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## "THE SEASONS OF STARLIGHT"

## SESSION

October 5, 6, 7, 2000 San Antonio, Texas

Mrs. Betty Yvonne Friend Worthy Grand Matron Mr. H. Lee Stallings Worthy Grand Patron

# The Grand Chapter of Texas Order Of The Eastern Star

Extends Fraternal Greetings and Cordially Invites You to Attend the

118th ANNUAL SESSION

## "The Seasons of Starlight"

October 5, 6, 7, 2000 Municipal Auditorium San Antonio, Texas

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend Worthy Grand Matron



Mr. H. Lee Stallings Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

## A STAR FRIEND

A Star Friend is like an Old Song Grown sweeter with the years; A Star Friend is one who shares our joys, And wipes away our tears.

A Star Friend looks for Goodness In everything we do – A Star Friend is one who knows our faults But sees some goodness, too!

A Star Friend will share a crust of bread Or help us lift our load, Happy are we who find a few STAR FRIENDS along our road!

-- Unknown

## WORTHY GRAND MATRON



MRS. BETTY YVONNE FRIEND Worthy Grand Matron Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

## DEDICATION OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

What a delight it is to welcome you to the 118th "Seasons of Starlight" Session. We are so pleased to have you in attendance, and we hope that this session is a loving and joyful experience for you.

It is our pleasure to dedicate this "Seasons of Starlight" Session to you, the membership. We know you are the most important part of the Grand Chapter's existence, and we want you to be an active participant in each Session.

We appreciate your allowing us to serve as your leaders during the "Turn-of-the-Century" Grand Chapter Year. We want you to know how loved you have made us feel, and we are very grateful for the confidence you have placed in us. This has been a marvelous year in so many ways, and that is true because you have responded to every request made of you.

As we conduct the business sessions at Grand Chapter, we hope that you will remain attentive and positive. There are issues that only you can decide, and to assure the best direction for our future, we need your help and support. Listen intently, and help us make reasonable, appropriate decisions. We trust your judgment, and after you have heard the discussion, we know that as an informed member, your vote will give our Grand Chapter the best direction to follow.

As we begin a new year, we ask each member to do her/his part to make our Order the best that it can be. Texas has a great future in the leadership role at General Grand Chapter, and we want to make those years a wonderful time to remember.

Offer your best to the Subordinate Chapter, the Grand Chapter, and the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Do your best to live the Obligation of the Order each day. Concentrate on the meaning of the words as you go about your duties. Then, you will be the "ideal" member that all of us should strive to become.

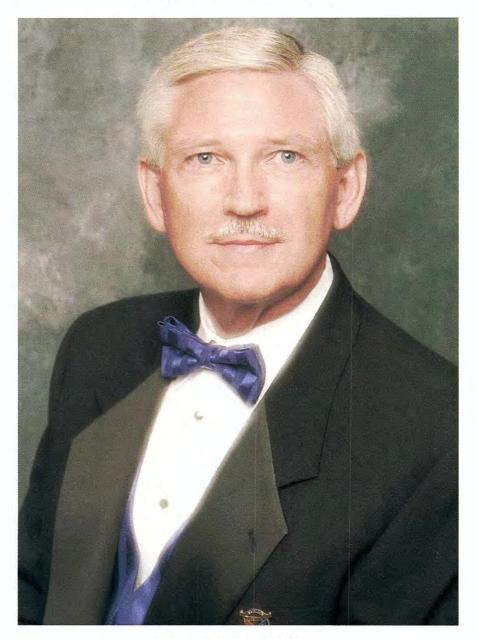
We extend to you, the membership, our love and appreciation. You are the reason we have given our time in service to this wonderful Order.

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Betty Y. Friend Worthy Grand Matron

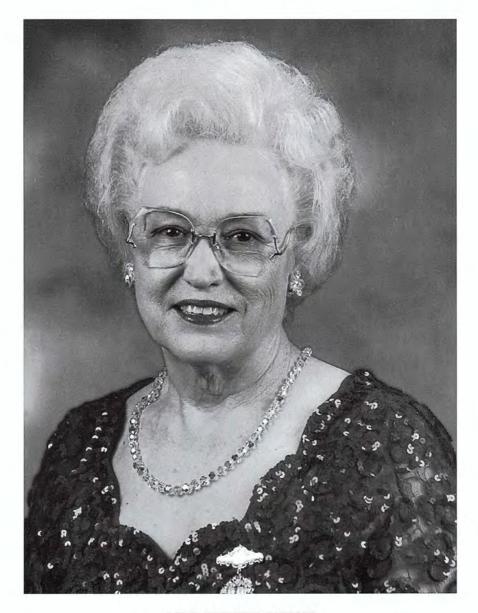
H. Lee Stallings Worthy Grand Patron

## WORTHY GRAND PATRON



MR. H. LEE STALLINGS Worthy Grand Patron Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

## SPECIAL GUEST



MRS. RENNIE OFTON Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Chairman General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

## SPECIAL GUESTS



PAT RASMUSSON Right Worthy Grand Conductress Past Grand Matron of Minnesota



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



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



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



GARLAND RATTAN Knights Templar Eye Foundation and a Past Grand Patron of Texas



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

PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

## DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

#### MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

#### PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRONS

#### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

### PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

#### PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS

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

#### DEPUTIES TO THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND THE MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS

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

### DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF ALL APPENDANT BODIES

#### DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS AND LEADERS OF THE FRATERNAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

## INSTALLED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT



MRS. NAOMI WOLFE Associate Grand Matron



MR. DUANE "BUDDY" BAKER Associate Grand Patron



Grand Secretary





MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON MRS. BETTY PRATER MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON Grand Treasurer **Grand Conductress** 



MRS. SHARON FENTRESS Associate Grand Conductress



MRS. ELIZABETH WISE Grand Chaplain



MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON Grand Marshal

## INSTALLED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT



MRS. JACKIE STOGNER **Grand Organist** 



MRS. JEFFIE ROBERTS Grand Adah



MRS. KAYE HUFFMAN Grand Ruth



MRS. PATRICIA STALLINGS MRS. KAREN WRIGHT Grand Esther



Grand Martha



MRS. JEAN LEE Grand Electa



MRS. PATSY HEWLETT Grand Warder



MR. DWAYNE MASERANG Grand Sentinel



MRS. MARTHA HOVER Fraternal Correspondent

## **BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES**



MR. JAMES RIPPEY Chairman



MRS. PATSY WASHINGTON Vice-Chairman



MRS. LEAH HAYES Member



MRS. FRANCES BURBANK Secretary



MRS. JERRE LUCAS Member

## **BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES** AND SUPERINTENDENT OF THE OES HOME



MRS. BETTY CAPPS Chairman



MRS. MAXINE NANCE Vice-Chairman

MR. LEWIS MATHISON

Member



MR. TOM EVERITT Member



MRS. SUSAN HARRINGTON Superintendent/Administrator O.E.S. Home



MRS. NORMA GRAHAM Secretary



#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

## BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS



MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS District One



MRS. NANCY BROWN District Three



MRS. GERALDINE DUSEK District Five



MISS KIMI KIDD District Two



MRS. KAREN MORGANTHALER District Four



MRS. SANDRA PERDUE Grand Examiner-at-Large

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



MR. W. KEITH REYNOLDS General Chairman



MRS. MARY ELLEN MORRIS Secretary



MR. MITCH HUFFMAN Co-Chairman



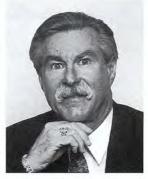
MRS. BARBARA GILLIT Treasurer



Auditor



MRS. DOROTHY WADE MRS. MAURINE "TOOTSIE" CREECH Auditor



MR. RONALD ZIPP Legal Advisor

## **ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**



MRS. CHARLIE NOSSENT Co-Chairman



MR. JERRY TREES **General** Chairman



MR. RICHARD BEFORD Co-Chairman



MRS. JOANN DRESCHER



MRS. JANE WARDEN Housing Chairman Housing Co-Chairman



MRS. JUNE BELL Social Chairman



MR. DAVID OUELLETTE Special Services Chairman



MR. PHIL KAUFMAN Systems Chairman



MR. DAVID PARIS MRS. JANELL TREES Transportation Chairman



Arrangements Assistant



MISS JANLEN TREES Secretary

#### PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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AIM FOR A STAR With Loving Friendship

#### AIM

Accept each Challenge as an Opportunity to reach for the Stars

## WATCHWORDS

Faith, Hope, and Love, but the greatest of these is LOVE."

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To have Faith is to create; to have Hope is to call down blessing; to have LOVE is to work miracles.

## EMBLEM

The Holy Bible, Our Guiding Light

## SYMBOLS

Gazebo, Swans, and Stars

## COLORS

Shades of Pink, Purple, with touches of Teal, Silver and White

## FLOWERS

All of God's beautiful flowers of Pink and Purple, especially the "Dawn" Rose and Purple Orchid

## **CEREMONIAL OPENING**

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 5, 2000

## "A Touch of Faith in Fall Starlight" Session

12:00 P.M. Musi	cal Prelude	Mrs. Darla Dunaway Member, Dalhart #1051
12:30 P.M	DISTINGUISI	PROCESSIONAL OF HED MEMBERS AND GUESTS
Master of Ceremoni	es	Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman Right Worthy Grand Trustees General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas
Assisting Grand Ma	rshal	Mrs. Beulah Speer Past Grand Matron
PRESENTATION OF THE TEXAS INSTALLED FLOOR OFFICERS AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT		
Mrs. Betty Friend	Escorted by Mr. Jack Fr	Worthy Grand Matron iend
Mr. H. Lee Stalling	s Escorted by Mrs. Christine A	Worthy Grand Patron rmstrong
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Escorted by Mr. Robert V	Associate Grand Matron Wolfe
Mr. Duane L. "Budd	ly" Baker Escorted by Mrs. Judy B	Associate Grand Patron aker
Mrs. Marjorie Errin	gton-Haynes Escorted by Rev. Robert H	Grand Secretary Iaynes
Mrs. Betty Prater	Escorted by Mr. James St	Grand Treasurer ewart
Mrs. Jimmie Lee M	cMahon Escorted by Mr. Harold Mc	Grand Conductress Mahon
Mrs. Sharon Fentre	ss Escorted by Mr. Jim Fen	Associate Grand Conductress tress

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Wise Escorted by Mr. Herman "Sonny" Wise	Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Susie B. Broughton Escorted by Mr. Donny Broughton	Grand Marshal
Mrs. Jackie Stogner Escorted by Mr. Terry Stogner	Grand Organist
Mrs. Jeffie H. Roberts Escorted by Mr. Bobby Roberts	Grand Adah
Mrs. Kaye Lynn Huffman Escorted by Mr. Mitch Huffman	Grand Ruth
Mrs. Patricia L. Stallings Escorted by Mr. Monroe Cooper	Grand Esther
Mrs. Karen S. Wright Escorted by Mr. Gerald Lambdin	Grand Martha
Mrs. Jean Lee Escorted by Mr. O. B. Lee	Grand Electa
Mrs. Patsy Hewlett Escorted by Mr. James "Jim" Hewlett	Grand Warder
Mr. Dwayne Maserang Escorted by Mrs. Flora Maserang	Grand Sentinel
Mrs. Martha HoverFrater Escorted by Mr. George Hover	nal Correspondent

#### ALTAR PRESENTATIONS:

Assisting Grand	Marshal	Mrs. Beulah Speer Past Grand Matron
The Holy Bible .		Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith Past Grand Matron
The Square and	Compasses	Mr. Kenneth Gregory Past Grand Patron
Special Music	"On Holy Ground"	Mr. Darren Brown

## FLAG PRESENTATIONS:

### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Canada
Texas
Legal Advisor, Executive Committee
ChristianMr. Jerry Martin Masonic Centurion and Usher Chairman
Order of the Eastern StarFounder's Day, District 2 Chairman
1:00 P.M Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman Right Worthy Grand Trustees
General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas
Mr. Harry Cunningham
Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM
ScriptureMrs. Eunice Connell Past Grand Matron
InvocationMrs. Mildred Sharpe Past Grand Matron
"Steppin' Out 2000" Drill Installed Grand Officers and Pages Directed by Mrs. Susie B. Broughton, Grand Marshal

#### ENTRANCE OF INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

Welcome to San Antonio	Mr. Keith Reynolds, Chairman
	Executive Committee, 1999-2000

### Greetings:

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City of San Antonio	Mr. Howard W. Peak, Mayor
Grand Lodge of Texas	Honorable Vernon Burke, Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A. F. & A. M

Partial Report of Credentials Committee ...... Mr. Joe Nance Chairman

> ALL WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR WILL PLEASE RETIRE AT THIS TIME

#### PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Ritualistic Ce	remonial Opening	Installed Grand Officers
Opening Ode,	"This Is My Father's World" Directed by Melissa Simonton, Grand C	•
Flag Presenta	tion	Mrs. Susie B. Broughton Grand Marshal
Pledge of Alles	giance	Mr. H. Lee Stallings Worthy Grand Patron
"The National	Anthem"	Melissa Simonton Grand Choir Director
"O Canada"		. Grand Choir and Assembly

#### Formal Introductions:

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons & Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter Appointed Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter General Grand Chapter Committee Members Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.& A.M. Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron Grand Representatives of TEXAS in Other Grand Jurisdictions Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in TEXAS Grand Committee Members and Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of all Appendant Bodies

Greetings and	Welcome	Dr. Effie Mae Davis
-		Worthy Grand Adah
		General Grand Chapter
		and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Response to Welcome of Distinguished Members ......Mrs. Jean Hall Worthy Grand Matron Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma Filling of Vacancies:

Appointment of Telegram Committee

#### BUSINESS REPORTS:

(All Committee Chairmen are to be seated in the East until their report has been given. Please be available at all times since you may be called upon to give your report earlier or later than scheduled.)

Chapters Under Dispensation	Mr. Charles Morris, Chairman Past Grand Patron
Worthy Grand Matron Worthy Grand Patron Grand Secretary Grand Treasurer Jurisprudence	Mr. H. Lee Stallings . Mrs. Marjorie Errington-Haynes Mrs. Betty Prater
Special Music "Without a Song"	Diane Beckley Grand Soloist
Benediction	
Closing of the Bible	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon Grand Conductress

Session Called from Labor to Rest until 6:30 p.m. Thursday

## THURSDAY EVENING OCTOBER 5, 2000

## A "Touch of Hope in Winter Starlight" Session

6:30 P.M.	Musical Prelude	Mrs. Marion "Boots" Draper
		Arrangements Committee
	and The Bell	Choir of Coker United Methodist Church
7:00 P.M		Mrs. Mary M. Brown Past Grand Matron

Mr. Joe E. Jeffers Past Grand Patron

Altar Presentations:
Assisting Grand MarshalMrs. Alma Carter Past Grand Matron
The Holy Bible Mrs. Doris Efird Past Grand Matron
The Square and Compasses
Special Music <i>"Bless This House</i> "Mrs. Betty Carole Shivley, Mrs. Becky Wunsche Grand Duet
ScriptureMrs. Katherine Poulis Past Grand Matron
Invocation Mrs. Lena Maye Cook Registration Committee General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas
"Steppin' Out 2000" DrillInstalled Grand Officers and Pages Directed by Mrs. Susie B. Broughton, Grand Marshal

### ENTRANCE OF INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

Fraternal Correspondent Report ...... Mrs. Martha Hover

#### "World Friendship 2000" Drill Texas' Own and Visiting Grand Representatives Directed by Mrs. Susie B. Broughton, Grand Marshal

Opening of the Bible	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon
	Grand Conductress

#### ESTARL PROGRAM

"Shining for the Lord"		Willie	e Pointer
	Gen	eral C	hairman



MRS. BETTY FRIEND Worthy Grand Matron MR. LEE STALLINGS Worthy Grand Patron

MR. WILLIE POINTER ESTARL Chairman

## ESTARL SERVICE AND AWARDS

Prelude	Bell Choir
Welcome Willie Point	er, General Chairman
Introduction of ESTARL Committee	
Mrs. Ethel Powell, Dist. I	
Mrs. Barbara Ochs, Dist. H	
Mrs. Helen Sanderford, Dist. III	
Mrs. Sharon Harbison, Dist. IV	
Mr. Windel Bell, Dist. V	
Invocation	Phillip Moye
Worship In Song	Becky Henson
Scripture	John Fluth
Introduction of Speaker	Willie Pointer
Message	Keith Buice
Offertory Prayer	Daniel Lauer

## ESTARL Love Offering

Special Music	Jennifer Truelove
Prayer of Thanks	Bonnie Sue Perry

## Presentation of Awards

Mrs. Betty Friend	Mr. Lee Stallings
Worthy Grand Matron	Worthy Grand Patron

#### Assisted by ESTARL Committee

Closing Prayer ..... Phillip Moye

#### MEMORIAL PROGRAM

"Stairway to Heaven"...... Mrs. Elizabeth Wise Grand Chaplain

> "Through Heaven's Gates" Drill Installed Grand Officers and Pages Directed by Mrs. Susie B. Broughton, Grand Marshal

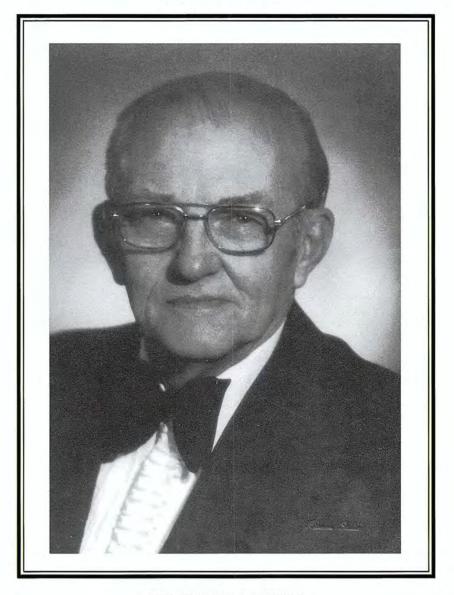


Prelude	Bell Choir
Report of Grand Chaplain and Memorial Service	

Musical SelectionsBell Choi
"In The Garden" Grand Due
"Majesty" Vocalist
Tribute to General Grand Chapter Officers Grand Chaplai Star Presentations Mrs. Rennie Ofto Chairman, RWG Truste GGC and PGM of Texa
"Holy Ground" Vocalist
Tribute to Grand Chapter Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions
"Beulah Land" Vocalis
Tribute to Grand Chapter of Texas Members Grand Chaplai Star Presentation Mrs. Alma Carte Past Grand Matro
"That's The Place I Am Longing To Go" Vocalist
Tribute to Subordinate Chapter Members
"It Is Well" Vocalist
Tribute to Starlights and Allstars Grand Chaplai Star Presentation Mrs. Elsie Paladin Past Grand Matro
"Pass Through the Gates" Vocalist
Draping of the Altar Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMaho Grand Conductres Mrs. Sharon Fentres Associate Grand Conductres Mrs. Elizabeth Wis Grand Chaplai
Benediction Mr. Kenneth R. Gregor Past Grand Patron
Closing of the Bible Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahor Grand Conductres
Vocalists: Mrs. Amy Batton, P.M., Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 1 Mr. Lane Batton, P.P., Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 1
Grand Duet: Mrs. Betty Carole Shively, P.M., Melrose Chapter No. 92 Mrs. Becky Wunsche, P. M., Melrose Chapter No. 92

Session called from Labor to Rest until 8:15 A.M. Friday, October 6, 2000

## **IN MEMORIAM**



## MR. RALPH A. DAVIS Worthy Grand Patron 1983 - 1984 Died: October 2, 1999

"Just as a rose shall petal close and trust its God in sweet repose So in our trials or burdens deep God's love can give us peaceful sleep."

## **IN MEMORIAM**

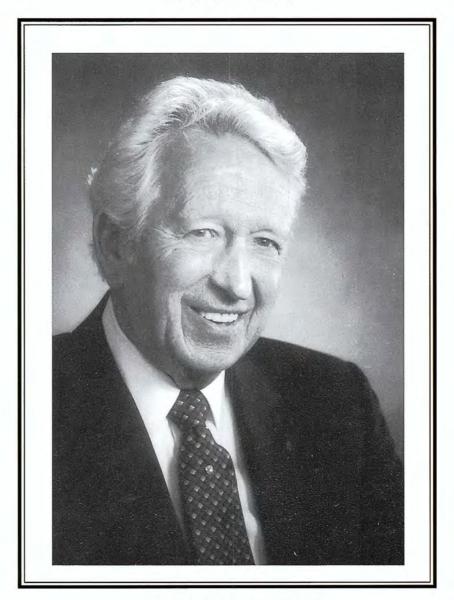


## MRS. SALLY MATRANGA Worthy Grand Matron 1969 - 1970 Died: June 8, 2000

"If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." Psalms 139

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

## **IN MEMORIAM**



## MR. C. A. "BILL" HOLMES Worthy Grand Patron 1972 - 1973 Died: June 28, 2000

"Just as a rose shall petal close and trust its God in sweet repose So in our trials or burdens deep God's love can give us peaceful sleep."

## IN MEMORIAM



## MRS. AGNES LEE HOWARD Worthy Grand Matron 1960 - 1961 Died: July 22, 2000

"Weep not that their toils are over, weep not that their race is run. God grant that we may rest as calmly when our work, like theirs, is done."

## FRIDAY MORNING OCTOBER 6, 2000

## "A Touch of Charity in Spring Starlight" Session

8:00 A.M.	Musical Prelude
8:15 A.M.	Call to Order Mrs. Elise Hammack Past Grand Matron
	Mr. Wayne Jones Past Grand Patron
Altar Presen	tations:
Assisti	ng Grand MarshalMrs. Betty P. Benham Past Grand Matron
The H	oly Bible Mrs. Alma Bane Past Grand Matron
The Sc	uare and Compasses
Specia	l Music <i>"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"</i> Diane Beckley Grand Soloist
Scripture	
"Steppin' Ou	t 2000" Drill Installed Grand Officers and Pages Directed by Mrs. Susie B. Broughton, Grand Marshal

#### ENTRANCE OF INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

Invocation	Mr. Murray Watson Past Grand Patron
Business Session - Reports Continued	
Parliamentarian	Mr. Murray Watson Past Grand Patron
Jurisprudence	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe Past Grand Matron, Chairman

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Grievances and Appeals Dr. O. D. Christian
Past Grand Patron, Chairman
Purposes and Policies
Past Grand Patron, Chairman
By-Laws Mrs. Nancy Haley, Chairman
Development and Marketing Mrs. Nancy Sims, Chairman
Educational FundMrs. Gwendolyn Huskey, Chairman
O.E.S. Home Endowment Mr. R. J. "Tom" Warner, Chairman
International Temple Mrs. Faye Murphy, Chairman
Museum Mrs. Sue Lockhart, Chairman
Titles, Deeds and Properties Miss Jo Dibrell, Chairman
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences Mrs. Betty Capps Chairman
Administrator/Superintendent, OES Home Mrs. Susan Harrington
Board of Grand Trustees
Benediction Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield Past Grand Matron
Closing of the Bible

Session Called From Labor to Rest until 1:15 P.M. Friday

Buses will be provided for transportation to and from the Luncheons for those with Bus Passes.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 6, 2000

## "A Touch of Friendship in Summer Starlight" Session

1:00 P.M. Musical Prelude ...... Mrs. Gladys Bruce Cox, Chairman Bulletin Committee, District 4

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

1:15 P.M. Call to Order Mrs. Katherine Harbour Past Grand Matron
Mr. Garland Rattar Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committe General Grand Chapte and Past Grand Patron of Texa
Altar Presentations:
Assisting Grand Marshal
The Holy Bible Mrs. Jane Gregor Past Grand Matro
The Square and Compasses Mr. Richard Och Past Grand Patron
Special Music "Amazing Grace"Past Patron, Round Rock #310
Scripture Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollu Past Grand Matron
"Steppin' Out 2000" Drill Installed Grand Officers and Page Directed by Mrs. Susie B. Broughton, Grand Marshal

## ENTRANCE OF INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

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Opening of the Bible	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon Grand Conductress
Invocation	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture Past Grand Matron
Presentation of:	
Ladies of the OES Home and	
Ladies of the Masonic Retirement Center	
Reports Continued:	
Jurisprudence	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe Past Grand Matron, Chairman
Board of Grand Examiners	
Deputies of Grand Chapter	
Texas Cardinals, Inc	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild Past Grand Matron, Chairman

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General Grand Chapter Special Projects Mrs. Sue Irwin Chairman
Grand Historian Mrs. Bennie Sue Rowe, Chairman
Arkansas/Texas/Oklahoma Exchange
Texas/New Mexico Exchange Past Grand Matron, Chairman
Resolutions Mrs. Dorotha Burnett, Chairman
BulletinMrs. Betty J. Warlick, Chairman
Celebration 2000 Mr. Forrest Smith, Chairman
"Starlight" Gala Mrs. Charlotte Beall, Chairman
Founder's Day Mr. Paul New, Chairman
MusicMrs. Lesa Smith, Chairman
Time and Talent Mrs. Cynthia Marr, Chairman
Proficiency Mrs. Betty Morris, Chairman
"Star Bright" Over Texas Mrs. Sandra Morris, Chairman
"Star Builder" Endowed MembershipMrs. Betty Garrett Chairman
"Star Dust" LabelsMrs. Billie Wilk, Chairman
"Starline" Secretary's Worksheets Mrs. Edna Jeffries Chairman
"StarQuest" Membership Mr. Mark Dieckmann, Chairman
"Traveling Gazebo" Visitation Mrs. Genevieve "Smitty" Jones Chairman
"21st Century Time CapsuleMr. Gayle Brown, Chairman
Benediction
Closing of the Bible

Session Called from Labor to Rest until 7:30 P.M. Friday

# FRIDAY EVENING OCTOBER 6, 2000

# "A Touch of Happiness and Joy in Late Summer Starlight" Session

7:00 P.M.	Musical Prelude Mrs. Susan Helmcamp Starline Secretary's Worksheet Committee	
7:30 P.M.	Call to Order Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast Past Grand Matron	
	Mr. Charles Morris Past Grand Patron	
Altar Preser	ntations:	
Assist	ing Grand MarshalSwetland Past Grand Matron	
The Holy Bible Mrs. Joyce Roberts Past Grand Matron		
The S	quare and Compasses Mr. Glenn Whitaker Past Grand Patron	
Specia	ll Music "Learning to Lean The Grand Choir	
Scripture		
"Steppin' Out 2000" Drill Installed Grand Officers and Pages Directed by Mrs. Susie B. Broughton, Grand Marshal		

# ENTRANCE OF INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

Opening of the Bible	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon Grand Conductress
Invocation	Mrs. Lois Bell Past Grand Matron
Special Musical Selections	Mr. Darren Brown
Closing of the Bible	

Introduction of Jobs DaughtersMrs. Donna Warren Jurisdictional Guardian	
"The Living Cross" Formation	
Introduction of Texas DeMolay Mr. W. Blain Koenning Executive Officer in Texas	
"Ceremony of Light Mr. R. J. Morlock State Master Counselor	
Introduction of the International Order of Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, the Rainbow for Girls Supreme Deputy in Texas	
"Rainbow Drill and Song"International Order of the Rainbow For Girls	
1999-2000 Grand Officers Drill Accompanied by Jackie Stogner, Grand Organist	
Appreciations and Presentations Mrs. Betty Y. Friend Worthy Grand Matron	
Mr. H. Lee Stallings Worthy Grand Patron	
Humanitarian Program Mrs. Marie Sutton, General Chairman	
"Celestial Starlights" 100% Humanitarian Formation 2000 Drill "Starlights, All-Stars, Moonbeams and Sun Rays"	
Benediction Mr. Billy H. Combest	

Past Grand Patron

### Session Called from Labor to Rest until 8:15 A.M. Saturday, October 7, 2000

# RETIRE TO THE "ALL-STAR STRUT" -- Worthy Grand Patron's March Accompanied by Jackie Stogner, Grand Organist

Rehearsal for 2000-2001 Installation of Grand Officers Immediately following this Session

# SATURDAY MORNING OCTOBER 7, 2000

# "A Touch of Loving Kindness in Autumn Starlight" Session

8:00 A.M.		
	Past Matron, Canton Chapter #667	
8:15 A.M.	Call to OrderDr. Effie Mae Davis	
	Worthy Grand Adah	
	General Grand Chapter	
	and Past Grand Matron of Texas	
	Dr. O. D. Christian	
	Past Grand Patron	
Altar Prese	ntations:	
Assis	ting Grand Marshal Mrs. Elsie Paladino	
	Past Grand Matron	
The I	Holy Bible Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	
	Past Grand Matron	
The S	Square and Compasses Mr. Billy H. Combest	
	Past Grand Patron	
Speci	al Music "Something About That Name" Mrs. Melissa	
Spour	Simonton, Grand Choir Director	
Scripture		
<u>+</u>	Past Grand Matron	
"Steppin' O	ut 2000" Drill Installed Grand Officers and Pages	
	Directed by Mrs. Susie B. Broughton, Grand Marshal	

## ENTRANCE OF INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

Opening of the Bible	
	Grand Conductress
Invocation	Mr. Kenneth Gregory Past Grand Patron

Appointment of Election Judge, Table Judges, Ballot Resolution Committee and Tellers

Unfinished Business:		
Registration Mrs. Phyllis Wilson, Chairman		
Final Credentials Report Mr. Joe Nance, Chairman		
Adoption of Humanitarian, ESTARL, Fraternal Correspondent, and Grand Chaplain Reports		
10:00 A.M Election of Grand Chapter Officers Mr. Henry S. Martin, Past Grand Patron Election Judge		
Business Session Continued with Reports:		
Secretarial Committee to the Worthy Grand Matron		
District OneMrs. Bonnie Mathison		
District TwoMrs. Wanda Hosmer		
District ThreeMrs. Patsy Hewlett		
District Four Mrs. Georgia Campbell		
District FiveMrs. Ettie Marie Hubbard		
Secretaries to Other Grand Line Officers:		
Christine Armstrong, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, Chairman		
Poet Laureates:		
District One Mrs. Ann Hogan		
District TwoMrs. Mildred Womack		
District Three Mrs. Pam Johnson		

District Four	Mrs.	Perry Ann	Boyett
District Five	Mr.	William R.	Curry

Presentation and Recognition of Fifty Year Members

## **Reports Continued:**

Telegram/Telephone	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus
	Past Grand Matron
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Resolutions	Mrs. Dorotha Burnett
	Mrs. Edna Goettee
	Mrs. Bobbe Chamberlin
SPECIAL FRIENDS OF	THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Appreciation & Recognition of Executive and Arrangements Committees for 1999-2000 Mrs. Betty friend Worthy Grand Matron
Invitation to 2001 Grand Chapter Session
Recognition and Presentations Mrs. Betty Friend Worthy Grand Matron
Closing Ode "May The Lord, Mighty God,"Assembly Tune: Edelweiss
BenedictionMr. Garland Rattan Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas
Closing of the Bible

Session called from Labor to Rest until 6:00 P.M. Saturday for The Installation of the 2000-2001 Officers

# **GRAND PAGES**

CHAIRMAN CO-CHAIRMAN	Jonell Barry Mamie Pistokache
CO-CHAIRMAN	
Evelyn Tolbert	Judy Benson
Barbara Witt	Brenda Corry
Barbara Hopkins	Betty Stark
Carolyn.0reschnigg	Diane Allen
Freida Dillon	Marty Reed
Dorothy Nevill	Dolores Hartley
Victoree B. Hendricks	Patti L. Mitchell
Melba Hanna	Peggy Allen
Marcia M. Henard	Michelle Stegman
Mildred Clapp	Luella Rediess
Tommie Nichols	Cheryl Walker
Lynda Wilkinson	Sue Greenhill
Ruth Austin	Nadine R. Wilson
Anna Y. Chapman	Fay Pfeffer
Lillian "Sissy" Furrie	Dottie Mitchell
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# ASSISTANT GRAND WARDERS

CO-CHAIRMAN	
	Lorrie Faith Owens
CO-CHAIRMAN	Barbara E. Zihlman

Ruth Gollrad	Lucy Jones	Kathy Creel
Lee Stark	Nancy Bouillion	Nora Jean Cady
Alene Hall	Marylin McDonald	Roberta Thomman
Patsy Clark	Connie Welch	Nita Melinda Holmes
Johnece Marrs	Sylvia Brantley	Carylon Orum
Jacqueline A. Pierce	Ruth St. Clair	Linda Mason
Luz S. Summers	Ruth Moore	Kay Balletine
Marie Russell	Carole Mather	Sue Sangster
Eleanor Woodcock	Alice Souligny	Juanell "Caty" Atkins
Lois M. Duncan	Frances Delk	Diane Wilson
Vella "Vee" Noblin	Mary Spitzenberger	

IF YOU ARE NOT ON THESE LISTS, we very much want you to serve. Please report to one of the Chairman/Co-Chairmen and they will assign you where needed. THANK YOU.

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# ASSISTANT GRAND SENTINELS

Jim Witt J. Mac Benton	Robert D. Landrum Roy A. Harrell, Jr.	Joe R. Zihlman Steve McCov
Ed Warner	Ron Stegman	Duff G. McDonel
Boyd M. Miller	George Sparkman	W. E. "Bill" Vaughan
Floyd Dragoo	Noland W. Jacobs	David Mather
Irving "Skip" Smith	Arthur H. Spitzenberger	Bill Stark
Walter L. May	Mike Stark	Charles Allen
N.W."Butch"Hanna, Jr.	Wilburn McKnight	Eddie Reed
Larry Pistokache	James S. Pierce	Richard Hancock
Jerry Owens	Homer Summers	Grady G. King, Jr.
Charles Jones	Joe E. Noblin	
Roy W. McDonald	Calvin Halley	

#### PLEASE REFRAIN FROM WEARING VEST, COLLARS, BUTTONS, ETC. OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS. THANK YOU.

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# **ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**

Jerry Trees	General Chairman
Mrs. Charlie Nossent	
Richard Bedford	Co-Chairman
Joann Drescher	
Jane Warden	Housing Co-Chairman
June Bell	Social Chairman
Ann Stuart	Social Co-Chairman
Phil Kauffman	Systems Chairman
Harold Trammell	Systems Co-Chairman
David Ouellette	Special Services Chairman
David Paris	Transportation Chairman
Robert Z. Cortez	Courtesy Cars Chairman
Janell Trees	Arrangements Assistant
Janlen Trees	
Brenda Helkey	First Aid Chairman
Karen M. Paris	First Aid Co-Chairman
Sylvia Garcia	Distinguished Guests Chairman
Raul Garcia	Distinguished Guests Co-Chairman
Nelda Hastings	Hospitality Chairman
Bobbie Hunt	Hospitality Co-Chairman
Jessie Campos	Information Chairman
Salvador A. Campos	Information Co-Chairman
Gail Fuller	Labyrinth Chairman
Carmen Pena	Labyrinth Co-Chairman
Anna Huckabee	Exhibits Chairman
Terri Reynolds	
Dorothy Angermiller	
Eunice Zuckero	
Larry Busby	Security Chairman
James Condrey	
David W. Wolfe	Security Co-Chairman
Lill Kothmann	Signs Chairman
Charles Kothmann	8
Brenda Smith	Steno Chairman
Joann Squyres	
Mary Inskeep	
Margaret Strauch	
Robert Arnold	
Steban Vela	
Randy Storm	
Vicki Smith	
Jerry Martin	Ushers Chairman

# SPECIAL THANKS

To the remainder of those who are serving tirelessly on Arrangements Committees, please know how much we appreciate your efforts to make this "Seasons of Starlight" Session successful. To us, you are among the brightest stars in our OES Galaxy.

## **EXHIBITS**

The Vendors will be set up in the basement of the Municipal Auditorium on October 5, 6, and 7, 2000. There is a large variety of items on display with plenty of room to make your selections. Formals, jewelry, Eastern Star supplies and many other items are available for sale. Please visit the exhibits and show our appreciation to the Vendors.

> Anna Huckabee, Chairman **Arrangements Exhibits**

# **INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS** AND PERSONAL PAGES

Grand Officer	<b>Personal Page</b>
Betty Y. Friend Worthy Grand Matron	Carolyn Martin Bonnie Varnell Jo Ann Snow Patricia Edwards Robyn Merchant Rachel Haws
H. Lee Stallings Worthy Grand Patron	Monroe Cooper Dickey Coulter George Williams
Naomi Wolfe Associate Grand Matron	Donna Gilbert Charlene Green Rita A. Lytle
Duane "Buddy' Baker Associate Grand Patron	Paul Pike Vernon Fowler
Marjorie Errington-Haynes Grand Secretary	Betty Unlaub Marquetta Whitfield Joyce Ball
Betty Prater Grand Treasurer	Mildred Blair Dorothy O'Brien Mary Marble
Jimmie Lee McMahon Grand Conductress	Betty Gibbons Suzzanne Kirby

Sharon Fentress Associate Grand Conductress	Allene Barnhill Joyce Waddell Brenta Freeman
Elizabeth Wise Grand Chaplain	
Susie Broughton Grand Marshal	Linda McCloud Phyllis Macon Pam Dean
Jackie Stogner Grand Organist	Fran Johnson Betty Leonard
Jeffie Roberts Grand Adah	
Kaye Lynn Huffman Grand Ruth	Doris Nell Urbaneck Sandy Sawa
Grand Esther	Helen Horton Jo Nell Cooper Irene Coulter
Karen Wright Grand Martha	
Jean Lee Grand Electa	
Patsy Hewlift Grand Warder	Jerre Miller Sheila Taylor
Dwayne Maserang Grand Sentinel	E. E. Beadle Ken Jennings Al Martin

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# SOCIAL CALENDAR GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

# San Antonio, Texas October 3 - 8, 2000

# "THE SEASONS OF STARLIGHT" 118th SESSION

#### Tuesday, October 3, 2000

7:00 P.M. **BANQUET.** "One Shining Moment" Floor Officers Dinner. Chairman: Mrs. Susie Broughton. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Elizabeth E. Wise, HC 4, Box 23, Kirbyville, TX 75956. (409) 423-3829. Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, Salado Room. (By Invitation Only).

#### Wednesday, October 4, 2000

- 12:00 NOON **HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**. 4:00 P.M. Co-Chairmen: Raul and Sylvia Garcia. Municipal Auditorium.
- 12:00 NOON HOSPITALITY ROOM, GRAND REPRESENTATIVES. Chair-4:00 P.M. man: Mrs. Nelda Hastings. Hosted by Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Present and Former Grand Representatives, Spouses and Traveling Companion. Municipal Auditorium.
- 9:00 A.M. **RECEPTION** Honoring Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron and the 2000-2001 Grand Floor Officers. Hosted by Mr. Duane L. "Buddy" Baker, Associate Grand Patron. Holiday Inn-Riverwalk. (By Invitation Only.)
- 10:30 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Pecos Room.
- 11:30 A.M. Luncheon. "Our Swan Song". Honoring Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons. Inviting Grand Examiners and Traveling Secretaries. Chairman: Mrs. Robyn Merchant. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Patricia Edwards, HC 52, Box 874-A, Hemphill, TX 75948 (409) 579-4001. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Coronado Room. (Open to this Group Only.)
- 12:00 NOON LUNCHEON. "Sun Will Come Up Tomorrow". Honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Trustee; Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah; Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Registration; and Mr. Garland Rattan, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, General Grand Chapter. Hosted by Past Grands Association of Texas. Chairman: Mr. B.F. Hutson. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, 1105 Emerald Lake Ct., Fort Worth, TX 76103. (817) 457-4305. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Pecos Room. (Open to Past Grand Matrons

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and Past Grand Patrons, their Spouses and/or Traveling Companion.)

- 4:30 P.M. **RECEPTION FOR DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS.** Four Points 5:30 P.M. Sheraton Hotel, Rapids Terrace.
- 7:00 P.M. **GENERAL BANQUET AND BALL.** "Friends Are Forever". Honoring Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron; Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. Chairman: Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah and Past Grand Matron. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Colleen High, 102 Tiger Tail Road, San Antonio, TX 78232-1317. (210) 494-8214. (Open to the Membership.)

#### Thursday, October 5, 2000

- 7:00 A.M. BREAKFAST. "The Doors of Friendship". Honoring Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel, Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, Grand Pages, Personal Pages and Grand Choir. Co-Chairmen: Mrs. Patsy Hewlett and Mr. Dwayne Maserang. Ticket Chairman: Miss Jerre Miller, 1609 Wilson Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76112. (817) 457-4268. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Rio Grande Room. (Open to this Group Only.)
- 7:00 A.M. BREAKFAST. "Stars Over Texas". Honoring Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron; Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, Grand Chaplain; Grand Representatives: Mrs. Jane Minter, Alabama; Mrs. Ruby Casto, Mississippi; Mrs. Mary Spell, Deputy Grand Matron. Hosted by Past Matrons and Past Patrons of District IV, Section 2. Chairman: Ms. Sandy McMillan. Ticket Chairman: Ms. Anna Chapman, 8509 South Kilarney Drive, Beaumont, TX 77705. (409) 722-2981. Holiday Inn-Riverwalk Hotel, Tango Ballroom. (Open to the Membership.)
- 8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST. "Friends Around the World Breakfast". Honoring Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Lou Weeks. Ticket Chairman: Mr. Don Chariton, 234 Artemis Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78218. (210) 655-1396. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Coronado Room. (Open to Present and Former Grand Representatives, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Officers, Fraternal Correspondent, Spouses or one Traveling Companion.)
- 9:00 A.M. **HOSPITALITY ROOM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.** Co-Chair-4:00 P.M. men: Raul and Sylvia Garcia. Municipal Auditorium.
- 10:30 A.M. 4:00 P.M.
   HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.
   Chairman: Mrs. Nelda Hastings. Hosted by Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Present and Former Grand Representatives, Spouses and Traveling Companion. Municipal Auditorium.
- 9:30 A.M. BRUNCH. "Coming Together . . . Again". Honoring Mrs. Alma

Lynn Bane, Jr. Past Grand Matron and Mr. Henry Martin, Jr. Past Grand Patron. Hosted by District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons of 1998-1999. Inviting 1998-1999 Traveling Secretaries, Floor Officers, Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Examiners, their Spouses and Traveling Companion. Chairman: Mrs. Janell Trees. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Mary Ruth White, 4310 Bellaire Blvd., Bellaire, TX 77401. (713) 664-1333. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Pecos Room. (Open to this Group Only.)

#### Friday, October 6, 2000

- 6:30 A.M. BREAKFAST. "Waking Up With Friends and Company". Honoring Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by Elected Boards and Committees. Chairman: Mrs. Jerre Lucas. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Gerry Dusek, P.O. Box 508, Rio Hondo, TX 78583. (956) 748-3370. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Rio Grande Room. (Open to the Membership.)
- 6:30 A.M.
   BREAKFAST. "A Time For Friendship". Honoring Mrs. Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary. Hosted by Secretaries Association. Chairman: Mrs. Joan Dike. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Cheryl McGee, 122 Prairie View Lane, Red Oak, TX 75154-2814. (972) 576-5585. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Brazos Room. (Open to Past and Present Secretaries, Treasurers and Traveling Companions.)
- 9:00 A.M. **HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.** Co-4:00 P.M. Chairmen: Raul and Sylvia Garcia. Municipal Auditorium.
- 9:00 A.M. HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.
- 4:00 P.M. Chairman: Mrs. Nelda Hastings. Hosted by Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Present and Former Grand Representatives, Spouses and Traveling Companion. Municipal Auditorium.
- 12:00 NOON LUNCHEON. "Twilight at the Gazebo". Honoring Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Starlights of District 5, Section 7. Chairman: Miss Sue Greenhill. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Patricia Alexander, 206 Wilcox, San Antonio 78211. (210) 922-2930. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Coronado Room. (Open to the Membership.)
- 12:00 NOON LUNCHEON. "Moonbeams and Sunrays on the River". Honoring Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Duane L. "Buddy" Baker, Associate Grand Patron. Hosted by the Moonbeams of District 5, Section 7. Chairman: Mrs. Kristy Mumme. Ticket Chairman: Miss Janlen Trees, 13803 Winding Hill, San Antonio, TX 78217. (210) 654-0424. Holiday Inn-Riverwalk, Tango Ballroom. (Open to the Membership.)
- 12:00 NOON LUNCHEON. "Cherubs and Roses". Honoring Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress. Hosted by the Loving Rosebuds of District 5, Section 7. Chairman: Mrs. Doris D. Bingham. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Nancy Sutton, 118 Future, San Antonio, TX 78213. (210) 341-3888. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Rio Grande Room. (Open to the Membership.)

12:00 NOON LUNCHEON. "Heartbeats Across Texas". Honoring Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by the Heartbeats of District 5, Section 7. Chairman: Mrs. Donna Perkins. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Freda Thompson, 13802 Flying W. Trail, Helotes, TX 78023. (210) 695-9907. St. Anthony Hotel, Anacacho Room. (Open to the Membership.)

10:00 P.M. - CANDIDATES RECEPTION. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Santa 12:00 A.M. Fe Room.

#### Saturday, October 7, 2000

6:30 A.M.
BREAKFAST. "Beams of Light". Honoring Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Duane L. "Buddy" Baker, Associate Grand Patron. Hosted by the Deputies of Grand Chapter, 2000-2001. Chairman: Mrs. Mary Brown. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Susan Bigham, 1111 Avenue J, Abernathy, TX 79311. (806) 298-2604. Holiday Inn-Riverwalk, Tango Ballroom. (Open to the Membership.)

#### Sunday, October 8, 2000

- 8:30 a.m. **BREAKFAST.** "Up, Up and Away for Flight 2003". Honoring Newly Installed Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by Associate Conductresses, District 5, Section 7. Chairman: Mrs. Emma Lou Parnell. Ticket Chairman: Ms. Larissa Alexander, 5539 Wood Climb, San Antonio, TX 78233-5034. (210) 654-3388. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Coronado Room. (Open to the Membership.)
- 10:30 A.M. DEPUTIES MEETING. Holiday Inn Riverwalk, Tango Ballroom.

# PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR GRAND CHAPTER

In accordance with Code of Laws – Article 157. Pge 117-119 and the following:

- 1. 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 (1) copy to the Worthy Grand Matron

One (1) copy to the Grand Secretary

- One (1) 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:
  - Go to the nearest microphone and address the Presiding Officer
  - Wait for recognition
  - State your name, title, Chapter name and number
  - 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 purple card – Chapter Representatives will hold the pink card.

- 11. 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:
  - Reconsider
  - Refer to a committee
  - Call for the orders of the day
  - Division of the question
  - Previous question \*
  - Lay on the table
  - To call off
  - 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 (1) copy to the Worthy Grand Matron One (1) copy to the Grand Secretary

- One (1) copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee
- 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:
  - Go to the nearest microphone and address the Presiding Officer
  - Wait for recognition
  - State your name, title, Chapter name and number
  - 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.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

# HEADQUARTERS HOTELS

Worthy Grand Matron and	
Worthy Grand Patron Four	Points Sheraton Hotel
Associate Grand Matron and	
Associate Grand Patron H	Ioliday Inn-Riverwalk
Distinguished Guests Four	Points Sheraton Hotel
GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS	Municipal Auditorium
Thursday Afternoon – Informal Opening	12:00 Noon
Thursday Afternoon – Ceremonial Opening	1:00 P.M.
Thursday Evening	
Fraternal Correspondent Program and Drill	
ESTARL Program	8:00 P.M.
Memorial Service	
Friday Morning – Business Session	8:15 A.M.
Friday Afternoon – Business Session	
Friday Evening	
Humanitarian Drill	
Saturday Morning – Business and Election Session	8:15 A.M.

### **REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS**

Wednesday - Municipal Auditorium	9:00	A.M.
Thursday - Municipal Auditorium	8:00	A.M.
Friday - Municipal Auditorium	7:00	A.M.
Saturday - Municipal Auditorium	7:00	A.M.

Registration of Voting Delegates for their Credentials closes *promptly* at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 7, 2000. Registration for Non-Voting Delegates closes at 10:00 A.M. Ballots are not transferable, and if lost, will not be replaced. Please sign your Ballot envelope immediately upon receipt.

A valid Receipt for Dues or Demit, and Registration Badges are required for admittance to each Grand Chapter Session.

All General Grand Officers, Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are invited to be seated in sections of the Auditorium designated.

#### SOCIAL INFORMATION

Distinguished Guests	Municipal Auditorium
Grand Representatives	Municipal Auditorium

#### REPORTS

All reports must be brief, concise, and contain only pertinent facts. Three (3) copies of each report, typewritten and double spaced, must be handed to the Grand Secretary after adoption. Time and cost of printing will not permit lengthy "Thank You" messages. Reports will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Chairmen – Please be available until your report has been given. Please watch the progress of the reports, as you may be called upon to give your report earlier or later than scheduled. The General Chairman, or Co-Chairman in the absence of the General Chairman, will introduce the District Chairmen, ask the members of the Committee to stand during the report, and read the report. After the report is read, the Chairman will move the adoption of the report. After approval of the report, a picture will be taken of the General Chairman, Co-Chairman, and District Chairman with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron.

### **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Mr. Cleo Ellison, Photographer	Mr. Robert T. Arnold, Jr., Video
4025 Field Street	7534 Happy Valley
Ft. Worth, TX 76117	San Antonio, TX 78242

Scheduled Pictures (all pictures will be taken in the East in front of the stage)

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

NOTE: Individual or group photos may be scheduled with the Photographer directly.

### **DRILLS and SPECIAL FORMATIONS**

All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons, and Junior Past Patrons of Chapters which are 100% or more in participation in the 1999-2000 Humanitarian Program are invited to participate in our Drill on Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. Please be seated in the area designated for WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS in the West. You are invited to wear your Grand Chapter Attire or your Subordinate Chapter Attire. Gentlemen are requested to wear a DARK suit or a tuxedo.

### FIRST AID

First Aid rooms will be available in the Municipal Auditorium . Arrangements First Aid Committee members will be on duty for all sessions.

#### SAFETY

As a safety measure, we ask you to always walk in groups – never walk alone, in going to and from the Municipal Auditorium and the Hotels.

#### **PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS**

The Grand Examiner-at-Large, Sister Sandra Perdue, will have the Examining Room opened on Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. If for any reason you need to have an examination other than these specifid times, please contact Sandra and she will arrange a time to assist you in taking your Proficiency Examination.

# **Grand Choir**

Melissa Simonton ...... Director

Grace Aderholt Peggy Allen Gray Anderson Mattie Anderson Bettye Baird Judy Baker Kathy Ballard Diane Beckley Cynthia Bausell Jessie Braswell Linda Carney Edna Cowsert Gladys Cox Bill Crews Kathey Crews	Kay Drescher Jack Ellison Leona Ellison Jennie Eschmann Nancy Jo Estill Norma Favers Anna Finch Ann Frerking Martha Gandy Gene Griffin Geraldine Graves Elizabeth Grayson Wayne Holbrook Lou Holbrook Michelle Holmes	Ernest Marshall Betty Marshall Barbara Martin Kay McClure Mary Menzies Gordon Parham Patricia Parham Lois Pate Carolyn Shannon Kay Skinner George Skinner Mary Steinmetz Patricia Sullivan Jo Taylor
Gladys Cox	Wayne Holbrook	Patricia Sullivan
Kathey Crews	Michelle Holmes	Mackee Teague
Sybil Davis Joy Dobbs	Rachel Jackson Rose Marie Jones	Dewey Teague Velta Tischhauser
Betty Dofler Bobbye Dyer	Janice Langford Janet Lindsey Flora Maserang	Ivan L. Wallace Earnestine Winterrowd

# **Grand Choir Songs**

#### He Keeps Me Singing

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

#### **Chorus:**

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

### **Beautiful Texas**

You've all read the beautiful stories. Of the countries far over the sea. From whence came our ancestors. To establish this land of the free. There are some folks who still like to travel. To see what they have over there. But when they go look it's not in the book. And they find there is none to compare.

#### Chorus

To Beautiful. Beautiful Texas, Where the beautiful bluebonnets grow. We're proud of our forefathers, Who fought at the Alamo. You can live on the plains of the mountains, Or down where the seabreezes blow. And you're still in Beautiful Texas. The most beautiful place that I know.

#### **Great and Mighty**

Great and mighty is the Lord our God. Great and mighty is he. Great and mighty is the Lord our God. Great and mighty is he. Lift up your banner, let the anthems

ring. Praises to our King.

Great and mighty is the Lord our God. Great and might is He.

#### **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.

**Amazing Grace** 

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound. That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years. Bright shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise. Than when we first began.

#### The Eyes of Texas are Upon You

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 till early in the morn. The Eyes of Texas are upon you. Till Gabriel blows his horn.

#### You are my Sunshine

The other night dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms. When I awoke dear, I was mistaken And I hung my head and cried. You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, You make me happy, when skies are gray. You'll never know dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away.

#### All Hail, King Jesus

All hail. King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel. King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Bright morning star! And throughout eternity, I'll sing your praises, And I'll reign with you Throughout eternity.

#### How Majestic Is Your Name

O, Lord, our Lord, how majestic is our name in all the earth. (Repeat) O, Lord, we praise Your name, O, Lord we maginify your name. Prince of Peace, Mighty God O, Lord God Almighty.

#### Let Me Call You Sweetheart

Let me call your sweetheart. I'm in love with you. Let me hear you whisper, That you love me too! Keep the lovelight glowing, In your eyes so true. Let me call you sweetheart, I'm in love with you!

#### By the Light of the Silvery Moon

By the light, of the silvery moon, I want to spoon, to my honey I'll croon love's tune. Honeymoon, keep a shining in June. Your silvery beams will bring love dreams, We'll be cuddling soon. By the silvery moon.

#### He Keeps Me Singing

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

#### Chorus:

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

#### It's a Small World

It's a world of laughter, a world of tears, It's a world of hopes and a world of fears. There's so much that we share that it's time we're aware It's a small world after all.

#### Chorus:

It's a small world after all, It's a small world after all It's a small world after all, It's a small, small world

#### Learning to Lean

Learning to lean, I'm learning to lean. I'm learning to lean on Jesus. Finding more power than I ever knew, I'm learning to lean on Jesus.

### In The Good Old Summertime

In the good old summer time (Repeat) Strolling thro' the shady lanes, with your baby mine. You hold her Hand and she holds yours, and that's a very good sign. That she's your tootsey, wootsey, in the good old summer time.

#### **Deep In the Heart of Texas**

The stars at night, are big and bright, Deep in the Heart of Texas. The prairie sky, is wide and high. Deep in the Heart of Texas. The sage in bloom is like perfume. Deep in the Heart of Texas. Reminds me of the one I love, Deep in the Heart of Texas.

#### **Heavenly Sunlight**

Walking in sunlight, all of my journey; Over the mountains, thro' the deep vale; Jesus has said "I'll never forsake thee." Promise divine that never can fail.

#### Chorus:

Heavenly sunlight. Heavenly sunlight, Flooding my soul with glory divine, Hallelujah. I am rejoicing. Singing his praises, Jesus is mine.

### I'd Like to Teach the World To Sing

I'd like to build the world a home And furnish it with love. Grow apple trees and honey bees, and Snow white turtle doves. I'd like to teach the world to sing, In perfect harmony. I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company. I'd like to see the world for once, All standing hand in hand And hear them echo through the hills, For peace throughout the land. That's the song I hear. Let the world sing today, A song of peace that echoes on, And never goes away. Put your hand in my hand, Let's begin today. Put your hand in my hand Help me find the way.

#### This is my Father's World

This is my father's world And to my listening ears. All nature sings and round me rings, The music of the spheres. This is my Father's World. I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees. of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

#### In The Garden

I come to the Garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear. failing on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

And, He walks with me, and he talks with me And he tells me I am his own. And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

#### There's Something About That Name

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, There's just something about that name. Master, Savior, Jesus, Like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Let all Heaven and earth proclaim. Kings and Kingdoms will all pass away, But there's something about that name.

#### **Our Best**

Hear ye the Master's call, Give Me thy best! For, be it great or small, That is His test. Do then the best you can, Not for reward. Not for the praise man, But for the Lord.

#### **Chorus:**

Every work for Jesus will be blest, But He asks from everyone his best. Our talents may be few, These may be small, But unto Him is due. Our best, our all!

#### Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground. And I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now. We are standing in his presence on Holy ground. This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground. For the Lord is present and where He is, is holy. This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground, For the Lord is present and where He is is holy. We are standing on holy ground. And I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now. We are standing in his presence on Holy ground.

#### **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

#### **Chorus:**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee. How great thou art. How great thou art, Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

#### Texas, Our Texas

Texas, our Texas! All hail the mighty state. Texas, our Texas! So wonderful so great! Boldest and grandest, Withstanding, every test. O Empirewide and glorious, You stand supremely blest.

#### **Chorus:**

God bless you Texas! And keep you brave and strong. That you may grow in power and worth, Throughout the ages long. (Repeat)

#### **Battle Hymn of the Republic**

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored. He hath loosed the fateful lighting Of His terrible swift sword. His truth is marching on. Glory, Glory, Hallelujah. Glory, Glory, Halleluhah. Glory, Glory, Hallelujah. His truth is marching on!

#### Star Spangled Banner

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light. What so proudly we hailed, At the twilight's last gleaming, Whose broad stripes and bright stars, Thro' the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched. Were so gallantly streaming. And the rockets' red glare, The bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the night, That our flag was still there. O say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave. O'er the land of the free and the Home of the brave!

#### My Rainbow

God placed a rainbow way up on the sky, A beautiful symbol so true. Its lovely colors of heavenly hue, Send showers of blessings anew.

#### Chorus:

My Rainbow, I cannot tell what you mean to me. With your lessons of faith, hope and charity. If I could pattern my life, On your great service and love, The pot of gold I'm sure to find above, My Rainbow, symbol of promises ever true, Inspire me to live just as you.

#### **God Bless America**

God Bless America, Land that I love, Stand beside her. and guide her, Thru 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.

#### Side By Side

Oh, we ain't got a barrel of money Maybe we're ragged and funny, But we travel along, Singin a song, Side By Side. Don't know what's coming tomorrow. Maybe it's trouble and sorrow, But we'll travel the road, Sharing our load, Side by Side. Thru all kinds of weather, What if the sky should fall. Just as long as we're together. It doesn't matter at all. When they've all had their quarrels and parted. We'll be the same as we started. Just traveling along, Singing, a song, Side By Side.

#### **O**, Canada!

O, Canada! Our home and native land! True patriot love, in all they sons command. With glowing hearts we see thee rise, The True North strong and free; From Far and Wide, O, Canada, We Stand on guard for thee. God keep our land glorious and free! O, Canada, we stand on guard for thee. O, Canada. we stand on guard for thee.

#### You're a Grand Old Flag

You're a grand old flag, You're a high flying flag, And forever, in peace, may you wave. You're the emblem of, the land I love, The home of the free and the brave. Every heart beats true 'neath the Red Whie and Blue, Where there's never a boast or brag. But should auld acquaintance Be forgot, Keep your eye on the grand old flag!

#### **O, How I Love Jesus**

There is a name, I love to hear. I love to sing its worth; It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest name on earth.

### **Chorus:**

O, how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus. O, how I love Jesus, Because, he first loved me!

#### This Is my Country

This is my country! Land of my birth. This is my country! Grandest on Earth. I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold. For this is my country to have and to hold!

## THE GAZEBO SERIES

#### (January) Fairyland

Icicles hang from the gazebo's frame Catching the hazy light. The winds have blown and snow has flown To create this glorious sight.

A tiny castle, now it seems In shining reverie... Unmindful of our gentle God Who dressed it so beautifully.

It sits in silence above the lake Now frozen over with ice. Gone the swans, for warmer climes Lest they pay winters' frigid price. Silver clouds decide to part And let the sunlight through, Relieving the bleak, with shades of pink And other lovely hues.

This temporary fairyland We'll see a change begin. The coming of spring, the flowers will bring And the swans will return again.

### THE GAZEBO SERIES

#### (February) Valentine

Sunlight sparkles on the lake; The water is chilly still. The swans all follow a graceful drake, Gently dipping their bills.

Little winter remains and they take pains To enjoy this beautiful day. The tulips have grown and pretty crocus is strown

Here and there along the way.

The young lady rests upon the seat Within the gazebos' shade. The young man stretches forth his hand Toward the pretty maid.

Behind his back, the other hand holds A box of candy, fine.. He hopes he's not being over bold... 'Tis for his Valentine.

#### (March) March to School

The gazebo keeps a watchful eye On the band of children passing by. The school house, waiting down the lane Is there to keep them entertained.

Laughter erupts and giggles escape At antics of baby swans on the lake. This brings about honking and squawks And the children race on down the walk.

Serenity settles and peace abides Along the lake and country side. Pink blooms rest on the lily pads As silver ripples wander past.

The swans move about the business at hand Giving little thought to their fairyland. Alone, the gazebo sits and waits For the return of the children

through the garden gate.

### (April) Easter

Sunshine breaks through the morning mist On Easter lilies, dewdrop kissed, And wakens the swans to a bright new day They gather their brood and swim away.

The gazebo, in silent splendor waits, Illuminated in a pale pink shade, As the mist on the lake begins to rise... An age old reminder of the risen Christ.

Later the children will come to play And hunt colored eggs this Easter Day, While matrons rest on the gazebo bench And trade bits of gossip and household hints.

The afternoon will soon be past And peace and quiet will return at last. The swans on the lake will rest unperturbed And the stillness of evening, undisturbed.

#### (May) May Days

Blue birds sing and honey bees swarm. The weather now, is nice and warm. The gazebo rests in the summer heat... The smell of roses, thick and sweet.

Swans gently glide across the lake... Silver ripples in their wake. Children gather, poles in hand To catch little fishes, if they can.

Their laughter fills the morning air. These barefoot children have no cares... Another blissful summer day, With time to dream and time to play.

But time stands still for no one, dear... Not even the children playing here... So, with empty worm cans and poles of cane,

They trudge on home, the way they came.

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#### (June) Summer Heat

Hot, hot, the blistering sun Rises now, and day is begun. Heat waves rise above the roof Of the little gazebo ... serene, aloof.

Children wade in the waters' edge. A rabbit blinks beneath the hedge. A turtle tucks his head inside... A cooler place in which to hide.

The elegant swans ignore the heat, Paddling about, with great webbed feet.

Their brood in tow, they seem to know The coolest places, in which to go.

The children now are fully wet, As swimming was where their minds were set.

Their skins grow pink and soon will tan.

For they'll return as oft' as they can.

#### (July) July Fourth

Silver streaks a morning sky On another great fourth of July. The gazebo is festooned in garland bright...

Patriotic red, blue and white.

The children already gather to wait. The games will start, sharply at eight, Followed by a picnic at a quarter to one...

Oh, what a great day for fellowship and fun.

The swans ignore the bustle and play And go about their idle way...

Ignore the egg tosses, sack race, and voices...

Ignore all, but their own personal choices.

Fireworks mark the end of day... Lighting the darkness in lovely display... Bathing the gazebo in dazzling light And ending the day with a glorious night.

#### (August) August Flings

Soft breezes lift the wildflower blooms. Summer will be ending soon.

The gazebo will ring with laughter and shouts

And the swans will wonder what it's all about.

It's all about summer and freedom and friends,

And some of that's about to end, Because the school awaits down the lane And it's about to open its' doors again.

So August affords their last little flings Before the school bell starts to ring. Then silence will dominate the warm summer days

Gazebo and swans lost in its' haze.

#### (September) Back to School

It's off to school on a Monday morn And the gazebo watches all forlorn. The children march by in twos and threes...

Noise of their chatter echos through the trees.

The lovely swans watch, somewhat detached

And half grown swans trail close to their backs.

Ripples move in all directions

As they try to catch their reflections.

The days are warm, but the wind gives a hint

That summer now, is mostly spent.

The gazebo knows, it's at a close

And soon the cold north wind will blow.

The swans will leave him all alone. With the onset of winter, they will be gone..

Times with the children will greatly recede.

He'll weather the winter alone, indeed.

# THE GAZEBO SERIES

#### (October) Halloween

A full moon rises and the crops are in. Spooks and hobgoblins now descend On the little gazebo by the lake, Where a tub full of bobbing apples await.

The children have been to trick or treat And now there's a party with things to eat.

The gazebo's adorned with paper crepe And on a table sits a Halloween cake.

So, once more there is laughter and cheer.

The gazebo wishes that the swans were here

To share with him the childrens' bliss.

He's sorry they've missed such a thing as this.

The gazebo rocks with the sensation Of the childrens' Halloween recreation. Then they're gone and he's left alone In the moonlight of his garden home..

#### (November) Thanksgiving

November stretches forth its' wintery hand

And hard cold weather grips the land. The gazebo shudders at a violent gust... I'll still stand proud . . I must, I must!

He has lost himself in his loneliness. But what is this?? What is this?? The children are bundled from head to toe.

Pulling wagons up the crusty road.

They alight and quickly get to work, Giving the gazebo a cornstalk skirt. They nestled pumpkins on the steps That the strong north wind had

recently swept.

Indian corn, pie cones, gourds and such Arranged here and there gave a final touch.

The gazebo now sits in splendid dignity And gives not a whit for winters' infirmity.

#### (December) Christmas

The moon and stars cast a gently glow On the snow covered gazebo far below. They dance on the lake of silvered ice In a gentle, age old pantomime.

The gazebo's steps glistened white On this solemn, silent Christmas night. A life size nativity scene was installed Within the beautiful gazebo walls.

A soft pink light glowed from within Illuminating the mother and babe and men.

An angel hovered just above Overlooking the scene with gentle love.

The Gazebo was proud to host the Lord, Even if it was only cardboard. It symbolized the virgin birth Of the greatest king ever on earth.

> By Perry Ann Boyett Poet Laureate, District 4

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# **MEETING SCHEDULES**

# THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

All meetings are to be held in the Board Room of the Grand Chapter Office Building in Arlington.

# 1999 - 2000

October 15
October 16
December 10
December 11
January 21
January 22
February 11
February 12
March 17 1:00 P.M.
March 18
April 7
April 8
May 19
May 20
July 13 1:00 P.M.
July 14
July 15
August 4 1:00 P.M.
August 5
September 15 1:00 P.M.
September 16

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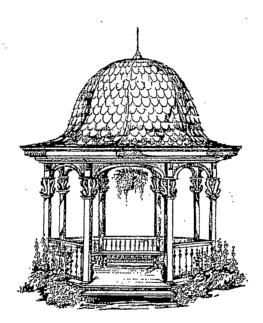
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November 20	9:00	A.M.
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September 15	9:00	A.M.

"Friends are Forever"

General Banquet and Ball



October 4, 2000 Four Points Sheraton Hotel

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend Worthy Grand Matron 7:00 P.M. Coronado Ball Room

Mr. H. Lee Stallings Worthy Grand Patron

	Prelude
Mrs. Boots Draper	
	Processional
Narrator	
	Board of Grand Trustees, District V
Escort	
5	Past Grand Matron, Texas 1998-1999
	Mrs. Gerry Dusek, Board of Grand Examiners, District V
	Invocation
Mrs. Eunice Connell	
	Flay Ceremony
Mrs. Susie Broughton	Grand Marshal
Mrs. Jackie Stogner	Grand Organist
Mrs. Patsy Hewlett	Grand Warder
	Welcome
Mrs. Rennis Ofton	Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees
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	Response to Welcome
Mrs. Pat B. Rasmusson	
	General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matron, Minnesota, 1983-1984
	"Jake a Cup of Kindness"
Honey Bee Awards	
	Uvalde, Texas Chamber of Commerce
	Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nance

# Dinner

Introductions

Mrs. Maxine Nance	
	Board of Benevolences, District 5
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	Chairman, Credentials Committee

# Tributes

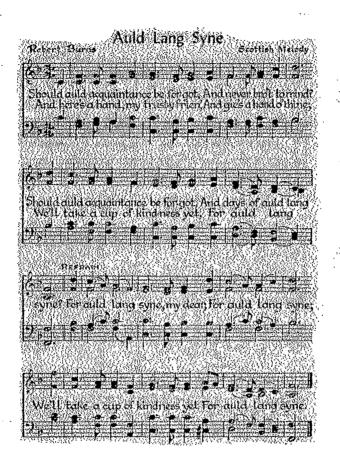
Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Karen Wright, Grand Martha
Worthy Grand Patron Mrs. Jean Lee, Grand Electa
Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees
Grand Chaplain
Worthy Grand Adah
Knights Templar Eye FoundationMr. Dwayne Masserang
Grand Sentinel
Registration Committee
Deputies of MWGM and WMGP
Grand Ruth
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Jexas
Mrs. Stephanie Muller, Humanitarian, District 5
Response for Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron, Texas 1985-1986

Greetings Mr. Raul and Mrs. Sylvia Garcia, Deputies to Mexico and Central America Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Registration Committee, GGC Mr. Garland Rattan, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Mrs. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron

Closing Ode — "Auld Lang Syne" — Robert Burns Led by Mrs. Diane Beckley ......Accompanied by Mrs. Boots Draper

# Benediction

Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen ...... Worthy Grand Matron 1967-1968



Music for Listening and Dancing (Until 10:30 p.m.) By Carlos Barrera

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

**NARRATOR:** If you'll take your seats, we will begin the Processional. First, Mrs. Alma Carter. She's going to lead this esteemed group in, I believe.

I am pleased to present the following members of the Board of Grand Examiners: Miss Kimi Kidd, District 2, escorted by Lindsey Pines; Mrs. Nancy Brown, District 3, escorted by Mr. John Creel; Mrs. Karen Morganthaler, District 4, escorted by Mr. Toby Lytle; Mrs. Gerry Dusek, District 5, escorted by my husband, Mr. Bob Lucas; Mrs. Sandra Perdue, Grand Examiner-at-Large, escorted by Mr. Ron Haws; the following members of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences: Mrs. Betty Capps Martin, Chairman, escorted by her husband, Mr. Jerry Martin; Mrs. Maxine Nance, vice chairman, escorted by her husband, Mr. Jerry Martin; Mrs. Maxine Nance, vice chairman, escorted by her husband, Mr. Joe Nance; Mrs. Norma Graham, secretary, escorted by Mr. George Hoper; the Board of Grand Trustees: Mr. James "Jim" Rippey, chairman, escorted by his wife, Selma Rippey; Mrs. Pat Washington, vice chairman, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Joanie Humphrey; Mrs. Frances Burbank, secretary, escorted by Mr. Tom Warner; Mrs. Leah Hayes, member, escorted by her husband, Mr. Jim Hayes; and I am Jerre Lucas, I'm already here, and was escorted by my husband, Mr. Bob Lucas.

I am pleased to present the Elected and Installed Grand Officers of Texas: Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron, escorted by her husband, Mr. Robert Wolfe; Mr. Duane Baker, Associate Grand Patron, escorted by his beautiful daughter, Mrs. Belinda Summers; Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary escorted by Steve Ireland; Mrs. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, escorted by Mr. D. A. Morris; Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress, escorted by her husband, Mr. Harold McMahon; Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Mickey Brown; Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, Grand Chaplain, escorted by her husband, Mr. Herman Wise; Mrs. Susie Broughton, Grand Marshal, escorted by her husband, Mr. Donnie Broughton; Mrs. Jackie Stogner, Grand Organist, escorted by Mr. Larry Bigham; Mrs. Jeffie Roberts, Grand Adah, escorted by her husband, Mr. Bobby Roberts; Mrs. Kaye Huffman, Grand Ruth, escorted by her husband, Mr. Mitch Huffman; Mrs. Karen Wright, Grand Martha, escorted by Mr. James Kiper; Mrs. Jean Lee, Grand Electa, escorted by her husband, Mr. O. B. Lee; Mrs. Patsy Hewlett, Grand Warder, escorted by Mr. Ron Zipp; Mr. Dwayne Maserang, Grand Sentinel, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Flora Maserang.

Our very esteemed group of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, escorted by Mr. Jack Beall; Mrs. Eunice Connell, escorted by Mr. Bill Bennett; Mrs. Katherine Poulis, who is already seated; Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith; escorted by Mr. Andy Scott; Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, escorted by Mr. David Ouellette, Grand Representative of Vermont in Texas; Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, escorted by Mr. B. F. Bond; Mtd. Katherine Harbour, escorted by Mr. Tommy Griffin; Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, escorted by Mr. Borchers; Mrs. Joyce Roberts, escorted by Mr. Ed Lentke; Mrs. Mary Brown, escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock; Mrs. Elise Hammack, escorted by Mr. Jimmy Williams; Mrs. Beulah Speer, escorted by her husband, Mr. Beulah Speer (laughter) - I'm sorry, what did I say? Brooks has the same first name as my favorite friend, my father, so I get confused when I see the name Brooks. Mrs. Beulah Speer, escorted by her husband, Mr. Brooks Speer; Mrs. Elsie Paladino, escorted by Mr. Bill Savage; Mrs. Doris Efird, escorted by Mr. Alfred Bell; Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham, escorted by her husband, Mr. Farris Benham; Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, escorted by her husband, Mr. Floyd Green; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, escorted by her husband, Mr. Max Fairchild; Mrs. Alma Carter, escorted by a good-looking gentleman with pretty gray hair; Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, escorted by Mr. Forrest Smith; Mr. Wayne Jones, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Jones; Mr. B. F. Hutson, escorted by Mrs. Charlotte Beall Mr. Harry Cunningham, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Barbara Cunningham; Mr. Leland Benefield, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Lynda Benefield; Mr. Charles Morris, escorted by his wife,

Mrs. Betty Morris; Mr. Richard Ochs, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Barbara Ochs; Mr. Kenneth Gregory, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Juanita Gregory; Mr. Henry Martin, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Opal Martin.

It is my honor to present those who represent the General Grand Chapter. They are: Mr. Raul Garcia, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Garcia; and she is escorted by him. She is the Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, and he is Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America; Mr. Garland Rattan, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Shirley Rattan; Mrs. Eleanor Stoddard, Unfinished Business Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Connecticut, escorted by Mr. Harold Trammel; Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah, escorted by Mr. Mark Davis; Mr. Fred Clarke, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman - Right Worthy Grand Trustees, escorted by Mr. Paul Zappe; and Mrs. Pat Rasmusson, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Henry "Hank" Knepp, Grand Representatvie of Montana in Texas.

Most importantly, we have our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Lee Stallings, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Patricia Stallings, Grand Esther. (applause) And, our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Betty Friend, escorted by her husband, Mr. Jack Friend, Grand Escort. (applause)

HARRY CUNNINGHAM, MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Good evening. You are stuck with me tonight as your master of ceremonies. The reason my name is not in the program, everyone knows I'm long winded; nobody would show up. (Laughter and applause) No, this is going to be a fun night. Welcome to all of you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Elected Boards and distinguished members of other Grand Jurisdictions, my Sisters and Brothers, family and friends: Greetings and welcome to an evening of fun, food and good fellowship. "The Friends Are Forever" banquet is now in proper order and ready to proceed.

In all our undertakings, we begin our meetings with an invocation. The invocation this evening will be given by one of the sweetest ladies I know, and she's from good old San Antonio, Sister Eunice Connell, Past Grand Matron. Sister Eunice.

