now declare the ballot closed. The Grand Pages will deposit the ballots on table number two.

Sisters and Brothers, we're playing games on your time. I know I've got a Texas drawl, but y'all do too, so you should be able to understand me. Naomi is already elected; we don't need her name on the ballot. She probably wishes you had

done this earlier; bless her heart. And we've got a write-in, which I'm sure this person would be an excellent Board member. And we have both last names of two candidates. So pay attention. You drove down here and paid those high prices to stay in the hotel and eat, so don't do it for nothing.

The Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. As I said, I'm sure glad they're going to change that name. Nominations are now open for the office of District 1 Member of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. These candidates have already previously drawn for places on the ballot. Nominations are now open.

MRS. DOROTHY VENABLE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Dorothy Venable, Worthy Grand Matron, Nash 320. It is my great privilege to put in nomination the name of Laurel Roth, Past Matron, Nash 320, for the office of Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 1.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Laurel Roth has been nominated for the office of District 1 Member, Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Are there other nominations?

MRS. JUDITH SAUNDERS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Judith Saunders, Worthy Matron of Corsicana Chapter 118. It is my privilege to place in nomination the name of Lewis N. Mathison, Past Patron of Chico Chapter 443 and Corsicana Chapter 118, for the office of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 1.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Lewis Mathison has been nominated for the District 1 Member of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by written ballot after I introduce this Sister and this Brother. Would they please come forward. To my immediate left is Sister Laurel Roth, and to her left is Brother Lewis Mathison. We thank you both for being here. We will proceed to ballot on ballot number three. I now declare the ballot open. The last names of this Sister and this Brother are spelled Roth, R-o-t-h; Mathison, M-a-t-h-i- s-o-n. Grand Pages, you will collect these ballots and deposit them on table number three. I declare the ballot closed. Please deposit your ballots on table number three.

Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Registration Chairman. This is my used-to-be friend until I put her on the Registration Committee. We'll talk about it later.

# REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you for allowing me to serve with this wonderful group of members on your Registration Committee We have worked hard, but we have had a lot of fun getting to meet the membership. It is my privilege to introduce those who served with me:

Joyce Waddell-Co-Chairman

Abigail Freeman-District I

Margie Daniel Curry-District II

Linda Goodlett-District III

Jimmy Williams-District III- who recently had heart by-pass surgery, and could not be with us.

Toby Lytle-District IV

D. A. Morris-District V

And special thanks to my friend Max Fairchild, who stepped in to help when Jimmy was unable to attend, and to all the others who have helped me.

We are pleased to submit the following report:

CATEGORY	PRE- REGIST.	REG. AT GR. CHAPTER	TOTAL REGISTRATION
Voting Delegates	2502	274	2776
Non-Voting Members	347	69	416
Other Grand Jurisdictions	$_{-164}$	62	$\underline{226}$
TOTAL REGISTRATION	3013		3418
Less Exempt from fee OES & Masonic	0.0		22
Home Residents	20	0	20
Less MWGM Reg.	_1	0	<u>_1</u>
TOTAL REGISTRATION WITH FEES	3013		3397
TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE COLLECTED	\$33,970.00		
Less Refunds	\$80.00		
Total Net Money Deposited	\$33,890.00		

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Albrecht General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the Registration report. All in favor please raise your cards. All opposed, same. Motion carried. Look at all these Halloween outfits we've got here! Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, we appreciate you. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, we're going to work on some of the Grand Examiner elections. Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1.

MRS. RETHA GIANNOTTI: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Retha Giannotti,

Worthy Matron of Athens Chapter 177. It is my privilege and pleasure to place in nomination the name of Donna Douglas, Past Matron and Endowed Member of Athens Chapter 177, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Donna, would you come forward, please. Sister Donna Douglas has been nominated for Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. Those in favor of Sister Donna Douglas, Grand Examiner of District 1, will say "aye." Those opposed. Sister Donna is elected. Sister Donna, do you accept?

MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I accept.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} WORTHY GRAND MATRON: This is your new Grand Examiner for District $1.$ [applause] \end{tabular}$ 

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2.

MR. HORTON KIDD: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Horton Kidd, a Past Patron of Friendship 1008 and Odessa 447. I wish to nominate Kimi Kidd, a Past Matron of Odessa 447 and a Dual Member of Cora Posey 1072 in Abilene, for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Kimi Kidd has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. Are there other nominations? Sister Kimi, would you come forward? This is Sister Kimi Kidd. We will proceed to vote by acclamation. Those in favor "aye." Those opposed "no." I declare Sister Kimi Kidd elected Grand Examiner of District 2. Do you accept?

MRS. KIMI KIDD: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I accept.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Examiner of District 3.

MRS. VIRGINIA STRONG: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Virginia Strong, Worthy Matron of Castleberry Chapter 1028. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Nancy Brown, a Past Matron of Castleberry Chapter 1028, for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Nancy Brown has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 3. Are there other nominations? Sister Nancy, would you come forward, please? She has been our Grand Examinerat-Large. But like I always tell you, when I served in that office it was called the Large Grand Examiner. [laughter] We will proceed to elect Sister Nancy Brown Grand Examiner of District 3 by acclamation. Those in favor "aye." Those opposed "nay." I now declare Sister Nancy Brown elected Grand Examiner of District 3. [applause] Do you accept?

MRS. NANCY BROWN: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I do. Thank you very much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: This may not be the time or place, but I don't believe they're going to excommunicate me right now. Sister Nancy Brown is the daughter of our late Past Grand Matron, Doris Easterling.

Nominations are now open for Grand Examiner of District 4.

MRS. AGNES DAVIDSON: My name is Agnes Davidson, Worthy Matron of Pearland Chapter 1065. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Karen Morganthaler, a Past Matron of Pearland Chapter 1065, for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Karen Morgenthaler has been nominated for Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Are there other nominations? Sister Karen, would you come forward, please? Sister Karen Morgenthaler has been nominated for Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. There being no other nominations, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. Those in favor "aye." Those opposed "no." I now declare Sister Karen Morgenthaler elected Grand Examiner of District 4. Do you accept?

MRS. KAREN MORGENTHALER: I accept, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Karen. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 5.

MRS. DOROTHY WHITE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Dorothy White, a Past Matron of Beeville Chapter 422. I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Sister Doris Jean Hester, a Past Matron of Violet Chapter 158 and Beeville Chapter 422, for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners of District 5 for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Doris Hester has been nominated for the office of Grand Examiner, District 5. Are there other nominations? Sister Doris, would you come forward, please? Hearing no other nominations, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Doris Hester for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, say "aye." Opposed "no." I now declare Sister Doris Hester elected Grand Examiner of District 5. Sister Doris, do you accept?

MRS. DORIS HESTER: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, and thank you, the membership. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners-at-Large.

MRS. JUANITA ANDERSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Juanita Anderson, a Past Matron of Bastrop Chapter 64 and Smithville Chapter 39. I have the pleasure of placing the name of Janice Hoffman in nomination – she is a Past Matron of Lewisville 935 and Bastrop 64 – for the office of Grand Examiner-at-Large.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MRS. LUCILLE CAIN: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Lucille Cain, a Past Matron of Rio Hondo Chapter 815. I am pleased to place the name of Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek, a Past Matron of Rio Hondo Chapter 815, in nomination for the office of Grand Examiner-at-Large for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MRS. ERNESTINE MAULDIN: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Ernestine Mauldin. I am the Worthy Matron of Grand Prairie Chapter 219. It is my honor to place the name in nomination of Sandra Perdue for the office of Grand Examiner-at-Large. She is a Past Matron of Grand Prairie 219.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations? I would like to introduce these Sisters whose names have been placed in nomination. As soon as I introduce them, we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Before you get carried away, don't use that number four ballot. To my immediate left is Janice Hoffman, Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek, Sandra Perdue. Thank you, my Sisters. We will proceed to use ballot number five. Now don't act surprised! We're skipping four. The names are spelled: Hoffman, H-o-f-f-m-a-n; Dusek, D-u-s-e-k; Perdue, P-e-r-d-u-e. I now declare the ballot open. Grand Pages, after you have collected the ballots, they will go on table four.

Grand Choir, how about waking us up? [Grand Choir sang "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."]

Has everybody voted?

VOICES: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You are awake. I now declare the ballot closed. Pages, you will deposit the ballots on table four. Sister Elise, have fun!

[Grand Choir sang "There's Something About That Name."]

We have an election. Remember, we're all Sisters and Brothers. As I said earlier, we must continue to be kind, one to another, if we're going to continue to have an Order of the Eastern Star. Total votes cast: 2,913; needed to elect: 1,457. Now I told you I was not going to hold these, and I'm holding you to your word. When I give these totals, don't leave me. I'm begging you not to do that because we've got the rest of these elections and we may have to have a runoff. We're early enough for you to still bathe and have supper. Okay. McMahon: 1,928; Fentress: 985. Total votes cast: 2,913. Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, would you come to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege to introduce to you our newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Let's tell her how proud we are for her. [applause]

Before these girls converge on her, I want to make another introduction. When we do have a spouse in our life, they're very necessary to our endeavors. I would like to introduce Brother Harold McMahon. [applause] Now whenever her feet hit the ground, she might start saying, "Well, Harold, you're going to have to do this and do that," but right now this Line wants to welcome you. Y'all be kind and gentle with her! [Grand Line Officers met the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress in the East and presented her with a sheaf of red roses.]

Okay. Now what were we doing? Singing? Let's go back to singing. Have we closed the ballot on table four? I guess we have. If you have one eye on yesterday, one on tomorrow, today is going to be cockeyed. I guess that's what I've done. I apologize. [Grand Choir sang "Love Lifted Me."]

I looked to see if they gave her my roses from this morning – going to recycle them. But mine's still up here. [laughter]

At this time I'm going to call on Nancy Brown to do one more duty as Grand Examiner-at-Large for her to give her report.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER-AT-LARGE

MRS. NANCY BROWN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

"Nothing else can quite compare to the happiness we find In the comfort of a friendship that's the warm and lasting kind, And there's nothing else that can compare to knowing, as friends do, We share an understanding that will last a lifetime through."

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you were each the epitome of Constant Friends this year. Thank you for every courtesy extended to the office of Grand Examiner-At-Large and to me personally.

It is with a very grateful heart that I thank the membership of this wonderful Grand Jurisdiction for the privilege of again serving as Grand Examiner-At-Large. Your thoughtfulness and generosity throughout the year were such blessings and I cherish each friendship.

To my co-workers on Board of Grand Examiners, my life has been enriched by your friendships. Your enthusiasm and support are invaluable to me.

It was my privilege to be able to open the Examining Room for the School of instruction for District V Section 3 held in Boerne for Mrs. Doris Hester, Grand Examiner of District V.

We had a wonderful time in the Examining Room this Grand Chapter Session. This year's response by the membership has absolutely been overwhelming. Our goal had been to exceed the 22 certificates which we issued at last year's Grand Chapter. This year certificates were issued to 8 very enthusiastic first-timers, as well as to an equally enthusiastic 76-year member.

I would like to express a very special thank you to each of the members who so willingly assisted in the Examining Room during Grand Chapter. It is only with your help that I am able to present the following report of certificates issued.

District I:	10	A Certificates	0	B Certificates
District II:	8	A Certificates	0	B Certificates
District III:	27	A Certificates	0	B Certificates
District IV:	5	A Certificates	0	B Certificates
District V:	1	A Certificates	0	B Certificates
TOTAL:	51	A Certificates	0	B Certificates

May the wonderful friendships established and nourished this year continue to bring forth a harvest of "Constant Friends".

Respectfully submitted: Nancy Brown Board of Grand Examiners-At-Large

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of the Grand Examiner-at-Large. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, hold your card or ballot or something up. Those opposed. Carried. Thank you, Sister Nancy.

Again, Sisters and Brothers, I admonish you that we are all Sisters and Brothers. We have another election. Total votes cast: 2,792; number of votes to elect: 1,396. This is for the Board of Grand Trustees, District 2. Hayes: 1,757; Kolterman: 1,035. I pronounce Hayes elected as the new member of the Board of Grand Trustees, District 2. Sister Leah, would you come to the East. This is Sister Leah Hayes, newly elected member of the Board of Grand Trustees, District 2. Let's welcome her. [applause]

Brother Richard Ochs, are you through with counting on your table? I don't want you up here. I just want to say something. Today is Richard Ochs' birthday. Let's sing "Happy Birthday" to him. [applause]

Once again, Sisters and Brothers, you don't know how much everybody appreciates the attention you've shown by remaining with us. It won't be much longer, I don't think.

Sisters and Brothers, we have another election. We're just clicking it off. This is for the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 1. Again, let's be kind one to another. Total votes cast: 3,069. Number of votes to elect: 1,535. The results were Roth —

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Wait just a minute. We can't have 3,069 because -

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We've got another "oops." I'm sorry. Erase that.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: The final number we came up with on votes to be cast was 3,043, and we have 3,069. It must be the Halloween goblins that are really helping us today.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** How's that for putting somebody in suspense? We're going to wait. Don't leave.

To the Installed Grand Officers for this year, the Grand Secretary has to have your badge back before we leave. Now if you don't turn them in to her, I'm going to send some big old boy out to get them!

I want to make a couple of thank you's as a filler. I want to thank our General Grand Officers for being with us and being so kind and attentive while we're sitting here wrangling around. But I appreciate them being with the membership because

we hold you in the highest esteem.

I want to thank those who have worked the doors and the Pages and their Chairmen, because without this we cannot secure our Grand Chapter. And if we do not have the building secure, we cannot have a Grand Chapter.

I want to thank my driver, Mike Furrie. He got me every place I was supposed to be on time.

And, naturally, it goes without saying, my District Deputy Grand Matrons and my secretary who have served as my pages. I am really going to miss that. I just don't think Robert will be quite that helpful when we get home. In fact, he has told me he will not.

I want to thank our Parliamentarian. She's a dear friend of long standing. She was also a Deputy with me when we served with Sister Elsie Paladino. A sweet, sweet person.

And our Worthy Grand Patron, he knows what he means to me. He and Juanita. They have been steadfast friends, not only to me, but to the membership of the Order.

And, Robert, wherever he might be: I make fun and kid, but I wouldn't have wanted to try to do this without him.

And, you the membership, you're the best of the best. [applause] You know, we wrangle and carry on, but we've learned how to disagree, hopefully, without being disagreeable. And this is what is so wonderful. I especially like for us to come to Grand Chapter and get along and have a productive session, because how can we expect the members of a Subordinate Chapter to get along if we can't at Grand Chapter level? So I appreciate the efforts you have made to be here and to support this Worthy Grand Matron in all of the programs. We've had good reports, and I know we're going to continue to have good things. I thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. Now this is not my formal thank you, I'll do that in a little bit at the right time. But I just want you to know how much I appreciate you, because most of us in this room would not know each other if it was not for the Order of the Eastern Star.

You know, many times in Chapters we hear of sickness and distress, and it's really sad. Many of us look like the walking wounded all the time. But very seldom do we get a good message. I got a card from some people not long ago — a woman — said that during the sickness and distress and other good things, they'd had a long list of people being on their last legs. But someone stood up and said that a fellow she had been seeing had proposed to her and she had accepted. And so now they are celebrating their honeymoon at Grand Chapter. Now that is dedication! [applause]

[Grand Choir sang "When the Saints Go Marching In."]

Sisters and Brothers, at Betty Friend's luncheon they found a pair of redbird earrings. I know that somebody would want them. Oh, my word, it was Our Mama Redbird! I'll hold them up here.

[Grand Choir sang "When We All Get to Heaven."]

Sisters and Brothers, you're doing good. We've got an election, but that doesn't

mean I want you to just jump up and run out. Okay. For Examiner-at-Large, total votes cast: 2,799; number of votes to elect: 1,400. The results, Hoffman: 298; Dusek: 1,004; Perdue: 1,497. I declare Sandra Perdue elected. Sandra, would you and Brother Eddie come to the East, please. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege to introduce to you our new Grand Examiner-at-Large, Sandra Perdue. Let's show her our appreciation. [applause] And she has a spouse also that most of you know, Brother Eddie Perdue. We appreciate his competence and support of Sandra.

MR. EDDIE PERDUE: I voted against her.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: He said he voted against her. [Laughter]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize Sister Alma Bane.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. May I make an announcement?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You may.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: The same thing happened to me three years ago. I understand there's going to be an ice hockey game here tomorrow, and they will begin lowering the temperature. So I wanted everyone to be aware to bring a jacket this evening. We will get you out as fast as we can. And, Worthy Grand Matron, you may wear the sundress of your choice! [applause and laughter] Particularly if it's green, it's okay.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's fine. My thermostat works different from anybody else's, but they all know it.

Sisters and Brothers, I believe the goblins have left us alone. We have an election. Again, please do not get up and leave. We've got the Jurisprudence report, which is a short one; we're going to recognize the Arrangements Committee; we're going to have the invitation for next year, and we're going to have our closing. Let's just do this like we meant to do all along.

This is for Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 1. Total votes cast: 2,803. Number of votes to elect: 1,402. Results, Mathison: 2,070; Roth: 733. I declare Lewis Mathison elected as the District 1 Member of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Would Brother Lewis Mathison and Bonnie come forward, please? Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege to introduce the new District 1 Member of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, Brother Lewis Mathison, a member of Corsicana Chapter. Let's welcome him. [applause] This is the days of ERA. We not only have husbands that support us, we have wives. This is Sister Bonnie Mathison, his wife who has supported him in an excellent manner. Let's thank her. [applause] Thank you, Brother Lewis — Oh, I didn't ask, do you accept?