MRS. EUNICE CONNELL: Thank you. Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, we come into Your presence with praise and thanksgiving for the bountiful blessings You've bestowed upon us. This day that has been given to us has been one of great joy and friendliness in all its fleeting hours. The beauty of this occasion reflects the meaning of "Friends are forever, love and friendship." We have come together at this festive table to express appreciation and to honor and pay tribute to our members who have shared their time in service with You and our beloved Order. We ask Your special blessings upon them as they continue in this service. We thank You for Your beautiful blessings and for Your food that strengthens our bodies. Dear God, in the days ahead, fill our minds with Your goodness, our hearts with Your love and our souls with Your grace. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Thank you, Sister Eunice. We certainly want to thank our Processional Narrator, Mrs. Jerre Lucas, a member of the Board of Grand Trustees; Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron, and Mrs. Gerry Dusek, Grand Examiner of District Five, and all the escorts for this delightful Processional. You have welcomed 69 distinguished guests as they were escorted to their tables. Sister

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Boots Draper, we thank you for the music tonight. Isn't she great on that piano? (applause)

At this time I would like to recognize our Grand Warder who will present and narrate our Flag Ceremony. Sister Patsy Hewlett from good old Granbury, Texas.

**GRAND WARDER:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Brother Harry Cunningham, Past Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, Visitors, Sisters and Brothers: This millennium year has brought a new addition to our Grand Chapter of Texas, our very own 51 Grand Jurisdictional flags. A committee of concerned friends of Grand Chapter donated these special flags in honor of the year 2000, our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron. Please take a quick preview as we unveil a few of these flags. Be sure to take a closer look in the foyer in Grand Chapter. Congratulations, Grand Chapter of Texas, on your new addition, and many thanks to the friends that donated to the Flag Roundup 2000. Grand Organist, Jackie Stogner, will accompany our flag presentation. (Flag presentation of approximately a dozen flags of other Grand Jurisdictions, interspersed with Texas flags to a huge applause)

Sisters and Brothers, please stand with pride as our beautiful United States Flag is presented by Forrest Smith, General Chairman, Celebration 2000.

Sisters and Brothers, how proud we are to present the flag of our neighboring country, the flag of Canada, carried by Donnie Broughton, Grand Representative of Australia in Texas.

Our very own Lone Star state flag is presented by our Grand Marshal, Susie Broughton.

You will please join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country. Let us now sing the National Anthem. Please join in singing the Canadian National Anthem. You will now join with me in pledging the Texas Flag.

Thank you very much, and you may be seated.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Mrs. Patsy Hewlett, Grand Warder; Sister Susie Broughton, Grand Marshal; Mrs. Jackie Stogner, Grand Organist, and all those that participated, for this moment has really expressed our love for our country and our neighbor.

To bring our welcome tonight is a sweet lady that I have known for untold years, always sweet and kind. Our hearts are full of pride when we think of Sister Rennie Ofton who in just a short nine years will be advanced to the office of the Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter. That is the world, my Sisters and Brothers. Texas is big enough for me!

Wise and most worthy, our own Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Past Grand Matron of Texas, will bring the welcome.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Head Tables, Sisters and Brothers, Members, Visitors, all: It is my distinct pleasure to bring a welcome for this evening. I guess you noticed as they had the flags going around the room that every four or

five flags there was a Texas flag. That was to show you that we didn't have one flag big enough to show the real welcome that Texas wanted to extend to you. (applause)

The stars are shining big and bright in Texas. Oh, it I s just wonderful to look out and to see all of you. Certainly our hearts are full as we welcome you. Our minds are boggled by this big room of people and looking so beautiful. But most of all, we want you to know that your being here tonight is a very important part of our – shall we say our kickoff for the Grand Chapter meeting as we have this first session in the millennium.

We are very proud. And on behalf of your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, please enjoy your visit to Texas. Please enjoy this banquet and come back any time that you can. May God bless each one of you. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** The lady to respond to this welcome I met when I was Worthy Grand Patron in 1989 in Atlanta, Georgia. Now, she's no Southerner, let me tell you. She certainly is no stranger to Texas. Sister Pat Rasmussen has honored the Grand Chapter of Texas many times with her attendance.

In three short years Sister Pat will be hailed as the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter. She's a Past Grand Matron of the great State of Minnesota. I told you she was no Southerner. We're proud of her. Please know how much we appreciate your friendship in Texas, Sister Pat. We'll now hear from you. Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Sister Pat Rasmussen.

**RIGHT WORTHY GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. As Florence would say, protocol having been established (applause), it is my honor to respond to that beautiful welcome given by your Sister Rennie, your very, very special Sister Rennie, to the visiting people and to the great State of Texas. I'm always pleased and honored and happy to be back in the State of Texas, even though you're a little warmer than we are in Minnesota, but that's warmth of love I know when I come here.

The only time I don't appreciate Texas is when the Mavericks play the Timber Wolves or when the Cowboys play the Vikings, or when I think about the North Stars that are no longer the North Stars – or are they still the North Stars? Whatever they are now – Dallas Stars. Well, I want to let you know that our brand new hockey team just got started last week, so the Minnesota Wild will be playing you. Please be nice to them for the first couple of years because – oh, boy, we've got a ways to go.

I just want to tell you I'm very sorry my husband Gary couldn't be with us. He's doing some work at home; he's doing some landscaping. As you know, we've got snow predicted next Saturday in Minnesota, so we had better get that landscaping done quick. I think last time I was here, I told you a little bit about Gary. He's kind of a happy man right now, I lost all my credit cards. Somebody said, "0h, my word, that's terrible. It has been four months since you lost your credit cards. Haven't you reported that?" And he said, "Heavens, no, whoever has got them is charging less than she does." (laughter)

He likes to tell people that we've got an all-electric house. Everything that's in it is charged.

And one other thing he likes to tell, he's absolutely positive there's no life on Mars because it hasn't shown up on my telephone bill yet.

When I got the letter from Effie Mae asking me to do this response, she said,

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I know that you will be humorous, full of love and in harmony with the "Friends are Forever" theme. I've tried to be funny. It's not my normal way. I leave that up to someone else usually. I can let you know I definitely am full of love for each and every Sister and Brother out there, particularly for your Rennie, your General Grand Chapter Committee Members, your Worthy Grand Matron Betty who has been such a friend, and to your Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lee, and their spouses. I thrill when I see them when they're not here in Texas. It's always good to be with them.

So with that, I would just close by saying: A true friend is forever. Be sure that you are a true f riend to someone. Thank you. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Sister Pat. Viewing a formal banquet like this is much like looking at an iceberg. You see the results of work visible and easy to see, but there is five-eighths planning and work that has gone on behind the scene. Tonight we have many friends and members to thank for what we see. We want to thank those who came this afternoon to decorate, to fold programs, to put out favors and place cards. You know the work you have done. You must feel that we appreciate your efforts. To the members of the Executive and Arrangements Committee who went far beyond their required duties, we say a sincere thanks.

There were so many working behind the scenes, like the ticket chairman, for phone calls received and answered, we thank you. For the auditing, careful figuring; for printed programs; for the special design of place cards; the hours spent on the computer; for planning the music and the entertainment, to all those who worked, seen and unseen, we say a heartfelt thanks. Let's give them a big hand. (applause)

Sometimes there are surprises behind the scenes, and I call on our Banquet Chairman, Sister and Dr. Effie Mae Davis, who will tell you about a most precious and unexpected surprise that happened to the Banquet Committee, and this ain't no quack. (laughter)

MRS. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: I've been asked by some of our out-of-town guests where Uvalde is. If you take Highway 90 and go west about 70 miles, you'll find this beautiful little town of Uvalde. And in Uvalde, there is a most unusual Chamber of Commerce. They're very active, and if you go out there, they're going to tell you that they're the honey capital of the world as far as processing honey is concerned. They'll also tell you that they're the home of Vice President John Nance Garner, who served with Franklin Delano Roosevelt, to bring us out of the Depression economically and prepare us for World War II. They're very proud of the hero, John Nance Garner, and we are, too, because he was working in Congress, with the Senate and with the House to pass all the reforms that were necessary.

This summer when the Banquet Committee was thinking about a favor for you, we wanted to give you a cup with some honey in it. We tried to buy honey. You could not buy honey small enough to go in this cup. So I called Maxine Nance, our Benevolent Board vice president; and I said, "Maxine, talk to some of the honey distributors in Uvalde and see if we can find something small enough to go in these cups." So she went to the Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber of Commerce said, "Why, Maxine, of course we'll do that for the Order of the Eastern Star. How many do you need?"

And she said 200, 300, 400. And she kept talking, and finally they said, "We will pour two-ounce jars of honey for the Order of the Eastern Star. You just let us know how many, and you may have more at cost." What a wonderful tribute this is to the Eastern Star Chapter in Uvalde. (applause) The Chamber of Commerce is a service organization, and they recognize the service and benevolent work of the

churches, of civic groups, and certainly of Uvalde Chapter and Uvalde Masonic Lodge.

Brother Jim Nance, would you escort Sister Maxine up here, please. While they're coming, I would like to tell you that these little jars mean a lot. They're the kindness in your cup. As Robert Burns says, "Let's take a cup of kindness for old friends."

And we did write letters of appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce, but, you know, a letter goes in a file and is forgotten. So tonight we have a letter of appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce. it says, "The Honey Bee Award to the Uvalde Chamber of Commerce, Friends Are Forever Banquet, from the Grand Chapter of Texas, October 4, 2000." We hope, Joe, that you will take this to the Chamber of Commerce. You've been so kind, making so many trips and telling them we needed more and more and more. Would you do that, please?

And, Maxine, we want you to take this to Uvalde Chapter, because we certainly wouldn't have had this honey tonight if Uvalde Chapter hadn't represented the Order of the Eastern Star. won't you join me in thanking these wonderful people? (applause)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Thank you, Sister Effie Mae. My dad was a beekeeper, and I can appreciate and I still love honey. That's what we lived on most of the time in the wintertime where I come from. There's a lot of nourishment in that. We certainly appreciate that kindness from those people in Uvalde.

Now's the time you've been waiting for. Are you hungry? (Dinner was served.)

May I have your attention a moment, please? I understand that we have a distinguished lady whose birthday is today in the audience. Does anybody know Jimmie Lee McMahon here? Are there any other birthdays today? Jimmie Lee, stand up. Be proud! You're older than me now. (applause)

Brother Harold Trammell, where are you? He has a little presentation he'd like to make to you, Jimmie.

**MR. HAROLD TRAMMELL:** Today is a special day because it is your birthday, and I think that this General Banquet is perhaps one of the largest Birthday Parties you have ever had. I have a little gift fo ryou that I hope you will find very useful in the coming days and months ahead. We love you.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Sisters and Brothers, did you enjoy your dinner? (applause) It took a lot of hogs to produce that meal.

I forgot to say something a few moments ago to Sister Pat Rasmussen. I want to inform you, Sister Pat, for your knowledge: You are in the best Grand Jurisdiction in the world. I want you to carry that across the nation as you travel. You'll never meet Sisters and Brothers like you will in the State of Texas, I guarantee. (applause)

When the Academy Awards are presented on television, the Academy introduces those members for their outstanding achievement and service. They choose a presenter who has already earned a respected position, who has already earned honors. Our presenter tonight for introductions was elected four years ago as a member of District 5 to the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. In the four years she has given faithful and credible service to our Order. In the coming year, 2000-2001, she will serve as chairman of that very important Board. Sister Maxine Nance, pride of Uvalde Chapter and District 5, here you go. Good luck on introductions. (applause)

MRS. MAXINE NANCE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Elected Boards and Installed Officers of General Grand Chapter, and Distinguished Members, good evening. It's so good to be here.

Before I begin introductions I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Betty Friend, and Chairman of the Banquet, Effie Mae Davis, for the privilege of introducing some of the brightest stars in our Order at this "Friends Are Forever" General Banquet and Ball of the 118th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

It is now my honor to present the guiding stars of our Grand Chapter, Sister Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband Jack, Grand Escort; H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron, and his wife Patricia, Grand Esther. Please join me in thanking them for all they have done, all they are doing and all they will continue to do for our beautiful Order. (applause)

We are honored to have with us this evening General Grand Chapter Officers: Pat Rasmussen, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Minnesota; Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Fred Clarke, Vice Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees and a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and his wife Margaret, a Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Please join me in giving them a very warm welcome. (applause)

We have Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Mrs. Mary Carolyn Puckett, Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico. Please join me in welcoming her. (applause)

We now have Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Elaine Heinrich, Past Grand Matron of Connecticut; Elizabeth Bordeaux, Past Grand Matron of Vermont; and Betty Duncan, Past Grand Matron of Wyoming who is also Grand Secretary Emeritus, and her husband Reo. Join me in welcoming them. (applause)

Texas's own Past Grand Matrons and Patrons: Lallah Mae Vollus, Eunice Connell, Katherine Poulis, Mary Katharine Smith, Molly Goodpasture, Mildred Sharpe, Katherine Harbour, Patricia major Neinast, Joyce Roberts, Mary Brown, Elise Hammack, Beulah Speer and her husband Brooks, Elsie Paladino, Doris Efird and her husband John, Betty Benham and her husband Farris, Virginia Lynn Green and her husband Floyd, Wanda Fairchild and her husband Max, Alma Carter and Alma Lynn Bane.

And our Past Grand Patrons: Wayne P. Jones and his wife Margaret; B. F. Hutson; Harry Cunningham and his wife Barbara; Leland Benefield and his wife Lynda; Charles Morris and his wife Betty; Richard Ochs and his wife Barbara; Kenneth Gregory and his wife Juanita; Henry Martin and his wife Opal, Grand Representative of Quebec in Texas. Join me in giving them a warm welcome. (applause)

Installed Grand officers of other Grand Jurisdictions: From New Mexico we have Betty Robertson, Associate Grand Matron; Georgia McKown, Grand Warder. From Oklahoma, Doris Bell, Grand Marshal, and her husband Glen; Betty Byrd, Grand Esther; Della Updike, Grand Martha, and her husband Kenneth; Owen Major, Grand Sentinel, and his wife Louanne. Please give these guests a hearty Texas welcome. (applause)

Texas's Installed Grand Officers: We have Associate Grand Matron, Naomi Wolfe, and her husband Robert; Duane "Buddy" Baker, Associate Grand Patron, and his daughter Belinda Summers, Secretary to the Associate Grand Patron; Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress, and her husband Harold; Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress; Elizabeth Wise, Grand Chaplain, and her husband Herman; Susie Broughton, Grand Marshal, and her husband Donnie, Grand Representative of Australia in Texas; Jackie Stogner, Grand Organist; Jeffie Roberts, Grand Adah, and her husband Bobby; Kaye Lynn Huffman, Grand Ruth, and her husband Mitch, Executive Committee Co-Chairman; Karen Wright, Grand Martha; Jean Lee, Grand Electa, and her husband O.B.; Patsy Hewlett, Grand Warder; Dwayne Maserang, Grand Sentinel, and his wife Flora. Please join me in welcoming them. (applause)

Elected Boards: From the Board of Grand Trustees: Jim Rippey, Chairman, and his wife Selma, Deputy Grand Matron of District 4, Section 3;Patsy Washington, Vice Chairman; Frances Burbank, Secretary; Leah Hayes, Member, and her husband Jim; Jerre Lucas, Member, and her husband Bob.

From the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences: We have Betty Capps Martin, Chairman, and her husband Jerry; my husband Joe, Chairman of the Credentials Committee; and Norma Graham, Secretary.

From the Board of Grand Examiners: Kimi Kidd, District 2; Nancy Brown, District 3, and her husband Gayle; Karen Morgenthaler, District 4; Gerry Dusek, District 5; and Sandra Perdue, Grand Examiner-at-Large. Please join in welcoming these hard-working members. (applause)

We have also with us Sylvia Garcia, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, and Raul Garcia, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America. Join me in welcoming them.

Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. Please stand as I call your name. Judie Duffield, Montana in Minnesota; Billie Powell, Texas in Arizona; Betty Scott, Texas in Georgia; Margaret Champagne, Texas in Maryland; Patricia Stowe, Texas in Michigan; Loraine Knapp, Texas in Minnesota and Sharon Ewing, Texas in Missouri. Have I missed any Grand Representatives? Please welcome them. (applause)

Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Judith Goldman, Arizona; Thelma McAferty, Arkansas; Lee Ellis, British Columbia and the Yukon; Sarah Coursey, California; Ann Teague, Connecticut; Hulene Womack, District of Columbia; Elizabeth Wilkerson Ward, Georgia; Opal Smith, Kentucky; Bill Irwin, Maryland; Beulah Warner, Massachusetts; Bobbie Paul, Michigan, and she is also a Special Friend of the Worthy Grand Matron; Jacqueline Arnold, Minnesota; Ruby Castro, Mississippi; Henry Knepp, Montana; Betty Carter, Nebraska; Mary Pike, New Mexico; Carolyn Schaefer, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Ruth Jamison, Ohio; Patricia Hancock, Oklahoma; Lindsey Pynes, Pennsylvania; Helen Fuqua, South Dakota; David Ouellette, Vermont; and Janice Herridge, Wyoming. Please welcome them. (applause)

We have Deputies of Grand Chapter here. Will all of the Deputies of all of the Grand Chapters. please stand. There they are. Please welcome them and show how much we appreciate them. (applause)

Also tonight we have other Special Friends of the Worthy Grand Matron: Mrs. Bobbe Chamberlain, Cleta Todd and Edna Goette. (applause)

We have four of our ladies from the Eastern Star Home: Mrs. Peggy Allen, Edna Cowsert, Eunice Estridge and Ann Frerking. Let's welcome them. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Sister Maxine. I challenge any of you to make introductions at a general banquet. It's a real chore, let me tell you.

I'm one who believes that you can never say enough good things about good people. My Sisters and Brothers, if there's one thing we need in this Order, it's encouragement from our Sisters and Brothers. When they have done a good job or they try to do a good job, and they love this Order and are doing their best, we should always be kind and courteous to them. And let's encourage them to do a better job and help them. I think that's what Eastern Star – some of what we're all about is to help each other, encourage each other. If we don't encourage others, who is going to encourage us; right? (applause)

With that we're coming to tribute time. The first tribute tonight will be given by Mrs. Karen Wright, Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter of Texas. She's a member of New Braunfels Chapter. I had the privilege – now men do not get to install Worthy Matrons too many times; right? I had the privilege of installing Karen back – I don't know, a hundred years ago sometime. I don't know. How long has it been, Karen? '92-'93. A beautiful lady, loves this beautiful Order. She will give the tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend.

MRS. KAREN WRIGHT: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Distinguished Head Tables, my Sisters and Brothers, what a distinct honor and pleasure it is for me tonight to bring a tribute to a wonderful lady and tremendous leader.

Betty Yvonne Friend was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star in Grace D. Per Lee Chapter #120 in Arlington, Virginia on November 24, 1965. She affiliated with New Braunfels Chapter #771 on June 4, 1968, serving as Worthy Matron, the first of three times as a "Doris' Darling" in 1975-76. Her dedicated service to Grand Chapter has been recorded each year since that time, first serving as Deputy Grand Matron for Mary M. Brown in 1977-78, then serving as District Deputy Grand Matron for Lois Bell in 1982-83. Sister Betty was elected Associate Grand Conductress at the "Living in Peace and Harmony" Session in Beaumont on October 26, 1996. And to this day, her unselfish dedication and service to Grand Chapter continues.

Helen Keller wrote, "Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose." And certainly, this describes our Worthy Grand Matron. For she has worked faithfully, tirelessly and enthusiastically... for our worthy purposes ... not only to "get back to the basics" of our Obligation and try to live by its standards but to improve and strengthen our Order in every way possible." That has been very evident by the projects and activities which she so carefully planned and promoted this entire year. And, during the next few days, we will learn the results of all those projects and activities.

Sister Betty was installed as Worthy Grand Matron at the "Stairway to the Stars" Installation of Grand Officers on September 26, 1999, and she's been working steadfastly for the good of the Grand Chapter of Texas and our Order ever since. When she was invested with the badge of her office she knew full well that there would be new challenges facing our Grand Chapter as we moved into the New Century and a new Millennium, but she boldly accepted those challenges and considered each an opportunity to improve and strengthen our Order.

Sister Betty immediately urged each of us to work toward those very same goals. She encouraged each of us to *RECRUIT* new members to carry the Order's objectives through the 21st Century. She encouraged us to *RETAIN* our members by involving them all in our work and by providing interesting, appropriate and viable programs at our meetings. And, she encouraged us to *RECLAIM* members who, for whatever reasons, had quit coming to our Chapter meetings and functions by finding out why and working to correct any problems or misunderstandings that may have occurred.

Our Worthy Grand Matron challenged all of us to be defenders of the Order of the Eastern Star, its purposes and its activities so that we might preserve this wonderful organization for future generations through the New Millennium. And through it all, she has been right there beside us guiding us in her usual gracious and loving way. Guiding us with genuine enthusiasm for every principle which this great Order was founded.

In fact, it's her enthusiasm ... love ... and unselfish sharing of herself to be with the membership as much as possible that has helped make her the leader she has been this year. Of course, her unbelievable energy and stamina hasn't hurt, either!!!

How wonderful it's going to be tomorrow to walk into the Municipal Auditorium and experience the excitement and joy and loving kindness that she has generated all year as we begin the *"Seasons of Starfight"* Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, you know, I simply couldn't bring this tribute tonight without ending with a few personal thoughts ... not only of this past year ... but the past seven years that I've been with you ... either right beside you ... or right behind you ... picking up after you ... or back home at the computer ... as you traveled toward your dream of this *"Turn of the Century"* Year and this *"Seasons of Starlights"* Session. So ... I'll simply read something I found written about *"Friendships."* 

And, believe me . . . I've learned during the past few years that there aren't a whole lot of things in this world more important than family and friends:

"To be a friend, a person should strive to lift others up, not cast them down. To encourage, not discourage. To set an example that will be an inspiration to others. To be a friend, a person should be sensitive and responsive to the dreams and ambitions of others, and show sincere appreciation for his or her achievements.

To be a friend, a person should practice the companionship of silence and say words that will build up and not tear down; that will help and not hinder.

To be a friend, a person should be tolerant; have an understanding heart and a forgiving nature, realizing that all of us stumble now and then, and that those who never make a mistake never accomplish anything. To be a friend, a person should recognize that no one has all the answers, and that each day he or she should add to the knowledge of how to live in a friendly way. And finally, friendship should be kept in constant repair so that you might be a source of refuge and love to those who will look to you for strength."

Worthy Grand Matron, I can honestly say that you have been this kind of a friend to me . . . and I imagine many more in this room share these same thoughts.

So, accordingly . . . Worthy Grand Matron . . . on behalf of the members of Texas, I present you this love gift. Please know that we love you and consider it a great honor to know you and call you "FRIEND."

Thank you.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Thank you, Sister Karen. You know, people amaze me, particularly ladies. Since my wife is a hairdresser, I've made it a practice to watch hairdos. Now I want you to look at the lady sitting close to you and the one sitting on the other side or in front of you. Do you see any two hairdos exactly alike? My wife will critique each one tonight before we go to bed. Sometimes she could shoot me I know! You all look beautiful though regardless – at least you've got hair.

This next lady to present a tribute I have known she and O.B. for many, many years. She comes from the great city of Baytown, Texas. To present a tribute to the Worthy Grand Patron, I now present to you Mrs. Jean Lee, Grand Electa, from the great city of Baytown. Sister Jean.

MRS. JEAN LEE: My Sisters and Brothers, friends all:

In Eastern Star, words are many – Instructions, praise, reports a'plenty; When it comes to praise, a poet I'll never be, But praise in Texas tonight belongs to our friend H. Lee!

It is an honor to have been asked to bring the tribute for Worthy Grand Patron, H. Lee Stallings.

Among God's wondrous gifts to us are the shining symbols known as words. As I searched for the power of shining words to describe what our friend and leader, Brother Lee, means to us and to our Order, I recalled a story told by Author Leo Buscaglia.

He talked about a contest he was asked to judge to find the most admirable child.

The winner was 6-year old Jamie Scott who was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother knew that he'd set his heart on being in it, and feared he would not be chosen for any part.

When she picked him up after school, Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement.

"Guess what, Mom?" he shouted, and then said words that can remain a lesson for all of us: "I've been chosen to clap and cheer!"

And that's the reason we're here this evening – to clap and cheer for our Worthy Grand Patron. Let's do it!

Lee has brought out the best in us as his leadership has given the Grand Chapter of Texas its very own 3 R's: a REVERENCE for the creative achievements of our past; a <u>RESPECT</u> for the ongoing work of our present, and a <u>RESPONSIBIL-ITY</u> to strengthen our Order for the future.

Lee, you are the ALL-STAR who has lighted our Grand Chapter pathway with the brilliance of your intellect, the promise of your God-inspired goals and the joy of your warm friendship.

Celebrities are invited to appear at many functions; frequently David Letterman bestows upon them a TOP TEN list.

We have prepared for you, Lee, your very own TOP LIST of requirements.

Lee, we know you are a GREAT WORTHY GRAND PATRON because:

- you drive a car with about 100,000 miles on it;
- you speak for free frequently and say something uplifting every time;
- you never use an illustration about your family without your wife Pat's permission;
- you carry silverware in your pocket just in case there is a covered dish supper;
- you think a banquet or meeting is not well planned unless it moves rapidly and smoothly; and
- you know there are only 3 things you ever need to say: "Yes, ma'm," to the Worthy Grand Matron, or "I second the motion," or "Pat, I love you."

Let's clap and cheer for our Worthy Grand Patron!

We've often heard it said, "This person needs no introduction." I'm here tonight to say that Lee does need a tribute because he is not the kind of person who flaunts his accomplishments.

He won't tell you that he began his career in real estate, insurance and banking in 1976 in his native state of Missouri. However, events took a favorable turn for us when he and Pat moved to Houston in 1988 when Lee became administrator of retail operations for Home Savings of America for both Missouri and Texas. Since 1998, Lee has been a first vice-president and regional manager with Washington Mutual Bank, with responsibility for 16 banks in Houston and the surrounding area.

He won't tell you that in his 26-year tenure with Home Savings of America and Washington Mutual he has earned numerous awards and titles such as "Best of the Best," "President's Club," and "Man of the Year."

Lee was raised a Master Mason in Lodge #310, Sikeston, Missouri, in 1975. He became a member of Moolah Shrine Temple in St. Louis the same year.

Lee joined Houston's Arabia Shrine Temple in 1989 and is a very active Temple Ambassador. He became a member of Friendswood Lodge #1416 in 1994.

He and Pat were initiated in Friendswood Eastern Star Chapter #1131 in 1990. He has served in several chapter offices, including Worthy Patron.

One of my greatest treasures in Eastern Star will always be that I am a part of the Betty Friend-Lee Stallings team for 1999- 2000.

So, to repeat: Lee Stallings NEEDS a tribute. He needs to know we appreciate his contributions to make our Order better.

Let's clap and cheer!

We have come to know Lee as friend, father, grandfather, church, civic and fraternal worker, and, now, Worthy Grand Patron.

Because of a role model like Lee Stallings, I have come to understand the importance of good leaders in our Order and their never-ending influence on the lives of others.

Good leadership is hard to define. Most writers agree that leadership is the least understood topic of all the social sciences.

When we are in the presence of Lee Stallings, we KNOW we are in the presence of a LEADER.

The best leaders are an inspiration to others. Their goals are God-inspired because they constantly ask themselves, "How can I live the one life that I have and make it something worthwhile for God and others?"

At the public library where I work, an article was posted on the bulletin board that stated, "Recent research shows the first five minutes of life to be very risky."

Someone had come along and scrawled in pencil underneath these words, "The last five minutes aren't so hot either."

Of course, it's the concern for others we demonstrate between the first five minutes and the last five minutes that makes the difference.

Lee Stallings knows how to make the difference. Lee Stallings does make the difference!

The poet said, "Work is love made visible."

This describes our Worthy Grand Patron's commitment to God, his family and our Order.

Truly, one way which God most richly blesses us is a friend and leader like Lee Stallings, who touches our lives through the beautiful power of Eastern Star friendship, loyalty and helpfulness.

Worthy Grand Patron, wet your Sisters and Brothers, present this love gift to you with love and friendship and admiration. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Sister Jean, for that tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron. If I may have the privilege, I'd like to recognize at least two Brethren here tonight who I believe deserve recognition; two Past Grand Masters: Brother Fred Clarke, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and Brother Farris Benham, Past Grand Master of Texas. It's a privilege to have you here, my Brethren. (applause)

The next person to bring a tribute, she was our Deputy Grand Matron – Sister Doris and I – down in the great area of Section 2, District 4, Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, who has gone on to do many jobs since 1988-'89 for our Grand Chapter.

At this time she will bring the tribute to our Red Bird, Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Past Grand Matron of Texas. She hails from the big city of Kirbyville, Texas. 1

MRS. ELIZABETH WISE: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Past Grand Patron.

Tonight I am going to tell you a story about Sister Rennie. Now this is a little known story. In fact, I doubt that anyone here has heard this particular story. But honestly, this is a true story – well, sorta.

Now, in order to get the full effect of this story, I will need your help and assistance. Everyone who is willing to help me, please say **unhuh** and nod your head **yes.** (few will answer)

Gosh, I was really hoping that more of you would help. O.K. Lets try it again. Now, everyone who is willing to help me with my story about Sister Rennie will **all together** – say **unhuh.** Now nod your head **yes**. Ok, you did very well.

Once upon a time, long, long, ago, well maybe it wasn't **too** long ago, in a land far, far, away, well maybe it wasn't **too** far away, in a land that some people called Texas, lived a beautiful little girl with golden hair, and eyes of blue. Her name was Rennie (piano). She always dressed in her favorite color which was: "Can anyone tell me what our Rennie's favorite color is?" "I can't hear you. What did you say?" **Red? Unhuh.** 

Now our Rennie (piano) lived and played among God's wonderful creations in the great forest in Texas. She would visit them every single day. She so loved everyone of them but she did have a favorite. Ok, I need your help again. Can anyone tell me which was her favorite? "I couldn't hear that. What did you say?" **Redbird? Unhuh.** 

One morning Rennie (piano), with her favorite redbird (piano) perched upon her shoulder, decided to travel the path in the forest that led to the great white OES house on the hill. She wanted to share her great love for all God's creations with her Sisters and brothers. So she picked up her basket and filled it with seeds from the great tree of life. She would share these seeds with her Sisters and Brothers so they too could plant such a tree and harvest all the charitable and beneficent purposes that springs from the great tree of life.

Our Rennie (piano), with her redbird (piano) perched upon her shoulder, had not gone very far down the path when she met a *sly little fox* (piano), who said to her "just where are you going and what is in your basket?"

To which Rennie (piano) replied, "my redbird and I are going to see my special Sisters and Brothers at the great white OES house on the hill and I am taking them some special seeds from the great tree of life."

Well, the *sly little fox* (piano) encourage her to think of some wonderful places to plant her seeds and then away he ran through the forest

Soon Rennie (piano), with her redbird (piano) still perched upon her shoulder, was deep in thought. "These seeds from the great tree of life are special and they need to be shared with everyone". So Rennie (piano), still with her redbird (piano) perched upon her shoulder, went happily skipping down the path to the great white OES house on the hill.

Now, are you wondering what has happened to the 'sly little fox? Are you saying **unhuh**? I can't hear you. (The membership will say unhuh.) Well, he ran straight to the great white OES house on the hill and *knocked on the door* (piano slowly).

"Who's there?" Said the OES Sisters and Brothers. "It is Rennie and my redbird," said the sly little fox (piano) in his wee little voice. "I have a basket full of seeds from the great tree of life. Please let me in and I will share the seeds with you."

So the door of the great white OES house on the hill opened and in he ran. Now the *sly little fox* (piano) knew all about the great white OES house on the hill. So he locked all the Sisters and Brothers away and then he put on one of the beautiful red formals, climbed into the great chair in the Grand East and practiced **his sisterly grin.** 

Soon Rennie (piano), with her redbird (piano) still perched upon her shoulder, came skipping down the path that led through the forest to the great white OES house on the hill.

She tapped on the door (piano, slowly) and call "good day, my Sisters and Brothers" as she entered. She stepped close to the great chair in the Grand East and said, "Oh my sweet Sister, what big ears you have (surprise chord)."

And the sly little fox with his wee little voice said, "The better to hear you with, my dearie."

"Oh good," said Rennie, "for I have so much to tell you about the wonderful seeds from the great tree of life that I have in my basket."

Now the *sly little fox* (piano) was stuck in that great chair in the Grand East because Rennie (piano) and her redbird (piano), still perched upon her shoulder, wouldn't let him get up. So he just had to sit and listen.

Rennie said, "These seeds are really the heart of the great tree of life and from these seeds will emerge a strong tree trunk with many strong branches and beautiful leaves. This tree of life will produce fruits of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love and will teach all to love one another. All my Sisters and Brothers in this great white OES house on the hill will care for this tree and will share its teachings with the whole world."

Now, the *sly little fox* became so ashamed of his ruse and admitted to Rennie and her redbird what he had done. And in a loving voice he asked, "How may I join this great white OES house on the hill?"

He was met with love from all the Sisters and Brothers and they all lived happily ever after in the great white OES house on the hill sharing bonds of good fellowship and brotherly and sisterly love with all mankind.

Now, the moral to this story is that all the Sisters and Brothers that belonged to this Grand OES organization thought so much of Rennie and her redbird that they elevated her to the great General Grand Chapter of the whole world.

So now our Rennie (piano), still with her redbird (piano): Now where is that redbird? Let me give you a hint, (the membership will say perched upon her shoulder) **unhuh**, who long ago started this journey from the great white OES house on the hill in Texas is now traveling the whole world and she is still sowing seeds from the great tree of life. **The End.** Piano

Sister Rennie, will you join me. Sister Rennie, perhaps you've noticed by now - or maybe you didn't notice - but the basis of your tribute came from your Welfare and Installation Program when you were installed as Worthy Grand Matron in 1978. It is my honor and pleasure to present to you tonight this love gift so that you may continue to travel the world showing to all mankind that this Order produces love for one another. Thank you. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Sister Elizabeth, Grand Chaplain. We're sure Rennie will never forget the tribute; neither will we who heard it given. It always amazes me the talent we have in this fraternity and Order, does it not? I don't know where the creations come from sometime, but it amazes me – I'm sure it does some of you – what our Sisters and Brothers can come up with about other Sisters and Brothers. Right, Tweet, Tweet? Uhhuh.

Now we'll hear from Mrs. Jeffie Roberts, Grand Adah, from Robert Lee, Texas, to give a tribute to our Worthy Grand Adah, Sister Effie Mae Davis, my good friend. Sister Jeffie.

MRS. JEFFIE ROBERTS: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Effie Mae, it is my honor and privilege to be selected to pay tribute to you tonight. I have always loved and admired you. I feel you and I have much in common – your name if Effie and your dear husband's name was Jeff so I have part of both of you in my name Jeffie. This year as Sister Betty selected me to serve as Grand Adah of Texas, I have been delighted that you are serving as Worthy Grand Adah of the General Grand Chapter.

I bet you can vividly remember WEST TEXAS, the area I live in. I can remember several years ago, when the Rennie Redbird Van came down our dusty road and stopped at our garage door, that among the load of Eastern Stars was Effie Mae Davis. How delighted I was. Bobby and I have lots of floor space to make Baptist pallets and one standing bed upstairs. Well, we sisters all but Effie Mae got our heads together and decided that Effie Mae would sleep on the bed. Of course, Effie Mae, (the sweet and soft spoken person as she is) said "Oh, no, someone else should have the bed." But we all insisted, so she slept on the bed, Rennie on the couch, and all the others on the mattresses on the floor. NOW – Effie Mae, I can tell you the truth – YOU GOT THE BED BECAUSE IN OUR HUDDLE, WE DECIDED YOU WERE THE OLDEST, I guess we were not just being nice after all.

You have been a dedicated Eastern Star member as you traveled this Grand Chapter of Texas as a member of Adah Chapter No. 49 and a Grand Chapter worker on the way to and including Worthy Grand Matron. We remember well the many, many puppets donated to the children's facilities.

Then, your abilities were recognized and you were chosen for higher service in General Grand Chapter; first, as the Chairman of Appeals and Grievances Committee, and now, for the beautiful appointment as Worthy Grand Adah. In all of your travels in Texas and around our Eastern Star World, you have represented us well and we have been very proud of you.

Your personal life has been filled with loving service to your beloved family – Jeff and your 5 children – and Jeff's mother, Mimi, during her last years. You spent many years with the San Antonio School District and again demonstrated loyal service to your superiors and the many young lives you touched along the way. One of your themes when you served as Worthy Grand Matron was "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Certainly, your life has portrayed that charge very clearly. We love you and hold you in the highest esteem for the beautiful lady you are.

On behalf of these members and friends present tonight, I am happy to present to you this TOKEN OF OUR LOVE.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Jeffie, for that fine tribute for Worthy Grand Adah.

This next presenter I had the privilege of being at his installation in Amarillo when he was installed as Worshipful Master of San Jacinto Lodge. Our Grand Sentinel, Brother Dwayne Maserang, will now bring a tribute to a Past Grand Patron and a General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Knights Templar, Brother Garland Rattan. Brother Dwayne.

MR. DWAYNE MASERANG: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

Master of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Installed Officer, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Brother Garland Ward Rattan, Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards, other distinguished guests, my sisters and brothers all.

I appreciate the privilege of giving the tribute to my friend and yours, Brother Garland Ward Rattan.

Now this country boy has always spelled tribute, R-O-A-S-T but Dr. Effie Mae • Davis, Worthy Grand Adah said now Dwayne you know that a tribute should be a nice, short and sweet speech.

I will now have to discard all these notes and speak from the heart.

Brother Garland, it would be very difficult to list and expound on all you have done for the Masonic Fraternity, your Chapters, the Grand Chapter of Texas, and the General Grand Chapter.

Let me just say these few things about you. You have given unselfishly to your family as a son, husband, father, and grandfather.

To your lodge as Worshipful Master, and as your expertise was needed for the Masonic Home and school. You have served Grand Lodge as a District Deputy Grand Master. You have served as Worthy Patron in your Chapters. To the Grand Chapter of Texas, Sister Virginia Lynn Green asked you to serve with her as Worthy Grand Patron. To General Grand Chapter where you served for two years on the Knight's Templar Eye Foundation Committee. Thank you for your continued dedication to your family, the Masonic Fraternity and to the Order of the Eastern Star.

OFF THE RECORD – Sister Shirley you trained Brother Garland very well on how to stay awake while driving late at night: talk, talk, talk! He did "talk" on a late trip back to Amarillo from Matador Chapter when I traveled with him. I had lots of good stuff in those notes I could not use and I think you would have really enjoyed them. Brother Garland, thank you for what you've done for your Masonic Fraternity and for the Order of the Eastern Star and General Grand Chapter. We appreciate it very much. My friend, this love gift is just a small thank for your dedication to the Order. We say "thank you" for the service you've given unselfishly of yourself. Thank You. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Brother Dwayne. Now I'd like to call on a very beautiful lady, a beautiful Sister, Mrs. Pat Stallings, to give a tribute to Sister Lena Mae Cook who could not be here tonight due to illness, but we're going to have the tribute anyway. I know Sister Pat will do a good job – Grand Esther. Sister Pat.

MRS. PAT STALLINGS: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Aren't you ready for another tribute? I can see it.

Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron General Grand Chapter Officers General Grand Chapter Committee Members Past Grand Matrons/Past Grand Patrons Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members Distinguished Members Sisters and Brothers

Thank you, Sister Effie Mae Davis, for asking me to bring a tribute to our beloved Past Grand Matron of District 4, Sister Lena Maye Cook. I consider this to be a great honor and privilege to speak about someone who has been such an inspiration to the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star.

When you are asked to bring a message reviewing a person's accomplishments, it can be a little overwhelming. Where do I begin? What information should I include? What information should I exclude?

Let me begin by providing you with some information that I am sure you already know. Sister Lena Maye Cook is a native Texan born in Garrison, Texas, Nacogdoches County in East Texas. Upon graduation from Garrison High School, she traveled to Houston to attend Memorial School of Nursing, Texas Business College, and the University of Houston.

Lena Maye has been married to James E. Cook, Sr. for 68 years. Lena Maye and Jim raised three sons, Dr. James E. Cook, Jr., Claude E. Cook, and Clyde T. Cook.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Dr. James Cook returned to Houston and **Mom** went to work for her son as nurse, receptionist, and bookkeeper until she retired in January 1976.

She was initiated in Magnolia Chapter No. 706 in April 1947, and affiliated with Spring Branch Chapter No. 984 in 1951. She is also a member in Tabeel Temple No. 88, Daughters of the Nile, Amani Court No. 72, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, the Social Order of the Beauceant, Houston Assembly No. 81, Fairbanks Rebekah Lodge No. 51, Houston.

Sister Lena Maye Cook was installed Worthy Grand Matron in Dallas, Texas in October 1980. She served as Worthy Grand Matron with Mr. Thurman H. Perry of Austin, TX. Together they presided over the 99th Session "The Circle of Love Session" held in Houston, TX October 18-22, 1981. Now to the fun part!

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In preparing this tribute, I was helped by some of Lena Maye's closest friends. However, they wished to remain anonymous, but I don't think Gladys Bruce Cox will mind me using her name! Thank you Sister Gladys. Sister Gladys had the privilege of nominating Lena Maye for the Office of Associate Grand Conductress in El Paso, Texas. In doing my research, I found out about several stories linked to our Sister Lena Maye. I am not sure if she wants them relived, but I feel the need to share them with you anyway.

It seems, while in Fort Worth, Lena Maye, who is a staunch Baptist, was seen cavorting with her girls at the infamous Billie Bob's. There was a country western dancing and all kinds of merriment. I am sure that she never told her preacher about that evening. Did I mention that Lena Maye is a Baptist?

In another incident Lena Maye was to make a visit to Hitchcock Chapter. Her Grand Ruth, Sister Bertiss Norris, was driving. Now Hitchcock is a very small town, but they got turned around anyway. They saw a building with lots of cars and they thought that this must be the place. They hurried inside. There was no head table. Grand Ruth made a big fuss and complained that there must be a head table because this lady was the head honcho. On top of that, Bertiss told them that she should be the first in line to eat. Now, Lena Maye kept telling Grand Ruth that she didn't know a soul there, and she thought that was very unusual.

Well, Grand Ruth finally got her in line, got her a plate of food, got her a seat and Lena Maye started eating. A gentleman stepped up and asked her for her credentials. Grand Ruth adamantly stated that this was the Worthy Grand Matron of Texas. The gentleman explained to her that this was the annual banquet for the Knights of Columbus. They hurriedly left and finally found Hitchcock Chapter. And, that man has probably told that story all over Hitchcock to this day.

Now, this is the story that really caught my attention. It seems that Lena Maye and Jim were staying at the Blackstone Hotel in Fort Worth. They had a suite and four other ladies had the adjoining room. While Lena Maye was out, the ladies, who shall remain anonymous – but their names are Lois Jackson, Frances Belk, Pauline Mathews, and Cora Ferguson, found a black pair of Lena Maye's pantyhose. They stuffed the hose with towels. Then they rolled a towel into a ball and placed Lena Maye's nightcap over it. Then they stuffed a pillow into her bathrobe and laid the stuffed body on her bed. When Lena Maye returned to her room, Brother Jim was found twirling the stuffed body legs. I have pictures for sale. See me later. The visual image of Brother Jim twirling those legs is overwhelming, isn't it?

Now, I think that I better return to the serious side of this tribute.

Sister Lena Maye chose the butterflies and the Monarchs to call her Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.

Did you know that the Monarch Butterfly became the Texas State Insect by a 1995 resolution of the State Legislature?

The monarch is unique among butterflies in that it is the only species of butterfly that does not hibernate, but instead migrates in changing seasons. In the world, no butterflies migrate like the monarchs of North America. They travel up to three thousand miles twice a year going south in the fall and north in the spring. The Monarch Butterfly undergoes four changes in form during its lifetime.

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- In the second stage, it becomes a black, yellow and white striped caterpillar (Larva).
- In the third stage, the monarch forms a protective covering called a chrysalis or more commonly called a cocoon.
- In the fourth stage, the monarch emerges from the cocoon as a beautiful black and orange butterfly.

The entire process takes about a month.

Did you know that if someone cracked open and released a butterfly out of its cocoon, it would be unable to fly? It would not be able to survive because it is the struggle of getting out of the cocoon that develops the wings to have the strength enough to fly.

Butterflies are one of the most beautiful things in our world. They flutter their brightly colored wings so quietly you hardly know they are there. But, when you notice them, their vivid colors and their beauty strike you with a feeling of wonder and peace. To me, the butterfly is a spiritual symbol of life after death because of its transformation from a caterpillar that crawls on the ground, to a beautiful creature that flies through the air.

And, just as the caterpillar metamorphoses into a beautiful butterfly, Sister Lena Maye, you have continued to develop and nurture members throughout your Eastern Star career, and these Sisters and Brothers have evolved into dedicated, shining stars in service to our Order.

Sister Lena Maye, you have served the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star with dignity and grace. And now as our Texas butterfly is set to fly to Detroit, the membership of Texas wants you to know how very proud we are of the accomplishments that you have made, and to praise you for your unfaltering determination to continually serve when and wherever you are needed.

In your last Bulletin message as Worthy Grand Matron you said, "Let each member remember, the past of our Grand Chapter has bearing on the present and the future. As the days unfold, take TIME for true friendship in this great Order, a rewarding experience of LOVE – the function of which is not to get, but to GIVE." And, oh how you have given to us.

And, now I would like everyone to raise your glass as we toast our honoree. To our Sister Lena Maye,

- May the Road Rise to Meet you
- May the Wind be always at your back
- May the sun shine warm upon your face
- And the rains fall gently upon your fields
- And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

On behalf of your friends assembled at this **Friends are Forever Banquet and Ball**, we would like to send to you our very best wishes as you travel to Detroit to serve at General Grand Chapter.

And always remember that we love you, Sister Lena Maye, and we want you to love us, too.

Thank you.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Sister Pat Stallings, Grand Esther, for the lovely tribute. I was a monarch, too; did you know that? Sure was. First time I was Worthy Patron of my Chapter.

At this time I would like to recognize Mrs. Kaye Huffman, Grand Ruth, who will bring a tribute to one of our most favorite couples in this town, the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Kaye.

MRS. KAYE HUFFMAN: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. When Sister Dr. Effie Mae asked me to bring this tribute, she asked me to be brief, humorous if possible, and in keeping with our theme, "Friends are Forever." So I immediately started looking for some good stuff on Sylvia and Raul. I have to tell you, I must have asked a dozen people. No one would give me any dirt on these two people. Everything was endearing and how gracious you are and how loving you are, so I had nothing – nothing – to go on.

And let me tell you, I know we all had our district banquets last weekend. But those of you that were at our District 5 banquet and you had the lesson given by our Dr. Effie Mae, thank goodness nobody gave me any dirt on these two people, because I got that lesson well, Dr. Effie Mae.

Then I said, well, let's see. Okay. I'll impress everybody with some Spanish. Well, I'm still working on the English language. I said, well, come on now, we've got to do something here. So I said, ah, Rennie taught us something. And those in District 5 know it really well, and that is "ole." So I said, okay, that'll be good.

But I would ask now for our two amigos to join me. You two have certainly extended the hand of friendship across the border for our Order of the Eastern Star, both in Mexico and, Raul, you also in Central America. We know that you did it with a little hint of Texas in there somewhere. We're so proud of the both of you. So on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, it's my privilege to give you this love gift. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Sister Kaye, Grand Ruth. To pay tribute to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, we call upon the Humanitarian Committee Member from District 5, Sister Stephanie Muller, from Austin, Texas, a very beautiful lady. The response to this tribute will be from Sister Elsie Paladino of Angleton, Texas, one of our favorite Past Grand Matrons. Sister Stephanie.

MRS. STEPHANIE MULLER: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Distinguished Head Tables, My Friends All.

The history of this great state is known to most of us in this room, but in case there are a few that are not so enlightened, please allow me to start with a small review. The word "Tejas" or Texas means "Friend". This name was given to a tribe of Indians who wanted to establish friendly relations with the early settlers of Texas. With this legendary background, our Texas Legislature, in 1930, chose as our state motto "Friendship".

The Grand Chapter of Texas, is The Grand Fraternal Order of Friendship.

Within this Friendship Order is another "grand order" known as the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Texas, whom we will call tonight, the Past Grands of Friendship. The members of this special order have many talents: teachers, musicians, orators, business women and men. Their talents are varied and many; what they have in common is their love for The Grand Order of Friendship.

Past Grands of Friendship, you form the beautiful jeweled center of our Order. As our jewels you point the way by teaching the lessons of our Order and living them day after day.

We, the members of the Grand Chapter of Friendship are thankful that you are our jewels and count each of you a treasure.

When Rob Morris arranged our Star Points, the first point was the heavenly blue to symbolize Adah's virtues of honor and right and the vows to which she was true.

As the jewel to represent her virtues, the lovely sapphire is a perfect stone. It shines with integrity and truth just like you, our very own Past Grands of Friendship.

The color chosen for the second Star Point was golden yellow, the ripened grain, to symbolize Ruth's content virtues of humble obedience without thought of gain.

The jewel of Ruth's true constancy is the golden topaz of shining beauty. It glows as a symbol of friendship and duty just like you, our very own Past Grands of Friendship.

The color chosen for the third Star Point was white, representing the light and joy to symbolize Esther's virtue of loyalty as her queenly right she did employ.

The jewel of her purity and courage is the diamond, sparkly and bright. It reflects joy and light just like you,, our very own Past Grands of Friendship.

The color chosen for the fourth Star Point was Martha's own living green to symbolize her faith and hope in things that are to us unseen.

The jewel of Martha's faith and hope is the emerald, so pure and so clear. Its beauty shines for all to walk without fear just like you, our very own Past Grands of Friendship.

The color chosen for the fifth Star Point was the beautiful fervent red to symbolize Electa's love for others by the way of the cross she was led.

The jewel of Electa's love and truth is the ruby. It glows in constant flame to display Electa's virtues of charity just like you, our very own Past Grands of Friendship.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people stay for a while and leave their footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.

Past Grands of Friendship, we, the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the Grand Fraternal Order of Friendship, thank you for being our precious jewels and representing the virtues of our Order.

Thank you. (applause)

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Master of Ceremonies, my beloved Sisters and Brothers one and all: What a beautiful sight you are. Thank you, Sister Stephanie, for a beautiful tribute to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. I don't think that we as a group have ever received a tribute before. I like that because it was so well done.

Some take their gold in minted mold, and some in harps thereafter. But give me mine in friends so fine, and keep the change in laughter.

I hope that we have a lot of change in laughter because laughter is good and it's so enjoyed, as we've witnessed here this evening. By the grace of God and the generosity of the membership of Texas, we, the Past Grands, have the title Past. Many people walk in and out of our lives, but only true friends leave footprints in our hearts. Sister Stephanie, I had that written and didn't even know what you were going to say. But only true friends leave footprints on our hearts.

By virtue of our service, we, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, share a common bond of friendship, and it's one very special bond that nothing can take away. We may not always agree, but we disagree agreeably. And, Sisters and Brothers, we love one another.

Much of the vitality in a friendship lies in the honoring of differences, not simply in the enjoyment of similarities. As Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, we have all worked for the advancement of our beautiful Order. We are all individuals who have our own unique way of doing things. During our respective years, we each had our own ideas, dreams and emphases and our music, but we all shared a common respect and a common goal.

In accepting the challenge to serve the Order of the Eastern Star, we all made a choice, as LeAnn Wommack says, to sit it out or dance. We chose to dance. Whether it was a waltz across Texas or the Texas two-step, we have all tried to do our part in promoting our organization throughout the great state. At times we felt like a party doll, and at other times like we were doing the watermelon crawl. We each chose a partner, and there were a few times when we probably stepped on each other's toes, but great friendships were formed in those years.

We also had a corps of officers and numerous committees as our line dancers. And for some of us, it was a foxtrot and for others it was a bootscooting boogie. We even tried out the alley cat one year! But whatever tune we danced to, our aim has been to form a continuous circle of friendship and love and support of our beautiful Order.

It is my hope that each of you in working for the advancement of this Order will continue to choose to dance with enthusiasm, that our dance has left footprints on your heart. Would the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons please stand and join me. Sisters and Brothers, this is a wonderful group that continues to work very hard to help the Worthy Grand Matrons – the current ones who serve, to achieve their goals. I do not believe that it would have been possible for me to achieve mine had it not been for those Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who have preceded me. We pledge our support to all those in the future. Thank you. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Now we're going to get our second wind. To respond and bring us greetings – this is going to go very fast because all these are short speakers, very short speakers. Responding first to bring us greetings will be our Deputies to Mexico and Central America, Sister Sylvia and Brother Raul Garcia, good members of Harlandale Chapter #750. Sister Sylvia.

**MR. RAUL GARCIA:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. I'd like to bring you greetings from the Most Worthy Grand Patron and to tell you how lucky and fortunate I feel, first for having the opportunity to serve the General Grand Chapter, second for the support and the love gift from the Grand Chapter of Texas, for the beautiful tribute that Kaye Huffman gave us, and to you the membership for all the support and courtesies you've given us. I love everything about Eastern Star, and most of all, I love this gal!

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers – He interrupted my train of thought. How about that?

Anyway, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters and Brothers all: What a privilege it is to serve an Order as beautiful as our Eastern Star. I want to thank, first of all, Sister Kaye Huffman for the beautiful tribute, the Grand Chapter of Texas for the love gift, and I bring you, my Sisters and Brothers, greetings from our Sisters and Brothers from south of the border who send you a lot of love and who invite you to come and visit them. There are only two Chapters left in Mexico, one in Monterrey and one in Mexico City. And I hope that some day you will be able to visit with these two Chapters. They are indeed a fun loving group, both of them. And I hope that you will be able to be with them.

It has been our joy and privilege to serve the General Grand Chapter for the past three years, and we hope to continue representing you for the next three years.

In closing – since we've been told to be brief and humorous, which I can't be – I would like to tell you that friendships are what our dreams are made of. We hold onto each other with a binding love. We stand close to each other hand in hand, showing each other that we understand. Some friends may come and go, but, you, my Sisters and Brothers of Eastern Star, are the truest friends I know. Thank you. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Sister Sylvia and Brother Raul. Lest I forget, I would like for us to recognize the waiters and the waitresses tonight who have given us such excellent service. (applause)

Now to bring greetings is a fine gentleman I met many years ago. He was a Cardinal, met him at "Roundup" the first time – a Redbird Roundup – Mr. Garland Rattan, who is a member of Knights Templar Eye Foundation, a committee of General Grand Chapter. May we hear from you, Brother Garland.

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Distinguished Friends all: Thank you, my friend Dwayne Maserang, Grand Sentinel, for those kind words. Little did I know that all that football playing we did and that riding and roping, lying and bragging, was being gathered for a purpose.

The Order of the Eastern Star means much to me and has contributed greatly to the quality of my life. It has given me many sweet friends whom I would not have otherwise been privileged to know. Together we have shared memories for so many years. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for these Floor Officers who have become a new group of "Forever Friends."

My thought in honor of the friends here tonight was penned by an anonymous writer, but it says what I feel. "Give me the love of friends, and I shall not complain of cloudy sky, or little dreams that fade and die. Give me the clasp of one firm hand, the lips that say, 'I understand,' and I shall walk on holy land. For fame and fortune burdens bring, and winter takes the rose of spring, but friendship is a God-like thing."

Thank you for being forever friends, and thank you for the love gift. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Brother Garland. I've got to say a word about our next speaker. Sister Effie Mae Davis was the chairman of this banquet. I think she did an outstanding job. (applause) One of the sweetest ladies I know, Sister Effie Mae, we would now be pleased to hear greetings from you as Worthy Grand Adah.

MRS. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: Robert Burns said, "Oh, would some power the giftee gave us to see ourselves as others see us." I wish you could see this beautiful audience tonight. Some of you are smiling, some of you are happy. Some of you are sleeping. (laughter) We love you so much, and we thank you so much for being here, for the courtesy of the gift. It comes from your hearts to us, and it means much. Thank you so much. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Boy, she got the message! Now we'll hear from Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman of Right Worthy Grand Trustees, and Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Rennie.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** The joy of representing Texas Grand Chapter and its great membership is a privilege for which I'm really very grateful. And to be honored tonight as you have done is sort of like the icing on a cake – sweet; and I thank you so much.

To Effie Mae and her dedicated crew that put this together, let's give them a very hearty thank you for all the work they did. (applause) And it's great to have our members of General Grand Chapter visiting with us tonight. You know, it's time for them to go to Detroit; I don't know what they're doing down here. But we are proud that y'all did get to come.

Sister Elizabeth Wise, that was – you know, I've never had a tribute like that, but I loved it! And I know you must have done a lot of research on my "Tree of Life," for which I'm very grateful. It was an important part of my year, and I think you framed it for me. Thank you so much.

It's just wonderful to look out and see all of you great people that have persevered. I use the word "persevered" because – everybody's still awake, Harry, they're doing all right, everything will be fine. But most of all, I want to thank you for how kind and gracious that you always are to me as I travel this road of service.

And as we proceed in our General Grand Chapter service, I want to paraphrase a little poem for you. "Don't walk before me, I might not follow you. Don't walk behind me, I might not be a good leader. Please walk at my side and be my friend and supporter."

And I hope that as we travel in General Grand Chapter that you will be in the position to enjoy and understand what we're doing. General Grand Chapter needs us. They need our service, they need our thoughts. And I know that the Grand Chapter of Texas will be right in there working as we go forward. If not, this Redbird is going to be out on a limb all by herself! Un-uh. Thank you so much.

And to the members for the gifts that we received tonight, it's just another indication of your way of telling us you love us. Thank you so much. (applause)

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Sister Rennie. I could say much about our Worthy Grand Patron. He has already been given a great tribute. I don't know about you, but I did not know Lee Stallings until Sister Betty Friend announced him as her choice a couple of years ago, about four blocks over here. I had the privilege of being present at that particular banquet. I have really come to love Brother Lee Stallings and his wife Pat. They're great! They're our type of people. We will now be pleased to hear greetings from you, Worthy Grand Patron. Say what's on your heart and mind.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** And Pat said quickly! Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Brother Harry, a consummate Mason.

What a great banquet this has been this evening. I've had a good time. Have you?

Banquets like this just don't happen, they are the culmination of a lot of hard work, on the part of many dedicated individuals. I want to personal thank everyone who had a hand in making this a very successful banquet.

It is indeed special for me to be one of those being honored here tonight. Each honoree has had a distinguished career in the Order of the Eastern Star and some (Rennie, I think we know who) have even bigger honors ahead. And aren't we excited about that?

Thank you, Sister Jean Lee, my good friend, for giving the tribute to me this evening. You have distinguished yourself all year as Grand Electa and you have done the same tonight. Thank you again for such a well planned and delivered tribute. Thank you also for the Love Gift presented to me.

This is the General Banquet and while several individuals have been honored to tonight, I want to take the time to thank the membership for all you have done for me and for what you have done for the Grand Chapter this year. Your support has been phenomenal!

I heard a story recently about two workers who were approached by a reporter. The reporter asked the first worker, "What are you doing?" His response was to complain that he was virtually a slave, an underpaid bricklayer who spent his days wasting his time, placing bricks on top of one another.

The reporter asked the second worker the same question. His response, however, was quite different, "I'm the luckiest person in the world," he said. "I get to be a part of important and beautiful pieces of architecture. I help turn simple pieces of brick into exquisite masterpieces".

They were both right.

The truth is, we see in life what we want to see. If you search for ugliness you'll find plenty of it. If you want to find fault with other people, your career, or the world in general, you'll certainly be able to do so. But the opposite is also true. If you look for the extraordinary in the ordinary, you can train yourself to see it. This bricklayer sees cathedrals within pieces of brick. The question is, can we? Can we see the extraordinary synergy that exists in our world; the perfection of the universe in action; the extraordinary beauty of nature; the incredible miracle of human life?

To me, it's all a matter of intention. There is so much to be grateful for, so

much to be in awe about. Life is precious and extraordinary. Put your attention on this fact and little, ordinary things will take on a whole new meaning.

Sisters and Brothers, that is exactly what you have done for us. You have taken the ordinary things we have done as individuals and multiplied them by your love and hard work to achieve the extraordinary. And, that's why the Grand Chapter of Texas has had a GOOD year in 2000. Thank you.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you. And now the friend who started it all, who reminds us that "Friends are Forever," our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Yvonne Friend.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, my friend, Harry Cunningham. Past Grand Patron. Since protocol has been established – and since I taught District 5 last year that I am the "Master of the Five-minute Speech," – I will try to be that tonight.

I want to tell you how pleased and surprised I was when the Fraternal Correspondent and our Grand Marshal decided to buy flags for the Grand Representatives to use each Grand Chapter Year. They did it in my honor! So many Texans contributed to that cause. If you were one of them, I want you to know how pleased I am. These flags are going to be displayed in the Grand Chapter Foyer, and I know that you're going to be excited when you look at them, and think of what these members in Texas have done for us. We will no longer need to rent, borrow or beg for flags anymore. We have our very own. Won't you tell those who made this possible "Thank You." (applause)

And then, I would like to tell sweet Karen Wright, who is like a sister to me – that's why she is Grand Martha – how precious you are, Karen, and the members of this Grand Chapter knows that is true. You have done so much, not only for me, but for many others. I appreciate the tribute that you presented, and the love gift from the Texas membership.

When I looked at the title of this banquet, "Friends Are Forever," I thought: "There's something thrilling about that title." First, it tells me that I'm going to be among friends. Second, it says that we're about to embark upon something extremely exciting. And, of course that is Grand Chapter, which will start tomorrow. I know that at this Grand Chapter so many wonderful things will happen. I hope that you find this Grand Chapter one of the most exciting, pleasurable and rewarding that you have ever attended.

And third, it makes me think that no matter what circumstances we as Eastern Star members find ourselves, we are going to remain friendly and loving to all members in the Order, because that is what makes this Eastern Star Life so satisfying to us.

The activities that we engage in as we travel through a year of service as a leader in the Order of the Eastern Star is diverse; it is humbling; and it is memorable. Now, you notice that I did not say "Perfect." There never will be a perfect year, but I can tell you that the "Turn-of-the-Century" year, 1999-2000 was as close to perfect as we are going to get. We had a very, very good time across the State of Texas as we held the Schools for Instruction. And, I just can't keep from "patting myself on the back" when I tell you of the superb talent I found around Texas for Deputy Grand Matrons, and District Deputy Grand Matrons. (applause) Also, I am so proud of all the beautiful Floor Officers. And, I am proud of those who gave tributes tonight. They did a terrific job. Won't you tell them that you agree with me ? (applause)

So, as I enter the last few days of my role as your Worthy Grand Matron, I shall recall so many memories and so many loving ways that you, the membership, treated me. This reminds me of one of the oldest gifts that God has given us. Through nature, God has given us beautiful trees. They impressively bear new leaves, new buds or flowers of beauty each Spring Season. And then, they know exactly when to "shut down" and become unimpressive. And, at the end of this Grand Chapter Year, it will be my time to shut down and let a new leader bloom. I wish Naomi and Buddy joy, health, wisdom and love. I know that the Eastern Star members of Texas will be just as loving to them as they have been to Lee and me.

Please continue to do your very best for the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas. I love you so much!

Hang around. I understand that music will be played for about an hour and a half, if we keep dancing! Okay? I love each one of you. (applause)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. If you will look on the back of your program, I think all of you will recognize that song. After this we will have a benediction by Sister Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matron. Mr. Carlos Barrera is going to play music for us approximately and hour and a half or as long as somebody wants to dance.

Let's all stand and stretch and sing "Auld Lang Syne," which is on the back of the program. It will be led by Mrs. Diane Beckley.

MRS. "BOOTS" DRAPER: I need to make a couple of corrections or announcements or whatever. First of all, I would be remiss if I didn't give credit to Sister Elsie Paladino. I was her Organist in 1985-86. And the piano, which I know you all enjoy – we paid a little bit for it, but due to the fact that we're Eastern Star and we're appreciated in San Antonio, Alamo Music Company gave us this beautiful Baldwin piano here and also in the auditorium. I knew that you wanted to know that. Thank you.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Thank you, Sister "Boots." Absolutely. Thank you. Sister Diane.

(Singing in unison of "Auld Lang Syne.")

Let me remind you that the Grand Chapter prelude will start tomorrow at 12 noon. The order will be called at one o'clock. Please be there early. And if you go to sleep tomorrow evening during introductions, don't blame the Worthy Grand Matron. Blame me, I kept you up too late tonight. Sister Katherine.

MRS. KATHERINE HARBOUR: Now to Him who is able to do all things exceedingly abundantly, according to His power that works within us, and His power, may it work through all of the world, through all generations forever and ever. Amen.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** It has been a pleasure being Master of Ceremonies tonight. That's it, unless you want to dance.

## 11 8th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S. "THE SEASONS OF STARLIGHT" OCTOBER 5, 6, 7, 2000

A huge banner stretched across the Grand East with the name of the session, The "Seasons of Starlight" heralding the beginning of the 118th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas at the Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas on October 5, 2000. The banner glowed with changing colors matching each season represented during the three-day session. A shining, twinkling star high in the East and five Cathedral windows, which displayed the Starpoint Emblems, as well as a large Gazebo added the finishing touch to the gigantic stage decorations.

At the base of the stage, the orchestra pit was ablaze with twinkling lights. Constellations of the Year 1999-2000; the Masonic Square and Compasses; a Swan; a Gazebo; the Eastern Star emblematic Star and large O.E.S. letters appeared at intervals among the sky-blue background of twinkling Stars. Two large swan figurines graced the mirrored reflection pool below this scene of lights.

Positioned beside two ramps that approached the stage were two Majestic White Swans, which were covered with iridescent paper and held shining silver cushions. These were carriages for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron during the Floor Officer's "Steppin' Out 2000" Drill at each session.

The Officer's Stations in the North, South and West were impressively set among columns of fluorescent lights of the five starpoint colors. At the top of each column sat a regal white gazebo, which were gifts for the five District Deputy Grand Matrons from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Huge swan planters filled with beautiful pink and purple flowers and greenery sat directly behind these stations.

The Officers sat in beautiful and comfortable chairs. The Starpoint chairs were draped with appropriate emblematic satin banners, edged in gold braid and tassels. The wooden arms and legs of the chairs matched the pentagon-shaped pedestals which displayed each starpoint emblem shining through painted glass. A large wooden pentagon-shaped Altar which held the Holy Bible at each session was in the center of the room. On each side of the Altar was a large lighted Star, which complemented the theme, "Seasons of Starlight" for the entire session.

Blue carpeting outlined the Grand Chapter Floor and indicated the marching lines as the officers performed their duties. The "Steppin' Out 2000" Drill, directed by Susie Broughton, Grand Marshal was an interesting performance that evoked enthusiasm and excitement from the membership at the beginning of each session. The Officers and Pages carried flags of Fuchsia and Silver as they finalized the drill with a moving Star around the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the tune of "When You Wish Upon a Star."

# CEREMONIAL OPENING THURSDAY AFTERNOON October 5, 2000

### "A Touch of Faith in Fall Starlight" Session

12:00 p.m. Musical Prelude	Mrs. Darla Dunaway Member, Dalhart #1051
	Member, Damart #1051
12:30 p.m	PROCESSIONAL OF
	DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS AND GUESTS
Master of Ceremonies	Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman
	<b>Right Worthy Grand Trustees</b>
	General Grand Chapter and
	Past Grand Matron of Texas
Assisting Grand Marshal	
	Past Grand Matron

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Sister Beulah Speer, Assisting Grand Marshal. Isn't she lovely? (applause)

Sisters and Brothers, this is the beautiful day the Lord has given us to begin the proceedings of "The Seasons of Starlight" 118th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We would ask God's blessings throughout our deliberations. This informal opening is called to order.

The historical significance of this millennium year has not been lost, and certainly we feel our Worthy Grand Matron, Betty Friend, and our Worthy Grand Patron, H. Lee Stallings, have generously contributed their time and effort in the dedicated manner expected of the leaders in Texas. Today we begin the last part of their whirlwind journey through the East, and we know it will be a pleasant journey for all of us. We extend special words of appreciation also to Keith Reynolds and his dedicated Executive and Arrangements Committees for all their work in preparing for our every need. Each of you has come to make our star shine brighter, and we're very appreciative of your attendance. This, our first session of the new millennium, offers a challenge to our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. It is time for each member to consider the value of the privilege we have to be active members of the Order. It is time for us to promulgate the important principles of our Order: to serve humankind in charity and loving concern. Let us be ever mindful of this responsibility.

It's a privilege to preside at this opening ceremony with my very special friend, Brother Harry G. Cunningham, Past Grand Patron and Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. He and his lovely wife Barbara have meant so much in my life. Brother Harry, would you like to greet the assembly.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Sister Rennie Ofton, my dear, dear friend for many, many years. It is a Joy, a privilege and an honor to call this

informal opening session of "The Seasons of Starlight" 118th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas to order with Sister Rennie, Right Worthy Grand Trustee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Thanks to you, my Sisters and Brothers, and welcome to San Antonio. Thank you for taking the time to come to our Alamo City to Grand Chapter. Without you being here, we would not have a Grand Chapter to take care of our important business for this year.

As Sister Rennie expressed, I want to thank you and tell you of our appreciation for the work that has taken place to get ready for this Grand Session. Hasn't our Arrangement and Executive Committees done a beautiful job, Sisters and Brothers? (applause) Our many thanks go out to those behind the scene that has prepared this place for our enjoyment. My hope and desire for each of you would be that you have a great time while in our beautiful city, and enjoy the business and fellowship of Grand Chapter. Thank you, and thank you, Sister Rennie.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Sister Beulah Speer, Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Processional of our General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Leaders of Appendant Bodies and Fraternal Youth Groups and the Representative of the City of San Antonio.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Elective Officers, Appointive Officers and Committee Members. (applause)

We will now have Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

We will now have the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. (applause)

We will now welcome the General Grand Chapter Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Leaders of Appendant Bodies and Fraternal Youth Groups and the Representative of the City of San Antonio. (applause)

Thank you, Sister Beulah. Let's give all of this group one more fine welcome. (applause)

**MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:** Sisters and Brothers, at a later time we will receive the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas. He's running a little late, but he will be here. So at that time we will introduce him. Thank you very much.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Sisters and Brothers, at this time we will now greet the dedicated Officers who have given this Grand Chapter such a fine year of service. We congratulate them on their record and thank them for every effort they have put forth to continue our beautiful heritage. It is my pleasure to present Mrs. Martha Hover, Fraternal Correspondent, escorted by Mr. George Hover (applause). Mr. Dwayne Maserang, Grand Sentinel, escorted by Mrs. Flora Maserang (applause). Mrs. Patsy Hewlett, Grand Warder, escorted by Mr. James "Jim" Hewlett (applause). Mrs. Jean Lee, Grand Electa, escorted by Mr. 0. B. Lee (applause). Mrs. Karen S. Wright, Grand Martha, escorted by Mr. Gerald Lambdin (applause). Mrs. Patricia Stallings, Grand Esther, escorted by Mr. Monroe Cooper (applause). Mrs. Kaye Lynn Huffman, Grand Ruth, escorted by Mr. Mitch Huffman (applause). Mrs. Jeffie H. Roberts, Grand Adah, escorted by Mr. Bobby Roberts (applause). Mrs. Jackie Stogner, Grand Organist, escorted by Mr. Steve Ireland (applause). Mrs. Susie Broughton, Grand Marshal, escorted by Mr. Donny Broughton (applause). Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, Grand Chaplain, escorted by Mr. Herman "Sonny" Wise (applause). Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Jim Fentress (applause). Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Harold McMahon (applause). Mrs. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, escorted by Mr. James Stewart (applause). Mrs. Marjorie Errington-Haynes, Grand Secretary, escorted by Mr. Trey Smith (applause). Mr. Duane L. "Buddy" Baker, Associate Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Belinda Summers (applause). Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Robert Wolfe (applause). Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Christine Armstrong (applause). Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Jack W. Friend (applause).

In our ceremonies we always look to our God for guidance and blessing. The Worthy Grand Matron has designated a special altar presentation to remind us of His presence in all our meetings. This afternoon our participants will be Sister Mary Katharine Smith, Past Grand Matron, Bible presenter; Sister Eunice Connell, Past Grand Matron, Scripture reader; Brother Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron, Square and Compasses presenter; and Sister Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron, will bring the invocation. At the close of today's deliberations, Brother Leland Benefield will give the benediction.

Sister Beulah Speer, Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the presenters to the altar in the center of our Grand Chapter room.

**MRS. EUNICE CONNELL:** The Scripture for this Ceremonial Opening is taken from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This is the second letter of Paul who wrote to Timothy. The selected Scripture is 2 Timothy the 4th chapter, the 7th and 8th verses. "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all whose lives show that they are eagerly looking forward to His coming back again."

**MRS. MILDRED SHARPE:** Sisters and Brothers, in this beautiful setting let us turn our thoughts to our Heavenly Father as we offer our prayer to God. Our divine Heavenly Father, our God, we have gathered together from all parts of our great state, joined by Sisters and Brothers of other areas, for the ceremonial opening of "The Seasons of Starlight" session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, with thanksgiving and love in our hearts for the privilege of another year of fraternal service in Thy fraternal fields of labor. We have looked to Thee for guidance and strength in all things and for Thy protection at all times. We bring to Thee the harvest of this year with its accomplishments and successes, as we've entered the turn of the century, the dawning of a new millennium, recognizing that all has been made possible by Thy goodness and by Thy blessings. We thank Thee for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron who by Your love and guidance, their faith and purpose, dedicated their service to Thy glory.

As we remember our present, we also remember those leaders of yesteryear who, by their brilliant deeds for others, kept us on the pathway of service strengthening our Order in service to others. Dear God, we pray that this Grand Chapter will continue to be directed in service in Thy name and for Thy glory in all future days. Give us a stronger faith, a greater power of forgiveness, and an even greater love for all mankind, until we can lovingly reach our arms around our world and love all for Thy sake. This we humbly pray in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: At this time we will have the presentation of our flags under the direction of the Grand Marshal, Sister Susie Broughton. The Flag of the United States was presented by Brother Forrest Smith. As Americans our patriotism is aroused when we remember with pride all that Old Glory represents: our national authority and strength, our principles and our ideals and our courage to maintain the freedom we value so much.

The Flag of Canada was presented by Brother Jimmy Williams. The red and white of the flag of our esteemed neighbors to the north represent courage and purity. The points of the maple leaf link the ten provinces and the northwest territories together as a nation.

The Flag of Texas was presented by Brother Ronald Zipp. Our hearts are filled with pride as we look upon our Lone Star Flag and sing "Texas, our Texas, all hail our mighty state. Texas, our Texas, so wonderful, so great."

The Christian flag was presented by Brother Jerry Martin. This flag represents the universality of God, the creator and father of all men, uniting all mankind in service and love. Our Order is based on a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. Therefore, this flag must be present among us to further strengthen this belief.

The Eastern Star flag was presented by Brother Larry Bigham. Our flag represents a great and powerful organization of women and men, banded by noble ideals and dedicated to the Christian virtues of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love.

Let us show our appreciation to Sister Susie Broughton, our lovely Grand Marshal, and the presenters for the beautiful flag presentation. (applause)

**MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:** Sister Beulah, Assisting Grand Marshal, will you escort the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas and his lady to the East. (applause)

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: It is my honor to present Sister Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, you have honored me and my Chapter by asking me to open this informal session. I'm most grateful. You have served Grand Chapter well as you have traveled to the East, and I, as well as the members of District 5, have been proud of you and your Grand Escort, Jack. Stars are known as celestial bodies, heavenly bodies, but you as our Star 2000 have outshown them all as you've twinkled brightly and strongly for the good of our beautiful Order. We love you very much.

Brother Lee, you have been a loyal and effective Worthy Grand Patron who has brought a sense of reliance and pride from the membership. You certainly have proven your "All Star" capabilities. Thank you for your leadership for the betterment of our Order and your love for our membership. We've been very proud of you.

Brother Harry, would you like to greet our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:** Thank you, Sister Rennie. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thanks to both of you for the privilege of opening this informal session with Sister Rennie. It is a real honor for my Chapter, Somerset Chapter #730, to have this honor. Worthy Grand Matron, my very good friend for many, many years, and a citizen of New Braunfels, Texas, as Sister Rennie has said, we in District 5 have been extremely proud of you and the way you have handled the affairs of Grand Chapter and the way you have recognized our Sisters and Brothers throughout the State of Texas. Thank you for a job well done. We know you have made plans for a great Grand Chapter, and peace and harmony will prevail.

Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the manner in which you have served in this honorable office for this past year. You have done an outstanding job. I know particularly Friendswood Chapter has been very proud of you. You have made many friends throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. You have really learned to love and appreciate your Brothers and Sisters, and we have come to appreciate you and Sister Pat as two great friends and outstanding members of this Order. Thank you, my friend, for your dedication and service to our Grand Chapter. We look forward to being with you during this Grand Chapter and many years to come. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees, my mentor since I was elected Associate Grand Conductress, and my sweet friend. I've heard it said that a loyal friend is like a safe shelter. Find one and you have found a treasure. Rennie, the treasure that I found long ago is my friendship with you. You are a loyal friend, and I love you.

Brother Harry Cunningham, Past Grand Patron and Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, you're the person that I wanted to assist in opening this Grand Chapter. You've been my friend for many years, as you said; and I shall never forget the encouragement that you have given me as we journeyed along this trail. Thank you, dear friend. You are a true Brother, an honest and dedicated Mason.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Rennie, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, it is truly an honor and a privilege to have Texas's brightest star opening this 118th Grand Chapter session. There is an excitement here today because of the anticipation of what this Grand Chapter will hold. The same excitement and anticipation will again be with you at the General Grand Chapter in November when you will take your next step up the General Grand Chapter line. Thank you for your presence here today.

And Brother Harry, what a consummate Mason you are, a devoted Eastern Star member and an individual of great character. What an honor it is to have you and Sister Rennie open this year's Grand Chapter session. Thank you for making this time a very special one for us.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Rennie and Brother Harry. I want to stop the world just now. We skipped something that I really want you to hear. Brother Darren Brown will now sing "On Holy Ground." (applause followed singing)

Thank you, Darren. At this time I recognize Mr. Keith Reynolds, Chairman of

the Executive Committee, who will present an official welcome to San Antonio. Brother Keith.

MR. KEITH REYNOLDS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worshipful Sir, General Grand Chapter Officers, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, my Sisters and Brothers: I welcome you to San Antonio and the 118th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Your committee members have worked very hard over the past year to ensure that your stay in the Alamo City is both comfortable and enjoyable. We hope that during the next few days you find time out of your busy schedule to see what San Antonio has to offer. While it would be impossible for me to thank everyone who has helped make this Grand Chapter possible, I would like to introduce you to the General Chairman of Arrangements, Brother Jerry Trees. Brother Jerry is kind of nervous, and he didn't want to come out here, but I pulled rank on him. (applause) Brother Jerry has made my job very easy. I've had to do very little overseeing. Brother Jerry, I want you to know how much I appreciate everything you did and are going to do. Sisters and Brothers, would you one more time show Brother Jerry how much we appreciate him. (applause)

I do have a couple of announcements to make. For those of you that are going to be going to Sister Naomi's luncheon tomorrow, it is not necessary that you buy a bus pass for that single event. Your lunch ticket to Sister Naomi's luncheon will get you there on one of our buses. The buses are running from 6:30 a.m. till 1 a.m. They will also run until noon Sunday to accommodate those who are going to be going to the breakfast for the newly installed Associate Grand Conductress.

For those needing parking, in addition to those lots that were mentioned in the *Bulletin*, the First Baptist Church that is across the river and next door to the Four Points, you may park in their parking lot tonight and Friday night after 6 p.m. Those spaces are leased out week-days until 5:30 p.m. On Saturday the youth group of that church will sell parking passes to you for \$5.

Worthy Grand Matron, it's a little ironic that Hurricane Keith may affect our weather. If, in fact, we do get some inclement weather – I've talked this over with my co-chairmen, Brother Mitch and with Jerry – we will put some more buses on to keep y'all from getting too wet. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yeah, give him a hand.

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MR. KEITH REYNOLDS: Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of your Executive Committee, I hope we've dotted all the i's and crossed all the t's. It has been a pleasure serving you and Brother Lee and this Grand Chapter.

I talked to you about this earlier, and you know that our city government does a lot of their – well, all of their business today, as a matter of fact. So Mayor Peak was not able to be here today. Believe me, I tried! But in his stead, I have asked our Past Grand Patron, Brother Harry Cunningham, to step in for this next presentation to you. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. (applause)

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: It's a pleasure and a privilege for me to represent my home city, the City of San Antonio, to present our Worthy Grand Matron with a proclamation from the City of San Antonio. It reads, "Whereas, San Antonio is proud to be hosting the members of the Order of the Eastern Star who are in our city for their Grand Chapter session October 5-7, 2000; and, whereas, the Order of the Eastern Star is the lady auxiliary of the Masonic Fraternity and aids the support of the wives, widows, mothers and daughters of Master Masons; and, whereas, there are over 50,000 members of Subordinate Chapters in the State of Texas, and all are dedicated to the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth; and, whereas, the Order supports many statewide charities, including Boysville, various children's homes and women's shelters, now, therefore, I, Howard W. Peak, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, in recognition thereof do hereby proclaim October 5-7, 2000, to be the Order of the Eastern Star Days in San Antonio, Texas, and offer best wishes for a most successful session. I deem it an honor and a privilege to extend a warm welcome to all who are present. May your visit to our city be a truly memorable experience. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Antonio to be affixed this 5th day of October, 2000." Signed Howard W. Peak, Mayor. (applause)

I'm not through yet, Worthy Grand Matron. I have a letter here from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor. "September 18, 2000. Greetings. Welcome to the 118th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. This October 5-7 event in San Antonio provides a great opportunity for members to meet, celebrate your activities and achievements and make plans for the future here in Texas who give their time, energy and talent to helping others show the spirit of the Lone Star State. I commend Worthy Grand Matron, Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Patron, H. Lee Stallings, and other Order members for your dedication to programs for people of all ages." And we are of all ages. "Your generosity, compassion and community service help improve the well being of children and adults throughout Texas. To those of you from out of town, I know you will enjoy San Antonio. From fine restaurants and museums to historic sites and a beautiful riverwalk, this city offers something for everyone. Laura joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion. Sincerely, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas," and it has the state seal of Texas attached to the letter. (applause)

I also have a letter from our State Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, United States Senator. This is addressed to Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, San Antonio, Texas. "Dear Friends: Welcome to the 118th Annual Session. I am pleased to extend greetings and best wishes as you gather under the auspices of Mrs. Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron. I know this year's session will be enjoyable and educational as you experience the hospitality of the Alamo City with its many fine cultural and historic venues. I join you in the pride you feel in your worthy goals and projects, including the OES Home in Arlington and your many educational, charitable and community service programs. Your work is appreciated by many who receive your generous and caring assistance. It is an honor for me to participate in the 118th Annual Session through my message of appreciation and support. Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can ever assist you." Now y'all all heard that. "With best wishes, sincerely, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Senator." (applause)

I also have a letter here from Henry Bonilla. It says, "It is a pleasure to congratulate the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, upon the commencement of your 118th Annual Session. A special acknowledgment is due to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Mrs. Betty Friend and Mr. H. Lee Stallings. As a United States Representative, I am often asked to write letters to different organizations and businesses. It is rare to find a group that is so committed to helping both the old and young members of their communities. The Order of the Eastern Star is to be commended for your dedication to caring for your elderly members, as well as your attention to the future. Once again, I would like to applaud your Order for all that you do. If we had more citizens like you, our country would be a much better place to live. Sincerely, Henry Bonilla, Member of Congress."

And that's it. Thank you. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Harry. What a nice surprise!

It is indeed an honor to have our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother W. Vernon Burke, Jr., in the East with us today. Most Worshipful Sir, welcome to "The Seasons of Starlight" 118th Session of the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you for taking time out of your extremely busy schedule to be with us. We appreciate belonging to the fraternal family of Freemasonry, and we hope that all members of our Order will realize the influence they can have on the world as an extension of Freemasonry.

Worthy Grand Patron, I'm sure that you would like to extend greetings to the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Most Worshipful Sir, it is indeed an honor and a pleasure to have you with us today. Your presence underscores the strong fraternal bond that exists between our two bodies. Your personal support of the Grand Chapter of Texas this year is truly appreciated.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I introduce Brother W. Vernon Burke, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. I now invite him to bring greetings. (applause)

**MR. VERNON BURKE:** Thank you very much. I believe that y'all are three days and counting. Well, I'm 59 days and counting, not necessarily counting the days, but as you well know, if you don't keep up with the days, you're going to miss some very important deadlines. I know this year you have experienced, as I have, the feeling from time to time that you were like that bull rider at the rodeo that was on that 8-second bull ride and just hoped that you could hang on to the end. Sometimes you're not too sure about that.

But I take pleasure in extending greetings and best wishes to you for a very successful Grand Chapter meeting here in San Antonio. I know you're looking forward to it with a lot of optimism. I will say this: You're very courageous. When I open Grand Lodge in Waco, I'm going to have a wall at my back, and you've got all these folks behind you here. You're very courageous, I'll give you credit for that.

But again I wish you the most successful session as you start today, and I know that it will be. And the Masons of Texas extend their greetings also. Although I know that ladies are not Masons, the Eastern Star still holds the same values and traditions that the Masonic Fraternity does. And if it weren't for a lot of the Eastern Star Chapters around this state, some of our Masonic Lodges would be in very, very serious trouble. So from that standpoint, I thank each of you for those contributions that you make to the Masonic Fraternity because you are Masons at heart. Thank you very much. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you for your warm greetings. We wish you a successful and memorable Grand Lodge in December 2000, this turn-of-the-century year for all Master Masons in Texas. Sisters and Brothers, once again join me in thanking the Most Worshipful Grand Master for being with us today. (applause)

I think we are honored to have the Queen of the Nile of Nekodah Chapter here in San Antonio with us. I've asked Sister Mary Jo Rosamond if she would bring greetings to you at this time.

MRS. MARY JO ROSAMOND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: On behalf of the Daughters of the Nile of North America and of Nekodah Temple #44, we are delighted to welcome you to our beautiful city. We thank you for coming. We hope that this "Starlight" session of Grand Chapter will be the very most successful that we have ever had. We hope that kindness, joy and peace will reign supreme. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for allowing me to welcome these members to San Antonio. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have several leaders of our youth organizations present. They will be introduced during the formal introductions tonight if they are present. I am going to wait for my Grand Conductress to assist me at that time.

We will now have a partial report of the Credentials Committee by the Chairman, Brother Joe Nance, to determine if we have a quorum so that we can open this Grand Chapter session. Brother Joe.

### PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

**MR. JOE NANCE:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm pleased to announce that we have over 200 Chapters represented, and we do have a quorum to open this Grand Chapter session.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. He has determined we have over 200 Chapters present, which is a quorum for us, and we now can open our Grand Chapter session. Thank you, Brother Joe.

At this time we will now clear the floor for the Officers' drill. The Officers will retire from the West for the "Steppin' Out" drill.

I would like to welcome Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Will you welcome her? She will bring greetings tomorrow evening when we have the Rainbow Girls present with us. Just tell her welcome, and we're glad she's here. (applause)

(Applause as "Steppin' Out" drill was performed.)

I'm so proud of my Officers, and it has been a wonderful year with them. At this time I would like to say thank you to those who participated in the altar presentation. Each one of you mean so much to me, and I appreciate everything that you've done.

We're so happy to have had guests with us for our informal opening. We hope that you've enjoyed being with us. We invite you to come back tonight at 6:30 for another open session. We will have a report from our Fraternal Correspondent, a drill by the Grand Representatives, our ESTARL service and our Memorial Service.

I need to ask you at this time, if you are not a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, to please retire. Thank you. Grand Choir, can we have a lively song at this time? Do you have one ready for us while the labyrinth is prepared. We need to return the flag to the West. (Singing of "Deep in the Heart of Texas.")

(Ritualistic opening of Grand Chapter.)

Let us unite in singing our Opening Ode, which is "This is My Father's World." Our Grand Choir will assist us.

I now declare the 118th "Seasons of Starlight" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas duly opened for the transaction of business. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, the 118th "Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter of Texas session is duly opened for the transaction of business. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the Flag of our country to the East.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country, after which our Grand Choir Director, Sister Melissa Simonton, will sing the National Anthem.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Melissa. On page 56 of your program, we have the words to "O Canada," the anthem of Canada. We're going to sing that as an assembly together.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this "Seasons of Starlight" 118th Grand Chapter session. Faith gives us wings to fly beyond the clouds into the starlight of God's love. May warm thoughts and cherished memories of this Grand Chapter be the special blessings that fill your heart with happiness. Your presence indicates your sincere desire to renew friendships, help make important decisions during the Grand Chapter business session and create a spirit of camaraderie and love to take back to your home Chapter at the end of this 118th session. Thank you for your presence.

We are honored with the presence of many Distinguished Members, and we are delighted to have them with us. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter at the altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to

introduce the Elective Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter: Sister Pat Rasmusson, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Minnesota; Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Fred Clarke, Vice Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** What a thrill it is to have such distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers attend our Grand Chapter. We extend to you a warm and loving welcome. We realize that General Grand Chapter is just a few weeks away, and each of you have many duties and responsibilities in preparation for that occasion. That is why we're so pleased that your schedule has allowed you to come to Texas and be with us at this time. The Lord has a beautiful plan for everyone's life, and you have exemplified His plan for you by the way you live and faithfully and so generously given your life in service to the Order of the Eastern Star. How proud we are of you.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to bring greetings to these wonderful people.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** It has been said that dignity does not consist of possessing honors, but in deserving them. Each of you truly deserve the honors that have come your way. Please know that your presence has honored our Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers to the East. (applause)

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pleasure that I introduce these elective officers of General Grand Chapter: Sister Pat Rasmusson, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of Minnesota; Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Past Grand Matron of Texas; and Brother Fred Clarke, Vice Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and a Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nova Scotia, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Appointive Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter at the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** It is an extreme pleasure for me to introduce the Appointive General Grand Chanter Officer Sister Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of the Lone Star State of Texas, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Dr. Effie Mae, how much Texas has enjoyed your appointment during this triennium. We're so proud of you, and we know that the Most Worthy Grand Matron saw the most beautiful person when she appointed you for this, because you have talent, devotion and love for all members in the Order of the Eastern Star. You've been a most deserving Worthy Grand Adah, and we look forward to watching you on the General Grand Chapter floor in just a few short weeks. **WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There's a famous saying that goes like this: Be true to your work, your word and your friend. My friend, Dr. Effie Mae, you have been true to all three and to us, by being here today. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Adah to the East. (applause)

Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my pleasure to introduce Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting her with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, our Worthy Grand Adah will remain in the East.

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

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce the Appointed General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Eleanor Stoddard, Unfinished Business Committee of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Connecticut; Brother Garland Rattan, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Each of you have given the word friendship meaning in a way that's all your very own, with the special gifts and talents that belong to you alone. Thank you for representing us so well in this wonderful Order during this triennium. I know that our Most Worthy Grand Matron must be extremely proud of you, because wherever you go, you spread joy throughout the world.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I once heard that unselfish and noble acts are the most radiant pages in the biography of a soul. Each one of you have given unselfishly of your time and talent, and we appreciate your dedication to our Order. Thank you for your presence here with us today.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Members to the East. (applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I introduce these General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Eleanor Stoddard, Unfinished Business Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Connecticut, and Brother Garland Rattan, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

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

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the great honor to introduce your co-worker, the Worthy Grand Matron of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sister Mary Carolyn Puckett, Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico, the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star. **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** As we walk our path of life, we meet people every day. Most are simply met by chance, but God sends some our way. They become the special friends whose bond we can't explain, the one who understands us and shares our joy and pain. Their love contains no boundary, so even when apart, their presence still embraces us with a warmth felt in our heart. My sweet counterpart, Sister Mary Carolyn Puckett of New Mexico, how proud I am to have you here. We met several years ago at our Bi-State Exchange and I enjoyed you so much, as I have every time I've seen you since. What a wonderful person you are, and I love you very much. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Someone once said that you can't light a candle to show the other the way without feeling the warmth of that bright ray yourself. As you carried the candle of your Grand Jurisdiction, I know that your heart was warmed and your life enriched by walking that way. Thank you for gracing us with your presence here today.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron from New Mexico to the East. (applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my delight to introduce to you Sister Mary Carolyn Puckett, the Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting her with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will remain in the East.

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

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a great honor that I introduce Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sister Elaine Heinrich, Connecticut; Sister Margaret Clarke, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, Vermont; Sister Betty Duncan, Wyoming and Grand Secretary of Wyoming, Past Grand Matrons; and Brother Charles Murschell, Jr., Immediate Past Grand Patron of the State of New Jersey, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have a special kind of warmth, a kind of thoughtful touch, a way of spreading happiness that means so very much. Your presence at this session certainly brings us great joy and happiness. We hope that your stay is as loving and meaningful as you had hoped and will make you want to return to Texas.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** It has been said that to get the best out of others, you must give the best of yourself. It certainly can be said of each of you that you gave your best to your Grand Jurisdictions that you served. Thank you for joining us here today.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my distinct pleasure to present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

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

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with great pride and privilege that I introduce to you the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the great State of Texas: Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, Eunice Connell, Katherine Poulis, Mary Katharine Smith, Molly Goodpasture, Mildred Sharpe, Katherine Harbour, Patricia Major Neinast, Joyce Roberts, Mary Brown, Elise Hammack, Beulah Speer, Elsie Paladino, Doris Efird, Betty Phillips Benham, Jane Gregory, Virginia Lynn Green, Wanda Fairchild, Rosemary Swetland, Alma Carter, Yvonne Brownfield, Alma Lynn Bane, Past Grand Matrons; and these Past Grand Patrons: O. D. Christian, Wayne Jones, B. F. Hutson, Harry Cunningham and a Past Grand Master of Texas, Joe E. Jeffers, Glenn Whitaker, Leland Benefield, Charles Morris, Billy Combest, Richard Ochs, Kenneth Gregory and Henry S. Martin, Past Grand Patrons, of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron, I want you to look at this beautiful, beautiful group. These are the ones that told us they would stand behind us all the way and they have. A special friend is a hand when you need it, a smile when you're sad, a lift when you're weary, a song when you're glad, help when you falter, a word when you're blue and hope for the dreams that are special to you. This brings all the things in love that I can extend to you, because each of you are that kind of friend. I love you every one in your own unique way, and I'm so happy to say that I will be one of you in a few days! (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** My Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, our Founding Father George Washington once said that happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected. It is obvious that you receive your true happiness through service to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. And for that we are indeed indebted to you. We appreciate you being with us at this Grand Chapter session today.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East. (applause) Sisters and Brothers, I am so pleased to present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. They are our pride and joy, and I ask you to join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

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

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is a great honor for me to get to introduce the Grand Master of Texas, the Honorable Vernon Burke, Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Most Worshipful Sir, what a thrill it is to have you with us today. I am so pleased that you belong to the Order of the Eastern Star. Our year together has been very pleasant, and I shall always remember the day that you brought your Grand Line Officers and other Grand Officers into one of our schools for instruction. We were awestruck with all the beautiful regalia that compliments your attire. You can honestly believe it when we tell you and other Masonic Brothers how much we love you and appreciate the opportunities that your organization gives us. We shall try to make you proud that you have female members of the extended families of the Masonic Fraternity. God bless you, Worshipful Grand Master, and God bless the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Most Worshipful Sir, we are honored by your presence here today. We appreciate you for the leadership that you provide for the Grand Lodge of Texas and to Freemasons across this great state. You have shown your support and commitment to the Order of the Eastern Star throughout this year. We want to say thank you for that support and for your presence here today. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the East. (applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is truly a distinct privilege to introduce Brother W. Vernon Burke, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. You will join me in greeting him with a warm, sincere and gracious welcome. (applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will remain in the East.

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

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is an honor for me to get to introduce the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions: From the State of Kansas Sister Patricia Brothers, Associate Grand Matron; from the State of New Mexico Sister Betty Robertson, Associate Grand Matron, and Sister Georgia "Kitt" McKown, Grand Warder; from the State of Oklahoma Sister Doris Bell, Grand Marshal, Betty Byrd, Grand Esther, Della Updike, Grand Martha, and Brother Owen Major, Grand Sentinel; and from the State of Washington, Norma Jean Roberts, Grand Secretary, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Friendship makes every day a celebration of the heart. And today we offer you our friendship as you come our way because we'd like for you to stay.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Eleanor Roosevelt said, "It's not fair to ask of others what you're not willing to do yourself." Your contributions to your respective Grand Chapters, Grand Jurisdictions, indicate your willingness to share your time and talent in support of the work our Order does. We welcome you to San Antonio.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. (applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is so wonderful to have these Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions. Will you join me in giving them a hearty welcome. (applause) They will remain in the East, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

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

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with privilege and pride that I introduce the Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron:

Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, and Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** If only you could know how very wonderful it has been to have your special love to turn to time and time again. If only you could know how much you're treasured every day, you'd know that this little message brings more than words could ever say. You both have been so precious to me for several years, and I am so proud of your accomplishments in the Order of the Eastern Star. All Texans love you dearly. Thank you for making this "Seasons of Starlight" session so special with your presence.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I once heard it said that the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of our dreams. Both of you have helped the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron further their dreams of sharing the Order of the Eastern Star with the world. For your efforts and support to the General Grand Chapter and for your presence here today, we truly thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present to you these Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in giving them an ovation they will never forget. (applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

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

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with honor that I introduce the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions: Sister Billie Powell, Arizona; Sandra Palmer, Colorado; Gladys Stephens, Florida; Becky Scott, Georgia; Margaret Champagne, Maryland; Patricia Stowe, Michigan; Loraine Knapp, Minnesota; Gloria Howard, Mississippi; Sharon Ewing, Missouri; Janet Parker, New Jersey; Rossa Pinnix, North Carolina; Patricia Sitter, North Dakota; Ellen Abraham, Oregon; Carrie Luce, Washington, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Some people just know right from the start how to bring joy to another one's heart. Some people just know how to love and to give, and they always do such nice things every day that they live. Grand Representatives are a blessing wherever they go. We are so glad that you came to Texas, that we want you to know.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** My Sisters, what sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. Thank you for bringing your smile from your Grand Jurisdiction to ours. We extend to each of you a big Texas welcome.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives to the East. (applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is such a pleasure to present these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas at the altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with honor that I introduce to you the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Sisters Judith Goldman, Arizona; Thelma McAferty, Arkansas; Brother Donny Broughton, Australia; Sisters Lee Ellis, British Columbia and the Yukon; Sarah Volkus Coursey, California; Billie Branch, Colorado; Ann Teague, Connecticut; Agnes Smith, Delaware; Hulene Womack, District of Columbia; Dean Hildebrand, Florida; Elizabeth Wilkerson Ward, Georgia; Mary Nell Ramsey, Idaho; Maudell Greer, Indiana; Marian Von Heeder, Kansas; Opal Smith, Kentucky; Magdalen Cardwell, Maine; Ann Kelly, Manitoba; Brother William "Bill" Irwin, Maryland; Sisters Beulah Warner, Massachusetts; Bobbie Paul, Michigan; Jacqueline Arnold, Minnesota; Ruby Casto, Mississippi; Brothers Clinton Lynn, Missouri; Henry Knepp, Montana; Sisters Katherine Duncan, Nevada; Gail Smith, New Brunswick; Billie Probst, New Hampshire; Francis Atkinson, New Jersey; Mary Pike, New Mexico; Patsy Neeper, North Carolina: Carolyn Schaefer, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island: Ruth Jameson, Ohio; Patricia Hancock, Oklahoma; Myrle Prine, Ontario; Chester Pitts, Oregon; Brother Lindsey Pynes, Pennsylvania; Sisters Lillian Cozby, Puerto Rico; Opal Martin, Quebec; Gladys Carroll Knight, Saskatchewan; Alice Myatt, Scotland; Ruby Lee Meckley, South Carolina; Helen Fuqua, South Dakota; Brothers Trey Smith, Utah; David Ouellette, Vermont; Sisters Gay Nelle Wilson, Virginia; Cuba Beavers, Washington; Margie Daniel Curry, Wisconsin; and Janice Herridge, Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron, did you count? I think all 59 are out there.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Close enough.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** What an adorable group you are! You've been so faithful in your attendance for many, many functions this turn-of-the-century Grand Chapter year. You thrill my soul each time you appear. Ladies, you have never looked more beautiful; gentlemen, what a handsome sight you are. We are very proud of what you mean to this Grand Chapter. You've been like the Rock of Gibraltar in the Eastern Star of Texas for many years. You honor us today with your presence. Thank you for just being yourself.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it, but rather what he becomes by it. I know each of you have been enriched by your representation of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Thank you for your service to our Grand Chapter and for being with us today.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas to the East. (applause) Now isn't that a sight! Sisters and Brothers, what a thrill it is to have – I think – every one, but at least a majority of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas with us today. You will Join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

We're especially honored with the presence of some Distinguished Members and Leaders of the Fraternal Youth Organizations. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Distinguished Members and Leaders of our Fraternal Youth Organizations in the West. **GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is a great honor and a privilege for me to introduce the Youth and Adult Leaders of the Fraternal Youth Organizations: Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; Brother Blain Koenning, State Executive Officer, International Order of DeMolay; Meagan Maureen Burney, Miss Texas Job's Daughters, International Order of Job's Daughters, our future for tomorrow.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Order of the Eastern Star realizes the importance of supporting our youth. We do this at the local, state and national level of our Order. That's because we're so proud of what you do for the youth in this country today. You give so much of yourself to all who know you, and it is that warmth, that generosity that makes everything you do a wonderful reflection of God's love.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Love cannot be wasted. It makes no difference where it is bestowed, it always brings big results. The love we share in our Masonic family is the foundation of our friendship and of our success. You honor us with your presence here today.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Distinguished Members and Leaders of the Fraternal Youth Organizations to the Grand East. (applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present to you the Distinguished Leaders and Members of the Youth Organizations of Texas. Will you join me in giving them a gracious and warm welcome. (applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Appointive Committees of other Grand Jurisdictions in the West.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is an honor for me to introduce the Grand Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions: From the State of New Mexico Sister Jean George, Chairman of the Education Board for the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** How pleased we are to have you grace our Grand Chapter session with your presence. Thank you for offering your friendship to Texas. The world would be a better place if there were a lot more people like you.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love. Thank you for sharing your love and friendship with us here today.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will be escorted to the East. (applause) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present this Appointive Committee Member of New Mexico. You will join me in giving her a warm and gracious welcome. (applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, this completes our introductions. Thank you for the excellent manner in which you have performed your duties. Sisters and Brothers, join me in telling them what a wonderful job they did. (applause) It is now my pleasure to introduce Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will bring our official welcome. Dr. Effie Mae.

**MRS. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers all: It is an honor to greet you with an official welcome to "The Seasons of Starlight" 118th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. You have been greeted by our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with camaraderie and love, and the strength of their welcome urges you to return again and again to our Grand Chapter. Thank you very much for your attendance. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Dr. Effie Mae, for sharing yourself with others in a way that always make the world a little brighter, we thank you. Texas is so proud of you. You've made so many occasions memorable in our Grand Chapter, and we know that you're doing the same thing at the General Grand Chapter level. Personally, you've given me so much encouragement, and I want you to know how much I appreciate every delightful morsel of advice that you have given. The moments that we've shared are times that I shall never forget. I love you.

The response to this welcome will be given by Sister Mary Carolyn Puckett, the Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico.

MRS. MARY CAROLYN PUCKETT: Sister Effie Mae, first of all, I want to thank you for your lovely welcome and warm words. I'm so very sorry that circumstances prevented Sister Jean from being here. I know she's sorry to not be able to make it, and I know we all miss her. But I'm delighted to have this opportunity to greet you, not only on behalf of the distinguished guests, but also as Worthy Grand Matron of your next door neighbor state. I guess you probably could call us your "little sister" state. We're delighted to be here.

Texas has the reputation for bigness. And I must say that we, your guests, have found that to be true because here in your Grand Chapter your hearts are big, and you are very willing to open them to us. We came to San Antonio as strangers to many of you, and we will leave with many of you as friends. Thank you for sharing your love and friendship with each of us.

Sister Betty, when we were Associate Grand Conductresses, I spoke with you on the phone and I thought, what a terrific lady, she sounds just like her name. When we were Grand Conductresses, I got to meet you in person, and I thought, she looks and acts just like her name. Now that we are Worthy Grand Matrons, we've had a few more chances to get better acquainted. And now I no longer think – I know – that you are just like your name, a true friend. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Mary Carolyn Puckett, Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico. And she's as sweet as she can be too.

At this time I would like to fill a vacancy; the appointment of the Telegram/ Telephone Committee. I appoint Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, Chairman.

Under our business reports, we have Brother Charles Morris, Chairman of our Chapters under Dispensation. He will now make his report.

# REPORT OF THE CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION COMMITTEE

MR. CHARLES MORRIS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Elected Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Gues's, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pleasure that I present the other members of the Chapters Under Dispensation Committee. Hon. Robert P. Walker, District 4, and Mrs. Betty Jo Dean, District 5. We thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity of service.

We, the committee on Chapters Under Dispensation, have met, discussed, and reviewed the work and minutes of Mont Belview Chapter U.D., and find their ritualistic work satisfactory, their records in order, and that they are charitable and benevolent. Each of us on this committee have made individual visits to the Chapter. Our only suggestion to them would be that their Officers need to be better in their attendance at Chapter meetings. Their overall membership attendance is very good. We, therefore, recommend that Mont Belvieu Chapter, U.D. be granted a charter at this Grand Chapter session.

> Respectively submitted: Charles Morris. Chairman Honorable Robert P. Walker, District 4 Betty Jo Dean, District 5

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The motion has been made and seconded to adopt the report of the Chapters Under Dispensation Committee to grant a charter to Mont Belvieu Chapter U.D. Is there any discussion? O.K., those in favor, raise your purple card, or your hand. Perhaps, you will need to stand up for me today. Is there any opposition? (there was none). The motion carries.

Do we have Susie Fields in the room at this time? If so, will she please approach the East? Sister Susie has been the Worthy Matron of the U. D. Chapter at Mont Belvieu. Susie, at this time, we are happy to give you the Charter for your Chapter. You are now allowed to pick up your Credentials at the Registration Area and vote at this Grand Chapter Session. The name and number of your Chapter will be Mont Belvieu Chapter #1142. Sisters and Brothers, let's tell them how proud we are to have a new Chapter in Texas. (Applause)

Worthy Patron, will you preside?

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I will. We will now have the Report of the Worth Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Worthy Grand Matron's portion of the advanced annual report was placed on file with the Grand Secretary on June 25, 2000.

# REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 1999 - 2000 Mrs. Betty Yvonne Friend

Every "Star" in the sky, which God provides, is a special shining light for us to enjoy. In 1999-2000, God has allowed me to look at each member as a glorious "Point of Light."

As I traversed this gigantic state, I can honestly say that each contact revealed a glowing light in the face of every member of the Order of the Eastern Star. The smiles, the hugs, the tears of joy – each one made that moment a very "special" time to remember. Every occasion gave me renewed energy, and a revived determination to make this historic TURN OF-THE-CENTURY Year one to remember for a lifetime.

Our goal for the year was to Accept Every Challenge as an Opportunity to improve The Order of the Eastern Star. I want to thank each person who worked so diligently as we accomplished this goal in many endeavors. As a result, as we "reached for a star," we were touched by many.

#### IN MEMORIAM

There is a Light that never fails And never shall grow dim, A Light that shines within the hearts Of those who follow Him.

And though the clouds may fill the sky And hide the "Stars" from sight Behold, – the darkness will be filled By His never-failing Light.

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The sky has new lights today because four of our brightest "Stars" now reside in Heaven. We shall miss them, but we glory in the joys they share with those who have gone before:

> Brother Ralph Davis, Worthy Grand Patron – 1983-1984 on October 2, 1999

Sister Sally Matranga, Worthy Grand Matron – 1969-1970 on June 8, 2000

Brother C.A. "Bill" Holmes, Worthy Grand Patron – 1972-1973 on June 28, 2000

Sister Agnes Lee Howard, Worthy Grand Matron – 1960-1961 on July 22, 2000 It was my privilege to attend the Funeral Service of Sister Sally Matranga, but I was unable to attend the Funeral Service of Brother Ralph Davis, Brother C.A. "Bill" Holmes or Sister Agnes Lee Howard, because of my commitment to the School Schedule. To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who were able to attend these funerals, please know how much I appreciate you!

## **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

What a delight it was for me to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matron of Other Jurisdictions loving and dedicated members of our Order for a Commission as Grand Representatives in Texas.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS - 1999-2000

ALABAMA	Mrs. June Dunkin
ALBERTA	Mr. Charles Snow
ARIZONA	Mrs. Judy Goldman
AUSTRALIA	Donny Broughton
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON	Mrs. Lee Ellis
COLORADO	Mrs. Billie Branch
DELAWARE	Mrs. Agnes Smith
GEORGIA	Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkerson Ward
KENTUCKY	Mrs. Opal Smith
LOUISIANA	Mrs. Karen S. Wright
MASSACHUSETTS	Mrs. Beulah Warner
MISSISSIPPI	Mrs. Ruby Casto
MONTANA	Henry "Hank" Knepp
NEBRASKA	Christine Armstrong
NEW JERSEY	Mrs. Frances Atkinson
NORTH CAROLINA	Mrs. Patsy Neeper
OREGON	Mrs. Chester "Chet" Pitts
PENNSYLVANIA	Lindsey Pynes
SASKATCHEWAN	Mrs. Gladys Knight
SOUTH CAROLINA	Mrs. Ruby Lee Meckley
SOUTH DAKOTA	Mrs. Helen Fuqua
TENNESSEE	Mrs. Patricia Stallings
VERMONT	
WASHINGTON	Mrs. Cuba Beavers
WISCONSIN	Mrs. Margie Daniel Curry

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

It was my pleasure to sign the Commissions of those who had been recommended by the Worthy Grand Matrons in our Sister Jurisdictions to represent Texas in their Jurisdictions.

ALABAMA	Malcolm Fosberg
ARIZONA	
AUSTRALIAMrs	. Patricia Champion

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON	Mrs. Hazel Searl
CALIFORNIA	Joe Gomez
DELAWARE	Mrs. Dorothy Crew
FLORIDA	Mrs. Gladys Stephens
INDIANA	Mrs. Pauline Bentz
KENTUCKY	
MANITOBA	James Green
MASSACHUSETTS	Mrs. Marilyn Gardner
MINNESOTO	Mrs. Loraine Knapp
MISSOURI	Mrs. Sharon Ewing
NORTH DAKOTA	Mrs. Patricia Sitter
NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Mrs. Isabell Bowen
OHIO	Mrs. Irene Hodkinson
ONTARIO	Mrs. Dorothy Praskey
PUERTO RICO	Antonio Matos Rivero
QUEBEC	John Maxwell
SOUTH CAROLINA	Bill Rogers
WASHINGTON	Mrs. Caroline Luce
WEST VIRGINIA	Mr. Ron Tallman

## EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS AND JOINT FRATERNAL VISITS

Fifty informative and lively schools marked a "new interest" in basic instructions delivered by the District Deputy Grand Matrons of 1999-2000. Each District Deputy Grand Matron was given the freedom to develop the pattern of her Schools for Instruction. Consequently, each section in Texas received varied and interesting instructions by five outstanding teachers.

The Joint Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron, honoring the Worthy Grand Patron finalized the activities of each School. Many certificates were issued under the direction of the Grand Examiners. The Traveling Secretaries, assisted by Jack Friend, husband of the Worthy Grand Matron, provided access to Grand Chapter supplies as well as items from the Grand Chapters Special Projects.

#### Schools for Instruction and Section Joint Fraternal Visits 1999-2000

Sec.	<u>Place</u>	Date	<u>DGM</u>	<u>School Name</u>
5	Spur	Oct. 4-5	Jane Roby	Star Reflections from the Gazebo
7	Abilene	Oct. 6-7	Rochelle Belew	Put your Hand in the Hand of the Stars
1	Pampa	Oct. 12	Donna Swindle	Lighting the Way to the Future
8	Odessa	Oct. 13-14	Jennifer Galloway	The Stardust
6	Wichita Falls	Oct. 20-21	Paula Swenson	The Faithful Stars of the Bible
4	Lubbock	Oct. 22-23	Glenna Myatt	Making Memories with the Stars
3	Hereford	Oct. 25-26	Barbara Lust	Garden of Friendship

Bertha Howell

Desert Harmony

Oct. 28

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Fort Stockton

#### **Bonnie Varnell, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2**

10	El Paso	Oct. 29-30	Edith Davis	Swans on the Rio Grande
2	Dumas	Nov. 12-13	Kay Hale	A Peaceful Garden

### Jo Ann Snow, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3

Sec.	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>School Name</u>
4	Cisco	Nov. 1-2	Donna Cate	Visions of Stars
6	Burnet	Nov. 3-4	Martha Heffington	Stars of the Hill Country
7	Gatesville	Nov. 5-6	Sherry Hopson	Stars and Friends Forever
2	Weatherford	Nov. 8-9	Jacque Cates	The Stars College of Knowledge
10	Hillsboro	Nov. 10-11	Jan Holland	Salute to Our Veterans
5	Brownwood	Nov. 15-16	Verna Rae Gilbreath	A Galaxy of Stars
8	Round Rock	Nov. 17-18	Jean Hobbs	Swan's Garden
1	Fort Worth	Nov. 19-20	Lorraine Williams	Harvest of Blessings
9	Waco	Nov. 26-27	Billie Stigliano	A Celebration of Thanksgiving
3	Graham	Nov. 29	Leslie Keilberg	An OES Canning

## Carolyn Martin, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1

Sec.	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>School Name</u>
6	Fairfield	Dec. 8-9	Loretta Frazier	Starlight in the Gazebo
5	Mesquite	Dec. 10-11	Opal Farley	Parade of Stars
8	Jefferson	Dec. 17-18	Shirley Chatham	Starlight School on the Bayou
10	Mineola	Jan. 10-11	Kim Hensley	Stars on the Water
9	Atlanta	Jan. 12-13	Ann Blanton	Training of the Stars
2	Plano	Jan. 14-15	Shelia Fisher	The Stars of Friendship
1	Lewisville	Jan. 17-18	Jan Hall	Pathway to the Gazebo
7	Gun Barrel City	Jan. 19-20	Joan Hinton	A Piece of Heaven on Earth
3	Caddo Mills	Jan. 26-27	Rita Erwin	Meet Me at the Gazebo
4	Dallas	Jan. 28-29	Edna Adams	Starlight 2000

### Pat Edwards, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4

Sec.	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>School Name</u>
3	Trinity	Jan. 31-Feb. 1	Selma Rippey	Gazebo of Stars, Friendship and Love
1	Nacogdoches	Feb. 2-3	Rebecca Schaefer	In the Garden
2	Port Arthur	Feb. 4-5	Mary Spell	Circle of Friends
4	Liberty	Feb. 7-8	Jimmie Warner	Gazebo Friends
9	Ganado	Feb. 9-10	Fay Bassham	Starlight Session of Instruction
6	Bryan	Feb. 14-15	Mary Haines	Through the Gateway of Friendship
7	Katy	Feb. 16-17	Sharon Mosmeyer	Time Began in a Garden
10	Friendswood	Feb. 18-19	Mary Brown	All Star Gazebo of Friends
8	Bastrop	Feb. 23-24	Norma Schwartz	Friends Among the Stars
5	Houston	Feb. 25-26	Martha Sanderson	Starlight Garden

### **Robyn Merchant, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5**

<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	School Name
4	Del Rio	Feb. 28-29	Donna W. Nair	Escuela Del Rio Grande
2	Big Lake	Mar. 1-2	Karen Kidd	Garden of Friends
1	San Angelo	Mar. 3-4	Dian Coulter	Array of Friendship
3	Kerrville	Mar. 13-14	Patsy Cates	A "Friend" in the Garden
5	Pleasanton	Mar. 15-16	Hazel Montgomery	Gazebo Garden of Love
7	San Antonio	Mar. 17-18	Emma Lou Parnell	Spring Time at the Gazebo

9	Corpus Christi	Mar. 20-21	Bobi Miller	Sailing into the New Century
10	The Valley	Mar. 24-25	Betty McCune	Journey of Rediscovery
8	Cuero	Mar. 29-30	Lori M. Goldman	Kaleidoscope of Stars
6	Austin	Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Gloria Bennett	Millennium Moments of Friendship

## HOME FRATERNAL VISIT Of the Worthy Grand Matron

A beautiful blessing was mine when I returned home after being installed as The Worthy Grand Matron of Texas on September 25, 1999. New Braunfels Chapter No. 771 welcomed members from all across Texas to this Fraternal Visit for the exciting "Turn of the Century" Year. Each District was well represented with numerous members and many Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in attendance.

An outstanding Banquet began the evening's excitement at the First Protestant Church, followed by the Fraternal Visit. The gracious crowd enjoyed every minute of their time in the city of New Braunfels.

## HOME FRATERNAL VISIT Of the Worthy Grand Patron

It was my pleasure to offer a Fraternal Visit at Friendswood Chapter No. 1131, the home Chapter of the Worthy Grand Patron. What an exciting time in the life of this young Chapter! They are so pleased to have the Worthy Grand Patron as their member, and he is proud to exhibit their love and talents.

This Fraternal Visit was held in Friendswood, Texas, a growing community near the Houston Metropolis. The affection and grace extended by the membership in this Section radiated brightly, like the gentleman it proclaimed as the Number One All-Star of Texas for 1999-2000. Another exciting evening in the lives of those who enjoy the "Eastern Star Trail."

## **OTHER FRATERNAL VISITS**

New Braunfels #771 - 10/02/99 Friendswood #1131 - 10/09/99

#### Fraternal Visits

Roby #25 Weatherford #21	10/07/99 12/06/99	Cypress #1102 Klein #1141	1/06/00 1/06/00
Bronson #337	12/16/99	Montgomery #228	1/06/00
John Gillespie #257	12/16/99	Navasota #309	1/06/00
Hemphill #375	12/16/99	Willis #1017	1/06/00
Grapevine #326	12/20/99	Tomball #838	1/06/00
Hurst #1099	12/20/99	Montgomery #228	1/06/00
Deer Park #1063	1/04/00	Almeda #1082	1/07/00
Archives #1095	1/04/00	Bellaire #1021	1/07/00
Galena Park #884	1/04/00	Round Rock #316	1/21/00

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Wimodausis #141	1/24/00	Lexington #996	4/14/00
Schertz #911	1/24/00	Caldwell #976	4/14/00
Texas #35	1/24/00	Bastrop #64	4/14/00
Alamo Heights #734	1/24/00	Smithville #39	4/14/00
Harlandale #750	1/24/00	Flatona #813	4/14/00
S.A. Radiant #3	1/24/00	Brenham #144	4/14/00
Prospect Hill #817	1/24/00	Floyd Easterling #1074	4/17/00
Valley Hi #1104	1/24/00	Friendship #1008	4/17/00
Somerset #730	1/24/00	Andrews #69	4/17/00
Floresville #271	1/24/00	Odessa #447	4/17/00
Bexar #816	1/24/00	Seminole #855	4/17/00
Adah #49	1/24/00	Concho #826	4/18/00
Highland Hills #1075	1/24/00	San Angelo #10	4/18/00
Franklin #311	1/25/00	Robert Lee #187	4/18/00
Iola #458	1/25/00	Bronte #1048	4/18/00
Bryan #222	1/25/00	Hondo #404	4/24/00
Normangee #87	1/25/00	Uvalde #297	4/24/00
Beeville #422	2/11/00	Richland Hills #1040	4/27/00
Cuero #618	2/11/00	Henderson #597	5/01/00
Yorktown #945	2/11/00	Aurora #799	5/01/00
Kenedy #36	2/11/00	Beckville #273	5/01/00
Gonzales #403	2/11/00	Carthage #747	5/01/00
Stockdale #69	2/11/00	Hallsville #995	5/01/00
Waelder #1023	2/11/00	Kilgore #630	5/01/00
Port Lavaca #373	2/11/00	Longview #610	5/01/00
Violet #158	2/11/00	Marshall #356	5/01/00
Yoakum #282	2/11/00	Pine Hill #675	5/01/00
Spring Branch #984	2/21/00	Pine Tree #1090	5/01/00
La Porte #683	3/23/00	Waskom #812	5/01/00
Cedar Bayou #11	3/23/00	Roy Stanley #1086	5/04/00
Mansfield #876	4/03/00	Love Field #875	5/04/00
Webb #1140	4/03/00	Alvin #15	5/09/00
Lewisville #935	4/04/00	Pearland #1065	5/09/00
Gate City #77	4/06/00	Travis #276	5/11/00
Celina #857	4/06/00	Wimberley #1130	5/11/00
Whitesboro #708	4/06/00	Creedmoor #607	5/11/00
Whitewright #939	4/06/00	Leander#73	5/11/00
Bells#1110	4/06/00	Dripping Springs #860	5/11/00
Princeton #1126	4/06/00	Fidelis #963	5/11/00
Bonham #852	4/06/00	New Braunfels #771	5/11/00
Frisco #93	4/06/00	Austin #304	5/11/00
McKinney #513	4/06/00	Luling #155	5/11/00
Leah Elliot #1119	4/06/00	Lockhart #210	5/11/00
Plano #703	4/06/00	Bellmead #980	5/12/00
Carpenter's #183	4/06/00	McLennan #639	5/12/00
Collinsville #674	4/06/00	Walter Baldwin #929	5/12/00
Lake Worth #1109	4/10/00	Centennial #842	5/12/00
Crowley #1125	4/10/00	Lorena #1124	5/12/00
So. Fort Worth #835	4/10/00	Marlin #286	5/12/00
Copperas Cove #1070	4/13/00	Thornton #46	5/12/00
Gatesville #1005	4/13/00	Groesbeck #810	5/12/00
Hico #419	4/13/00	Mart #109	5/12/00
Clifton #283	4/13/00	Lone Star #1083	5/16/00
Hamilton #215	4/13/00	Hughes Springs #349	5/16/00
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Atlanta #151	5/16/00	Colorado #58	5/25/00
Border#211	5/16/00	Queen Esther #833	5/25/00
Avery #252	5/16/00	Spur#164	5/26/00
Naples #907	5/16/00	Childress #101	5/26/00
New Boston #700	5/16/00	Hedley #413	5/26/00
Linden #576	5/16/00	Matador #66	5/26/00
DeKalb #894	5/16/00	Paducah #506	5/26/00
Hooks #1031	5/16/00	Clarendon #6	5/26/00
Pittsburg #381	5/16/00	Wellington #238	5/26/00
Omaha #997	5/16/00	Huffman #1112	5/29/00
Daingerfield #906	5/16/00	New Caney #1093	5/29/00
Maud #879	5/16/00	Humble #415	5/29/00
Bandera #643	5/18/00	Fort Worth #681	7/11/00
Kerrville #24	5/18/00	Handley #617	7/11/00
Center Point #463	5/18/00	Trinity #183	7/17/00
Johnson City #376	5/18/00	Crockett #509	7/17/00
Mason #1122	5/18/00	Groveton #1035	7/17/00
Boerne #200	5/18/00	Livingston #1139	7/17/00
Blanco #934	5/18/00	Weldon #969	7/17/00
Junction #497	5/18/00	Corrigan #631	7/17/00
Medina #988	5/18/00	GrapeAugusta #120	7/17/00
Nederland #1079	5/22/00	Huntsville #240	7/17/00
Evadale #1111	5/22/00	Shepherd #1003	7/17/00
Wisteria #823	5/22/00	Woodville #462	7/17/00
Cleveland #465	5/23/00	Kirbyville #63	7/18/00
Dayton #233	5/23/00	Orange #214	7/18/00
Liberty #634	5/23/00	Silsbee #298	7/18/00
Snyder #450	5/25/00	Ransford #135	7/20/00
Anson #867	5/25/00	Bethlehem #728	7/21/00
Haskell #892	5/25/00	Rosewyn #927	7/24/00
River Oaks #1013	5/25/00	Houston #385	7/25/00
Rule #989	5/25/00	North Shore #1058	8/01/00
Cora Posey #1072	5/25/00	Park Place #731	8/01/00
Abilene #30	5/25/00		

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Smithville #39	100th	10/10/99
San Antonio Radiant #3	100th	10/16/99
Clarendon #6	$100 \mathrm{th}$	10/24/99
Whitney #930	51 st	11/07/99
Mizpah #2	$100 \mathrm{th}$	11/21/99
East Houston #955	$50 \mathrm{th}$	11/22/99
Riverside #834	$65 \mathrm{th}$	11/23/99
Mike H. Thomas #951	$50 \mathrm{th}$	11/28/99
Rockdale #23	$100 \mathrm{th}$	12/04/99
Edwin J. Kiest #959	$50 \mathrm{th}$	12/13/99
Rio Hondo #815	70th	12/14/99
New Braunfels #771	$75 \mathrm{th}$	1/22/00
League City #621	80th	3/19/00
Harlandale #750	75th	4/25/00
Jefferson #627	80th	5/02/00
Floydada #31	100th	5/27/00

Bluebell #858	$60 { m th}$	7/25/00
Ft. McKaveft #783	$75 \mathrm{th}$	9/02/00

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## PROCLAMATIONS

Atlanta	January 12, 2000 - Recognition Day for Eastern Star, presented by Mr. Randy Grissom, Mayor ProTem
Austin	March 31, 2000 - Eastern Star Banquet and School Func-
Russiii	tion, presented by Mr. Kirk Watson, Mayor
Corpus Christi	March 21, 2000 - Betty Y. Friend Day, presented by Mr.
	Samuel L. Neal, Jr.
Cuero	March 29, 2000 - Betty Y. Friend Day in Cuero, presented
	by Mr. Micheal Thamm, Mayor
Dallas	January, 2000 - Order of Eastern Star Month, proclaimed
	by Mr. Ronald Kirk, Mayor of Dallas
Del Rio	February 28, 2000 - Mr. Robert Chavira, Mayor of Del Rio
	appointed Betty Y. Friend, Honorary Mayor of Del Rio
Eastland	November 2, 1999 -Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the
	Eastern Star Day presented by Mr. Dale Squires, Mayor
Fairfield	December 8, 1999 - Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron,
	Special Recognition Award for duties performed
Fort Worth	November 20, 1999 - Starlights and All-Stars of Texas
	Eastern Star Day, presented by Mr. Kenneth Barr, Mayor
Gatesville	November 5, 1999 - Formal welcome to City of Gatesville
	by Mr. James E. Erwin, Mayor
Gun Barrel City	January 20, 2000 - Betty Friend Appreciation Day, pre-
	sented by Mr. Joe Agnes Mayor and the poem "Carry On"
<b>TT</b> 0 1	by Robert Service
Hereford	October 26, 1999 - Betty Y Friend Day in Hereford pre-
TT .	sented, by Mr. Robert Josserand, Mayor
Houston	February 26, 2000 - Betty Y. Friend Day in Houston, pre-
<b>D</b> <i>K</i>	sented by Mr. Lee P. Brown, Mayor
Mesquite	December 10-11, 1999 - Eastern Star School of Instruction
Ъ <i>К-</i>	Days presented by Mr. Mike Anderson, Mayor
Mineola	January 11, 2000 - Eastern Star Day in Mineola presented
New Braunfels	by Mr. Gordon Tiner, Mayor October 2, 1999 Betty Friend Amerinted "Burgermeister"
New Draumers	October 2, 1999 - Betty Friend, Appointed "Burgermeister" of New Braunfels by Mr. Stone R. Williams, Mayor
Port Arthur	February 4, 2000 - Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron
i ort minin	Day presented by Mr. Oscar G. Ortiz, Mayor
Round Rock	November 17, 1999 - Betty Y. Friend, Recognition and Offi-
Hound Hour	cial Welcome to Round Rock by the Mayor, Mr. Robert A.
	Stluka, Jr.
Spur	October 5, 1999 - Welcome to Betty Friend, Worthy Grand
	Matron, Mayor of Spur
Taylor County	October 6, 1999 - Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron
0 0	Day in Taylor County presented by Mr. Lee Hamilton,
	County Judge
Trinity	February 1, 2000 - Betty Y. Friend and Order of the East-
-	ern Star Day presented by Mr. Lyle Stubbs, Mayor
Waco	November 27, 1999 - Eastern Star School of Instruction Day,
	presented by Mr. Michael D Morrison, Mayor

## **KEYS TO THE CITY**

Austin	Key to city of Austin, presented by Mr. Kirk Watson, Mayor
Bastrop	Key to the City of Bastrop, presented by Mr. Tom Scott
Corpus Christi	Key to City of Corpus Christi, presented by Mr. Samuel L.
	Neal, Jr.
Jefferson	Key to the City of Jefferson, presented by Mr. Ned
	Fratangelo, Mayor
Midland	Key to the City of Midland, presented by Mr. Bobby Brown,
	Mayor
Port Arthur	Key to the City of Port Arthur, presented by Mr. Oscar G.
	Ortiz, Mayor
Tool	Key to the City of Tool, presented by Ms. Fran Soaka, Mayor
Waco	Key to the City of Waco, presented by Mr. Michael D. Morrison, Mayor

## HONORARY CITIZENSHIPS

Caddo Mills	Honorary Citizen of Caddo Mills, presented by Mr. Ed
	Walker, Mayor
Lubbock	Honorary Citizen of Lubbock presented by Mayor Windy
	Sitton
Tool	Honorary Citizen of Tool, presented by Mayor Fran Soaka

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Las Cruces, N.M.	Honorary Membership in Las Cruces Chapter No. 20 Past Matrons Club, New Mexico
Las Cruses, N.M.	Honorary Membership in Las Cruses Chapter No. 20, Las Cruses, New Mexico
Guthrie, Oklahoma Colbert, Oklahoma Texarkana, Arkansas	Honorary Membership in the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma Honorary Membership in Colbert Chapter #352 Honorary Membership in the Grand Chapter of Arkansas

## LETTERS OF RECOGNITION

Washington D.C.	Letter of Congratulations on Installation as Worthy Grand
	Matron, from President Bill Clinton
Austin	Letter of Congratulations on Installation as Worthy Grand
	Matron, from Texas Governor George W. Bush
Austin	Letter of Congratulations from Governor George W. Bush
	on Civic Involvement

## LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENTATIONS

Brownwood	Honorary Police Captain of Brownwood Police Department,
	presented by Mr. Virgil Cowen, Police Chief
Collin County	Honorary Deputy Sheriff, presented by Mr. Terry G. Box,
	Sheriff
Harris County	Honorary Deputy Sheriff of Harris County, presented by
	Mr. Tommy Thomas, Harris County Sheriff

Hillsboro	Honorary Justice of the Peace of Hill County, presented by Judge John Milburn
Jackson County	Honorary Membership of Jackson County Sheriffs Depart- ment, presented by Mr. Kelly R. Janica, Sheriff

## GAVEL PRESENTATIONS

Jack Friend	Gavel presented to Betty at Installation on September 25, 1999
Albert George	Gavel presented to Betty – this gavel belonged to his wife, the Worthy Grand Matron's Aunt
Bill Armstrong	Gavel - handmade by Bill, and presented at a School for Instruction in Graham, Texas
District 3, Section 10	Gavel - "Peace and Harmony in the Park" ribbons attached; presented at the School for Instruction
Susie Broughton	Gavel - Crystal gavel and stand
Sharon Mosmeyer	Gavel - Crystal
Walter Dana	Gavel - handmade gavel on stand, made by Walter, W.P. of Mathis Chapter #874

## SPECIAL GIFTS

Austin	"Yellow Rose of Texas" Award given by Governor George W. Bush
Crowley	Brick with name and title, Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron - for the Wall of Honor in Crowley Lodge #1437 AF&AM
Dallas	U. S. Flag flown over U. S. Capitol in recognition of Instal- lation as Worthy Grand Matron on September 25, 1999
District 3, Section 1	Star in International Star Registry named "Betty Friend's Starlights" presented by Starlights and All-Stars
District 1, Section 3	Star in International Star Registry named "Betty Friend" presented by Starlights and All-Stars
Dumas	Honorary "Ding Dong Dolly from Dumas" Award - presented by Mr. Bill Jones, President, Chamber of Commerce
El Paso	Official "Starlighter" Award by El Paso Chamber of Com- merce for helping to light the Star on Franklin Mountain
Galveston	Star of Hope Pin given by Mr. Ray Hertenburger, Poten- tate of Al Mina Temple, at the Potentate's Inaugural Ball
Roby	Memorial Afgan - with historical buildings of the Worthy Grand Matron's Home Town

## SPECIAL COURTESIES

Many donations by individuals and Chapters were given to the Home Endowment Fund, the ESTARL Fund, and the O.E.S. Home in honor of your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Also, a number of donations were given to the Hospice Program, Texas Masonic Hospitals and the W. Mark Sexson Assembly #373, Masonic Home and School in honor your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. How pleased we were to receive those notices. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Your generosity of afgans, candies, cards, dolls, gazebos, quilts, miniature shoes, musical boxes, paintings, swans and other beautiful gifts, as well as your friendship and love, was greatly appreciated. You are the most loving group of people in the world! What a Witness you are to the value of this Order.

### **GRAND LODGE - 1999-2000**

To be able to attend activities at a Grand Lodge Communication is always a fulfilling experience for a member of The Order of the Eastern Star. It was my privilege to attend the December, 1999 Grand Lodge as the Worthy Grand Matron of Texas.

On Thursday, December 2, 1999, Brother Mike Gower, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M. invited me to speak to this august assemblage. It is an honor that I shall never forget, and again I wish to thank him for this privilege. I was pleased to tell this large gathering of Masons how much we appreciate them, and how proud we are to belong to the Great Masonic Family.

Brother Jack and 1, along with the Worthy Grand Patron and his wife Pat, attended the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Banquet on Wednesday evening, and I attended a tea honoring his wife, Barbara, on Friday, December 3, 1999.

Having a Most Worshipful Grand Master who belongs to The Order of the Eastern Star, and who appreciates and loves us for the benevolent work we do is a huge boost for our commitments. We want Brother Mike Gower and his wife, Barbara, to know how much we appreciate his generosity and kindness to the Order.

Saturday Afternoon, we attended the Installation of Brother Vernon Burke, the 1999-2000 Most Worshipful Grand Master, and a Reception which followed. Then, we rushed on to Rockdale to help Rockdale Chapter #23 celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

In December, 2000, I shall attend the Grand Lodge Communication when Brother Vernon Burke, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas will be presiding.

It has been my privilege to serve the Order of the Eastern Star during the same year he is serving the Grand Lodge of Texas. I appreciated him, and his officers, attending a morning session of one of my schools in Houston, and also the "Celebration of Stars" Banquet held at Austin during the School, which is my Home Section.

### STARLIGHT GALA

As part of the annual Spring Festival held April 7 and 8, 2000 at the OES Home in Arlington, Texas an exciting evening of good food, excellent entertainment, and fellowship was enjoyed by nearly 800 members and guests of The Order of the Eastern Star. It was entitled, "Starlight Gala."

The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend, had dreamed of having this celebration of the "Turn-of-the-Century" for several years, and she appointed a very capable Past Grand Matron, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus as General Chairman of the Social Affair of the Year! Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron acted as General Co-Chairman, and performed beautifully as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Before dinner, the Grand Choir Director, Mrs. Melissa Simonton, together with The Grand Choir, led the congregation in an Old Fashioned "Sing-Along." Several ladies who reside in the Eastern Star Home, and belong to a special group called "The Singing Stars" joined the Grand Choir.

The Starlight Gala Committee had worked diligently, selling Austrian Crystal 2000 Pins, which funded extravagant decorations of world globes and beautiful flowers for the center of each table.

Sister Lallah Mae wrote a beautiful, historic program which several Past Grand Matrons recited on the Twentieth Century:

1. Great Leaders of the Past - Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah, General Grand Chapter

- 2. The Progress of Communication Mrs. Doris Efird, Past Grand Matron
- 3. Transportation Through Time Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron
- 4. Advancement of Medicine, Education and Science Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron
- 5. The History of Texas Grand Chapter Mrs. Mollie Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron

The second section of the program consisted of extinguishing lighted candies, which represented the Twentieth Century, and lighting new candles, which represented the opening of the Twenty First Century.

The Line Officers participated in the program giving the evening a very special touch. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, General Grand Chapter; Mr. David Dibrell, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M.; and Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

The Worthy Grand Patron, Brother H. Lee Stallings projected the challenges that awaits us in the New Millennium, and the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Betty Y. Friend gave her expressions of appreciation to both the membership and those who participated in the success of such a delightful, as well as beautiful, evening. She quoted Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt who said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." And, she added that this was one of her beautiful dreams that had, indeed, come to fruition.

The evening ended with special musical entertainment by an exciting group of professional musicians and singers known as the "Super Star Showcase." It was a NIGHT TO REMEMBER FOR A LIFETIME.

### **RAINBOW GRAND ASSEMBLY**

It has been my privilege to be associated with youth throughout my lifetime. Having taught for 30 years in public and private schools, as well as at the college level, I have always appreciated the importance of adult guidance for our youth outside the home and church. As a member of a Rainbow Advisory Board, and simply an Eastern Star member, I have enjoyed many groups of young ladies as they joined, matured and served stations in Rainbow.

Last year, New Braunfels Assembly #277 and their Rainbow Board honored me by recommending me for the Grand Cross of Color. This is an honor of which I shall always be very proud!

On Monday, June 19, 2000, I was again privileged to bring greetings to the Grand Assembly. This Opening Session was a beautifully decorated and well-organized meeting, directed by the Grand Worthy Advisor, Miss Shauna McLean, of Friendswood, Texas. Our Order has a great future with members like this young lady.

As Eastern Star members, we are so proud of Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy of Texas, who has successfully completed her first year of service in this position. She and her husband, David, have been stalwart supporters of youth for many years. We wish only the best for them in the future.

We simply say: "Viva Rainbow" – and pray that you shall always be a visible witness across the Texas Sky!

### SUBORDINATE CHAPTER INSTALLATIONS

Installations for newly elected officers are always joyous occasions. It was my privilege to be the Installing Grand Officer for:

Athens Chapter #177New Braunfels Chapter #771Mineola Chapter #454Richland Hills Chapter #1040

## CHAPTER BY-LAWS CHANGES

The By-Laws Committee, consisting of Ms. Nancy Jane Haley, Chairman, Mrs. Nannette N. Gwaltney and Mrs. Mary A. Poe, have performed their duties in a very professional manner and should be commended for their efforts. As of June 20, 2000, fifty eight (58) requests have been approved, pending Grand Chapter's approval. They are as follows:

Jasper Chapter #291 Lonnie L. Blake Chapter #1116 Crockett Chapter #509 East Houston Chapter #955 Laredo Chapter #86 Sulphur Springs Chapter #718 Rusk Chapter #79 Ransford Chapter #135 White Settlement Chapter #1053 Stanton Chapter #409 Alamo Heights Chapter #734 Austin Chapter #304 Kountz Chapter #724 Aldine Chapter #1088 Santa Anna Chapter #247 Weslaco Chapter #772

Muleshoe Chapter #792 Cushing Chapter #368 Haltom City Chapter #982 Groesbeek Chapter #810 Coleman Chapter #360 Goose Creek Chapter #798 Port Neches Chapter #677 Highland Hills Chapter #1075 Mineola Chapter #454 Copperas Cove Chapter #1070 New Braunfels Chapter #771 Smithville Chapter #39

## SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

The following Dispensations were granted, with fees:

#### **REPLACE LOST/WORN COPIES OF SECRET WORK**

Tarrant-Keystone #8 (2)	Rosewyn #927	Smithville #39
Amistad #1115	Mt. Vernon #956	Mesquite #877
North Side #651 (2)	Leander #73	Andral Vann #741
Brownfield #785 (3)	Port Lavaca #373	Bryan #222
Whitesboro #708 (2)	Quinlan #170	Nederland #1079
Loyal #648	Dayton #233	Newbern #1135 (2)
Brady #167	Hurst #1099	Sulphur Srpings #718
Marlin #286	Jacksonville #377	Crowley #1125
Yoakum #282	San Saba #191	Cedar Bayou #11

### TO CHANGE TIME AND/OR PLACE OF MEETING

Beaumont #71 Amistad #1115 (2) The Colony #1136 Franklin #311 Graford #905 (2) Yantis #1137 Belle Moon #90 Quitman #695 Schertz #911 Bethlehem #728

### TO WAIVE PHYSICAL DISABILITY

Ruth #20 Boerne #200 LaPorte #683 So. Fort Worth #835 Thornton #46 Wills Point #366 Lewisville #935 Newbern #1135 Brownwood #116 Granbury #530 Mont Belvieu U.D. (2) Beeville #422

### TO WAIVE VISITATION FOR AFFILIATION

So. Fort Worth #835

Kilgore #630 Thornton #46 Arlington #249

### EARLY ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lake Worth #1109

Richland Hills #1040

#### LATE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Roby #25 Odessa #447 Mansfield #876 Anson #867 Bonita #184 Burkburnett #655 Imperioal #882 Crowley #1125 Callahan #262 Round Rock #316 Andrews #849 Walter Baldwin #929 Clyde #308

#### LATE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Lockhart #210 Andral Vann #741 San Juan #726 Everman #287 Katy #1121 Sarah #353 Bay City #380 Newbern #1135 Huffman #1112 Millsap #1042 Velasco #220 Round Rock #316 Bethlehem #728 Dripping Springs #860 Ozona #287 Godley #922 Marlin #286 Richland Springs #264

#### TO ELECT WORTHY MATRON

McLennan #639

Brownwood #116 Loyal #648 Vashti #32

### TO ELECT WORTHY PATRON

Bethlehem #728 Yoakum #282 Waller #1047 El Campo #535 Gilmer #355 Woodville #462 Templar #374

#### TO ELECT ASSOCIATE MATRON

Burke #1098 Spring #1105 Burkburnett #655 Dallas #1 Cushing #368Big Lake #752Bay City #380Wortham #96Bluebonnet Buckner #888Anahuac #649Nocona #62Sealy #285

#### TO ELECT ASSOCIATE PATRON

TO ELECT SECRETARY

Decatur #543

Dallas #1

Nocona #62

Bandera #643

Haltom City #982

Austin #204 Kilgore #630 Burkburnett #655 Kingsland #3118 Big Lake #752

Grand Prairie #219 Iola #458 Matador #66 Seabrook #1096 Centerville #1002 Denton #259 Bethlehem #728 Covington #1007 Kingsland #1118 Lampases #295

Gilmer #355 Millsap #1042 Paris #5 Leakey #18 Princeton #1126

Panhandle #760 Highland Hills #1075

El Campo #535

Bluebonnet Buckner #888

#### TO ELECT TREASURER

Floydada #31	Hadassah #188	Pittsburg #381
Iola #458	Granbury #530	Eustace #1062
Sealy #285	Brownwood #116	El Campo #535
Lampasas #295	Jacksonville #377	

#### TO ELECT CONDUCTRESS

Bay City #380	Alamo Heights #734	Almeda #108
Troup #421	Roy Stanley #1086	Willis #1017
Haltom City #982	Aransas Pass #162	Taylor #578
Wedgwood #756	Lufkin #382	Seabrook #1096
San Antonio Radiant #3	Leakey #18	Wortham #96
Anahuac #649	Bandera #6i43	Richardson #921

#### TO ELECT ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Leakey #18 Henderson #597 Ferris #508 Irving #777 Rio Vista #343 Port Neches #677 Everman #626 Kingsland #1118 Pittsburg #381 Richland Hills #1040 Seabrook #1096 Somerset #730

North Shore #1058 Andrews #849 Wedgwood #756 Centerville #1002

Mart #109 Grapevine #326 San Antonio Radiant #3 Anahuac #649 Devine #43 Handley #617

Blum #931 Love Field #875 Robstown #540

#### TO ELECT WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON, ASSOCIATE MATRON. ASSOCIATE PATRON AND SECRETARY

Walter Baldwin #929

#### TO ELECT WORTHY MATRON AND TREASURER

Brownwood #116

#### TO ELECT ASSOCIATE MATRON AND ASSOCIATE PATRON

Dallas #1

Burkburnett #655

Bluebonnet Buckner #888

TO ELECT ASSOCIATE MATRON, ASSOCIATE PATRON AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Nocona #62

#### TO ELECT ASSOCIATE MATRON AND TREASURER

Sealy #285

### TO ELECT ASSOCIATE MATRON AND CONDUCTRESS

Wortham #96

TO ELECT ASSOCIATE MATRON, CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Anahuac #649

#### TO ELECT ASSOCIATE PATRON AND SECRETARY

Kingsland #1118

### TO ELECT ASSOCIATE PATRON AND TREASURER

El Campo #535

### TO ELECT SECRETARY AND CONDUCTRESS

Seabrook #1096

Leakey #18

### TO ELECT SECRETARY AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Centerville #1002

#### TO ELECT CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Lufkin #382

... Wedgwood #756

San Antonio-Radiant #3

### TO REPLACE CHARTER DISPENSATION

Oso #868 Corsicana #118

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS DENIED OR NOT NECESSARY

Weatherford #21	Kilgore #630	Houston Heights #2581
Nederland #1079	Omaha #997	Deer Park #1063
Bandera #643	Lexington #996	

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

Bluebonnet Buckner Chapter No. 888 requested a courtesy investigation for a Waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction in the case of Brenda Carter. The investigation was completed and the results were returned with the Seal of the Chapter.

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

The Grand Chapter of Florida requested a Courtesy, Investigation of Mrs. Donna M. Engel, who was suspended for nonpayment of dues and now wishes to be reinstated in Florence Carter Chapter No. 273 of Pensacola, Florida. The investigation was completed and the results were returned with the Seal of the Chapter.

## OUT OF STATE EVENTS ATTENDED By the Worthy Grand Matron

DATE	EVENT
October 17-19, 2000	Grand Chapter of Oklahoma at
	Guthrie, Oklahoma
March 10-11, 2000	New Mexico-Texas Exchange at
	Las Cruses, New Mexico
March 26-28, 2000	Grand Chapter of Louisiana at
	Alexandria, Louisiana
June 28- July 6, 2000	Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island,
	Worthy Grand Matron Tour
July 27-30, 2000	Wichita, Kansas – Eight-State Meet
September 8-9, 2000	Texarkana, Arkansas and Broken Bow,
	Oklahoma, - Three-State Exchange
	with Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas

The Associate Grand Matron, Naomi Wolfe, served as the Acting Worthy Grand Matron during my absence. When both of us were out of state, I requested Mrs. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron and Mrs. Mildred Sharpe to serve as the Acting Worthy Grand Matron. It was a great feeling to know that the Grand Chapter was in good hands when I was out of Texas, and I sincerely appreciate their assistance.

### **TEXAS EXCHANGES**

How delighted were the Texans who made the long journey to El Paso to enjoy a happy and fun-filled weekend with the Grand Chapter of New Mexico.

On Friday, Sister Joyce Roberts, Past Grand Matron chaired a delightful evening of good food and a group of Spanish Dancers entertained us. Then, District Deputy Grand Matron, Bonnie Varnell and her District II Deputy Grand Matrons gave us a hilarious rendition of a skit depicting various personalities of the "Tater" Sisters who were members of the Eastern Star.

After learning how to avoid negatives in an Eastern Star Meeting, the "Tater" Sisters taught us what they had learned after concentrated efforts of positive study. The most obvious lesson was sung to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as they reminded us to NEVER, NEVER, NEVER cross your legs.

A Tri-State Exchange with Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas was centered around the three comers where these states touch. Texarkana, Texas and Texarkana, Arkansas became the site of both Friday and Saturday evening "fun" banquets. Sister Pat Neinast, Past Grand Matron was Chairman of this tri-state gathering for Texas.

The Texans provided an exciting "Clogger" Dance Group along with a delicious meal at The Truman Arnold Center, Texarkana A&M University.

Oklahoma gave us a delicious lunch on Saturday in Broken Bow, and Arkansas provided the finale' with a beautiful Banquet on Saturday evening.

The camaraderie that brought the members of these three states together as "One Loving Group" began with the friendships developed among the three Worthy Grand Matrons several years ago as Associate Grand Conductresses at the Seven-State Meeting in Oklahoma.

## WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S TOUR Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Thirty-Six excited members, and three Tour Guides landed in Halifax on Wednesday, June 28, 2000 for a grand tour of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Among the sites visited were: Gisele's Country Inn, Cape Breton Island, The Alexander Graham Bell Museum, Gaelic College, Fisherman's Wharf on Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, the official birthplace of Canada, and "Green Gables Farmhouse."

One special event found the members attending the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Grand Chapter Session in Truro. Fred and Margaret Clarke gave all Texans a "warm" reception, as did the friendly members of the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Jurisdiction.

The climax of the tour was an extravaganza called, "Nova Scotia's International Military Tattoo." What a perfect ending to an eight-day excursion through a beautiful country.

## DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES

Thanks to the intelligence, love and ability to influence others, which the five District Deputy Grand Matrons possess, the 1999-2000 Year has been a blessing to the membership of Texas. Very few problems that arose during the year required an official ruling of the Worthy Grand Matron. To these five special individuals, the Worthy Grand Patron and I are most grateful.

The Worthy Matron of one Chapter was using one of our Secret Emblems in her stationery and programs. When approached, she requested clarification as to what was wrong, and I quoted the Ritual regarding the secrecy we guard so diligently.

She graciously agreed to abstain from using this symbol again.

Due to unfortunate circumstances of an Installed appointive Grand Officer, it was necessary to appoint and install another person in that office. This was accomplished on March 4,2000 at a School for Instruction by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Because so many Chapters are finding it necessary to consolidate, I began teaching the correct procedures for consolidation at the Schools for Instruction.

Unfortunately, we did not reach several Chapters in time, and mistakes were made by the membership of those Chapters.