MR. LEWIS MATHISON: With thanks to the membership and with God's help, I accept.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You can't do any better than that. Okay. I'm going to call names to see who is left! Sister Elsie Paladino will now give the Jurisprudence report.

# FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, this is the final report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Sisters and Brothers, we have carefully reviewed the decisions and actions of our Worthy Grand Matron and find them to be consistent with the powers delegated to her by our Constitution and Laws.

We highly commend the Worthy Grand Matron, as well as the Worthy Grand Patron. They have served with patience, understanding and courage. They have both been tireless in their efforts of service to our Membership.

We commend the Membership of this Grand Chapter for your participation in the legislation and for your interest and concern for the best interest of this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, standing with me, thank you for the privilege of service. We love you both.

Worthy Grand Matron, we move the adoption of this Final Report.

Jurisprudence Committee
Billy Combest
Betty Phillips Hagar
Lola "Peaches" Wallace
Effie Mae Davis
Elsie M. Paladino, Chairman

And, Worthy Grand Matron, there is no unfinished business left.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded to accept the final report for the Jurisprudence Committee. All in favor, if you've still got a card, raise it up. All opposed. Motion carried. I thank this Committee.

I want to thank Sister Rennie Ofton for being our Election Judge. You're a delight. [applause] And I thank you for all of your guidance. I've called this lady and sent her faxes. I'll bet she wishes I didn't have her fax number. But you moved it along in the manner that I feel the membership appreciates, and I appreciate and love you.

At this time I would entertain a motion to destroy the ballots. The motion has been made and seconded that we destroy the ballot. All in favor. All opposed. Sister Rennie, you do not have to carry them home with you now.

At this time I would ask that the Executive, Arrangements, Security and Special Services Committees meet in the West.

I recognize Sister Rennie. Could Sister Rennie have some power? She does, but I mean on the mike. [laughter]

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Worthy Grand Matron, would you please release

the Tellers and the adding machine operators?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Well, I thought we could just let them hold over till next year.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: They can't wait that long.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I now release the Tellers, the Table Judges and Assistants and the adding machine operators with my love and appreciation. [applause]

How I would love to recognize every one of you by name, but time does not permit. However, to Zena Wilson, our Executive Committee; Bill Prague, our Arrangements Committee; and Lucia Trammell, Housing: I know this membership would like to join me in expressing appreciation for the consideration and love you have shown. Sisters and Brothers, please help me show our appreciation to these hard workers. [applause] I do not live in this section, but I feel that the love that you have for the Order has been shown in the work that you have done. To each of you, I am eternally grateful. You accepted the challenge; you have worked hard. You have gone above and beyond anything that could have been asked of you, and you have done it with a willing spirit. There is much love in your hearts for the membership of Texas. You are truly fairest among thousands, altogether lovely.

Brother Bill Prague, would you escort Sister Zena Wilson to the East. And I would ask the others to be seated in the Chapter room without ceremony. [applause] I now recognize Sister Zena Wilson.

MRS. ZENA WILSON: Worthy Grand Matron, it is now time for us to invite Brother Bill Bane to come to the East so that he can make an official invitation for us to have Grand Chapter in Waco in 1999.

**DR. BILL BANE:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers, I am Bill Bane. I will be serving as Executive Chairman for the 117th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas of the Order of the Eastern Star. On stage with me are the other Executive Committee members, the Arrangements General Chairman Buddy Baker, and the Co-chairmen of the Arrangements Committee. Around the floor are the other members of the Arrangements Committee.

We are all here this afternoon to invite you to the 117th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star to be held in Waco, Texas, the Heart of Texas, on September 23rd thru 25th, 1999.

I know that for most of you this will be the first time you have attended a Grand Chapter Session in Waco. But do not think Waco does not know how to host such a great event. Waco also hosted the 37th Session in 1919.

While we have not been able to call upon the expertise of any of the 1919 Arrangements Committee members, we have found a large group of talented people who are excited to be part of and to contribute to the best Grand Chapter Session held in the Heart of Texas in eighty years. We have already been working and planning for your coming to Waco for some time, and, by next September 23rd everything will be ready and in place for you to have a great time in Waco while attending Grand Chapter.

Now without any further ado, it is my honor and privilege to make the following motion:

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of Worthy Grand Matron-elect, Alma Bane, and Worthy Grand Patron-elect, Henry Martin, and the membership of District 3 Section 9 and all adjacent sections, I move that the 117th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star be held in Waco, Texas, on September 23rd thru 25th, 1999, and invite all Eastern Stars in Texas to come and help us make it one of the friendliest and most exciting Grand Chapters you have ever been to.

Thank you.

[Singing of "Deep in the Heart of Texas."]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Is there a second to that gracious motion?

VOICES: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I take that as a "yes." Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to accept this gracious invitation for the 117th Grand Chapter Session to be held in Waco. Do we have any discussion? All in favor raise your cards. Opposed, do the same. Motion carried. We're looking forward to it. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers.

Brother Kenneth, I invite you to bring closing remarks.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. Worthy Grand Matron, on October 11th, 1997, in Dallas, Texas, we took that first step. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for asking me to join you in this journey. My prayer is that the friendship which we have developed will grow stronger and remain constant in future years. It has been a journey that has taken this Worthy Grand Patron from Orlando, Florida, to Portland, Oregon; to several other Grand Jurisdictions and all across this great state of Texas traveling many thousands of miles.

Such a journey requires health, stamina and great strength. I thank my Father in Heaven for He is the source of these gifts. But God gives us strength as we reach out and touch others and as others reach out and touch our lives. Traveling through Galilee, Jesus and His disciples stopped at Jacob's well to rest. While the disciples went into the village to buy food, Jesus had a conversation with a Samaritan woman at the well. Their lives touched each other. Later the disciples returned with food and urged their Master to eat. Jesus replied, "I have need to eat that you know not of." Jesus received strength and nourishment because He reached out and touched the life of the Samaritan woman, and she reached out and touched Him.

No Worthy Grand Patron could make this journey without the strength and support of others touching his life. The following have touched my life this past year and have given me strength and support. First, my wife of fifty years. Thank you, Juanita, for the support that I have felt from you. [applause] The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction have also given me a source of strength and support. The Installed Floor Officers and Elected Boards for the support that they have given to me. The Deputies of this General Grand Chapter.

The Gleaners and Reapers of this great state. I would not stand in this position if it were not for my two Chapters. Spurger Chapter 315 and Wisteria 823, would they please stand wherever they are in the Chapter room. [applause] Then all the members of District 4, Section 2, would you please stand and join them. Thank you so much. You are a beautiful section. Then to you the membership, I want to thank you for the many acts of kindness with which you have reached out and touched this Worthy Grand Patron this past year. You have given me strength for the journey.

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,

The touch of your hand and mine

Which means far more to the fainting heart

Than shelter and bread and wine.

For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,

And bread lasts only a day.

But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice

Sing in the soul always.

Mother Teresa said, "We cannot do great things on this earth. We can only do little things with great love." Thank you the membership for doing those little things, like touching or hugging this Worthy Grand Patron, with great love. Truly, the touch of your hand and the sound of your voice will sing in the soul of this Worthy Grand Patron always.

Just as a journey of a thousand miles begins with one step, it also ends with one step. Worthy Grand Matron, we are about to take that last step. It has been a beautiful journey made even more beautiful because your lives have touched mine. To the membership. Keep on doing those little things, like a touch or a hug, with great love. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. I love you. [applause and standing ovation]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I did all my thank you's while ago. But I want to thank you one last time for the love you have given to me. When I was elected, my mobility was much worse than it is now. And the statement came back that I should not pursue on to the Grand East because I was crippled. Well, I told someone, my body may be slow, but there wasn't anything that I would admit that was wrong with my mind. [applause] And you the membership have held me up in your prayers. I know that's why I'm able to get around much better, because you have truly been there for me. At the Grand Chapters when I was in such pain, you didn't mind when the Pages would hand me off like a baton in a relay race, because they were doing it with love. You realized, I think, that we could make it here.

Financially I could not have done it without my Chairman of Finance and my best friend, Robert Brownfield. [applause] He has been my rock and my best critic. And to be blessed in this manner, I am truly grateful. So I will not say any more to you because I'm pleased and proud that you stayed with us and we got this election over. When I left Gatesville, in my mind I thought, well — I had a target time of two o'clock. And yesterday I thought we might do a little better. But, you know, we had to get jump-started two or three times. Murphy's Law. For some reason we were not supposed to get through any sooner than we did. Everything happens for a reason.

I will leave you with this message that I have left you with for a long time. Let us be kind, forbearing and forgiving one to another. Let us return kindness for hostility. Let us sacredly preserve our lips from slander and evil speaking. And

whatever may be our failings, let us throw around each other the broad mantle of charity. I love you. [applause and standing ovation]

Before Sister Lallah Mae voices our benediction, let me remind you one other time about the badges. It is my privilege and pleasure to ask Sister Lallah Mae Vollus to voice the benediction to close this session. She is one of the most knowledgeable women that Texas is fortunate enough to have in Eastern Star. She served Rainbow; she served her Lord and her church, and she has served us well. We are so very, very proud to have Sister Lallah Mae with us.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Thank you. We have so much for which to give thanks. Because I believe that there is strength in the human touch, I'm asking you to touch the hand of your neighbor as we reach up to touch the hand of God. Heavenly Father, in the closing hour of another year as we file the record of our labors, and they become the history of this administration, we come with words of praise and thanksgiving into Your presence. We thank You for the watchful care over all of us, for Your guidance of our precious leaders, for Your comfort when we were in the valley and for Your support and challenge when we stood on the mountain-tops. We humbly pray that our actions have been pleasing unto You and for the good of all of this great fraternity. As we depart to prepare for the facing of a new year and new challenges, enfold us in Thy protecting love and care and keep our focus upon the call of the Star of the East, that of peace and good will toward all men. Grant that our efforts may be for the betterment of all men and pleasing unto Your sight. We pray humbly in the name of Your Son whose Star we follow. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae. Immediately after we close, the Grand Choir will meet down in front of the East. Brother Cleo still has one more shot on that camera, and we don't want to waste it. We went to Alaska, and Robert finally took the film out of the camera the other day. I kept fussing for him to finish the roll. He said, "Well, I've still got some pictures on it." I know now why he didn't want to change the film. It took him two hours and a pair of scissors to change it.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to engage in the ceremony of calling this Grand Chapter session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we're about to call this Grand Chapter from labor to rest, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged. Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed as the Grand Choir sang "Alleluia."] I now call this 116th "Friendship Is Constant" Session from labor to rest until Installation at 6 p.m., with the Processional beginning at 5:30, at which time we will have our Installation of Officers for 1998-99. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this Session of Grand Chapter is now closed. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. You have been the greatest!

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# A Tapestry of Love and Service



The 117th Installation of The Grand Chapter of Texas

October 31, 1998 Fort Worth, Texas

#### THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

#### Presents

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Installation of Grand Officers

# "A Tapestry of Love and Service"

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Fort Worth Convention Center Fort Worth, Texas

6:00 P.M.

#### HONORED GUESTS

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, 1997-1998

Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Chairman
Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah
Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Registration
Mr. Harold Todd, Knights Templar Eye Foundation

#### and

#### Past Grand Matrons of Texas

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus Mrs. Eunice Connell Mrs. Ruby Enloe Mrs. Katherine Poulis

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard Mrs. Molly Goodpasture Mrs. Edna Earl Duke Mrs. Mildred Sharpe

Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith

Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen Mrs. Sally Matranga Mrs. Frances Key Herrin

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Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast

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Mrs. Lois Bell
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Mrs. Jean Nesbitt
Mrs. Doris Efird

Mrs. Betty Phillips Hager

Mrs. Jane Gregory

Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green Mrs. Wanda Fairchild

Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland

Mrs. Alma Carter

#### Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Mr. Herbert L. Arnold Mr. Richard T. Porter Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes Mr. Paul Huffhines Dr. O. D. Christian Mr. Murray Watson Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver Mr. Oliver B. Chamberlin

Mr. Gene Belk Mr. Ralph A. Davis Mr. Wayne P. Jones Mr. B. F. Hutson

Mr. Harry G. Cunningham

Mr. Joe E. Jeffers

Mr. Graham H. Childress

Mr. Glen Whitaker Mr. Garland Rattan Mr. Leland Benefield Mr. Charles Morris Mr. Billy Combest

Mr. Richard Ochs

#### **DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons

Visiting General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions

Installed Grand Officers of Other Jurisdictions

**Grand Lodge Officers** 

Fraternal Youth Organizations Leaders

#### SPECIAL GUESTS

Worthy Grand Matron-elect's Parent Chapter Waco Chapter No. 7 District Three Section 9

Worthy Grand Matron-elect's Dual Chapter Franklin Chapter No. 311 District Four Section 6

Worthy Grand Patron-elect's Parent Chapter Edwin J. Kiest Chapter No. 959 District One Section 4

## INSTALLATION PROGRAM 6:00 P.M.

Musical Selections

Mrs. Jackie Stogner Grand Soloist, District II and Hella Shrine Concert Band

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, PGM

Processional Marshal

Mrs. Edna Goettee, PM

Presentation of Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Yvonne S. Brownfield, WGM Mr. Kenneth Gregory, WGP

Call to Order

Mrs. Yvonne S. Brownfield, WGM

Presentation of Honored Guests Distinguished Guests, and Special Guests Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, PGM Master of Ceremonies Mrs. Edna Goettee, PM Processional Marshal

Presentation of Elected Boards

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, PGM Master of Ceremonies

Board of Grand Examiners
Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences
Board of Grand Trustees

# Presentation of Grand Officers for 1998-1999

Fraternal correspondent
Escorted by Mr. John Creel

Mrs. Marvolyn Province

**Grand Sentinel** 

Mr. Forrest Smith

Escorted by Mrs. Gail Smith

**Grand Warder** 

Mrs. Tally McAferty

Escorted by Mr. Charles Fred McAferty

Grand Electa

Mrs. Betty Lynn

Escorted by Mr. Clinton Lynn

Grand Martha Mrs. Billie Glover Escorted by Mr. Jerry Glover Grand Esther Mrs. Opal Martin Escorted by Mr. Fred Wall Grand Ruth Mrs. Betty Jo Dean Escorted by Mr. David Dean Grand Adah Mrs. Greta Bane Hecker Escorted by Mr. Douglas Hecker Mrs. Joyce Gilbert **Grand Organist** Escorted by Mr. Jimmy Gilbert Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw Grand Marshal Escorted by Mr. Charles Britt Mrs. Betty Stiles Grand Chaplain Escorted by Mr. Bradley C. Stiles Associate Grand Conductress Jimmie Lee McMahon Escorted by Harold McMahon Mrs. Naomi Wolfe **Grand Conductress** Escorted by Mr. Robert Wolfe **Grand Treasurer** Mrs. Patsy Wilson Escorted by Mr. Herbert Wilson **Grand Secretary** Mrs. Marjorie Errington Escorted by Mr. Kris Miller Associate Grand Patron Mr. H. Lee Stallings Escorted by Mrs. Patricia Stallings Associate Grand Matron Mrs. Betty Friend Escorted by Mr. Jack Friend Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Henry S. Martin

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane Escorted by Dr. Charles William (Bill) Bane

Escorted by Mrs. Janice Herridge

Presentation of Holy Bible Mrs. Sandra Lynn Kaemmlein Franklin Chapter No. 311

Sister of Worthy Grand Matron-elect

Presentation of Bible Marker Miss Deborah Elizabeth Bane

Waco Chapter No. 7

Presentation of Square and Compasses Mr. Charles Pinto, Worthy Patron

Waco Chapter No. 7

Mr. Ray Akins, Worthy Patron Franklin Chapter No. 311

Master Ryan Christopher Hecker

Grandson of Worthy Grand Matron-elect

Presentation of Pink Rose and White Camelia Miss Cynthia Ann Bane

Waco Chapter No. 7 Miss Erika Hopkins

Great-niece of Worthy Grand Patron-elect

Emblem Presentation Mrs. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron

Adah Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith, Past Grand Matron

Mr. Charles Morris, Past Grand Patron

Ruth Mrs. Barbara Ochs, Escort

Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron

Esther Mrs. Lynda Benefield, Escort

Mr. Leland Benefield, Past Grand Patron

Martha Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Past Grand Matron

Mr. Joe Jeffers, Past Grand Patron

Electa Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, Past Grand Matron

Mr. Harold Todd, Past Grand Patron

Flag Presentation

United States Flag
Texas Flag
Mr. Paul Yenger
Mr. Jerry Trees
Christian Flag
Mr. Andrew Scott
Eastern Star Flag
Mr. Joe White

Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Garland Rattan, Past Grand Patron

The National Anthem Mrs. Patsy Duke

Grand Soloist, District IV
Mrs. Chloe Schultea
Accompanies

(Grand Officers to be installed will retire to the West)

Greetings

Opening of Holy Bible by	Mrs. Betty Friend Grand Conductress	
Invocation	Mr. Murray Watson Past Grand Patron	
Dedication	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus Past Grand Matron	
Solo "Keeper of the Stars"	Mr. Donnie Broughton Grand Soloist, District I	
Presentation of Installation Grand Officer	. Mrs. Wanda Fairchild Past Grand Matron	
Installing Grand Officer		
Presentation of Assisting Installing Grand Officers	Mrs. Doris Efird Past Grand Matron	
Assisting Installing Grand Officer		
ObligationMW:	Past Grand Patron Harry G. Cunningham  M & Past Grand Patron	
Installing Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Jane Gregory Past Grand Matron	
Installing Grand Marshal	Mrs. Elsie Paladino	
Assisting Installing Grand Marshal	Past Grand Matron Mrs. Alma Carter Past Grand Matron	
Installing Grand Organist Mrs	s. Rosemary Swetland	
Assisting Installing Grand Organist	Past Grand Matron Mr. John Esquivel Past Patron	
Installing Grand Secretary		
Installation of 1998 -	1999	
Grand Officers		
Closing of Holy Bible by	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	

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**Grand Conductress** 

General Grand Chapter
International Order of Job's DaughtersMrs. Rebecca Koenning Jurisdictional Guardian Texas Jurisdictional Guardian Council Miss Darci E. Huete Miss Texas Job's Daughter
DeMolay International
International Order of the Rainbow for GirlsMrs. Pearl Mills Supreme Outer Observer and Supreme Inspector in Texas
Rainbow Drill and PresentationMiss Jennifer Edwards Grand Worthy Advisor

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation of Jewels
Worthy Grand Matrons JewelYvonne S. Brownfield Past Grand Matron
Junior Past Grand Matrons Jewel Robert Brownfield Past Patron
Worthy Grand Patrons JewelKenneth Gregory Past Grand Patron
Junior Past Grand Patrons Jewel Juanita Gregory Grand Representative of Oregon in Texas
Presentation of
The Theme and Watchwords Mrs. Mildred Sharpe

The Emblems and Symbols ...... Mrs. Mary Brown

Past Grand Matron

Past Grand Matron

The Colors and Flowers
The Scripture
The Gavel
Dedication and Presentation of Music Mrs. Virginia Green Past Grand Matron
"Gentlemen on Parade" John Esquivel, Past Patron
"Alma Lynn" John Esquivel, Past Patron
"Teddy Bears and Top Hats"Mary Ferguson, Past Matron
"The Cameo Lady March" Joyce Gilbert Grand Organist
Presentation of the Humanitarian Program
Solo "Climb Every Mountain"Mrs. Patsy Duke
Address of the Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Henry S. Martin
Solo "Pass It On"
Address of the Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Presentation of
Grand Representatives
Solo "Light a Candle"

Mrs. Myrtline Smith, Past Matron Marlin Chapter No. 286 

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To our Visitors, thank you for sharing this one moment in time with us. Your attendance has been greatly appreciated. Those who are not members of the Order will please retire at this time.