The Worthy Matrons of two Chapters worked together to complete the work for consolidation in only one month. Because there was no animosity in either Chapter about the consolidation, at my request, the Deputy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron worked with the Worthy Matrons and Secretaries of both Chapters. They "walked" them through correct procedures as a remedial lesson. This was done as a teaching procedure, to avoid repetition in this area of the State. All involved responded to this in a very positive manner, and hopefully, they will be able to assist others in the future.

With the assistance of the Grand Secretary's Staff, several other consolidation errors were corrected without official rulings by me. Consolidation is an area of great concern and it is imperative that Chapters who are considering consolidation contact their Deputy Grand Matron first. She will consult with the District Deputy Grand Matron, the Grand Secretary and the Worthy Grand Matron. Then, all parties who need to know what is happening will be aware and stand ready to assist if necessary.

Several Chapters had conflicts between two or more members. These were either personality conflicts or the desire for two or more to be in control of Chapter activities. In each case referred to me, through the Deputy Grand Matron and/or the District Deputy Grand Matron, I advised the parties to discuss the problem among themselves and solve it without involving the Worthy Grand Matron.

It is not the duty of a Worthy Grand Matron to interfere in disagreements which occur in Subordinate Chapters, unless a law has been broken. And, to my knowledge, each problem was solved by those involved, and now peace and harmony exists in those Chapters, as reported by the appropriate Deputy Grand Matron or District Deputy Grand Matron. There are still many who are concerned with the misuse of the black cube. The misuse of a black cube is truly a disturbing event for a Chapter. We can only hope that when it is used, it is a justified action, and not a "reaction" to a previous event within the Chapter.

Those who are considering the use of a black cube should think and pray diligently before they do this, because the lives of many people will be affected by this action. And, it is a known fact that good prospects have been lost forever, because a black cube was misused. Its use is reserved for those with absolute, personal knowledge of an immoral-petitioner.

### LEGAL ACTS

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

On November 10, 1999, a lease for the Eastern Star Home interest in Nueces County, Texas in two tracts of land received from the Ollie and Orene Purl Estates. The lease will provide for 1/5th royalty, \$75.00 per net mineral acre bonus and one year term. The 48.33 net mineral acres will yield a bonus of \$3,624.75.

November 15, 1999, A Division Order for the Ollie Purl Lease, Property Description: Being all of its undivided interest in and to Lots 1 & 2, Section 7, Ross Peters Division #2 and the North 1/2 of Lot 2, Section 6, Ross Peters Subdivision #2, Nueces County, Texas, was signed.

January 13, 2000, a Special Warranty Deed was signed the grantor being Order of the Eastern Star aka Eastern Star Home, Home for Aged Masons aka Masonic Home for the Aged, and Masonic Home and School of Texas aka Masonic Home and School, releasing the property of the Jack Chancy Estate. :Lot 7 & 8, Mandlak, a Subdivision of Block 5 in Rivercrest Subdivision, Tarrant County, Texas, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Volume 1854, Page 225, of the Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas.

March 1, 2000, a Division Order of the McClurg #1, Legal Description: The South 80 acres of the 240 acre tract out of the Sylphia Tynes Survey, A-274, containing 80 acres, more or letts, Young County, Texas, below the depth of 1,000 feet was signed.

April 27, 2000, a Warranty Deed was returned to Juanita Barefoot Sikes, that was negotiated the previous year, that certain parcel or tract of land (31.617 acres, more or less) previously owned by Grantee in Cass County, Texas, title to which Grantee previously received by Deed dated March 4, 1996, from the Veterans Land Board of the State of Texas, which is recorded in Book 1005, Page 801 of the Deed Records of Cass County, Texas, which parcel of land was deeded to the Eastern Star Home, but because of not entering the Home, requested land be returned by deed which conveys all the subject property back to Grantee, as Grantee had previously conveyed to Grantor in that certain deed and recorded in Volume 1056, Page 383, and corrected in a correction deed and recorded in Volume 1068, Page 704, in the Deed Records of Cass County, Texas.

## POEMS WRITTEN TO HONOR THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

"OUR STAR" written by Joyce Gilbert

"MEET ME AT THE Z'BO" written by William Curry

"Swan Call" written by Ann Hogan

The Gazebo Series - written by Perry Ann Boyett (to be published in Grand Chapter Program)

## MUSIC, COMPACT DISCS AND TAPES

It was such a pleasure to deal with the professional team at Sounds Great Productions for our sheet music, cassettes and C. D. recording for the 1999-2000 music.

Mr. Darren Brown, Producer gave us a first-class group of merchandise, which we offered to the membership of Texas for donations. Many compliments have been given to Darren and his production team and we continue to sell his products to members and nonmembers each time we are able to demonstrate his work.

Our Grand Organist, Mrs. Jackie Stogner, coordinated the original March of the Worthy Grand Matron, entitled "Starlight Magic" and the march of the Worthy Grand Parton, entitled "All-Star Strut" with Mr. Brown. They produced a terrific recording, and an unusual "Turn-of-the-Century" Booklet for the Grand Chapter of Texas. The booklet, called A TIME REMEMBERED contains both marches, and an instrumental called "Betty" – which was composed and dedicated to Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron by her good friend, Jon Esquivel.

## GRAND CHAPTER VAN

The Board of Grand Trustees purchased a new GMC Van for the 1999-2000 Team of School Officers and the Worthy Grand Matron to use. This van is extremely comfortable and easily handled when driving. The Grand Escort of the Worthy Grand Matron has been the chief caretaker, and his attentiveness assured the best of care for the Grand Chapter Van. It has been serviced both in New Braunfels and Arlington at appropriate times, and will serve the next Worthy Grand Matron very well.

The District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Examiners were very cautious and excellent drivers, and we shared many "friendly" miles across Texas.

To the membership of Texas and The Board of Grand Trustees, I say "Thank You" for caring about the safety of your Worthy Grand Matron, and for providing her with such a beautiful vehicle to carry on the business of this Grand Chapter.

### EASTERN STAR HOME ACTIVITIES

It is always a pleasure to visit with the residents of our Eastern Star Home. These ladies appreciate the comfort of their home; the warmth and understanding of the Superintendent and the Members on the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences; and the companionship of the Eastern Star Sisters who are cohabitants in the OES Home.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Jack and I have enjoyed the beautiful suite which is provided the office of Worthy Grand Matron, and we have had the opportunity to spend many wonderful days in the Home this year.

Sister Cynthia Marr, Chairman of the "Time and Talent" and her Co-chairman, Sister Geneva Tuell, along with the five District Chairmen, have provided exceptionally good parties for the ladies this year:

THANKSGIVING: The Committee from District Three, Chaired by Wanda Hall produced a complete Thanksgiving Dinner, complete with all the trimmings. This party would have made Martha Stewart proud! Theme decorations were complete, gifts were provided for each lady, and the meal was scrumptious!

CHRISTMAS: As one might expect, the Christmas Party was as full of fun as one could expect. Every lady in the Home was given a Christmas Bag filled with "Goodies," as delicious as they looked. Every Floor Officer present assisted Santa in passing out presents. The usual Christmas fare was piled high on the dining table, and everyone present was filled to capacity! This party was under the direction of District I Chairman, Lou Holbrook.

VALENTINE PARTY: District IV Chairman, Sister Laura Sharp did the ladies a great favor by bringing the excellent talent of the Westerman Family to entertain the crowd. Anita and David Westerman along with their daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Lane Batten brought a semiprofessional show of musical comedy, based on Romance and Endearing Love. And, of course, after such excitement, everyone was ready to indulge in a large portion of Valentine Sweets.

EASTER PARTY: District II Chairman, Sister Shirley Schoor, and her Committee Members entertained the ladies with an "Old Fashioned Easter Parade" -with models traversing the Dining Room again and again with their unusual bonnets. Each lady admired her favorite exhibit, which made the Committee wish they could have given each one a beautiful "Easter Bonnet." However, the Easter Parade was no better than the goodies provided by the Committee once again.

MOTHER'S DAY PARTY: District V Chairman, Sister Bertie Loveall, gave the ladies a great finale for the year, with a humorous Mother's Day Skit. The Worthy Grand Matron wrote the skit that members of District 5, Section 6 performed for the ladies. Each person present enjoyed the skit tremendously, and many cameras were flashing, so a good record of this party should be around for a long time. Mrs. Diane Beckley, Grand Soloist, sang several sentimental songs about Mothers with her usual angelic voice. Delicious refreshments ended the Official Parties for the current term.

Beautiful "Thank You Notes" were written by several of the residents to each Committee Chairman, and the Worthy Grand Matron during the year regarding the excellent parties provided by the gracious and talented O.E.S. Time and Talent Committee for 1999-2000.

The ladies who live in the Eastern Star Home are intelligent, loving individuals, and they yearn to have you visit with them. They mean what they sing, "Every Day in Our Home is Sweeter Than the Day Before."

## GREETINGS TO THE STARLIGHTS AND ALL-STARS

Each of you will always appear in my thoughts as a sparkling "Star" that gave my life a tremendous amount of love and meaning during this wonderful "Turn of the Century" Year of 1999-2000.

"Aim for a Star with Loving Friendship" was the theme I chose for us this year. You picked up that idea and carried it throughout your term as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, and I am so proud of each of you.

Many of you tried and succeeded with new ideas that became an accomplishment of fun and excitement. This challenge you seemed to enjoy, and I know that your membership was happy to see new ideas being approached.

We adopted three positive goals for 1999-2000:

1. RECRUIT quality people who are qualified to become members.

2. RETAIN the members on our rosters by providing interesting, appropriate, and viable programs, and using as many members of the Chapter as possible during the year in these programs.

3. RECLAIM members who have become lax in attendance or who have been suspended for Nonpayment of Dues.

I feel that most of you chose to proceed toward reaching these goals with enthusiasm. I have learned that you encouraged the members of your Chapter in all endeavors. You were defenders of the Order of the Eastern Star when needed, so that this fabulous organization will be preserved throughout the New Millennium.

Just know that as the Worthy Grand Matron of the "Turn-of-the-Century," I will always be proud of our accomplishments during this 1999-2000 Year. I look forward to being with you on many occasions of fun and learning in the future!

### MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

The friendship and love that you have shown to the 1999-2000 Installed Officers has been incredible. You have treated each one with respect, and have extended every possible courtesy as we have come your way. I could never thank you enough for all you have done for Jack and me. I can only tell you that we shall be eternally grateful to you for allowing me to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron during a most exciting year for this Grand Jurisdiction.

One of our goals for the year was to do everything that we could to preserve this wonderful Order for the Twenty-First Century, and for another millennium. Thank you for working so hard toward this goal. We still have much to do, and we realize that it will take constant effort on the part of each member to succeed.

The membership of Texas is our most important asset, and we have tried to treat each individual with respect and love. It is true that perfection in our ritualistic work is desirable, but perfection is less important than a mutual feeling of "abiding love" within one's heart for one another. Let us resolve to personally live by "The Obligation" of the Order. This must be our daily task, because once we determine that we are going to follow the promises we made at the Altar, we must remember that those promises are permanent! We cannot decide that they apply only to other members of the Order. They must become our rules for living! Gaining larger responsibilities and higher positions does not relieve us from these promises.

So, whisper a prayer each morning that God will guide you in making virtuous decisions throughout the day! And, as you pray, remember your leaders. They have an awesome task as they guide this Grand Jurisdiction through the year. They covet your prayers!

Again, I thank each one of you for doing all the beautiful things that you did to propel our Order into the Twenty-First Century, with love, dignity and grace. Always remember that God in His goodness, kindness and care, gave us a friendship - so special to share!

### WORTHY GRAND PATRON

How pleased I was to discover the mutual interest and friendship between the families of Friend and Stallings. Getting acquainted with Lee and Pat Stallings has been one of the highlights of my Eastern Star experience.

Jack and I found this couple just a few years before I was elected to the station of Associate Grand Conductress. And, our friendship grew to a complete trust in each other at a record pace. We have so much in common, and our life values are in such close proximity, I began thinking of Lee as a Worthy Grand Patron long before I invited him to join the 1999-2000 Team. I shall always be grateful that he was willing to say "Yes."

His acceptance by the membership of Texas has been my reward for the choice I made. Watching him visit with the members in such a relaxed and friendly manner has certainly solidified my belief that he was exactly the one that God wanted to fill the position of Worthy Grand Patron for the exciting "Turn-of-the-Century" Year in Texas.

Pat is "witty," as well as sincere and pretty. I am so grateful for her understanding and willingness to share Lee with the membership of Texas, as well as with me for these two hectic years. She will be loved and endeared by Eastern Star members in Texas for the remainder of her life, and I am so proud to call her one of my sweetest friends.

All I can say to both of them is "Thank You," dear friends. Jack and I will love you forever.

## CORPORATE BOARD MEETING October 9, 1999

The Corporate Board met Saturday, October 9, 1999, at the Pearland College in Pearland, Texas.

Those present were: Mrs. Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron; Mr. Buddy Baker, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress; and Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron at 5:00 P.M.. The Worthy Grand Patron led in prayer.

The Grand Secretary reported on the three litigations pending.

A schedule of meetings was handed out to those present.

Offenses of the Legal Code were discussed.

The meeting was closed in prayer led by the Worthy Grand Patron.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

## **CORPORATE BOARD MEETING**

The Corporate Board met Friday, November 5, 1999, at the Gatesville Lodge Hall, Gatesville, Texas.

Those present were Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron; Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Associate Grand Patron; Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress; Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress; Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron; and Betty Capps, Chairman of the Board of Benevolences.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron and the prayer was given by the Worthy Grand Patron. Betty asked that Henry bring us information concerning the study being conducted by students of the University of Dallas. Henry reported that he was impressed with the caliber of the long term study advisor. He asked those present to meet with the students at their classroom, Wednesday, November 10, at the University for the students' evaluations of the Home. The study will be an ongoing study into the Spring Semester. Those expressing an interest in going were Henry, Jimmie Lee, Marjorie and Susan Harrington will be notified and invited to attend.

Jimmie Lee expressed her concerns about the needs and would the project study satisfy the real need.

Betty Capps was then asked to present the concerns and request of the Home Attorney so that the Home would petition the Internal Revenue Service to apply for permission to go forward in the approval of the membership in adopting the amendments at Grand Chapter to begin accepting residents on a fee for services arrangement. He deemed that it was not advisable to require additional approval of their Chapter when changing their resident plan.

The request of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences was tabled by a

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motion by Lee Stallings, seconded, voted and carried to table the request until after the long range planning report was presented by the University of Dallas students. The motion was passed by an unanimous vote.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for adjournment with a prayer led by Buddy Baker.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

### **CORPORATE BOARD MEETING**

The Corporate Board met Friday, January 14, 2000, at the Holiday Inn, Plano, Texas.

Those present were Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron; Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron; Duane "Buddy" Baker, Associate Grand Patron; Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress; Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress; and Betty Capps, Chairman of the Board of Benevolences.

The Worthy Grand Matron called the meeting to order and she requested that the Worthy Grand Patron lead us in prayer. Betty Capps, Chairman of the Board of Benevolences reported to the members of the Corporate Board that an application had been received from a lady requesting admittance into the Eastern Star Home but wanted to set up a revocable trust for a disabled grandson. After much discussion, it was moved by Lee that the Corporate Board support whatever decision the Benevolent Board made in accepting the applicant, seconded, voted and carried. Five voted for, two abstained.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Cardinals would be sending out invitations to the reception that will be held at General Grand Chapter Session in Detroit for Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Past Grand Matron of Texas, and would add that "The Grand Chapter of Texas announces the support of Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Past Grand Matron of Texas to be nominated for the office of Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress." Naomi moved to allow the Cardinals to add the support to the reception invitation, seconded, voted and carried.

It was announced that a \$10,000.00 donation was received for the Home Endowment from an anonymous person and asked to remain anonymous. The Grand Secretary did send an acknowledgment and a thank you note.

A report on the mediation concerning the Mize v. Grand Chapter et al was given by Marjorie.

The Bank Card applications was discussed and would be handed out as soon as received.

The Legal Code and interpretations were discussed by the Board.

The Worthy Grand Matron encouraged everyone to purchase the Home Postcards for the residents' in the Home so that they might use them to send out to their friends and relatives. The meeting adjourned by the benediction being offered by Naomi.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

### **CORPORATE BOARD MEETING**

The Corporate Board met Saturday, March 31, 2000, at Ben Hur Shrine Temple in Austin, Texas.

Those present were Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron; Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Associate Grand Patron; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress; Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Worthy Grand Patron brought the Worthy Grand Matron up to date on the meeting held at the University of Dallas on March 30 during which the recommendation was made that a random survey be sent to the membership asking their opinions and ideas as to what they would like to see done at the Home. The Associate Grand Matron offered to hold up her appointment letters for the survey to be included.

The Associate Grand Patron moved that we authorize a survey to be completed within two weeks and mailed with the Associate Grand Matron's appointment letters, seconded, and carried. The Associate Grand Conductress volunteered to run the necessary copies of the questionnaire.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. with the benediction given by the Associate Grand Patron.

Betty Prater Grand Treasurer

## **CORPORATE BOARD MEETING**

The Corporate Board met Friday evening, April 7, 2000, at 9:00 P.M. in the Worthy Grand Matron's suite at the O.E.S. Home.

Those present were Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron; Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Associate Grand Patron; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress; Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron and the prayer was given by the Worthy Grand Patron. The motion was made by the Worthy Grand Patron to waive the wording in the provision concerning the "Fee for Services" to enable the attorney to move forward in petitioning the I.R.S. for approval; seconded, and carried. The Grand Secretary will be requested to advise the attorney to proceed with the required paperwork.

Discussion was held that a recommendation be made to the Benevolent Board for two additional changes to the operation of the Home, both of which were recommended in the Long Range Plan. These were, a possible alternative to the continued operation of the Infirmary and the consideration of accepting O.E.S. members from other Grand Jurisdictions on a "Pay as your Go" basis.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.. following prayer by the Associate Grand Matron.

Betty Prater Grand Treasurer

## MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE BOARD

The Corporate Board met Saturday, May 20, 2000, at 3:20 P.M... in the Worthy Grand Matron's suite at the Eastern Star Home.

Those present were Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron; Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Associate Grand Patron; Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress; and Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron. She called upon the Grand Secretary to report on the new litigation filed against the OES Home and a report on the Mize vs. Grand Chapter et al. Worker's Compensation Insurance was discussed and it was questioned if the insurance that is now being carried by the Home is sufficient to cover worker's compensation criteria.

Items of interest such as the need of a business manager and the feasibility of one board were discussed.

The Grand Line Officers asked that our insurance agent be contacted concerning an insurance policy covering them personally under the umbrella of the Grand Chapter and would cover them throughout the State as they performed their duties in representing their offices.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M..

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

Fraternally,

Betty 2. Fring

Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron 1999 - 2000

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** This is a supplementary report. The following by-laws were approved since June 20, 2000: Joaquin Chapter 903, La Marque Chapter 979, Lufkin Chapter 382, Killeen Chapter 490, Ferris Chapter 508, Spur Chapter 164, Amistad Chapter 1115, Kerrville Chapter 24, Northshore Chapter 160, San Antonio Chapter 3, Klein Chapter 1141, Adah Chapter 49, Brady Chapter 167, Wedgwood Chapter 756, Prospect Hill Chapter 817, Fairfield Chapter 331, Grapevine Chapter 326, Rosewyn Chapter 927, and we have two pending.

The following dispensations were approved since June 20, 2000. Special dispensations to replace lost or worn copies of the Secret Work: Panhandle 760, Bellaire 1021, Buffalo 157, South Fort Worth 835, Farmersville 940, Frankston 1113, Alamo Heights 734.

To waive physical disability: Graford 905 and Greenville 189.

Late installation of officers: Robstown 540.

To elect an Associate Matron: Vashti 32, Covington 1007.

To elect a Treasurer: Grand Saline 290.

To elect a Conductress: Groveton 1035, Farmersville 940.

To elect the Associate Conductress: Sugarland 1107.

To elect a Secretary and Treasurer: Brenham 144.

To participate in the Joint Fraternal Visit: Summerville 245.

DECISIONS AN IRREGULARITIES. A ballot was declared improperly by the West and East in one Chapter. I requested that the Deputy Grand Matron check into the matter after receiving a protest. She found that the ballot box had dark material in the bottom and that it would be easy to overlook a black cube. Therefore, I declared the ballot void and instructed the Worthy Matron and Secretary to ballot again on this petitioner at the next stated meeting. This was done, and the matter was resolved.

Former Secretaries of two Chapters which had consolidated with other Chapters had mishandled important membership records and lost track of members who should have been in good standing, with hours of research and patience by two current Secretaries, the records were updated and these members were issued current dues cards by permission of the Worthy Grand Matron. This points out once again the importance of an efficient Secretary and Treasurer.

I was asked twice to rule on whether or not expelled or suspended members might be reinstated into either the parent or dual Chapter if they had been suspended or expelled in the other Chapter. Article 204 (d), page 142, and Article 211 (c), page 148, speak to this question. Article 204 reads, "Suspension: A dual member suspended or expelled after trial in one of the Chapters would have the same effect in both Chapters. A dual member suspended for nonpayment of dues in the parent Chapter would have the same effect in the dual Chapter. If suspended from the dual Chapter for nonpayment of dues, then the suspension would not affect the parent Chapter." And Article 211(c) - and I paraphrase this because of its length - it tells us that reinstatement after suspension or expulsion after trial, a Subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Jurisdiction may reinstate any member who has been suspended or expelled after trial when no appeal has been taken to Grand Chapter by a unanimous ballot of the members present. And it goes on to explain the normal procedure of the petition after it has been filed and the written statement by the petitioner of how she or he has made restitution for the grievance against our laws. It was my ruling to these two requests that both of these articles apply to their Chapter and to their member who had been expelled or suspended.

Consolidation continues to be a problem for Chapters that do not consult their Deputy Grand Matron, their District Deputy Grand Matron, the Grand Secretary and the Worthy Grand Matron. We've been given specific instructions concerning consolidation and these must be followed. Otherwise, the members of both Chapters involved will have conflict. Therefore, if your Chapter seems to be in trouble with the number of members or for any other reason you need to consider consolidation, and you feel that consolidating with a nearby Chapter may be the answer, please contact your Deputy Grand Matron before you do one thing. She will contact the District Deputy Grand Matron, the Grand Secretary and the Worthy Grand Matron. With the assistance of these Grand Officers, you will find that consolidation can be easily and smoothly completed.

My summary: If you have read my report in the advanced annual report, you know that overall this has been a very smooth, happy and successful year. The few problems that arose were settled with the assistance of my superb Deputy Grand Matrons and District Deputy Grand Matrons, the Grand Secretary's staff and our Jurisprudence Committee with my guidance. How pleased I am to report that fact to you. We followed the laws of the Order very carefully.

Once again, I want to tell my Starlights and All-Stars just how special you are. Your devoted service to your Chapter during this "Turn-of-the-Century Year" has been phenomenal. The courtesies and love that you have lavished upon me has meant so much. It was easy to see in your starlit eyes that each expression was sincere, and you made my persona grow with love for you. Jack and I look forward to seeing you around the state in future meetings and on special occasions. Remember, I want your light to shine brightly, like the stars in God's beautiful galaxies.

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Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron

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

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There is a motion to adopt the report of the Worthy Grand Matron. Is there a second? All those in favor, raise your purple card. Opposed. The report is adopted, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We will now have the report of the Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** The majority of my report was printed in the advanced annual report which was in the membership's registration packet.

# **REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

Seldom do life changing events come along, but thanks to Betty Y. Friend, this year of service to the Grand Chapter of Texas has been just that. Thank you Sister Betty for affording me this once in a lifetime opportunity of sharing your journey to and through the East.

I am indeed fortunate to have served this beautiful Order as Worthy Grand Patron. This year, it has been my good fortune to meet and get acquainted with many of my Sisters and Brothers across the Great State of Texas. I thank God for so richly blessing me with these many new friendships.

I want to thank the membership of Texas for electing me to this office and for all the kindness' and courtesies extended to me throughout the year. But, most of all, I want to thank you for your love and support both for me personally, and for the Grand Chapter of Texas. Whatever I have been able to accomplish this year was because of you and your support.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Worthy Grand Patron.

### INSTALLATION

The Installation of the 1999-2000 Grand Officers took place on Saturday evening, September 25, 1999, in the Ferrell Center on the campus of Baylor University in Waco, Texas. The Ferrell Center was beautifully decorated for the "Stairway to the Stars" Installation. I want to thank Sister Rennie Ofton who served as Installing General Grand Chapter Officer, Sister Lois Bell who served as Assisting Installing General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Joe E. Jeffers who served as Assisting Installing General Grand Chapter Officer, and Sister Elsie Paladino who served as Installing Worthy Grand Marshal. I also want to thank all the many Sisters and Brothers who helped make this evening a memorable one.

I was very honored by having my mother, Mary Ellen Rushing, attend the Installation. It was also a great honor to have our daughter, LeAnne, our son, Quad, and our grandson Connor participant in the Installation. And, I want to thank Sister Christine Armstrong for escorting me that evening. This special evening will always be remembered.

## **NEW BRAUNFELS CHAPTER NO. 771**

On October 2, 1999, Pat and I attended the Worthy Grand Matron's Banquet and Fraternal Visit hosted by her Home Chapter New Braunfels No. 771. The "Shower of Stars" Banquet and Fraternal Visit was held at the beautifully decorated First Protestant Church in New Braunfels, Texas. The members of New Braunfels Chapter No. 771 did an outstanding job in hosting the events of this special evening. I want to thank them for their hard work and for every kindness and courtesy extended to me as Worthy Grand Patron.

#### **FRIENDSWOOD CHAPTER NO. 1131**

On October 9, 1999, my home Chapter Friendswood No. 1131 hosted the "Calling Allstars" Banquet honoring the Worthy Grand Patron and the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Y. Friend. The banquet was held at the Pearland College Center and the Fraternal Visit was held at C.F. Spencer Lodge No. 1384 in Pearland, Texas.

The members of Friendswood Chapter No. 1131 did an outstanding job in preparing for a great banquet and an excellent Fraternal Visit. The evening was made even more special to me because Pat and Joe Jeffers presided as my Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. I also want to thank Pearland Chapter No. 1065 for allowing us to hold our Fraternal Visit in their Chapter.

I am very fortunate to have had the loyal support of the members of Friendswood Chapter No. 1131 throughout my Eastern Star life. I truly believe that without the support of my home Chapter, I would not have been able to fulfill all the duties and responsibilities of Worthy Grand Patron.

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Texas is very fortunate to be blessed with gifted individuals who are serving the General Grand Chapter. The membership of Texas is proud of each one of our General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, in particular Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees, who we know will be joining the General Grand Chapter Line this November. They have served our Order and themselves with great honor. I want to thank them for their personal support and encouragement throughout this year of service. Your kindness and love will long be remembered.

# PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

My association with the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas has been a marvelous experience. This group has provided me with constant inspiration and encouragement. It has been my personal privilege to become better acquainted with this distinguished group and I have developed many close personal relationships which I will cherish the rest of my life.

I want to give a special thanks to Sister Elsie Paladino, and Brother Joe E. Jeffers. Both of these individuals, who are from my home Section (District IV, Section 10), have been unwavering in their support and encouragement.

## **OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

It was my pleasure to attend Grand Chapter Sessions in three other Grand Jurisdictions: Oklahoma, Louisiana, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. These Sessions provided the forum for the development of many new friendships and for the exchanging of information and ideas about our beautiful Order.

#### EXCHANGE VISITS

On March 10-11, 2000, I attended the Texas/New Mexico Exchange in El Paso and Las Cruces, New Mexico.

I attended the 8 State Exchange held on July 28-29, 2000, in Wichita, Kansas.

I attended the Tri-State Exchange of Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma on September 8-9, 2000, in Texarkana, Texas.

Each one of these Exchanges gave us the opportunity to share the bonds of fraternal friendship with our Sisters and Brothers of other Grand Jurisdictions. They also provided a venue for the exchanging of ideas and the sharing of information to perpetuate our beautiful Order.

### **GRAND LODGE**

It was my pleasure to attend the 164th Grand Lodge of Texas on December 2, 3, and 4, 1999, held at the Memorial Grand Lodge Temple in Waco, Texas. Highlights of the trip were the Grand Master's Banquet on December 1, hosted by Mike Grower, Most Worshipful Grand Master and his wife Barbara, and the Installation of W. Vernon Burke, Jr., as the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his Grand Lodge Officers on Saturday, December 4, 2000.

#### **ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS**

I was privileged to attend the 77th Grand Assembly of Texas – International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Plano, Texas on June 20-21, 2000. I want thank Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy, and Miss Shauna Leighanne McLean, Grand Worthy Advisor, for asking me to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas at the Tuesday evening Session. This experience was informative, enjoyable, and personally enriching. Additionally, Pat and I were honored to receive the Grand Cross of Color, a distinction we are very proud to hold.

## LADIES OF THE OES HOME

The brightest stars of our Order are the Ladies of our Eastern Star Home. I was privilege to be with them on several occasions and was fortunate to have participated with them in their Christmas and Mother's Day Parties. The ladies of the Eastern Star Home love our Order and their support of the Grand Chapter is second to none.

### EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS

I attended Schools of Instruction in each of the five Districts and overall, I was able to attend 16 Schools. My work schedule prevented me from attending additional Schools; however, I was able to attend several of the Fraternal Visits, which were held before or after the Schools. I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to be an active participant in the Schools that I attended. I also want to commend the Worthy Grand Matron and the District Deputy Grand Matrons for their preparation and deliverance of the School instructions. It was interesting, information, and most all, useful.

I also want to acknowledge the Grand Examiners for their beautiful renditions of the Secret Work and for the efficient manner in which their Examination Rooms were run. I want to thank the Deputy Grand Matrons for their hard work and dedication, which made each of the Schools different and enjoyable. I recognize that your efforts were a true labor of love. Thank you too, for the accommodations, banquet tickets, goody baskets, School Pages, and for every act of kindness and courtesy shown to the Office of Worthy Grand Patron and to me personally.

Finally, thank you, the membership of each Section, for supporting your School of Instruction. I will always remember your hard work, the good times we had, and the many new friendships that were made.

## FRATERNAL VISITS

I attended twenty (20) Fraternal Visits, in addition to those held in conjunction with the Schools of Instruction. These visits gave me the opportunity to become better acquainted with the membership of each Section.

### CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

This year I have had the honor of participating in several Chapter anniversary celebrations. These anniversaries were significant milestones in the history of each Chapter and I was privileged to be a part of these special occasions. The following are the anniversary celebrations that I attended:

<u>100th Anniversary:</u>	Smithville No. 39, San Antonio Radiant No. 3, Rockdale No. 23, Mizpah No. 2
80th Anniversary:	League City No. 621
<u>75th Anniversary:</u>	New Braunfels No. 771
<u>60th Anniversary:</u>	Blue Bell Chapter No. 856
<u>50th Anniversary:</u>	East Houston No. 955

### INSTALLATIONS

It was my privilege to participate in two Chapter Installations, Wedgewood Chapter No. 756 and New Braunfels Chapter No. 77 1, where I served as Assisting Installing Grand Officer. I also attended several other Chapter Installations.

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS AND SPECIALS AWARDS

I was honored to receive many honorary memberships from Chapters throughout the Great State of Texas. Please know that these Honorary Memberships are very special to me and that I consider them a treasure from this year of service. I was privileged to receive numerous special awards, proclamations, and keys to several cities across Texas. I also received several poems, letters, and special gifts from the membership. In addition, I received congratulatory letters from President Bill Clinton and Governor George W. Bush. I also received several honorary law enforcement designations and I am proud to say the Governor George W. Bush commissioned me as an Admiral in the Texas Navy.

## INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND ELECTED BOARDS

I was indeed fortunate to have served with an exceptional corps of Installed Grand Officers. The Grand Family, as they were known, was uniquely qualified, extremely dedicated, and immensely supportive of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, and the Grand Chapter of Texas. Our Order benefited by the dedication of these individuals in their respective places of service.

I want to thank the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences for their commitment and desire to manage and improve the operations of our Grand Chapter. These ten individuals dedicate a large amount of time in the administration and management of our finances and the Eastern Star Home. It has been a pleasure to serve with each one of them.

I want to thank the Board of Grand Examiners for their commitment to excellence in their rendition of our Secret Work and in the administration of their Examining Rooms. Each of the Grand Examiners has exhibited grace and competency in their positions.

## **DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER**

The District Deputy Grand Matron and Deputy Grand Matrons have each added their own personal dimension to this Grand Chapter year. Each Deputy was uniquely qualified to discharge the responsibilities given to them. It has been my personal privilege and pleasure to serve with each of these 55 distinguished individuals.

## GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND TREASURER, AND STATE OFFICE STAFF

I want to give a big personal thank you to Sister Marjorie Errington-Haynes, Sister Betty Prater, and the entire staff at our State Office. We are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated and hard working individuals looking after our day to day operations. Their commitment and execution this year has been outstanding.

## STARLIGHTS AND ALLSTARS

This year I have been fortunate to serve with this special group of people. The Starlights and Allstars served their subordinate Chapters and the Grand Chapter in an exemplary manner. They have supported the programs of the Worthy Grand Matron, the efforts of their Deputies, and have diligently worked for the good of the Order. Please know that each of you is very special to me.

## **GRAND ESTHER (MY WIFE, PAT)**

No one walks this way alone. There is always someone special who supports your every step and that person was my wife, Pat. She unselfishly gave of her time and talent in support of me, and my required activities. She is my inspiration, my companion, and the love of my life!

#### **GRAND ORGANIST**

I want to thank our Grand Organist, Sister Jackie Stogner, for composing the Worthy Grand Patron's March entitled the "All Star Strut." This upbeat piece engaged the membership each time it was played, as evidenced by their participation in the All Star Strut. Your talent created many enjoyable and memorable moments for me, and the other Installed Grand Officers (in particular, our Grand Marshal) throughout the year. Thank you for the musical memories.

## SECRETARY AND PAGES

I was blessed with an exceptional group of friends who supported me throughout this year: Sister Christine Armstrong, my Secretary; and Brothers Monroe Cooper, Dickey Coulter, and George Williams, my Pages. Each of these individuals was always ready to lend a helping hand whenever or wherever it was needed. Your friendship is one of my greatest treasures.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS CREDIT CARD PROGRAM

The Grand Chapter of Texas initiated a Logo Credit Card program in March 2000. The funds generated through this on going program have been designated to the Home Endowment Fund. Our first report, which covered only the month of March 2000, showed that we had already generated over \$5,700 in income. This program is a win/win situation for both the Grand Chapter of Texas and the membership. Your continued support of this important program will be appreciated.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

In addition to the Schools and Fraternal Visits, I participated in over seventy (70) other function or meetings. Some of the highlights were: The Masonic Celebration in Galveston, TX that was attended by the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, Ralph W. Semb, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, W. Vernon Burke, Jr., the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Y. Friend, and the Potentates of every Shrine Temple in Texas.

I also attended 100th Anniversary Celebrations for four (4) Chapters; Celebration 2000, Starlight Gala; Starlight & Allstar's Round-up in Mesquite; Founder's Day; the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries of Masonic District 30B; the Aldine Scottish Rite Club; and the Worthy Grand Matron's Trip to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

### **COMMENTS**

This year of service as Worthy Grand Patron has been an unbelievable experience. It's hard to find the words to thank everyone who had a hand in making this year a success. I want every member to know how much I personally appreciate you for what you have done, what you are doing, and what you will do for our Order. You are, and will continue to be, our greatest asset.

Fraternally,

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H. Lee Stallings Worthy Grand Patron, 1999-2000

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** The following supplemental report includes only those activities that occurred after August 1st, which were not included in the advanced proceedings. My additional activities were: I presided as Worthy Patron during the initiation of a new member at Mont Belvieu Chapter U.D.

I visited the OES Handicapped Program at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Thirty Chapters in the Houston area support this program, which supplies handicraft kits to cancer patients and their family. Eastern Star Chapters have continuously supported this program for over fifty years.

We received the second quarter's earnings of \$14,261.12 for our logo credit card program. Our gross earnings for the first two quarters of 2000 was \$21,300.99, and our Home Endowment Fund netted \$20,048.05. At the end of June 2000, we had 970 card holders. We're off to a great start.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the advanced report which was distributed to the membership and this supplemental report be approved.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Is there a second? It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Worthy Grand Patron. Those in favor, raise your right hand if you don't have your purple card. Those opposed. The motion passes.

We will now have the report of the Grand Secretary.

# **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 and guests:

At last years' Grand Chapter Session, I again accepted the challenges of serving the membership of Texas and to perform the duties of the office of Grand Secretary. I thank you for this place of service and challenge you .....

..... REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU STAND FOR..

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

The Annual Reports as of May 31, 2000, submitted by the Subordinate Chapters reflects a decrease of 4,996 members and a loss of 13 Chapters; 12 consolidating and 1 demising for a total of 521 Chapters as of July 9, 2000, and a total membership of 56,323.

There were too many Chapters that did not submit their Annual Report timely. The following Chapters were late in filing their Annual Report:

Code of Laws, Article 234f reads: "Annual Report. The Secretary shall forward the Annual Report together with all fees due the Grand Chapter to the Grand Secretary no later than **JUNE 8th.**" A few of the Reports reported above were received; however, the proper fee was not included. Also, the Chapter Secretary's reported that they were mailed timely; however, the Post Office Postmark revealed a later date. Some of the Reports were lost in the mail, and arrived at a much later date. The last Report received in this office with the proper fees was July 13. This makes for a late finalization report and per capita to be deposited in the proper accounts. PLEASE HELP US BY SUBMITTING YOUR ANNUAL REPORT TIMELY AND MAIL SO THAT IT WILL ARRIVE IN THE OFFICE BY JUNE 8th with the proper and correct fees.

My personal gratitude to the office staff for their most outstanding "labor of love" to me and to those they serve. They are always ready to "go the extra mile." All of them are devoted to their responsibilities and perform their duties proficiently.

It has been a joy and pleasure in working with Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, during this year of service, and I look forward in our close working relationship for the next Grand Chapter Year.

I appreciate the Board of Grand Trustees for their faith in me; and to the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences for their cooperation.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

"This slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen."

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

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

Mr. Ralph A. Davis October 2, 1999

Mrs. Sally Matranga June 8, 2000

Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes June 28, 2000

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard July 22, 2000

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 2000 Annual Reports again reflect a decrease in membership and the number of Subordinate Chapters.

Membership on May 31, 1999 Increase - Adjustments to 1999 reports'	59,331 	59,341
Decrease - Adjustments to 1999 reports (Consolidations/Demise)	765	58,576
INCREASE:		
Initiated	1,030	
Reinstated	356	
Affiliated	1,357	2,743
		61,319
DECREASE:		
Demits	491	
Withdrawals	118	
Transfers	171	
Suspensions		
1	1,897	
Expulsions Deaths	1,897 6 2,313	4,996

## TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON MAY 31, 2000 ...... 56,323

\*Includes 99 members residing in our Eastern Star Home and Texas Masonic Retirement Center. (Exempt of dues and per Capita tax)

\*Includes 1,722-50 Year Exempt Members. (Exempt from Dues and Per Capita Tax)

1,821 Total Exempt Members are included in the above membership.

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP SINCE 1999 - 3,008

Dual Members - 1,749

82 Chapters reported a GAIN in membership38 Chapters reported the SAME in membership411 Chapters reported a LOSS in membership

The following Chapters Consolidated:

Mizpah No. 2 with LaMarque No. 979 - August 5, 1999 Woodland No. 696 with North Side No. 651 - January 8, 2000 Tarrant-Keystone No. 8 with Wedgwood No. 756 - June 1, 2000 Sterling City No. 29 with Robert Lee No. 187 - June 1, 2000 Mexia No. 57 with Wortham No. 96 - June 1, 2000 Rising Star No. 277 with Eastland No. 280 - June 1, 2000 Hedley No. 413 with Wellington No. 238 - June 1, 2000 Fort Worth No. 681 with Polytechnic No. 420 - June 1, 2000 Seagoville No. 697 with Ferris No. 508 - June 1, 2000 Deer Park No. 1063 with Archives No. 1095 - June 1, 2000 Bonita No. 184 with Amarillo No. 787 - June 6, 2000 Henrietta No. 474 with Petrolia No. 84 - July 1, 2000

DEMISED - Greenwood No. 1060 - July 9, 1999

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS ON JULY 9, 2000 - 521

(Loss of 13 Chapters since June 30, 1999

Chapters leading in Number of Initiations:

Lufkin No. 382	20
Faith No. 713	15
Waxahachie No. 599	13
Bryan No. 222	11
Navasota No. 309	11
Bonham No. 852	11
La Marque No. 979	
Archives No. 1095	
Franklin No. 311	10
Vidor No. 914	10

#### **GRAND DEMITS ISSUED**

Mrs. Bobbie Ashley Mrs. Joyce Clark Mrs. Jewell Chesney Mrs. Jewel Dill Mrs. Kimberly Dunlap Mrs. Sybil Enis Mrs. Penelope Muncy Mrs. Debra Porter Jerry Porter Miss Kimberly Porter Todd Porter Mrs. Karen Rattan Mrs. Miranda Lee Florida Mrs. Anna Hensley (duplicate) Mrs. Jan Morrow Kenneth Morrow Mrs. Jewel Mote Tom Rattan Mrs. Bessie Stevens Roland Walker Mrs. Wilma Walker Mrs. Flora Williams

# **CHAPTER NAME CHANGE**

Rusk No. 79 to Rusk-Alto No. 79

## **CHARTER NAME CHANGE**

Rusk-Alto No. 79

#### **REPLACE CHARTER DISPENSATIONS**

Oso No. 868

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Corsicana No. 118

## WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SPECIAL FUNDS June 30, 2000

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Home Endowment	\$37,598.67
Eastern Star Home	\$14,495.18
ESTARL	\$27,308.09
International Temple	\$ 1,006.00
Founder's Day 100%	\$ 8,227.00
Hospice	\$ 4,402.76
Home Endowment Projects	
Affinity Medallion Program	478.00
Credit Card Program	\$ 5,232.44
Dress Donation Program	\$53,395.00
Home Renovation	\$ 4,019.86

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>	ADMN FEE	<b>PROFIT</b>
Name Badges	\$ 3,200.00	\$	\$ 800.00	2,400.00
Calendars	8,577.00	3,269.00	1,327.00	3,981.00
Masonic Centurians	458.54		114.64	343.90
Decals	5,695.00		1,423.75	4,271.25
Celebration 2000				
Celebration Day Eve	ents15,660.21	1,030.00	3,657.55	10,972.66
2000 Gala	19,638.00	18,743.14	223.72	671.14
2000 Pin	39,052.62	22,377.07	4,168.89	12,506.66
Music	10,635.00	8,590.00	511.25	1,533.75
OES Home Postcards	4,191.00	10,401.00		[6, 210.00]
Proficiency Stickers	4,213.20	249.45	990.94	2,972.81
Worksheets	2,975.00		743.75	2,231.25
Suncatchers	7,900.00	2,464.30	1,358.93	4,076.77
Time Capsule	2,400.00		600.00	1,800.00
Totals	\$124,595.57	\$67,123.96	\$15,920.42	\$41,551.19

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PIN SALES:	
International Temple	\$110.00
ESTARL	75.00
Shrine Hospital	60.00
Youth	145.00
Total	\$390.00

# SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT WORTHY GRAND MATRONS SPECIAL FUNDS OCTOBER 31, 2000

PROJECT	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	ADMN. FEE	PROFIT
Home Endowment	\$ 41,135.43	\$	\$ -	\$ 41,135.43
Dress Donation	53,395.00	· _		53,395.00
Medallions	3,850.00	-	-	3,850.00
Book Markers	395.00	_	,	395.00
Affinity	$4,\!119.37$	97.00	-	4,022.37
Credit Cards	21,321.12	$23,\!148.68$	-	-
OES Home	14,848.88	14,848.88	_	-
Renovation	55.00	-	_	55.00
ESTARL	33,622.24	-	-	18,350.00
International Temple	1,707.50	-	-	1,707.50
Hospice	5,668.76	480.00	_	6,148.76
Masonic Home & Scho	ool 125.00	-	_	125.00
GGC ESTARL Pin	75.00	-	_	75.00
Intern'l Temple Pin	110.00	_	<b>—</b>	110.00
Shrine Hosp. Pin	75.00	_	-	75.00
Youth Pin	246.25	-	-	246.25
Name Badges	3,410.00	_	852.50	832.50
Calendars	8,611.00	3,269.00	1,470.13	1,470.13
Centurians	1,558.52	_	389.63	389.63
Decals	5,852.00	-	1,463.00	1,463.00
Founders Day Event	2,027.00	188.08	459.73	459.73
100% Founder's Day	21,739.20	-	$5,\!434.80$	$5,\!434.80$
2000 Pin	$41,\!909.62$	22,377.07	4,883.14	4,883.14
Celebration Day Even		1,030.00	3,792.80	4,017.80
2000 Gala	19,638.00	18,938.86	223.72	223.72
Music	11,623.00	8,590.00	758.25	758.25
Postcards	4,741.00	10,401.00	_	-
Proficiency	4,736.20	249.45	1,121.69	1,121.69
Worksheets	3,935.00	-	983.75	3,935.00
Suncatchers	10,840.00	2,464.30	2,093.93	8,375.70
Time Capsule	5,925.00	. –	1,481.25	$1,\!481.25$
Total	\$162,746.75	\$67,507.76	\$25,408.32	
Carpet	-	7,232.00	-	-
Hospice Expense		480.00		_
GC 25%	-	-	24,842.04	34,846.34
Credit Card Expense	-	1,827.56	-	-
Scantron	-	8,332.40	-	-
TOTAL	\$162,746.75	\$85,379.72	\$25,408.32	-

## EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS

This report is presented in compliance with Article Three (a) of the "Articles of Association of the Eastern Star Home of Texas" which states "(a) The Corporate Board of Directors shall have charge of the business affairs of the Association in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association and under the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star," and the Standing Rules, Section 1. "The Corporate Board of the Eastern Star Home of Texas shall report annually their official actions to the Grand Chapter of Texas, with such recommendations as they deem essential to the welfare of the work committed to their care."

The following report was presented to the Corporate Board at their regularly scheduled meeting held Saturday, September 16, 2000, in New Braunfels, Texas.

Donations received by the Eastern Star Home of Texas as of June 30, 2000, were as follows:

Endowment Fund	\$96,704.11	- 1 <u>-</u>
Bequests, Wills, Grants	56,510.04	,
Gifts and Donations	. 5,768.90	
Sale of Personal Property and Vehicles	5,000.00	
Oil and Gas Royalties	15,483.70	
TOTAL RECEIPTS UNDER 501(c)(3)		\$ 179,466.75

Thank you, the membership for your consideration of remembering the Eastern Star Home of Texas in your contributions.

## EASTERN STAR HOME RENOVATION FUNDS June 30, 2000

#### HOME RENOVATION TRUST ACCOUNT:

Beginning Cash Value	\$466,027
Renovation Projects	
TOTAL FIXED INCOME	\$424,084

#### HOME RENOVATION CHECKING ACCOUNT:

\$ 5,202.72
26,200.00
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Total Income Disbursements

Balance as of June 30, 2000

17,006.72 \$14,396.00

\$31,402.72

I would like to express my appreciation to Sister Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron, for their devotion to the Order of the Eastern Star. I would not be able to accomplish the duties and responsibilities of the office of Grand Secretary if it were not for the assistance and the understanding of the Grand Line Officers, Boards, and Members.

Thank you for an outstanding year of service.

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

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Marjorie Errington (Haynes) Grand Secretary

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that this report be referred to the proper Committee. Those in favor, raise your hand. Those opposed. There is none. It has been adopted.

We will now have the report of the Grand Treasurer.

# REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is from the depths of a very grateful heart that I express my appreciation to you, the fine membership of Texas, for electing me to this place of service and for the many kindnesses you have shown to me this year.

To Sister Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron, and Bro. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your fine leadership this year. Thank you, too, for your words of encouragement and support in this my first year as Grand Treasurer.

To Sister Naomi Wolfe and Bro. Buddy Baker, who will assume the leadership of our beautiful Order in just a matter of hours, my best wishes for a successful, happy, and prosperous year.

To Sister Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary, your wise counsel, advice, and understanding have made an almost overwhelming task less difficult for me--thank you. To your dedicated staff, words cannot express my gratitude for your assistance, your patience, and your kindnesses during this transition period.

To the Members of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Benevolent Board, your untiring efforts, devotion to our Order, and your dedicated service have been a source of inspiration to me as you carried out your duties in your areas of responsibility. Thank you for your assistance and support to me. In addition to carrying out the duties of the Grand Treasurer, I attended 13 Schools of Instruction; 5 Fraternal Visits; all meetings of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Corporate Board; 2 Purposes and Policies Committee Meetings; a meeting at the University of Dallas on the long range study; 3 parties for the Ladies at the OES Home; the Celebration 2000 and Founders Day activities; the Starlight Gala Banquet; the Secretaries Workshop; 6 banquets for the Grand Line Officers; a banquet for the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees; the 8-State Visit; the Joint Exchange Visit with Arkansas and Oklahoma; Oklahoma Grand Chapter; participated in 3 installations and attended 3 other Chapter installations.

A summary of Grand Chapter's financial status for November 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000 follows. A detailed accounting of all funds is in the Grand Secretary's office for use in the annual audit of the books and records of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report be referred to the proper committees.

Betty Prater Grand Treasurer

#### ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS

Certificates Issued	Date	Number Issued	Principal Amount
1 - 1,026	Nov. 1, 1987 thru Oct. 3 1, 1995	1,026	\$513,000
1,027 - 1,201	Nov. 1, 1995 thru Oct. 3 1, 1996	175	87,500
1,202 - 1,349	Nov. 1, 1996 thru Oct. 3 1, 1997	148	74,000
1,350 - 1,557	Nov. 1, 1997 thru Oct. 3 1, 1998	208	104,000
1,558 - 1,869	Nov. 1, 1998 thru Oct. 3 1, 1999	312	156,000
1870 - 2136	Nov. 1, 1999 thru June 30, 2000	267	133,500
TOTAL ENDOWED M	EMBERSHIPS	2,136	\$1,068,000

Note: The Chapters received \$22.86 for each eligible Endowed Member

Endowed Membership Trust Frost National Bank WB0323900

Short Term Treasury Funds	\$ 63,063
U. S. Treasury Notes/Government Agencies	721,101
Corporate Bonds and Notes	318,298
Total Investment Cost	1,105,961
Estimated Annual Cash Income	68,243

# GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S. CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

ALL PERTAIN TO 501(C)(8)	Int. Rate	Maturity	Amount
Colonial Savings O.E.S. Home	5.60%	02/14/01	\$ 100,000.00
Comerica Bank Educational Fund Time Deposi	5.80% t	10/04/01	65,000.00
Comerica Bank Fannie V. Ward	4.85%	08/30/00	35,000.00
Comerica Bank Helen M. Bramlett	5.10%	09/01/02	6,261.77
Comerica Bank Fannie V. Ward Time Deposit	4.45%	09/04/00	5,570.35
ALL PERTAIN TO 501(C)(8)	Int. Rate	Maturity	Amount
Guaranty Federal Bank Educational Fund	5.87%	10/19/00	17,000.00
Guaranty Federal Bank General Fund	5.39%	06/03/01	21,725.94
Guaranty Federal Bank Home Fund	5.10%	12/03/00	6,436.46
Guaranty Federal Bank WGM's Special Funds	MM Flex Rate		48,000.00
Guaranty Federal Bank Vehicle Acquisition	6.00%	06/04/01	3 <b>,</b> 513.75
Wells Fargo Beal Bank Home Fund	7.00%	09/15/00	37,000.00
Wells Fargo U.S. Trust Home Fund	6.45%	03/16/01	36,000.00
Guaranty Federal Bank GC of TX Vehicle Acquisition	5.39%	07/21/01	9,000.00
Wells Fargo Bank of Texas WGM's Special Funds Account	5.92/6.10%	06/08/01	75,000.00
Total Certificates of I	Deposit Amount		\$ 465,508.27

## PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES	Nov. 1, 1999	<b>June 30, 2000</b>
General Clearing Trust Bank One 8336565700	\$ 420,452	\$ 423,099
General Fund Clearing Bank One 1180240432	35.048	571,661
Home Holding Trust Bank One 8336704400	1,049,774	1,943,594
Home Fund MM Saving Bank One 0010316917	97,944	126,698
OES Home Endowment Trust Bank One 8336565800	6,671,239	8,041,765
Home Endowment Trust Bank One 8336831900	243,378	262,953
Mary C. Kennington Trust Bank One 83366994700	524,549	547,063
Home Renovation Trust Guaranty Bank 380-0838066	434,161	424,084
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES	Nov. 1, 1999	June 30, 2000
Home Members Checking Chase 072-00308569	42,894	\$ 30,759
Ladies Special Checking Chase 072-00339606	14,571	13,370
Home Renovation Checking Guaranty 300-033769	5,203	14,396
Endowed Membership Checking Frost Natl. Bank 23-0138958	156	121
Special Funds (WGM) Checking Chase 072-00345603	97,398	79,496
Education Fund Checking Comerica Bank 1880166689	15,922	18,359
Benevolent Board Checking Bank One 1180199414	5,315	5,586
Benevolent Aid Checking Southwest Bank 3005261	75,343	38,692
Endowment Management Trust Frost Natl. Bank Wb0323900 (For Endowed Memberships)	979,858	1,105,961

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## BALANCE IN ACCOUNT

Nov. 1, 1999 \$58,839.61 Jun. 30, 2000 2,253.42	Nov. 1, 1 Oct. 31,	
REVENUES:		
	\$ 102,800	\$ 20,972
Registration Fees	35,510	÷ 40,012
WGM Special Funds		13,924
WGM Designated Funds		4,501
Interest	2.292	2,973
Sales of Proceedings	2,039	301
Bulletin Subscriptions/Articles	83,746	46,483
Advanced Report Announcements	2,300	1,900
Sale of Supplies/Printed Materials	_,	_,
including Postage	56,375	41,389
GGC Supplies	41,313	26,583
Dispensations	1,079	1,119
Endowed Membership Adm. Fees	24,843	17,222
GC Session Summary	2,198	45
GC Session Misc. Income		60,580
GC Vendor Sales	10,395	
Gifts/Bequests/Grants	65,101	1,776
Miscellaneous	12,441	4,307
TOTAL REVENUES	442,432	244,075
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grand Officers & Committees	3 18,717	\$
Grand Chapter Session	19,448	73,889
GC Automobile/Transportation	12,007	(5,389)
Past Grands' Jewels	1,200	
Administrative Services:		
Salaries/Payroll Taxes	85,505	54,500
Capital Improvements	, 	
Endowed Memberships		
Equipment/Building/Maintenance	6,343	6,009
Equipment Lease/Repair/Maint.	12,704	3,129
Legal/Audit/CPA Services	22,385	21,915
Office Printing Supplies	10,944	7,495
Utilities/Disposal/Phone/Janitoria		7,905
Printing and Postage	178,481	97,387
Official Reporter for Grand Chapter	2,500	2,500
Grand Chapter Contingency		
GGC Expenses (3rd Year)		
GGC Resale Supplies	37,249	29,454
GGC Resale Supplies Miscellaneous		<b>29,4</b> 54 6,661
	37,249	

# **OES HOME OPERATING FUND - BANK ONE**

### BALANCE IN ACCOUNT

Nov. 1, 1999 \$ Jun. 30, 2000	97,944.56	Nov. 1, Oct. 31		Nov. 1, 1999 Jun. 30, 2000
<b>REVENUES</b> :				
Interest - excludir	or Endowment	\$19,032		\$ 10,373
Dues/Per Capita (	0	499,451		475,379
Securities/Divider		400,101		(4,404)
Property Sales		13,719		5,856
Registration Fee		10,110		0,000
Gifts/Bequests/Wi	lls/Grants	54,879		62,279
Oil and Gas Royal		14,483		15,484
Special Funds - W		5,431		
Visitors Room Rer		6,817		3,944
Pensions - Home I		418,467		219,507
Home Member Re		15,262		50,136
Humanitarian	eerben	21,883		14,038
Miscellaneous Rec	eints	1,000		8,228
TOTAL REVE		1,069.424		860,820
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DISBURSEMENTS:				
Payroll and Taxes		673,792		424,387
Officers & Board 1	Expenses	729		719
Operating Expens		124,262		27,752
Audit/Legal and P		3,412		23,421
Vehicle Expenses		3,524		12,249
Equipment/Furnis	hings	3,770		
Insurance	0	108,256		69,005
Repairs/Maintena	nce/Leases	31,168		29,830
Services:				
Allowance to Ho	me Members	35,120		10,200
Funeral		5,438		16,744
Hospital/Day Su	rgery/Ambulance	e 7,922		2,098
Ladies Special I	Days	2,888		820
Linen Services		4,591		1,872
Medical Drs. /De	entists/X-Ray/Lab	0 24,483		16,149
Medications		81,125		28,924
Pest Control		3,122		1,772
Miscellaneous			2 2	14,853
Supplies:				
Office Supplies/	Postage	15,679	. *	22,158
Food Expense		120,705		48,960
Housekeeping		23,530		(5,771)
Patient Care	· · · ·	14,090		
Utilities - Elec/C	as/Water/		.+	
Phone/Trash		119,267		73,438
TOTAL DIS	BURSEMENTS	1,406,873		819,580

**GRAND TREASURER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Treasurer, as printed in the advanced report, and presented to this Grand Chapter be referred to the proper Committee.

Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that the report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to the proper Committee. Those in favor, please raise your hand. Those opposed. The motion carries.

At this time we will have a little relaxation while we listen to Sister Diane Beckley, our Grand Soloist. Sister Diane. (singing of "Without a Song.") Thank you, Sister Diane. Beautiful voice. Our Grand Soloist. Beautiful lady.

At this time we will have a partial report of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Chairman, Sister Mildred Sharpe.

# PARTIAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: Hello to all of you out there. We're glad you're with us. We, your Jurisprudence Committee – and I'm pleased to introduce the members of the Committee: Mrs. Beulah Speer from District 2; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, District 3; Mr. Kenneth Gregory, District 4; and Mr. Harry Cunningham, District 5.

We're pleased to submit the following report on unfinished business and distribution. In compliance with the provision of the Code of Laws, Article 152e, governing Grand Chapter, relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee, we are pleased to submit this report relating to unfinished business and the distribution of the miscellaneous reports contained in the advanced annual reports, including the supplemental reports. Having reviewed the Proceedings of the 1998-99 Grand Chapter Session, we find no unfinished business.

The distribution of reports are as follows: To the Board of Grand Trustees, the report of the Grand Secretary, the report of the Grand Treasurer, the report of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. To the By-Laws Committee, amendments to by-laws contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's report. To the Chapters Under Dispensation Committee, such matters pertaining to Chapters U.D. as contained in Grand Officer reports. To the Grievance and Appeals Committee, any disciplinary matters contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's report. To the Jurisprudence Committee, all matters assigned by this Grand Chapter and as are contained within the prescribed duties of this Committee.

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Those in favor, please raise your hand. Those opposed. The motion carries. Thank you, Sister Mildred and your wonderful Jurisprudence Committee. We will hear more from you tomorrow.

So that we can get back here for our evening session, we're going to have our benediction at this time by Brother Leland Benefield.

**MR. LELAND BENEFIELD:** Our dear Heavenly Father, we're thankful for this afternoon, how smooth things have run. We're thankful for the Eastern Star, the Grand Chapter. We're thankful for all the things that You have done. As we go forth on this Grand Chapter session, we pray that You will do it to the best of Your ability, and be back with us tonight. All of these things we ask in Christ's Name, amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

I now call this."A Touch of Faith in Fall Starlight" Session of the Grand Chapter from labor to rest until 6:30 tonight. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, "The Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter of Texas Session has been called from labor to rest. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well.

# "A TOUCH OF HOPE IN WINTER STARLIGHT" THURSDAY EVENING SESSION OCTOBER 5, 2000

6:30 p.m. Musical Prelude ...... Mrs. Marion "Boots" Draper Arrangements Committee and the Bell Choir of Coker United Methodist Church

7:00 p.m. Call to Order ...... Mrs. Mary M. Brown Past Grand Matron

> Mr. Joe E. Jeffers Past Grand Patron

MRS. MARY BROWN: Good evening, my Sisters and Brothers. The hour has arrived f or us to resume our labors. Thank you, "Boots" Draper, my precious Mary Brown Girl, for playing "The Hand-in-Hand March" as we were escorted to the East. We always appreciate the music that is provided during the hours that we are waiting for time to begin our program.

Brother Joe E. Jeffers, it was an honor to be escorted by you this evening. You are always very courteous and thoughtful, and I appreciate that. (applause) Also, I'm intrigued by your all- male corps of installation officers. Come June, I'll bet you'll have a completely filled calendar. Now, Brother Joe, the membership loves you, and I appreciate you, and I know they would love to receive your greetings.

**MR. JOE JEFFERS:** Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Sister Mary Brown. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers, Grand Chapter Officers, Beloved Sisters and Brothers: I am deeply honored and moved this evening to stand before you in this darkened hall knowing that this room is filled with the spirit of the Order of the Eastern Star. My Sisters and my Brothers, do you realize how fortunate you are to belong to this organization. Look around you, to your left and to your right, behind you and in front of you, and see the number of friends, dear and close friends, that you probably would not have were you not a member of this Order. It is indeed an honor to stand here before you and welcome you to this Thursday evening session of this Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for being here and escorting Sister Mary Brown and having an opportunity to attend your Grand Chapter in San Antonio. Thank you. (applause)

**MRS. MARY BROWN:** Thank you, Brother Joe. "A Touch of Hope in Winter Starlight," my precious Sisters and Brothers, you are my touch of hope in the winter years of my life. Your birthday cards, your letters, your calls, your greetings when we meet all lift me to a new high. Your presence here is my joy. Thank you f or your love, and though I seldom write, my thoughts and my love are always with you. God bless.

Sisters and Brothers, will you give your attention to the altar presentation. These presentations will be made by our beloved Past Grand Matrons and a Past Grand Patron. Assisting Grand Marshal is Mrs. Alma Carter; presenting the Bible is Mrs. Doris Efird; presenting the Square and Compasses is Mr. Garland Rattan, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee of General Grand Chapter, as well as a Past Grand Patron of Texas. ("Bless This House" sung by Mrs. Betty Carole Shivley and Mrs. Becky Wunsche, Grand Duet, as altar presentation made.)

Thank you, Grand Duet, Mrs. Betty Carole Shivley and Mrs. Becky Wunsche, for the that beautiful music.

Our Scripture will be given by Mrs. Molly Goodpasture.

**MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE:** I'm pleased to give this Scripture in place of my precious good friend, Mrs. Katherine Poulis. This Scripture is on hope, and it's found in The Living Bible, the paraphrased version, Jeremiah 17:7 and 8. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and has made the Lord his hope and confidence. He is like a tree planted along a riverbank with its roots reaching deep into the water, a tree not bothered by the heat, nor worried by long months of drought. Its leaves stay green, and it goes right on producing all its luscious fruit."

MRS. MARY BROWN: Sister Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matron, will take our petitions to the throne of God.

MRS. KATHERINE HARBOUR: My God and my Redeemer, I know whom I have believed, and in Thee do I place my trust. Amen.

MRS. MARY BROWN: The Installed Grand Officers and their Pages will present their "Steppin' Out 20001, drill, directed by Mrs. Susie B. Broughton, Grand ' Marshal. (drill performed to much applause) Would the Labyrinth Committee please set up the Labyrinth.

**MRS. MARY BROWN:** Will the Officers please take your stations. Sisters and Brothers, while the Officers are assuming their stations, I would like to share with you some of the thoughts I had when this precious lady invited me to serve on this particular night. When she sent me the title of the session, "A Touch of Hope," my mind immediately went to – and it was on a winter night – my mind immediately went to what our hope is. I thought first of Psalms 121, "1 will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help,,, but as I thought of the winter night I decided it must be the birth of Jesus Christ. Regardless of what our problems are or our concerns, this we know, our hope is in the Lord. He alone can make it right.

Sister Organist, would you play some music while we're waiting for the Officers to assume their stations.

Sister Betty, you and Jack are very special to me. We've been walking hand in hand for many years, and I look forward to many more. We may let Doss come along, too. I am very proud of you. You have served with dignity and decorum, yet humbly and with compassion for your Sisters and Brothers. There are many things I could add, but this one thing I want you to remember. I love you very much and will always be there for you. You know my number! But for now, enjoy and have a wonderful session.

And, Brother Lee, my Worthy Grand Patron – I like to touch you when I talk –

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: And I like for you to.

**MRS. MARY BROWN:** It has been a joy getting to know you and your sweet Pat these past two years. You have a keen intellect and a great deal of enthusiasm for our Order, and I'm looking forward to participating with you in the business of this Grand Chapter session and for many years to come.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Mary M. Brown, my sweet friend. You're one of the most precious people that I know. We're truly soul mates and think alike even when apart. Born on the same day in August, that may explain that to a degree. Your gentle manner and soft, calming voice have been an inspiration to me for over twenty years. If I were able to choose a twin or be the result of a clone, you would be the choice! You know my love for you is real and always will be true.

Brother Joe Jeffers, many things in our life vary from one day to the next, and we're sometimes puzzled by the changes. We know that things will be changing as the years go by in this new millennium, but I'm glad to say, thank goodness I know one thing that will never change, and that's Joe Jeffers. And neither will my respect for him. Thank you for always being yourself and thank you for assisting in this "A Touch of Hope in Winter Starlight" opening session with Past Grand Matron Mary M. Brown.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Mary, you are a warm and caring person who has served our Order with dignity and honor. Thank you for being a part of opening our Thursday evening session. And Brother Joe, I think you know how honored I am that you are a part of the opening of this session tonight. You are a true friend and have been unwavering in your support. Thank you for always being there when I needed you. Thank you. (applause) **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** This is our winter session in "The Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter, and at this time I want to remind you that Christmas is almost here again. Once a small shy little girl stood on the sidelines as her classmates whacked away at a star pinata that had been provided for the Christmas party for the class. After several heavy whacks, the star crashed to the ground, and all types of goodies and toys came tumbling out. All the children scrambled for their share, but the shy little girl waited on the sidelines. Suddenly she rushed over and picked up the broken star. Clutching it to her heart, she said, "Look, I've got the star." The trinkets and treats were meaningless to her, but the star was her celebration of the season because it hung on her bedpost for several years. Like that little girl, let us make the star our celebration and each morning think of Jesus as our Morning Star, our light to guide us through the day, and at night think of Him as our Evening Star whose presence will light the darkest corner of our life.

At this time it is my pleasure to recognize Mrs. Martha Hover who will present the report of the Fraternal Correspondent with the "World Friendship 2000" drill under the direction of Mrs. Susie Broughton, our Grand Marshal. Sister Martha.

# REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

MRS. MARTHA HOVER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand East, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

A beautiful privilege has been mine this year to serve as the Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. How grateful I am to Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Y. Friend and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lee Stallings for this opportunity to serve Grand Chapter. I am also grateful to the Grand Secretary, Sister Marjorie Errington Haynes and the office staff for keeping me informed of those who would be my companions as I journeyed into the <u>Season of Starlight.</u>

When I accepted this appointment little did I realize what a beautiful and rewarding experience it would be to travel from the Tapestry of Love And Service Session in Waco to the Seasons of Starlight Session in San Antonio. Not only did I travel from the 20th Century with it's combustible engine, electric icebox, flushing toilets, technology and rocketry, but I also traveled into the 21st Century and was permitted to visit a 20th century gazebo where I rested, refreshed, and renewed the privilege of being a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. I did this by visiting my sister and brothers from other grand jurisdictions simply by observing other grand chapter sessions from the marvelous reports the Grand Representatives in other jurisdictions to Texas furnished to me. The reports I received were interesting and informative and provided a unique learning experience.

After the beautiful installation of the Grand Floor Officers and my presentation as Fraternal Correspondent, I returned to Amarillo and wondered "What happens now?" I decided the very first thing I must do is contact all the Grand Representatives and let them know how excited and honored I am to be working with them as they traveled from our great state to other Grand jurisdictions to represent our wonderful membership in Texas.

 It didn't take long before I received my first report from Sister Billie Probst, Grand Representative of New Hampshire in Texas. Sister Billie reported that she attended the 109th "Gardens of Friendship Session" in Manchester, New Hampshire on August 25-28, 1999. As I read this report more fully I realized what a wonderful experience this appointment would be.

Since that time I have spent many hours reading the reports and proceedings from other Grand Jurisdictions. So many jurisdictions are unique, yet the foundation upon which our great Order of the Eastern Star was built continues to be the same.

Dr. Robert Morris, in Jackson, Mississippi, founded the Order of the Eastern Star in 1850. The first chapter was organized in Dr. Morris' home in La Grange, Kentucky. The "Little Red School House" in Richland, Mississippi is a shrine to Dr. Rob Morris. His home in La Grange belongs to and is maintained by the Kentucky Grand Chapter.

A Worthy Grand Matron of Connecticut conceived the idea of exchanging interesting information with other Grand Jurisdictions in 1876. She felt there should be an exchange of ideas and good fellowship among the jurisdictions. She had the foresight to see Mat a valuable tool this could be and how much each state could profit from this exchange. Thus the position of Fraternal Correspondent was born.

Our International Eastern Star Temple, considered to be one of the most beautiful buildings in the world, was built in 1909 and is located in Washington, D.C. No national flag is flown over the Temple since we are international. However, there is a lighted star in our five colors atop the building representing the subordinate chapters, surrounded by the pentagon representing Grand Chapters and the circle representing General Grand Chapter. The maintenance and upkeep of the Temple is funded by a lifetime donation of \$1.00 by each member to the International Temple Fund. The history of every chapter in the world is housed in the Temple in fireproof vaults. It is the home of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and is also the home of the Right Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Grand Patron when they visit the area.

The Eastern Star Peace Gardens are located on the border between North Dakota and Manitoba. Sister Beth Anne Boschee, Grand Representative to North Dakota got to visit and to report on this Grand Jurisdiction. Bronze plaques in the Gardens display the words, "To God in His Glory, we two nations dedicate this garden and pledge ourselves as long as men shall live, we will not take up arms against each other". The Peace Gardens were dedicated in 1931, A Peace Chapel in 1970 and a Masonic Auditorium in 1981. A "Hands Across the Border" picnic is held each summer.

Each Grand Chapter is different, yet they all are dedicated to the purposes and foundations by which we prosper. All have the Holy Bible resting upon the altar and the flag of the country is always displayed. Beautiful memorials are held for those departed members who have left the realm of this earthly home and entered their heavenly home.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as the north winds swept across the high plains of the Texas panhandle, I was transported to my own personal gazebo in the warm sunshine of the Grand Jurisdiction of California, through the report of Sister Sarah V. Coursey, Grand Representative to California in Texas. There I learned this grand jurisdiction has a comptroller and the Grand Treasurer is in name only.

As the Christmas holiday season approached and passed, there were no reports received for several months. Then I received the first report of the new millennium from our dear Sister Nell Koonce, Grand Representative to Louisiana in Texas, who passed away on June 3, 2000 after a short illness. She reported that she attended the "Ringing in God's Love" Session in Alexandria, LA on March 27-29. She reported that Proficiency Awards are given by reciting a perfect rendition of the secret work, the entire opening and closing and the initiation ceremony. This award is good for three years. Attaining a gold proficiency award takes 20 years.

From my very own District 2 Section 2 I received a report from my friend Sister Gladys Carroll Knight, who, along with her husband Dub, attended the Stars of the Millennium Session in Saskatoon.

Many of the Grand Jurisdictions have OES Homes, which they support. Many support their homes as we do through a per capita. Various fund-raisers support others. Many Grand Jurisdictions share a home with the Masons, and each contributes to the operation of the home. Some jurisdictions have no OES home or Masonic home. In California the OES Home was moved to Fresno and the name updated to "Senior Living Community Center".

Our neighbor to the north Grand Chapter of Oklahoma built a new Eastern Star Grand Chapter Headquarters with a bedroom, laundry, office and conference room. They have a combined OES Home and Masonic Home located in Guthrie and the Grand Chapter is nearly always held in Guthrie. The chapters there are responsible for Scottish Rites housing. They charge \$12.00 per night and you furnish your own linens.

In Missouri I learned the Grand Marshal calls the Sessions from labor to rest and rest to labor at the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron. The Grand Officers, before and after, each session perform a lengthy drill. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron stand at the altar and bow to each Grand Officer as they approach the altar, then bowing to each other they follow the Grand officers from the chapter room.

Reports were received from the following Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions:

- 1. Sister Billie Ray Probst
- 2. Brother William D. Prague
- 3. Sister Carolyn Schaefer
- 4. Brother Clinton Lynn

Sisters:

- 5. Sarah Valkus Coursey
- 6. Opal K. O'Neil
- 7. Katherine Duncan
- 8. Patricia L. Hancock
- 9. Mary Pike
- 10. Nell Koonce
- 11. Ruby Casto
- 12. Gladys Carroll Knight
- 13. Marian Von Heeder

New Hampshire Australia Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Missouri

California Illinois Nevada Oklahoma New Mexico Louisiana Mississippi Saskatchewan Kansas

14.	Beulah Warner	Massachusetts
15.	Ann Kelly	Manitoba
16.	Jackie Arnold	Minnesota
17.	Margie Curry	Wisconsin
18.	Fleeta A. Fannett	Montana
19.	Mrs. Frances Atkinson	New Jersey
20.	Ruth Anne Boschee	North Dakota
<b>21.</b>	Patsy Neeper	North Carolina
22.	Chet Pitts	Oregon
23.	Cuba Beavers	Washington
24.	Janice Herridge	Wyoming
25.	Billie Ray Probst	New Hampshire

The following sent reports too late for me to publish in the Official Bulletin;

26.	Ruth Jameson*	Ohio
27.	Gaynelle Wilson	Virginia
28.	Myrie Prine*	Ontario
29.	Mary Nell Ramsey*	Idaho
30.	Lee Ellis*	British Columbia & Yukon

I wish I could share with you all I learned from these marvelous reports, but time just will not permit. I did learn there are many ways to nominate and elect the Associate Grand Patron, many ways to cast and collect a ballot, including gathering them into a fishnet attached to a long pole and voting at the time of registration. I learned that some jurisdictions have no District Deputy Grand Matrons only Deputy Grand Matrons. And some jurisdictions have no Deputy Grand Matrons only <u>District Deputy Grand Matrons</u>, and some jurisdictions have neither, only Grand Lecturers.

What an interesting and beautiful experience I have had by sharing this year with each of these Grand Representatives through the reports they have furnished me. Thank you for sharing your official visits to other Grand Jurisdictions with me through your very interesting reports. You expressed to me how warmly you were received. I know you did Texas proud by sharing your fraternal love and friendship in each of these grand jurisdictions.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I want to thank you for this beautiful appointment. What a thrill it has been for me to serve in this place for the year. Worthy Grand Matron, you told me you once served as Fraternal Correspondent "and it was a beautiful appointment and a lovely experience." It is indeed!

Thank you Sister Susie Broughton, Grand Marshal, for developing the "World Friendship 2000 Drill."

Led by the Grand Pages to the Grand Marshal, the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas and their counter-parts or escorts will now present the "World Friendship 2000 Drill". Sister Grand Marshal I invite you to escort our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lee Stallings, as I escort our Worthy Grand Matron to the drill floor to view the <u>"World Friendship 2000 Drill"</u>.

> Respectfully Submitted Martha A. Hover Fraternal Correspondent

(Drill performed to much applause.)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I want you to continue looking at those beautiful flags. If you were not present for the General Banquet, then you do not know that these flags were purchased by loving members of the Order of the Eastern Star so that Texas could, from now on, have their very own flags. And they did it to honor your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We are so grateful. Tell them that. (applause)

Thank you, Sister Martha and Sister Susie Broughton, my beautiful Grand Marshal. What a wonderful impression the Grand Representatives made upon those in other states, other provinces and other countries as they represented Texas around the world. A beautiful program.

Sister Melissa Simonton, could the Grand Choir sing a song as we put our Labyrinth back in place? ("Love Lifted Me" sung by Grand Choir.) The Officers will take their respective stations.

Sisters, and Brothers, we are about to begin our ESTARL program. This is one of the highlights of our benevolent existence. We're always so proud to present those who have been chosen to receive our scholarships for ministerial work in communities around the world.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible.

It is with great pleasure that I present Brother Willie Pointer, the General Chairman of our ESTARL Committee, who will present the "Shining for the Lord" ESTARL service and awards. Brother Willie.

**MR. WILLIE POINTER:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand East, Sisters and Brothers and Friends: Welcome to the "Shining for the Lord" ESTARL service.

Thank you on behalf of all the committee members for your attendance at this very special evening, when we award our scholarships to those who have dedicated their lives to serve our LORD.

Worthy Grand Matron I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as general chairman of this very important committee. It has been my pleasure to serve with the real workers of this committee. The four Sisters and one Brother who have devoted many hours and their expenses to see that our applicants completed all the required paper work to qualify for these scholarships.

We have a very committed, caring, and enthusiastic committee that prayerfully studied each application, then submitted their findings to the entire committee:

They are: Mrs. Ethel Powell Mrs. Barbara Ochs Mrs. Helen Sanderford Mrs. Sharon Mr. Winde

Chairman District I Chairman District II Chairman District III Chairman District IV Chairman District V Please join me in showing our appreciation for their dedication to the LORDS work.

With any great an laudable undertaking we always invoke the Blessing of our Heavenly FATHER, This will be voiced by Brother Phillip Moye.

**MR. PHILLIP MOYE:** Good evening. Psalm 100, verse 1, says: "Shout unto the Lord all the earth, worship the Lord with gladness, come before Him with joyful songs." I'd like to read for you this evening a journal entry for your invocation left behind by Cassie Bernell, who was killed at Columbine High School two years ago. Her parents found her journal after she died. She's speaking to one of her girlfriends named Cassandra. "Hi, Cass. I am just so thankful to God for everything He has done for me, as well as for others. Even when things are bad, He's sitting next to me; and when things are a little less – becoming hectic, blown out of proportion and keeping my emotions straight. You know, I wonder what God is going to do with my life, like my purpose. Some people will become missionaries and things. What about me? What does God have in store for me? Where do my talents and gifts lie? For now I'll just take it day by day. I'm confident that I'll know some day. Maybe I'll look back at my life and think, Oh, so that was it. Isn't it amazing this plan we're all a part of? God has a plan for all of our lives."

We thank you for investing your time and your efforts into our future ministers. Let us pray. Father, we give You thanks for this organization, the Eastern Star, wherever they may be around this country and around the world. Give them strength and guidance. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

MR. WILLIE POINTER: Sister Becky was unable to be with us tonight, so I have invited the Choir, if they would, to sing us a worship in song. (Grand Choir sang "Our Best.")

**MR. JOHN FLUTH:** Our Scripture this evening is found in the Epistle of 2 Corinthians, Chapter 9. "This I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. So everyone give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly nor of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to take all grace and make it abound toward you, but you always, having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written, he has disbursed abroad, he has given to the poor, his righteousness endures forever. Now may he who supplies the seed to the sower and bread for food supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness while you are enriched in everything with all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, while through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and to all men, and by their prayer for you who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift."

**MR. WILLIE POINTER:** It is my pleasure tonight to also introduce our speaker for the evening. He now attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He is a pastor in an Irving church in Irving, Texas. He has also been a member of our Order of the Eastern Star for 13 years. He is a devoted husband and a father of two children. It is my pleasure to introduce to you Brother Keith Buice. Brother Keith.

MR. KEITH BUICE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members and Fellow ESTARL Recipients, I am so honored this evening to be here to share this evening with you. Many of you do know that I have been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star since 1987. I've been privileged to be an ESTARL recipient for the past three years.

This evening I would like to do things just a little bit differently than we've done in the past, since I'm in the unique position of not only being a member of the Order, but also a recipient. I would like to speak to our recipients this evening, as well as to my Sisters and Brothers. So they will be able to see better, I'd like for all the recipients to come and join me right over here. I won't ask you to do anything other than just stand here so that you can see and observe.

Some of you heard of the ESTARL scholarship through a relative or through a friend, but may not have personally had any knowledge of our organization. Someone offered you money and you said yes. And you hoped that the organization that gave you the money would be doing good things, but you weren't really sure.

Tonight I want to briefly explain the foundational principles of our beautiful Order, because they assist you in your education. Robert Morris, our Founder, established this beautiful Order on biblical principles. He illustrated them through the lives of five heroines of the Bible.

Adah, her story is found in Judges 11. She was the daughter of Jephthah, a judge of Israel. He was asked to lead the Israelites into battle. He sought the blessings of God, and he vowed a vow that the first thing coming out of his house upon his return in victory, he would sacrifice to the Lord. God gave the victory. Jephthah returned a hero. And as he returned home, Adah, his daughter, met him coming out of the house. Jephthah was grieved because he knew of his covenant with the Lord. He wanted to break his vow, but Adah refused to allow her father to be dishonored. We learn the lessons of loyalty and fidelity from our Sister Adah. My question to you this evening: Are you faithful and loyal to your call?

The story of Ruth is a beautiful story of love and dedicated service. Ruth was a Moabite widow. She returned to Israel with her mother-in-law. She faithfully worked in the fields of Boaz to support Naomi. God blessed her dedicated labor by causing Boaz to redeem her from a life of poverty. My question to you: Are you a servant in your call?

Our third heroine is Queen Esther. This beautiful young lady rose to a position of power and authority as the queen of Persia. When evil Haman plotted to destroy her people, noble Queen Esther realized that she had been given her position for such a time as this. Esther courageously used her power for the welfare of her people, saving them from extermination. Our question this evening is: How do you use and how will you use your ministerial position and power?

The inspiring story of Martha is found in the Gospel of John. Martha, along with her sister Mary and her brother Lazarus, was a close friend of our Savior. One day, as we know, Lazarus fell ill. The sisters sent word to Jesus, knowing of his healing power. Jesus was delayed, and when he got there four days later, Martha ran to see him and said, "Lord, Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus replied to her, "He will live again." Martha, thinking of the resurrection in the last days, said, "Yes, Lord, I know he will rise again in the last days at the resurrection." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me shall not die. Believest thou this?" Our question to you this evening is: How would you answer Jesus's question when he says, Do you believe me?

Our last heroine is Electa. She is spoken of in the Second Epistle to John. John wrote to the Elect Lady where we got the name Electa. Extra-biblical sources tell us of not only her hospitality, but her loyalty during persecution. Refusing to forsake her savior, she gave the supreme act of devotion. My question this evening is: Is your commitment deep enough to go the distance and to show Jesus's agape love?

As you see, the Order of the Eastern Star is based on the inspired Word of God. I assure you that if we could emulate the virtues of these five heroines, our ministry will be blessed, beyond all imagination blessed. It Is my prayer that the same God who blessed these heroines will bless our ministries.

Now to my Sisters and Brothers, I want to remind you of the virtues exemplified in the lives of the heroines of our Order. I want to challenge you to renew your commitment to these principles. We have for many, many years shown our devotion to God through the generosity of our hearts. You've honored us as recipients by being here this evening, by allowing us to serve you and by your support of us. On behalf of these other recipients, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and for your love, and to ask that that support and love continue.

Let's pray. Lord, thank You so much for the Order of the Eastern Star. Lord, thank You for the call You've placed on our lives. Lord, thank You for the way that You can use us as Your tools to minister to the world around us. And, Lord, thank You for the way that You can use these lovely people through their gifts, through their love and their support to reach the world. Lord, although we cannot go every place and be everywhere, we can support those who go in Your name. Lord, thank You for that honor. Help us to be strengthened in our resolve to support your work throughout the world. Once again, Lord, I pray a blessing upon these recipients and for their churches and for their schools of instruction. Lord, give them blessing upon blessing, victory upon victory. Lord, once again we thank You for this beautiful Order that loves us and supports us financially and with love and with such great generosity. In Your Name we pray, amen.

**MR. WILLIE POINTER:** As we receive our offering tonight, it too will go to our scholarships for the ESTARL program. If the Pages would take the collection boxes, I'm going to ask one of our recipients, Brother Daniel Lauer, to come and give the offertory prayer. Brother Daniel.

**MR. DANIEL LAUER:** Please join me for a moment of prayer. Almighty God, we give You thanks for the innumerable blessings that You have bestowed upon us. Lord, help us to remember that we're but stewards of Your gifts, and it is in giving that we receive, giving our hearts, our treasure and talents to you. We are called to be our brother's keeper like thread in a fine tapestry that supports and are supported by each other. Bless the gifts offered tonight. Remember and bless those in the Order of the Eastern Star who give to bring honor and glory to Your Name through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen. (Offering collected.)

**MR. WILLIE POINTER:** I want to thank the Pages for the splendid job they did of taking our collection. At this time we will be entertained by special music from one of our recipients, Jennifer Truelove. (applause followed singing)

Thank you, Jennifer, for sharing your talents with us in song and praises to our Lord. We will now have a prayer of thanksgiving for our offering to be voiced by Bonnie Sue Perry, one of our recipients.

**MS. BONNIE SUE PERRY:** Please bow with me for the prayer of thanks. O God, most merciful and gracious of whose beauty we have all received, accept this offering of Your people. Remember in Your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given. Follow it with Your blessing that it may promote peace and good will among all peoples and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**MR. WILLIE POINTER:** We will now have our presentation of the recipients, scholarships. These will be done by our District Chairmen, assisting with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**MRS. ETHEL POWELL:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for allowing me to serve in this honorary position and give these beautiful awards. Thank you, Brother Willie, for helping me with your loving kindness when I needed your assistance.

I mailed out 31 applications this year. Scholarships were awarded to six that are reapplying. They are: Michael Goodman, recommended by Forney-Terrell #557; Phillip Paul Moye, Roy Stanley #1086, and Phillip is with us tonight. Phillip, would you come forward, please. Thank you so much for coming, Phillip. Sherry Gillis, Carthage #747; Carolyn O'Neal, Farmers Branch #687; Carrie Sumter, Plano #703; Linda White, Loyal #648. There were nine new scholarships awarded. They are to Brian Alan Borden recommended by The Colony #1136; Kyle Wesley Chapman, Forney-Terrell #557; Carrin Cook, Oakcliff #303; Terra Kind, James Ladd Burgess #983; Rudy Owen, Decatur #543; James Lawrence Page, Aurora #799; Darren Patterson, Richardson #291; Steve Porch, Rockwall #858, and Margaret Sturchie, Dalcliff #574. Thank you again. (applause)

MRS. BARBARA OCHS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this appointment, and my dear old school buddy. From District 2 it is my honor to call the names of the six recipients. Three are reapplying: Christopher Kim Barnett, Friendship 1008, he's attending Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth; Keith Buice, Floyd Easterling 1078, Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary. The new recipients are Jeremy Ayres, Queen Esther 833, Duke Divinity University in Durham, North Carolina; Lorie Michelle Dockery, Colorado 58, Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, and Rebecca Cole Henson, Amarillo 787, Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth. (applause)

MRS. HELEN SANDERFORD: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honor of serving on this very special Committee this year. It's my privilege to name those who have received scholarships from District 3. Timothy Dean sponsored by Polytechnic Chapter #420, Stacy Morgan sponsored by Centennial Chapter #842 in Waco, Kyle Martin sponsored by Lometa Chapter #871 and Jennifer Truelove sponsored by North Fort Worth Chapter #684 in Fort Worth. Thank you for the beautiful musical presentation, Jennifer. (applause)

MRS. SHARON HARBISON: Sister Betty, my friend, and Brother Lee: Thank you for the honor you have given me this year to do your work, and I hope I did it pleasingly. It is my pleasure to announce the ESTARL scholarships awarded to those from District 4. They are: Rhonda Bean of Houston, she is attending Perkins School of Theology, she is sponsored by Oak Forest Chapter #1080; Steven Broadbeck of Fort Worth, he is attending Brite Divinity School, he is sponsored by LaMarque Chapter #979; William Denham III of Henderson, he is attending Perkins School of Theology, he is sponsored by Wisteria Chapter #823; Holly Eagle of Brenham, she is also attending Perkins School of Theology, she is sponsored by Brenham Chapter #144; John "Trey" Garland III of Sewanne, Tennessee; he is attending the University of the South School of Theology, he is sponsored by Houston Chapter #385; Aaron Young of Bellmead, he is attending Baylor University and he is sponsored by Friendswood Chapter #1131. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the ESTARL fund. It is encouraging to be able to help these dedicated individuals. Also, thanks to the Chapters who took the time and interest to sponsor these students. Remember, our rules require a student and a sponsoring Chapter. (applause)

MR. WINDEL BELL: I would like to echo the remarks made earlier by all these other District chairpersons. It has been a wonderful year and I thank you for it. District 5 had 12 applicants that were approved for scholarships. I believe there are only two of them here tonight that could make it. They are in the worship committee with us putting on the service for you tonight. That would be Bonnie Sue Perry and Daniel D. Lauer. The other ten, in case some of you might know some of them, are John Fluth, Jr., Perkins School of Theology; Linda Grant, Harvard Divinity School; Kevin Griffiths and Sheila Griffiths, a husband/wife team, they are studying at the University of Virginia; Holly Hallman who's at San Francisco Theological Seminary; Joyce Kulster who's in Lutheran Seminary of the Southwest/ Austin; Nina LaShorie who is in Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary; Daniel Lauer who is in the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest/Austin; Bonnie Sue Perry who is in Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary; James Wade Rush who is in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth; and John Spicer in the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. (applause)

MR. WILLIE POINTER: I want to thank each one of our participants tonight in our program, also each and every one that contributed to the ESTARL fund throughout the year. It has been a very successful year. We awarded 43 scholarships this year.

Our closing prayer will be offered by Brother Phillip Moye, one of our recipients. Brother Phillip.

MR. PHILLIP MOYE: Once again, our colleagues that are not here tonight and the ones that are here tonight, we thank you for your prayers and your support. We appreciate your prayers and dedication. Every year the devil tells you not to do this, you tell him you had your chance and these young people are going to have their chance. Let us pray.

Father, thank You for this organization and the work they've done. Give our Brothers and our Sisters who are about to enter the ministry the strength and guidance they need. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Willie Pointer. Your Committee has done an exceptionally good job this year in choosing recipients for our ESTARL scholarships. We're proud of your choices, and we thank you for the time you spent in making this program so beautiful and so successful. How grateful we are to the membership in Texas for their belief in this wonderful program. I want the recipients to know that we shall look forward to hearing about your progress in your studies and we would like for you to keep us informed about your mission work in the years to come. This organization believes in you and your plans for the future.

Brother Sunny Wise, you will escort our Grand Chaplain to the Grand East.

Would the Labyrinth Committee please clear the floor.

This is one of the serious moments of our Grand Chapter session. At the close of the Memorial Service tonight, we request that you leave the auditorium in the quiet, reverent attitude that we have established to honor those that we have memorialized this evening. I recognize Sister Elizabeth Wise, Grand Chaplain, for the "Stairway to Heaven" Memorial Report and "Through Heaven's Gates" drill.

# **REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN**

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my Distinguished Sisters and Brothers and Friends: We extend to each of you a very warm welcome to the "Stairway to Heaven" Memorial Service in honor of those who have gone before us.

One by one we have had our loved ones to leave this earthly life and go to their heavenly home. Our love and sympathy were extended to the family and friends of all.

In other Grand Jurisdictions, we have lost:

Contract of

1 – Worthy Grand Patron	1 – Past Grand Treasurer
60 – Past Grand Matrons	1 – Grand Ruth
49 – Past Grand Patrons	1 – Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the
1 – Past Grand Secretary	Grand Chapter of New Jersey

114 memorial cards were mailed to other Grand Jurisdictions and 114 condolence letters were sent to the families and loved ones of those who passed away.

Thinking of you, get well, and sympathy cards were sent to our own members during sickness or death.

In our Subordinate Chapters, we mourn the passing of 2306 members. Our hearts are saddened by their passing, but our lives are filled with wonderful memories.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for inviting me to serve in your grand family as your Grand Chaplain. Through God's grave and love, my life has been enriched tenfold. And I thank God for giving me this wonderful year and blessing me with the special friendship of Mrs. Betty Friend, our Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Lee Stallings, our Worthy Grand Patron.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A traveler ventured forth in the spring of his years upon a long and winding path. He had only faith and trust to lead the way, and strength and will to bear his load. His pace was steady but slow as he traveled in the cold of the winters and the warmth of the summer days. His journeys took him from place to place, and he learned many lessons from each one.

And in the winter of his years, he climbed a stairway and saw in the distance a single starlight which promised peace and rest. Following this bright star, he came upon a house filled with a brilliant glow, and a voice inside called out his name and said, "take comfort my child, for you are home."

It is indeed a beautiful privilege to pause for a moment in the midst of this "A Touch of Hope in Winter Starlight" Session to look back over the joys and sorrows of the year and pay tribute to those who have ascended the stairway to heaven to live with our Lord. There is hope to follow sorrow, just as spring will follow winter. No one hears a season change when our loved ones pass beyond. But the memory of each one will linger with us until the winter of our lives are called by our Lord. Their season has come, not gone. Their lives are now beyond the reach of death or sorrow. Their lives have not ended, but just begun int he celestial heavens. We cherish the memory of those who have ascended the stairway and entered the heavenly portals to a everlasting life. And these memories we will hold close to our hearts until we, too, ascend this stairway to heaven and meet our heavenly Father to be called to our celestial home.

The Installed Grand Officers and their Pages will now perform "The Stairway to Heaven" formation under the direction of Mrs. Susie Broughton, Grand Marshal. When the formation is in place, the beautiful song, "In The Garden," will be sung by our Grand Duet, Sisters Betty Carole Shively and Becky Wunsche.

### DRILL

### TRIBUTE TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

In this hour of sadness, we humbly pause to pay tribute to the memory of our departed loved ones of General Grand Chapter during the past year. We extend sympathy and love to the families and members for those who have been called home.

We know there are no accidents in God's plan. He has a definite and loving purpose in our creation. Our brief existence on this earth prepares us for our entry into our heavenly home. And how blessed we are to have His assurance that those who have gone before us are now standing in His presence on holy ground.

The star presentation will be presented by Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

• Titus 3:7

That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Sister Rennie Ofton, carrying the first star, representing the General Grand Chapter Officers, enters the archway and places it on the fifth stairstep. During this presentation, the vocalists are singing "Holy Ground."

The yellow gel light and yellow cathedral window are lit at this time.

# TRIBUTE TO GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have known sorrow this year as many members were called home. Called home to a land where they have never been before. Called home to a land where they shall be, eternally.

The mystery of death is not for us to know, the workings of God is not for us to understand. We should not seek the answers ourselves, but rather we should grow in faith through trust in our Lord.

May we remember these sweet ones as they reside in that heavenly place called Beulah Land.

The star presentation will be presented by Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron.

Psalms 23:4 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou are with me, Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me."

Sister Elise Hammack, carrying the second star, representing Grand Chapter Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions, enters the archway and places it on the fourth stairstep. During this presentation, the vocalists are singing "Beulah Land."

The white gel light and cathedral window are lit at this time.

# TRIBUTE TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS MEMBERS

The angel of death has entered our own Texas Grand Chapter members and called home 6 of our loved Past Grands:

Brother Ralph Davis – Worthy Grand Patron 1983-1984 Sister Sally Matranga – Worthy Grand Matron 1969-1970 Brother C.A. "Bill" Holmes – Worthy Grand Patron 1972-1973 Sister Agnes Lee Howard – Worthy Grand Matron 1960-1961 Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup – Worthy Grand Matron 1973-1974 Brother Paul Huffhines – Worthy Grand Patron 1973-1974

Into God's hands they committed their lives and relinquished their treasures and now they are home. There are no tears or sorrows. The streets are paved with gold and the rivers overflow with joy. May we follow their star until, we too, awaken in His presence and greet these special ones in their eternal home. The star presentation will be presented by Sister Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron.

2 Corinthians 5:1

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Sister Alma Carter, carrying the third star, representing the Grand Chapter of Texas members, enters the archway and places it on the third stairstep. During this presentation, the vocalists are singing "That's The Place I Am Longing To Go."

The green gel light and the cathedral window are lit at this time.

# TRIBUTE TO THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTER MEMBERS

We now pause to give tribute to remember the loving members of our Subordinate Chapters. Our hearts are filled with fraternal love and sorrow at the loss of our beloved Sisters and Brothers who now abide with our Lord.

In the shadow of death, we look to the heavens and see God's glory and we are filled with joy and courage. And we know that all is well with their souls.

The star presentation will be presented by Sister Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron.

John 16:27

"For the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved Me, and have believed that I came out of God."

Sister Beulah Speer, carrying the fourth star, representing the Subordinate Chapter Members, enters the archway and places it on the second stairstep. During this presentation, the vocalists are singing "It Is Well."

The red gel light and red cathedral window are lit at this time.

# TRIBUTE TO THE STARLIGHTS AND ALLSTARS

This is a special time of remembrance to those who served in the East this Subordinate Chapter year. Our Starlights and Allstars who lovingly devoted their year of service in our Order to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Their leadership, guidance, and love will always be an inspiration to those who follow the pathway of "Stars".

Let us now be saddened with grief, but let our hearts be filled with joy for

they have now passed through the gates and behold the presence of our Lord.

The star presentation will be presented by Sister Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron

Psalms 118:19

"Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord."

Sister Elsie Paladino, carrying the fifth star, representing the Starlights and Allstars, enters the archway and places it on the first stairstep. During this presentation, the vocalists are singing "Pass Through the Gates."

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Our lives reflect but dimly the perfection of the Lord, and when our loved ones pass beyond our view, they come into the presence of the One who made us all, where glorious love and joy come shining through. And while the earth is precious and our sorrow is sincere, our hope is in the promise we are given, that life is but a journey leading to the perfect home that God prepares for each of us in heaven.

Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Chaplain, you will prepare to drape our altar in loving memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers.

In loving remembrance of those who have climbed the stairway to heaven, let us unite in prayer.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Our most gracious heavenly Father, in this sacred hour we come to you with subdued hearts. We are so grateful for the lives of our departed Sisters and brothers, and in Your gracious keeping Father, we leave them. May we aspire and seek to attain the high ideals of our Order and thus portray love to one another. Father, we ask that you prepare our souls for heaven's entrance that we may once again be with our beloved Sisters and Brothers. All of these things, dear heavenly Father, we ask in Thy name sake. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Our benediction tonight will be given by Brother Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron.

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Our Father, we come into Your presence recognizing that You are a holy, righteous God. We praise You, O Lord, for You are worthy of our praise. You are our creator and the sustainer of life. Each day is a gift from You. Tonight we remember those who this past year You have in Your wisdom called from their labors to dwell eternally with You. We thank You for Your promise that he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Father, we thank You for the gift of eternal life. Our hearts are heavy because we are separated from those loved ones, but we are thankful that just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are Your ways higher than our ways and Your thoughts than our thoughts, for precious in Your sight is the death of one of Your saints. Father, turn our sorrows into Your joy. We thank You for the memories we have of these dear loved ones. Their lives have touched so many, their hearts reached out in countless ways. These loved ones gave so much to so many people, and that legacy will live on forever in our memories. As we honor the memory of our deceased Sisters and Brothers, we pray that You will bless our devotions in this hour. May their memories inspire us to nobler deeds of service to Thee and to mankind. Let the meditations of our hearts and the words of our mouths be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your loving patience. You've been wonderful tonight. This meeting is closed. I will see you at eight o'clock in the morning.

# "A TOUCH OF CHARITY IN SPRING STARLIGHT" FRIDAY MORNING SESSION OCTOBER 6, 2000

8:00 a.m. Musical Prelude ...... Mr. Gary Helmcamp Past Patron, Buffalo #157

> Mrs. Susan Helmcamp Starline Secretary's Worksheet Committee

8:15 a.m. Call to Order......Mrs. Elise Hammack Past Grand Matron

> Mr. Wayne Jones Past Grand Patron

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: Through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is a privilege and an honor, along with my Chapter member, Past Grand Patron, Brother Wayne P. Jones, to welcome you this morning and to call to order this "A Touch of Charity in Spring Starlight" session of the 118th Grand Chapter in San Antonio.

I know you have enjoyed the musical prelude by Brother Gary Helmcamp and Sister Susan Helmcamp from Buffalo Chapter #157. (applause)

Our Assisting Grand Marshal this morning is Sister Betty Phillips Benham, Past Grand Matron, who will now present the other program participants. (Altar presentation) The Bible and the Square and Compasses were presented by Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Past Grand Matron, and Past Grand Patron, Brother B. F. Hutson. The lovely rendition of "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" was given by Diane Beckley, Grand Soloist and Past Matron of Prospect Hill #817. Our Scripture will be given this morning by Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. VIRGINIA LYNN GREEN: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all of our Distinguished Members: It is a joy to share God's Word with you today. It is indeed a pleasure because the Worthy Grand Matron just happened to give me my favorite Scripture verse, which is 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. "If I speak in the tongues of man and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have

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prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful. It is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the truth, in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies they will pass away. As for tongues, they will cease. As for knowledge, it will pass away, for our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect. But when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought as a child, I reasoned as a child. When I became a man, I gave up my childish ways, for now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love."

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: A bit later the invocation will be given by Past Grand Patron Brother Henry Martin, and the benediction will be given by Past Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield.

We extend a most cordial welcome to our Distinguished Guests and visitors. Your very presence here is an inspiration, and we trust our hospitality and love have been conveyed to you in each handclasp and smile. Our friendship is graciously extended to each delegate and each member as well. May we ever realize that our beloved Order, and for all that it stands, is much bigger than any individual, and may we ever strive for peace and harmony.

Brother Wayne P. Jones, thank you for your presence this morning. This assembly awaits your remarks.

**MR. WAYNE JONES:** Thank you, Sister Elise. I am most appreciative of the privilege of joining my good friend, Sister Elise Hammack, in opening this Friday morning session. It is good to greet you on this beautiful morning and to welcome you to the business session of our Grand Chapter. We are glad you are all here to partake in the transaction of our business, and that you all recognize the importance of the purpose for which we are assembled. We are grateful for the presence of each one of you and want you to have fun, as well as sharing in the responsibility. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for inviting me to open this session.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: I failed to ask you to join me in thanking those program participants. Will you do that now? (applause) Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the "Steppin' Out 2000" drill by the Grand Officers and their Personal Pages. (drill performed) A special thank you to our lovely Grand Marshal, our dazzling wonder, who has led the Officers and their Personal Pages in our drill this morning. Our drills in the Grand Chapter of Texas are always a very good highlight.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East. Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we trust this session will fulfill your every dream and that God will direct your thoughts and actions. It is with pleasure and with confidence in you that I hand you your gavel and thank you for this sweet opportunity of opening this session for you. Have a good day.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Chapter.

Thank you, Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, and a most Elite Lady. Many people have crossed my Eastern Star life, and I've learned to love each one. But you are the one that always gives a special moment to me to say that you care, that you love me and that you want my year to be the nicest that it can be. These moments have been special to me, Elise, because as one of your Elite Ladies in 1981-182 1 knew that you meant it sincerely. What a joy it has been and what love you have brought to my heart. You were my leaning post for the Starlight Gala in April, and fond memories of that beautiful evening will last a lifetime. Thank you, my friend, for all you have done for me, and thank you for opening this session.

Brother Wayne Jones, what a thrill it is for me to call you Past Grand Patron and my friend. One of my first memories of you is working on the floor of the Grand Chapter with Arrangements, making sure that everything was in perfect order, like our Donnie Broughton has done at this Grand Chapter. You're still that same nice, friendly person who always has a smile for everyone. The Christian love that you have offered to me is a memory that will last forever. Thank you for assisting in the opening ceremony this morning with Sister Elise Hammack.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Elise, you have been a good friend to this Worthy Grand Patron, and it is a distinct honor to have you open this Friday morning session. Brother Wayne, thank you for the continued service that you give to the Grand Chapter of Texas and for being part of this opening session this morning. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this "A Touch of Charity in Spring" session from rest to labor and to permit no interruption while we're thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this "Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter of Texas session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

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

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to attend our deliberations.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain 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:** Thank you. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. (The Holy Bible was opened.) I now call this "A Touch of Charity in Spring Starlight" session from rest to labor. Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

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**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, "The Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter of Texas 118th session is called from rest to labor. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. At this time we will have our invocation. Brother Henry Martin.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all: Would you join me as together we go to the Lord in prayer. Gracious Lord, as we gather in this place this morning to conduct the business of this Grand Chapter, we invoke Your promise to be with us. May Your presence be very real to each one here, and may that presence inspire us to always act in the spirit of kindness and forbearance. We ask that You guide our deliberations, that all our actions be in accordance with Your perfect will. Bless each person here today, and for all of this we will give You all the praise. We ask this in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Henry. I have a couple of announcements. In the basement of this building, the same size as this auditorium, is a display of vendors. I know a number of you have found out already. There's some interesting items that I know you'll want to check out as the day goes on. In addition, down there we have a concession stand where you can buy coffee and cold drinks and a few little snacks.

Next, we have our examining room. If you can see this group of steps right here to my right, there's just about four or five steps. You come up those steps and then go straight back, and you will find the examining room, if you need that.

To the Chairmen of the Committees, please make sure that you're ready to give your report. We need three copies: one for the Worthy Grand Matron, one for the Grand Secretary and one for the court reporter. If you need help in that, we have a typing pool. The steps on my left, straight ahead, you will find a room where Brenda Smith, the chairman of our typing pool is located.

We have some unfinished business. Fraternal Correspondent, Sister Martha, would you come forward.

**FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Fraternal Correspondent's report as presented last evening.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the report of the Fraternal Correspondent as presented last evening. Would you get out your purple cards, please. Those in favor of adopting the Fraternal Correspondent's report will raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed. The motion carried. Sister Martha, we certainly enjoyed your report last night. We enjoyed the drill that was given to us by the Grand Representatives. It was beautiful; your report was beautiful and so are you. Love you very much!

Is Brother Willie here? I now recognize Brother Willie Pointer, General Chairman of the ESTARL Committee.

**MR. WILLIE POINTER:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: Last night was a memorable occasion, at least for me, to have served as our General Chairman for ESTARL. We had a beautiful program I thought last night, and one of our own brought our message. To me that is always a joy, to have one of our own people do some kind of program for us. We offered 43 scholarships. The offering last night was \$2,434.06. (applause) Through August of this year you had contributed \$28,781.24 for the ESTARL program. That's through August. Giving us a total of \$31,215.30. 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 ESTARL Committee. Those in favor raise your purple card. Those opposed. The motion carried. Thank you, Brother Willie. It was a beautiful program. If Brother Keith Buice is in the room, I would like to tell him how I appreciated the message that he gave to our recipients last night. We were sideliners listening to the virtues taught by our Star Points again, and it was a beautiful program. (applause)

I now recognize Sister Elizabeth Wise, our Grand Chaplain.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the report of the Grand Chaplain as presented at the memorial Service last evening.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain for the program that was presented last night. I'm just going to tell you that if you missed that program, you missed a very memorable occasion. It was absolutely beautiful. Sisters and Brothers, those in favor of adopting the report of the Grand Chaplain raise your purple card. Those opposed. The motion carried. Thank you, Sister Elizabeth. It was wonderful, and we shall never forget that beautiful program.

We will now proceed with other business of this Grand Chapter. It is our prayer that we will conduct the business of Grand Chapter with appreciation, consideration and love for each other. Working together we will dispatch our business in an orderly manner, and when we do that, Sisters and Brothers, the membership and our Order of the Eastern Star will be beneficiaries. I recognize the Honorable Robert P. Walker, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, who is our Parliamentarian, and he will present the rules of parliamentary procedure that will be used at this Grand Chapter. Brother Walker.

**THE PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Brothers and Sisters all: To conduct and expedite in an orderly manner the business, we will go through the Revised Robert's Rules.

## PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR GRAND CHAPTER

In accordance with Code of Laws - Article 157. Pge 117-119 and the following:

- 1. 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 (1) copy to the Worthy Grand Matron One (1) copy to the Grand Secretary One (1) 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:
  - Go to the nearest microphone and address the Presiding Officer
  - Wait for recognition
  - State your name, title, Chapter name and number
  - 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 purple card Chapter Representatives will hold the pink card.
- 11. 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:
  - Reconsider
  - Refer to a committee
  - Call for the orders of the day
  - Division of the question

- Previous question \*
- Lay on the table
- To call off
- 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 (1) copy to the Worthy Grand Matron One (1) copy to the Grand Secretary One (1) copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee

- 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:
  - Go to the nearest microphone and address the Presiding Officer
  - Wait for recognition
  - State your name, title, Chapter name and number
  - 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.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Robert Walker. Sisters and Brothers, you're heard the proposed rules as submitted by our Parliamentarian and also printed in the session program. It has been moved and seconded that these rules be adopted. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your purple card. All opposed. The motion carried. I recognize Sister Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, for her report. Sister Mildred.

**MRS. MILDRED SHARPE:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. With your permission, Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to make a few comments before we proceed with the actual legislation.

Sisters and Brothers, the members of the Jurisprudence Committee have been introduced to you prior to the giving of Report No. One. Their names will not be called as they present the legislation. The Committee will be presenting Two Resolutions and Eighteen Amendments. Hopefully, unless Grand Chapter orders otherwise, they will be presented in the order as identified in your printed Advance Annual Report. Each will be considered separately and/or in proper parliamentary order in regard to related matters. You will be given every opportunity to address each one and it is the sincere desire of this Committee that you fully understand every proposed matter prior to the vote being taken. We ask that you keep in mind that the Jurisprudence Committee abides by the stipulation of the law outlining our duties. We PRESENT the PROPOSALS that you, the membership submit for the consideration and action of this Grand Chapter .... and YOU, my Sisters and Brothers, are the Grand Chapter. Through your September Bulletin and the Advance Report you have had the opportunity to review and study each issue. Therefore., Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the Committee be allowed to present a synopsis of each proposed amendment rather than reading the entire law as it now reads and then the proposed reading of the amendment.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, the motion is that we allow the Jurisprudence Committee to summarize – make a synopsis of each amendment so that you can understand what it is about. Is there any question or discussion? It has been seconded. Those in favor, please raise your purple card. Those opposed. It's unanimous.

**MRS. MILDRED SHARPE:** I do thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your approval of our motion. Now if you will listen carefully as each matter is presented and help us to move along as quickly as possible, remembering also that we want you to fully understand each proposal and to allow discussion on each issue.

Before we begin with the presentation of the Reports, let me call your attention to the manner, first of presenting proposed amendments to the Constitution. This law is found on page 52 of the Constitution while the law on Amendments to the Code of Laws is found on Page 123 of the Code of Laws.

AMENDMENTS 1 and 2 are both proposed amendments to the Constitution and are to be handled at this Session in accordance with the law pertaining to the FIRST HEARING. Amendments are presented in writing, signed by at least two (2) members of the Grand Chapter in attendance at the Session, discussed, if so ordered, amended and if approved by a majority of the votes present, it shall be entered on record, printed in the Proceedings as amended. Then, at the next Session of Grand Chapter the amendment is handled in accordance with the law on SECOND READING. If passed, on the second reading, the amendment then becomes law.

Amendments to the Code of Laws must be submitted in writing, forwarded to the Grand Secretary 90 days before the Session with a COPY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MUST BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE SESSION and are handled in accordance with the General Provisions found on Page 123 of the Code of Laws. The Jurisprudence Committee has ascertained from the Grand Secretary that the proponents of the proposed Resolutions/Amendments to the Constitution, Code of Laws, etc. are members of Grand Chapter and at least two proponents of each proposal are in attendance at the Session as required by law.

Worthy Grand Matron, we are prepared and ready to begin whenever you desire.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Mildred. Sisters and Brothers, we're going to begin with Amendment No. 1. Sister Beulah Speer.

**MRS. BEULAH SPEER:** This is Report No. 1 and Amendment No. 1 to our Constitution. This is the first reading.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

### **AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Amendment No. 1 is found on Page 57 of your annual report and it is in regard to admission to our Eastern Star Home. Sub-section (a) of (3) is simply correcting the title of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences as passed at our last Grand Chapter Session.

Section (b), if adopted by this Grand Chapter, would permit admission of MEMBERS WHO ARE AFFILIATED WITH A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS TO THE EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS UNDER THE FEE FOR SERVICES PLAN PROVIDED THEY MEET THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

Worthy Grand Matron, the proposed Amendment No. 1 is in proper order as required by law and is ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

## **AMENDMENT NO. 1**

WHEREAS, we are endeavoring to open every door possible to allow more members of the Order of the Eastern Star to become residents of our beautiful Eastern Star Home of Texas, and

WHEREAS, we have had numerous inquiries from relatives and friends desiring to bring members of Subordinate Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions into our Eastern Star Home, and

WHEREAS, the opportunities presented by the Fee for Services plan could make this a reality,

WHEREAS, there have been no applications for admittance of children to the Eastern Star Home in many years, and

WHEREAS, our Masonic brothers have excellent facilities in the Masonic Children's Home and School in Fort Worth for such children as would be eligible to enter the Eastern Star Home,

We therefore propose the following Amendment to the Constitution, Page 43, SECTION 4. b. (3)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

(3) No person shall be eligible to admission to said Home except a member of the following classes:

- (a) Members who have been affiliated with a Subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction for at least five (5) years immediately preceding and/ or ten (10) accumulative years at the time of making application for admission; and provided, that they also meet the other requirements that are, or may be from time to time, promulgated by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.
- (b) Orphan children of members who were affiliated at time of death, with a Subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction and children of affiliated members of a Subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction who are not able to care for and support said children may be admitted to the Home by said Board of Directors.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

(3) No person shall be eligible to admission to said Home except a member of the following classes:

- (a) Members who have been affiliated with a Subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction for at least five years immediately preceding and/or ten (10) accumulative years at the time of making application for admission, and provided, that they also meet the other requirements that are, or may be from time to time, promulgated by the <u>Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences.</u>
- (b) Members who are affiliated with a Subordinate Chapter in other Grand Jurisdictions may be admitted to the Eastern Star Home of Texas under the Fee for Services plan provided they meet the necessary requirements.

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**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Amendment No. 1 has been presented and is ready for your action. Is there any discussion on Amendment No. 1. Those in favor of adopting Amendment No. 1, please raise your purple card. Those opposed. It is adopted.

**MRS. BEULAH SPEER:** Sisters and Brothers, this is Report No. 5, Amendment No. 2 of our Constitution and this is the first reading.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## **AMENDMENT NO. 2**

Amendment No. 2 proposes a change in Art. X, Section 10, Voting Privileges (Pages 46 and 47 of the Constitution) and is being presented for the First Reading. It is found on Page 58 of the Annual Report. The proposed Amendment would change the law on Voting Privileges TO <u>PERMIT EVERY PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER</u> <u>OF A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER</u> IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, HOLDS A CURRENT DUES CARD, AND IS REGISTERED FOR THAT TO BE ENTITLED TO <u>ONE VOTE</u>.

(b) proposed the Worthy Matron of a Subordinate Chapter may designate ANY MEMBER of her Chapter to be the Chapter Representative, etc.

C. FORFEITURE OF VOTES. (a) stipulates any Chapter failing to mail it's Annual Report and/or send Check to cover the Per Capita Tax in proper time to be received by the Grand Secretary on or before June 8th, shall forfeit the vote of its Chapter members at Grand Chapter. etc.

### **AMENDMENT NO. 2**

ARTICLE X. SECTION 10. VOTING PRIVILEGES. Pages 46, 47.

WHEREAS, the membership in the State of Texas has been steadily decreasing and the cost of our Grand Chapter Sessions are steadily increasing and,

WHEREAS, we would like to encourage ALL membership to attend our Grand Chapter Sessions and participate in the government of our Order and,

WHEREAS, due to the cost and time now required for balloting at our Sessions, we submit the following Amendment:

Which Now Reads:

SECTION 10. VOTING PRIVILEGES.

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 Pa-

trons 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) A Past Matron or Past Patron holding the proxies of both lite 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 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 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 ninth follow-

ing 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.

#### To be Changed To:

SECTION 10. VOTING PRIVILEGES.

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 the Grand Chapter of Texas, who holds a current dues card of a Subordinate Chapter in the State of Texas, shall have one vote.

### B. Elections.

- a. Every person who is a member of a Subordinate Chapter in the State of Texas, holds a current Dues Card, and is Registered for that Grand Chapter Session, is entitled to ONE VOTE only.
- b. The Worthy Matron of a Subordinate Chapter may designate any member of her Chapter to be the Chapter Representative in the event of her absence.

#### C. Forfeiture of Votes.

a. Any Chapter failing to mail it's Annual Report and/or send Check to cover the Per Capita Tax in proper time to be received by the Grand Secretary on or before June 8th, shall forfeit the vote of its Chapter members at Grand Chapter. Voting privileges may be restored by a two-thirds vote of those attending that Grand Chapter Session.

Respectfully submitted:	
Billie Wilk	Cheryl McGee
Jan Haag	Marquetta Whitfield
Coweta Engel	Dwayne Maserang
Marjorie Errington	Flora Maserang

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: The Jurisprudence Committee finds this proposed Amendment No. 2 to be in proper form and ready for the action of the Grand Chapter.

**MRS. MILDRED SHARPE:** I'm hopeful that some of you will be speaking on this particular issue because our attention does need to be called to the fact that our present law and our Ritual states the Associate Matron. So while the proposed amendment is in legal form, here is one of the violations, and that has been pointed out. It's necessary that we take some action before we consider just the terminology, "any member."

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Naomi Wolfe in the West.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: My name is Naomi Wolfe, and I am a Past Matron of Hurst Chapter 1099, dual member and a Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741. Are we going to vote on these or speak on these as (a), (b), down, or are we talking about the whole thing at one time?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** At this point, Sister Naomi, it has been presented as an entire thing. We were looking for someone to assist us to divide it because I cannot do that by myself.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Well, I don't know how you-all want to divide it, but I would like to speak on one, that all persons that are registered for Grand Chapter have a vote. I would like to speak that I'm not in favor of that. And if it requires us not being in favor of the whole thing, then I would like to speak against this amendment. We would deplete the opportunity for people to go through the line. Why would they want to go through as Worthy Matron when they could come to Grand Chapter and vote? That's an honor that you have by serving your Subordinate Chapters. I speak against this amendment. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there other discussion on this?

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, in the South.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Elsie Paladino, Worthy Matron of Clute City Chapter #1011 at Clute, Texas. I speak in opposition of this amendment. I also believe that we have a problem with the Ritual. When the Associate Matron is given her charge, she says she has all the privileges and prerogatives of the Worthy Matron. If I'm initiated into a Chapter, and in two weeks Grand Chapter is to be in session, the Worthy Matron could appoint me as her proxy, and I wouldn't know what I was doing.

Also, the one about having the report in by the 8th. We close our books the 31st. That's a little bit quick to try to get a report in. I don't want to lose my vote and my Chapter's vote because of that time limit there. I wish we would address that a little further. (applause)

**MRS. MILDRED SHARPE:** Sisters and Brothers, let me make one comment. Actually, this Committee could have said it is in violation, and therefore illegal. However, we wanted it to come to you for you to see the problems in this particular proposal and for you to make the decision. Okay? We're putting it over on you, the membership.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** As the Worthy Grand Patron said, you are Grand Chapter. You will make the decisions for us. Is there any other – Sister Elsie, I'm sorry. Were you not through?

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Yes, I was finished. I just wanted to speak in opposition.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Is there any other discussion?

MRS. REBAFOX: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: In the North.

MRS. REBA FOX: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Reba Fox, Past Matron of Linden Chapter #576. 1 am very much opposed to having to have this report in. I know that it is important, but when we pay our per capita in our local Chapters, which we must do, then I feel that we should be able to come to Grand Chapter and cast our vote. (applause)

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Marjorie Errington, Past Matron of Panhandle Chapter #760. We of the Secretary's staff more or less wanted to clarify part (b), because we already had in our Code of Laws Article 234f which reads: "Annual report. The Secretary shall forward the annual report, together with all fees due the Grand Chapter, to the Grand Secretary no later than June 8th." So this was already there.

However, in the voting privileges it did not have that included other than – anything about the vote. So this is the reason – this was the reason we put (b). However, the main reason we did that was to increase the membership of our Grand Chapter and also the cost of printing one, two and three ballots. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Grand Secretary.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: In the South.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Rosemary Swetland, a Past Matron of Burke Chapter #1098. I believe the membership is ready to vote on this, so I call for the question.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The question has been called for. If you are ready to vote, would you raise your purple card. You're just voting to tell us to stop debate and vote. That passed.

Let's see if you are for or against this amendment. Those in favor of this amendment, would you please raise your purple card. Those opposed, raise your card. The motion fails.

**MRS. BEULAH SPEER:** Sisters and Brothers, we're going to move forward. This is Report No. 6; now it is Amendment No. 3 of our Code of laws.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 3**

Amendment No. 3 is proposing a change to Article 17g., page 58 of your Code of Laws pertaining to the Educational Fund Committee . You will find this Amendment on Page 60 of your Advance Annual Report.

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 3**

WHEREAS the Board of Grand Trustees have enlisted the assistance of the Educational Fund Committee in reviewing the large volume of applications for all scholarships,

and

WHEREAS having the entire Educational Fund Committee change each year causes a lack of continuity in administering the Educational Fund,

We, therefore, propose the following change to the Code of Laws, page 58, Article 17.g, which now reads:

g. Educational Fund. Three (3) members, for term of one (1) year.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

g. Educational Fund. Five (5) members, one from each District for a term of five (5) years, the term of one member expiring each year and her or his successor be appointed. This initially shall start with five members, one (1) from each District, with one member being appointed for one (1) year, one member for two (2) years, one member for three (3) years, one member for four (4) years, and one member for five (5) years. After the first year each member will be appointed for five (5) years to replace the expired appointment. In the event a member is unable to complete his or her tenure, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint a replacement to complete the tenure of that member.

Respectfully submitted, James Rippey Leah Hayes Patsy Washington Jerre S. Lucas

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: The Jurisprudence Committee finds this proposed Amendment No. 3 to be in proper form and ready for the actions of this Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** This amendment is in proper form and is ready for your action. Is there any discussion? This amendment will establish an Educational Fund with five members for a five-year period. Those in favor of this amendment, please raise your purple card –

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Worthy Grand Matron, is it too late for me to speak? I'm Alma Carter, Past Matron of Plano Chapter #703. Is it too late?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm going to allow you to speak. Sister Alma.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: I would like to speak in favor of this amendment. Oh, it has already passed?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No, but I think they're ready to vote. You may speak. We'd love to hear you.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: I don't want to waste words. I just would like to say I am in favor. We have a lot of money now in our Educational Fund, and there should be some consistency so they know from year to year what they are doing. The Board of Grand Trustees need help with this, and we need some expertise in this. We need people on there that know what they're doing. I approve of this. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Alma. I think we Ire ready. Those in favor of Amendment No. 3, will you raise your purple card. Those opposed. Motion carried.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

### **AMENDMENT NO. 4**

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Sisters and Brothers, this is Report No. 7, Amendment No. 4 of our Code of Laws.

Amendment No. 4, found on page 61 of your Advance Annual Report, concerns the number of Proceedings furnished, free of charge. Sub-Section a remains the same, Sec. b is to be eliminated with the following sections re-numbered. With current Sections c., d., remaining the same. Section d would be amended to "Two (2) copies of the Proceedings to each Junior Past Grand Matron and each Junior Past Grand Patron. One of them will be a hardback bound copy. The remaining Sections of Article 69 would be amended to read:

e. All subordinate Chapters may purchase copies by pre-ordering, using a form provided in the Official Bulletin. These become the property of the Chapter.

f. All members may purchase copies by pre-ordering using a form provided in the Official Bulletin.

We find Amendment No. 4 to be in proper order and ready for action of this Grand Chapter. (Amendment 4 is as follows.)

### **AMENDMENT NO. 4**

WHEREAS the cost of printing of the Proceedings; and

WHEREAS the cost of mailing of the Proceedings; has become cost prohibited;

We propose the following amendment:

CODE OF LAWS

E. GRAND SECRETARY (page 66)

**Duties and Prerogatives** 

Article 69. NUMBER FURNISHED.

Now Reads:

Article 69. Number Furnished. Copies of the Proceedings shall be furnished, free of charge, as follows:

a. One (1) copy of Proceedings to each Installed Floor Officer.

b. One (1) copy to each Subordinate Chapter for Chapter files.

c. As many copies of the Proceedings to each Grand Jurisdiction as copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Grand Jurisdiction are furnished to the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas.

d. One (1) copy of the Proceedings to the Library of the General Grand Chapter and one (1) copy to the Library of Texas Grand Lodge, A.F.& A.M.

e. Five (5) copies of the Proceedings to each Junior Past Grand Matron and each Junior Past Grand Patron for personal distribution.

f. All members may purchase copies by pre-ordering, using a form provided in the Official Bulletin.

Be Amended to Read:

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Article 69. Number Furnished. Copies of the Proceedings shall be furnished, free of charge, as follows:

a. One (1) copy of Proceedings to each Installed Floor Officer.

b. As many copies of the Proceedings to each Grand Jurisdiction as copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of each Grand Jurisdiction are furnished to the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas.

c. One (1) copy of the Proceedings to the Library of the General Grand Chapter and one (1) copy to the Library of Texas Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M.

d. <u>Two (2)</u> copies of the Proceedings to each Junior Past Grand Matron and each Junior Past Grand Patron. One <u>of these will be a hardback bound copy.</u>

e. <u>All Subordinate Chapters may purchase copies by pre-ordering, using a</u> form provided in the Official Bulletin. These become the property of the Chapter.

f. All members may purchase copies by pre-ordering using a form provided in the Official Bulletin.

Submitted by:	Dwayne Maserang
Marquetta Whitfield	Flora Maserang
Billie Wilk	Jan Haag
Coweta Engel	Cheryl McGee
Marjorie Errington	

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Amendment No. 4 is in order and is ready for your discussion. Is there any discussion on this amendment? I believe I see someone coming to the South.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Rosemary Swetland, Past Matron of Burke Chapter #1098. 1 am a Secretary of my small rural Chapter. I think it's an honor each year that our Chapters be given lovingly without cost a Proceedings that tells us the activities of this very fine Grand Chapter. Some of these members will never have another way of knowing who the Grand Floor Officers were, who the Past Grands were and what actions were taken unless they can see a Proceedings. Some of our Chapters are not really financially able to purchase one each year. So when talking to my colleagues – some of the other Past Grand Matrons, I speak for a group of at least three of us – that we would like to see it continued, that our Chapters receive their gift of a Proceedings. So I ask that we defeat this amendment and allow the Chapters to continue getting their Proceedings free. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Rosemary. Is there other discussion? Okay. Those who are in favor of Amendment No. 4, please raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed. The motion is defeated. Now we have Sister Wanda Fairchild.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

### **AMENDMENT NO. 5**

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This is Report No. 8. Amendment No. 5 is pertaining to Article 20, Code of Laws – SALARY. The present Article 20 provides a salary to the Grand Secretary of \$12,000.00 per year. Proposed Amendment is found on Page 62 of Annual Report. The proposed Amendment reads:

ARTICLE 20. SALARY. The Grand Secretary shall receive, as full compensation for her services, Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) per year.

We find the proposed amendment to be in proper form and ready for action of this Grand Chapter.

(Amendment No. 5 reads as follows)

### **AMENDMENT NO. 5**

ARTICLE 20. CODE OF LAWS - SALARY

WHEREAS, our Grand Secretary has not received an Increase in salary since October, 1989 and,

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of this office have increased, including several law suits where they require her presence as the Representative of Grand Chapter and,

WHEREAS, the working hours needed to accomplish all the required duties far exceed the normal average work week and,

WHEREAS, this position is limited to people who have additional income as the present salary is not sufficient to keep up with the Increasing cost-of-living,

We submit the following Amendment:

Now Reads:

#### Code of Laws

Article 70. SALARY. The Grand Secretary shall receive, as full compensation for her services, Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) per year.

Be Changed to Read:

Code of Laws

Article 70. SALARY. The Grand Secretary shall receive, as full compensation for her services, Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) per year.

Respectfully submitted,	Marie Sutton
Coweta Engle	Juanita Sharp
Cheryl McGee	Dwayne Maserang
Jan Haag	Flora Maserang
Billie Wilk	Yvonne Brownfield
Marquetta Whitfield	Betty Prater

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Wanda. This amendment is in proper form and is ready for discussion. Do we have any discussion? Here comes Harry.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Harry Cunningham, a Past Patron of Somerset Chapter #730. My Sisters and Brothers I am strongly in favor of this amendment. The last increase we gave our Grand Secretary, I guarantee you was 1989. She got \$2,000 at that time. Can you live on \$18,000 and do the things we expect of a Grand Secretary? So I am in favor of this amendment. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there other discussion?

MRS. JOYCE CHAMPION: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: In the South.

MRS. JOYCE CHAMPION: I am Joyce Champion, Past Matron of Gilmer Chapter #355. 1 am speaking in opposition to this amendment. I realize our Grand Secretary has a grave responsibility. But our Grand Chapter seems to be in financial distress. Our Grand Secretary receives an allowance for her automobile; she receives housing, and I feel that as long as our Grand Chapter is in financial disarray, we need to defeat this motion. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I think we have someone in the North.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: I'm Katherine Duncan, Past Matron of Alvin Chapter 15. I, too, am opposed to this amendment. Yes, the Grand Secretary's office works hard. We give her a fairly substantial staff to help her in this matter, but this wasn't set up to be competitive with the business world, I don't believe. She does get all these other benefits, and we cannot afford this. None of our other Grand Officers, except the Grand Secretary, get a salary. The Worthy Grand Matron and all the other Line officers work just as hard. They get no salary. They get very little expense; right? I'm opposed to this amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Katherine. There's someone else in the North.

**MRS. ALMA BANE:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Alma Bane, a Past Matron of Waco Chapter #7. Each of us in our lives give a part of our time and our resources to our Order. We do it with love and service. I understand the need for our Officers who provide every day for us a salary. However, years ago we removed from our Deputy Grand Matrons a token mileage expense. Yet others were receiving stipends for their transportation and their office. I feel that the gift we give our Grand Secretary and our Grand Treasurer is the most we can give at this time, given our financial status. Yes, there are perks to the office, but we assume these in love and knowing that it's a donation of our service and our life to our Order. I speak in opposition to this amendment. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Alma Bane, Past Grand Matron. When you're standing in the Northwest, it's hard to see whether you're sitting or standing. So if you want to speak and you get there, would you raise your hand and give me a wave so that I'll know you are actually standing and not sitting in that first row in the section above. Thank you.

I recognize the gentleman in the Northwest.

**MR. EDDIE PIERCE:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Eddie Pierce of Woodbine Chapter 738 in El Paso. I would like to speak in defeat of this amendment. I would be glad to give the Secretary an increase, but at 50 percent I would have to reconsider. The work and everything that goes forth is tremendous. But again with the financial status of the way the Grand Chapter is now, I would say an increase is definite, but at 50 percent it would have to be reconsidered. So I want to speak in defeat of this motion. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, sir.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Yvonne Brownfield in the East.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I'm Yvonne Brownfield, a Past Matron of Copperas Cove 1070. As you can see, I did sign this amendment. If you will think about the apartment, travel money and all that, that comes into effect travel expenses, and I figured it one time, adding those in to this salary and I've said many times I'm not a figure person, but I did use that calculator on that. I came out with about \$9.33 an hour. Now most of these telemarketers that bother us at dinnertime probably make more than that. I feel that we need to consider the fact that not everybody has an additional retirement income, and we do have young people who perhaps would seek this office at sometime and has the expertise and experience and even the longevity that would benefit the Grand Chapter of Texas. So I f eel that there should be an increase in the salary to the office of Grand Secretary. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Yvonne. There's someone standing in the Northwest again.

MR. JACK BEALL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jack Beall, Past Patron, Ferris Chapter 508. 1 speak in favor of this motion. We need to grow. We need to take into consideration these people spend hours of time working for this organization, and there should be some compensation for the amount of time that they spend.

Yes, we have financial stress, but we can't get out of it by staying in the dark ages. Thank you. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, sir.

And I think again in the Northwest.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Richard Ochs, Past Patron of Amarillo Chapter #787. I've been sitting in the East, and most of them that have spoke out here, I didn't know whether they were in favor of or against. Would you please, in the future, summarize – just say whether the person spoke in favor or against for an idiot like me that's bad of hearing up there.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I certainly will, Richard, if that's needed.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron, let's be honest. We need this vote for it.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Richard Ochs, our Past Grand Patron, has spoken in favor of this motion. I have someone in the Southwest. I think it's our Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** My name is Dwayne Maserang, Past Patron of A. E. Shirley #986, Amarillo, Texas. I would like to speak in favor of this motion – or this amendment. Sister Yvonne, I'm glad you figured those hourly wages up, because I thought it was lower than that, as many hours as our Grand Secretary has to put in. I think that this office as Grand Secretary deserves a salary increase because of the amount of work that she has to do. She's also an office manager, along with being a Grand Secretary, because there's other people working in that office. She manages a pretty good size business, and I am in favor of this amendment. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Dwayne Maserang who spoke in favor of the motion. I think we have someone standing in the South.

MRS. KAREN DANSBY: I'm Karen Dansby from Hurst Chapter #1099. I would like to state that I am very much in favor of this amendment. If everyone would look and see what they make, could they live off of 12,000 a year, even though they get other compensations. We need to wake up and put it to the fact that we will have younger people coming in. They take away from their family to do this for the years that they are in this office. So I feel like that we need to give her this raise. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Karen. I recognize the person in the Northwest.

**MRS. JANICE HERRIDGE:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Janice Herridge, a Past Matron of Farmers Branch Chapter #687. I wish to speak against this motion. This has nothing to do with personalities or the jobs that they do. They have a difficult job. However, the office of Grand Secretary and the office of Grand Treasurer are elective positions. The people who occupy those do so by choice. They run for election, and they know what they're facing when they go into this office. This is not like going out and applying for a job at a business company. There is a paid staff in the Grand Secretary's office, but they did not run for election. This is not an appointive office. It is not in the job market. I believe they do an admirable job, but I believe they do it because they want to. We are very thankful to have people who will fill these positions. In the past years there has always been more than one person seeking the job. So I don't think they take it for the compensation they're going to receive. I think they take it because they know they can do a good job, and they can contribute to Eastern Star. They're doing this of their own will. So I would ask that you defeat the motion, but commend the people. Thank you. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Janice.

Sister Jane Gregory in the West.

MRS. JANE GREGORY: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jane Gregory, a Past Matron of Pasadena Chapter #711. I move the previous question. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The previous question has been moved. Sisters and Brothers, in parliamentary procedure that means that you're going to vote to stop discussion. Those in favor of stopping discussion, please raise your purple card. Those opposed. The motion carried. We will now vote on Amendment No. 5, which is considering the salary of the Grand Secretary. Those in favor of Amendment No. 5, please raise your purple card. Those opposed. The motion is defeated.

Sister Wanda.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

### **AMENDMENT NO. 6**

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Amendment No. 6 pertains to Article 152-G (c) and (d), Page 107-108, Code of Laws and is found on Page 63 of your Advance Annual Report. It simply proposes a change of the time applications for scholarships are to be submitted to the Educational Fund Committee and the time of the meeting of said Committee to select recipients of Scholarships. The time for the applications to be submitted is proposed to be March 1 and the time for the meeting of the Committee to be April 15. This is to coordinate the times with the set schedule of the Board of Grand Trustees. The amended change to read:

(c). All applications for scholarships shall be made on Forms prepared by the Educational Fund Committee and submitted by March 1. Each application form shall contain the necessary information and data. All applicants shall furnish at least three or more recommendations from reliable persons.

(d). The Committee shall meet by April 15 of each year to select the recipients of the scholarships.

We find the proposed amendment in proper form and ready for action of the Grand Chapter.

(Amendment No. 6 reads as follows:)

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 6**

WHEREAS, the Board of Grand Trustees administers the Scholarship Programs, other than ESTARL and The Educational Fund,

And

WHEREAS, the Board of Grand Trustees has enlisted the assistance of the Educational Fund Committee in reviewing, the large volume of applicators,

#### And

WHEREAS, the Board of Grand Trustees has required that applications be submitted by March 1, and approved at the April meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees,

And

WHEREAS, high school recipients need to receive recognition at the annual High School Awards Ceremonies and Worthy Matrons-Elect, can recognize all recipients at the Installation,

We therefore propose the following changes to the Code of Laws <u>Pages 107-108</u> Article 152-G c and d which now reads:

c. All applications for scholarships shall be made on forms prepared by the Educational Fund Committee and submitted by June 1. Each application form shall contain the necessary information and data, including the names and addresses of three or more reliable persons as references.

d. The committee shall meet in August of each year to select the recipients of the scholarships.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

c. All applications for scholarships shall be made on forms prepared by the Educational Fund Committee and submitted by March 1. Each application form shall contain the necessary information and data. All applicants shall furnish at least three or more recommendations from reliable persons.

d. The Committee shall meet by April 15 of each year to select the recipients of the scholarships.

Respectfully submitted,James RippeyLeah HayesPatsy WashingtonJerre S. Lucas

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any discussion? I'm sure you understood Sister Wanda to say this is moving the date for the Committee to meet so that scholarships may be given to students before graduation, and High Schools have activities where they honor scholarship recipients before they graduate. That is what this is about. Is there any discussion? (No response.) Those in favor of Amendment No. 6, please raise your purple card. Those opposed. The motion carries.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

# **AMENDMENT NO. 7**

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Amendment No. 7 concerns General Scholarship Awards. It is an amendment to Article 152-1 of the Code of Laws, and it is found on Page 63 of your Advance Annual Report. The Article now reads:

ARTICLE 152-1. This article covers all contributions that are designated for scholarship awards that are placed under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees. The administration, the granting of awards and the preparation of a written annual report to the Grand Chapter regarding the status of each accounts falls within the jurisdiction of the Board of Grand Trustees.

THE PROPOSAL IS TO ADD THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE TO THE ARTICLE:

EACH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED WILL BE FOR A MINIMUM OF \$500.00 PER-SEMESTER. The proposed amendment is in proper form and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

(Amendment No. 7 reads as follows.)

### AMENDMENT NO. 7

WHEREAS, The Mary C. Kennington trust was recently received from which the General Scholarship Awards was established and placed under the direction of our Board of Grand Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the cost to the students to submit their applications and the various items required to receive these Scholarships, and

WHEREAS, the cost of time, supplies, postage, etc. necessary to send these checks to the schools involved, and

WHEREAS, the cost of each Semester hour is usually approximately \$100,

We submit the following Amendment:

Code of Laws Article 152-1 General Scholarship Awards

Now Reads:

ARTICLE 152-1. This article covers all contributions that are designated for scholarship awards that are placed under the direction of the Board of Grand Trust-

ees. The administration, the granting of awards and the preparation of a written annual report to the Grand Chapter regarding the status of each account falls within the jurisdiction of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Amended to <u>Add:</u>

Each Scholarship awarded will be for a minimum of \$500.00 per semester.

Respectfully submitted,	
Jerre S. Lucas	Cheryl McGee
Billie Wilk	Marquetta Whitfield
Jan Haag	Dwayne Maserang
Coweta Engel	Flora Maserang

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Wanda. This amendment is now open for discussion. Do we need clarification? Here comes a speaker in the South.

MR. KEITH BUICE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Keith Buice, Past Patron of Floyd Easterling Chapter #1074. I want to speak in favor of this amendment. I am currently a recipient of one of the scholarships, the ESTARL scholarship from Eastern Star. My school costs are very large. In fact, I spent – even after monies given from my denomination, it costs about \$1,000 or \$1,200 per semester. Although all the recipients are very much appreciative of any contribution toward our education from Eastern Star, it would be very helpful if it became more regular. This amount of \$500 per semester would actually be a substantial benefit to our education. In fact, the grant I receive currently – except for this year – barely paid for my books, which is great. I appreciate that. But it would be nice to be able to count on a certain amount of money. This amount of money is just a very good amount. \$500 will not make my education free, but it sure will assist it. So I speak in favor of this amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Keith. There Is someone in the Northwest.

**MR. JIM RIPPEY:** I'm Jim Rippey, Past Patron of Trinity #186. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity to speak against this proposed amendment. Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to give you lots of reasons for this. This proposal, by limiting our scholarship awards to minimums of \$500 per semester, tends to emphasize awarding those applicants near the top of their respective classes. These are the same students that receive almost all of the scholarship awards from other organizations. I believe we should be able to continue awarding qualified students whose outstanding qualities might not include having near the top grade point averages.

Now I'd like to address the justifications written with this proposal. The expense for the students to apply for our OES scholarships is minimal. Generally, the largest cost is that for grade transcripts. About half of our applicants are public high school seniors, and there is no fee for their records. Some colleges do charge fees, typically 5 to 10 dollars, but many do not. There is some expense for mailing and possibly for a photo or snapshot. As you can determine, there is very little monetary expense to the student. This is contrary to the initial justification stated in the proposed change.

Now what about the student's time involved? It should take no more than two hours to fill out an application and write a brief essay on goals and financial needs. Those students that are also employed part-time typically receive the minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour, less taxes. If a student receives just our minimum \$200 award, that equates to about 40 hours labor, certainly an excellent investment of their two-hour effort.

Statistical data from last year's award cycle confirms this. Over half of those students collecting our awards last year felt it was worth their effort to reapply this year. It can be reasonably assumed that some of those that did not reapply either graduated, dropped out or transferred out of state.

Another justification submitted with this proposal indicates that the expenses of time, supplies, postage and so forth to our state office are substantial. These expenses are well compensated for. Report No. 6 by the Grand Trustees specifies that we transfer 10 percent of the annual interest from the Mary C. Kennington Trust for scholarship administrative fees. This amounts to over \$3,300 each year.

Also, the trustees have taken several steps to reduce the increased workload on the office staff. We will continue to do so as the need arises.

Now, finally, a little more -

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Jim, I'm sorry, your three minutes are up. Thank you for your contribution.

MR. JIM RIPPEY: I thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Do we have others who – Sister Jerre Lucas in the Northwest.

**MRS. JERRE LUCAS:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank the Lord we have a well-rounded board. I would only say this is the year 2000, and I move the previous question.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The previous question has been moved, Sisters and Brothers. If you want to hear more discussion, you will defeat this motion. If you are ready to vote, you will vote in favor. Those in favor of stopping discussion, please raise your purple card. Those opposed. The motion carried. We will stop debate and vote. Those in favor of Amendment No. 7 will raise your purple card. Those opposed raise your purple card. The motion carried. (applause)

Amendment No. 8, Sister Wanda.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 8**

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Amendment No 8 is presented to clarify Art. 178 DISPENSATIONS. HOW GRANTED, Code of Laws, Page 129 and is found on page 64 of your Advance Annual Report. The first paragraph is to remain as printed with no change. The proposal is to add Sections 2 and 3 to read as follows: Sec. 2. Form 100-G PETITION FOR CONSENT TO ORGANIZE NEW CHAPTER WITHIN SECTION AND DISTRICT OF EXISTING CHAPTERS to be mailed to ALL Chapters within the section. Upon designated procedure being followed with said Chapters responding on Form 101-G reflecting majority consent, this form along with properly prepared Form 102-G will be sent to the Worthy Grand Patron.

Sec. 3. The Worthy Grand Patron shall conduct such investigation as necessary to determine the advisability of location; the reason for organization; whether or not such Dispensation would be detrimental to an existing Chapter or Chapters in the immediate area; jurisdictional matters (concurrent or otherwise) to be followed as stipulated concerning Dispensations with the use of proper forms; with the Worthy Grand Patron submitting a detailed report on same to the Grand Chapter.

The proposed amendment would simply clarify and put into law procedures followed by Worthy Grand Patrons in years past regarding Dispensations for new chapters. The proposed amendment is in order and is presented for your action.

(PROPOSED Amendment No. 8 reads as follows.)

## **AMENDMENT NO. 8**

WHEREAS our Code of Laws for the Government of Subordinate Chapters with reference to Dispensations could be clarified to assist the Worthy Grand Patron in the matter of granting dispensations for new Chapters,

We submit the following Revision:

DISPENSATIONS ARTICLE 178 HOW GRANTED. (page 129)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

Dispensations for New Chapters can be granted only by the Worthy Grand Patron, with the concurrence of the Worthy Grand Matron, on petition, signed in person by not less than twenty-five (25) affiliated or demitted members. One (1) of the petitioners shall be a Brother, and at least nine (9) shall be Sisters.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 178. HOW GRANTED. Sec. 1 to remain as printed. No change.

ADD:

Sec. 2. Form 100-G PETITION FOR CONSENT TO ORGANIZE NEW CHAP-TER WITHIN SECTION AND DISTRICT OF EXISTING CHAPTERS to be mailed to ALL Chapters within the section. Upon designated procedure being followed with said chapters responding on Form 101-G reflecting majority consent, this form along with properly prepared Form 102-G will be sent to the Worthy Grand Patron.

Sec. 3. The Worthy Grand Patron shall conduct such investigation as necessary to determine the advisability of location; the reason for organization; whether or not such Dispensation would be detrimental to an existing Chapter or Chapters in the immediate area; jurisdictional matters (concurrent or otherwise) to be followed as stipulated concerning Dispensations with the use of proper forms; with the Worthy Grand Patron submitting a detailed report on same to the Grand Chapter.

Submitted by: Joyce Roberts Yvonne Brownfield Mildred Sharpe Billy H. Combest Glenn Whitaker Kenneth Gregory Rosemary T. Swetland Lena Mae Cook Elsie M. Paladino

# **RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 8**

If proposed Change to Article 178 is adopted, Forms 100-G and 101-G would need to be amended to concur:

FORM 100-G, NOW READING:

#### FORM 100-G

#### PETITION FOR CONSENT TO ORGANIZE NEW CHAPTER WITHIN A CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

To ......Chapter No . .....Order of the Eastern Star,

....., Texas.

We, the undersigned, petitioners for a new Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star to be formed within the concurrent jurisdiction in which your Chapter is situated, hereby petition your Chapter for consent to organize a new Chapter within said concurrent jurisdiction.

We believe the organization of the proposed Chapter will in no wise injure your Chapter, but will, we believe, serve to promote the best interest and welfare of the Order.

Your favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Dated	Texas	
We have secured	fc	or our meeting place.
The new Chapter is to be known		
The undersigned petitioners ha	ve met and selected the f	ollowing as the first
three officers:		
Worthy Matron-Select		
Worthy Patron-Sclect		
Secretary-Select		

Below is a list of the members who have actually signed the petition for a new Chapter:

Member of or Demitted from Subordinate Chapter:

NAMES	Name	No.	Location
1 2			

(insert additional sheets if necessary for additional names)

Form 100-G

FORM 101-G reading as follows:

#### FORM 101-G REPORT ON PETMON FOR CONSENT TO ORGANIZE NEW CHAPTER WITHIN A CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

To the Petitioners for New Chapter,

Order of the Eastern Star, to be Known as

.....Chapter. U.D.

This is to certify that at a stated meeting of		
Chapter No , O.E.S., held on the day of		
20		
rent jurisdiction in which saidChapter		
No is situated, was presented and such consent wasgranted		
by a majority vote of the members present. The vote being votes		
for consent, andvotes against consent.		
Witness my hand and seal of said Chapter this the day of		
Secretary,		

Chapter No. .....O.E.S.

(NOTE: If not granted the word "not" should be written in the blank preceding the word "granted.")

Form No. 101-G

#### BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

FORM 101-G, Change heading as follows:

#### **FORM 101-G**

### REPORT ON PETITION FOR CONSENT TO ORGANIZE NEW CHAPTER WITHIN SECTION AND DISTRICT OF EXISTING CHAPTERS.

To the Petitioners for New Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, to be Known as .....Chapter, U.D.

This is to certify that at a stated meeting of	
Chapter No day of	
20, your petition for consent to organize a new Chapter wi	thin the SEC
TION, DISTRICT, in which said	
Chapter Nois situated, was presented and such	consent was
granted by a majority vote of the Members present. The vote being	votes
for consent, and votes against consent.	
Witness my hand and seal of said Chapter this the	day of
, 20	

(NOTE: If not granted the word "not" should be written in the blank preceding the word "granted.") Form No. 101-G

BALANCE OF FORM 101-G TO REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Submitted by: Joyce Roberts Yvonne Brownfield Mildred Sharpe

Billy H. Combest Glen Whitaker Kenneth Gregory Rosemary T. Swetland Lena Maye Cook Elsie M. Paladino

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Wanda. Amendment No. 8 has been presented to you and is now open for discussion. I recognize Brother Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Keist Chapter #959 in Dallas. Sisters and Brothers, on your advance annual reports on page 36, you will note that this year in the past 12 months, we have lost 13 Chapters through a combination of demising and consolidating. And, Sisters and Brothers, when we lose Chapters, we lose members. You can rest assured that all the members in those consolidating and demising Chapters will not seek out another Chapter to become active with. Therefore, losing Chapters means losing membership. Sisters and Brothers, we have a procedure in place to determine whether or not to institute new Chapters. That procedure works very well. A new Chapter was instituted during 1998-1999. It works very well. It does not need amendments. Therefore, I would suggest to this Grand Chapter that instead of trying to put administrative roadblocks in the way of starting new Chapters, we should be more concerned with how we encourage the beginning of new Chapters and bringing in new membership. Thank you. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: In the Northwest.

MR. JIM SCOTT: Worthy Grand Matron, Reverend Jim Scott, Past Patron of Bethlehem Chapter #728 in Houston. I believe this amendment should have some clarification before it's passed. It doesn't say whether the opposition of a single Chapter within the section would blackball the new Chapter or whether it would require a majority of the Chapters approving or what. I'm confused. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Scott.