#### **Announcements**

The "Dreams Come True" Breakfast for the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress will be at the Radisson Hotel, Sunday, November 1, 1998 at 8:00 A.M.

The Deputy Grand Matron Conference will be held at the Ramada Hotel in the Astor-Barclay-Columbus Room on Sunday, November 1, 1998 at 10:00 A.M.

Edwin J. Kiest Chapter No. 959 cordially invites you to attend the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron on Saturday, November 7, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7050 Stemmons Freeway (I-35), Dallas, Texas. The "Cherished Times of Love and Friendship" Banquet will begin at 5:30 P.M. Ticket Chairman is Mrs. Pat Archer, 2035 San Francisco Drive, Dallas, Texas 75228-1647 (214) 321-5922. Tickets are available for a donation of \$20.00, please include Title and SASE. The cutoff for ordering tickets is October 24, 1998. Accommodations available at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7050 Stemmons Freeway (I-35), Dallas, Texas (214) 630-8500 mention OES Fraternal Visit.

Waco Chapter No. 7 cordially invites you to attend the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron on Saturday, November 14, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. in the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue, Waco, Texas. The "Making Precious Memories" Banquet will begin at 5:30 P.M. Ticket Chairman is Mrs. Rowena Calfee, 2224 North 50th Street, Waco, Texas 76710 (254) 772-5789. Tickets are available for a donation of \$20.0, please include Title and SASE. The cutoff for ordering tickets is November 6, 1998. Accommodations available at the Waco Hilton Hotel, 113 S. University Parks Drive, Waco, Texas (254) 754-8484 and mention OES Fraternal Visit.

#### Trips and Travel Program -

Texas/Oklahoma Exchange Visit –

March 5, 1999 - Ardmore, Oklahoma

March 6, 1999 - Gainesville, Texas

Louisiana Grand Chapter – March 22 thru March 24, 1999 - Alexandria, Louisiana

Grand Chapter Trip, Western Caribbean Cruise June 26 thru July 4, 1999

Multi-State Trip To –

July 8 thru July 11, 1999 - Springdale, Arkansas

International Temple Trip –
September 3 thru September 5, 1999 - Washington D.C.

## Worthy Grand Matron's Schedule

November 5, 1998 Waco Chapter No. 7, Homecoming
November 7, 1998 Edwin J. Kiest Chapter No. 959, Fraternal Visit
November 8, 1998 Whitewright Chapter No. 939, 50th Anniversary
November 10, 1998 School and Fraternal Visit, District 5 Section 1
November 12, 1998 School and Fraternal Visit, District 5 Section 4
November 14, 1998Waco Chapter No. 7, Fraternal Visit
November 17, 1998 School and Fraternal Visit, District 5 Section 3
November 19, 1998 School and Fraternal Visit, District 5 Section 2
November 21, 1998 School and Fraternal Visit, District 5 Section 6
November 24, 1998 School and Fraternal Visit, District 5 Section 8
November 27, 1998 San Juan Chapter No. 726, 75th Anniversary
November 28, 1998 School and Fraternal Visit, District 5 Section 10
December 1, 1998 School and Fraternal Visit, District 5 Section 9
December 4, 1998 Grand Lodge, Waco, Texas
December 6, 1998 Christmas Party, OES Home
December 7, 1998 Aldine #1088 and North Shore #1058, Fraternal Visit
December 8, 1998 Alvin #15 and Friendswood #1131, Fraternal Visit
December 10, 1998 School and Fraternal Visit, District 5 Section 5
December 12, 1998 School and Fraternal Visit, District 5 Section 7
December 14, 1998Franklin Chapter No. 311, Fraternal Visit
December 15, 1998 Deer Park #1063 and Pasadena #711, Fraternal Visit
December 17, 1998Conroe Chapter No. 710, Fraternal Visit
December 18, 1998 Kilgore #630 and Pine Tree #1090, Fraternal Visit
December 19, 1998 Jacksonville #377 and Troup #421, Fraternal Visit
December 21, 1998Archives #1095 and Galena Park #884, Fraternal Visit
December 22, 1998 Crockett Chapter No. 509, Fraternal Visit
December 28, 1998 Channelview #954 and Seabrook #1096, Fraternal Visit
December 29, 1998 Orange Chapter No. 214, Fraternal Visit

Please consult the OFFICIAL BULLETIN for the complete calendar activities for the Eastern Star Schools, Fraternal Visits and Events.

## SPECIAL APPRECIATIONS

Installation Chairman
Installation Cover
Altar Cloth and Lace
Holy Bible Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lynn
Bible Marker
Star Point Pedestals Melrose Chapter No. 920
Star Point Chairs
Installed Grand Officers Chairs
Chapter Paraphernalia
Installation Banner
Installation Pictures
Installation Video
Assistance and Support Executive and Arrangements Committee 1997-1998 Executive and Arrangements Committee, 1998-1999
Grand Chapter Formals Mrs. LouAnn Thompson and the staff of Diamond Formalwear
Daytime Travel Dresses Mrs. Mary Horton Beach
Love and Prayers Friends of the Cameo Lady and the Gallant Gentleman

## Precious Memories

You can't buy precious memories with gold or silver
They come to us without a price as the years of life unfold.

I've longed for many things in life some without hidden thorns of pain.

Knowing what was best for me,
God sent both sunshine and rain.

Hard times teach us to appreciate good times when they come along. If all of life was fun and pleasure, how could we ever grow strong?

God in His infinite wisdom has given me many good years. Taught me to suffer with others, to feel their sorrow and tears.

So if you want precious memories as the years of life unfold, learn how to love one another it is worth more than silver or gold.

Omega Watson Wagner

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 1998-99

The Worthy Grand Matron's theme for the year is "Tapestry of Love and Service," and her emblems are the cameo, teddy bear and top hat. In keeping with that theme, there were many and varied fabrics displayed on the arena floor. At the back of the stage was a large cutout of a window painted pink, burgundy and cream with a star near the top. A smaller window was to either side of the large one. Flanking the windows were large columns on which netting was draped. Between the podiums was an arm bench, beside which was a table with a large floral arrangement on it. It was on this bench that the Officers sat for a portrait as they were introduced.

Two vignettes had been created in front of the stage. The "lady" side contained a large open trunk covered by a vivid star pattern quilt in colors of blue, cream and burnt orange. A large teddy bear sat on the quilt. On a female dress form was hung a lace dress from the twenties era. A large cameo was beside the trunk.

On the "gentleman" side was a suit hanger containing a tuxedo also from the era of the twenties. Two small tables were beside the hanger; on one table was an oil lamp, on the other a top hat with a cane leaning against it. A quilt, obviously antique and greatly treasured, lay at the foot of the tuxedo. On this quilt was a teddy bear.

Topiary balls on small tables were near the stations of Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal. A throw decorated the grand piano. Chairs for Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress were Queen Anne chairs from the twenties era which had been borrowed from the Eastern Star Temple in Waco, Charles and Bobbie Pinto of Waco Chapter No. 7 and Arlington Chapter No. 249. The chairs were various solid colors. Seating for the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron was a floral loveseat, in front of which was a low table containing a silver tea service, and in back was a table containing a cameo. Stations of Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron resembled a window with lace curtains behind them.

Star Point chairs were arm chairs with white legs and arms, each chair being the color appropriate to the Star Point. Star Point pedestals were white; atop each one was a crocheted doily of the color appropriate to the Star Point.

The altar had a burgundy underskirt with a white lace covering.

The Lady Officers wore a long dress of royal blue, with tulip sleeves and a scalloped neckline. The fitted, below-the-waistline bodice was decorated with sequins over a chiffon skirt. The Gentlemen Officers wore black cutaway tuxedos.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Welcome to the 117th Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, and our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, Brother Henry S. Martin, I extend their sincere appreciation to each of you for your presence tonight. We have been enjoying the wonderful music provided by Hella Shrine Concert Band that made a special effort to be here tonight for a special member of their group, Brother Henry Martin, who normally plays the drums with them. The

lovely piano music was provided by Sister Jackie Stogner, Grand Soloist of District 2 for 1998-99. Thank you for sharing your God-given talents. Let's thank them. [applause]

Our 116th Grand Chapter Session has been one that has underscored the statement that "Friendship Is Constant." It is with pleasure that I invite our Processional Marshal to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, escorted by Ray Hargis, and Brother Kenneth Gregory, Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by his wife Juanita, to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is my pleasure and privilege to call this 116th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas to order.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Sister Processional Marshal, you will present Texas' own General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. [applause as they come to the East] Sister Processional Marshal, you will present Texas' own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sister Processional Marshal, you will present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. [applause as they come to the East] Sister Processional Marshal, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. [applause as they come to the East] Sister Processional Marshal, you will present the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions. [applause as they come to the East] Sister Processional Marshal, you will present the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sister Processional Marshal, you will present the Grand Lodge Officers directed by Brother Harry Cunningham. [applause as they come to the East] Sister Processional Marshal, you will present the Fraternal Youth Organization Leaders to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sister Processional Marshal, you will present the Home Chapter of our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, who has served as Worthy Patron of Edwin J. Kiest 959 five times. It is my pleasure to present Gloria Welch, Worthy Matron, and Maurice Barcomb, Worthy Patron, and the Officers and Members of Edwin J. Kiest 959, District 1, Section 4. [applause] Sister Processional Marshal, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect's Chapters. Our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect has served as Worthy Matron of her parent Chapter, Waco 7, twice. It is my pleasure to present Bobbie Pinto, Worthy Matron, and Brother Charles Pinto, Worthy Patron, and the Officers of Waco Chapter 47, District 3, Section 9. Our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect is a dual member of Franklin Chapter 311. It is with pleasure that I present Georgia Mae Tuttle, Worthy Matron, and Brother Ray Akins, Worthy Patron, and the Officers and Members of Franklin Chapter 311, District 4, Section 6. [applause]

The Texas Constitution and Code of Laws provides for three boards composed of elected members of the Grand Chapter. The Board of Grand Examiners is composed of six members elected annually who are responsible for administering and reporting of the proficiency examinations to our members. The 1998-99 members of the Board of Grand Examiners. The Board of Grand Examiners: Sisters Donna Douglas, District 1; Kimi Kidd, District 2; Nancy Brown, District 3; Karen Morgenthaler, District 4; Doris Hester, District 5; Sandra Perdue, Grand Examiner-at-Large. [applause] The Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences is composed of five members, each elected for a term of five years. The 1998-99

members of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences are: Lewis Mathison, District 1; Betty Capps, Vice Chairman, District 3; Tom Warner, Chairman, District 4; Maxine Nance, Secretary, District 5; Sister Norma Graham, District 2, is ill and cannot be with us this evening. [applause] Our Board of Grand Trustees is composed of five members, each elected for a term of five years. The 1998-1999 members of the Board of Grand Trustees are: Sister Patsy Washington, Secretary, District 1; Sister Leah Hayes, District 2 Member; Sister Frances Burbank, District 3 Member; Brother Jim Rippey, Vice Chairman, District 4; Sister Shirley Jones, Chairman, District 5. Welcome this group. [applause]

Our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect have selected members from our five districts to serve as Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent for our Grand Chapter 1998-99. Sister Alma has named this group her "Dream Team." For many I'm about to introduce, tonight is a dream come true. It is my honor to present this group at this time.

Presentation of the Grand Officers for 1998-99: Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Marvolyn Province, escorted by Mr. John Creel; Grand Sentinel, Mr. Forrest Smith, escorted by Mrs. Gail Smith; Grand Warder, Mrs. Tally McAferty, escorted by her husband, Charles Fred McAferty; Grand Electa, Mrs. Betty Lynn, escorted by Mr. Clinton Lynn; Grand Martha, Mrs. Billie Glover, escorted by Mr. Jerry Glover; Grand Esther, Mrs. Opal Martin, escorted by Mr. Fred Wall; Grand Ruth, Mrs. Betty Jo Dean, escorted by Mr. David Dean; Grand Adah, Mrs. Greta Bane Hecker, escorted by Master Ryan Hecker. Mothers and grandmothers, don't you get homesick right now? Grand Organist, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, escorted by Mr. Billy Combest, Past Grand Patron; Grand Marshal, Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw, escorted by Mr. Charles Britt; Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Betty Stiles, escorted by her son, Mr. Bradley C. Stiles; Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, escorted by her husband, Mr. Harold McMahon; Grand Conductress, Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, escorted by her husband, Mr. Robert Wolfe; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Patsy Wilson, escorted by her husband, Mr. Herbert Wilson; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Errington, escorted by Mr. Kris Miller; Associate Grand Patron, Mr. H. Lee Stallings, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Patricia Stallings; Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Betty Friend, escorted by her husband, Mr. Jack Friend. She mentioned a "Dream Team" earlier; here's a dream walking. Our Worthy Grand Patron and a very Gallant Gentleman, Mr. Henry S. Martin, escorted by Mrs. Janice Herridge; Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, and a very happy Cameo Lady tonight, escorted by her husband, Dr. Charles William (Bill) Bane. Alma, this is the dream come true!

At the 1997 roundup of the Cameo Ladies in Fort Worth, our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect's mother and father made a very special presentation to Sister Alma. Sister Alma had asked her parents if she could borrow a family Bible for tonight. Her family presented her with a very special Bible which will become the Bane Family Bible and will be a part of her family heritage in the 21st century. Presenting the Bible is Miss Deborah Elizabeth Bane, daughter of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and a member of Waco Chapter 7. She will be escorted by Specialist Jeffrey Clinton Farnsworth, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 16th Infantry, First Battalion Division, Fort Riley, Kansas.

So that we might mark our special place in our Bible when we read the words of the Lord, we will use a bookmarker. A bookmarker may be a strip of ribbon, a folded piece of paper or a cherished picture. Sister Cynthia Ann Bane, daughter of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and a member of Waco Chapter 7, has placed the bookmarker on the Bible which was lovingly made by Sister Doris Moore. The

bookmarker is a strip of white lace and burgundy ribbon stitched with seed pearls on cameos.

In Texas we have the permission of the Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM, to place the Square and Compasses upon the Bible when it is open. Presenting the Square and Compasses, and representing the past, the present and the future are three very special gentlemen to our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect. Representing the past is Brother Charles Pinto, Worthy Patron of Waco Chapter 7 who served with Sister Alma in 1990-91. Representing the present is Brother Ray Akins, Worthy Patron of Franklin Chapter 311, home Chapter of Sister Alma's mother and father, sister and niece. Representing the future is Master Ryan Christopher Hecker, grandson of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and son of Grand Adah for 1998-99 and great-grandson of Grand Electa for 1998-99. We have three generations of Eastern Star heritage, and we hope for the fourth generation of love and service to our fraternal order. The Square and Compasses was presented to Brother Henry Martin, Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, by Trey and Lisa Smith, Past Patron of Arlington 249 and Past Matron of Handley Chapter 617.

Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect not only enjoy music, but they also enjoy the nature of the beautiful gardens. Presenting the flowers is Miss Shelby Lynn Geyer and the great-niece of the Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, Miss Erika Hopkins. They are placing the burgundy rose in honor of the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star and the camellia in memory of the loved ones who are watching from above.