Okay. In the South.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Rosemary Swetland, a Past Matron of Burke Chapter #1098 and a signer of this amendment. May I please, for Brother Scott, clarify it to this membership?

## WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Certainly, Rosemary.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. In my home section, District 4, Section 1, over the years we have had some Chapters instituted and constituted and then die. I think our purpose for this is to get you to think about quality rather than quantity. The more Chapters we form over Texas does not strengthen us necessarily. It just causes more paperwork and more Chapters, and then they can't get officers and then we have to dual. And then once we get dual membership, then they're holding offices in both Chapters. So sometimes quality is not the issue, and this is where your signers are coming from. I know I speak in behalf definitely of Brother Kenneth, who is at the mike in the East. We are concerned that it doesn't solve our problem to form more Chapters. We need to strengthen the Chapters we have. So that's the reason we're asking that it really be investigated. We're not against new Chapters. How we would love to have a thousand new Chapters. But unless they're strong and capable of carrying on. then we've done nothing but form another Chapter that eventually has to either demise or consolidate. That was our purpose for getting you to think about that. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Rosemary. I recognize Brother Kenneth Gregory in the East.

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Kenneth Gregory, a Past Patron of Spurger Chapter #315 and Wisteria #823. 1 speak in favor of this amendment. As Sister Rosemary has said, instituting new Chapters does not necessarily represent growth for this Grand Chapter. Brother Henry has already pointed out to you that we have had 12 Chapters that have consolidated and one demised. It you look on that same page, you'll find that we have lost in this Grand Chapter this past year 4,996 members. The Grand Secretary indicated to me that in reviewing the annual reports, over half of the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction did not have a complete line for installation this past June. Sisters and Brothers, when you institute a new Chapter, it's going to pull members from your Chapters. I strongly feel that the Chapters in that section should be in agreement that a new Chapter does in fact need to be instituted in order to constitute growth. Instituting Chapters does not always indicate growth, Sisters and Brothers. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Kenneth. Are there others? In the Northwest I recognize Brother Joe Jeffers.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Joe Jeffers. I'm a Past Patron of Alvin Chapter #15 and Friendswood Chapter #1131. I want to speak against this amendment. As Brother Henry Martin pointed out, we have procedures in place to allow Worthy Grand Patrons to examine the situation before a new Chapter is instituted. Whether or not we institute new Chapters or don't institute new Chapters is not going to have any effect on the continuing decline of the membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. The fact is that amendment does not provide for any way to restrict or allow the Worthy Grand Patron to make his decision because it's not binding. We're not going to do anything except create more paperwork for the Chapters in the section, and then allow him to make his decision anyway. I am against the amendment.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Joe Jeffers speaks against the motion. Are there other members wishing to speak? I don't see anyone else moving toward a mike. Therefore, we shall vote on Amendment No. 8. Those in favor of Amendment No. 8, raise your purple card. Those opposed to Amendment No. 8, raise your card. Thank you very much. This motion is defeated.

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Sisters and Brothers, you have defeated Amendment No. 8. Therefore, the next related amendment to number 8 is no longer necessary, so it's null and void. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It related to the forms that went along with Amendment No. 8. I recognize Brother Kenneth Gregory.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## **AMENDMENT NO. 9**

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Amendment 9 concerns Article 191, Page 134 of the Code of Laws and is found on page 67 of your Advance Annual Report. The Amendment to Article 191 reads as follows:

ARTICLE 191: MARRIAGE TO A PROFANE. A female relative eligible for membership (<u>Ritual, Page 161</u>) who is married to a man who is not a Master Mason is eligible to receive the degrees. This would exclude a widow who has remarried a non-Master Mason as she has lost her identity as a widow and is no longer eligible.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

(Amendment No. 9 reads as follows)

## AMENDMENT NO. 9

WHEREAS: The Ritual was changed by General Grand Chapter to expand the eligibility of membership to include more female relatives; and

WHEREAS: Texas has not included these changes (<u>half-sister, step-mother,</u> <u>mother-in-law, sister-in-law</u>) in the case if they are married to a man who is not a Master Mason; and

WHEREAS: Texas law is not clear regarding the status of widows who have re-married.

We propose the following amendment to:

ARTICLE 191, Code of Laws (Page 134)

### WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

ARTICLE 191: MARRIAGE TO A PROFANE. <u>The mother, daughter, sister,</u> granddaughter, step-daughter, step-sister, grandmother, great granddaughter. niece or daughter-in-law of an affiliated Master Mason who is married to a man who is not a Master Mason is eligible to receive the degrees.

## BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 191: MARRIAGE TO A PROFANE. <u>A female relative eligible for</u> <u>membership (Ritual - Page161)</u> who is married to a man who is not a Master Mason is eligible to receive the degrees. <u>This would exclude a widow who has</u> <u>re-married a non-Master Mason as she has lost her identity as a widow and</u> <u>is no longer eligible.</u>

Submitted by:	
Katherine Duncan	Martha Olson
Joe E. Jeffers	Oscar H. Moser
Beth Moser	Elsie M. Paladino

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Kenneth. This one seems to be fairly clear. It's just saying once a person is a widow and has lost her identity and remarries, then she is no longer a widow. Okay. Is there any discussion concerning this amendment? I don't see anyone moving toward a mike. Therefore, I will ask you: If you are in favor of this Motion No. 9, would you please raise your purple card. Thank you. Put them down. Those opposed to Amendment No. 9, raise your purple card. I need help!

Do we need to clarify because it seemed that everyone did not vote? If you are in favor of Amendment No. 9 - In the Northwest.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Do you desire clarification for this amendment or not?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I think the membership would like to have a clarification. Brother Kenneth, would you like to say a little bit more. I think what we need to understand is that the General Grand Chapter gives us the positions in the Ritual of those who are allowed to become a member of the Eastern Star. The word is "widow." Therefore, when they are no longer a widow of a Mason, they lose their identity to become a member for the first time. It doesn't mean they're going to get kicked out or anything like that. It just simply means that they're no longer eligible to petition for the first time.

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Unless they remarry a Mason.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Unless they find a second Mason.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: And then, Worthy Grand Matron, they're no longer a widow, they're a wife.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to that motion? In favor or opposed. If there's someone in the Northwest, would you please wave. Yes, sir.

**MR. PERCY LEE JOHNSON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Percy Lee Johnson, Past Patron of Dayton 233. I believe this amendment depends on the definition of the term "widow. If we are allowed that ability to make that definition, I believe charity would be the word. Once a person is a member of the Masonic family, to me they are always a member of the Masonic family. Thank you. (applause)

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, Sister Katherine, in the Northwest.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: I'm Katherine Duncan, Past Matron of Alvin Chapter 15. I wrote this amendment initially to try to clarify – it was a cleanup of our Code of Laws. The General Grand Chapter changed the Ritual to allow additional eligible members in 1998. Our Code of Laws had not cleaned this up. The first part of this amendment cleans that part up, if they happen to be married to a non-Mason. That's these half-sisters and stepmothers and people like that that were added. I believe it has been an unwritten law and some confusion for a number of years, that if a widow should remarry a non-Mason, she is now a wife of a non-Mason and no longer a widow. If she's a member already, nothing happens to her membership. But if she remarries before she tries to petition, she's no longer a widow, she's the wife of a non-Mason. This merely clarifies that interpretation.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Katherine. I think the membership is beginning to understand. We have someone in the South.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Alma Carter, Past Matron of Plano Chapter #703. I'm for this amendment. It has really been with us all these years. When you are married to a Mason and you do not join the Eastern Star, while you're married or while you are his widow, then you remarry, you lose your right as a wife or as a widow of a Master Mason. And you should not be allowed – You should have gone in before you remarried, girls. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** So all of you ladies out there you know you better get in before you remarry! And your friends. Okay. Do we have enough clarification –

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: In the Northwest again.

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: I'm speaking because I have a problem with this amendment. If you take out Article 191, "Marriage to a Profane," as it says here – that it reads, the mother, daughter, sister, granddaughter, stepdaughter, stepsister, grandmother, granddaughter, niece or daughter-in-law of an affiliated Master Mason who is married to a man who is not a Master Mason is eligible to receive the degrees – we all agree with that. But if you remove that and put in, as you have proposed here, Article 191 which refers only to the widow, you're going to lose all of that –

## WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No -

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: You don't want to do that, but when you take out one article and replace it with another, it's gone. You may add this to that article. You can add it as an addition to Article 191, but it does not say that.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You are correct if they did that. But if you will look at it, it says, a female relative eligible for membership as given in the Ritual on page 161. So instead of saying all those words again, they just simply stated that fact and went on to add something. Okay?

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: So what they need to do is say that this is an addition to the Article 191 as it now reads.

**MRS. MILDRED SHARPE:** Sisters and Brothers, let me say this. The way it is proposed, we are governed by General Grand Chapter insofar as those who are eligible for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. The Ritual outlines those who are eligible. Now, if you continue to list them one by one in accordance with our Ritual, then every time General Grand Chapter changes the requirement for membership, we require a change in our law. If we go by the Ritual, all of those relatives of Masons, as approved by General Grand Chapter, it's in the Ritual. This is merely adding the provision to those outlined in the Ritual, the proper identity of a widow who is remarrying a non-Mason. She is not eligible for membership.

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: Thank you. That was, as I said, an addition to what was already there.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Lola. Girls, I've got the solution. If you are a widow and marry a "profane", just go through the Eastern Star on an uncle or a stepfather or a grandfather. Okay. Is there other discussion? I see someone in the Southwest.

**MR. JOHN DUNN:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is John Dunn. I'm a Past Patron of Livingston #1139 and currently Worthy Patron of Shepherd 1003. I think it's pretty clear now and I move the question. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The previous question has been moved. You've got practice in this today, Sisters and Brothers. If you are ready to stop discussion, would you raise your purple card. Put them down. Those who want to continue debate, raise your purple card. The motion passes. Now we are voting on Amendment No. 9. Those in favor of Amendment No. 9, please raise your purple card. Those opposed, raise your purple card. The Amendment No. 9 passes.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## **AMENDMENT NO. 10**

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Proposed Amendment No. 10 is found on your Advance Annual Report, Page 68. It pertains to Chapter 4. AFFILIATION, ARTICLE 204 e and the changes are to (e) ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP, subsection (2) PRICE, also to (4) (b) of EFFECT IF CHAPTER CONSOLIDATES OR DEMISES AND TO (7) (b) RESPONSIBILITY OF GRAND CHAPTER. A number of the Sections and sub-sections will remain the same. The first change to (e) (2) is the dividing of this sub-section into a, b, and c with (a) relating to the Installment Plan; (b) to a proposed "Stamp Program" of the purchase of \$10.00 perforated Endowed Membership stamps to be placed in a special booklet holding 50 stamps, available through the Grand Secretary's office with Chapter Secretary's ordering same. The stamps may be given or transferred to other members as gifts! No refund! When the booklet is completed it will be turned in to the Chapter Secretary who will forward same to the Grand Secretary as payment for the Endowed Membership. The proposed amendment allows the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint a Special Committee to place emphasis on the sale of the stamps. (c) gives the instruction to the Chapter Secretary on the issuance of dues card. (4) EFFECT IF CHAPTER CONSOLIDATES OR DEMISES (b) with no change in (a) simply adds a sentence a sentence to read <u>"If</u> the Endowed Member subsequently becomes a member of another Texas Chapter by affiliation, the Endowed Membership will be transferred to that Chapter." SECTION 7 (b) change is the addition of sub-sections (1) and (2) with the new sections to read as follows:

(1) Funds paid for Endowed, Membership Stamps and Booklets, will be put in a separate holding account from other Endowed Membership Funds. Earned interest from this holding account shall be deposited in the General Fund of Grand Chapter each year for operating of Grand Chapter. The cost of printing stamps and booklets will also be paid from the holding account earned interest. When paid, filled Endowed Membership booklets are received from, Subordinate Chapters, the \$500.00 price will be transferred from the holding account into the regular Endowed Membership Account.

(2) The earned interest from the regular Endowed Membership Account will be distributed annually during the month of April, through the Grand Treasurer, to the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter, except that this action will not take place until after May 31st of the first year after purchase of the Endowed Membership.

The proposal is in proper form in accordance with our law on Amendments.

(Amendment No. 10 reads as follows.)

## **AMENDMENT NO. 10**

WHEREAS: Endowed Memberships are beneficial to Subordinate Chapters by the receipt of earned interest, and

WHEREAS: Members will benefit in having an Endowed Membership by no longer having to pay dues, and

WHEREAS: Members will be given the opportunity to purchase Stamps toward the purchase of Endowed Memberships in increments of \$10.00, and

WHEREAS: Members may keep these stamps for themselves or give them as gifts to other members at honor nights, for installation officers, for memorials, holidays, and guest speakers in lieu of other types of gifts, and

WHEREAS: It would be beneficial to the General Fund of Grand Chapter to receive the earned interest from the Endowed Membership Stamp Holding Account for the operation of Grand Chapter, and

WHEREAS: This would be an easy method for members to purchase an Endowed Membership without the Chapter setting up a formal installment plan.

We the undersigned propose the following amendment to the Code of Laws:

## CHAPTER 4. AFFILIATION ARTICLE 204. e. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

### WHICH NOW READS:

### e. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

(1) ELIGIBLE. A member who has paid current dues may purchase an Endowed Membership or an Endowed Membership may be purchased to honor a member. An Endowed Membership may likewise be purchased as a Memorial for a member who was in good standing at the time of death.

(2) PRICE: Full price is \$500.00. If not paid in a lump sum, an Endowed Membership may be purchased by the Installment Plan adopted by their Chapter. The Chapter Secretary will forward only the full payment to the Grand Secretary. . Holders of an Endowed Membership shall be issued a current "Receipt for Dues" Card each year by the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter; the words "Endowed Membership" shall be entered in place of dues amount.

(3) BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS:

(a) After May 31st, of the year purchased, member will pay no further dues. Subordinate Chapters will be responsible for payment of Per Capita Tax to Grand Chapter on all Endowed Members.

- (b) The Chapter as hereinafter provided, will each year of its existence, receive interest income from the Endowed Membership, even after the death of the member.
- (c) Endowed Membership Members are subject to all the laws, rules and requirements as promulgated in the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter. Loss of membership by suspension or expulsion shall abrogate each member's Endowed Membership rights. The Chapter in which said member was last a member shall continue to receive earned income from the Endowed Membership.
- (d) In the event of the low interest rates on the Endowed Membership any given year, it shall be the responsibility of the individual Chapter to absorb differences in returns and Chapter dues.

### (4) EFFECT IF CHAPTER CONSOLIDATES OR DEMISES

- (a) When two or more Chapters consolidate, all money in the Endowed Membership Fund, including honorary or those for deceased members, shall be credited to the remaining Consolidated Chapter.
- (b) Upon Demise of a Chapter, interest earned shall be credited to the General Fund of Grand Chapter and the names of such members shall be listed in the Grand Treasurer's report to Grand Chapter each year.
- (5) EFFECT OF DEMIT OR TRANSFER OF AN ENDOWED MEMBER
- (a) Should an Endowed Member demit, the Chapter retains all rights to

earned interest until such time as the member affiliates with another Texas Chapter. Should affiliation be with a Chapter in another Jurisdiction, the Endowed Membership remains in the Chapter from which Demit was taken. Should the member, at a later date, affiliate with another Texas Chapter, the Endowed Membership may be transferred to that Chapter upon written request accompanied by payment of \$3.00 administration fee. If they re-affiliate with the original Chapter, they shall pay no further dues.

(b) If the holder of an Endowed Membership transfers to another Texas Chapter, the Endowed Membership shall be transferred to the new Chapter, upon written request of the Secretary of the new Chapter, accompanied by payment of a \$3.00 Transfer Fee.

(6) EFFECT ON DUAL MEMBERSHIP. In event of Dual membership, a member may purchase an Endowed Membership in both Chapters and in such a case, the member will pay no further dues in either Chapter. If a member withdraws from their Dual Chapter, the Chapter retains all rights to earned interest until such time as the member duals with another Chapter. If Endowed Membership is purchased in but one Chapter, only that Chapter will receive interest payment and the member will be exempt from dues in only that Chapter.

- (7) RESPONSIBILITY OF GRAND CHAPTER
- (a) Upon full payment of the Endowed Membership, a Certificate signed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Secretary shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter for presentation and official record.
- (b) Administration of the Endowed Membership Plan shall be under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees. The Board shall receive control of all the Endowed Membership Funds received by the Grand Secretary through the Grand Treasurer. Said funds will be invested and reinvested in consonance with Grand Chapter investments. The earned interest will be distributed annually during the month of April, through the Grand Treasurer, to the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter, except that this action will not take place until after May 31st of the first year after purchase of the Endowed Membership.
- (c) The Grand Treasurer shall forward all checks of earned interest to the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter, minus a \$3.00 Administration Fee on each Endowed Membership, same to be deposited in the General Fund of the Grand Chapter. This must be done during the month of April.

## BE AMENDED TO READ:

e. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

(1) NO CHANGE

(2) PRICE: Full price is \$500.00 if not paid in lump sum, an Endowed Membership may be purchased <u>as follows:</u>

- (a) <u>By the Installment Plan adopted by their Chapter. The Chapter</u> <u>Secretary will forward only the full payment to the Grand</u> <u>Secretary.</u>
- (b) By purchase of \$10.00 special perforated Endowed membership stamps to be place a special booklet that will hold fifty (50) stamps. These stamps will be available from the Grand Secretary and through the Subordinate Chapter Secretary. Chapter Secretaries may order as few of these stamps as desired to keep on hand for purchase by Chapter members. These stamps may be given or transferred to other members as gifts. Once a stamp is purchased, there will be no refund. When booklets of fifty (50) stamps are completed, members must turn it in to the Secretary of their Subordinate Chapter, who will then forward it to the Grand Secretary as payment for the Endowed Membership. If the Worthy Grand Matron so desires, she may appoint a special committee to place emphasis on the sale of these stamps.
- (c) <u>Holders of an Endowed Membership shall be issued a current</u> <u>"Receipt for Dues" Card each year by the Secretary of the</u> <u>Subordinate Chapter; the words "Endowed Membership" shall</u> <u>be entered in place of dues amount.</u>
- (3) BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS

## NO CHANGE

## (4) EFFECT IF CHAPTER CONSOLIDATES OR DEMISES

- (a) NO CHANGE
- (b) Upon Demise of a Chapter, interest earned shall be credited to the General Fund of Grand Chapter and the names of such members shall be listed in the Grand Treasurer's report to Grand Chapter each year. If the Endowed Member subsequently becomes a member of another Texas Chapter by affiliation, the Endowed Membership will be transferred to that Chapter.

## (5) EFFECT OF DEMIT OR TRANSFER OF AN ENDOWED MEMBER

- NO CHANGE
- (6) EFFECT ON DUAL MEMBERSHIP
- NO CHANGE
- (7) RESPONSIBILITY OF GRAND CHAPTER
- (a) NO CHANGE
- (b) Administration of the Endowed Membership Plan shall be under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees. The Board shall receive control of all the Endowed Membership Funds received by the Grand Secretary through the Grand Treasurer. Said funds shall be invested and reinvested in consonance with Grand Chapter investments.
- (1) Funds paid for Endowed membership Stamps and Booklets will be

put in a separate holding account from other Endowed Membership Funds. Earned interest from this holding account shall be deposited in the General Fund of Grand Chapter each year for operating of Grand Chapter. The cost of printing stamps and booklets will also be paid from the holding account earned interest. When paid, filled Endowed Membership booklets are received from Subordinate Chapters, the \$500.00 price will be transferred from the holding account into the regular Endowed Membership Account.

(2) <u>The earned interest from the regular Endowed Membership</u> <u>Account will be distributed annually during the month of April, through</u> <u>the Grand Treasurer, to the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter, except</u> <u>that this action will not take place until after May 31st of the first year</u> <u>after purchase of the Endowed Membership.</u>

(c) NO CHANGE

Richard Ochs	Kenneth R. Gregory
Betty Prater	Jimmie Lee McMahon
Buddy Baker	Sharon Fentress
Naomi Wolfe	
	Betty Prater Buddy Baker

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** This is Amendment No. 10, and it is in proper order and ready for discussion.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Naomi in the West.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: My name is Naomi Wolfe. I'm a Past Matron of Hurst Chapter 1099, dual member and a Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741. I would like to speak in favor of this amendment. This is the first time in a long, long time that we've had something for the membership and Subordinate Chapters. Everyone here would like to have an endowed membership, but not always do we have \$500 to do that. As you can see, there's ten people in my family that are Eastern Star. Today I purchased a book, and in it each one has a stamp. I don't know if everybody remembers S&H Green Stamps or Bond Stamps, this is what we're doing. We're allowing the membership of Texas – everybody in every Subordinate Chapter the opportunity to start your endowed membership for \$10, however you want to purchase it. It gives Worthy Matrons the opportunity to have a \$10 gift or whatever you want, one \$10 or two or whatever, to present to people that come into your Chapter. They're good for birthdays, Christmas, anniversary.

It's a win/win/win situation. First, it allows everybody the opportunity to have an endowed membership. Second, this fund goes into a separate account. The interest from that fund first would pay for the expense of the printing of the stamps and the book, but the rest of the interest off that would go into our general fund. Sisters and Brothers, as our Chapters are getting smaller and smaller, the per capita that we have that goes into our general fund is not helping. It's not meeting the bills. We as Line Officers are beginning to have to raise money with our projects to help the budget of our Grand Chapter. So this would be a money maker for them. That interest would flow into the general fund each year towards having the bills paid for our Grand Chapter. Once you've purchased \$500 worth of stamps, then the money is taken from that account, and it goes into the endowed membership. Then the Chapters are able to draw money off of the endowed membership. So this way it's a win/win/win.

This amendment is put in here so it is a permanent thing from now on. I speak for this amendment, Sisters and Brothers. It is a win situation for each one of us. I'd encourage your vote for it. Thank you. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Naomi.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** I am Marjorie Errington, Past Matron of Panhandle Chapter #760. Naomi has a beautiful idea and a wonderful program idea. However, according to our auditor, all – and according to our constitution, all money towards endowed memberships goes back to the Chapters. As badly as the general fund needs money, we cannot do that. The auditor said that if this amendment did pass, then he would set us up an accounting program for one year, but it would have to be refined if we were going to consider it as membership endowment.

I am not speaking for or against. I think it is a good idea. If it does not pass this year, we could come up with the auditor's suggestions on the amendments. If it does pass, then we will put the money in a permanent – or special temporary account until it is refined. Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to place an amendment to the amendment by adding to 4(b), if the endowed member subsequently becomes a member of another Texas Chapter by affiliation, the endowed membership will be transferred to that Chapter, by adding, by written request accompanied by a \$3 fee by the endowed member or by the Secretary of their Chapter. You know, we have to know in our Chapter what – where that endowed membership is, what Chapter you have it in, so that we can disburse our interest to the correct Chapter. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Grand Secretary. We have an amendment to the amendment on 4(b). If you have a copy and want to chase that down, I'll give you just a moment. It is to add the \$3 fee that is normally collected at the Grand Secretary's office. Our Grand Secretary says it has to be done by written request, which she considers the most important part of this.

Sisters and Brothers, if you will allow me, I will read – if I have this correct, I'm going to read the part that she is amending. Okay? Under 4 (b), I read, "Upon Demise of a Chapter, interest earned shall be credited to the General Fund of Grand Chapter and the names of such members shall be listed in the Grand Treasurer's report to Grand Chapter each year." The amendment is to add, "by written request, accompanied by a \$3 fee by the endowed member or by the Secretary of their Chapter." So you are now voting to amend the amendment by adding this portion of a sentence, "by written request, accompanied by a \$3 fee by the endowed member or by the Secretary of their Chapter." If you want to add that portion of that sentence, you will raise your purple card in favor. So I ask you, those in favor of amending this amendment, please raise your purple card. Put that down. Those opposed to adding this partial sentence to the amendment. I think they're confused. Would you raise your hand, those opposed. So we have amended this amendment.

Now we are considering the entire Amendment No. 10. Is there more discussion on this amendment? You're allowed to discuss it if we wish to.

In the Northwest.

**MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN:** I'm Katherine Duncan, Past Matron of Alvin 15. 1 didn't think I'd get up again, but I guess I'm confused about the auditor. The current law on the interest of an endowed membership – if a Chapter demises, and we did have one demise this year. I don't know if they had any endowed members or not. But our current law says that that interest – instead of going to the Chapters – an endowed membership goes to the general fund. I don't understand the difference of that money going to the general fund and the auditor saying that holding an account just from the stamps has to go to this endowed membership fund, why it can't go to the general fund. I guess the auditors would have to explain that to me. I don't know.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We probably need clarification, Sister Katherine. Thank you.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Sister Katherine, the clarification is: All money, all interest from membership endowment goes back to the Chapters of that endowed member. When a Chapter demises, there is no longer a Chapter. So they allow that then to go to the general fund. Of course, the members that receive a Grand Demit from that demised Chapter and goes to another Chapter, then their membership endowment goes to the Chapter that they have returned to or go to.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: As long as they're in Texas.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Worthy Grand Matron, in deference to Brother Richard Ochs, I forgot to say, I'm definitely in favor of this entire amendment.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Katherine. Sister Katherine Duncan spoke in favor of Amendment No. 10. Do we have other discussion? I recognize the Associate Grand Patron in the West.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron, Buddy Baker, Worthy Patron of Mart Chapter 109. 1, as with Sister Duncan, need a lot of clarification from the auditor, too, because I think that buying a stamp does not qualify as an endowed membership. I am definitely for this whole amendment.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Buddy, we can't understand what you're saying. You're going to have to lift up the mike, aren't you? There you go. Try again.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: I simply said that buying a stamp, I cannot see how that is considered as an endowed membership. Therefore, I am in total 100 percent approval of the whole amendment.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Buddy Baker speaks in favor of this amendment. I have someone in the Southwest.

MR. ROBERT BROWNFIELD: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Robert Brownfield, Past Patron of Copperas Cove Chapter 1070. I agree with Buddy. The money that accrues from the sale of stamps is not an endowed membership. The endowed membership does not exist until that book is full and returned to the Grand Secretary's Office, and then an endowed membership is issued to the member. So I don't see that there should be any conflict with the funds from the stamps and the fund that has been proposed. Therefore, I'm in full favor of passing this amendment. (applause) **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Robert Brownfield. I'm trying to see if anyone else is moving toward a mike. If you are ready, we are going to vote on Amendment No. 10 as a whole. Those in favor of Amendment No. 10, please raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed. The amendment passes. (applause)

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## **AMENDMENT NO. 11**

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: We now move to Amendment No. 11 of the Code of Laws.

Amendment No. 11 concerns Chapter 5 Demits, Article 207 GRAND DEMITS, found on page 71 of Annual Report. There are no proposed changes in the current law. The Amendment proposes an addition of (d) under Section 2 to read as follows:

(d) Endowed members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star holding a Grand Demit are entitled to an Eastern Star Funeral Service.

The proposed amendment is in proper form and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

(Amendment No. 11 reads as follows.)

## **AMENDMENT NO. 11**

WHEREAS, THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS FOR A PERSON HOLDING AN ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP IN A DEMISED CHAPTER HAVING BEEN GRANTED A GRAND DEMIT TO BE ENTITLED TO AN EASTERN STAR FUNERAL; THERE-FORE WE PRESENT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

CODE OF LAWS Chapter 5 Demits, Article 207 – Grand Demits

Which now reads:

a. Who eligible.

- (2) Former members of the following described Chapters who were in good standing when their Chapters lost their Dispensations or Charters, are eligible to apply to the Grand Secretary for and receive a Grand Demit upon payment of \$1.00 with proof of good standing.
  - (a) Former members of a U. D. Chapter whose Dispensation has been arrested.
  - (b) Former members of a U. D. Chapter to whom Grand Chapter failed to grant a Charter and whose Dispensation was not extended by Grand Chapter.
  - (c) Former members of a Chapter whose Charter has been arrested.

. . .

## CHAPTER 5 DEMITS, Article 207 Grand Demits

a. Who eligible.

- (2) Former members of the following described Chapters who were in good standing when their Chapter lost their Dispensation or Charters are eligible to apply to the Grand Secretary for and receive a Grand Demit upon payment of \$1.00 with proof of good standing:
  - (a) Former members of a U. D. Chapter whose Dispensation has been arrested.
  - (b) Former members of a U. D. Chapter to whom Grand Chapter failed to grant a Charter and whose Dispensation was not extended by Grand Chapter.
  - (c) Former members of a Chapter whose Charter has been arrested.
  - (d) Endowed members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of The Eastern Star holding a Grand Demit are entitled to an Eastern Star Funeral Service.

**Respectfully Submitted:** 

Betty Y. Friend	Jimmie Lee McMahon	Jan
H. Lee Stallings	Cheryl McGee	Cowe
Naomi Wolfe	Sharon Fentress	Marc
Buddy Baker	Billie Wilk	

Jan Haag Coweta Engel Marquetta Whitfield

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Amendment No. 11 has been presented to you as ready for discussion. Do we have anyone that would like to speak to or against this motion? I see no one moving toward a mike. Therefore, those in favor of Amendment No. 11 to allow endowed members constant membership so that they may have an Eastern Star funeral, raise your hand. Thank you. Those opposed. Motion passes.

Sisters and Brothers, I commend you. You're doing very well. Thank you. Brother Kenneth.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## AMENDMENT NO. 12

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This is Amendment No. 12 to the Code of Laws.

Amendment No. 12 proposes a change to CHAPTER 7 – THE BALLOT, ARTICLE 218.C. – Code of Laws, page 151 and is found on Page 72 of your Annual Report. The amendment proposes to change the tire an objection or protest can be made from "at any time BEFORE THE OBLIGATION IS TAKEN" to "at any time BEFORE THE START OF THE INITIATION WHEN THE ASSOCIATE CONDUC-TRESS REPORTS THERE IS A CANDIDATE IN WAITING." The amendment is in proper order and is ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

(Amendment No. 12 reads as follows.)

## **AMENDMENT NO. 12**

WHEREAS: An objection or protest to a person receiving the degrees must be in writing, and

WHEREAS: Any objection or protest must remain secret; and

WHEREAS: Every effort should be made to avoid embarrassment to the Chapter, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the petitioner in the event a protest will be made; and

WHEREAS: The secrecy can be maintained and embarrassment avoided if protest must be filed earlier than the Obligation and before the candidate enters the Chapter room.

WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO:

CHAPTER 7 - THE BALLOT, ARTICLE 218.c. - Code of Laws, p. 151

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

c. OBJECTION OR PROTEST

(1) Any person who has petitioned for the degrees can be protested by a member of the Chapter personally filing a written objection with the Worthy Matron at any time <u>before the Obligation is taken</u>.

(2) Any person who has petitioned for Affiliation by Demit, Grand or otherwise, or for transfer of membership can be protested by a member of the Chapter personally filing a written objection with the Worthy Matron at any time before the ballot.

(3) A protest against the granting of a Waiver of Jurisdiction may be made with the Worthy Matron, in writing, at any time before the ballot is taken.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

C. OBJECTION OR PROTEST

(1) Any person who has petitioned for the degrees can be protested by a member of the Chapter personally filing a written objection with the Worthy Matron at any time <u>before the start of the initiation when the Associate Conductress</u> <u>reports there is a candidate in waiting.</u>

(2) NO CHANGE

(3)) NO CHANGE

Submitted by:		
Naomi Wolfe	Richard C. Sharp	Jimmie Lee McMahon
Buddy Baker	Laura Sharp	Sharon Fentress
Katherine Duncan	Dorothy Nicholson	Betty Y. Friend
Beth Moser	Frances Atkinson	H. Lee Stallings

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Kenneth. Amendment No. 12 is in order and is ready for your discussion. Do we have anyone who would like to speak in favor or against this motion? It was pointed out to me that we do have some voting delegates in the balcony. Is there a mike up there? No mike. Brother Jerry Trees, can you see if we can get a mike in the balcony in case anyone wants to speak? He's raising his hands. I guess if you want to speak, you're going to have to come downstairs. Okay. There is someone in the West, and it is our Associate Grand Patron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Buddy Baker, Worthy Patron of Mart Chapter 109. I am very much in favor of this amendment. Think of the devastation it can cause if we do not pass it. It has happened, I understand, before. But it's simply to keep a lot of dignity in there. As you know, as this says, a person can be protested standing in front of that altar if he has not started his Obligation. This will simply keep this from happening if we can no longer protest a candidate after the Associate Conductress reports there's a candidate at the door.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Buddy. This will save embarrassment of someone standing at the altar and then receiving a protest. Okay. Is there any other discussion? If not, we shall proceed to vote on Amendment No. 12. Those in favor of Amendment No. 12, please raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed. Motion passes.

We're going to continue. I'm trying to time this so we can get you to your lunch on time. Brother Harry has Amendment No. 13.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## **AMENDMENT NO. 13**

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. They say the last shall be first.

Amendment No. 13 concerns Article 227, Code of Laws, INSTALLATION, page 158 and is found on page 73 of your Advance Annual Report. The actual change is to state under sub-section b "No Installation of Officers will be held on a Sunday". The present section (b) would then become section C.

Proposed Amendment No. 13 is in proper order and is ready for the consideration and action of the Grand Chapter.

AMENDMENT NO. 13 reads as follows:)

## **AMENDMENT NO. 13**

WHEREAS, since Article 227 (a.) states that an open Installation for a Subor-

dinate Chapter may be held any day from June 1st to June 23rd, and has become a confusing issue regarding a possible Installation on a Sunday, we propose the following amendment:

CODE OF LAWS Article 227. Installation

## NOW READS:

a. All Officers of Chartered Chapters shall be installed on June 1st or as soon thereafter as possible. This also applies to officers who are reappointed. An open installation may be held on any day from June 1st to June 23rd, both days included, without a Special Dispensation, provided same is held in the regular meeting place; but a Dispensation must be secured to install publicly on any date after June 23rd, or outside the regular meeting place. Such Dispensation shall be requested by vote of the Chapter at a Stated or Called Meeting and the request for same on prescribed form, under Seal of the Chapter, and accompanied by the \$3.00 Dispensation Fee shall be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron by the Secretary. Officers legally hold their stations until their successors are elected and installed or until their offices are declared vacant. Installation of the Worthy Matron-elect is requisite at the same time her corps of officers is installed. It shall be the prerogative of the Worthy Matron-elect to select all installing Officers. The Installing Officer shall be a Present or Past Matron or a Present or Past Patron. The Worthy Matron-elect and the Worthy Patron-elect shall not be installed into office until the Installing Officer is satisfied, by separate examination, that they know the Secret Work. No officer can be installed by proxy. No member shall be installed into office who has not paid Chapter Dues for the year during which she or he shall serve in said office.

### BE AMENDED TO READ:

CODE OF LAWS Article 227. INSTALLATION

a. (SAME)

b. No Installation of Officers will be held on a Sunday.

c. (b. becomes C.)

Respectfully submitted: Betty Y. Friend H. Lee Stallings Naomi Wolfe Buddy Baker

Coweta Engle Cheryl McGee Jimmie Lee McMahon Sharon Fentress Marjorie Errington Billie Wilk Jan Haag Marquetta Whitfield

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Katherine, in the Northwest.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Katherine Duncan, Past Matron, Alvin Chapter 15. 1 would like to encourage the membership to vote against this amendment for one reason. I talked to Sister Millie this morning. Amendment No. 14 covers the same article. And if this amendment passes, the Jurisprudence Committee will kick out Amendment No. 14 before we even get to it. This amendment - right now our current law says open installation can be held without a special dispensation between June 1st and June 23rd. After that - that's open installations. Closed installations can be held any time without a special dispensation after June 23rd. The next amendment addresses that. It also adds "except Sunday" in there. So the main difference is that open installations on this amendment, the way the current law is. The next amendment is going to say open or closed installations would require a special dispensation. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I think we've got signers on both of these that are the same. It's rather a duplication in part. If you understand what she's saying, if you want to look at number 14 and consider all of 14, you may defeat this one and go on to 14. This one simply covers the fact that someone has asked -in fact several did this year – if they could have an installation on Sunday. I said and ruled no. So Amendment No. 13 states just that. Amendment No. 14 has more in it. Is there other discussion?

**MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:** Worthy Grand Matron, if I may clarify something. Amendment 13 was received prior to Amendment 14. That's the way it was listed in your advance report. That's why 13 was before 14.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. If you're ready for the vote on number 13 - I don't want to put words in your mouth, but if I understand this, if you want to consider number 14, you will defeat this motion. Those in favor of Amendment No. 13 will raise your purple card. Those opposed. It is defeated, and we will move on to number 14 which is a related amendment.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## AMENDMENT NO. 14

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Amendment No. 14 is the same as Amendment No. 13 except for several word changes and additions.

## **AMENDMENT NO. 14**

WHEREAS: There is some confusion on the dates necessary for a Closed Installation of Officers in Subordinate Chapters; and

WHEREAS: There is confusion if a Special Dispensation is required for a Closed Installation after June 23rd; and

WHEREAS: It would be beneficial to clarify these dates and to include both Open and Closed Installations in the dates of June 1st through June 23rd.

WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO:

Code of Laws, ARTICLE 227. INSTALLATION. a. (p. 158)

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

ARTICLE 227: INSTALLATION

(Continued on Page 329)



INSTALLATION 1999 IN WACO Installed Grand Officer and their Escorts, 1999 - 2000



PERSONAL PAGES WITH THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON Betty Y. Friend, WGM (center); Back Row L-R: Personal Pages, Patricia Edwards; Rachael Haws; Robyn (Merchant) McGarr; Jo Ann Snow; Bonnie Varnell, and Carolyn Martin.

PERSONAL PAGES WITH THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON H. Lee Stallings, WGP (center); Back Row L-R: Personal Pages, George Williams; Hal Dicky Coulter, and Monroe Cooper.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS



"STEPPIN' OUT 2000" FLOOR OFFICER DRILL Installed Floor Officers and their Pages with Grand Marshal in front.



Brother Harry Cunningham presents City and State Honors to Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.



Presenting Most Worshipful Grand Master – Assisting Grand Marshal, Beulah Speer, PG escorts W. Vernon Burke, Jr and his lady, Faye to the East



**INSTALLATION 2000-2001** 

Assisting Grand Marshal, Betty Benham, PGM, escorting Right Worthy Grand Trustees to the East; Chairman, Rennie Ofton and a PGM of Texas; and Vice-Chairman, Fred W. Clarke, a PGP of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and a Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nova Scotia.



U.S. FLAG PRESENTATION Mrs. Susie B. Broughton, Grand Marshal presenting the U.S. Flag.



INTRODUCTIONS L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Sharon Fentress; Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; and Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress.



#### INTRODUCTIONS L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Sharon Fentress; Garland Rattan, Knight's Templar Eye Foundation Committee; Eleanor Stoddard, Unfinished Business Committee, General Grand Chapter; and Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress.



RECEPTION FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS L-R: Betty Y. Friend, WGM; H. Lee Stallings, WGP; Pat Rasmusson, Right Worthy Grand Conduc-tress; Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees; and Fred W. Clarke, Vice-Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees, General Grand Chapter.



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L-R: H. Lee Stallings, WGP; Miss Meagan Burney, Miss Texas Job's Daughters; R.J. Morlock, State Master Counselor DeMolay; Miss Christie Leos, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Betty Y. Friend, WGM.



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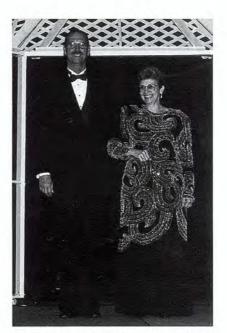
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50-YEAR MEMBERSHIP AWARDS (Names listed by Grand Secretary in Proceedings) 1999-2000 Fifty Year Members Honored.



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"FRIENDS ARE FOREVER" GENERAL BANQUET - HEAD TABLE



DEPUTIES LUNCHEON "OUR SWAN SONG" Luncheon for the 1999-2000 Deputies, Grand Examiners and Secretaries of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.



ELECTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BREAKFAST "WAKING UP WITH FRIENDS AND COMPANY" Breakfast for Elected Boards and Committee Appointments.



GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S BREAKFAST "FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD" Breakfast for Grand Representatives.



INSTALLED OFFICER'S DINNER – DECORATED GIFT TABLE FOR "ONE SHINING MOMENT" Beautifully decorated table with Personalized Engraveed Silver Plates for each Installed Officer.



INSTALLED OFFICER'S DINNER – TABLE #1 "ONE SHINING MOMENT" L-R: (seated) Jackie Stogner, Grand Organist; Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Jack Friend, Grand Escort; Martha Hover, Fraternal Correspondent; George Hover, Grand Escort; (standing) O.B. Lee, Grand Escort; Jean Lee, Grand Electa; Karen S. Wright, Grand Martha.

INSTALLED OFFICER'S DINNER – TABLE #2 "ONE

SHINING MOMENT" L-R: (seated) Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron; H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron; Patricia Stallings, Grand Esther; Cheryl Albrecht; (standing) Bob Wolfe, Grand Escort; Jeffie Roberts, Grand Adah; Bobby Roberts, Grand Associate Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress.





#### INSTALLED OFFICER'S DINNER – TABLE #3 "ONE SHINING MOMENT"

L-R: (seated) Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress; Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Jim Hewlett, Grand Becreyatsy Hewlett, Grand Warder; (standing) Harold McMahon, Grand Escort; Belinda Summers; Duane "Buddy" Baker, Associate Grand Patron; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer.

#### INSTALLED OFFICER'S DINNER – TABLE #5 "ONE SHINING MOMENT"

L-R: (seated) Flora Maserang, Grand Escort; Elizabeth Wise, Grand Chaplain; Herman "Sunny" Wise, Grand Escort; (standing) Dwayne Maserang, Grand Sentinel; Mitch Huffman, Grand Escort and Vice-Chairman Executive Committee; Kaye Huffman, Grand Ruth; Donny Broughton, Grand Escort and Grand Representative of Australia in Texas; Susie B. Broughton, Grand Marshal.



a. All Officers of Chartered Chapters shall be installed on June 1st, or as soon thereafter as possible. This also applies to officers who are reappointed. An open installation may be held on any day from June 1st to June 23rd, both days included, without a Special Dispensation, provided same is held in the regular meeting place; but a Dispensation must be secured to install **publicly** on any date after June 23rd, or outside the regular meeting place. Such Dispensation shall be reguested by vote of the Chapter at a Stated or Called Meeting and the request for same on prescribed form, under Seal of the Chapter, and accompanied by the \$3.00 Dispensation Fee shall be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron by the Secretary. Officers legally hold their stations until after successors are elected and installed or until their offices are declared vacant. Installation of the Worthy Matron-elect is requisite at the same time her corps of officers is installed. It shall be the prerogative of the Worthy Matron-elect to select all installing Officers. The Installing Officer shall be a Present or Past Matron or a Present or Past Patron. The Worthy Matron-elect and the Worthy Patron-elect shall not be installed into office until the Installing Officer is satisfied, by separate examination, that they know the Secret . Work. No officer can be installed by proxy. No member shall be installed into office who has not paid Chapter Dues for the year during which she or he shall serve in said office.

b. When the Installing Marshal approaches the Altar to declare the officers installed she shall proceed to the west of the Altar, by entering the Labyrinth in front of Ruth's station, place her left hand on the open Bible and, with the right hand uplifted, make the proclamation. She shall return to her station by leaving the Labyrinth in front of Ruth's station.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

#### **ARTICLE 227: INSTALLATION**

a. All Officers of Chartered Chapters shall be installed on June 1st, or as soon thereafter as possible. This also applies to officers who are reappointed. An installation, either open closed, may be held on any day, except Sunday, from June 1st to June 23rd, both days included, without a Special Dispensation, provided same is held in the regular meeting place; but a Dispensation must be secured to install on any date after June 23rd, or outside the regular meeting place. Such Dispensation shall be requested by vote of the Chapter at a Stated meeting and the request for same on prescribed form, under Seal of the Chapter, and accompanied by the \$3.00 Dispensation Fee shall be sent to the Worthy Grand Matron by the Secretary. Officers legally hold their stations until their successors are elected and installed or until their offices are declared vacant. Installation of the Worthy Matron-elect is requisite at the same time her corps of officers is installed. It shall be the prerogative of the Worthy Matron-elect to select all installing Officers. The Installing Officer shall be a Present or Past Matron or a Present or Past Patron. The Worthy Matron-elect and the Worthy Patron-elect shall not be installed into office until the Installing Officer is satisfied, by separate examination, that they know the Secret Work. No officer can be installed into office who has not paid Chapter Dues for the year during which she or he shall serve in said office.

#### b. NO CHANGE

Submitted by: Naomi Wolfe Buddy Baker Katherine Duncan

Elsie M. Paladino Helen Fuqua Margaret E. Faircloth Beth Moser Oscar H. Moser **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Harry. Amendment No. 14 has been read to you. Are you ready for the discussion? We have someone in the Northwest.

MRS. SANDRA PARKER: Sandra Parker, Past Matron Oso 868, Present Worthy Matron of Oso 868. I would like to amend the amendment to take the phrase, "except Sunday," out of it since it has already been handled by the previous amendment.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sandra, I think you misunderstood. They defeated that one only to go to this one. Okay? This one includes the phrase, "except Sunday," like the first one would.

MRS. SANDRA PARKER: Well, when I voted on the previous amendment, I was voting against the previous amendment. I was not voting on it only to get to the next one.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Well, if I understand you, you are saying you'd like for us to allow installations on Sunday. No?

MRS. SANDRA PARKER: I'm saying that I don't see a need for that ... thing. Loss of words here. What I am saying is that at present time if a Worthy Matron and the Master of the Lodge agree that they can have an installation then, then it should be up to them to decide.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Sandra, would you listen to a Past Grand Master, please.

**THE PARLIAMENTARIAN:** If you wish to amend, you'd have to move to strike "except Sunday," if you did not wish to include Sunday. Of course, the Order of the Eastern Star is not necessarily controlled by whatever the Lodge does. If the Lodge permits it, it's one thing. And if it doesn't, you'll have to find another place to install. If you're going to make the amendment, make it specific. And if that is to delete "except Sunday," then you need to do that, and then it can be discussed. You can't make it in sort of an improbable sort of a way as to what someone else is going to do. Does that answer the question, ma'am?

**MS. SANDRA PARKER:** The amendment that I made was that this amendment be amended to strike the phrase "except Sunday."

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: That's a good amendment.

**MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:** If I may, Worthy Grand Matron and Honorable Sir, if you plan to use the Lodge for installation, it can be granted between the hours of 1 and 5 on Sunday with the permission of the Worshipful Master. That's the only way it can be used.

MRS. SANDRA PARKER: That's correct. That's what I was told.

**MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:** But it has to be approved by the Worshipful Master. I'm just calling that to the attention of our Sisters and Brothers.

MRS. SANDRA PARKER: My understanding is that any use of the Lodge must be approved by the Worshipful Master of that Lodge anyway.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: It depends on how their by-laws read.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That is what he said.

**MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:** It depends on how the by-laws read. Some Lodges, the Masters will not approve anything unless they have the vote of the membership at a stated meeting. But the Grand Lodge law states that a Worshipful Master can grant permission between the hours of 1 and 5 on Sunday.

Also, let me go back. Look at paragraph (a), if you would, please, a very important piece of information is left out of (a) to read – in your advance report. Down after it says that they know the Secret Work, if you look above, the way it reads now, "No Officers can be installed by proxy," that was left out of (a) to be read – to be amended as read. That should be left in there. I just want to clarify that with you, Sisters and Brothers. Do you understand?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I think Brother Harry is pointing out that we need an amendment to this amendment. May I speak to the Sister that was talking – trying to make an amendment. I did not get her name clearly – from Oso Chapter. You need to make copies of that and bring it to the East because we need clarification on each word that you want to omit. Okay? Will you get that done for us, and if you need assistance, my typing pool is open.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Naomi.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: I hadn't planned to speak on all these things. My name is Naomi Wolfe. I'm a Past Matron of Hurst Chapter 1099, dual member and a Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741. 1 would like to speak against this amendment. We're all fine Christian people. I mean, do we not need to consider that Sunday is God's day, it's the Lord's day, the day of rest? (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Some in the East did not understand you.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** I want to speak against this amendment – to the amendment or whatever this young lady is – is it against the amendment?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Associate Grand Matron is speaking against the amendment to Amendment No. 14.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Not against the amendment, against what this young lady is writing. Is that not where we are?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** That's where we are. Number 14, except it really hasn't been presented yet in writing, and that's a requirement. I'm thinking we may need to lay this aside until we get back from lunch.

I have a clarification from our Parliamentarian that that motion – the amendment to the amendment did not, to our knowledge, receive a second. So we do not have to consider it until it does.

Brother Dwayne Maserang, would you like to speak to Amendment No. 14 on the whole?

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Dwayne Maserang, Past and Present Patron of A. E. Shirley Chapter #986. Brother Harry, did you mean while ago that – there where it says you cannot be installed by proxy, was that a typo, left out or –

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: That was inadvertently left out.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** It should be in there? It was just a typographical error?

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: That's right.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It must be there. That's why I'm considering just simply putting this aside till after lunch. If I can get permission by the membership to lay this aside until after lunch, will you let us do that? Then we will have whatever amendments need to be presented, it will be in writing, by general consent. Thank You!

Sisters and Brothers, I want to tell you once again how much I appreciate your attention, your love and consideration for each other. And thank you, Sister Mildred Sharpe and the Jurisprudence Committee. Sisters and Brothers, stay for just a minute until we are called from labor to rest.

At this time I call on Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron, to bring our benediction for this session.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Shall we pray? Dear Lord, we come to You with humble hearts thanking You for guiding our attempts to fulfill our responsibilities to this, our beloved Order. We ask Your continued guidance as You are truly the source of all wisdom and goodness. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. (The Holy Bible was closed.) Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are calling this session from labor to rest until 1:15.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, "The Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter session is called from labor to rest. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. We'll see you at 1:15 after lunch.

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# "A TOUCH OF FRIENDSHIP IN SUMMER STARLIGHT" Friday Afternoon Session October 6, 2000

1:00 p.m. Musical Prelude ...... Mrs. Gladys Bruce Cox, Chairman Bulletin Committee, District 4

1:15 p.m. Call to Order ...... Mrs. Katherine Harbour Past Grand Matron

> Mr. Garland Rattan Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee General Grand Chapter Past Grand Patron

MRS. KATHERINE HARBOUR: I am pleased to open "A Touch of Friendship in Summer Starlight" Session of "The Seasons of Starlight" of the Grand Chapter of Texas of the Order of the Eastern Star. It is a joy to share this honor with a star I discovered several years ago, Mr. Garland Rattan, Past Grand Patron of Texas and a Committee Member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation of General Grand Chapter.

Earth is crowned with heaven, and every common bush afire with God, but only he who sees takes off his shoes. On a summer evening I look above. It is as though I see a scattered chapter of the universe gathered and bound into a single book by the austere and tender hand of God. The universe is His dwelling and eternity is His home. The sky, so high and bright and blue, it is as though lamped with stars. I try to count them, and I remember He knows their numbers and all their names. He called the world and it arose, the heavens and they appeared. I am so glad that He hung each star into its place. God's in His heaven, and all's right with the world.

Mr. Rattan, would you care to make a few remarks?

**MR. GARLAND RATTAN:** Yes, ma'am. Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Sister Katherine Harbour, my friend and neighbor in the beautiful panhandle of Texas. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend, thank you for the honor of helping Sister Katherine call to order this "Touch of Friendship in Summer Starlight" session. Katherine's "Drama of Excellence" session those years ago in Dallas must have inspired you to excellence, Sister Betty, for this Grand Chapter year has shown a commitment to quality, as you have led us.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lee Stallings, how excellent have been your guidance and wisdom. We have been inspired by your All Star leadership, and something about the strut!

I believe in friendship, for I have found it good; and I believe in kindly words for I have understood. My faith is founded on the years and all that I have seen. Something of God I've looked upon no matter where I've been. Thank you for this honor. MRS. KATHERINE HARBOUR: The Assisting Grand Marshal is Mrs. Alma Carter; the Bible presentation will be by Mrs. Jane Gregory; and the Square and Compasses will be presented by Mr. Richard Ochs. The Scripture will be presented by Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus.

**MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS:** The beautiful music that we just heard is a perfect prelude to the Scripture that I shall be reading. I'm reading from the New International Version of the Bible, from the book of St. John. Jesus is speaking to his disciples. Let us all listen for the Scripture is truly speaking to each of us. I shall be reading from the 15th Chapter, beginning with the 5th verse, and then dropping down to the 9th verse through the 14th. Jesus is saying, "I am the vine. You are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him shall produce a large crop of fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. I have loved you even as my Father has loved me. Live within my law. When you obey me, you are living within my law just as I obey my Father and live in his law. I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your cup of joy will overflow. I demand that you love each other as much as I love you. And here is how to measure it. The greatest love is shown when a person lays down his life for his friends, and you are my friends if you obey me."

MRS. KATHERINE HARBOUR: Past Grand Matron Katherine Poulis will present the invocation.

**MRS. KATHERINE POULIS:** Sisters and Brothers, please join me in prayer. Our Heavenly Father, bless this assembly and endue each of us with a feeling of responsibility and the wisdom to solve the problems before us.

May all of our decisions reflect kindness and forbearance, honor and justice for all of us. \*Guide and direct us in all that we say and do so that our Order may be worthy of Your eternal blessings, all of which we ask in Thy Holy Name, amen.

MRS. KATHERINE HARBOUR: Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Chapter Floor Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room and have them, to perform their drill.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Let me make one announcement before we do this drill. Sister Rennie Ofton has gone to the foyer to meet the people from the Lions Club who have come to collect the eyeglasses. I think Brother Garland wants to say something at this time. As we clear our Labyrinth, we will let Brother Garland speak.

**MR. GARLAND RATTAN:** My Committee, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee, as you know, is a very active, working Committee. I received a report from my Committee chairman last week before I came down here. We have collected over \$174,000 during this triennium and untold, uncounted number of used eyeglasses. Today we add to that count. Now Sister Rennie has been kind enough to help me with this here in San Antonio. I understand we have representatives of the local Lions Club here to accept the used eyeglasses that you the membership have brought today. If any more comes in this afternoon and tomorrow, we will be glad to get them to the right place where they will be processed and given to needy people. This is a wonderful thing, and I have appreciated the opportunity to serve on this Committee and just sort of oversee this part of my Committee assignment. Thank you for helping. Thank you for bringing your glasses last year to Waco and this year to San Antonio. Just because we're going to make a presentation here today doesn't mean it stops here. You can just continue. If any more comes in, we'll be able to get them where they need to be. Thank you. (applause)

("Steppin' Out 2000" drill performed.)

MRS. KATHERINE HARBOUR: The Grand Officers will enter the Grand Chapter room and assume their stations. Sisters and Brothers, you will accord the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, my friend, thank you for this honor. I present to you your gavel and invite you to preside over your session.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Katherine Harbour. Being a good friend and having a good friend can enrich your life to lifelong satisfaction. Sister Katherine, during the school for instruction in your section you offered me the sweetest of friendships, and at that time I thought how I wish I lived close enough to this sweet lady because she really gave me a great deal of love. In Proverbs we read that when friends meet, hearts are warmed. And each time I think of your gracious smile and the love that you extended to me and always do to others, certainly my heart glows with warm love for you. Thank you so much for helping me open this "A Touch of Friendship in Summer Starlight" session.

Brother Garland Rattan, you've been my friend for quite a while too, not just for the good times and not just for fair weather, you've been my friend come what may, what have you, because I consider you my faithful friend all the way. How rich I feel for having your friendship. Thank you for sharing in the opening of this session with Sister Katherine Harbour, both special, special friends and special people from District 2.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Katherine, what a pleasure it is to have you participate in the opening of this Friday afternoon session. You certainly honor us with your presence here today. And, Brother Garland, my friend, you have served our Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter with distinction and honor. It is a privilege to have you open this session this afternoon with Sister Katherine. Thank you.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Is Brother Frank Bartlett in the Chapter room or any of the Lions? I went on a safari out in the foyer, and there were no Lions. They were supposed to be here this afternoon to receive the glasses from the Grand Chapter of Texas. Maybe they're hunting a place to park. I will see that they get to the Lions Club as we have planned. Just know that they will be very proud to receive them, and they will know they are from the Grand Chapter of Texas. Brother Garland, we'll do that for you since you've done so much for us.

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 open this "A Touch of Friendship in Summer Starlight" session from rest to labor and to permit no interruption while we're thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call "The Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter of Texas session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged. Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruption. 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 attend our deliberations.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order. (The Grand Chapter was proved.) 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 now call this "A Touch of Friendship in Summer Starlight" session from rest to labor. Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, the "The Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter of Texas is called from rest to labor. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. I recognize Sister Mildred Sharpe, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, to continue our business.

**MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:** Worthy Grand Matron, I hope everybody has digested Amendment 14 by this time and we can vote on it. Worthy Grand Matron, I have presented to the Jurisprudence Committee an amendment to number 14 which reads – and if you'll look at the seventh line in paragraph (a) on page 75 of your advance report – and it states, "Be amended as follows: Line 7 to read: 'At a stated or called meeting." As it reads there, it only reads stated meeting.

Also, the next-to-the-last line after words, "Secret Work," add "No Officers shall be installed by proxy." This is signed by Sister Katherine Duncan and Brother Monroe Cooper.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Harry, may I have a copy of that?

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: You bet.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I have before me a written amendment with two people signing, which will be an amendment to Amendment No. 14. It has a maker, a second signer, which is a second to this amendment. It reads – you heard Brother Harry – this line is to be amended as follows, line 7 to read, "at a stated or called meeting." The word "called" has been inserted here. It was left out before. It is now entered there.

Okay. And then there's another correction. The next-to-the-last line, after the words "Secret Work," the amendment is to add, "No Officer shall be installed by proxy."

Now, we have before us an amendment to amend this original number 14, and this is what I read to you. So you're now voting to amend the amendment. Do you have any discussion, anyone want to speak for or against this? I see Sister Katherine Duncan in the Northwest. MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: I'm Katherine Duncan, Past Matron of Alvin Chapter 15. Worthy Grand Matron, I apologize for this typo and oversight on my part. I encourage everyone to vote for the amendment to the amendment.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Katherine. Is there further discussion?

MRS. LINDA GOODLETT: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Linda Goodlett, a Past Matron of Granbury Chapter #530. Maybe I didn't understand something, but when you put in the word "called," you said, "Such dispensation shall be requested by a vote of the Chapter at a stated or called meeting"?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Stated or called meeting.

MRS. LINDA GOODLETT: May I ask a question? Can you request a dispensation at a called meeting? That's just a question.

**MRS. MILDRED SHARPE:** My Sister, the original law, which has been in effect many years, states at a stated or called meeting.

**MRS. LINDA GOODLETT:** But isn't this requesting the dispensation for the called meeting or where are we going to request the dispensation?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Linda, would you repeat that, close to the mike so we can understand your question exactly?

MRS. LINDA GOODLETT: Such dispensation shall be requested by vote of the Chapter at a stated meeting – stated or called meeting. Do we request – I realize we request dispensations for called meetings sometimes, but do you request a dispensation at a called meeting?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We're going to go back to the original – Okay. Under (a), and I'm going to read to you, Linda, what it says. This is in our constitution now, "Such dispensation shall be requested by a vote of the Chapter at a stated or called meeting, and the request for same on a prescribed form under seal of the Chapter, and accompanied by a \$3 dispensation fee." So it is there already. It had been left out when she retyped it. Now she's trying to correct it with this amendment by inserting the words that had been omitted when she typed her amendment to this amendment. Okay. Any other discussion? We want you to be clear about what we're going to vote on just now. We're going to vote on the amendment to the amendment to make these corrections, to insert the words "or called" meeting after the word "stated." And then the next -to-the-last line, after the words "Secret Work," to add "No Officer shall be installed by proxy." Do you understand the amendment to the amendment? Is there any other comment or question?

Therefore, we will now vote on the amendment to the amendment, to insert these words to correct this particular amendment. Those in favor of correcting this amendment with these words, please raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed. The motion passes.

Now, you're back to the original amendment as it has been corrected. Do you understand? You've inserted those words. Now, you may discuss amendment number 14, as amended. Is there any other discussion? I see no one moving toward a mike. Therefore, those of you that are in favor of passing Amendment No. 14, please raise your purple card. Those opposed, raise your purple card. The Amendment No. 14 passes as amended.

At this time we're going to go back to Resolution No. 1. This is the first resolution at the beginning of this section of your book.

At this time I recognize Sister Susan Harrington, the Superintendent of the OES Home, for her report.

## REPORT OF THE OES HOME SUPERINTENDENT

MRS. SUSAN HARRINGTON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: Thank you for allowing me to go ahead and give my report before we address the resolutions because I do think there are some things in here that would affect your thinking on that subject.

In many ways, it seems only a short time since I stood before this assembly a year ago to bring you my report on the Eastern Star Home. However, in other ways, it seems much longer. At this Grand Chapter session, the Home is represented by six of our Ladies who are excited to attend this year. The Ladies who are not present here today send their love and sincere appreciation to each of you and hope that you will stop by to see them whenever you are in the area.

This first year of the new millennium has brought changes to the Eastern Star Home. Last year at this time, there were 41 Ladies in residence. Sadly, this year we have only 32. We have lost nine of our beloved residents, eight of whom have gone to be with our Father in Heaven. They are greatly missed. Our youngest resident is 67 and this last July our oldest resident celebrated her one hundredth birthday, with great fanfare. We presently have 15 residents in the Infirmary section.

I would like to express my appreciation to the membership for the many acts of kindness, the many hours of devotion, the contributions, support, assistance and cooperation that you have shown the Home, not just at Celebration 2000 and Founders Day, but all throughout the year. On behalf of the Ladies and all of us associated with the Home, thank you for your consistency and your caring.

Last year, I spoke of the future and of the challenges and opportunities that would arise. There are decisions to be made that will effect the future of the Home. The resolutions put before you at this Grand Chapter are the opportunities that will ensure the future of the Home. I urge you to give due consideration to these resolutions. The resolution concerning moving our Infirmary residents to the Masonic Home was not undertaken lightly. The need to meet the State regulations and stay in compliance is daily struggle. We are unable to recruit and retain competent staff to give quality care to our residents. This leaves us dependent on Agencies for staffing which is expensive and inefficient. It also leaves us in danger of incurring penalties and fines if the State should find us deficient.

If this move takes place, the next logical step would be to use the existing space which is now the Infirmary as an Assisted Living Center. This would allow us to fill a gap that presently exists between the Retirement Center and the Nursing

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Home. This would allow us to accept those applicants who need some assistance with their activities of daily living or those who are dependent on a cane or a walker who we must now turn away. The regulations for a nursing home are very extensive and punitive while the regulations for assisted living are not nearly as formative. The regulations for nursing homes consist of approximately 2,000 pages while the regulations for assisted living is less than 50 pages.

A growing awareness in the United States that nursing homecare can no longer serve all the needs of aging seniors led to a boom in the assisted living sector of the senior-care industry. Assisted living provides seniors with an affordable alternative to expensive nursing home care, where residents are encouraged to lead independent lives, enjoy services and innovative programs promoting wellness in a home-like environment. Assisted living is the wave of the future and today the future is in your hands.

This concludes my report for the year 2000. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, I request this report be approved.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Superintendent of the OES Home. Do you have any discussion? Those in favor of adopting the report of the Superintendent of the Eastern Star Home, please raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed, raise your purple card. The motion is carried.

Now I recognize Sister Mildred Sharpe, Chairman of Jurisprudence.

MRS. **MILDRED SHARPE:** I knew from the quietness of the room that you were listening intently to this report of the Superintendent of our Eastern Star Home. I thank you for giving her that attention. I think it enlightens us much concerning the next several things that we need to give our attention to. Now we're going to consider the two resolutions.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**MRS. MILDRED SHARPE:** The first matter to be presented for your action is RESOLUTION NO. I and this is found on Page 55 of your Advance Report. It is a matter of deep concern to this membership. The Resolution requests PERMISSION OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER FOR THE BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF THE MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER FOR THEM TO ACCEPT THE LADIES WHO PRESENTLY RESIDE IN THE INFIRMARY OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS TO BECOME PART OF THEIR LONG TERM HEALTH CARE PROGRAM AND ANY OTHER RESIDENT OF THE O. E. S. HOME WHO, IN THE FUTURE, WOULD NEED TO ENTER THEIR CLINIC FOR TEMPORARY OR LONG TERM CARE. This is submitted by the Boards of Grand Chapter along with the Purposes and Policies Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds the Resolution in proper form and is presented by the action of this Grand Chapter.

(Resolution No. 1 reads as follows.)

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1**

WHEREAS, the Leaders of our Order are deeply concerned with the operation of our Eastern Star Home and how it can better serve the Ladies who live there and those who may wish to enter the Home in the future, and

WHEREAS, much thought has been given to the problems we face in the Infirmary, where the operating cost has escalated to an alarming degree and our ability to find qualified personnel to fill the positions required under the City, County and State Health Codes, is almost impossible, and

WHEREAS, the Worthy Grand Matron appointed a Special Committee to meet with the Board of the Masonic Retirement Center, to consider an arrangement for the ladies in our Infirmary to be cared for at the new modern Clinic recently built on the grounds of the Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington, and

WHEREAS, the Board at the Masonic Retirement Center was very receptive to such a program and voted at this meeting to accept our Ladies as soon as our Grand Chapter Session gave its approval, and offered us the same status and cost as the Ladies being cared for through the Masonic Home and School with our members becoming a part of their Long Term Health Care Program, and

WHEREAS, the provisions in the Code of Laws, the By-Laws of the Eastern Star Home, and the O.E.S. Home Rules and Regulations for the operation of the Infirmary, will be fulfilled by the excellent staff in the state of the art Clinic at the Masonic Retirement Center and our Laws will be kept in place should we ever feel the need to open a new Infirmary.

THEREFORE WE, the members of the Boards of Grand Chapter with the Purposes and Policies Committee, present the following Resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences be directed to enter into a Contract Agreement with the Board of the Masonic Retirement Center, for them to accept the Ladies who presently reside in the Infirmary of the Eastern Star Home of Texas to become part of their Long Term Health Care program and any other Resident of the O.E.S. Home who, in the future, would need to enter their Clinic for Temporary or Long Term Care. These Eastern Star members are to receive the same Status as the Ladies being cared for through the Masonic Home and School and the daily cost to Grand Chapter for each Lady shall be the same as paid by the Masonic Home and School. No Entrance Fee will be required and the daily cost will be set annually by the Auditors of the Retirement Center. As the contract is developed, the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence will work closely with the Board at the Masonic Retirement Center to assure the best possible care for our Ladies.

Submitted by: Betty Capps Maxine Nance Norma Graham Lewis Mathison Tom Everitt Jim Rippey Patsy Washington Frances Burbank Lola Peaches Wallace Betty Y. Friend H. Lee Stallings Marjorie Errington Yvonne Brownfield Betty Prater Billy H. Combest Richard Ochs Jerre S. Lucas

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**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Mildred. We are considering Resolution No. 1. Do we have any discussion on Resolution No. 1? Brother Henry Martin in the East.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, I am Henry Martin, a Past Patron of Edwin J. Keist Chapter #959 in Dallas. Sisters and Brothers, I speak in favor of this amendment. The OES Home is the single most important thing to this Grand Chapter and to its members. Sisters and Brothers, what is of utmost importance, the first priority are the ladies, the ladies of the Home to whom we have committed to providing the best nursing care for the rest of their lives. These ladies count on us and nothing in this amendment in any way compromises that. The first priority is to take care of our ladies.

There is a second priority, and that is to gain some financial relief because no matter what we feel about our Eastern Star Home, we must recognize that it is a business, it is an expensive business. The Eastern Star Home requires a great deal of money to operate, and it is our responsibility to operate that Home in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible. We have just heard our Superintendent's report which delineates a number of the dilemmas and the problems that we face. Sisters and Brothers, it is our responsibility to make those decisions necessary to keep that Eastern Star Home open and operating in the most efficient manner.

This Committee that has developed the amendment has worked with the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. We have worked with the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, and we have looked at the numbers in all possible ways. It would appear from all our analysis that we will receive some financial relief, some savings in the operation of the Home if we make the move of the Infirmary to the Masonic Retirement Center. We are talking about the ladies who are in the Infirmary only. The ladies in the Infirmary – at last count I believe there were 13 - would be moved to the nursing center of the Masonic Retirement Center. This is a beautiful state-of-the-art new facility that will provide the absolute best care that money can buy. If you combine that with the financial relief that we believe will be received if we make this move, if you combine those two –

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Henry, your time is up. I'm sorry.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. I recognize the gentleman in the Northwest.

**MR. LINDSEY PYNES:** Worthy Grand Matron, Lindsey Pynes, Past Patron of Levelland Chapter 797, also now affiliated with Border 211. I would like to make a motion that any action taken on these resolutions be by secret ballot only.

VOICE: I second the motion.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we take a secret ballot on our resolutions after we have discussed them.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, Lallah Mae.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: There are not many in this Grand Chapter that can look back over 72 years of membership in the Grand Chapter and 55 years as a Past Grand Matron. There are things in our personal lives and things in our club and organizational lives that we have to try to realize that it was the wrong thing to do. The Grand Chapter of Texas should never have been in the hospital business. (applause) We should say a prayer of thanksgiving to the Grand Lodge of Texas, composed of our husbands, fathers, sons and brothers, for their offer to assist us in this great need. I urge you to adopt this resolution. Our members will be better cared for in the hospital. We are not able to pay the fees for good nurses and assistant nurses. I urgently urge you to adopt this resolution.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae. We do have a motion and a second on the floor to have a secret ballot, which we need to take care of before we get back to discussing the resolution. Sister Sharon, do you want to speak on the secret ballot or for it – Okay. Let's get this vote done first. Those in favor of the secret ballot for the resolution – and we are prepared for this, Sisters and Brothers – raise your purple card. Those opposed. The motion to have a Secret Ballet has failed. So now we can vote – We're going to continue discussion at this time on Resolution No. 1. I recognize Sister Sharon Fentress in the North.

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sharon Fentress, a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820. Many of you know that I am also a person who is in business and a very regulated business with lots of MISHA and OSHA regulations. However, I feel that we can accomplish about anything we set our mind to in the Order of the Eastern Star. There was a packet which recently was mailed out to the Chapters and other members that had a financial statement in it that was entitled the Infirmary Expense Projection. It did not coincide with the other figures that I had been receiving, so I contacted the bookkeeping in the Grand Secretary's office and received a printout of the actual figures for which checks have been written. I annualized those figures just as the other budget had been annualized and compared them to the mailed statement. I simply believe that the figures are incorrect.

I believe that – and I have prepared a comparative statement if anyone would like to see one, I have them here at my station. In that form I have corrected the salaries that were different there. I have deleted expenses, and I have changed the percentage of expenses for the utilities. My figures reflect that the cost would be about \$103 per day for the cost of each lady in our infirmary, and that it would cost this Grand Chapter approximately \$96,000 the first year to adopt this resolution. I feel that the membership needs to know that within 30 days after we close and move our ladies out of the infirmary, the license must be returned to the state, and it probably could never be reinstated. When we do turn our ladies over to the Masonic Retirement Center, they will of course receive excellent care, but we would have no say or input into that care. They have already told us that if any lady developed Alzheimer's, it would be necessary that they be sent back to the Eastern Star, and of course we would have to place them in private institutions.

Now as much as I respect and admire the members of the Brothers of the York Rite and their lovely facilities, I just don't believe that they can do anything for our ladies any more economically or better than we can. These Sisters gave all of their worldly goods and future income to us to care for them for the rest of their life. I don't feel that I can turn my back on that responsibility. My heart just will not allow it, and my conscience won't allow it. I don't believe that the touch of anyone else's hand could better care for our Sisters –

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Sharon, your time is up.

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: I speak in opposition.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Sharon speaks in opposition of Resolution No. 1. I recognize Sister Yvonne Brownfield in the East.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I'm Yvonne Brownfield, Past Matron of Copperas Cove 1070, and I am speaking for this proposition. But, first, I shall ask: My Sisters and Brothers, can you hear me? (applause) Good, I hope so because this is very important about this resolution that we must discuss. Number one, the infirmary is old. Granted, renovations have been done. Number two, our ability to recruit and retain qualified staff is limited. Number three, the patient care has dropped below an acceptable level; that is, the hiring and retention of qualified personnel. I would not want my mother to be a patient in that infirmary, and I'm sure that my husband would not allow me to be a patient there either. The Masonic Retirement Center is a state-of-the-art facility, as Brother Henry spoke. Their salary range is competitive in this field. Their board did not contact us to begin these negotiations. We, being the Purposes & Policies and Corporate Board, made the first inquiry. This is the second time we have done so. We would enter into a contract with the MRC for patient care. This would be much better than later being forced to decide on a nonfraternal facility. Our Masonic Brothers will honor this commitment without a doubt.

For short-term care there is a provision to return those to whom this applies back to our residents' home. Those residents upstairs, now or in the future, would be admitted to the Masonic Retirement Clinic when medically warranted. Anyone wanting to visit a Sister in the clinic will be welcome within posted visiting hours. As explained, fees would be determined by costs from the previous fiscal year. Our Home was built with the intention of being a retirement facility. However, through good intentions to further care for these members, the infirmary was added. This, my Sisters and Brothers, has wrapped us in federal and state red tape where fines could, be enormous.

If Resolution No. 1 is passed and then we pursue to number 2 for an assisted living license, which would fit into our infirmary facility wonderfully, this would give us flexibility to care for our Sisters from upstairs or from the membership. The next phase, if needed by a member, would be the Masonic Retirement Clinic.

Sisters and Brothers, I've said many times that I'm not a figure person. I do not deal in math, so I won't get into an in-depth discussion of this, but I do feel that our number one priority is – and has always been the health and welfare of our Sisters in the Home.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Yvonne. Your time is up they tell me. I have been told that one of our residents has been standing in the back, in the Northwest, and I would like to recognize her at this time so she won't have to keep standing. Sister Edna Cowsert; is that correct?

**MRS. EDNA COWSERT:** My name is Edna Cowsert, and I'm a resident of the OES Home. Greetings from, the ladies in the OES Home of the State of Texas.

It is my honor to speak in favor of this Resolution No. 1, Code of Laws. (applause) The resolution would allow the ladies that are now in the infirmary to become a part of the long-term section of the Masonic Lodge or Clinic. This is a state-of-the-art clinic. On August loth we were invited to tour the facility. We were heartily welcomed and were very impressed with the facilities that are offered.

I do not intend to talk about dollars and cents. I'm talking about heart to heart, and I hope that you will take it in that way, because the ladies in the infirmary would get very good care in that state-of-the-art facility. I am sure that they would find that it would really be a real advantage to them.

Now, in January I'll be 95 years old. The fact that I'm still up and about I think attests to the fact that we do get good care in the Home. And I hope that you will vote that the ladies in the infirmary may have the opportunity to go to this state-of-the-art clinic. We thank you from my heart to your heart. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Edna Cowsert. In the Northwest.

MRS. JANELL NICHOLS: I am Janell Nichols, Past Matron of Kilgore 630. I just need two questions answered so I can clear some things in my own mind. What would this do to the nursing staff at the Eastern Star Home because we will still have ladies there that will require health care needs? I think that yes, it would help us to diminish our staff and our cost there, but I think these ladies would need nursing care at some point, physical assessments, blood pressure checks. And I'd like to know what's going to happen for that. And my second question is: What effect will this have on our fee-for-service legislation that we passed last year?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you for your question. We will get you answers. I would like to ask the Chairman of the Benevolent Board to come to the East.

We had a question concerning what happens to the employees that we now have in the nursing home at the Eastern Star Home, Betty. And also the second question was – Just a minute. Okay. Betty would like to bring the Superintendent forward too. (Pause) We're having to bring Sister Susan up to date on the question.

**MRS. BETTY CAPPS-MARTIN:** It's my understanding that the Masonic Retirement Center will offer our nurses, if they have an opening, for them to be employed over at their Center.

**VOICE:** That was not her question. Her question was, the ladies that remain upstairs that get sick, who will be their nurse?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I thought you asked about the employees also.

**MRS. JANELL NICHOLS:** No, what I asked was, will there still be nursing staff at the Eastern Star Home to care for the needs of the ladies that will remain at the Home, because there will be times when nurses will be needed for them.

MRS. BETTY CAPPS-MARTIN: Okay. I understand your question now. If a lady up in the Retirement Center was to get sick, then, therefore, we would call – during the day from 7 to 3, we have a nurse on duty, Sister Marie Krebs. After she would leave and go home, if a resident became ill and needed attention, then we

would call the Masonic Retirement Center, and we would tell them the problem. We would then take them over to the Masonic Retirement Center. They would then in turn evaluate her. If she needed to stay 48 hours, 72 hours or 24 hours, well, then, she would remain in their clinic till she was able to come back to the Retirement Center. We would pay a daily fee for every day that she stays over there. And then when it was time for her to come back to the Retirement Center, they would call and then we would go and pick up our resident. This is for us 24 hours a day if we need it. Does this answer your question?

**MRS. JANELL NICHOLS:** That answers the first part of my question.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** And the second question, will you restate it again now that I've got them up here where they can hear, since they know the answers?

**MRS. JANELL NICHOLS:** How does this affect our fee-for-service legislation that we passed last year, because if we have a Sister that comes to the Home for care – short-term care after being discharged from a hospital without the nurses there to provide the care, we're going to lose that revenue? Do you understand my question? In other words, we'd no longer have a fee- for-service offerage at the Eastern Star Home?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We do not at this time. Well, we just passed to go into it. We don't have anybody on it yet.

MRS. JANELL NICHOLS: Not the assisted living. Last year we passed a fee-for-service. People could come and stay for short periods of time after they had gotten out of the hospital. We'll no longer have the nursing staff there to support those functions.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** These are very closely related. I think assisted living and fee-for-services. If I understand you, you're asking if a person decides to move into our Eastern Star Home on a fee-for-services basis, what would happen if they needed nursing care; is that your question?

**MRS. JANELL NICHOLS:** Yes. So, in other words, they'd have to go to the Masonic Home if they needed nursing care?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I guess I'm the spokesman on this. First, we would check with the nurse we have on duty, which will be Marie Krebs. And if she feels that further assistance needs to be given, this lady would need to call her own doctor because she is in there like a rental, month-to-month person with us. She would have her own insurance if she is simply renting from us. Does that help you? Okay. Thank you.

Diana Ray has been waiting and then Brother Farris Benham, you're next.

MRS. DIANA RAY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Diana Lee Ray. I'm an Affiliated Past Matron of Roy Stanley Chapter #1086 in Dallas, Texas. For the past 12 of 24 years, I have dedicated my business career to long-term health care, nursing homes, both for profit and nonprofit. Presently I insure over 90,000 long-term care beds. This would be what you want to call the infirmary. They are nursing homes. As such, over the last 18 months, I have seen our business go into crisis. In the last 9 months I have witnessed 14 major property and liability carriers withdrawing from the property and casualty arena on nursing homes. Why? Because of punitive damages in the State of Texas.

My Brothers and Sisters, we are a nonprofit organization. I stand here not only as a member, I am a licensed risk manager, an insurance solicitor. I have a degree as a Certified Insurance Counselor. As such I have had to witness the closing down of nursing homes. It is not a pleasant, happy situation. Before I left to attend this Grand Chapter, I contacted a carrier. I requested to know the cost just for liability coverage on a 32-bed facility, which is what our license is for. It would be at least \$4,900 per bed. That is \$160,000 with a \$100,000 per claim deductible. As of January 2001, new state regulations will go through, both state and federal, at which time our OES Home will again go through another state survey.

My Sisters and Brothers, we love our ladies, but love does not meet federal guidelines. I ask that you vote for this amendment for the good of the Order and for the good of the ladies in the Eastern Star Home. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Diane. I recognize Brother Farris Benham.

**MR. FARRIS BENHAM:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Farris Benham, Member, Chapter 447, Odessa. But what's important to you, I have 13 years with the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. I am completing my second term in December as a board member. I am the treasurer; I will remain as treasurer. By law we can serve five years, then we have to lay off the board for a year. But I will continue to be there. I've been involved from day one in these negotiations. I had a few facts I was going to give you. Having listened, I have a different thing that I want to say to you.

First, if you adopt this proposal – and I'm not speaking for nor against the proposal, only for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center owned by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and operated by a five-member board elected by the Grand Chapter. If you choose to adopt this resolution, my ladies, you are most cordially welcome and always will be treated the same identical way with all of the love and compassion and care that we would give our own mother in that institution. That's what we work for.

I heard something about the money. We are a very solvent institution. We just built a \$6 million clinic so that our ladies could get the best care possible. We pay the very highest salaries in order that we might have the very best help. We furnish the best equipment – bathtubs that you can walk up to, stand by and it will lay you down. We toured clinics all over the United States and talked to experts from everywhere to try and build provisions that will still be there and certifiable by all of these bureaucracies the former speaker mentioned 40 years from now or 50 years from now.

When we come to money, our prime concern – our prime reason for existence is just like yours. It's to care for our people, to give them the very best care. And, thank God, we don't have to worry that much about money, so we do give them the best care. And when you come into our institution, there is no separation, whether you're from the Home and School, the 32 ladies – or 33 they have there, the 94 to 95 members of the Grand Chapter who are there or the 15 or so from the Eastern Star Home. They are all our family. WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Farris. Your time has expired.

MR. FARRIS BENHAM: Thank you. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the gentleman in the South.

**MR. JOE JEFFERS:** Worthy Grand Matron, this gentleman in the South is Joe Jeffers, a Past Patron of Alvin Chapter #15 and Friendswood Chapter #1131. I want to speak in favor of this amendment. My Sisters and Brothers, whoever you are and wherever you're from, at sometime in your recent past you've done something simply because it was the right thing to do. We've heard all these numbers; we've read all these papers. We know what the situation is in our Eastern Star Home Infirmary, and we know what the situation is in the Masonic Clinic. It's time to do this, move our ladies down there because it's the right thing to do. Thank you. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Joe. I recognize the gentleman in the Northwest that has been waiting.

**MR. WAYNE GADDIS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Wayne Gaddis, Past Patron of Ferris Chapter #508, and I will speak against this resolution. As most of you know, I've had a lot of close connections with this Eastern Star Home for the last 40 years. I love every one of those ladies, every one that has ever gone through there. Every time that we've asked for anything throughout the State of Texas, the Eastern Star members of the State of Texas have come through. Times have got rough; times get to where we don't think we can go any further. But, Sisters and Brothers, if we pass this resolution today, at our next Grand Chapter you'll have a resolution to completely close the Home. You can feel like you want to, but it will be completely cost restrictive to keep that few ladies over there with all the utilities and everything that will have to be kept on, the cost for upkeep for just probably 15 ladies.

When I went on the board in 183 we had 108. When I was Superintendent of the Home, we had up to 60 and 70. And, you know, if we would promote our Home throughout the State of Texas, there's ladies out there that need a place to live. But I don't blame them one bit for not wanting to give everything they have earned during life, when every other word is, the Home is going to be closed. That's what we hear every Grand Chapter we come to for the past seven years. If you've been here, you've heard it. So I urge you to defeat this resolution, and let's take care of the obligation we took when we became an Eastern Star member, Thank you. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Wayne. I recognize the gentleman in the South. (laughter) That's as far from a gentleman as I'll ever see! Sister Betty.

MRS. BETTY PHILLIPS BENHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, I think. I am Betty Phillips Benham, Affiliated Past Matron of Amarillo Chapter #787. I speak in favor of this amendment, not for closing the Home. This discussion started ten years ago. We have done nothing but see our infirmary disintegrate. For the good of the Order, for the good of the ladies in our Home, we have come to good discussion, good reasons why this is for better care for those that we love. Therefore, I call for the question. (applause) **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The question has been called for. Sisters and Brothers, you understand this. Now you've done this. We're voting on whether we want to stop debate. Those in favor of stopping debate, would you please raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed. The motion passes. We will now vote on Resolution No. 1. Those in favor of Resolution No. 1 will raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed. The motion carries. (applause)

**MRS. MILDRED SHARPE:** Sisters and Brothers, we go now to Resolution No. 2. This resolution is requesting that the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences take the necessary action to designate a section of our Home as an "Assisted Living Unit," and to proceed with meeting all requirements necessary to put this unit in operation. The resolution itself is found on page 56 of your annual report, and I'm sure you've studied it carefully. The resolution is submitted by the Boards of Grand Chapter and others. The Jurisprudence Committee finds same to be in proper order and ready for your action.

(Resolution No. 2 reads as follows.)

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2**

WHEREAS, we face a continuing decline in the number of Ladies residing in our Eastern Star Home, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a way to offer some "Assisted Living" opportunities to our Membership, and

WHEREAS, many of our Members are reaching their Senior Years and are in need of some assistance in the process of daily living; some needing a cane or walker, others needing help with meals or remembering to take their Medications, or any number of other services, and

WHEREAS, we could accommodate these Members by allowing them to enter a specified section in our Home designated as an "Assisted Living Unit". The area where the Infirmary is now would be ideal or other space could be made available in a wing on the first floor of our Home, and

WHEREAS, the City and County Health Codes and State Licensing regulations for this type of service are very liberal and the Staff required is minimal and very cost efficient.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences take the necessary action to designate a section of our Home as an "Assisted Living Unit" and proceed with meeting all requirements necessary to put this Unit in operation.

Submitted by: Betty Capps Maxine Nance Noema Graham Lewis N. Mathison Tom Everitt Betty Prater Buddy Baker

Henry S. Martin Yvonne Brownfield Frances Burbank Billy H. Combest Betty Y. Friend H. Lee Stallings Marjorie Errington Jimmie Lee McMahon Naomi Wolfe Jim Rippey Patsy Washington Sharon Fentress Richard Ochs Lola Peaches Wallace **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We are now considering Resolution No. 2. Is there any discussion? I want to give you time to get to the mike if you want to discuss this.

MR. JACK BEALL: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the gentleman in the Northwest.

**MR. JACK BEALL:** Jack Beall, Past Patron of Ferris 508. In this proposal, as I'm understanding it, we're talking about taking the infirmary and making it assisted living. With the costs that we have and incur yearly, with the chiller system that is deteriorating, with the facility that we have that is deteriorating – I'm an electrician with 35 years experience. I've worked over at the Home. I've donated a lot of time to keep the electricity up and to help the Home and the ladies. I'm wondering in my own mind if we wouldn't be better served to look at the aspect of putting the ladies in the infirmary area where it has its own air conditioning equipment and heating equipment and cut the chiller system that is costing us so much money to operate, look at this financially with this resolution. As I'm understanding the resolution, we're talking about making the assisted living the infirmary area is a stand-alone system. It is not tied into the Home part itself.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Jack. As I understand, he is speaking in favor of Resolution No. 2.

#### VOICES: No.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Is that not what he said? I thought he said the infirmary stood alone. Therefore – Would you clarify?

**MR. JACK BEALL:** Sister Betty, the resolution - I'm for the resolution of assisted living. What I'm stating is - you're stating to put the assisted living in the infirmary area. Most people that have assisted living want first a private bath, and we cannot give that either in the infirmary area or the Home area. We're going to incur a lot of reconstruction costs.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. So you're speaking against this resolution – Jack, would you clarify which way you're speaking? Just say, "I am in favor" –

MR. JACK BEALL: I'm asking a question and making a statement.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You're just making a statement?

**MR. JACK BEALL:** It's something that I think as a membership we need to look at on the whole is, we have these ladies and we love them to death. There's not a person in this room that wouldn't give what they could to help them as we have written the commitment that we will take care of them. But we have got to look at what we're going into, and whether it's assisted living, pay, or as a Home, we've got to do the best for this organization and these ladies. I wanted to look at the aspect – the membership look at the aspect, as well as the Boards, that we do have the infirmary area that does stand alone. If anything happened to that chiller, as it did summer before last, when we lost the – My mind went blank.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The water tower.

**MR. JACK BEALL:** When we lost the water tower and we got in an emergency situation, the ladies did not have cool water or chilled water to operate the cooling. The infirmary is not tied to that chiller system. Therefore, it is a stand-alone operation. We do have – what? 34 rooms there, 32 rooms in the infirmary area. You don't have a rush of pay people coming in or other jurisdictions or so forth as we're looking in these proposals, because we're opening the door to the world to come in. And we've got to look at how we set ourselves up.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you for your comments. I recognize the lady in the Southwest.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: I am Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Matron of Ransford Chapter. I cannot state whether I'm for or against, but I have a thought that I want to project to you. I do not feel that this body should rush into a thing that is such a tremendous difference from the operations with which we are accustomed.

Our Boards have talked among themselves, and I respect every me of them. But, you know, the responsibility of all operations in this Grand Chapter finally goes back to the members of a Chapter. I feel that it would be very advantageous, before we rush into this, to have a thorough indoctrination among our members of what this would mean, the good that it would bring and the problems that it might present. I would like to suggest that we postpone final action on this – I think the discussion has been good, for and against – and let the membership know more about what we're going to do. At our next session we could vote more intelligently.

I, therefore, would like to move that the proposition be postponed till the next session with instructions that thorough explanation of same be carried to our members. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae. Sister Lallah Mae Vollus has moved that we table Resolution No. 2 until our next session. Sisters and Brothers, this motion to table this resolution is not debatable. We will now vote. Those in favor of tabling Resolution No. 2 will raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed. The motion passed. We will table this resolution until our next session. It goes back to the Board.

Okay. We're back to ... Here comes Harry.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## **AMENDMENT NO. 15**

**MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:** Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for those two breaks today. We're now to take action on Amendment No. 15 which is located in your advance annual report on pages 75 and 76. Amendment No. 15 concerns a matter that needs our consideration, that of mental incompetence. The proposal in Amendment No. 15 is to add (5) to subsection (e), "Exemption of Dues" as follows.

(5) Mental Incompetence.

When a member becomes mentally incompetent, and upon proper documentation by a qualified physician, she/he is not liable for Eastern Star discipline or suspension for non-payment of dues. The Chapter must report her/him as a member and pay per capita to Grand Chapter. In the event that such a Mentally Incompetent Member's Chapter shall demise, the Chapter shall report each such Mentally Incompetent Member to the Grand Secretary on either Form 125S or Form 135S prior to the demise of the Chapter. A copy of this form shall be sent to the Incompetent Member's Family or caregiver. Thereafter, the Mentally Incompetent member shall be considered a Member in Good Standing of the Order of the Eastern Star for life, and shall not be denied an Eastern Star Funeral Service.

The proposed Amendment is in proper order and is now ready for consideration and action of this Grand Chapter.

(AMENDMENT NO. 15 reads as follows)

## **AMENDMENT NO. 15**

WHEREAS, the Code of Laws fails to address what happens to the member who has become mentally incompetent, and cannot make important life-skill decisions by themselves, and many times has no one who understands the importance of remaining a member in good standing in their Chapter, we propose the following amendment:

CHAPTER 12 - Code of Laws

Article 267. REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS.

e. Exemption From Dues.

ADD (5) Mental Incompetence

When a member becomes mentally incompetent, and upon proper documentation by a qualified physician, she/he is not liable for Eastern Star discipline or suspension for non-payment of dues. The Chapter must report her/him as a member and pay per-capita to Grand Chapter.

In the event that such a Mentally Incompetent member's Chapter shall demise, the Chapter shall report each such Mentally Incompetent member to the Grand Secretary on either Form #124S or Form 135S prior to the demise of the Chapter. A copy of this form shall be sent to the Incompetent Member's Family, or caregiver.

Thereafter, the Mentally Incompetent member shall be considered a Member in Good Standing of the Order of the Eastern Star for life, and shall not be denied an Eastern Star Funeral Śervice.

Respectfully submitted: Betty Y. Friend H. Lee Stallings Naomi Wolfe

Buddy Baker Jimmie Lee McMahon Katherine M. Poulis PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

## **RELATED AMENDMENT NO. 15**

#### Form No.124S

#### NOTICE OF MENTALLY INCOMPETENT MEMBER

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Contact Person (Family	y member/Caregiver)		
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Note: One copy of this form must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and one copy to the Contact Person as listed above. (Use a separate form for each Mentally Incompetent member)

## Form No.135S

## NOTICE OF MENTALLY INCOMPETENT MEMBER OF DEMISING CHAPTER

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To The Grand Secretary:

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Note: One copy of this form must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and one copy to the Contact Person as listed above. (Use a separate form for each Mentally Incompetent member).

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Harry, is there any discussion on Amendment No. 15? 1 recognize the lady in the Northwest.

**MRS. BILLIE PROBST:** My name is Billie Probst, and I am a Past Matron of Dalcliff Chapter #574 in Dallas, Texas. I would like to speak against this motion. If someone came around and told mother she's a looney-tune and you had to make up her mind for her, you would incur wrath on the part of a lot of people. I'm really upset about this. I cannot believe that they want to put a publication out saying that my mother or any other elderly person who has had mental disabilities is going to be labeled for life and even after as being mentally incompetent. I'd like to speak against this amendment.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Billie. She has spoken against this motion. I recognize Sister Alma Carter in the South.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you. My name is Alma Carter. I'm a Past Matron of Plano Chapter #703. I would like to also speak against this amendment for the reason that I think it creates an awful lot of liability. In the first place, mental incompetence is a strong, strong word. I would even say that a person may be incapacitated, but I would not say incompetence. If I were a Secretary, there is no way that I would ever sign my name to any form that would say a person is – has mental incompetence. I know we have a lot of Alzheimer's. No one can speak to Alzheimer's, I don't think, any better than I can. Sometimes I think I may be getting it myself. We need to do something, but I think we could take care of this. I don't believe that this body would object to adopting a dues-exempt or some other form – or a Chapter would not pay the dues on a person that they knew that was in a nursing home or even at home, if they had no one to notice that their dues were not paid. So I think we should let a Chapter either turn in to Grand Chapter that they have a person that should be tax exempt or per capita exempt, and that either the Grand Chapter or the Subordinate Chapter take care of this. But I'm afraid we would be letting ourselves in for a lot of problems if we sent out a form that a person was mentally incompetent. Thank you. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Alma Carter. I recognize the Grand Secretary in the East.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** I am not speaking for or against this. I just want to bring you information that was given to me by our insurance agent. I do want to say that I love every person that has signed this and submitted this. Betty and I have talked long and worked long hours trying to come up with something on this. He said that it would be hard for us to purchase liability insurance on the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences, the Board of Grand Trustees, the Grand Line Officers or anyone that had any ruling on Eastern Star. However, he knows the situation of our financial affairs. He is good about getting our insurance at the best rates. But he did say that he probably could not find a company that would insure us and/or we would not be financially able to pay for it. Thank you.

For the record, I'm Marjorie Errington-Haynes, Past Matron of Panhandle Chapter #760.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Marjorie. I recognize Brother Harry Cunningham in the East.

**MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Harry Cunningham, Past Patron of Somerset Chapter #730. Article 322 of the Grand Lodge of Texas has had this article since 1992. And, my Sisters and Brothers, it's merely to protect a member. We've had no problem. We discussed this with the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge this past Saturday at the Masonic Retirement Center. We've had absolutely no problems with it. It's merely to protect you or your loved ones or your members so that they can carry on membership without worry in the Eastern Star. I favor this amendment because it protects a member that can be a member for now and ever more when they are unable to make their own decision. The key thing to this is, it has to be verified by a qualified physician. (applause) That's the key word, "qualified physician." I'm for keeping a member in this Order that has served and worked in this Order when they cannot mentally think and do for themselves. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Harry Cunningham. I recognize the lady in the Northwest.

MRS. LADONNA McKEE: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is LaDonna McKee. I'm a Past Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter, Fort Worth, Texas. I am voting against this amendment because if the family members or the people who have the power of attorney over someone who is ruled mental incompetent does not realize the importance that this Chapter and this organization meant to them at a time when they were competent, they are not going to notify us of an Eastern Star funeral anyway. I have a real problem with us paying a per capita on people who are incompetent and they have the financial ability via their power of attorney to pay for their dues and keep their dues current, when our Chapters are struggling to meet their daily expenses the way they are. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. She spoke against the motion. I recognize Sister Betty Phillips Benham.

MRS. BETTY PHILLIPS BENHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Betty Phillips Benham, Affiliated Past Matron, Amarillo 787. I think this is a good amendment, that we would not let our members go by the wayside and that we could still take care of them. I think the word – or the wording that is very disruptive to us is mental incompetence. No one likes to hear this word, and it is my feeling that if we amended this amendment to strike out mental incompetence and insert incapacitated, this would also take care of illness, cancer, things like that, that you do not have to be mentally incompetent to stand by, that if we are incapacitated in some way and ill, there are those that are there to take care of us. And I think the word incapacitated would be better than mental incompetence.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Betty. Is that an amendment that you would like to present?

MRS. BETTY PHILLIPS BENHAM: Yes, I would.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Would you please bring it in writing to the East. I recognize the lady in the South.

MRS. LILLIAN TRAVIS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Lillian Travis from Velasco Chapter #220. I'm a Past Matron and I'm currently Worthy Matron. I'd like to say that in our Chapter we have some ladies who are not competent, and we take care of their dues without any labels. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. I would encourage every Chapter to do that. So does New Braunfels. But this year, unfortunately, I've learned that is not true all over the state. I recognize the gentleman in the Northwest.

**REV. JIM SCOTT:** Jim Scott, Past Patron, Bethleham Chapter #728. The lady said just about what I was going to say. Our Chapter has a by-law exempting anyone who is permanently in a nursing facility, and we have a good track record of moving to forgive the dues of any member that we know can't pay. I would just like to encourage every Chapter, regardless of how this whole mess comes out, to examine your hearts and look at your membership and say, is there some way we can keep from suspending this person, instead of how many are we going to get rid of this year. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the lady in the Southwest.

**MRS. JOAN RAY:** My name is Joan Ray. I'm Past Matron from Johnson City Chapter 376 in Johnson City, Texas. I am in favor of this motion if the wording is changed to incapacitated, because personally this has happened in my own family. I had a grandmother suspended for nonpayment of dues from being in a nursing home with Alzheimer's. I do think it should be passed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Joan. She spoke in favor of this motion. There's another gentleman in the Northwest.

MR. WAYNE GADDIS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I like that title. I'm Wayne Gaddis, Past Patron of Ferris Chapter #508. I don't know why we are so concerned here about passing or defeating this because, as a Grand Chapter we're still going to require the per capita to be paid. So it's a Chapter matter anyway. And if I don't think enough of my members, don't love my members enough of my Chapter to vote or sell two little calendars to pay their per capita, I don't think, really, we need this law in Grand Chapter to be back on the books. It's just something else to look at. We should take care of it ourselves in our own Chapters. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Wayne. Is there any other discussion? We have an amendment coming, but it's not here. I shall have the Choir to sing us one song. Will you do that for us, Melissa – I'm sorry, Melissa, just a moment. I did not see the lady in the Southwest.

MRS. ANN WALLACE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Ann Wallace, Past Matron of Arlington 249. I know the wording mental incompetent is rather strong, but on the other hand incapacitated can be a very loose word. So we need to be careful with our wording. I'm not speaking against or for this amendment. I'm just bringing it to the membership's attention, that that's a very loose word.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The lady in the Southwest – and she is correct – the word incapacitated can cover a lot of territory. That's what she's saying. We're waiting on the amendment to come to us. So now, Sister Melissa, will you have the Choir sing for us. (Grand Choir sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "By the Light of the Silvery Moon.")

Sisters and Brothers, we have Sister Nancy Haley who would like to speak to you.

MRS. NANCY HALEY: I thought I'd take my turn on this. I'm Nancy Haley, a Past Matron of Army Chapter, now a member of San Antonio Radiant #3. I was involved in discussions with the Worthy Grand Matron and my mother, Katherine Poulis, on this amendment, and I even typed the original copies. We did a few typos after that. I am pleased that most Chapters do pay the dues for their members that are in nursing homes and so forth. The important part of this is that when a Chapter demises and has members in nursing homes with distant family members, they may not know the importance of paying that member's dues and keeping them in good standing. If the Chapter demises and they have a demit, if they can't take advantage of that demit and join another Chapter, later when they die they cannot have an Eastern Star funeral. That's what we're trying to cover, so that when a Chapter demises and they have members that are not keeping track of their own affairs, that they be reported to the Grand Chapter and we maintain them as members for life, so that they may have a funeral under the auspices of the Order when they die. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Nancy.

Sisters and Brothers, I want to pass on something our Parliamentarian has said to me. We tabled a motion, which is fine. Sister Lallah Mae used the word "postpone." I'm going to ask her, she did intend that "postpone" to be until next session; is that correct?

Okay. In parliamentary procedure when we table a motion - that is the proper

term that we used — if this motion is not brought up before this session is over, then it will die, meaning that a person could use this material — and I think that's what Lallah Mae wanted us to do — to study and bring back another resolution next year. I just want you to understand that if you allow this motion to remain tabled to the end of this session it will die. Therefore, if you have a desire to talk about it again, someone that voted on the "in favor" side — the passing side, that they will need to stand and move that we bring from the table Resolution No. 2. I just want you to know that if we leave it on the table throughout this 118th Session, that it will die and we will start over next year, which may be the best thing to do with that one. (applause)

Would those who are working with the ladies in the Home please prepare them to come to the East for recognition.

MRS. FRANCES GRIMES: Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize the lady in the Southwest.

**MRS. FRANCES GRIMES:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Frances Grimes, Past Matron of Mike H. Thomas Chapter 951. In August Oakcliff Chapter consolidated with our Chapter. They brought to me five names with no addresses, which I've gone on the Internet and have found one of them. What if I don't find that other four and they're not capable of taking care of their own business? How do they fit into this resolution that we're about to take care of? It concerns me that we're going to put ourselves into a box and have people that we really don't know if they're incapable or not. Do you see my problem?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's the one we tabled.

MRS. FRANCES GRIMES: No, no, the one we're just now talking about.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You mean number 15?

MRS. FRANCES GRIMES: Yes, ma'am.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And the point is?

MRS. FRANCES GRIMES: If you receive in consolidation or through other means a list of names of people you do not know, you don't know if they fall into this category or not and you can't locate them, and you drop them because you can't locate them, and you find out they fit into the category, what do you do about those?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. I do understand the question. What she is saying – and it has happened in our Chapter – very lovingly – we find someone that we don't know where they are for several years. In my Chapter we continue to pay their dues and keep searching until we find them. But in some Chapters they will drop them the very first chance they get. They're just suspended. So that's something that we need to consider.

I recognize the gentleman in the Southwest.

MR. PERCY LEE JOHNSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers, I'm Percy Lee Johnson, a Past Patron of Dayton Chapter #233. I offer a suggestion that would solve the problem the lady just had. If we would but adopt the same thing that the Masonic Lodge has and not refuse a Masonic funeral or an Eastern Star funeral for one who is suspended, merely for nonpayment of dues, it would be a lot simpler I do believe. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** That's a new proposition. Thank you, Lee. I recognize the lady in the Southwest.

MRS. MARY KITTOE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Mary Kittoe, Past Matron of Southside #835 and a dual member of Spring Branch #984. I think the one thing that we're forgetting is that the funeral service is fine, but if they are not a member of our Chapter, even though it has been waived, we cannot do the memorial service in the Chapter room for them. If it's just simply waived, you know, they can have a graveside funeral service.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. If I understood Mary, she was saying if they're not a member, we're not allowed to give them a funeral in the Chapter room. I recognize the gentleman in the Southwest.

MR. WARREN WHEELER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Warren Wheeler, a Past Patron of Bandera Lodge #643. The first time I was Worthy Patron of that Chapter, I had a very bothering experience to me. I was contacted by a fellow requesting an Eastern Star graveside service for his mother. She was no longer a member of our Chapter. She had gone suspended for nonpayment of dues. I agree that all Chapters should make every effort to keep their members paid up, but not all Chapters do that. When I was forced to inform this gentleman that his mother had gone suspended for nonpayment of dues, he asked if I would come to the graveside and do a Christian funeral service for her, which I did. It was not what the family wanted or expected. They thought she was still paying her dues, but she had, because of her condition, let her dues expire. And that was a very embarrassing situation. Possibly this amendment will eliminate some of those situations.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I think he said when we get the amendment, he thinks that might be a solution.

MR. WARREN WHEELER: I speak in favor.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** He's speaking in favor of that. We're waiting on the amendment, so we're getting opinions right now.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Naomi Wolfe, and I'm a Past Matron of Hurst Chapter 1099, dual member and Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter 741. If anybody has their Ritual with them, if they'll open to page 153 of the funeral service, it says that the funeral service is designed for use, preferably with some other religious service, within a church or funeral home where the service is to be held, or it may be used at the grave. That would take care of where you're having this funeral service, if we're worried about not being able to have it in our Chapter. It states in our Ritual where we can have it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Naomi. Where are my beautiful ladies from the Home? Sister Grand Marshal, will you escort our Eastern Star ladies to the East? (applause and standing ovation as they are escorted to the East) I want to tell you, my husband brought me cards; and I said, "Jack, I know these people." I want to introduce to you – beginning on my right and going to the extreme side here – we have Sisters Peggy Sue Allen, Edna Cowsert, Eunice Estridge, Ann Frerking, Irma Grounds, Leona Rasco. Frances Kito and Betty Garretson are our caretakers. We have Sister Martha Gandy from the Retirement Center with us, too. Would you please tell them we do love them. (applause) I do want to tell you one more thing. I love these ladies, and they love Jack! When I went up the last time, one asked me, "Are you going to come back after you're a Past Grand Matron?" And I said yes. And sweet Sister Lois Rosser said, "Be sure you bring Jack." And I told her I would. Sisters and Brothers, aren't they the greatest in the world? They're terrific. (applause) Thank you, Sister Marshal. I'm going to keep them in the East.

This is the amendment to the Amendment No. 15. Brother Harry Cunningham.

#### MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Add (5) Incapacitated.

When a member becomes incapacitated, and upon proper documentation by a qualified physician, she/he is not liable for Eastern Star discipline or suspension for non-payment of dues. The Chapter must report her/him as a member and pay per-capita to Grand Chapter.

In the event that such a incapacitated member's Chapter shall demise, the Chapter shall report each such incapacitated member to the Grand Secretary on either Form #124S or Form 135S prior to the demise of the Chapter. A copy of this form shall be sent to the Incapacitated Member's Family, or caregiver.

Therefore, the Incapacitated member shall be considered a Member in Good Standing of the Order of the Eastern Star for life, and shall not be denied an Eastern Star Funeral Service.

This is signed by Sister Betty Phillips Benham and Sister Brenda A. Smith.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Harry. Brother Harry, isn't this just simply a substitution of the word "incapacitated" for the word "mental incompetence"?

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Absolutely.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Sisters and Brothers, we have an amendment to number 15, and the change is to change the word – strike the word "mental incompetence" and insert the word "incapacitated." Do we have other discussion on this? There is someone in the Southwest.

MR. STEVE PORCARRY: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Steve Porcarry. I'm the Patron of Woodville Chapter 462. I've been standing down here to comment on 15, but I'd like to do that and make a comment about the amendment while I'm here. This proposed amendment to Amendment 15 I think would be a bad thing because it would open a Pandora's box. The word "incapacitated" is far, far too general for us to incorporate as an amendment, so I would be against that.

I want to say something about the amendment itself because that's why I came down here to begin with, and then the ladies came forward. Amendment No. 15 amounts to an unfunded mandate from the Grand Chapter to the Subordinate Chapters. And what it does is pretty much tells the Subordinate Chapters what they morally should do. Most of them are doing the right thing, and I would prefer that the decision be left to the Subordinate Chapters as to whether or not they wanted to carry any member for any reason.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Steve, let me stop you. It's okay to have an opinion. Right now we're on the amendment, and when we get back to the main motion, you will be allowed to say that. Okay?

#### MR. STEVE PORCARRY: Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Is there anyone else that would like to speak on the amendment to the amendment, changing the word from "mental incompetence" to "incapacitated"? I don't see anyone else moving toward a mike. Therefore, I'm going to call for the question. Those in favor of amending the amendment by striking the words "mental incompetence" and inserting the word "incapacitated," please raise your purple card. Those opposed. The motion fails.

We are still at this time back to the main motion. And now, Brother Steven, if you would like to restate what you were saying, we can consider it.

MR. STEVE PORCARRY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. One more time, what I'm saying is that if the Grand Chapter passes Amendment 15, that will be an unfunded mandate to the Subordinate Chapters in that the Subordinate Chapters will have to pay a bill where they will get no money, but the Grand Chapter will. Now, the Subordinate Chapters already – almost universally – almost, because nothing is perfect – take care of these matters. And it doesn't matter if it's mental incompetence or physical or what the problem is, if a member can't pay and the people who know that member or that family best make the decision at the local level, that's really where it belongs. I'd like to see this amendment defeated for that reason.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Steven. Steven speaks against the motion. I think I see someone in the Northwest.

**MR. RICHARD HANCOCK:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Richard Hancock, Past Patron of Marlin 286 and Bellmead 980. 1 speak against this amendment for one reason. If the member's family doesn't care, if all the members in the Chapter don't care, if the Chapter by itself doesn't care, who would go to all the trouble to pay to have a doctor declare this person incompetent and then turn it in? I think it is a worthless amendment in the sense that if somebody cared, they would pay the per capita. In the two Chapters that I belong to, we do pay the per capita. We take care of our members, but if there's nobody to care, who would go to all the trouble to have this form filled out and send it to Grand Chapter and force the Chapter to do it? Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. The gentleman spoke against the motion. Okay. I recognize Trey Smith in the South.

**MR. TREY SMITH:** I'm Trey Smith, Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249. I call for the question. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Trey. The motion has been called for. Sisters and Brothers, you are voting to stop debate. Those in favor of stopping debate, please raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed. The motion passes.

We will now vote on Amendment No. 15. Those in favor of number 15, please raise your purple card. Those opposed, raise your purple card. The motion fails. Therefore, the related motion to number 15 will also fail. We're looking at number 16 now.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

### **AMENDMENT NO. 16**

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, my Sisters and Brothers, we are now pending legislation on Amendment No. 16, "Rules and Regulations of the Eastern Star Home" to be found on page 78 of your Advance Annual Report. It regards the Rules and Regulations of the Eastern Star Home.

The proposed amendment reads as follows:

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 16**

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS OF EASTERN STAR HOME

WHEREAS, each member who is a resident of the O.E.S. Home is the responsibility of the Grand Chapter of Texas, through the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence, and

WHEREAS, many Chapters are declining in membership, consolidating or demising and may not be available to assist their member in the Home, and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of Grand Chapter can not be shifted to the Subordinate Chapter, the following change needs to be made in the O.E.S. Home Rules and Regulations Page 7, Article H. No. 14

#### WHICH NOW READS:

14. Each lady is a resident and NOT a guest in the Home and she is expected to conduct herself accordingly. Each Chapter binds itself to remove a resident from the Home when requested to do so by the Board.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

14. Each lady is a resident and NOT a guest in the Home and she is expected to conduct herself accordingly. Each Chapter is expected, when possible, to assist the Benevolent Board with any problem created by their member.

Lewis Mathison
Tom Everitt
Lola Wallace

Worthy Grand Matron, the proposed amendment is in proper order and ready for the consideration and action of this Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of the change. This changes from an absolute requirement of a Chapter to helping the Board with a problem, if we have one in our Home, as I understand this. Do we have any discussion?

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Lola in the Southwest.

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: My name is Lola "Peaches" Wallace. I'm a Past Matron of Ridglea Chapter #999 and one of the signers of this amendment. We have always known that when a member enters the Home, passes her final trial period and is a permanent member of the Home, she becomes the responsibility of Grand Chapter through the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. We will always need the support of the Subordinate Chapter and depend on any assistance they can give. We need to approve this amendment to make our laws conform to our obligations. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Lola Wallace. Are there others who would like to have discussion on this? I see no one else approaching the microphones; therefore, we will proceed to vote on Amendment No. 16. Those in favor of Amendment No. 16, please raise your purple card. Okay. Down. Those opposed. The motion passes.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 17**

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Amendment No. 17, "Rules and Regulations of the OES Home."

Amendment No. 17 proposes a change in Rule No. 8 of Article I. Fee For Services, Rules and Regulations of the O.E.S. Home. It is in proper form and we submit it for your consideration and action.

This Amendment is found on Page 79 of your Advance Annual Report and the Amendment reads as follows:

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 17**

WHEREAS, when a member is accepted into the O.E.S. Home, she becomes the responsibility of The Grand Chapter of Texas, through the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, and,

WHEREAS, to move forward with plans to allow members to enter the O.E.S. Home on a Fee for Services basis, a change needs to be made in the Rules and Regulations of the O.E.S. Home of Texas, <u>Page 8</u>, Article I Fee For Services, No. 8;

#### WHICH NOW READS:

3. If for any reason a Fee for Services resident desires to enter the Home on a lifetime basis, they would then be required to apply through their Chapter and follow established procedures.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

3. If for any reason a Fee for Services resident desires to enter the Home on a

lifetime basis, they would make their desire known to the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, who shall work with the member to make a smooth transition.

Respectfully submitted,Betty CappsLewis MathisonMaxine NanceTom EverittNorma GrahamLola Peaches Wallace

Worthy Grand Matron, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, find this amendment in proper form and is ready for action of this Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, Amendment No. 17 is in proper form and is now open for your discussion.

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Lola Wallace.

MRS. LOLA WALLACE: I am Lola Wallace, Past Matron of Ridglea Chapter #999. Last year at Grand Chapter we made a big step in approving the fee-forservices program for our Home. Now, we need the approval of the Internal Revenue Service to give us the opportunity to make this program work. This legislation is vital to the residents of our Home. They must know their future is secure and that we will be there to help them. I ask that you approve this amendment.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Lola speaks in favor of this amendment. Do we have others who would like to speak to the motion? If not, I call for the vote. Those in favor of Amendment No. 17 will please raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed. The motion is carried.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENT NO. 18

#### MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: The last amendment. (applause)

Amendment No. 18 is proposed to give a Prescribed Application Form for Endowed Membership. The Amendment is in proper form and is found on Page 79 of your Advance Annual Report. It is presented to you for your consideration and action: The Amendment reads as follows:

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 18**

WHEREAS, there is no Prescribed Application Form for Endowed Membership in the Appendix - Giving forms and Ceremonies.

We submit the following form to be included as Form 143-S.

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#### ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please check one of the following:

Endowed Membership for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Endowed Membership in *Honor* of \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Endowed Membership in *Memory* of Deceased Member \_\_\_\_\_\_ Purchased by \_\_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Endowed Membership is \$500.00

Optional Payment Plan: An Installment Plan adopted by your Chapter

Name\_\_\_\_\_

(As it is to be shown on the Certificate)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip

Chapter Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Return this completed form, along with your check to your Chapter Secretary. Thank you for contributing to the long-term financial stability of your Chapter.

In addition, please send a copy of this completed form to your District Chairman of the Endowed Membership Committee.

Endowed Membership Committee District\_\_\_\_ Section\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: Betty Garrett Sharon Hinki

Worthy Grand Matron, we find this in proper form and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** This is a form that has been submitted so that we would have a permanent form for those who want to apply for our Endowed Membership. Do we have any discussion? We do. Sister Katherine.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Worthy Grand Matron, Katherine Duncan, Past Matron of Alvin 15. I understand that this Endowed Membership Committee, when the Worthy Grand Matron appoints one, is a hard-working committee and needs procedures. Up till now they have been making their own forms, like a lot of committees do. I do question the legality of the last portion of this. "In addition, please send a copy of this completed form to your District Chairman of the Endowed Membership Committee." I don't believe that committee is a committee in our Constitution and Code of Laws. The Worthy Grand Matron may not appoint an Endowed Membership Committee. I guess I'm not in favor of this form just because of that one wording. And I'm not going to be the one to amend it; I would defeat it first. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: If I understand – and let me ask you – if I understood what she said, she said that she is against it because it requires us to use this –

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: It requires an Endowed Membership Committee, which there's not one in the Constitution and Code of Laws, I don't believe – Is there, Sister Millie?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** What I got out of what you said was that a Worthy Grand Matron may wish not to have an Endowed Membership Committee.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: That's true.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That was what I thought your point was.

**MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN:** That is my point. That would make this form to me illegal. Even though we have endowed memberships, we wouldn't have a chairman to send it to -a copy of it to is what I'm saying.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Endowed memberships are — and I'm visiting with you now – they can get endowed memberships through the Chapter as well.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Oh, yeah.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** They don't have to do it through a committee. But you speak against it because you think it might create confusion?

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Confusion, and I just really don't think it's legal since we don't have a committee on endowed membership as one of Grand Chapter committees. And to put that wording into a form, requiring a Worthy Grand Matron to have one is not legal, I don't think. I wouldn't think it would be legal. I don't like it like this.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Thank you, Sister Katherine. She feels that this is forcing the Worthy Grand Matron to have an Endowed Membership Committee, even though as she says they probably will, because we have been doing that recently. So, therefore, she speaks against having this form in the group of forms at the back of our Constitution. Did I do okay? Good.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Marjorie Errington Haynes, Past Matron, Panhandle Chapter #760. 1 move to amend Amendment No. 18. Under the name in parentheses that now reads, "as is to be shown on the certificate," it needs to read, "as shown on Grand Chapter records." We have enough trouble with the duplicate names, nicknames, in order to keep these records. As all of you know, we have four Mary Browns in District 4. So I would like to amend this amendment. **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, if you're looking at that, this is the – We got a second to the amendment to amend Amendment No. 18. It is a wording change, to amend in parentheses under the word "name" on the optional plan at the bottom, it reads, "as it is to be shown on the certificate"; and the amendment is to strike the words "the certificate" and insert "Grand Chapter records." Do we have any discussion on this amendment? Okay. No discussion. If you want to amend this form by striking the words "the certificate" and inserting the words "Grand Chapter records," please raise your purple card high so I can see them. Thank you. You may put them down. Those opposed, same. This motion passes. We are now looking at Amendment No. 18 as amended. Do we have anyone else that has any comment about this amendment?

MRS. KATHRINE DUNCAN: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: In the Northwest again, Sister Katherine.

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: I'm still opposed to the amendment as amended because it didn't fix this last paragraph regarding this Endowed Membership Committee. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Sister Katherine is still opposed to having it in our paperwork. We have someone in the Southwest that would like to speak.

MRS. YVONNE SMITH: I am Yvonne Smith, Past Matron of Zapata Chapter #1106. Could we change the wording in that last sentence to read, "In addition, please send a copy of this completed form to your District Chairman of the Endowed Membership Committee, if there is one that year"?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Well, Sister Yvonne, it seems to me that if there isn't a committee, they don't have anybody to send it to. That would be another amendment. Are you sure you want to do that? Okay. I think that was just a comment.

MRS. YVONNE SMITH: Well, if there is no committee, then there would be nobody to send it to. If there is a committee, then forward a copy to them.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Worthy Grand Matron, the Grand Chapter Secretary's Office doesn't care how we get the money. It can be a check. As long as we have a name and Chapter number and then it will be processed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I think that clarifies it for you. Do we have any others, or shall we go to the question? Okay. We're going to vote on Amendment No. 18 as amended. Remember this wording, "Grand Chapter records," is in here. Okay. Those in favor of Amendment No. 18 as amended, please raise your purple card. You may put them down. Those opposed. It does carry. We will have this form in our paperwork.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, Harry.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers, I, on behalf of the four members of the Jurisprudence Committee, want to commend Sister Mildred Sharpe for the work she did previous to our meeting yesterday. She is an outstanding chairman of this committee, and I commend her on her work, her knowledge and the thought she put into expediting these amendments, although I guess I was a little slow. But I think we owe her a great hand for the job she did. Thank you. (applause)

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: I love to serve the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and you've honored me by this compliment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, let me say, you have been wonderful today to do this work. If you will just be patient with me, we're going to close and come back this evening for a fun-filled evening. This will be an open session. So if you have someone in San Antonio or in neighboring cities that you think should come and find out about how loving this Eastern Star is, please invite them.

I want you to thank Brother Robert P. Walker for being our Parliamentarian. He helped me a great deal. (applause) The Parliamentarian that I had chosen, Murray Watson, had surgery several weeks ago. He called and said he would not be here, so I began frantically looking for someone to help me with this. Donna Reed is up in New York City or some other place. I was so proud when Brother Walker said that he would help me. Say thank you once again. (applause)

Tonight we're going to have mostly drills. The Starlights want to know, do we get to do the drill that we missed last year. And the answer is yes. Wear your silver dress. We need you tonight to help us form a gazebo.

Sister Naomi, do you have anything that you would like to say about your installation practice?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Yes, everybody that's a participant for the installation, we will have it right after the session this evening. I would invite everybody to meet right here so that we can quickly practice, and then everybody can get back to their hotels. I'd like for Buddy to help me with this. We'd like to thank everybody first for the voting and for all the amendments today. Thank you so much. We look forward to a good year.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON:** I would like to invite everyone to be with us in Mont Belvieu for the constituting on Friday night, 7:30, October 20th.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** At this time I call on Brother B. F. Hutson to bring our benediction.

**MR. B. F. HUTSON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We've had a good afternoon. Let's all please stand and prepare for the prayer. Our Father in Heaven, we are thankful for this day, for this session and for the decisions that we've made that we hope will be pleasing to You and will be beneficial to our Order. We go now to refresh and replenish our minds and come back for our humanitarian program this evening. Guide us now and direct us in all that we do and say, for it is in Your Precious Name that we do pray. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Warder, you'll inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we're thus engaged. **GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we're about to call "The Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter session from labor to rest. You are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

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

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

I call this "A Touch of Friendship in Summer Starlight" session from labor to rest until 7 p.m. this evening. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, "The Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter session has been called from labor to rest. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well.

## "A TOUCH OF HAPPINESS AND JOY IN LATE SUMMER STARLIGHT" Friday Evening Session October 6, 2000

7:00 p.m. Musical Prelude ...... Mrs. Susan Helmcamp Starline Secretary's Worksheet Committee

7:30 p.m. Call to Order ......Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast Past Grand Matron

> Mr. Charles Morris Past Grand Patron

MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST: The hour has arrived for us to call this Friday evening session to order. Good evening, my Sisters and Brothers. Our Worthy Grand Matron has kindly and graciously extended me the privilege of greeting those assembled here this evening and to extend to each of you a warm and friendly welcome and call to order this Friday evening session, "A Touch of Happiness and Joy in Late Summer Starlight." No medicine is more valuable, more better suited to the cure of all blues and troubles than a friend to whom we turn for consolation in times of trouble and with whom we share our happiness and our joy. Twenty-five years ago at this time I was serving you as your Worthy Grand Matron. Our "Road to Remember" session was held in Dallas, Texas. I look back with fond memories to those happy times with the membership of Texas. This has been a great year in the history of our Order. We have watched with pride our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Officers of Grand Chapter serving our Lord and fellowman with love. We recall every act of our blessed Lord as He walked among men reflecting love and happiness. So has it been with our teachers this year. I congratulate them.

I'm pleased to have Brother Charles Morris, our distinguished Past Grand Patron, assisting me in calling this meeting to order. Thank you, Brother Charles. You and your lovely Betty are very special to me, and I know our membership would appreciate hearing from you.

MR. CHARLES MORRIS: Thank you, Sister Pat. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all: I wish to express my appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend, for inviting me to join my friend for many years, Sister Patricia Neinast, Past Grand Matron of my own district, in calling to order this Friday evening session, "The Seasons of Starlight" session. I congratulate you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on an outstanding year of service to the Order. We are all proud of you and wish for you every success in the Grand Chapter session. Thank you.

MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST: Our altar presentation.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers: It gives me much joy and happiness to do the Scripture reading that Sister Nancy Bailey Allen was to do. Sister Nancy was my own Worthy Grand Matron. Our Worthy Grand Matron has given me the privilege to fill in for her today. Thank you for that honor, Worthy Grand Matron.

The Book of Psalms contains lovely poems of praise by David. Psalm 47:1-2, 5, 6 and 7 from The Living Bible (Paraphrased). "God is our refuge and our strength, a tested help in times of trouble. Come everyone and clap for joy. Shout triumphant praise to the Lord. The God above all gods is awesome beyond words. He is the great king of all the world. God has ascended with a mighty joy, with trumpets blaring. Sing out your praise to our God, our King. Yes, sing your highest praises to our king, the king of all the earth, sing joyful praises."

**MRS. ELSIE PALADINO:** Let us pray. Our Father, we come to You this evening with bowed heads and humble hearts, well aware, Father, of our dependence upon You for all material wealth and for life itself. Though we cannot see You, we feel Your presence and know that You dwell within each of us as we fellowship together. We are truly thankful, Father, for each one present this evening. Pour out Your blessing on us as we proceed with the activities of this Grand Chapter and grant that each of us will live and act as Your servants. Unite us in faith, in hope and in love. Give us the grace to conduct ourselves in a manner that is becoming to our Order and that will be pleasing in Your sight. Lord, we know that if eyes are not lifted to the stars, then they cannot be seen. Father, we're lifting our eyes to You this evening as we continue our journey of life. Take our hand, dear Lord, and hold it tight for we cannot walk without You. We are grateful for this time of sharing. In the Name of Christ our Lord, we present our prayers. Amen.

MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST: We will now have the Labyrinth cleared for the drill. ("Steppin' Out 2000 Drill" performed.) I 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 the Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East. Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in according our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, I want you to know that I appreciate your love and interest in behalf of the welfare of our Order. I'm sure that when you have time to look back on the accomplishments of your wonderful year, you will receive great satisfaction in knowing much has been accomplished. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving me the joy of presiding at this special evening. Worthy Grand Matron, you are someone special. Because of your friendship, I have grown as a person. I hope you have too. When I was a small girl, and my grandmother was rearing me, when I would do something special she would say to me, "Child, you made my heart smile." Worthy Grand Matron, you have made the membership of Texas' heart smile all this year. Thank you so much. (applause)

Worthy Grand Patron, you have been a kind, gentle and capable leader. We appreciate your excellent leadership and know you will continue to do so in the Order. I have watched you with pride as you have conducted the business affairs of this Grand Chapter. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, I present you with your gavel.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Patricia Neinast. My dear, I wanted you to open this session tonight because "The Road to Remember" session which you held in Dallas was my first Eastern Star Grand Chapter. I remember it well. I was so thrilled when I heard her say just now that it was 25 years ago. Sisters and Brothers, we had a fun night in Dallas. I said to myself, "If I am ever the Worthy Grand Matron, I'm going to have a fun night." Sister Patricia, you are wonderful. You just made that night so great. And not only that, the friendship that we've developed over the years has been loving and meaningful. I always think of you when I am in East Texas, and I do enjoy those dear hearts and gentle people that you speak of so often. Pat, thank you for opening this "A Touch of Happiness and Joy in Late Summer Starlight" session. I hope you find a lot of happiness and joy tonight. I love you.

Brother Charles, what a dear person you are to me. Our friendship began long ago. My husband, Jack Friend, assisted your wife Betty when she had locked herself out of the car, and Marie Lord was with her. Just because Jack had a little knack for getting into cars that were locked, our families became very close. That was over 20 years ago. And over those 20 years, we have had many, many fun times together. Thank you for helping Sister Patricia open this session.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Patricia, it is a distinct pleasure to have you be part of the opening of this Friday night session of this Grand Chapter. You are a special person who has given so much to our beautiful Order. Thank you for being with us tonight. Brother Charles, as one of your Shadows in 1994-1995, I am indeed honored to have you participate in the opening session this evening. You and Betty and Ole are very special people to me. We thank you for your dedication and your service to the Grand Chapter of Texas and for being my friend.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Officers will take their respective stations. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. (The Holy Bible was opened.) I now call this "A Touch of Happiness and Joy in Late Summer Starlight" session open. You may be seated.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my very special pleasure to present to you at this

time Brother Darren Brown who will perform some special musical entertainment selections. (Special musical presentations by Mr. Darren Brown.)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Darren. You simply amaze us every time you sing. What talent and how fortunate we are to have you as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. I want you to know that you've been such a source of delight for me this year because you produced our CD. I have been so pleased with it and have received so many compliments everywhere I go. And, Darren, Jack and I still carry some in the van and we continue to sell those. I hope that we do sell all of them. So this is a commercial. If you do not have Darren's CD or tape, we still have a few left. I know there will be someone here who hasn't gotten one yet. Thank you. I love you. I was a Doris's Darling for your grandmother. We just love Darren so much. Thank you. (applause)

At this time we're going to have our Grand Conductress attend at the altar again for our next presentation. (The Holy Bible was closed.)

We will now clear the Labyrinth, so the Officers will need to find a place on the side except we need to leave the altar in place. Our evening tonight is going to be so wonderful because we will be featuring the youth organizations that belong to the Masonic Fraternity Family. They're very important to us, and we wanted them to join us tonight in this session so that you could learn to appreciate them and have some fun at the same time. So, first, it is with much pleasure that I present Mrs. Donna Warren, the Jurisdictional Guardian of the Job's Daughters who will direct them in the performance of "The Living Cross Formation." Sister Donna.

**MRS. DONNA WARREN:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers and Representatives, Friends, Sisters, Brothers, Daughters, DeMolay and Rainbow: It is my distinct honor to bring you greetings from the Job's Daughters of Texas this evening. However, I came very ill prepared this evening, so actually these greetings are from our Miss Texas Job's Daughters who I will introduce to you in just a moment. She would like for you to know that like Eastern Star, Job's Daughters requires a Masonic relationship. Because of this, many of our girls find the transition from the girls, organization to the women's organization very smooth. Many of our Daughters that have passed through our beautiful Order have gone on to become members of the Eastern Star, and some have the privilege of serving as your Worthy Matrons and Past Worthy Matrons. I'm very proud to let you know that our Miss Texas, Job's Daughters is a member here in San Antonio.

At the Bethel level, Job's Daughters perform many programs and ceremonies, the Bethel meeting being one of their most beautiful. I extend to you a personal invitation to attend in person any of our Bethels, of which we have three in Texas. Tonight the Daughters will be performing the Bible ceremony. At this time I would like to introduce to you Miss Meagan Maurine Burney, Past Honor Queen and Miss Texas Job's Daughters 1999-2000. (applause)

MISS MEAGAN BURNEY: The Job's Daughters only have one request this evening, and that's that everyone be seated because the lights will be out for the ceremony and we don't want anybody to get hurt. (Presentation of "The Living Cross" Formation.)

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Job Is Daughters of Texas we present both of you with your own purple Bible.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Just my color! Thank you. (applause)

MISS MEAGAN BURNEY: Job's Daughters, you're dismissed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Donna. What a beautiful group of girls you have.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Sister Donna and Sister Meagan and the members of the Job's Daughters. What a beautiful and inspiring ceremony you performed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** At this time I present to you Mr. Blain Koenning, Executive Officer in Texas of the Texas DeMolay, who will introduce the Master Counselor.

MR. BLAIN KOENNING: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is indeed a pleasure that I bring greetings on behalf of the Texas DeMolay. DeMolays are your sons, your grandsons, your nephews and your neighbors, those young men who will aspire one day we hope to become a Mason, an outstanding individual, a person whose heritage we can give the Order of the Eastern Star. There are those of you who may not know that our own Worthy Grand Patron is a Senior DeMolay. We're proud of the fact that DeMolay has placed many, many opportunities for young men to become great men. One out of 12 of the recent Presidents of the United States have been DeMolays. We have many Senior DeMolays that are in our Senate in the United States and in the House. The ceremony which we're about to perform for you by our State Master Counselor, Brother R. J. Morlock, is called the "Ceremony of Light." With it, you'll hopefully understand a few of the symbolic meanings that DeMolay instills in its young people. The lights will be dimmed, and if you listen to the words that he says, you too can encourage other young people to maybe light that fire that has seemed to be extinguished from the Order and from our country. (Presentation of "Ceremony of Light.")

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, R. J. Morlock. What a beautiful, beautiful ceremony that is. The Order of DeMolay is a fine organization for young men to join, and the lessons that are taught become very important lifetime skills that will serve you well as an adult. Brother R. J., would you join us in the East.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Brother Blain and Brother R. J. Morlock, State Master Counselor, that presentation was nothing short of phenomenal. What an impression it made on me and I hope on others. We're so thankful that you're a special part of our evening tonight. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Continuing with highlighting our youth this evening, I now present Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy in Texas, who will bring greetings and then present the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls for some entertainment in the Rainbow Drill and Song.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: On behalf of the Rainbow Girls in Texas, thank you sincerely for honoring Rainbow by your invitation to be present this evening. Girls from around the state have joined the San Antonio and Austin area Assemblies and have prepared a program which they will share with you in a few moments. Mrs. Janell Trees has lovingly directed this program for us. The 61 Rainbow Assemblies in Texas and our 1200-plus membership appreciate and depend upon the support and the sponsorships of Eastern Star Chapters and Lodges in our state. You believe in the potential of our girls, and by your active participation you are helping them become the very best persons they can be. If you have not visited a Rainbow Assembly for a time, we cordially invite you to be present at all of our meetings. We believe that you will notice a new vigor, a renewed vitality in Texas Rainbow. We believe that you will notice our enthusiasm for the Order, and it will bring a contagious spirit to you, a real epidemic of love and service.

Sometimes it is difficult to find something new to say about the Order of the Eastern Star or about the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, just as it is sometimes difficult to find something new to say about the mountains or the stars or the sea. The mountains tower eternally above the clouds and the surrounding plains. The stars keep an endless and silent watch above a tired world. The tide and sea never cease to ebb and flow upon their sandy shores. To them we ever turn in reverent homage as symbols of God's greatness and power. So it is with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. The Grand Assembly of Texas is a mountain in the majesty of its mission. It is a bright and shining star in the steadfastness of its purpose, an unfathomed sea in the depths of its peace and understanding. My Sisters and Brothers, Rainbow is worth our every effort. I believe – and I hope that you will join with me because I believe that the world of tomorrow will be safe in the hands of the youth of today if we keep them looking upward, glimpsing their vision through the rays of our wonderful Rainbow organization.

Thank you for the privilege of bringing greetings, and now it is with a great deal of pride that I present to you Miss Christie Leos, our Grand Worthy Advisor, who will be master of ceremonies for our program, which is entitled "Rainbow Rays." I believe that our girls would appreciate some light on the floor. Gentlemen, if you will, please.

MISS CHRISTIE LEOS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, and thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for your courtesy in inviting the Rainbow Girls of Texas to be a part of this meeting this evening. We are happy to be here and to present this short program. We sincerely hope that all present will enjoy learning more about our beautiful Rainbow organization. Rainbow is a wonderful organization that is not only a lot of fun, but also helps us to understand things about ourselves and the world in which we live. To introduce you to Rainbow, we will share some lessons about the beauty of our Rainbow. (Presentation of "Rainbow Rays" and Rainbow Drill.)

We sincerely hope you have enjoyed learning more about Rainbow. We have so much to offer to our community and to the girls who live in our communities. It is because of the organizations which Eastern Stars and Masons represent that we have our Assemblies. You are an inspiration and a help, and we extend to you a cordial invitation to be present at all of our meetings. Please join us in singing "My Rainbow."

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Thank you, Girls. You were just beautiful. I love you. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Christie Leos, will you please return to the East. Rainbow Girls, we appreciate so much your beautiful, beautiful ceremony. Sister Marlene says you may retire at this time, and we will give you an ovation as you leave. Thank you. (applause) I would like for the three leaders of these organizations – the young leaders – to come to the podium with Brother Lee and me. The Worthy Grand Patron and I are so proud of the young people that we have in our youth organizations at that time. I am so proud of them. I've worked with Rainbow. We're getting acquainted with Job's Daughters. My son was DeMolay, and as you heard, the Worthy Grand Patron is an adult DeMolay. So we have decided that we would like to make a presentation, a donation to each of these organizations. We want them to use it where it is needed. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, I don't know about you, but looking at these young adults this evening, I think our world is in pretty good shape, don't you? (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We've invited these young people to stay with us because we have more fun in store. It is just wonderful to have these young people with us this evening.

We need to get the altar off the floor at this time. While we're doing that, I would like to invite Sister Matie Sutton, General Chairman of the Humanitarian Committee, who will bring her report and present the Starlights, All Stars, Moonbeams and Sunrays in a "Celestial Starlights" 100% Humanitarian Formation. Sister Marie.

## **REPORT OF THE HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE**

MRS. MARIE SUTTON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

Worthy Grand Matron, last year you entrusted to us, your Humanitarian Committee, a very important part of your year's work. I want to express my personal thanks to you for allowing me to serve as General Chairman of this important committee of Grand Chapter. I also want to thank you for these five wonderful ladies whom you selected to serve on this committee with me. We have done our best, and we hope we have served you and our Grand Chapter well. It has been a real challenge of Service and a very rewarding experience, one we shall long remember.

The members of this committee join me in expressing our appreciation to Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes, our Grand Secretary and Office Staff for the kindness and assistance throughout the year.

To the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction, we want to say how pleased we have been with your generous response to our "Points of Light" Humanitarian Program this year. It is you who have made this report possible. Each contribution was a "point of light" in our Galaxy of Stars. Chapters were encouraged to become 100% by contributing \$1.00 for each member listed on their Annual Report as of May 31, 1999. Groups and individuals were also encouraged to make donations to any part of this program.

1. OUR EASTERN STAR HOME was the first "Point of Light" in our Humani-

tarian Program. Your contributions help to pay the operation and maintenance expenses of our beautiful home.

- 2. THE HOME ENDOWMENT FUND contributions become part of the principal, which cannot be spent. This fund must continue to grow in order for us to reach our ultimate goal of having our Eastern Star Home fully endowed.
- 3. ESTARL shines the brightest among the "Points of Light" in the Humanitarian Program. If you saw the EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARD FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP Program last evening, you know the scholarships are truly an investment in the future of our Nation.

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude to introduce my co-workers. As each chairman is introduced she will give a summary report for her district. A more detailed report will be given in our Proceedings.

I am pleased to present the Humanitarian Chairman of District I, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert.

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: District I has a total of 14,877 Members and 135 Chapters.

- 114 ... Chapters were 100%
  - $15 \dots$  Chapters were 200%
    - 4 ... Chapters were 300%
    - 1 ... Chapter was 400% Bells Chapter No. 1110
- 1 ... Chapter was I 100% Troup Chapter No. 421

Making a total of 135 Chapters being 100% or more.

A total contribution of \$22,431.57 has been made to our "Points of Light" Humanitarian Program from District 1.

I am pleased to present the Humanitarian Chairman of District II, Mrs. Loretta "Gerry" Porter.

MRS. LORETTA "GERRY" PORTER: District II has a total of 7,682 Members and 75 Chapters.

- $45 \dots$  Chapters were 100%
  - 9 ... Chapters were 200%
  - 5 ... Chapters were 300%
  - 1 ... Chapter was 400% Hedley Chapter No. 413

1 ... Chapter was 500% - Matador Chapter No. 66

Making a total of 61 Chapters being 100% or more.

A total contribution of \$10,999.50 has been made to our "Points of Light" Humanitarian Program from District II.

I am pleased to present the Humanitarian Chairman of District III, Mrs. Catherine Rose.

MRS. CATHERINE ROSE: District III has a total of 10,315 Members and 95 Chapters.

74 ... Chapters were 100%

 $12\ldots$  Chapters were 200%

5 ... Chapters were 300% Making a total of 91 Chapters being 100% or more.

A total contribution of \$15,557.31 has been made to our "Points of Light" Humanitarian Program from District III.

I am pleased to present the Humanitarian Chairman of District IV, Mrs. Vi Griffin

MRS. VI GRIFFIN: District IV has a total of 16,903 Members and 132 Chapters.

112 ... Chapters were 100%

 $7 \ \dots \ Chapters$  were 200%

 $4 \ldots$  Chapters were 300%

1 ... Chapter was 600% - Melrose Chapter No. 920

1 UD .... Mont Belvieu was 100% with 24 Members

Making a total of 124 Chapters and I UD being 100% or more.

A total contribution of \$21,647.56 has been made to our "Points of Light" Humanitarian Program from District IV.

I am pleased to present the Humanitarian Chairman of District V, Ms. Stephanie Muller.

MS. STEPHANIE MULLER: District V has a total of 9,440 Members and 94 Chapters.

70 ... Chapters were 100%

14 ... Chapters were 200%

1 ... Chapter was 300%

1 ... Chapter was 400% - Austin Chapter #304

1 ... Chapter was 500% - Bexar Chapter #616

Making a total of 87 Chapters being 100% or more.

A total contribution of \$13,564.11 has been made to our "Points of Light" Humanitarian Program from District V.

MRS. MARIE SUTTON: Worthy Grand Matron, our "Points of Light" Humanitarian Program total receipts are incomplete, but receipts as of September 30, 2000 are as follows:

1. The Eastern Star Home	\$14,848.88
2. The Home Endowment Fund 501-C-3	\$39,854.43
501-C-8	\$ 478.00
\$40,332.43	Combined Total
3. Estarl	\$29,018.74
Grand Total for Humanitarian Program	\$84,200.05

Our Worthy Grand Matron chose a fourth fund "Star Bright" Over Texas as this years Community Service Program. This was not part of our Humanitarian Program so contributions did not count toward the chapters being 100%. This served for us as contributors and volunteers to the Texas Hospice Organization to become sparkling **"points of light"** in our local community.

We received for:

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Grand Total Monies Received by the Humanitarian Committee – \$85,519.43 as of 9/30/2000.

I am pleased to report that 498 of the 532 Chapters in the Grand Chapter of Texas are 100% or more in our "Point's of Light" Humanitarian Program.

Grand Marshal, will you please present the Matrons and Patrons of our 100% Chapters for the "CELESTIAL STARLIGHTS" HUMANITARIAN DRILL?

The Chapter Representatives and Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons of the 100 percent Chapters were presented. The Junior Past Matrons in their silver dresses formed a Star with the Jr. Past Patrons outlining the Star. The Chapter Representatives formed a frame around the outer edges of the drill floor. The five Humanitarian District Chairmen were escorted to the appropriate Star Point.

Sister Grand Marshal, I want to thank you, your husband, Donny and Assisting Grand Marshals for all the work you have put in to making the props and planning of this drill. Chapter representatives, you have made it beautiful.

In keeping with Sister Betty's theme of her "Be-Attitudes" and the beautiful star formation I have chosen the word STAR.

The stars in the sky are little points of light and remind us there is a Heaven.

S tar We have seen his STAR in the East and have come to worship Him Matthew 2 - 2

T ime came, the time God decided on, he sent forth his SON

Galatians 4:4

Romans 3:23

R ighteousness comes from God through faith in Jesus Christ Philippians 3:9

It is now my pleasure to introduce Mr. Darren Brown, whom God has blessed with a beautiful voice. He will sing "Points of Light".

The Worthy Grand Matron was escorted by Mrs. Marie Sutton and the Worthy Grand Patron by the Grand Marshal from the East to the drill floor and met at the top of the Star – inside the frame. A spotlight was focused on the Star formation as Mr. Darren Brown sang.

Worthy Grand Matron, this concludes the "POINTS OF LIGHT" Humanitarian Program. I will move the adoption of our report at a closed session.