It is with pleasure that I present Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will present our emblems. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect have invited dear ones from five districts to assist Sister Elise.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: The processional of those presenting emblems is led by Mrs. Edna Goetee, Past Matron of Bethlehem Chapter 728. To present the emblems of our Star Points are the following: Adah, Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Charles Morris, Past Grand Patron; Ruth, Mrs. Barbara Ochs, Past Matron, escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron; Esther, Mrs. Lynda Benefield, Past Matron, escorted by Mr. Leland Benefield, Past Grand Patron; Martha, Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Registration Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Joe Jeffers, Past Grand Patron; Grand Electa, Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Harold Todd, Knights Templar Eye Foundation of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The meaningful lessons portrayed by the Sisters representing the five points of our emblematic star are precious to the members of our Order. Our Sister Adah is our first Star Point and represents the Daughter because her sense of duty and devotion to her father so guided her actions that she exemplified the highest type of filial obedience. The emblem of Adah is the sword and veil, which represents right and revelation.

Sister Ruth is our second Star Point heroine. Ruth represents the Widow because she cherished the family, faith and inheritance of her husband above her every personal ambition, native allegiance and heathen religion. The emblem is the sheaf representing the worth of many small deeds of kindness.

Our third Star Point heroine is Sister Esther. She represents the Wife

because she not only succeeded in fulfilling her duty to her husband, but as a result of her influence she was able to save the whole Jewish race from extinction. Her emblem is the crown and scepter, symbolizing the force of power and authority used to achieve justice for all.

Sister Martha is our fourth Star Point and represents the Sister. She assumed the responsibility for the care of her brother and her sister in their parentless home. The emblem is the broken column emblematic of a sustaining power of faith in eternal life.

Sister Electa is our fifth Star Point, and she represents the Mother because she sacrificed everything to establish a Christian heritage for her children. The emblem is the cup, and it represents one's allotted portion of life's joys and sorrows.

These emblems remind us that if we wish our Order to be strong and accomplish the great work for which we strive, we must remember the advantages of fidelity between men, constancy to any task of honor and justice, loyalty to kindred and friends, faith in the goodness of mankind and that love cements the bonds of brotherly love.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: For centuries groups of individuals have shown their allegiance to a common cause or purpose and have chosen banners to represent their united efforts. We will present the flags at this time. We as Americans show our love and support for our nation and proudly present the Flag of our Country, the Stars and Stripes. Our Nation's Flag is presented by Brother Paul Yenger, Past Patron of Vashti Chapter 32, in District 3, Section 8. We as Texans are proud of the heritage of our Lone Star State in recognition of those who sacrificed all that we might know freedom. Our State Flag is presented by Brother Jerry Trees, Past Patron of Bexar Chapter 616, in District 5, Section 7. We are Christians. We show our belief in the Christian religion and stand for our faith and Word of God. Our Christian Flag is presented by Brother Andrew Scott, Past Patron of Roy Stanley Chapter 686, in District 1. Section 4. We as Eastern Stars show our fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love in our daily lives. We proudly proclaim that we are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Our Eastern Star Flag is presented by Brother Joe White, Past Patron of Ransford Chapter 135, District 4, Section 5. The Canadian Flag is presented by Brother Paul New, Past Patron of Dal-Cliff Chapter 574, District 1, Section 4.

Brother Garland Rattan, Past Grand Patron of Texas, will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our National Flag, followed by the National Anthem sung by Sister Patsy Duke, Grand Soloist, District 4, accompanied by Chloe Schultea, a friend of Eastern Star.

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: Please join me in the Pledge to the Flag of our Country. [Pledge of Allegiance said in unison following by singing of National Anthem.]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: At this time I invite the Processional Marshal to escort the Grand Officers to be installed to the West.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Our invocation will be given by Brother Murray

Watson, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

#### MR. MURRAY WATSON: You may be seated.

Let us bow our heads in prayer. As we conclude another Grand Chapter Session under the capable direction of our leaders, may we begin this new Grand Chapter year with Your blessings. We pause and give thanks this evening for all the blessings that we have received this past year. As we begin this new Grand Chapter year, guide and direct us in our service to You through our Order that we may touch the lives of our sisters and brothers throughout our Grand Chapter.

Our most Merciful Heavenly Father, we humbly pray for Your special blessing upon Sister Alma Bane, our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Brother Henry Martin, Worthy Grand Patron-Elect and all those who will serve with them in this Grand Chapter this year. Give them the wisdom and strength to lead us in our work for You and for the good of our Order. We commit them and each of their official family to Thy divine loving care and guidance.

We ask that Thou bestow upon them good health, wisdom, faith, strength, endurance, patience, and love for our fellow man and the endurance to perform the tremendous task of their responsible positions.

Bless and protect them and their families as they travel across this state. Bless our Grand Chapter and all of its members and may we each, individually, and collectively, work together and continue to promote the ideals revealed in Thy Holy Word.

Finally, Dear God, give us all the will to carry on the work of all those who have gone before us that our Beloved Order may continue to grow stronger day-by-day.

All these things we ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: The Dedication of 1998-990 Grand Chapter Year, will be given by Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: The dedication of a year of service in the Grand Chapter of Texas is an expression of love and deep appreciation to those who have had an influence on the lives of our leaders, molding them and preparing them for this high moment of service in their lives. I told the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect that I felt the words should come from her and from the Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, but she did not agree with me. So I assure you that it is with pride that I bring to you the expressions of our leaders to be installed.

#### DEDICATION OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

We travel the River of Life day by day, and its turns can bring many changes our way, but what may appear as the final bend is just the beginning instead of the end. For beyond it, there lies still another land where our loved ones, directed by God's own hand, live on, although physically out of sight, at peace in a world of eternal light.

I dedicate this year of Love and Service to my Family -

- My Husband, Dr. Charles William Bane my Best Friend and my Life's companion
- My Daughters, Greta Kay, Deborah Elizabeth, and Cynthia Ann my greatest joys
- My Parents, Clinton and Betty Lynn my inspiration and role models
- My Grandson, Ryan Christopher my Grand Boy and link to the Future.

Many Eastern Stars and Masons have touched my Life and my Heart in their guidance when I was a Rainbow Girl and their continued Love and Support in my Eastern Star life. Some will walk by my side in this journey and many will be watching from the 'City not made with Hands' and I dedicate the endeavors of this year of Love and Service to all of them.

- My Father-in-law and Mother-in-law, M. O. and Mina Bane, Who taught me that 'The Best Is Yet To Be'
- My Mentors and Role-models who proudly wore Their Stars, or their Square and Compasses as they guided and supported the Rainbow Girls of Texas.
- My Parent Chapter Members of Waco Chapter No. 7 and My Dual Chapter Members of Franklin Chapter No. 311,
- And the Members of District 3 Section 9 and District 4 Section 6 who exemplify the virtues of our heroines daily.

And now the words of the Worthy Grand Patron-Elect.

#### DEDICATION OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

I dedicate this year of love and service to my wife of 25 years, Opal Martin, who has provided support, encouragement and love, and without whom I would not be in this place of service. To the members of my Eastern Star Chapter, Edwin J. Kiest 959, who have provided the opportunities for my service to our Order. To the members of Edwin J. Kiest Masonic Lodge 1310 who continue to give me their support. To the membership of District 1, Section 4, whose support will continue to strengthen me. To my Eastern Star friends across this State, some of whom have shed the bonds of this earthly life and now reside with our Father in Heaven, who have encouraged and supported me over the years. All have been essential to my growth in this Order.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: A favorite song of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect will be sung by Brother Donnie Broughton, Grand Soloist, District 1, and Grand Tiler of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM. This song is dedicated by Alma to Bill and by Henry to Opal, their best friends and life's companions, "Keepers of the Stars." [applause following song]

In each Subordinate Chapter the incoming presiding officer selects an installation team which serves as her Installing Officers. The same is true of the Installation of Grand Officers. The selection of Installing Grand Officers is the privilege of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, and it's someone in whom she has the greatest respect and the highest level of trust. Ten years ago Sister Alma was selected to serve as the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3 by someone whom she trusted and respected. It is no surprise to us that Sister Alma would select Worthy Grand Matron 1988-89 to serve as her Installing Grand Officer. It is my pleasure to present Sister Doris Efird, Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will serve as our Installing Grand Officer for this 117th Installation of Grand Officers of Texas. Mrs. Doris Efird, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. DORIS EFIRD: It is my very distinct pleasure to introduce the Assisting Installing Grand Officers that will be participating in the Installation this evening. I would ask that as I call their names, they come and stand on the right side of me here that you might get a good look at them. The Assisting Installing Grand Officer will be Brother Billy Combest, Past Grand Patron. The Obligation will be given by Harry G. Cunningham, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Installing Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron; the Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron; the Assisting Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron; the Installing Grand Organist, Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron; the Assisting Installing Grand Organist, Mr. John Esquivel, a Past Patron; and Brother Harry told me to be sure and mention that he was the Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Texas. I sure wouldn't want to make Brother Harry mad. The Installing Grand Secretary will be Mrs. Lois Bell, Past Grand Matron. I would ask that these Officers now assume their stations.

#### [Installation of 1998-1999 Grand Officers]

Worthy Grand Matron, I present to you for the use in the rest of the evening the gavel that was used ten years ago when I stood here as your Worthy Grand Matron. I cannot tell you what honor I feel this evening in having served you, and now I can call you my Worthy Grand Matron with honor and with dignity. I know the Grand Chapter is in good hands. I can just tell by the selection of these Floor Officers that you have working for you. I want you to know that it has been a joy to work with all these other Installing Grand Officers. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Godspeed!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the Holy Bible on our Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Our Order is the direct result of the efforts and support of the Masonic Fraternity. The Grand Lodge of Texas is honored to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master in attendance this evening. Ours is a rare privilege because our Most Worshipful Grand Master is also a Past Grand Patron of Texas. It is my privilege to introduce the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Harry G. Cunningham, of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. [applause]

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Sister Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and Sister Barbara, Distinguished East, newly Installed Floor Officers, my Sisters and Brothers: Thank you so much for the opportunity of Grand Lodge being allowed to speak to you tonight.

I bring you greetings from some 140,000 Masons in the State of Texas, the greatest state in the union, the greatest jurisdiction in the union. [applause]. I know there are some here that would question that, and I want to set that clear to start with.

I want to first congratulate our newly installed Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron whom I have known for many, many years, have had the privilege of working with them for many years in Eastern Star as well as the Masonic Order with Brother Henry. As you know, Sister Alma Bane was one of our District Deputy Grand Matrons. Brother Henry was a Peacemaker. I could go through these Officers tonight and tell you so much about each of them, but I wouldn't dare do that! You have a great group of Officers, a great "Dream Team" for 1998-1999.

I'd like for my wife, Right Worshipful Mike Gower and Sister Barbara to come stand here by my side, if you would, please. First, I want to introduce to you, as if you did not know her, the boss of the Cunningham family, Sister Barbara Cunningham. [applause] This couple means so very much to Barbara and me. We have had the privilege of working together very closely for the past three years. Right Worshipful Mike Gower will be your new Grand Master before six o'clock on December 5th. He's going to do a great job. He's a member and a Past Master of McAllen Lodge 1110. They're also members of LaFeria Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, 732 in LaFeria. They're from the Magic Valley, a great place to visit in this State. We want to welcome you all to Grand Chapter. This is a great group of people. [applause]

We have a couple of duties here to perform, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. So I'll ask Right Worshipful Mike Gower if he will be kind enough to present these two letters and make any comment he wishes to make because he's going to be my boss in Masonry in Texas come December 5th. Good to have you, Right Worshipful Sir.

MR. MIKE GOWER: Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master. I am so glad that you have stayed so healthy this year! [laughter] I want you to take very good care of yourself for the next 34 days and 4 hours.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be involved here this evening and to cement the relationship between the Grand Lodge of Texas and the Order of the Eastern Star. Alma was the first person that greeted me after my election to the Grand South and I have never forgotten it. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be here tonight and to bring these greetings from two distinguished Congressmen of our country. The first one I will make to our Worthy Grand Matron. This is from Congressman Chet Edwards, and I would like to read the letter.

"I would like to join the members of the Order of Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Texas, in congratulating you on your installation as Worthy Grand Matron. This installation is a testimony of your dedication, support and commitment to the Order of Eastern Star. I would also like to commend the outgoing officers for their leadership and devotion. Again, congratulations and best wishes as you plan for the future. Chet Edwards, Member of Congress."

The other presentation I have goes to the Worthy Grand Patron, my good friend

and Brother, Henry Martin. I would like to read it. "Dear Henry: Congratulations on your installation as Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of Eastern Star, at its 116th session. This ceremony provides a great opportunity for people to honor the retiring officers, celebrate your accomplishments and plan for the future under your leadership. Again, congratulations on this prestigious honor. Sam Johnson, Member of Congress."

Thank you very much for this opportunity. I look forward to working with you, Alma and Henry, this coming year. I know together we're going to make a difference in this great state. And we're especially going to make a difference in going into the year 2000 with the Order of Eastern Star and the Masons of Texas. Thank you very, very much. [applause]

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Right Worshipful Sir. I, too, have a letter here from our distinguished Governor of this state, a letter for Alma Lynn Bane and Henry Martin. They read: "Greetings to Alma Lynn Bane and Henry Martin. Congratulations on your installation as Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. This October 31 ceremony provides a great opportunity for people to meet you and plan for the future under your leadership. The Order of the Eastern Star has touched the lives of many people during the years. The time and energy you invest in providing assistance for people of all ages truly represent the Texas spirit of caring and sharing. I commend you for your commitment to helping others through community outreach programs and other charitable efforts. Your help makes Texas a beacon state. Laura joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion. Sincerely, George W. Bush, Governor of the State of Texas," with a seal affixed of the State of Texas. May I present these letters to you two. [applause]

I want to express to each of you, my Sisters, my great appreciation to each of you for the support that you have given Grand Lodge this Masonic year. You have been so very kind, great friends, great supporters, great encouragers to Barbara and me. I don't believe a Grand Master could have any better support than we have had from the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas. I want to express my deepest appreciation to our immediate Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, and our immediate Past Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory, for having the privilege of working with you in trying to further our fraternity throughout this state and promoting Masonry and Order of the Eastern Star. I thank you so much for having the opportunity to serve with you.

Now if I talk more than ten minutes tonight, it's going to cost me a hundred dollars. Alma Lynn backed out Thursday on our bet. I didn't talk ten minutes, and I don't intend to tonight. But I want every Mason in this room to please stand. [applause] My Brethren, I want to personally thank you for supporting this wonderful organization. I want to tell you something, my Brothers, you know this better than me: Without our wives and our families supporting us in Masonry, we probably would be very slim! Thank you for your support; thank you -- [laughter] -- you can take that any way you want to! It's great to come and have fun. I want to tell you what a beautiful job these Installation Officers did tonight. I'm proud of them; I'm proud of you; I'm proud of every person in this arena tonight. Any part of Masonry, I'm thankful to God that you're a part of. Thank you so much, Worthy Grand Matron, for permitting me to bring greetings from our Grand Lodge. I want to invite you to Grand Lodge on December 4th and 5th. There will be something there for you to do, ladies, so please come. We love you so much and thank you again f or this opportunity. [applause and standing ovation]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Our ties with the General Grand Chapter are strengthened by the active participation of our Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in the endeavors of our Order internationally. We are pleased to have with us this evening Sister Rennie Ofton. She will bring us greetings from the General Grand Chapter It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies to follow. Wow! What an act to follow.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers all.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Alma, for the privilege of greeting the membership during this Installation. It has been lovely and it is my sincere wish for you and your Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry Martin, that it will be the beginning of a successful, wonderful year as you lead this Grand Chapter.

You see before you those who love and respect you and they will carry on the work of the year for you and this Grand Chapter and for the good of the Order of the Eastern Star. May all your plans develop into the fulfillment of your hopes and dreams.

What this Grand Chapter does this year will become its record of service and, in so doing, will become a part of the overall goal of General Grand Chapter which is to work for the betterment of humankind through the principles set forth by Brother Rob Morris. He envisioned a Christian organization which would withstand the frailties of the years and remain a service to those who find a need for sisterly and brotherly love. Under your leadership, we are sure Texas will provide a good record in this area of service.

I would ask our Texas General Grand Chapter family to stand with me so all of us may offer our sincere best wishes to you. We love you both. Thank you. [applause and standing ovation]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: The Grand Chapter of Texas realizes that the future of our Order rests with our youth. Therefore, our fraternal family is proud of the three fraternal organizations sponsored in Texas. We are honored with the presence of all three youth organizations, and we will have greetings from the youth and adult leaders of these organizations. Job's Daughters is new and growing in Texas. It is my pleasure to introduce Mrs. Rebecca Koenning, Jurisdictional Guardian, Texas Jurisdictional Guardian Council of the International Order of Job's Daughters. Sister Rebecca, you will introduce your youth leaders and representatives for their presentation.

MRS. REBECCA KOENNING: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, my Sisters, Brothers, Friends, Parents, Daughters: Thank you all for being here, as well as allowing us to come tonight to do a presentation with the DeMolay. You didn't come to hear me speak, and I'm getting ready to turn the mike over to our young lady. At this time, though, I would like to thank the adults and the daughters that took the time to come down and help us with this presentation tonight to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Before I introduce our Miss Texas, we do have our Junior Miss Texas here as well who will be accompanying us on our piano, Jessica Burney, and I thank you, Jessica, for being here. At this time it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce Darci Elizabeth Huete who is not only the Miss Texas for this year 1998, but she is also a charter member of Houston Bethel, and she joined when I was the Bethel Guardian there and we formed Houston. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce this fine young lady, who, by the way, is a student at Texas and lives in the Scottish Rite dorm. [applause]

MISS DARCI HUETE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East and Members of the Eastern Star, good evening. It is my privilege to bring greetings from the International Order of Job's Daughters. The Order began in 1920 and formed in Texas in 1990. We've had the pleasure of participating at Grand Chapter in the past several years, and we appreciate the opportunity to participate once again.

An essential requirement of being a Job's Daughter is the confirmation of her Masonic heritage. We are very proud of our heritage. I invite all Eastern Stars and Masons to visit a bethel. If you know a young lady between the ages of 11 and 20 who have Masonic heritage, encourage her to experience what Job's Daughters has to offer her as a young lady. Job's Daughters' philanthropic effort is HIKE, Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment. We help raise money to provide hearing aids to kids; hence the phrase, "Kids Helping Kids"

We, the members of Job's Daughters, also have a working relationship with the Order of DeMolay. Tonight Job's Daughters and the members of DeMolay will join together in a special presentation for this Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to present each of you with a token from the Job's Daughters. Each time you see it, I hope you will remember tonight.

The closing portion of this drill is the singing of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," which is sung at every Job's Daughters meeting. We invite you to join us in song. I would like to take this time again to thank Jessica Burney, Junior Miss Texas, for accompanying us this evening at the piano. Again, thank you for your invitation to participate in this special evening. [applause]

[Drill presented by Job's Daughters and DeMolay.]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: DeMolay in Texas is alive and well. It is my pleasure to introduce Blain Koenning, Executive Officer in Texas, DeMolay International. Brother Blain will introduce his youth leader and representatives for their presentation.

MR. BLAIN KOENNING: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: It is indeed an honor to be here this evening. Thirty-two years ago I had an opportunity to join an organization called DeMolay. Many of my best friends through my life have continued with me in my growth in Masonry and my growth in the Eastern Star. Twenty-five years ago on December 14th, I became a Master Mason. A lot of that is due to the encouragement that I had by many of our advisors in the Order of DeMolay. My Chapter Dad is here tonight, Dad Roy McDonald, who was also the Master of the Lodge the night that I was raised a Master Mason. Truly, he and other advisors saw that the youth is an important part of our future because they become the leaders of tomorrow.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to at this time present an individual who is a leader of today and I look for him to be a leader of tomorrow, our State Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay, Walter Blain Koenning, II. [applause]

MR. BLAIN KOENNING, II: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East and Friends: On behalf of DeMolays in Texas, it is my pleasure to bring greetings. It's an honor to stand here today, the first State Master Councilor in Texas DeMolay invited to participate at Grand Chapter. With me today are several leaders in our state association, and I'd like to recognize them: R. J. Morelock, State Senior Councilor; Mark Williams, State Scribe and Past State Master Councilor; Patrick Crocker, State Illustrious Knight Commander; Robert Atchison, Deputy State Illustrious Knight Commander of the Texas State Priory. Many of you have been personally involved with DeMolays over the years. Some of you are mothers or sisters of DeMolays. Some of you married DeMolays. Yet others were members of a Mothers' Club or Auxiliary. A few of you served as Chapter Sweetheart or Duchess, and for some your husband served as a DeMolay advisor. And maybe some of you have just been quiet supporters over the years. For that service, friendship and support of whatever nature, I offer you heartfelt thanks.

Yet, so many of you have no direct association with our fine Order. I'd like to take just a moment to outline a few things about the Order of DeMolay. Our Order traces its history back to 1919 at a time when the social fabric of our country was still evolving. It was around the time that many of our youth organizations of today were born. Frank S. Land, the Founder of our Order, was a prominent Mason. He saw the need for a youth organization in Kansas City, Missouri; and within a few years DeMolay was growing by the tens of thousands and had achieved national stature. Today millions of young men from around the world have knelt at the altar of DeMolay. DeMolay draws its name from Jacque DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, some of the great Crusaders of the 13th and 14th centuries. DeMolay was a martyr to the cause of loyalty and toleration. His heroic example inspired the young men in 1919 to choose him as our namesake and still inspires the youth of today. The Order of DeMolay centers its ceremonies on certain key teachings, the seven cardinal virtues of DeMolay: filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism.

Every DeMolay joins our Order by kneeling at the altar, surrounded by the flag of our country, seven burning candles representing our cardinal virtues, schoolbooks emphasizing our support of the public schools, and is obligated upon the Holy Bible. Soon after his initiation, each DeMolay should receive the Flower Talk, a public ceremony designed to recognize the importance of a DeMolay's mother in his life.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you so much for this opportunity to address the Grand Chapter. And now please follow us to escort you to the altar to witness the Flower Talk presented by Chad Wilson of Farmers Branch Chapter.

MR. CHAD WILSON: My Brothers, you have just been permitted to take upon yourselves the name of one of the world's most heroic knightly figures. Now you can say, "I am a DeMolay." To be deemed worthy of the privilege of entering into the comradeship of a great army of youth, both here and abroad, who have dedicated themselves to the ideals of Jacque DeMolay demonstrates our confidence

that the finest of purposes will guide your development into the highest type of manhood. To be accepted as a DeMolay is, therefore, an honor of which any young man may be justly proud. In being received in our ranks, you have been instructed in the seven cardinal virtues of this great Order; we hope you have been deeply impressed with the lessons they teach. There is no better foundation on which to build your character and future life than the practice of these virtues. The Order of DeMolay teaches many beautiful lessons, but none is more important than honor and respect for womanhood, and more especially for motherhood. It is fitting, therefore, that you have been called upon to stand again before this altar and in a few moments a special emphasis upon the virtue which has been given first place among the jewels adorning the Crown of Youth, filial love.

For my purpose now this altar is dedicated to our mothers whose love never fails. You may rise to a position of great influence in commercial, political or professional life, but you can never reach the heights of your mother's secret hopes and aspirations for you. You may sink to the lowest depths of infamy and degradation, but never below the reach of her love. The memory of it will always stir your heart.

There is no man so entirely base, so completely vile, so utterly low that he does not hold in his heart a shrine sacred and apart for the memory of his mother's love. What is a creature of love divine? It would not be that of a stately angel with a form that is full of grace, but of a tired, toil-worn mother with a grave and tender face. It was your mother who loved you before you were born, who carried you for long months close to her heart, and in the fullness of time took God's hand in hers and passed through the Valley of Shadows to give you life. It was she who cared for you during those helpless years of infancy and in those scarcely less dependent years of childhood. As you have grown less dependent, she has done the countless, thoughtful, helpful and encouraging things that somehow only mothers seem to know how to do.

You may have accepted these attentions more or less as matters of course and perhaps without conscious gratitude or any expression of your appreciation. You are rapidly approaching the time of life when you will be entirely independent of a mother. The ties with which dependency has bound you to her may be severed. But the tie of mother love can never be broken. Thinking back upon the years of your life, you have reached the threshold of manhood. Your mother might well say in the words of the poet:

My body fed your body, Son;
the birth a swift thing,
compared to one and twenty years of feeding you with Spirit's tears.
I could not make your mind and soul,
but my glad hands have kept you whole.
All my living became a prayer, all my days I woke up a-stare,
for your young feet that trod behind,
that you in an inspiring way should find.
Think you that life can give you pain,
which does not stab in me again.
Think you that life can give you shame
which does not make my pride feel lame?
And you can do no evil thing which sears not me with poison sting.
Because of all that I have done, remember me in life, O Son.

Keep that proud body fine and fair,
My life is monumented there.
For my life, make no woman weep,
For my life, hold no woman cheap.
See you give no woman scorn
For that dark night when you were born.

These flowers which you see on our altar are symbols of that mother love. The white for the love of the mother who is gone, and the red for the mother who still lives to bless your life. Far in the dim recesses of our heart, where all is hushed and still, she keeps a shrine, because here she kneels in prayer while from above long shafts of light upon her shine. Her heart is filled with hurt as she cries, a quiver like a candle flame, each prayer takes wing. But blessed the world she walks among, to leave the radiance of the candle fair.

We want each of you to take a flower from this altar. If your mother is living, you will choose a red flower. If your mother has passed over to the other shore, you will choose a white flower. Keep it always sacred to her memory. May the sight of it quicken every tender memory of her and strengthen you anew in your daily efforts to fulfill her hopes and aspirations for you. If your mother is living, you will choose a red flower. When you go home tonight, give it to your mother. Tell her it's our recognition of God's best gift to a man: his mother's love. Take her in your arms and say, "Mother, I have learned a great lesson tonight. The ceremonies have helped me realize more fully how much you really mean to me. I'm going to try to show you daily how much I appreciate the sacrifices you have made and the love and care that you give me."

Some day you'll find that flower, I know not where, perhaps in her Bible or prayerbook or some other sacred place, as a sign or witness to what this night has meant to the one whose love for you, her son, is beyond the comprehension of any son. My Brothers, you'll please take a red or white flower from the altar. DeMolay can ask no more of you than that you show and endeavor so to live as to be worthy of your mother's love. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We say thank you. You are our future.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** To these young people, we do say thank you. A most meaningful, inspirational ceremony. And I concur: You are our future. Thank you very much. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: In 1964 our Worthy Grand Matron served as Worthy Advisor of York Rite Assembly 269, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, in Galveston, Texas. Since that time she has served four times as Mother Advisor of Waco Assembly 18 and has been appointed the Grand Visitor of the Central Texas Area Assemblies. Although our Worthy Grand Matron has been somewhat distracted with other things since I announced her election as Associate Grand Conductress in 1995, her love for the Order of the Rainbow for Girls has not wavered. Last year as Grand Conductress, she was privileged to introduce the First Lady of Rainbow in Texas, and it is my honor to present to you at this time Mrs. Pearl Mills, Supreme Outer Observer, Supreme Inspector of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Sister Pearl will introduce the Worthy Advisor and the Rainbow Girls for their presentation.

MRS. PEARL MILLS: Thank you so very much for that introduction and for

allowing me this privilege to bring greetings to this wonderful group of people here. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Members and my Sisters and my Brothers and my Friends: What a blessing it is to be here tonight to witness this beautiful installation ceremony. I appreciate this opportunity to bring greetings from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and to express to you every good wish for this year of service and my appreciation for your sponsorship of this Order. May God's richest blessings be yours now and always.

I think of all of the Eastern Star members as teachers of our young ladies. Henry Adams wrote, "A teacher affects eternity. They can never tell where their influence stops." I can say this is true for your sponsorship of this organization. You will never know where your influence stops here, the many lives of our girls it has touched and the many advisory board members and then the families. Ruskin once said that when we fail to praise a man who deserves praise, two sad things happen: We run a chance of driving him from the right road for want of encouragement, and we deprive ourselves of one of the very happiest of our privileges of rewarding labor that deserves a reward. Each of you, my Sisters and Brothers, deserves that praise; and I am very happy to be the one to tell you so.

Now for your reward. It is my pleasure to present our Grand Worthy Advisor, Jennifer Edwards, and the Rainbow Girls from this area and from other parts of the state possibly —I did not get to see them all as they came in —in the Bible presentation to our Worthy Grand Matron and a former Rainbow Girl, Sister Alma Bane, Past Worthy Advisor and a Past Mother Advisor.

MISS JENNIFER EDWARDS: Many pleasant duties have fallen to me during my association with this Order, but none more pleasant than that which I am privileged to discharge at this time. There comes a time in the lives of everyone when it seems that 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 salvation. One of 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 in this Order, you have been reminded that it will guide you to all truths, 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 heart you have no doubt of the sincere 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 teachings are beautiful. 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 and 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.

And now on behalf of this Grand Chapter, I have the very distinct honor, as well as the supreme pleasure, to present to you this beautiful white Bible, the gift of this Grand Chapter. May it be a beacon light to direct you through life to that Assembly above where all is Love, Religion, Nature, Immortality, Fidelity, Patriotism and Service. [applause]

MRS. PEARL MILLS: Now will each of you stand as we sing "My Rainbow" while our Worthy Grand Matron stands at the Altar with the girls. [singing in unison of "My Rainbow"] Girls, you were beautiful. Thank you. [applause as they leave the arena]

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, girls.

- MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Presenting the traveling Worthy Grand Matron's jewel will be Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron. Sister Yvonne and Brother Robert will also do their presentation at this time.
- MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Sister Alma Lynn, Worthy Grand Matron, I know part of what you're feeling right now. Last October 11th, our friend, Sister Alma Carter, pinned this jewel on me; and I felt very, very humble because it's a gift of the membership of Texas. I was so frightened and I still am tonight every time I wear this little dude I grab about every fifteen minutes to make sure I still have it. It is with pleasure and pride that I pin this to your Worthy Grand Matron's dress. And here is the little satin bag that I'm sure you will enjoy putting it in. This was what Sister Alma gave to me. Godspeed as you serve our beautiful Order. [applause]
- MR. ROBERT BROWNFIELD: Sister Yvonne, Junior Past Grand Matron, it gives me a lot of pleasure to pin this jewel on you. I don't know how this is going to turn out. I mean ... you know –
- MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Very carefully! You've got me about half jumpy.
- MR. ROBERT BROWNFIELD: Being military oriented, I consider this on the same level as if I were pinning the Distinguished Service Cross upon a fellow serviceman or lady, which exemplifies heroic service above and beyond the call of duty. [applause] Now most of you know that this lady did a few things different this past year, so I decided that I would do a little bit different here also. She has two awards coming. This is the first. But when she gets home, she'll find there in the mailbox a self-study course on how to learn the basics of home cooking without using the microwave. [laughter]
- MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Brother Robert. I want to thank the membership of Texas for this jewel because it's through the generosity of their hearts that it was purchased. Thank you very much. I love you one and all. [applause]
- MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Presenting the traveling Worthy Grand Patron's jewel will be Brother Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron. Brother Kenneth and Sister Juanita will make their presentations at this time.
- MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Brother Henry Martin, Worthy Grand Patron, how good that sounds to me! Brother Henry, this jewel has been worn by every Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the past 115 years. I have worn it over my heart with pride and honor, and I pass it on to you knowing that you too will wear it over your heart with pride and honor this next year. Thank you so very much. [applause]
- MRS. JUANITA GREGORY: Alma Lynn told me, when she told me I was on the program to do this, that I had five minutes. Well, you know, I have really racked

my brain to think how many ways you can say, "Honey, let's go home." [laughter] I couldn't think of anything to say in that regard except just "Honey, let's go home." [laughter[ So I thought, well, I'll try and come up with a different way to say something really nice in the presentation of this jewel. And I thought and I thought and I thought. There's really only one appropriate word, and that's "Here." [laughter and applause]

#### MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: We've said it in the past, there's not any retirement.

Each Grand Chapter year is unique and represents the individuality of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Each portion of our Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's program for 1998-99 will be presented by representatives of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Presenting our theme and watchword is Sister Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron. Presenting our emblems and symbols is Sister Mary Brown, Past Grand Matron. Presenting our colors and flowers is Sister Betty Phillips, Past Grand Matron. Presenting our Scripture is Dr. O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron.

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Proudly I present the Theme and Watchword of Guidance for the Grand Chapter year 1998-1999.

In presenting the THEME for the coming year, I can only say that a short sentence contains so much meaning. Our Worthy Grand Matron has chosen wisely. Listen closely, Sisters and Brothers, letting your hearts and minds grasp the deep meaning as we apply the THEME for 1998-99 in our individual lives.

#### THEME

### Our Lives are a Tapestry of Love and Service

Many of you are wearing an emblem that is most meaningful to our Worthy Grand Matron. It is only natural that she would use this Emblem to give us our WATCHWORD OF GUIDANCE. Here again in giving you her words, contained within these several sentences are guidelines for our daily living.

#### WATCHWORD of GUIDANCE

- C Compassionate for your fellowman
- $\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{Appreciative}$  of the blessings of God and kindnesses shown to you by others.
- M Motivated to do the best within your power and for the good of our Order.
- E Enthusiastic in all of your endeavors for your Chapter and our Order.
- O Optimistic in your attitude and opinions in all Opportunities of Service.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity of sharing your Theme and Watchword of Guidance with our membership.

MRS. MARY BROWN: Our Worthy Grand Matron has two emblems: the cameos of love and the top hats of service. There are three symbols. First, the teddy bear, teddy bears of compassion. When you see a teddy bear, may you be reminded that it takes only a small gesture on your part to put joy and happiness in the life of another person when they are in times of emotional stress or physical distress, by simply placing a teddy bear in their arms. Second, columns of strength. When you see a column, may you be reminded that the simplest or most complex structure depends on the supporting characteristics of a column. We look to our Masonic Brothers daily for strength and support in our benevolent and charitable endeavors. They are our columns of strength. Then there is the candle of enlightenment. When you see a candle, may you be reminded that like the candle, your light which God placed within your heart cannot shine if you hide it under a basket or in a hidden place. Let your light shine for all men to see, and your flame shall not go out but shall serve the purpose which God intended for your life.

MRS. BETTY PHILLIPS HAGER: Our Worthy Grand Matron's colors are the jewel tones of blue, burgundy and ruby with accents of teal and gold. We are never far from the color of blue. There are many shades of blue, the color of blue that we look into the heavens every day and brings us happiness. The color blue has become associated with loyalty and devotion. The translucent shades of burgundy and ruby reflect our dreams and hopes. Early man associated these colors with the mainstream of life. This is a symbol of deep affection, great courage and devout faith. We add accents of teal and gold to weave a tapestry of the spectrum of God. These luminous colors can only be dimmed by selfishness and greed.

The flowers.

It is only a tiny rosebud; yes, one of God's designs. I cannot unfold its petals with these hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding the rose is not known to you or to me, but God opens the buds ever so sweetly into the magnificent rose. If I cannot unfold a rose, then how can I think that I have the wisdom to unfold our tasks of life without His trust? I'll trust Him to unfold the moments just as He unfolds the rose.

Camellias are an Asiatic evergreen tree or shrub with dark green leaves and roselike flowers. Together, the rose and the camellia will make a great bouquet that will last forever. We offer to you the bouquet of roses entwined with the green and roselike flowers to pay homage to our Worthy Grand Matron's love of beauty and the beauty of her love.

**DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN:** The Scriptures of our Worthy Grand Matron are so related to the Order of the Eastern Star that our five Star Point lessons are found in God's Holy Word. Her special Scripture is found in Psalm 119, Verse 105. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway." Let us always be mindful that the Word of God should dwell in our hearts day by day.

Another Scripture from the New Testament, from the book of Matthew, Chapter 5, Verse 16. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." My challenge from the Worthy Grand Matron to you: Read your Bible daily. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: The gavel is the emblem of the Worthy Grand Matron. Our Worthy Grand Matron is proud of her father and knows that the drive and determination that she has as a trait is inherited from her father. The gavel is no stranger to her father because he has been the presiding officer of almost every Appendant Body of Freemasonry, from Master of his Lodge to the Potentate of the Shrine to present a very special gavel to our Worthy Grand Matron is Brother Clinton Lynn, Past Patron of Franklin Chapter 311, better known as "Daddy."

MR. CLINTON LYNN: Worthy Grand Matron and daughter Alma, it is a privilege to present to you this gavel this evening from the Lynn Family and Franklin Chapter 311. I know there's a bunch of them out there. I had a twenty-minute speech, and I even brought crying towels. But I see you have imported a Past Grand Matron from Oklahoma to speak on this gavel, so I'm going to yield my time to her. But I did have a note in here that I was supposed to get a big kiss! [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Into each of our lives comes special people that we feel an immediate kinship and understanding. In 1990 our Worthy Grand Matron first met the Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma and a friendship began that has spanned not only the years, but also the miles. Sister Margie McConnell has given encouragement and support to our Worthy Grand Matron. They share a love of the Rainbow for Girls, and when Deborah Bane was named Grand Representative to Oklahoma, our Worthy Grand Matron and her family attended the Grand Assembly of Oklahoma for the first time. It was there that Sister Alma heard the Gavel Talk. She invited Sister Margie to be a part of her installation and to bring to you the Gavel Talk. It is my pleasure to present Sister Margie McConnell, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. [applause]

MRS. MARGIE McCONNELL: Sister Alma, this gavel that I hold in my hand is an age-old symbol of the authority of your office. When you accept this gavel, you accept it with all of its wrappings. These wrappings are invisible; you cannot see them. But they are just as real as the gold and the enamel that covers this wood from which this gavel was made.

The first wrapping you will find is that of responsibility. Texas Grand Chapter is now your responsibility. You are responsible to see that it grows and thrives while you are in office. The second wrapping on this gavel is that of loyalty. No doubt the members of Texas Grand Chapter will be loyal to you. But it is more important that you be loyal to them. The third wrapping is that of love. Just as you were reared with love, so should love flow from you to all members of this Grand Chapter. Love is like a pebble that makes waves when dropped in a still pond. Waves of love should radiate from you and surround each member that you come in contact with. Then you will find there is a wrapping of humility. Do not be overly proud, for you do not occupy this office by your work alone, but from the efforts of all of those that are assembled around you. Next, you will find the wrappings of those two twins that always go hand in hand: justice and fairness. Just as a judge wills his decisions by using those two great virtues, you too should strive to be fair and just. Then down underneath where you will find the innermost wrapping of all, you will find the wrapping of reverence. This Order - this entire Order - is founded on God. Without God you can do nothing, but with God there is nothing you cannot do.

Sister Alma, it is with a great deal of pride and humility that I now present you this gavel with all of its wrappings. Thank you for asking me to do this. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Music soothes the soul and fills our lives with melody. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are very special people, and special music has been written for them. To present the music for 1998-99 is Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. VIRGINIA LYNN GREEN: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. "Gentlemen on Parade" was written by Brother John Esquivel for Brother Henry S. Martin. John is the Grand Organist for the Grand Lodge of Texas and was also Grand Organist for Sister Marcella Curry. The dedication of the "Gentlemen on Parade" from Mr. Henry Martin, Worthy Grand Patron: "It is with grateful appreciation that I acknowledge the composer of this march, Mr. John Esquivel, 1998 Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Texas. This march is dedicated to my wife, Mrs. Opal Martin, and the Gallant Gentlemen of Texas, each of whom serves his respective Chapter as Worthy Patron during the Grand Chapter year 1998-1999."

Brother John. ["Gentlemen on Parade" performed.]

"Alma Lynn" was also written and will be performed by Brother John Esquivel. ["Alma Lynn" performed.]

Thank you, Brother John. Beautiful indeed!

"Teddy Bears and Top Hats" was written by Sister Mary Ferguson for Sister Alma Lynn Bane. Mary was Grand Organist for Sister Yvonne Brownfield. Sister Mary served as School Organist for Sister Yvonne and Alma Lynn Bane when they served as Deputy Grand Matrons in 1985-1986. Sister Mary. ["Teddy Bears and Top Hats" performed.]

Thank you, Sister Mary. "The Cameo Lady March" was written for Sister Alma Lynn Bane by Sister Joyce Gilbert. Joyce, a very special, faithful friend, will be serving as our Grand Organist for 1998-99. Dedication from Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Worthy Grand Matron: "It is with grateful appreciation that I acknowledge the composer of this march, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Grand Organist, Grand Chapter of Texas, 1998-1999. This march is dedicated in honor of the Cameo Ladies and Gallant Gentlemen who are serving our Subordinate Chapters in 1998-1999 and in memory of the Cameo Ladies and Gallant Gentlemen who listen from above and rejoice with us."

All of these melodies and many of the songs heard tonight are performed on the "Sounds of the Century" tape and are available as sheet music or in a bound set of all four. They are available from members of the Melody Maker Special Committee of the Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Joyce Gilbert, Grand Organist, we await your rendition of "The Cameo Lady March." ["The Cameo Lady March" performed.]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Each Grand Chapter year our Humanitarian Program is the focal point of our benevolent endeavors. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have developed a Humanitarian Program which will weave a tapestry of caring and sharing. Presenting our Humanitarian Program is Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: A Tapestry of Service and Caring Humanitarian Program. Each Subordinate Chapter is encouraged to participate in the Humanitarian Program for 1998-1999 by making donations to one or more of the parts of the Humanitarian Program. To be 100 percent a Chapter is to donate \$1 per member as of May 31st, 1998, to one or more aspects of A Tapestry of Sharing and Caring

Humanitarian Program. If a consolidation of Chapters has occurred, the membership of the Chapters as of May 31st, 1998, is to be combined for determination of 100 percent participation in the consolidated Chapters.

As our Star is composed of five symbols, our Humanitarian Program is composed of five parts. First, fidelity. Let us be reminded of cur Obligation in providing a home for all members of all ages for all times. Let the blue ray remind you of the Home Endowment Fund. Second, constancy. Let us be reminded that our Eastern Star Home is in constant need of repairs and daily maintenance. Let the yellow ray remind you of the Eastern Star Home Fund. Third, loyalty. Let us be reminded that we made a commitment to renovate our Home for those who live there now and in the future. Let the white ray remind you of the Eastern Star Home Renovation Fund. Fourth, faith. Let us be reminded that our faith gives us the hope for immortal life and is a message which every person must hear. Let the green ray remind you of ESTARL, the Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership Fund. And, fifth, love. Let us be reminded that the love that we put in our hearts was not put there to stay, but to share with and to give it away. Let the red ray remind us to share our message and our blessings with those in need or those who have been placed in our care by participating in the Humanitarian Program for 1998-1999.

The Humanitarian Program contributions may be mailed by the Chapter Secretary to the Humanitarian Chairman for your district. Each District Chairman will forward these Chapter contributions to the General Chairman monthly. The Chapter contributions may be presented to the Humanitarian Chairman during the Humanitarian Program at the Eastern Star school in your section. The Chapters may pledge a donation to be forwarded to the District Chairman prior to July 1st, 1999. All reports for the Humanitarian Program must be finalized 60 days prior to the 1999 session to be held on September 23-25, 1999. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Our Worthy Grand Patron is a musician and has selected a special song. It is a song that was sung when he was installed as Worthy Patron of his Chapter. Presenting this very special song is Patsy Duke, Grand Soloist for District 4. ["Climb Every Mountain" sung.]

It is my privilege and with much pride that I present our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin, for greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Sister Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Most Worshipful Grand Master, our Installed Officers and Elected Boards, Grand Lodge Officers, my distinguished Sisters, Brothers and Friends: Would my wife Opal stand, please. I want to thank Opal who will serve as our Grand Esther this year for her support that has made it possible for me to serve my Chapter and this Grand Chapter through the years. Thank you, Opal; I love you. [applause]

It's a distinct pleasure to have other members of our family here tonight. They're sitting over to my left, and I want to ask them to stand so we can recognize them. Thank you for being here. Some of them have traveled a long distance, and we appreciate it. Thank you so much. [applause]

As I stand here tonight, my thoughts turn to our Worthy Grand Matron; who, with her husband Bill, selected Opal and me to make this journey with them. It has been a tremendous experience so far, and with the leadership of this lady, the

upcoming year will be both enjoyable and productive. It is with much pride that I serve with Alma Lynn Bane.

I now want to recognize the members of my Chapter, Edwin J. Kiest 959. Some of them have had to leave, I know. But those who are still here, would you please stand. [applause] Our Worthy Matron, Gloria Welch, and our Worthy Patron, Maurice Barcomb. Thank you for honoring me tonight by being here.

And now I'd like to recognize the members of District 1, Section 4. Would you please stand? These are the Sisters and Brothers with whom I have served and enjoyed the past 24 years in this organization, and I thank you for your presence tonight. And now would all members from District 1 stand with me, please. I want to thank you for all you do for this Order, and thank you for the support you have shown me through these past years. Thank you. [applause]

I would be remiss if I didn't thank another group of people to whom I owe a great deal, the members of Edwin J. Kiest Masonic Lodge. Those of you who are still here, would you stand. These Brothers have been so supportive of me over the years, and I want to thank them especially for being here. Thank you, fellows. [applause]

I think most of the Hella Shrine Concert Band has left, but I wanted to thank them for the pre-installation music tonight that we enjoyed. I extend my appreciation to all of those who have participated in this installation. In the interest of time, I will not call individual names. But let me thank the following groups of people: First of all, our Installing Grand Officers. To each one of you, you did a beautiful job, and we thank you very much. To those who served in the several presentations, who participated in any way, each one was very impressive; and again you have our thanks. To those who shared their musical talents with us, you have added so much to this installation. I love music. I've participated in it for a long time. These people are some of the most talented people that you'll meet, and I thank you for everything. To those who brought greetings, we thank you for your presence and we thank you for honoring us tonight, and we appreciate those very kind remarks. And to those who invoked the blessings of our Heavenly Father tonight, for the invocation and the benediction, let me thank you because these are so necessary to keep us focused. Please know that each one of you that I have mentioned here will always hold a special place in my memories.

To the Installed Officers and the Elected Boards: It is with a great deal of pride that I will be privileged to serve our Order with you this year. You're a most talented and a most capable group. I'm confident that this Order will benefit greatly from your service.

To the Deputies: I know that every Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron feel that their Deputies are the best who ever served, and I can understand this. But I also believe that each one of you will prove to be outstanding as you perform your duties this year. I'm already very proud of you. Thank you.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you for your presence tonight. It's an honor to have you with us. It has been an honor to have a Past Grand Patron serve as the Grand Master of Masons in Texas. And as a Peacemaker, Brother Harry, I am especially proud of your accomplishments this year.

As we move into this new Grand Chapter year, I am experiencing feelings of humility, excitement and anticipation, humility because the membership of this Grand Chapter has demonstrated their confidence in me by electing me to this, the highest honor that can be conferred upon a Brother, and also because of the outstanding Past Grand Patrons who have served before me. These Brothers have established impressive standards of performance, and they have left footprints on the landscape of this Grand Chapter that will not soon fade away. To the Past Grand Patrons, it will be my challenge to uphold the impressive examples of leadership that you have provided to our Order over the years.

I experience feelings of excitement for many reasons, but one especially stands out. This year, for I believe the first time, the cooperative efforts of our Worthy Grand Matron and our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Mike Gower, who will be installed as Grand Master in, I believe, about five weeks, will offer the opportunity for the members of Eastern Star to work with the members of the Blue Lodge on a specific project: the blood drive. For the Eastern Star it is entitled "Together We Give," and for the Grand Lodge, it is "The Gift of Life." It is my hope that this will establish the framework and the precedent of our two organizations to move closer together, and that the combined efforts of our organizations will demonstrate the benefits that can be realized when all members of this great Masonic family work together.

And I also feel a tremendous sense of anticipation because of the opportunities that exist and the challenges that must be met successfully if our Order in general and this Grand Chapter specifically is to prosper into the next millennium. The opportunities include identifying ways to operate Grand Chapter more cost effectively and to provide for the ladies who live in our Eastern Star Home in an increasingly efficient and financially sound manner. We must meet the challenge to attract and retain excited and enthusiastic members and to demonstrate to those members who have become inactive that our Order is worthy of their earnest labors and that not only is the work of the Order worthwhile, but also enjoyable. In the world today we face competition for members from many different sources. I feel we must follow the example set by the churches in the past several years. They have not changed the content of the Gospel that is preached, nor have they modified the plan of salvation, but, my Sisters and Brothers, they have introduced innovations in how they attract people to their services. We, too, must be innovative. We must find ways to make our Order and the work that we do interesting and exciting to those people we want to attract. Our future is bright if we can accomplish these goals.

In closing, let me thank the Worthy Grand Matron for selecting me to walk by her side, and let me thank the membership of this Grand Chapter once again for the opportunity to serve you. And now to all of you, may the blessings of Heaven rest upon you, and may peace and happiness abide with you always. Thank you. [applause and standing ovation]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Our Worthy Grand Matron affiliated with Cisco Chapter 461 in 1976 and first met our Grand Soloist for District 3, Sister Elizabeth Webb. They had much in common. They were both expecting a baby, and the Chapter was elated when they both had little girls. In 1985 they renewed their friendship and shared another important event in their lives: serving as Deputy Grand Matrons for Sister Elsie Paladino. Tonight Sister Elizabeth will present a favorite song of our Worthy Grand Matron. ["Pass It On" sung.]

The time we have all been waiting for. It was first my privilege to introduce Sister Alma Lynn as our Associate Grand Conductress in 1995. It's now my privilege to introduce our Worthy Grand Matron for her greetings.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Wanda Fairchild, Master of Ceremonies for our Installation, thank you. Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Appointees, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, my Sisters, Brothers and Friends: We began the day with a joyful noise and a song in our hearts. Tonight can only be described by the words of the song, "One Moment in Time." This is truly one moment in time that I am more than I ever thought I could be. I thank you for sharing this very special time with me, that will become the cameo moment of our hearts and minds.

Ten years ago I welcomed many of you to a breakfast honoring Sister Doris Efird with the verse we all learned as a child: "Wish I may, wish I might, I will make a wish on the first star I see tonight." Little did I know that my wish for a night as special as tonight would ever come true. All of us have dreams, but have not dared to pin our hopes on them. But it is the dreams that beckon us on and the hopes that stir within us that give us inspiration for the future and goals to strive for as individuals.

I, too, want to express my appreciation to the many who made tonight possible. First, I want to thank God for allowing me to be born in a loving family, in a land where we have the freedom of religion and lawful assembly. From an early age I was instilled with a respect for the Masonic Fraternity, and I eagerly looked forward to becoming a Rainbow Girl and later a member of the Eastern Star.

My family is very special to me, and I would like to introduce them to you. My husband, Dr. Bill Bane, who will be serving as Executive Chairman for our Grand Chapter this next year; our daughters, Greta Bane Hecker, Deborah Bane and Cynthia Bane, and our grandson, Ryan Christopher Hecker; my parents, Clinton and Betty Lynn, and to have been with us tonight and participated in our presentations was to have been my sister, Sandra Kaemmlein. She lives in New Jersey and was unable to be with us. Thank you. I love you each. [applause]

I would like to thank the members of my parent Chapter, Waco Chapter 7, and my dual Chapter, Franklin Chapter 311, and my Sisters and Brothers of the other Subordinate Chapters who have loved and supported me in my endeavors, whether it be as a Rainbow Girl, as a new member of our Order, or as a member of this Grand Chapter. Many of you have been there for me when I grew in stature, as well as service to our Order. Each of you have helped to weave the threads of love and service in the tapestry of my life.

Second, I want to give a very special thank you to the Installing Grand Officers and the participants in the Installation program. Each of you have shared special times with me in the past, and I was elated when you said you would be here and assist with the Installation tonight. A special appreciation to Darci, Walter and Jennifer, and the many Rainbow Girls, DeMolay and Job's Daughters who made a special effort to be with us this evening and to make those lovely presentations. To Brother Harry and the Grand Lodge Officers, thank you for your attendance and we will look forward to being with you in Waco in December. To our visiting distinguished guests, your presence here tonight has allowed all of us to share one very special moment in time with you.

Third, I would like to thank the membership of Texas for allowing me to serve

as your Worthy Grand Matron in 1998-1999. I pledge to you my very best and one hundred percent of my energies to promote the welfare and prosperity of our Order. I have personally encouraged you to think positive and to feel free to share ideas and recommendations with me in the past. I covet your prayers and support in the days to come as I fulfill the duties and responsibilities as your Worthy Grand Matron. I am here to serve you and our Order. It is life's experiences that have been the threads woven in the fabric of our souls on the looms of our daily lives.

I would like to present to this Grand Chapter the ones who have accepted a place of service to our Order in 1998-99. Each appointee will be listed in our Official Bulletin. However, I would like to present them to you in groups. The Installing Grand Officers have been installed and the Elected Boards introduced earlier in this installation. The Grand Representatives were previously introduced and will continue to represent our Grand Jurisdiction until their commissions expire. It is my privilege to present the Deputies of Grand Chapter, the five District Deputies and fifty Deputy Grand Matrons of Texas. My Sisters, you are my personal representatives to the Chapters in your section. Godspeed in your journeys. May peace and harmony prevail in your Chapters. I love each of you and thank you for your service. [applause]

Our Code of Laws in Article 17 states that after the installation and before the close of the annual session, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the members of the Standing and Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. I invite the members of the Standing Committees of this Grand Chapter, as listed in Article 17, to please stand. Some of these Committees have as few as one to three members to accomplish their duties. Most have five or six members with representatives in each district, the largest Committee being the Arrangements Committee which has planned and prepared for this evening and eagerly await your arrival in Waco in September of 1999. To the Standing Committees of Grand Chapter, I say thank you for your willingness to serve. [applause]

The Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron have the challenge of assisting and promoting the special projects and events for the year. As I call your Committee's name, please stand and remain standing: Acts of Kindness which will be collecting stuffed animals for special ones; Bulletin which will be encouraging Bulletin subscriptions; Columns of Strength which will be collecting OES Home Endowment donations; Community Candelighters which will continue our community service projects; Dream Weavers which will help us recognize our special members; Endowed Membership which will be encouraging endowed memberships; Founder's Day which will plan for our Founder's Day activities; Fraternal Fan Projects which will continue our support of the General Grand Chapter projects; Future of our Order which will work with our Fraternal Youth Organizations; Poet Laureate which will provide us with prose and poetry; Grand Historian which will help us record our projects and events; Grand Soloists and Melody Makers who will provide us with music; Membership which will encourage membership and visitation; OES Time and Talent which will assist us with our OES Home activities and projects; Spring Fling '99 which will plan for and provide a spring celebration; last, but by no means least, Together We Give which will work with the Gift of Life Project of the Grand Lodge. Additionally, we will have special ones who will be serving us: Grand Escorts, Grand Pages and Secretarial Committee. The members of the Special Committees were requested to purchase a badge with their name and Committee appointment and had the option of purchasing a Columns of Strength charter membership in lieu of purchasing a Grand Chapter formal. To these charter members, I tip my hat to you. I want to express my personal gratitude for your donations to our OES Home Endowment Fund. Your donations totaled over \$70,400. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, this is my Dream Team. Dream Team, let your light shine in '99! Thank you. [applause]

I would be remiss if I did not express my appreciation to the many Past Matrons and Past Patrons who were invited to serve, but were unable to accept the responsibility due to health and personal reasons. Your letters and words of encouragement and support fill many pages of my book of memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Please remember: Yesterday is the past; it is filled with our memories. Tomorrow is the future; it is filled with our dreams. Today is a gift; it is filled with opportunities. That's why we call it the present.

Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. [applause and standing ovation]

Our Grand Marshal will present our "Tapestry of Love and Service" formation of our Installing Grand Officers, Elected Boards, Grand Representatives, Deputies of Grand Chapter and Standing Committees of Grand Chapter. Our formation will be framed by the Arrangements Committee, Special Committee Members, Worthy Matrons, and Worthy Patrons of Texas. Sister Grand Marshal, after the Arrangements Committee has made their arrangements of removing the furniture, I invite you to present our formation. ["Light a Candle" sung by Mrs. Rebecca Schaefer as formation is formed.]

#### VOICE:

We have lighted a candle of service for those who have seen His Star.

We'll think of our needy members and help them wherever they are.

Let envy and hatred and malice just wither before this flame
and light up in our Father's Name.

And as the light of the candle goes out
and the cares of the day are o'er,
may all who have come to this meeting tonight
be permitted to come once more.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: If you will stay with us for just a few more moments. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Mike Gower will share a year of service to our fraternities: "Together We Give" and "The Gift of Life." Our Installation will be closed with the benediction by Brother Mike Gower, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

MR. MIKE GOWER: Let us pray. Eternal Father, as once more we enter the stream of life and the busy world, we pray for the quickening awareness of Your constant presence. Kindle our hearts with the confidence that You are the light of our souls, the sharer of our deepest thoughts, nearer than breathing and closer than hands and feet. Renew our assurance that You are with us wherever we go, that Your love is longer than our longest journey, and Your care is wider than our widest horizon. Grant that Your Spirit may dwell in our hearts and be revealed in our lives. Amen.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: To our visitors: Thank you for sharing this one

moment in time. Your attention has been greatly appreciated. Those who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will retire.

[Recess to prepare for closing.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're 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 Grand Chapter from rest to labor, and you are to see that the doors of this Grand Chapter are closed and permit no interruption 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 members of the Order.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order. [The Grand Chapter was proved.] 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 Holy Bible was opened.]

I declare this 116th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas called from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this Grand Chapter has been called from rest to labor. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** At this time we will have a presentation by Sister Shirley Jones, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. Sister Shirley.

MRS. SHIRLEY JONES: Worthy Grand Matron, at the close of this beautiful evening and as you begin your year of service to our Order in this position, on behalf of the Board of Grand Trustees, Sister Frances Burbank, our District 3 Member, has a presentation for you.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Matron, it is now my privilege to give to you one set of keys to the Grand Chapter vehicle. Now the keys are in this little envelope, and I'm going to give you the whole thing because otherwise you wouldn't know where that vehicle was parked, I don't believe. It is in valet parking

at the Radisson Hotel. It is complimentary; you will not have to pay to get the van out. I believe that our Grand Secretary has the credit card – No. You have the credit card. Wonderful!

We're delighted to give to you at this particular time the keys to the van. We wish for you safe travels this year, and Godspeed you and return you to us each time, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have two announcements. The breakfast for our Associate Grand Conductress will be at 8 a.m. in the morning. I thank the Associate Conductresses for changing the time so it would not be in conflict with the Deputy Grand Matron conference, which is required by our Code of Laws to be at 10 a.m. After I close this session, I ask that you allow the Installing Grand Officers to meet me at the Altar for a retiring drill, that we might retire our badges.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the Flag of our Country.

Our Code of Laws allows the presiding officer to close a meeting with one blow of the gavel. Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the Bible on our Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.]

I declare this 116th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the Order of the Eastern Star, closed. I invite the Installing Grand Officers to join me at the Altar. Sisters and Brothers, we love you. We shall see you soon.

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### **APPENDIX**

#### IN MEMORIAM

#### MR. E. F. "VAN" PLUMLEE PAST GRAND PATRON THE 82nd SESSION 1963 - 1964 Died November 22, 1997



"Heaven is made of those we love, The Beautiful and true, And God has taken him above To build a heaven for you."

#### IN MEMORIAM

MR. J. T. SANDERS
PAST GRAND PATRON
"THE LIGHT FROM MANY LAMPS" SESSION
1968 - 1969
Died March 1, 1998



"He will swallow up death in victory And the Lord God shall wipe tears from all faces." I Cor. 15-55

#### IN MEMORIAM

# MRS. SHERRILL R. CAIN PAST GRAND MATRON "THE GIVER AND THE GIFT" SESSION 1987 - 1988 Died September 20, 1998



"Jesus said, 'Because I live, you shall live also'.

That is a glorious hope of life, and reminds us
that as Jesus lives today, we too,
shall live again with our loved ones."

# "Circle Of Love"



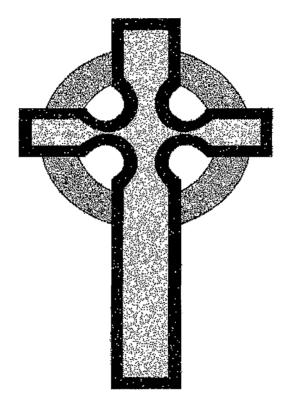
IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

THE TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS  $\qquad \qquad \text{OF TEXAS} \\ \text{WHO ENTERED THEIR ETERNAL HOME}$ 

1997 - 1998

# "Circle Of Love"



IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF OTHER

GRAND JURISDICTIONS

WHO WERE CALLED TO THEIR ETERNAL HOME

1997 - 1998

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS 1997 - 1998

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ARKANSAS	Mrs. Letha West, Rt. 2, Box 269, Atlanta 75551	12-31-98
AUSTRALIA	Mr. William D. Prague, 1401 Donley, Euless 76039-2509	6-30-2000
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON	Mrs. Shirley Haygood, 2821 Sacramento, El Paso 79930	12-31-99
CALIFORNIA	Mrs. Wanda Smith, P.O. Box 466, Center 75935	12-31-98
COLORADO	Mrs. Maurine Creech, 16224 Oxbow Trail, Buda 78610	11-16-99
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KENTUCKY	Mrs. Betty Prater, 10865 Sharondale Lane, Dallas 75228	9-30-99
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MASSACHUSETTS	Mrs. Una Faye Balletine, 3965 Ridgeoak Way, Dallas 75244	12-31-99
MICHIGAN	Mrs. Joyce McKnight, 1129 Alma Dr., Lumberton 77657	1-1-99
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PUERTO RICO	Mrs. Delia Whitfield, 504 Elmhurst, Laredo 78045	3-31-99
QUEBEC	Mrs. Louise Norman, Rt. 2, Box 699F, Lexington 78947	1-1-99
RHODE ISLAND	M. D Cl. 14 0000 D 11 . 171 17000	12-31-98
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VERMONT	Mrs. Betty Laird, Rt. 1, Box 486, Navasota 77868	9-1-2000
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> Mrs. Betty Briggs, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, 1618 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009

#### RECAP ON ELECTIONS

#### ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Worthy Grand Matron	Alma Lynn Bane
Worthy Grand Patron	Henry S. Martin
Associate Grand Matron	Betty Friend
Associate Grand Patron	Lee Stallings
Grand Secretary	Marjorie Errington
Grand Treasurer	Patsy Wilson
Grand Conductress	Naomi Wolfe
Board of Grand Trustees, District I	Patsy Washington
Board of Grand Trustees, District III	Frances Burbank
Board of Grand Trustees, District IV	James Rippey
Board of Grand Trustees, District V	Shirley Jones
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District II	Norma Graham
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District III	Betty Capps
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District IV	R. J. "Tom" Warner
Grand Chapter Benevolences, District V	Maxine Nance
Board of Grand Examiners, District I	Donna Douglas
Board of Grand Examiners, District II	Kimi Kidd
Board of Grand Examiners, District III	Nancy Brown
Board of Grand Examiners, District IV	Karen Morgenthaler
Board of Grand Examiners, District V	Doris Hester

#### 1st Ballot

#### ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Jimmie Lee McMahon 1,928 (Elected) Sharon Fentress 985

#### BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES, District II

Leah Hayes 1,757 (Elected)

Sheryl Koltermann 1,035

#### BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES, District I

Lewis Mathison 2,070 (Elected)

Laurel Roth 733

#### BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS-at-LARGE

Janice Hoffman 298 Geraldine "Jerry" Dusek 1,004

Sandra Perdue 1,497 (Elected)

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Year	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND TREASURER
1884	†Mrs. E.J. Talbot	†W.L. Holt	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†W.J. Wickham	†R. R. McPhail	†Mrs. A. McGregor
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. Hawkins	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Carr Forest	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. McGregor
1886	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P.H. Stevens	†Mrs. Sallie Wayde	†D.H. Hightower	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. M. Hightower
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. Schwartz
1888	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	‡Mrs. Sarah L. Berline
1889	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	J.W. Ellender	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†T.J. Neely	†Stephen Gould	‡Mrs. M.R. Marsh
1890	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	*Mrs. Jennie Cassill	‡Mrs. M.R. Marsh
1891	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	J.L. Miller	‡J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter
1892	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†J.L. Miller	†Mrs. M. Strehorn	†J.W. Felbaum	‡J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter
1893	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†Tom Murrah	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†D. Ludlow	‡J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Kate Birch
1895	†Mrs. Sadie A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	J.K. Bowman	Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph
1896	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Ree Alvord
1897	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†J.T. Atchinson	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. Laura B, Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh
1898	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†S.D. Moore	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh
1899	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne
1900	†Mrs. Agnes V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne
1901	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. A. Walker	†P.S. Park	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph
1903	†Mrs. Alma M. Walker	†P.S. Park	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1904	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1905	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1906	†Mrs. Mollie E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1907	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†J.H. Anderson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1908	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†C.H. Thorn	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle
1909	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†G.W. Glasscock	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson
1910	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson
1911	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen
1912	†Dr. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen
1913	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody
1914	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody
1915	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1917	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1918	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1919	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson

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1920	†Mrs. Margaret L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1921	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebits	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1922	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebits	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1923	†Mrs. Norton H. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1924	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1925	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1926	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Mrs. LuLu LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1927	†Miss LuLu LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1928	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1929	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1930	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1931	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1932	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Mrs. Rose Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1933	†Mrs. Rose E. Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1934	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1935	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1936	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1937	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John Temple Rice	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1938	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1939	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1940	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Mrs. Viva Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1941	†Mrs. Viva S. Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1942	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1943	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard	†E.B. Gauntt	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1944	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker	†E.B. Gauntt	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1945	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1946	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1947	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1949	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1951	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1952	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling	Fred W. Dewald	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1953	†Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1954	Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	Mrs. Lois Burnett	†C.E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1955	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Chas. E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1956	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	Mrs. Jettie Hinton

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### LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-1996

<b>Year</b>	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND TREASURER
.957	Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
.958	Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	†Dr. R.O. Fuqua	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
959	Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	†Dr. R.O. Fuqua	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
960	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
961	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	†Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
962	†Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
963	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
964	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
965	Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	Marvin B. Simpson	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
966	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	H.F. Harrington	Mrs. Nancy Bailey	Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
967	Mrs. Nancy Bailey	Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
968	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	J.T. Sanders	Mrs. Sally Matranga	Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
969	Mrs. Sally Matranga	Richard T. Porter	Mrs. Frances Herrin	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
970	Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	†J. Victor Jones	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	Harold Todd	Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
971	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	Harold Todd	Mrs. Katherine Harbour	C.A. Bill" Holmes	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
972	Mrs. Katherine Harbour	C.A. Bill" Holmes	Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	Paul Huffhines	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
973	Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	Paul Huffhines	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast	Joseph B. Powell	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
974	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast		†Mrs. Doris Easterling	O.D. Christian	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
975	†Mrs. Doris Easterling	O.D. Christian	Mrs. Joyce Roberts	†Perry Smithwick	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
976	Mrs, Joyce Roberts	†Perry Smithwick	Mrs. Mary Brown	Murray Watson, Jr.	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
977	Mrs, Mary M. Brown	Murray Watson, Jr.	Mrs. Rennie Ofton	Thurman L. Weaver	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Mrs. Jettie Hinton
978	Mrs. Rennie Ofton	T.L. Weaver	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†Leslie G. Burnett	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
979	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†Leslie G. Burnett	Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Mrs. Louise W. Armstr
980	Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	Mrs. Elise Hammack	Oliver B. Chamberlin	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Mrs. Louise W. Armstr
981	Mrs. Elise Hammack	Oliver B. Chamberlin	Mrs. Lois Bell	Gene Belk	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Frances Burbank
982	Mrs. Lois Bell	Gene Belk	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	Ralph A. Davis	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Frances Burbank
983	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	Ralph A. Davis	Mrs. Beulah Speer	Wayne P. Jones	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Frances Burbank
984	Mrs. Beulah Speer	Wayne P. Jones	Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Frances Burbank
985	Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	Leonard M. Ellington	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Lola Wallace
986	Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†Leonard M. Ellington	Mrs. Sherrill Cain	B. F. Hutson	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Lola Wallace
987	Mrs. Sherrill Cain	B. F. Hutson	Mrs. Doris Efird	Harry G. Cunningham	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
988	Mrs. Doris Efird	Harry G. Cunningham	Mrs. Betty Phillips	Joe E. Jeffers	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
989	Mrs. Betty Phillips	Joe E. Jeffers	Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
990	Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	Mrs. Jane Gregory	Glenn Whitaker	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
991	Mrs. Jane Gregory	Glenn Whitaker	Mrs. Virginia L. Green	Garland W. Rattan	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
992	Mrs. Virginia L. Green	Garland Rattan	Mrs. Marcella Curry	Leland Benefield	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
993	Mrs. Marcella Curry	Leland Benefield	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	Charles Morris	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
994	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	Charles Morris	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland	Billy Combest	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
995	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland	Billy Combest	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Patsy Wilson
996	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Claude Ervin	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Patsy Wilson
997	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Kenneth Gregory	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Patsy Wilson

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#### 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 statements of financial position of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star (the "Grand Chapter") (a nonprofit organization) and the Eastern Star Home of Texas (the "Retirement Home") (a nonprofit organization) as of October 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related statements of activities and statements of cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements and the schedules referred to below are the responsibility of the Grand Chapter and the Retirement Home's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and the schedules referred to below on our audits.

Except as discussed in the following paragraphs, we conducted our audit 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 audit 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.

The Grand Chapter has included disclosure of certain matters regarding the year 2000 issue in Note K. Because of the unprecedented nature of the year 2000 issue, its effects and success or related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the year 2000.

and thereafter. Accordingly, insufficient audit evidence exists to support the Grand Chapter's disclosures with respect to the year 2000 issue made in Note K. Further, we do not provide assurance that the Grand Chapter is or will be year 2000 ready, that the Grand Chapter's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the Grand Chapter does business will be year 2000 ready.

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 and had we also been able to examine evidence regarding year 2000 disclosures, 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 and the Eastern Star Home of Texas as of October 31, 1998, and the changes in their net assets and its changes in cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Note A to the financial statements, in 1997, the Grand Chapter and the Retirement Home changed its method of accounting for investments.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Exhibits 1 through 6 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such 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 preceding paragraph, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Weatherford, Texas December 22, 1998 GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDS October 31, 1998

	General Fund	Home Fund	Endowment Fund	Benevolent Fund	Education Fund
ASSETS  Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 115,219	\$ 172.922	\$	\$ 84,363	\$
Cash and cash equivalents Certificates of deposit	20.466	169.021	Φ	\$ 64,505	Ψ
Investments held in trust	2,347	259,479			
Due from other funds	30,615	38,027		32,057	1,571
Real estate notes receivable	00,010	18,218		02,00.	.,
Prepaid expenses	31,275	6.300			
Accrued interest receivable	31,270	675	83.844		
Inventory	16,792	314	00,044		
Restricted cash and investments:	10,102	0,4			
Cash and cash equivalents					9,906
Certificates of deposit					88,076
Investments held in trust			7.539.791		499,640
Property and equipment	59,263	69,320	7,000,731		400,040
Other Assets	55,205	22			3,227
Other Assets				*****	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 275,977	\$ 734,298	\$ 7,623,635	\$ 116,420	\$ 602,420
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Accounts payable	\$ 1,244	\$ 16,031	\$	\$	\$
Other accrued liabilities	16				
Due to other funds	39,598	32,057	30,615		
Funds held for others		42,735			
TOTAL LIABILITIES	40,858	90,823	30,615		
NET ASSETS					
Unrestricted	235,119	643,475		116,420	
Temporarily Restricted					
Permanently Restricted			7,593,020		602,420
TOTAL NET ASSETS	235,119	643,475	7,593,020	116,420	602,420
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND					
NET ASSETS	\$ 275,977	\$ 734,298	\$ 7,623,635	\$ 116,420	\$ 602,420

Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian/ Special Projects Fund	Endowed Membership Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals
\$	\$ 106,051	\$	\$	\$ 478,555	\$	\$ 478,555
	120,000			309,487		309,487
				261,826	(10.0.0)	261,826
			18,743	121,013	(121,013)	10 210
	11,738			18,218 49,313		18,218 49,313
	11,730	17,695	4,627	106,841		106.841
		17,000	7,021	17.106		17,106
				,		
4,326		315	5,839	20,386		20,386
35,000				123,076		123,076
		833,577	447,373	9,320,381		9,320,381
				128,583		128,583
				3,249		3,249
\$ 39,326	\$ 237,789	\$ 851,587	\$ 476,582	\$ 10,958,034	\$ (121,013)	\$ 10,837,021
\$	\$	\$	\$	17,275		17,275
				16		16
	18,743			121,013	(121,013)	
		851,587		894,322		894,322
	18,743	851,587		1,032,626	(121,013)	911,613
	219,046			1,214,060		1,214,060
	2.0,070		476,582	476,582		476,582
39,326				8,234,766		8,234,766
39,326	219,046		476,582	9,925,408		9,925,408
\$ 39,326	\$ 237,789	\$ 851.587	\$ 476,582	\$ 10.958.034	\$ (121,013)	\$ 10,837,021

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDS
Year Ended October 31, 1998

		General Fund		Home Fund	Endowment Fund	В	enevolent Fund
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT							
Bulletin sales	\$	74,154	\$		\$	\$	
Dues		116,664		523,991			46,209
Gifts and donations				44,718	51,097		
Grand Session revenue		126,317					
Home member receipts				73,417			
Investment return		4,710		19,222	359,098		1,061
Net realized and unrealized gains on the							
sale of investments					282,369		
Other revenue		55,524		22,374			
Pension receipts				455,924			
Special funds				2,966	107,250		
Supply sales		91,864					
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND							
OTHER SUPPORT	_	469,233	_	1,142,612	799,814		47,270
EXPENSES							
Compensation and related expenses							
Compensation		76,614		655,748			
Payroll taxes		6,168		55,395			
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Allowance to home members		,		29,904			
Auto		4.795		5,002			
Bad debt		1,700		4,248			
Chapter benevolence				.,2.0			43.055
Depreciation		12,548		9.785			10,000
Food		12,040		148,069			
Funeral				5.617			
Grand officer's examiner's & committee				5,617			
expenses		8.981		381			
Grand Session expense		100,123		301			
Insurance		100,123					
Property and casualty		3,321		20,661			
Vehicles		378		25,369			
Accident disability/worker comp/omissions		3,985		26,535			
Ladies medical		3,303		48,230			
Investment trust fees				40,230	32,879		
Legal and professional		26,105			32,079		
Loss on damaged or sale of equipment		26,100					
Medical							
Dental				15 474			
Dental				15,171			
***				32,923			
Hospitals				9,208			
Patient care supplies				10,230			
Prescription medication				78,653			
X-ray and labs				2,859			

Education Fund	Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian/ Special Projects Fund	Home Renovation Fund	_	Totals	Eliminations		Adjusted Totals
s	\$	\$	\$	\$	74,154	\$	\$	74,154
•	<b>u</b>	Ψ	•	•	686,864	•	•	686,864
			21,773		117,588			117,588
					126,317			126,317
					73,417			73,417
20,154	4,582	762	23,441		433,030			433,030
(8,019)			2,226		276,576			276,576
					77,898			77,898
					455,924			455,924
		330,245			440,461			440,461
			<del></del>		91,864			91,864
12,135	4 500	224 007	47,440		2.054.002			2.054.002
12,135	4,582	331,007	47,440	_	2,854,093		_	2,854,093
					732,362			732,362
					61,563			61,563
					793,925			793,925
					29,904			29,904
					9,797			9,797
(739)					3,509			3,509
					43,055			43,055
					22,333			22,333
					148,069			148,069
					5,617			5,617
					9,362			9,362
					100,123			100,123
					23,982			23,982
					25,747			25,747
					30,520			30,520
					48,230			48,230
	132	462			33,473			33,473
					26,105			26,105
					15,171			15,171
					32,923			32,923
					9,208			9,208
					10,230			10,230
					78,653			78,653
					2,859			2,859

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDS Year Ended October 31, 1998

	General Fund	Home Fund	Endowment Fund	Benevolent Fund
Office supplies	6,584	2,074		
Other	21,407	20,713		
Postage	19,763	608		
Printing	132,666			
Repairs and maintenance	17,648	91,337		
Scholarships				
Special funds				
Supplies	55,764	3,471		
Telephone	3,164	9,156		
Utilities	7,452	113,966		
TOTAL EXPENSES	507,466	1,425,313	32,879	43,055
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS BEFORE TRANSFERS	(38,233)	(282,701)	766,935	4,215
Operating transfers in Operating transfers out	10,594	159,246	(159,246)	
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AFTER TRANSFERS NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	(27,639) 262,758	(123,455) 766,930	607,689 6,985,331	4,215 112,205
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 235,119	\$ 643,475	\$ 7,593,020	\$ 116,420

Education Fund	Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian/ Special Projects Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals
		8,170	5,091	8,658 50,290 20,371 132,666 114,076		8,658 50,290 20,371 132,666 114,076
12,662	2,550	141,992		15,212 141,992 59,235 12,320 121,418		15,212 141,992 59,235 12,320 121,418
11,923	2,682	150,624	5,091	2,179,033		2,179,033
212	1,900	180,383	42,349	675,060		675,060
<u> </u>		(10,594)		169,840 (169,840)	(169,840) 169,840	
212 602,208	1,900 37,426	169,789 49,257	42,349 434,233	675,060 9,250,348	<u>.</u>	675,060 9,250,348
\$ 602,420	\$ 39,326	\$ 219,046	\$ 476,582	\$ 9,925,408	\$	\$ 9,925,408

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDS October 31, 1997

	General Fund					Endowment Fund		Benevolent Fund		Education Fund	
ASSETS											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	79,512	\$	302,616	\$		\$	80,148	\$		
Certificates of deposit		72,274		164,432							
Investments held in trust		27,231		217,594							
Due from other funds		31,448		48,751				32,057			
Unconditional promise to give										500,000	
Real estate notes receivable				26,710							
Prepaid expenses		10,981		5,497							
Accrued interest receivable						127,280					
Inventory		36,142		314		•					
Restricted cash and investments:		00,		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •							
Cash and cash equivalents										9.884	
Certificates of deposit										87,124	
Investments held in trust						6,888,666				01,121	
Property and equipment		44,857		79,106		0,000,000					
Other Assets		44,007		3,789						5,200	
Other Assets	_		_	3,709	-		_			3,200	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	302,445	\$	848,809	\$	7,015,946	\$	112,205	\$	602,208	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS											
Accounts payable	\$	1.999	\$	8,709	\$		\$		\$		
Other accrued liabilities	Ψ	22	•	0,700	•		Ψ		. •		
Due to other funds		37,666		32,058		30.615					
Funds held for others		37,000		41,112		30,013					
Fullus field for others	_		_	41,112	_				_		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		39,687		81,879		30,615					
NET ASSETS											
Unrestricted		262,758		766,930				112,205			
Temporarily Restricted											
Permanently Restricted						6,985,331				602,208	
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TOTAL NET ASSETS		262,758	_	766,930	_	6,985,331	_	112,205		602,208	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND											
NET ASSETS	\$	302,445	\$	848,809	\$	7,015,946	\$	112,205	\$	602,208	

Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian/ Special Projects Fund	Endowed Membership Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals
\$	\$ 79,335	\$	\$	\$ 541,611	\$	\$ 541,611
				236,706		236,706
				244,825		244,825
			19,785	132,041	(132,041)	500.000
				500,000 26.710		500,000
	1,624			18,102		26,710 18,102
	1,024	17,256	6,250	150,786		150,786
		11,200	0,200	36,456		36,456
				,		,
2,553		5,054	8,496	25,987		25,987
35,000				122,124		122,124
		718,186	399,702	8,006,554		8,006,554
				123,963		123,963
			<del></del>	8,989		8,989_
\$ 37,553	\$ 80,959	\$ 740,496	\$ 434,233	\$ 10,174,854	\$ (132,041)	\$ 10,042,813
\$ 127	\$	\$	\$	10,835		10,835
				22		22
	31,702			132,041	(132,041)	
		740,496		781,608		781,608
127_	31,702	740,496	<del></del>	924,506	(132,041)	792,465
	49,257			1,191,150	(55,111)	1,136,039
			434,233	434,233		434,233
37,426_				7,624,965	55,111	7,680,076
37,426	49,257		434,233	9,250,348		9,250,348
\$ 37,553	\$ 80,959	\$ 740,496	\$ 434,233	\$ 10,174,854	\$ (132,041)	\$ 10,042,813

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDS Year Ended October 31, 1997

	General Fund	Home Fund	Endowment Fund	Benevolent Fund
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT		_	_	
Bulletin sales	\$ 76,862	\$ ,	\$	\$
Dues	121,494	551,918		48,704
Gifts and donations		86,582	121,585	
Grand Session revenue	64,546			
Home member receipts		44,441		
Investment return	7,879	21,541	416,344	1,151
Net realized and unrealized gains on the sale of investments			207,361	
Other revenue	23,355	24,653		
Pension receipts		485,881		
Special funds		,	15,752	
Supply sales	58,940		10,102	
oupply sales	- 00,040			
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	050.070	4 045 040	704.040	10.055
OTHER SUPPORT	353,076	1,215,016	761,042	49,855
EXPENSES				
Compensation and related expenses				
Compensation and related expenses	62,656	647,404		
Payroll taxes	5,527	55,200		
Medical insurance benefits	0,021	2,932		
Wedical insurance benefits	68,183	705,536		
Allowance to home members	00,103	32,050		
Auto	5,380			
	5,380	2,189		
Bad debt		6,797		
Chapter benevolence		44.004		37,400
Depreciation	3,755	11,674		
Food		129,976		
Funeral		4,074		
Grand officer's examiner's & committee				
expenses	10,752	725		
Grand Session expense	44,803			
Insurance				
Property and casualty	2,912	39,050		
Vehicles	1,063	5,952		
Accident disability	3,909	35,026		
Ladies medical		45,362		
Investment trust fees			32,298	
Legal and professional	22,989			
Loss on damaged or sale of equipment	7,276	3,294		
Medical				
Dental		2,080		
Doctors		33,300		
Hospitals		13,229		
Patient care supplies		26,198		
Prescription medication		77,947		
X-ray and labs		2,228		

Educati Fund		Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian/ Special Projects Fund	Home Renovation Fund		Totals	Eliminations		Adjusted Totals
\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	76,862	\$	\$	76,862
•		•	•	* .	*	722,116	•	•	722,116
500,	,000			10,370		718,537			718,537
						64,546			64,546
						44,441			44,441
4	659	1,598	354	23,357		476,883			476,883
		242		1,192		208,553			208,553
		248				48,256			48,256
			253,439			485,881 269,191			485,881 269,191
			255,459		_	58,940			58,940
, 504	.659	1,846	253,793	34,919		3,174,206			3,174,206
			9,562			719,622			719,622
						60,727			60,727
						2,932			2,932
	,		9,562			783,281			783,281
						32,050			32,050
						7,569			7,569
14.	,505					21,302 37,400			21,302
						15,429			37,400 15,429
						129,976			129,976
						4,074			4,074
						11,477			11,477
						44,803			44,803
						41,962			41,962
						7,015			7,015
						38,935			38,935
			66			45,362 32,364			45,362
			00			22,989			32,364 22,989
						10,570			10,570
						2,080			2,080
						33,300			33,300
						13,229			13,229
						26,198			26,198
						77,947			77,947
						2,228			2,228

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDS
Year Ended October 31, 1997

	General Fund	Home Fund	Endowment Fund	Benevolent Fund
Office supplies	2.696	2,454		
Other	12,990	30,970		
Postage	28,206	662		
Printing	132,757			
Repairs and maintenance Scholarships	13,334	47,945		
Special funds		414		
Supplies	17.758	4.077		
Telephone	2,854	9,408		
Utilities	8,809	112,231		
TOTAL EXPENSES	390,426	1,384,848	32,298	37,400
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS BEFORE				
TRANSFERS	(37,350)	(169,832)	728,744	12,455
Operating transfers in	13,996	406,578	64,785	32,057
Operating transfers out	(223,536)		(119,896)	
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AFTER				
TRANSFERS	(246,890)	236,746	673,633	44,512
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	509,648	530,184	6,311,698	67,693
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 262,758	\$ 766,930	\$ 6,985,331	\$ 112,205

Education Fund	Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian/ Special Projects Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals 5,150
		3,395		47,355 28,868 132,757		47,355 28,868 132,757
250		119,769	39,821	101,100 250 120,183 21,835		101,100 250 120,183 21,835
				12,262 121,040		12,262 121,040
14,755		132,792	39,821	2,032,340		2,032,340
489,904	1,846	121,001	(4,902)	1,141,866		1,141,866
		(127,992)	(45,992)	517,416 (517,416)	(517,416) 517,416	
489,904 112,304	1,846 35,580	(6,991) 56,248	(50,894) 485,127	1,141,866 8,108,482		1,141,866 8,108,482
\$ 602,208	\$ 37,426	\$ 49,257	\$ 434,233	\$ 9,250,348	\$	\$ 9,250,348

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 116TH SESSION GRAND CHAPTER 1997 - 98

#### RECEIPTS

Installation Advance	\$	750.00
Session Allowance	19	,250.00
Exhibits	12,	332.50
Social	<u>79.</u>	334.46

<u>Net Receipts</u> \$111,666.96

#### TRANSFERS

ESTARL	\$	5,614.67
Registration	•	3,820.00
To Grand Chapter	\$	9,434.67

<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u> \$111,666.96

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Installation Expense	\$ 750.00
FW Convention Center	9,316.00
Exhibits	5,583.14
Social	67,819.47
Housing	412.83
Supplies, Postage, Telephone	231.86
Decorations	230.00
Printing	303.28
Tote Bags	278.97
Signs	1,120.91
Equipment Rental	1,411.98
Union Sound Man	957.13
Van Rentals	940.86
Security	3,288.60
Miscellaneous	100.69

TOTAL	DISBURSEMENTS	92,745.72

RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS \$18,921.24

DISTRIBUTION OF BALANCE Check to Grand Chapter \$18,921.24

Zena Wilson, Chairman, Executive Committee Wanda O'Kelly, Treasurer, Executive Committee June McGinty, Auditor, Exceutive Committee

## ANALYSIS OF 1998 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION FORT WORTH, TEXAS OCTOBER 29, 30, 31, 1998

Income and Expenses related to the 1998 Grand Chapter Session:

INCOME:		
Registration Fees		\$33,900.00
EXPENSES:		
The Session (to the Executive Committee)	•	10.050.00
Installation		19,250.00 750.00
Printing:		780.00
Invitations	\$ 64.00	•
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Registration, badges, etc.	1,697.00	
Ballots and voting cards	905.00	4
Advance Annual Reports	6,675.00	
Session Programs	6,508.00	
Installation Programs	989.00	
Grand Warder/Grand Sentinel Books	201.06	
		17,039.06
Arlington Commuity Center (drill practice	)	200.00
Distinguished Guests		1,000.00
Postage: Mailing Invitations and Pre-Regis	stration	632.75
Liability Insurance (Convention Center)		1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$40,371.81
TOTAL EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF INCOME.		(\$ 6,471.81)
RETURNED TO GRAND CHAPTER BY THE 19 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	97	\$18,921.24
NET FUNDS IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES 1998 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION	· .	\$12,449.43

Prepared from the books and records of the 1998 Grand Chapter Session by Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary, 1997-1998.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

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"Entreat me not to Leave thee, or to return From following after thee; For whither thou goest, I will go and where thou Lodgest J will lodge; Thy people shall

Thy God