Humanitarian Committee	
Mrs. Marie Sutton, General Chairman	Mrs. Catherine Rose, District III
Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, District I	Mrs. Vi Griffin, District IV
Mrs. Loretta "Gerry" Porter, District II	Ms. Stephanie Muller, District V

#### 1999 - 2000 HUMANITARIAN TOTALS FOR ALL FIVE DISTRICTS

DISTRICTS	HOME	HOME ENDOWMENT		ESTARL	TOTAL
		501 - C-3	501 - C-8		
I	\$ 4,631.64	11,244.21	478.00	\$ 6,077.72	22,431.57
п	1,482.41	3,622.42		5,894.67	\$ 10,999.50
III	\$ 2,742.50	\$ 9,998.82		2,815.99	15,557.31
IV	\$ 4,003.33	\$10,251.90		\$ 7,392.33	\$ 21,647.56
v	\$ 1,989.00	\$ 4,737.08		\$ 6,838.03	\$ 13,564.11
YEAR TO DA	ATE				
TOTALS	\$14,848.88	\$39,854.43	\$478.00	\$29,018.74	\$ 84,200.05

#### 1999 - 2000 HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM as of September 30, 2000

#### **GRAND TOTAL - DONATIONS IN DISTRICT 1**

	Home							
	Humanitarian	Hospice	Renovation		Infirmary	General FD		
Section 1	\$ 1,496.00							
Section 2	\$ 2,984.50							
Section 3	\$ 1,161.00		\$	25.00				
Section 4	\$ 5,097.07				\$ 100.00			
Section 5	\$ 3,418.00					\$ 10.00		
Section 6	\$ 958.00							
Section 7	\$ 2,841.50							
Section 8	\$ 1,665.00							
Section 9	\$ 1,492.50							
Section 10	\$ 1,318.00							
TOTAL	\$22,431.57		\$	25.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00		

#### Grand Total Humanitarian Committee Received - \$22,566.57

# Chapters in District 1 - 135
Participating Chapters - 135
100% 114
200% 15
300% 4
400% 1
1100% 1
# of Members: 14,877

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	Humanitarian	Hospice	# Chapters in District 1 – 75
Section 1 Section 2 Section 3 Section 4 Section 5 Section 6 Section 7 Section 8 Section 9 Section 10	<pre>\$ 1,506.00 \$ 1,091.00 \$ 711.00 \$ 1,366.00 \$ 689.00 \$ 608.00 \$ 1,212.00 \$ 1,900.00 \$ 693.50 \$ 1,223.00</pre>	<ul> <li>\$ 40.00</li> <li>\$ 50.00</li> <li>\$ 110.00</li> <li>\$ 25.00</li> </ul>	Participating Chapters - 61 100% 45 200% 9 300% 5 400% 1 1100% 1 # of Members: 7,682
TOTAL	\$10,999.50	\$ 225.00	

#### **GRAND TOTAL - DONATIONS IN DISTRICT 2**

Grand Total Humanitarian Committee Received - \$11,224.50

#### **GRAND TOTAL - DONATIONS IN DISTRICT 3**

	Humanitarian	Hospice	Home Activity l	WGM FD Spec. FD	Founders Day
Section 1	\$ 6,055.00				
Section 2	\$ 1,631.00		\$ 10.0	0	
Section 3	\$ 301.00				\$ 149.00
Section 4	486.00				\$ 30.00
Section 5	545.00				
Section 6	926.04				
Section 7	578.00			\$ 101.38	
Section 8	\$ 1,827.00				
Section 9	1,771.27				
Section 10	\$ 1,387.00	\$ 131.00			
DIST. 3 / DGM	\$ 50.00				
TOTAL	\$15,557.31	\$ 131.00	\$ 10.0	0 \$ 101.38	\$ 179.00
)				(NOT IN GR	AND TOTAL)

#### Grand Total Humanitarian Committee Received - \$15,799.69

# Chapters in District 3 - 95
Participating Chapters - 91
 100% 74
 200% 12
 300% 5
# of Members: 10,315

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	Humanitarian	Hospice	Home Renovation		
Section 1	\$ 1,667.00				
Section 2	\$ 2,741.00	\$ 97.00			
Section 3	\$ 1,206.00				
Section 4	\$ 3,259.91		25.00		
Section 5	\$ 5,898.65				
Section 6	\$ 1,284.00				
Section 7	\$ 1,864.00				
Section 8	513.00				
Section 9	\$ 885.00				
Section 10	\$ 2,299.00				
99-2000 Grand					
Floor Officers	\$ 30.00				
TOTAL	\$21,647.56	\$ 97.00	\$ 25.00		

#### **GRAND TOTAL - DONATIONS IN DISTRICT 4**

#### Grand Total Humanitarian Committee Received - \$21,769.56

# Chapters in District 4 - 132 Participating Chapters - 124 100% 112 200% 7 300% 4

600% <sup>1</sup>

#### # of Members: 16,903

100% 1 UD Mont Belvieu / 24 Members

#### **GRAND TOTAL - DONATIONS IN DISTRICT 5**

I	Iumanitarian		в	lospice	Home Renovation		
Section 1	\$	695.00					
Section 2	\$	236.00					
Section 3	\$	1,072.00					
Section 4	\$	571.00					
Section 5	\$	538.00					
Section 6	\$	2,482.00	\$	585.00			
Section 7	\$	3,512.00					
Section 8	\$	1,561.00			\$	10.00	
Section 9	\$	1,436.00					
Section 10	\$	1,324.00					
DGM & DGMS-D5	\$	75.00					
Time & Talent-D5	\$	62.11					
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**TOTAL** \$13,564.11 \$ 585.00 \$ 10.00

Grand Total Humanitarian Committee Received - \$14,159.11

# Chapters in	n District 5 – 94	4
Participating	; Chapters – 87	
100%	70	
200%	14	
300%	1	
400%	1	
500%	1	
# of Member	rs: 9440	

#### 1999 - 2000 HUMANITARIAN REPORT

#### GRAND TOTALS - DISTRICT I

	номе	ENDOW	ESTARL	TOTAL	HOSPICE	OTHER	TOTAL RECEIVED
OCT	\$ 1,585.66	\$ 2,109.66	\$ 1,100.68	\$ 4,796.00			
NOV	\$ 787.66	\$ 1,540.66	\$ 1,504.68	\$ 3,833.00			
DEC	\$ 613.66	\$ 1,404.16	\$ 856.18	\$ 2,874.00		Н	OME
JAN	\$ 940.00	\$ 2,680.99	\$ 919.01	\$ 4,520.00		\$ 25.00 R	ENOVATION
FEB	\$ 239.66	\$ 1,194.67	\$ 468.67	\$ 1,903.00			
MAR	-	-	-	-			
APR	\$ 125.00	\$ 450.07	\$ 132.00	\$ 707.07			
MAY	\$ 50.00	\$ 857.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 1,002.00		\$ 100.00 E	FIRMARY/
JUN	\$ 110.00	\$ 371.50	\$ 431.50	\$ 913.00		S	TARBRIGHTS
JULY	\$ 5.00	\$ 113.00	\$ 236.00	\$ 354.00			
AUG	\$ 165.00	\$ 264.50	\$ 216.50	\$ 646.00			
SEPT	\$ 10.00	\$ 756.00	\$ 117.50	\$ 883.50		\$ 10.00 G	ENERAL FUND
TOTAL D-1	\$4,631.64	\$11,722.21	\$6,077.72	\$22,431.57	\$ -	\$ 135.00 \$	\$ 22,566.57

#### **GRAND TOTALS - DISTRICT 2**

	номі	E	E	NDOW	ES	TARL	1	TOTAL	но	SPICE	OTHER	TOTAL RECEIVED
OCT	\$ 61	30.83	\$	1,574.84	\$	1,774.83	\$	4,030.50				
NOV	\$ 4	71.58	\$	944.58	\$	1,830.84	\$	3,247.00	\$	45.00		
DEC	\$	4.00	\$	81.00	\$	75.00	\$	160.00				
JAN	\$ 2	29.00	\$	232.00	\$	335.00	\$	596.00	\$	50.00		
FEB	\$	90.00	\$	65.00	\$	170.00	\$	325.00	\$	80.00		
MAR	\$	30.00	\$	39.00	\$	655.00	\$	724.00				
APR	\$	15.00	\$	205.00	\$	85.00	\$	305.00	\$	20.00		
MAY	\$ 14	<b>£5.00</b>	\$	135.00	\$	585.00	\$	865.00				
JUN	\$	-	\$	161.00	\$	135.00	\$	296.00				
JULY	\$	5.00	\$	20.00	\$	109.00	\$	134.00	\$	30.00		
AUG	\$	-	\$	135.00	\$	110.00	\$	245.00				
SEPT	\$ 3	12.00	\$	30.00	\$	30.00	\$	72.00				
TOTAL D-2	\$1,48	2.41	\$	3,622.42	\$(	6,894.67	\$1	0,999.50	\$	226.00		\$ 11,224.60

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OCT	\$	437.52	\$	1,623.51	\$	509.97	\$	2,571.00			LADIES/
NOV	\$	1,293.32	\$	3,543.34	\$	1,161.34	\$	5,998.00		\$ 10.00	) HOME ACTIVITY
DEC	\$	196.00	\$	848.00	\$	863.00	\$	1,507.00			FUND
JAN	\$	232.66	\$	1,911.70	\$	166.68	\$	2,311.04	\$ 106.00		
FEB	\$	203.50	\$	343.50	\$	15.00	\$	562.00			
MAR	\$	37.50	\$	202.50	\$	100.00	\$	340.00			
APR	\$	100.00	\$	95.00	\$	-	\$	195.00			
MAY	\$	47.00	\$	456.00	\$	35.00	\$	538.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 101.38	3 WGM SPECIAL
JUN	\$	130.00	\$	433.27	\$	160.00	\$	723.27			PROJECT
JULY	\$	60.00	\$	297.00	\$	35.00	\$	392.00			
AUG	\$	5.00	\$	155.00	\$	170.00	\$	330.00			
SEPT	\$	-	\$	90.00	\$	-	\$	90.00			
TOTAL D-3	\$	2,742.50	\$	9,998.82	\$	2,815.99	\$ 1	5,557.31	\$ 131.00	\$ 111.38	3 \$ 15,799.69

#### **GRAND TOTALS D-3**

#### **GRAND TOTALS D-4**

	HOME	ENDOW	ESTARL	TOTAL	HOSPICE	OTHER	TOTAL RECEIVED
OCT	\$ 279.34	\$ 968.33	\$ 677.33	\$ 1,925.00			
NOV	\$ 1,495.33	\$2,248.96	\$ 1,771.33	\$ 5,515.64			
DEC	\$ 506.00	\$ 469.50	\$ 1,204.50	\$ 2,180.00			
JAN	\$ 399.00	\$ 2,505.01	\$ 979.99	\$ 3,884.00	\$ 97.00		
FEB	\$ 516.00	\$ 2,242.50	\$ 891.50	\$ 3,650.00			
MAR	\$ 166.00	\$ 263.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 869.00			
APR	\$ 268.00	\$ 543.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 1,087.00		\$ 25.00	HOME
MAY	\$ 95.00	\$ 134.31	\$ 273.00	\$ 502.31			RENOVATION
JUN	\$ 213.66	\$ 327.66	\$ 359.68	\$ 901.00			
JULY	\$ 40.00	\$ 320.61	\$ 304.00	\$ 664.61			
AUG	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 190.00			
SEPT	\$ 25.00	\$ 164.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 279.00			
TOTAL D-4	\$ 4,003.33	\$10,251.90	\$ 7,293.33	\$21,647.56	\$ 97.00	\$ 25.00	\$21,769.56

#### 1999-2000 HUMANITARIAN TOTAL - DISTRICT 5

	но	OME	E	NDOW	ES	TARL	т	OTAL	но	SPICE	от	HER	TOTAL RECEIVED
OCT	\$	6.68	\$	96.66	\$	316.66	\$	420.00					
NOV	\$	411.66	\$	365.67	\$	1,004.67	\$	1,782.00	\$	60.00	\$	10.00	HOME
DEC	\$	382.33	\$	477.36	\$	309.31	\$	1,169.00	\$	250.00			RENOVATION
JAN	\$	133.34	\$	85.33	\$	449.33	\$	668.00					
FEB	\$	99.16	\$	417.92	\$	845.92	\$	1,363.00					
MAR	\$	470.00	\$	1,902.50	\$	1,478.50	\$	3,851.00					
APR	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-					
MAY	\$	455.79	\$	1,010.66	\$	2,152.66	\$	3,619.11	\$	275.00			
JUN	\$	3.34	\$	57.33	\$	113.33	\$	174.00					

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JULY	\$	23.36	\$	239.32	\$	103.32	\$	366.00			
AUG	\$	3.34	\$	69.33	\$	64.33	\$	137.00			
SEPT	\$	-	\$	15.00	\$	_	\$	15.00			
TOTAL D-5	\$ 1	,989.00	\$4	,737.08	\$6	,838.03	\$ 13	6,564.11	\$ 585.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 14,159.11

HUMANITARIAN GRAND TOTAL - \$ 84,200.05 TOTAL RECEIVED - \$85,519.43

## HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

#### 1999-2000 HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT OCTOBER, 2000

	OES Home	Home Endow- ment Fund	ESTARL	TOTALS
District I District II District III District IV District V	\$0- 0- 25.00 0-	$\begin{array}{c} \$ & -0-\\ 29.00\\ 84.00\\ 100.00\\ 25.00 \end{array}$	\$ -0- 20.00 -0- 75.00 48.00	$\begin{array}{c} & -0-\\ 49.00\\ 84.00\\ 200.00\\ 73.00 \end{array}$
Total for OCT 2000	\$ 25.00	\$ 238.00	\$ 143.00	\$ 406.00
Year to Date TOTALS	\$ 14,848.88	\$ 40,535.43	\$ 29,081.74	\$ 84,466.05

Additional Contributions: Home Renovation \$60.00 (Oct.-June) Ladies Home Activity Fund \$10.00 (Nov.) DDGM Home Endowment \$450.00 (Nov.) OES Infirmary \$100.00 (May) Hospice \$1238.00 (Nov.-July) WGM's Special Fund \$101.38 (May) General Fund \$10.00 (Sept.) Grand Floor Officers - ESTARL \$30.00 (Oct.) Past Grand's Assoc. - Home Endowment \$50.00 (Oct.) DDGM - Home Endowment \$100.00 (Oct.)

#### TOTAL CHAPTERS

DISTRICT I Chapters 100% Andrews No. 849

Chapters 200% Friendship No. 1008

DISTRICT II Chapters 200% Stephenville No. 801 Crescent No. 820 Goldthwaite No. 909

DISTRICT IV Chapters 100% Wisteria No. 823

Chapters 200% Friendswood No. 1131 Chapters 300% Navasota No. 309 Crockett No. 509

DISTRICT V Chapters 300% Cuero No. 618

	OES Home	Home Endow- ment Fund	ESTARL	TOTALS
District I	\$ -0	\$ -0-	\$ -0	\$ -0-
District II	-0	19.00	-0-	19.00
District III	-0	84.00	-0-	84.00
District IV	-0-	75.00	45.00	120.00
District V	-0	25.00	48.00	73.00
Totals	\$	\$ 203.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 296.00
GROUPS	\$	\$ 150.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 180.00
GRAND TOTAL .	\$	\$ 353.00	) \$ 123	.00

#### 1999-2000 HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE YEAR END SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT – OCTOBER 20, 2000

DISTRICT III DISTRICT IV 1 – Chapter went from 100% to 200%

1 - Chapter made 100% (This makes 499 Chapters 100% or more) 1 - Chapter went from 100% to 200%

1 - Chapter went from 100% to 200%

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Stay with us. We have just a couple more things that we know you will enjoy. Thank you, Humanitarian Committee. What a wonderful report. (applause)

Next, the All Stars and Starlights and all of those who were supposed to be a in our drill at the end of Installation last year, and time did not allow, we're going to do that drill. Then we're going to do something that is a lot of fun. So hang in here.

Sister Grand Marshal, are you prepared?

**GRAND MARSHAL:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I am. In your book of memories we wanted to make sure that you had the formation of your emblem in the colors of your choice. There's not very many of those colors here tonight, but we are going to do our best to form your gazebo.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Grand Marshal.

**GRAND MARSHAL:** Grand Chapter Officers, if you have the color of our Worthy Grand Matron, when I call your appointment for the year 1999-2000, would you please come quickly to the floor. My Grand Pages will show you where to get in the formation of our Worthy Grand Matron's gazebo. First of all, will the Deputies of Grand Chapter in their lilac dresses please come to the floor. Next, can we have the Starlights in their silver dresses, please. I call for the Boards in their green dresses with the male members on the Boards also to come down to the floor, please. In the deep purple and the teal dresses, I need the Standing Committee members and the Grand Representatives. (1999-2000 Grand Officers Drill.)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we're going to have our benediction and then we're going to do one of the best drills that we did throughout the school system, and we wanted you to see it if you did not get to. It's called the "All-Star Strut," our Worthy Grand Patron's march. I will talk to you more about it after the benediction. Brother Ferris Benham. **MR. FERRIS BENHAM:** May we pray. Our gracious Heavenly Father, what a beautiful day Thou hast given us. How great it has been and we thank Thee. We thank Thee also for the portion of Thy divine and infinite wisdom that has been in this room and Thy divine and infinite love reflected in the hearts, the eyes, the smiles and the touch of those here. We so humbly beseech Thy guidance, Thy direction, Thy continued blessing on this fraternity. We ask Thy protection on our way home. We ask that we never forget that all we do, we do in the hope that it will glorify and honor Thy Name. In our Savior's Name we humbly pray. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Those on the floor just remain in position. The Grand Marshal will tell you what to do. I do need to make an announcement for the Associate Grand Matron. She will have practice immediately after this. You need to listen carefully to our instructions. We're going to do the "All-Star Strut" with our Worthy Grand Patron leading around the room. I'm asking our Grand Conductress, at the time when our Worthy Grand Patron decides to depart the building, to lead those who need to stay for the practice to the right side of the room for Naomi. Then she can give instructions where she wants you. The Worthy Grand Patron will lead the rest of us across the street to the Four Points to the candidates, party. There is no need to close this session.

(Retire to the "All Star Strut.")

## "A TOUCH OF LOVING KINDNESS IN AUTUMN STARLIGHT" Saturday Morning Session October 7, 2000

8:00 a.m. Musical Prelude ...... Mrs. Kathleen Yancey Past Matron, Canton Chapter #667

8:15 a.m. Call to Order ..... Dr. Effie Mae Davis Worthy Grand Adah General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas

> Dr. O. D. Christian Past Grand Patron

**DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** Good morning Sisters and Brothers. This is the day that the Lord has made, and how glad we are to be here with you. We have enjoyed the beautiful musical prelude by Kathleen Yancey. It is the wish of our Worthy Grand Matron that I join with Dr. O. D. Christian and welcome you this morning to the "A Touch of Loving Kindness in Autumn Starlight" Session of the 118th Session, Saturday morning, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star in San Antonio, Texas. At this time we're calling ourselves to order. Mrs. Beulah Speer will read the Scripture for the morning.

**MRS. BEULAH SPEER:** Our Scripture this morning is from Psalm 25:4-7, The Living Bible (Paraphrased). "Show me the path where I should go, O Lord. Point out the right road for me to walk. Lead me, teach me, for You are the God who gives salvation. I have no hope except in you. Overlook my youthful sins, O Lord. Look at me and see through eyes of mercy and forgiveness, through eyes of everlasting love and kindness."

The beautiful altar presentation this morning: Assisting Grand Marshal was Mrs. Elsie Paladino; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild brought in our Holy Bible, and the Square and Compasses were brought in by Brother Henry Martin. The special music by Mrs. Melissa Simonton, our Grand Choir Director; our Scripture by beautiful Beulah Speer.

We're now ready for the "Steppin' Out 2000 Drill" by the Installed Officers and Grand Pages. (Drill performed to much applause.) The Grand officers will enter the Grand Chapter room.

**DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Sheaf of pink roses presented to Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron before they were escorted to the East to a standing ovation.)

**DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** Sisters and Brothers, let us join in giving our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron Grand Honors.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The Grand Officers will assume their stations.

**DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** It is such a joy to know that if you wish upon a star, dreams do come true. You have your Starlight session here in San Antonio. All is well. We're happy to have you in San Antonio, and we look forward to the rest of this busy, busy day.

**DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN:** Dr. Effie Mae Davis, I'm honored to open this Grand Chapter session with you today. "A Touch of Loving Kindness in Autumn Starlight," what a beautiful message that brings. It is my distinct pleasure to greet the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron this morning on this beautiful day. I am pleased to open this Grand Chapter session with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Betty and I have been "common" down through the years. She was a Doris' Darling, and her husband was an O.D.'s Statesman. They are very special people to both of us.

Worthy Grand Patron, I feel it an honor today that you may stand by my side and share in this opportunity of showing your support of the Worthy Grand Matron. Our thanks and best wishes for a successful Grand Chapter session today.

**DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** I wanted everybody to sit down before I made this long talk. Sister Betty, we're so happy you're here. You have made our dreams come true. Everything this session that we wanted it to be, that we dreamed it to be, that we hoped it to be has been realized. We wish for you the very best in the years ahead. And Brother Lee, your service to this Grand Chapter has been remarkable. Your sacrifices personally, your energy generously and your love to all of us will never be forgotten. Blessings on you in the years ahead, and know our love for you and Pat. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Caring people have a way of making a difference in the lives of others. My sweet friend, you're one who has touched my Eastern Star life at several intervals. I followed you as the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 5. And at that point a close and lasting friendship began. You were very helpful in making the transition from one year to the next. And I shall always appreciate your loving spirit and the information you shared. Thank you for calling this Saturday morning session to order.

Brother O. D., oh, how I love you and Frances. As you know and as you said, Jack and I served our first term with you. We were the Worthy Matron and Patron when you served in the Grand East even with Pat Neinast, and we were just delighted with that session. We learned so much at that session. Yes, our friendship has lasted 25 years. And if we both live long enough, it'll be intact for 25 more. Love you so much.

Joseph Perry once said that friendships that have stood the test, time and change are surely best. And our friendship is the best. Love you.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Dr. Effie Mae, you have served our Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter with honor and distinction. Your presence and participation in opening this Saturday morning session is very special to all of us. And, Dr. O. D., what a fine Christian gentleman you are. You truly represent the model member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you for being a part of this opening session this morning.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to open this "A Touch of Loving Kindness in Autumn Starlight" session from rest to labor, and instruct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we're about to call "The Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter of Texas session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

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

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to attend our deliberations.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order. (The Grand Chapter was proved.) 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 now call this "A Touch of Loving Kindness in Autumn Starlight" session open from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that this session is open.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, "The Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter of Texas session is called from rest to labor and is open. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. We have several announcements to make before we go any further. The Grand Examiner-at-Large wants to let you know that the Grand Examining Room will be open until 9 a.m. If you're interested, you will go through this little opening here to my right. There are a few steps up and then straight back you will find her. The Worthy Grand Patron has an announcement.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we want to thank Sister Adele and Brother Malcolm Fisher for contacting Fiesta Lincoln Mercury here on Bandera Road in San Antonio. They are the company that donated, for this week, the four vans that are taking our Distinguished Guests around. Again, that's Fiesta Lincoln Mercury, and we want to thank them. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. I just want to tell you how pleased I am to have such beautiful Labyrinth furniture. I want you to know that the altar in the shape of a pentagon belongs to San Antonio Chapter #3. My Deputy Grand Matron, Emma Lou Parnell, her husband who is now deceased built this beautiful altar. He was a very dear friend of mine. I asked him if I could use this beautiful altar. I know you've enjoyed that.

In addition, the beautiful Star Point stations belong to Hadassah Chapter #188 in Georgetown. I have borrowed them to match this altar. In addition, we have little dolls on the floor that belong to Orange Chapter #214 I have enjoyed using them. I think they're beautiful. With the spotlights on them, aren't they gorgeous? Tell the Starpoints how pretty they look on that floor. (applause)

At this time we will have our invocation by Brother Henry Martin. Will you please stand.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** My Sisters and Brothers, would you join me as we go to the Lord in prayer. Our Heavenly Father, You have blessed us so, and we thank You for all the many things that You do for us. We ask that You be with us today in this assembly as we conduct the business of this Grand Chapter. We ask that everything that is said and done might be in accordance with Thy will. Be with us through this day, through the evening and tomorrow. We'll give You all the praise. In Jesus' Precious Name, Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Today is an important day as we select those who will serve us this coming year. I want to thank you for your attention and the spirit of loving kindness in working together that you have demonstrated throughout all the sessions of this Grand Chapter. I have never seen a more courteous group than you have been this week. We hope to move quickly through the balance of our business so that we all might have time to relax and prepare just a little before we come back to enjoy the evening's festivities as we install another corps of officers for our Grand Chapter. In keeping with our time element and to conserve the energy of our Pages, I would like at this time to check and make sure that we have our voting delegates and our nonvoting delegates in the proper place. I have stated – and I think the word has gotten around – that voting delegates will be on the first floor. In addition, if we have any overflow, they will be in the top three sections of the balcony. So what I would like for you to do at this point, if you are a voting delegate in the balcony, will you please stand. That's wonderful! I know the Warder and Pages up there probably have checked all of this. Do I have any nonvoting delegates in the balcony? If so, you may move to the next section because I see we have plenty of room up there. I have told those who came in early to begin near the stage, so now we know we have plenty of space. If you want to move toward the center, you're certainly welcome to do that. Just stay out of those first three sections. That's the only place that our Pages will be collecting ballots.

Be sure to check all your credentials. Make sure you have your purple card. Make sure you have everything that you need to do the correct procedure for balloting.

We have some distinguished Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Chapter Council and Commandery Officers. I would like to have them presented and introduced at this time. So will they please stand so that our Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress can know where you are.

Can I get you men to be patient? I just learned that we have some Past Grand Matrons from other Grand Jurisdictions that I did not know about. I would like to get those introduced first. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the great pleasure of introducing the Past Grand Matrons from other Grand Jurisdictions: From the State of Delaware, Sister Leah Cameron, and the immediate Past Grand Matron Jeanette Wommack, from the great State of Delaware, Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** How thrilled we are that you made it to our last session of this Grand Chapter of Texas. We are so proud that you have come from Delaware on your way to wherever you're headed so that you could be with us during this session. It is such a thrill to have you here. Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** My Sisters from Delaware, a good friend is like a warm quilt wrapped around your heart. Your presence here today certainly warms our heart. Thank you for being with us here in San Antonio.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be escorted to the East. (applause as they come to the East.) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present to you these Past Grand Matrons of Delaware. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Distinguished Grand Lodge Officers and the Officers of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, behind Esther's station. **GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with great honor and pleasure that I introduce to you these Distinguished Brothers: Right Worshipful David Dibrell, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, Jerry Kirby, Right Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, our Brothers.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** How delightful it is to have such Distinguished Members from other fraternal bodies with us. You know, we feel that we belong to you because we are a member of the fraternal family of Free Masonry. We are just so pleased to always let you know how much we love you and how we want to be an influence in the world so that you will always look good because of our actions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be escorted to the East. (applause as they come to the East)

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Could we get Illustrious Sir Ray Hertenberg to come up here, too? For those that don't know, Ray is from my section, District 4, Section 10; and he is Potentate of El Mina Temple in Galveston. Ray C. Hertenberg. (applause)

My Brothers – and how proud I am to be able to call you my Brothers – I heard it once said that if you have one true friend, you have more than your share. Your being with us today certainly gives us more than our share. Thank you. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. Thank you, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. You've done a beautiful job. (applause)

I now call upon Sister Marie Sutton, General Chairman of the Humanitarian Committee, to move the adoption of her report that was presented last evening.

**MRS. MARIE SUTTON:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers All: Worthy Grand Matron, again I want to thank you and the Worthy Grand Patron for allowing us, your Humanitarian Committee, to serve you and our membership. Worthy Grand Matron, I also want to thank you for these wonderful ladies that you chose to serve on this Committee with me. I call them my angels, and they have been all year, and I appreciate it. I'm just so sorry that Sister Gerry Porter from District 2 became ill and wasn't able to be with us. So please say a prayer for her that she might get better. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Humanitarian report as presented last evening.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Humanitarian report as presented last evening. Those in favor, please raise your purple card. Thank you. Those opposed. The motion is adopted.

I would like to invite those whose name will be placed in nomination and the persons who will nominate them to please approach the East and sit in the East. Let me tell you, I do not expect you to stay in the East after you've been nominated, if you will leave quietly, because behind me on the stage sometimes it's hard to hear they tell me. So if you'll come on up right now, we'll be ready for nominations. We're trying to work and get that done timely.

I appoint Brother Henry Martin as our Election Judge. We've determined that

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since we're going to be using the electronic Scantron that we will only need three tables of tellers. Therefore, I appoint the following Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to be table judges. This is going to be an easy job for you today. Table number 1: Sister Jane Gregory; to help her, Brother Charles Morris. Table number 2: Brother Richard Ochs; to help him, Sister Alma Lynn Bane. Table number 3, Sister Alma Carter; to help her, Brother Harry Cunningham. I would ask that you please come to the tables. They're up here to the east of the Grand Conductress.

I'm going to go ahead and appoint a Ballot Resolutions Committee. I will explain to you the purpose of this Committee since it is new. This Committee, along with the Election Judge, will evaluate each ballot that is ejected by the Scantron to determine whether or not the ballot should be considered. Sisters and Brothers, you're going to be able to see the Scantron in action. We have it over here on our left, and we have a Committee that chose it and they will be working it. I know that you're going to find that interesting this time. So we have asked that no one crowds around that station. I have asked Brother Joe Jeffers to be the security. And if I need others, I will appoint them, to keep you out of that section because we simply do not want you to be in there to bother the Committee. Only the Ballot Committee will be allowed there.

On the Ballot Resolutions Committee, I have chosen one person from each district. From District 1, Sister Mary Ann Edwards. From District 2, Brother Steven Ireland. From District 3, Marie Sutton. From District 4, Evelyn Peek. From District 5, Leland "Buzz" Mann. Would you please come to the East.

We are very proud of our new equipment. We have purchased this this year for use by the Grand Chapter, and it will be used, I'm sure, for many years. This machine is like they have in colleges where they scan testing devices. I know that many of you have taken college courses. You had to buy these little pieces of paper to go through the Scantron machine to have your test scored. If you have ever – and I know you have – if you have ever voted in a county, a state or a national election, you will be able to understand your ballot after you've been given directions. We tested this Scantron machine at the Worthy Grand Patron's banquet in Houston and the Worthy Grand Matron's banquet in New Braunfels. Both tests ran smoothly, and we're confident that you're going to be very proud of this equipment.

Our Ballot Committee consisted of Lee Stallings, the Worthy Grand Patron; Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron; Mark Dieckmann, General Chairman of the Starquest Committee; Donny Broughton, the Grand Representative of Australia; and Jack Friend, Grand Escort to the Worthy Grand Matron. Those are the ones that worked with materials and finally chose our equipment.

At this time I appoint the following Tellers. I will tell you the purpose of our Tellers. After we vote and these ballots are brought to these three tables, these people will be sorting the cards by 1, 2 or 3 votes. That is all our Tellers are required to do. Then the papers will be stacked, and they will be inserted into the Scantron machine, and it will count the ballots for us. At table number 1, I would like to ask Donna Swindle, Edna Adams, Jackie Cates, Glenda Story, Mary Haynes, Faye Basham, Emma Lou Parnell, Runelle Gerald, Glenna Myatt and Edith Davis to sit at table number 1. Table number 2: Kim Hensley, Jennifer Galloway, Jean Hobbs, Jimmie Warner, Martha Sanderson, Ann Blanton, Lorraine Williams, Patsy Cates, Lorie Goldman and Mary Self. Table number 3: Gloria Bennett, Jan Holland, Shirley Chatham, Opal Farley, Sharon Mosmeyer, Mary R. Brown, Vickie Smith, Rita Green, Donna Cates and Doris Clegg. I've been corrected by the Ballot Committee. They said the machine will sort it by 1, 2, 3. So I'm assuming that their only job is to be looking for problems. Okay. Thank you. We've got a smarter machine than I thought.

At this time I know that we have a lot of reports that need to be made today. I would invite the Chairman of the Committees to please come to the East. We have a lot of chairs. If you will just make your report as briefly as possible, you may turn in a longer report for the Proceedings. So that we can get through today, we would like for you to please be as brief as possible when you are at the mike.

While we're waiting on our Registration Chairman and our Credentials Chairman, I'm going to ask that Betty Warlick, Chairman of the Bulletin Committee, please make her report.

## **REPORT OF THE BULLETIN COMMITTEE**

MRS. BETTY WARLICK: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, I sincerely appreciate the privilege of serving as the General Chairman of the Bulletin Committee for the 1999-2000 Grand Chapter year. You challenged us with the charge of "selling" the Bulletin by encouraging members to renew their subscriptions and enlisting new subscribers. To the committee members, I say thank you for getting the word out that "Every Eastern Star home" needs the Bulletin. Our special thanks to the membership for their wonderful response and support. It is now my pleasure to express my sincere thanks to the five District chairman of this Committee and it is with pride that I introduce them to the membership.

Mrs.	Mary Meason	District One	78 Bulletins
Mrs.	Elizabeth Jackson	District Two	12 Bulletins
Mrs.	Betty Rose	District Three	75 Bulletins
Mrs.	Gladys Cox	District Four	40 Bulletins
Mrs.	Etha B. Jenkins	District Five	40 Bulletins

Thank you ladies, for your timely reports, your cooperation and your unfailing love for our beautiful Order. It was brought to my attention that a committee member in District three, Donna Herrington from Springtown Chapter 498, sold 21 Bulletins. Thank You. All monies collected by our committee were forwarded to the Grand Secretary. Many subscriptions were purchased directly from the Grand Secretary's Office and I would like to express my appreciation to Mrs. Coweta Engle for the complete and final record of sales. I am pleased to report for the year 1999-2000, there were 2239 renewals and 852 new subscribers which gives us a total of 3091 Bulletins. There were miscellaneous sales of \$444.00 which consisted of individual Bulletin sales. The grand total of sales of the Bulletin is \$46,794.00. Again, thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this honor of serving on this worthwhile committee.

Respectfully submitted, Betty J. Warlick General Chairman, Bulletin Committee

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the report of the Bulletin Committee. Those in favor, please raise your purple card. Those opposed. It is carried.

I understand I need one person at Table 1, and I appoint Kathy Creel. We have a special job for the Deputy Grand Matrons that still remain and some of the Arrangements people. Would you please rise? You're going to be given a box of sharpened No. 2 pencils. I heard some of you are worried about having a good pencil. We're providing you a pencil to ballot with. If the remainder of my Deputies and some of the Arrangements Committee will please meet Jack Friend right over here, he'll give you your pencils to pass out. We want to make sure everybody has a good pencil.

At this time we have the report of our Exchange Visits from our Past Grand Matrons Sister Joyce Roberts and Sister Pat Neinast.

## **REPORT OF THE EXCHANGE VISIT COMMITTEE**

MRS. JOYCE ROBERTS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. On behalf of the members of District 2, Section 10 in El Paso and the Las Cruces Chapter in New Mexico, we thank you for this opportunity for us to get together. A complete report will be mailed to our Worthy Grand Matron and to the Grand Secretary. Thank you.

MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, a small summary of the Exchange Visit with Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. We enjoyed the pleasure of having you in our area. The Committee was wonderful, and we also will send a complete report to our Secretary.

Let me say to you and Brother Lee: Come often now that you're available to go just as you please. We'll leave the light on for you.

#### THE ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA-TEXAS EXCHANGE VISIT REPORT Patricia Major Neinast, PGM – Chairman

The Arkansas-Oklahoma-Texas Exchange Visit Committee met several times to plan the Exchange Visit for the membership between these three states. A "Welcome Friends and Neighbors" Banquet was held on Friday, September 8, 2000 at the Truman Arnold Center, Texarkana College, in Texarkana, Texas.

As the guests arrived, they witnessed a beautifully decorated Center in sparkling lights and color of traditional Texas items. At the top of a stairway glittering with starlight, the guests were welcomed by the Texas Committee Members. Sister Reba Fox and her Decorating Committee did an outstanding job for this fun event.

Sister Patsy Washington served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. During introductions, each group of Distinguished Members were recognized and introduced to the membership in song by Donny Broughton, Grand Representative to Australia.

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Honored guests in attendance included: Mrs. Nancy Lindsey, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas Mr. Tom Dixon, Worthy Grand Patron of Arkansas Mrs. Jean Hall, Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma Mr. William "Bill" Wise, Worthy Grand Patron of Oklahoma Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron of Texas

Entertainment was provided by the River Country Cloggers. This group included members from Texas and Louisiana. Two members belong to Subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star in Texas. The membership enjoyed the dances that these cloggers exhibited, and added a little lively "toe steppin" of their own as they joined the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Texas in a famous Texas dance, THE COTTON-EYED JOE.

Over two hundred people attended this gorgeous banquet, and enjoyed a delicious meal.

A generous Hospitality Room was provided by the Exchange Committee at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Texarkana, Texas before and after the banquet. It was well attended and enjoyed by the membership late into the evening.

On Saturday morning, several of the Texas-Exchange Committee Members joined the three Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, along with a throng of Texans, and Arkansans in a delicious brunch and program in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. High School students entertained in a semi-professional manner, and the membership truly enjoyed seeing so many well-mannered teenagers in action.

Then, for Saturday evening, the group traveled to Texarkana, Arkansas for a "Circus" Banquet. Again, the food and entertainment were outstanding. An Abraham Lincoln imitator brought us one of Lincoln's famous addresses.

The three Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons brought Greetings at each of the three functions for this first Tri-State Exchange of Arkansas-Oklahoma-Texas. What a wonderful time of fellowship and camaraderie it was, and we know that this is the beginning of many exchanges to follow.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia Major Neinast, PGM, Chairman Barbara G. Scott

Patsy Washington Bonita McElroy MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST: I move the adoption of these two reports.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Texas Exchange Committees. Those in favor, please raise your purple card. Those opposed. Adopted.

I call on Sister Nancy Haley, the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee for her report.

## REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

MRS. NANCY HALEY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers all:

The By-Laws Committee received seventy-nine sets of Amendments to By-Laws during this Grand Chapter year. Of those seventy-nine, twenty-two were submitted with insufficient paperwork; four sets were returned for revision; and one set was returned for corrections of typographical errors. Additionally, two sets were received too late to be processed during this year.

Those chapters submitting By-Laws Amendments are as follows:

Jasper Chapter #291 Lonnie L. Blake Chapter #1116 Crockett Chapter #509 East Houston Chapter #955 Laredo Chapter #86 Riverside Chapter #834 Rusk Chapter #79 Ransford Chapter #135 White Settlement Chapter #1053 Stanton Chapter #409 Alamo Heights Chapter #734 Austin Chapter #304 Kountz Chapter #724 Aldine Chapter #1088 Santa Anna Chapter #247 Weslaco Chapter #772 Muleshoe Chapter #792 Cushing Chapter #368 Haltom City Chapter #982 Groesbeck Chapter #8 10 Coleman Chapter #360 Goose Creek Chapter #798 Port Neches Chapter #677 Highland Hills Chapter #1075 Mineola Chapter #454 Copperas, Cove Chapter #1070 New Braunfels Chapter #771 Smithville Chapter #39

Groveton Chapter #1035 . Winnie Chapter #160 Joaquin Chapter #903 La Marque Chapter #979 Lufkin Chapter #382 Killeen Chapter #490 Ferris Chapter #508 (two sets) Spur Chapter #164 Amistad Chapter #1115 Park Place #731 (pending-rewrite) Grapevine #326 (received too late) Harlandale Chapter #750 San Marcos Chapter #276 Edwin Kiest Chapter #959 Whitehouse Chapter #1133 Sulphur Springs Chapter #718 Justin Chapter #1129 Magnolia Chapter #706 Garden Oaks Chapter #987 Loval Chapter #648 Troup Chapter #421 Del Rio Chapter #204 Seguin Chapter #555 Midland Chapter #253 McLennan Chapter #639 Brownwood Chapter #116 Cora Posey Chapter #1072 Ransford Chapter #135

New Caney Chapter #1093 Atlanta Chapter #151 Boerne Chapter #200 Gainesville Chapter #1123 Edna Chapter #692 Almeda Chapter #1081 Emory Chapter #1120 Floyd Easterling Chapter #1074 Hurst Chapter #1099 Oak Forest Chapter #1080 Clarendon Chapter #6 Kerrville Chapter #24 North Shore Chapter #160 San Antonio-Radiant Chapter #3 Klein Chapter #1141 Adah Chapter #49 Brady Chapter #167 Wedgewood Chapter #756 Prospect Hill Chapter #817 Fairfield Chapter #331 Rosewyn #927 (received too late) Houston Heights #1214 (pending-incomplete)

Thank you for this opportunity of service to our Order.

Respectfully submitted,Nannette N. GwaltneyBy-Laws Committee 1999-2000Nannette N. GwaltneyNancy J. Haley, ChairmanMary A. Poe

I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the By-Laws Committee. Those in favor, please raise your purple card. Thank you. Down. Those opposed. It is adopted.

The Chairman of our Credentials Committee has arrived. So we will now have the report of the Credentials Chairman, Brother Joe Nance.

# REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MR. JOE NANCE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. Before I give the report, I want to thank the Registration Committee. This is a two-Committee job, and it was a joy to work with them. We appreciate being asked to serve on this Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, May I present these members of the Credentials Committee:

Mrs. Sue Shoemaker District I Mrs. Susan Bigham District 2 Mrs. Sue Phares District 2 Mrs. Charlene Littlewood District 3
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Mr. C. B. Mayben District 3
Mrs. Ann Bailleaux District 4
Mrs. Karen Watt District 4
Mrs. Mary Jo Rosamond District 5
Mrs. Ruth Steele District 5

To the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, it is with pleasure that we present the following report: Delegates divided as follows:

Number of One-Vote Ballots Issued	1,986	X1 =	1,986
Number of Two-Vote Ballots Issued	457	X2 =	914
Number of Three -Vote Ballots Issued	112	X3 =	336

#### TOTAL <u>BALLOTS</u> ISSUED - 3,236

One-Vote Ballots Issued but Not Picked Up	)
Two-Vote Ballots Issued but Not Picked Up 48 X2 = 96	;
Three-Vote Ballots Issued but Not Picked Up 7 X3 = 21	_
Total Votes Not Picked Up	1

#### TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE VOTES ISSUED - 2,869

Respectfully submitted, Joe Nance, Credentials Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Final Report

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the final report of the Credentials Committee. Those in favor, please raise your purple card. Those opposed. Certainly it is adopted. Thank you, Brother Joe and your wonderful Committee. I do want to tell you what an efficient group of people this happened to be. They worked with the Registration Committee this year so admirably. I told Sister Marjorie I was picking the cream of the crop, and she agrees with me that I did, because they did their work so efficiently. They balanced the first time. If you've ever been on that Committee, you understand what that means. (applause)

Brother Henry Martin, would you approach the East. I'm going to turn this over to your Election Judge. We will have the Registration report just as soon as it's completed, but we're getting very, very close to our time in which we're required to start our balloting. So I now will place this in the hands of Brother Henry Martin, the Election Judge.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, our Code of Laws gives specific instructions for elections. Let me quote. "Nominations. Only the name of the candidate and the name, number and location of the Chapter to which the candidate belongs and the office for which nominated shall be given. No members of this Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one office at any one session of Grand Chapter. If only one candidate is nominated, the election may be by acclamation, which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated, the election may be by ballot upon the official forms furnished to the voting delegates during registration. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. If on any ballot, no candidate has received a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes, and there are at least two other candidates the for the lowest number of votes, then all candidates tied for the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. Subject to these regulations, the election shall proceed until some candidate receives a majority of all votes cast. The results of all votes shall be declared by the Presiding Officer."

Some additional instructions. The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels have been instructed according to our law that no one is allowed to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room while a ballot is being taken unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be cooperative and understanding in this regard and know that if you are caught outside during a ballot and are denied admission, our people are only faithfully performing the duties which they were assigned to perform.

Do not leave your seat without all of your credentials. This includes your ballots and your signed envelope, your badge and your current dues card. You will need these to reenter the Grand Chapter room.

I would like to remind the Pages that all votes must be deposited inside the Grand Chapter room. Members caught outside the Grand Chapter room after the ballot has been declared open will not be allowed to reenter until the ballot is closed, and the Assistant Grand Sentinels must step inside the room to cast their ballot. The ballot boxes must not leave the Grand Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside the door where they are stationed. The Assistant Grand Warder in each case will open the door when the Teller approaches, and the Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside to step inside and deposit their individual ballot in the Teller's box and then return to their stations outside the door.

That the Registration and Credentials Committees may vote, the second door to my right – this is the center door, the second door to my right from the center door, one, two – exactly, we have someone waving up there. That door will be opened by the Assistant Grand Warder. The Teller will approach the door, remaining always inside the Chapter room. Only the members of the Registration and Credentials Committees will be allowed to step inside the door, deposit their ballots in the Teller's box, and step back outside the Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels will ensure that no one else is allowed to enter or leave the Chapter room while the ballot is open.

Sisters and Brothers, in your registration packet you have "Instructions to the Voter." Let me go over those with you one more time, please. Your vote is important to you, to your Chapter, to the candidates and to our Order. Do not mark any ballot until you are instructed to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron. She will announce the number of the ballot to be marked and will declare the ballot open. Then mark your ballot. Remember, please, use only the No. 2 pencil that is provided to you to mark your ballot. Do not use ballpoint pens; the machine will not read your vote.

To vote you must carefully blacken the rectangle to the left of the candidate's name of your choice. To write in a name, you blacken the rectangle to the left of the line and write the name of your choice in the space provided for that purpose. When voting for candidates, please vote for only one for each position. If you vote for two candidates in one position, your vote for that race will be void. Please also do not fold your ballot. When the ballots are collected, we would ask that you simply place your ballot face down in the ballot box from the Teller.

The Pages at this time will pick up the ballot boxes, and they are not to

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release the ballot boxes during the process of collecting the ballot. Sisters and Brothers, I believe – talking with your Worthy Grand Matron, I believe that the rows are too narrow, too close together to allow the Pages to walk between the rows. In this case we will ask the Pages to release the ballot box as it goes down an aisle and watch carefully as that ballot box is passed. Sisters and Brothers, we trust you. We know that you want a fair and accurate election. We will release the ballot boxes as they pass down the aisle. Simply place your ballots face down in the ballot box as it passes.

Let me ask one other thing. We would ask that the Pages are the only ones to be in the aisles during the collection of the ballot. We will not open the doors until all the Pages have returned to the arena floor and are located at the Teller tables with the collected ballots. When the ballot has been closed, the Pages will place the contents of the ballot box in front of one of the Tellers.

Let me repeat. No one can cast more than one ballot. Each ballot is to be placed face down in the ballot box for secrecy. No one can leave the room and ask another to deposit their ballot for them. After the Presiding Officer declares the ballot open and nominations are completed, the Pages will begin to collect the ballots in the sections that they are assigned to. When all ballots have been collected, they will proceed to the Teller tables and place the ballots in front of the Tellers.

The Monitor Table Judges will observe the processing of the ballots. The scanner system will be used to tabulate the ballots. In the case of a ballot that is rejected, the Resolution Committee will review the ballot at that point in time. The Resolution Committee will attempt to determine what you intended to do. As an example, Sisters and Brothers, someone may mark a ballot for one candidate and then change their mind and vote for another candidate and try to erase that first mark. They may not erase it enough, and the machine may look at it as two votes in the same race. That is where our Resolution Committee will attempt to look. If it is obvious that someone has tried to erase that first one and they voted for another candidate, then that will be a valid ballot.

If one or more positions requires a second ballot, the voting delegates will e directed as to which ballot to use. The names of the remaining candidates will be given.

We have been made aware that there are not enough Pages to efficiently collect the ballots. So I would ask the Deputy Grand Matrons who are not otherwise occupied to come forward and serve as Pages for our election process. If you would come forward at this time and get a ballot box and help us in this regard.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, I've been asked to tell you once again that the vendors will be closing at noon today. So if you do take a break from our ballot, or those who are nonvoting members want to go downstairs, it will be open till lunch.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Sisters and Brothers, a question has arisen. We have had someone say to us, "My friend went home and left her ballot or his ballot with me and asked me to vote for them. May I do that?" The answer is a very clear and resounding no. You may vote only one time. The ballot which you were given in your individual registration packet is your ballot. No one is allowed to vote twice. Thank you. **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We now have our Registration Chairman, and I know that you are eager to have that report before we begin. Sister Phyllis Wilson, Chairman of the Registration Committee.

# **REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

#### MRS. PHYLLIS WILSON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: On behalf of the Registration Committee, I offer sincere thanks for allowing me to serve with this wonderful group of members on your Registration committee and for the opportunity of serving our Grand Chapter. It is my privilege and pleasure to introduce those members who served with me:

Gordon Irwin, Co-Chairman, who is unable to be here with us		
Anita McAlexander - District 1		
Ruth Naron - District 2	Pamela Lakey - District 4	
Evelyn Berry - District 2	Lavigne Larkin - District 4	
Ken Morford - District 3	Jane Hudson - District 5	

And, a special loving thanks to my husband, Garvid Wilson, who assisted everyday with anything I asked of him from posting and totaling the many checks, to assisting with the actual registration process.

We are pleased to submit the following report:

Category	<b>Pre-Registration</b>	On-Site Registration	Total Registered
Voting Delegates	2,364	191	2,555
Non-Voting Members	316	56	372
Other Grand Jurisdictions	43	17	60
Total Registration	2,723	264	2,987
Less Exempt from fee: OES & Masonic Home			
Residents	<b>12</b>	0	12
Total Registration with	Fees 2,711	264	2,975
<b>Total Registration Fees</b>			
Collected Donation	\$27,110	\$2,640	<b>\$29,750</b> \$30.00
Less Refunds	\$20	0	<\$20>

**Total Net Money Deposited** 

\$29,760

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Wilson General Chairman Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Registration Committee. Those in favor, please raise your purple card. Thank you. You may lower them. Those opposed. It is adopted.

MRS. PHYLLIS WILSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to add just one thing. We could not have worked with a better group of Credentials Committee. I thank you for that. We pulled together. We worked as a team, every single member, very compatible, everyone very hard working. We could not have asked for a better team. Thank you so much.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Phyllis. I appreciate your team. I've already bragged on you one time by telling that you balanced with Credentials the first time. I'm very proud of you. Thank you for serving.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Betty Friend.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Betty Friend, Past Matron of New Braunfels #771. I am pleased to place the name of Sister Naomi Wolfe, a Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741 and Hurst Chapter #1099, for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Naomi Wolfe 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 Naomi Wolfe for the office of Worthy Grand Matron will say aye. Opposed, no. Sister Naomi, you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. I do accept and thank the membership very much. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother H. Lee Stallings.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am H. Lee Stallings, a Past Patron of Friendswood Chapter #1131. I would like to place the name of Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, a Past Patron of Mart Chapter #109, for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The name of Buddy Baker has been placed in nomination. Are there other nominations? If not, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of electing Buddy Baker as our Worthy Grand Patron will say aye. Those opposed, no. Brother Buddy Baker, we are happy to tell you that you have been elected as Worthy Grand Patron. Do you accept? ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, with much pride and humbleness, I will accept with the words of the great Native American of my youth, "You betchum, Red Rider." (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Buddy. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Are there nominations?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Naomi Wolfe, and I'm a Past Matron of Hurst Chapter #1099 and Andral Vann Chapter #741. It is my honor and privilege to place in nomination the name of Jimmie Lee McMahon who's a Past Matron of Duncanville Chapter #1014 for the office of Associate Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. Those in favor of electing Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon as our Associate Grand Matron will say aye. Those opposed, no. Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, by acclamation you have been elected as our Associate Grand Matron. Do you accept?

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, with a grateful and humble heart, and the help of the membership of Texas, I do accept. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Jimmie Lee.

Grand Choir, we have a slight problem that we need to work out. Would you sing us a song while we do this?

Thank you, Grand Choir. That was beautiful.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Sisters and Brothers, we want to explain. A question arose a member – someone who is not a Past Matron or Patron – who had a ballot. Let me explain. I have our Registration Chairman here. If on the envelope the name up here in the upper left-hand corner – there is the person's name, and under the name is member, not Past Matron or Patron, but member. And under that they have the Chapter and vote, a vote. They are the proxy and will be allowed to cast that ballot. That was the question that arose. That is why we have had this slight interruption. They are eligible to vote. As long as they have an A and B ballot in their envelope, they are allowed to vote. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** For some reason, Sister Jimmie Lee, we do not have the name of the person that is going to be nominating our Associate Grand Patron. Could we have someone to come to the East?

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Mike Wolfe.

**MR. MIKE WOLFE:** Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Mike Wolfe, a Past Patron of Richland Hills Chapter #1040. It gives me great pleasure to place in nomination the name of Mr. Harold Trammell, a Past Patron of Hurst Chapter 1099, a Past Patron of North Fort Worth #684 and a current Worthy Patron of Richland Hills 1040. I'd like to place his name in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the Eastern Star for the ensuing year. **WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Brother Harold Trammell 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 Harold Trammell for the office of Associate Grand Patron will say aye. Opposed. Brother Harold, you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MR. HAROLD TRAMMELL: Worthy Grand Patron, with a humble heart I accept this nomination to serve in this office, and I will do my best to serve this Order in a manner that will be pleasing to you and our Lord. Thank you. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Barbara Ochs.

MRS. BARBARA OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Barbara Ochs, a Past Matron and present Matron of Panhandle Chapter 760. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Mrs. Marjorie Errington-Haynes, a Past Matron of Panhandle Chapter #760 for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Marjorie Errington-Haynes has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Marjorie Errington-Haynes for the office of Grand Secretary say aye. All opposed, no. Sister Marjorie, you're again elected as our Grand Secretary for the ensuing year. I am so proud. Do you accept?

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Worthy Grand Matron, I accept. There are still some challenges. Thank you. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** As we said, each challenge is an opportunity to make this Grand Chapter better. Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Kathleen Sapundjieff.

MRS. KATHLEEN SAPUNDJIEFF: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Kathleen Sapundjieff, Worthy Grand Matron of Edwin J. Keist Chapter #959. It is my distinct pleasure to place in nomination the name of Mrs. Betty Prater, Past Matron of Edwin J. Keist Chapter #959, for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Betty Prater has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Betty Prater for the office of Grand Treasurer say aye. Those opposed, no. Sister Betty Prater, you have been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year again. Do you accept?

**GRAND TREASURER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept very thankfully, very gratefully and with appreciation to this fine membership. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jimmie Lee

McMahon, a Past Matron of Duncanville #1014. I have the great pleasure of nominating Sister Sharon Fentress, a Past Matron of Crescent #820, for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Sharon Fentress 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 electing Sister Sharon Fentress for the office of Grand Conductress say aye. Those opposed, no. Sister Sharon Fentress, you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, with humbleness and great anticipation, I accept. My thank you is from the heart. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. These candidates have previously drawn for places of nomination. At this time I recognize John Elkinton.

**MR. JOHN ELKINTON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am John Elkinton, Past Patron of Pearland Chapter #1065. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Karen Morganthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Are there other nominations? We have Sister Margie Perrott.

MRS. MARGIE PERROTT: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Margie Perrott, Worthy Matron of Friendship Chapter #1008 in Odessa. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Joyce Ball, a Past Matron of Friendship Chapter #1008, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Margie. I recognize Sister Dorothy White.

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 member of Violet Chapter #158 and a Past Matron of Beeville Chapter #422, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Dorothy. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I would like to invite those three candidates to please come to the East near me. Sisters and Brothers, I would like to introduce to you in order of their nomination Sister Karen Morganthaler, Sister Joyce Ball and Sister Doris Hester. Sisters, all three of you, we love you each one, and we wish the very best for you. Sisters and Brothers, thank them for offering their life in service to you. (applause)

This will be our first ballot by Scantron. Brother Henry Martin, would you come to me, please, and make sure that I am saying this correctly. We will be doing the balloting on each of these positions on your list before we collect the ballot. But at each interval I will be telling you when to ballot and what to use; is that correct?

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#### MR. HENRY MARTIN: That's correct.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Now I'm going to ask you to look at your ballot very carefully. Since this is the first time, we want everybody to make sure that their ballot counts. No matter how many votes you have, if you have one vote, a large number one is in the upper right-hand corner. If you have two votes, number two. If you have three, a number three is up there. That vote is the number of votes you have. For this ballot – and this will be for all of those we're electing on this first round – we are going to use ballot "B". So will you look through your cards. In the bottom right-hand corner of the card, you will find ballot "B" Now, Sisters and Brothers, the reason that is so important is that our Scantron is so intelligent and sophisticated that if you use ballot B. Do I have anybody that has a question about that? We have a smart group, Brother Henry.

Now you've been given instructions as to how to ballot. So look at your ballot under Associate Grand Conductress, and you see the names as they were nominated. There were floor nominations. So using your No. 2 pencil, very carefully blacken the little rectangle of the person you wish to elect, just to the left of that name, at this time.

I declare the ballot closed. Will you just simply turn your card over, if you want to hide this. This is your private vote. It's up to you. We will now proceed to have nominations for the Board of Grand Trustees, District 4. I recognize Sister Gloria Yancy at this time.

MRS. GLORIA YANCY: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Gloria Yancy, Past Matron and present Worthy Matron of Silsbee Chapter #298. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Nelson R. Campbell, Past Patron of Silsbee Chapter #298, for the office of Board of Grand Trustees, District 4.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Nelson R. Campbell has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Trustees, District 4. Are there other nominations? I recognize Brother Tom Everitt.

**MR. TOM EVERITT:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Tom Everitt. I'm Past and present Worthy Patron of New Caney #1093. I nominate Percy Lee Johnson who is a Past Patron of Dayton #233 and a Dual Member with New Caney #1093, for the office of Board of Grand Trustees, District 4, for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Tom. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Okay.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: I'm speaking to the Assistant Grand Warders. When the Worthy Grand Matron declares the ballot open, from that point until she declares the ballot closed, please do not allow anyone to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Henry.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you in order of their nomination: Brother Nelson R. Campbell and Brother Percy Lee Johnson. Brothers, we appreciate your offering your life in service to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank them, Sisters and Brothers. (applause) I now declare the ballot open on the Board of Grand Trustees. You will mark the name to the left of your choice the same way. Be sure to blacken the entire rectangle. I declare the ballot closed.

Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 3. I recognize Sister Verna Ray Gilbreath.

MRS. VERNA RAY GILBREATH: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Verna Ray Gilbreath, Past Matron of Brownwood Chapter #116; and I place in nomination the name of Joan Snow, Past Matron of Brownwood #116, for the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences for District 3.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Joan Snow has been nominated for the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 3. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Joan Snow for the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 3, say aye. Those opposed, no. Sister Joan Snow, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Do you accept?

MRS. JOAN SNOW: Worthy Grand Matron, my Sisters and Brothers, I humbly accept this job. I appreciate your vote of confidence in me. I keep hearing from the Board that this is a hard job, and I thrive on challenges. Let's hold with our resolution yesterday. We have challenges ahead of us, and we're going to move forward. Thank you. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm going to share this with the Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners for District 1 for the ensuing year. These candidates have previously drawn for places of nomination. I recognize Sister Syble Yost.

MRS. SYBLE YOST: I am Syble Yost, a Past Matron of Gate City Chapter #77 in Denison. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I place in nomination the name of Sister Joyce Gilbert, a Past Matron of Princeton Chapter #1126, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Joyce Gilbert has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Cynthia Marr.

MRS. CYNTHIA MARR: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Cynthia Marr, Worthy Matron of Roy Stanley Chapter #1086 in Dallas. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Betty Scott, Past Matron of Roy Stanley Chapter for the office of Grand Examiner, District 1.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Betty M. Scott has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Sisters and Brothers, if you will go to the part on ballot B, Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. You need to blacken the rectangle to the left of the name that you're voting for. I now declare the ballot open – Excuse me. Let's introduce the candidates. Sisters and Brothers, this is Sister Joyce Gilbert and Sister Betty M. Scott. Show them how much we appreciate them offering their life in service. (applause) We will now vote by written ballot, again Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Blacken the rectangle to the left of the name that you're voting for. I declare the ballot open. I now declare the ballot closed.

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, for the ensuing year.

MRS. BESS MADISON-CALDWELL: I am Bess Madison Caldwell, a Past Matron of Cora Posey Chapter #1072. I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Kimi Kidd, Worthy Matron of Cora Posey Chapter #1072 and a Past Matron of Odessa Chapter #447, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners of District 2.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Kimi Kidd has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Kimi Kidd for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, for the ensuing year will say aye. Those opposed, no. Sister Kimi Kidd has been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. Do you accept?

MISS KIMI KIDD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. I am very honored to serve in this position, and I appreciate the membership allowing me to do so. I do accept. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, say thank you to Sister Kimi for her life of service to this Order. (applause) Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 3, for the ensuing year. I recognize Violet Kilgore.

MRS. VIOLET KILGORE: I am Violet Kilgore, Past Matron of North Fort Worth #684 and Worthy Matron of Castleberry Chapter #1028. It's my pleasure to place the name of Nancy Brown, Past Matron of Castleberry #1028, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 3.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Nancy Brown has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3, for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Nancy Brown for the office of Board of Grand Examiners for District 3, say aye. All opposed, no. Sister Nancy Brown, you have been elected to the office of Grand Examiner of District 3 again. Do you accept?

MRS. NANCY BROWN: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. I very gratefully accept this office again, and I thank the membership for affording me the privilege of continuing my service on the Board of Grand Examiners. Thank you. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. These candidates have previously drawn for a place of nomination. I recognize Joe White.

**MR. JOE WHITE:** My name is Joseph F. White. I am the Worthy Patron and a Past Patron of Ransford Chapter #135. I would like to place in nomination the name of Mary Ruth White, who is the Worthy Matron and a Past Matron of Ransford #135, for the office of Grand Examiner for District 4 for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Mary Ruth White has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Are there other nominations?

I recognize Brother Thomas Griffin.

MR. THOMAS GRIFFIN: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Thomas F. Griffin, a Past Patron of Anahuac Chapter #649. It is with pleasure that I place in nomination the name of Vi Griffin, a Past Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649, for the office of Grand Examiner, District 4, of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Vi Griffin has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister Jean May.

MRS. JEAN MAY: Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Jean May. I am a Past Matron of Bastrop Chapter #64. It is with pleasure that I place in nomination the name of Janice Hoffman, a Past Matron of Bastrop Chapter #64 and a Past Matron of Lewisville Chapter #935, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Janice Hoffman has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote by written ballot, but before that we will introduce the candidates. Will they come forward, please? Sisters and Brothers, this is Mary Ruth White, Vi Griffin and Janice Hoffman. Won't you show them how much we appreciate their lives in service (applause) to our Order. We will now vote by written ballot. Go to the bottom of your ballot, Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. You need to blacken the rectangle to the left of the person that you want to vote for. I now declare the ballot open. I now declare the ballot closed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. I recognize Sister Myra Becker.

MRS. MYRA BECKER: I am Myra Becker, a Past Matron of Harlingen Chapter #641. I'm pleased to place in nomination the name of Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek, Past Matron and Worthy Matron of Rio Hondo Chapter #815, for the office of Grand Examiner of District 5 for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Sister Gerry Dusek for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, say aye. All opposed, no. Sister Gerry Dusek, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. Do you accept?

MRS. GERALDINE DUSEK: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. It is with a grateful heart that I humbly accept. Thank you. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We appreciate Sister Gerry as well. Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners-at-Large. I recognize Sister Mary Mullins.

MRS. MARY MULLINS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Mary Mullins. I am the present and a Past Worthy Matron of Grand Prairie #219. I have the honor, and with great pleasure, to nominate Sister Sandra Perdue, a Past Matron of Grand Prairie #219 and a Dual Member with Arlington #249, for the office of the Grand Examiner-at-Large, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, for the ensuing year. **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Sandra Perdue has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners-at-Large. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Sandra Perdue for the Board of Grand Examiners-at-Large say aye. All opposed, no. Sister Sandra Perdue, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners-at-Large again. Do you accept?

MRS. SANDRA PERDUE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It is with a heart full of much gratitude and appreciation that I say I will accept this great honor for another year. Thank you. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I now declare the ballot closed. Sisters and Brothers, protect your ballot "A" which is the other sheet in your packet, because if we have a runoff, we will be using ballot "A." So put that back in your envelope and guard it carefully.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, also as we collect the ballots, the doors need to remain closed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The only exception will be the door designated for the Registration and Credentials Committee to enter and vote.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: The Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to come in through the door they are stationed at – each individual door – and deposit their ballot in the Teller's box. They are the only ones allowed to come in that door and deposit their ballot, with the exception of this second door from the center. That's where the Registration and the Credentials Committee will come. The Teller will approach that door. The Assistant Grand Warder will open the door, and the Credentials and Registration Committee members will be allowed to step inside the door, deposit their ballots in the Teller's box and exit that door. That's the only exception. No one else will be allowed to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room while we are collecting the ballots. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you for your patience, Sisters and Brothers. We have great confidence that you are going to be so proud of this method of voting. Be very careful when you put your ballot in the box. Turn it upside down and then they will all be in order when they get to the Tellers' station. The Pages are now collecting the ballot.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Are all the Pages with their ballot boxes over at the Teller tables?

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, if all the Pages are there, then the doors can be opened.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, at this time we're going to recognize the 50-year members. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you help me collect those in the West before we bring them to the East.

Our Election Judge has something to say while you're working on that.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Would the Pages deposit the ballots on the Tellers' tables at this time. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we're going to continue with our reports so that we can finish. I call on Sister Sue Irwin, General Chairman of the General Grand Chapter Special Projects Committee.

# REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

MRS. SUE IRWIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the General Grand Chapter Special Projects Committee, we thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for inviting us to serve on this committee. Will the 5 District Chairmen please stand?

District1Mrs. Dorothy MortonDistrict2Mr. Million SkipperDistrict3Mrs. Mary Lou PiedlauDistrict4Mr. Charles EdwardsDistrict5Mrs. Corinne Pope

This is the last year of this triennium for General Grand Chapter. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Florence Adair, has 4 pins that we offered for a donation of \$5.

Each member of this committee, with the assistance of Brother Jack Friend, has worked to complete this project and received donations of \$420 for the remaining 84 pins. Two of our chairmen received an additional donation of approximately \$360.

1 would like to remind the membership that funds raised through this program will be returned to Texas for 4 benevolent projects: ESTARL, International Temple, Youth, and Shrine Hospitals.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for inviting us to represent Texas on our Most Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects.

> Respectfully submitted, Sue Irwin, General Chairman

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the General Grand Chapter Special Projects Committee. Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no. Carried.

I now call on Brother Forrest Smith and Sister Charlotte Beall for Celebration 2000 and the Starlight Gala reports.

## REPORT OF THE CELEBRATION 2000 COMMITTEE

MR. FORREST SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, first, I would like to say thank you for allowing us to serve on this Committee.

It is my pleasure to present those assisting me on the Celebration 2000 Committee.

General Co-Chairmen	Jeanne May
	Betty Scott
District 1 Chairman	Andrew Scott
District 2 Chairman	Billie Glover
District 3 Chairman	Sissy Furrie
District 4 Chairman	Gail Blackmon
District 5 Chairman	Johnny Hester

Would all other members of this committee please stand. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you for the opportunity to serve on this spring event at our Eastern Star Home.

Celebration 2000	Receipts	Expenses	Profit
Decals	\$ 5,758.00	(donated)	51758.00
Celebration 2000 Event	\$15,302.78	(\$561.57)	\$14,735.21
Total	\$21,060.78	(\$561.57)	\$20,499.21

The ladies of our Eastern Star Home were invited to come out to the Pavilion to eat (no charge to them) and food was provided to those ladies who desired to eat inside.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Forrest Smith General Chairman Celebration 2000 Committee

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Celebration 2000 Chairman, Brother Forrest Smith. All those in favor, say aye. All those opposed, no. It is carried. We adopt the report. Thank you.

I now recognize Sister Charlotte Beall, Chairman of the Starlight Gala.

# REPORT OF THE STARLIGHT GALA COMMITTEE

MRS. CHARLOTTE BEALL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron it gives me great pleasure to present the Final Report for the Starlight Gala Committee.

Our committee was the Saturday evening event of the Celebration 2000 weekend. The Gala was held at the Fort Worth Convention Center on Saturday, April 8th with a total of 749 tickets sold. We had:

# \$19,474.00 - Money turned in for tickets <u>18,743.14 -</u> Total expenses \$ 894.86 - Net income

The Starlight Gala Evening was a success because of Sisters Lallah Mae Vollus and Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matrons, for their diligence in preparing the evening activities. The special program was from five of our Past Grand Matrons, who spoke on the "Unfolding Years of the Closing Millennium."

<u>Dr. Effie Mae Davis</u> - Worthy Grand Adah, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas, spoke on the "Great Leaders of the Past".

<u>Sister Doris Efird</u> - Past Grand Matron of Texas, spoke on the "Advancement of Communications."

<u>Sister Elsie Paladino</u> - Past Grand Matron of Texas, spoke on the "Advancement of Transportation."

<u>Sister Mildred Sharpe -</u> Past Grand Matron of Texas, spoke on the "Advancement of Education and Science."

<u>Sister Molly Goodpasture</u> - Past Grand Matron of Texas, spoke on the "History of Texas Grand Chapter."

The Starlight Gala Committee was mainly to sell the beautiful rhinestone "2000" Pins to help defray the cost of the Gala expenditures.

We started off with **1,998 pins** (166-1/2 dozens) and at Grand Chapter last year. I passed out 141 dozens to District Chairmen and Committee Members and that left me 25 dozens to sell at Grand Chapter and we sold all of them.

Because of the request for more pins, between October 1999 and February 2000 we ordered **2,544** more pins (212 dozens). The total pins purchased in all was **4,542** (378-1/2 dozens). This would equal to **\$45,542** dollars.

The total deposits as of September 30 was \$40,999.62.

Total Pins Deposits turned in Total after Deposits	45,542.00 <u>40,999.62</u> 4.542.38
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Pins left over as of 9/30	<u>2,320.00</u> (19 doz. 4 pins) brought to sell
	at Grand Chapter
	\$ 2,222.38
Pins still out	<u>2,102.76</u> (210 pins or 17-1/2 dozens)
	\$ 119.62
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	\$ 100.00
	<u>100.00</u> (6 broken and 4 short)
	\$ 000.00

The total expense for the pins that Grand Chapter paid was \$22,377.07.

As of September 30:

\$40,999.62 (total deposits turned in) <u>\$22,377.07 (</u>total expenses) That leaves a **Net Income of \$18,622.55** Pins sold at this Grand Chapter <u>210.00</u> that will bring our Net Income up to **\$18,832.55** 

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, this is an overwhelming income and it comes from all the members who have served on this Starlight Gala Committee this year. They all have done an outstanding job and they have been a joy to work with. I would like to introduce those who have assisted me.

General Co Chairman	Tava Smith
District I Chairman	Alene Thompson
District 2 Chairman	Tanya Meadows
District 3 Chairman	Jean Hunt
Co-Chairman	Lyndel Campbell
District 4 Chairman	Virginia Akins
Co-Chairman	Mickie Ulch
Co-Chairman	Linda Roy
District 5 Chairman	Joan Ray

Will the members of the Starlight Gala Committee, please stand where you are sitting. I would also like to include with this group Brother Jack Friend, for selling over \$6,000 at the schools and Brother Jack Beall, my husband who delivered all my deposits to the Eastern Star Office and made all deliveries to the post office, will you please stand also.

Without this group of people, Worthy Grand Matron, our committee would not have had such a success.

On behalf of the Starlight Gala Committee, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we would like to express our sincere thanks for allowing us to serve on this committee and also to be a part of your "Turn of the Century" year.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I move that this Final Report from the Starlight Gala Committee be accepted.

> Respectfully submitted, Charlotte Beall General Chairman

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Starlight Gala Committee by the Chairman, Sister Charlotte Beall. Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no. It is adopted.

At this time I think we have enough time for one more report before we bring up the 50-year members. I recognize Sister Faye Murphy, Chairman of the International Temple Committee.

## **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE COMMITTEE**

MRS. FAYE MURPHY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers:

I am pleased to have Served as the International Temple Chairman for 1999-2000. I thank the Worthy Grand Matron for inviting me to serve on this committee.

157 Chapters has donated \$1,635.50. A list is here attached and their donation amount. I sold 1 package of cards for \$3.00.

The Worthy Grand Matron ask that I show the slides of the International Temple, when invited by the Chapters. I was invited to Webb Chapter No. 1140, Queen Esther Chapter No. 833, Abilene Chapter No. 30, twice, Snyder No. 450, and Kingsland Chapter No. 1118. After we got the new projector all seemed enjoy the film.

The projector that was given to me from Grand Chapter is very old and did not do the slides justice..

Sister Patricia and Brother John Blank, members of Queen Esther No. 833 donated a new projector, screen and two carrousels to Grand Chapter. The old projector and the new one with slides, have all been delivered to the Grand Secretary's office. Each Grand Line have been informed of this.

I wish to thank the Grand Secretary's staff for all their help in sending all checks they received for the International Temple on to me.

I have enjoyed serving Grand Chapter this year as the International Temple Committee for Texas.

Fraternally submitted, Faye Murphy International Temple Chairman

<u>CHAPTER</u>	CHAPTER NO.	AMOUNT RECEIVED
San Antonio-Radiant	3	\$ 3.00
Paris	5	10.00
San Angelo	10	9.00
Alvin	15	8.00
Ruth	20	7.00
Rockdale	23	11.00
Kerrvile	24	9.00
Abilene	30	116.00
Vashti	32	3.00
Texas	35	3.00

#### International Temple Year to Date Donation

<u>CHAPTER</u>	CHAPTER <u>NO.</u>	AMOUNT <u>RECEIVED</u>
Smithville	39	\$ 1.00
Adah	49	5.00
Bastrop	64	3.00
Brazoria	74	111.00
Lubbock	76	3.00
Laredo	86	20.00
Normangee	87	6.00
Wortham	96	9.00
Tennessee Colony	102	2.00
Canyon City	105	3.00
Brenham	144	5.00
Atlanta	151	3.00
Luling	155	1.00
Brady	167	15.00
Quinlan	170	10.00
Glen Rose	171	1.00
Trinity	186	3.00
Hadassah	188	3.00
San Saba	191	5.00
Boerne	200	11.00
Del Rio	204	2.00
Lockhart	210	6.00
Border	211	3.00
Orange	214	3.00
Velasco	220	2.00
Bryan	222	13.00
Harmony	244	3.00
Sulphur Bluff	246	13.00
Arlington	249	20.00
Port Arthur	262	12.00
Richland Springs	264	1.00
Floresville	271	1.00
Jasper	291	5.00
Uvalde	297	6.00
Oak Cliff	303	1.00
Navasota	309	4.00
Franklin	311	18.00
Corpus Christi	354	15.00
Marshall	356	9.00
Jacksonville	377	11.00
Bay City	380	12.00
Lufkin	382	27.00
Jacksboro	390	4.00
Palestine	395	1.00
Hondo	404	3.00
Teague	408	7.00
Troup	421	1.00
Burnet	425	28.00
Marble Falls	435	8.00
Mineola	454	3.00
Granbury	530	7.00
Lott	594	3.00

#### PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

<u>CHAPTER</u>	CHAPTER	AMOUNT
	<u>NO.</u>	RECEIVED
Creedmore	607	\$ 2.00
Longview	610	29.00
Bellville	611	10.00
Bexar	616	9.00
League City	621	3.00
Everman	624	3.00
Texas City	626	95.00
Jefferson	627	3.00
Liberty	634	2.00
Texline	640	1.00
Harlingen	641	4.00
Bandera	643	2.00
Brookshire	652	5.00
Dumas	653	1.00
Fort Worth	681	3.00
La Port	683	5.00
North Fort Worth	684	1.00
Farmers Branch	687	5.00
Quitman	695	15.00
New Boston	700	8.50
Plano	703	13.00
Magnolia	706	4.00
Conroe	710	1300
Pasadena	711	11.00
Kountze	724	13.00
Bethlehem	728	3.00
Sunset	730	5.00
Alamo Heights	734	3.00
Andral Vann	741	7.00
Carthage	747	2.00
Harlandale	750	3.00
New Braunfels	771	6.00
Amarillo	787	12.00
Stephenville	801	39.00
Groesbeck	810	14.00
Rio Hondo	815	5.00
Prospect Hill	817	5.00
Mabank	821	13.00
Gladewater	831	4.00
Queen Esther	833	8.00
So. Fort Worth	835	6.00
Tomball	838	2.00
Dripping Springs	860	5.00
Kaufman	866	22.00
Oso	868	5.00
Sweeny	873	50.00
Mathis	874	3.00
Abernathy	877	27.00
Glena, Park	884	1.00
Mesquite	887	2.00
Crosbyton	891	8.00
Hawkins	908	4.00

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		1134	2.00
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	TOTAL		\$ 1,635.50

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the International Temple Committee Chairman, Sister Faye Murphy. Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no. It is adopted. Thank you, Sister Faye, my sweet friend.

We will now recognize the 50-year members of the State of Texas this year. Sisters-Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will bring them to the East. (applause and singing of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart") Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to attempt to tell you who we have in the East that has accomplished 50 years in the Order of the Eastern Star. Give them a big hand. (applause) I will let you be seated if you wish. This is absolutely wonderful. I'm going to attempt this. Sister Katherine Bruner from Texas #35. Sisters and Brothers, in line we have two from out of state. We have Sister Ellen Abraham, Grand Representative of Georgia in Texas, and Delores Hagey. They both belong to Chapter #39 in Oregon. Next, we have Mrs. Bell Holland from Petrolia #84. Sister Dean Hildebrand from Commerce Chapter #208; Mrs. Alma Mae Buer from Liveoak Chapter #335; Sister Dorothy Wilson from Marble Falls #435; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Fitch from Pleiades #620; Sister Betty McCune from Harlington #641; and Sister June Sportsman from Harlingen #641. Then we have Mrs. Bobbie Paul from Canton Chapter #667; Mrs. Victoria Hendrix from Rockwell #669; Clara Waldrip from Harlandale #750; Dorothy Wade from Prospect Hill #817, who is one of my auditors. Then we have Mrs. Grace Aderholt from South Fort Worth #835; Mrs. Josephine Hammond from Lometa #871; Mrs. Faye Strawn from Ganado #957, and Olsie Strawn, her husband, I assume from Ganado #957; Hazel Wright from Friendship #1008; Mrs. Lois Blevins from Duncanville Chapter #1014; Mrs. Leona Brown-Ellison from Archives Chapter #1095; And we have one more. This is like a drawing, isn't it? We have Millie Johnson from Humble #415. These are wonderful members that represent many, many years of service in the Order of the Eastern Star. They are so overjoyed to be with you today and they express their love to you. By standing up here, they are telling you how wonderful they feel the Order of the Eastern Star is. They've devoted a life of service to this Order. I hope that you will join me in giving them a raucous round of applause. (applause) Thank you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East long enough to get a gift. Sisters and Brothers, there was one in the East, and I know this one very well. She's from Canyon Lake Chapter #1103, Bertie Loveall. Tell her we're so proud of her. (applause) She's the Chairman of my Time and Talent, District 5.

#### 50 YEAR CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING 1999-2000 GRAND CHAPTER YEAR

CHAPTER	#	LAST NAME	STATUS	FIRST NAME
DALLAS	1	ALEXANDER		ROY
DALLAS	1	BLOCKER	MRS.	ROBBIE
DALLAS	1	HAHN	MRS.	ALICE
DALLAS	1	KIRKPATRICK	MISS	SARAH
DALLAS	1	IVAN WINKLE	MRS.	AUGUSTA
SAN. ANT. RAD	3	POUPA	MRS.	GLADYS
SAN. ANT. RAD	3	ANGELL	MRS.	LORETTA
SAN. ANT. RAD	3	HOGUE	MRS.	OLLIE
SAN. ANT. RAD	3	PETTIT	MRS.	ARLINE
SAN. ANT. RAD	3	SHELTON	MRS.	ANN
SAN. ANT. RAD	3	DOWNS	MRS.	SALLY
SAN. ANT. RAD	3	LONG	MRS.	LOIS
SAN. ANT. RAD	3	HYDE	MRS.	GRACE
PARIS	5	BRYANT	MRS.	VEDA JEAN
WACO	71	PEBSWORTH	MRS.	Lillie
WACO	71	WIGLEY	MRS.	LOUISE
WACO	7	CROCKER	MRS.	HELEN A.
WACO	7	WATKINS	MRS.	AUDREY
WACO	7	SANDLIN	MRS.	PATTY
TARRANT-KEYSTONE	8	GOREE	MRS.	BONNIE S.
TARRANT-KEYSTONE	8	HUNNICUTT	MRS.	GEORGIA
TARRANT-KEYSTONE	8	MCGEE	MRS.	WANDA

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CHAPTER	#	LAST NAME	STATUS	FIRST NAME
TARRANT-KEYSTONE	8	MATTINSON	MRS.	RUTH
TARRANT-KEYSTONE	8 8	WRIGLEY	MRS. MRS.	LUCRETA JUANITA
TARRANT-KEYSTONE SAN ANGELO	8 10	LOCHTE DODD	MRS.	DOROTHY
SAN ANGELO	10	MITCHEL	MRS.	SUE
SAN ANGELO	10	SCHRIEVER	MRS.	REBECCA
CEDAR BAYOU	10	FOWLER	MRS.	ROSE
ALVIN	15	ACREE	MRS.	ROSALIE
ALVIN	15	MITCHELL	MRS.	DOROTHY SPRINGER
ALVIN	15	CROIX	MRS.	EVELYN
ALVIN	15	BEAVER	MRS.	MARY
ALVIN	15	DRUMM	MRS.	MILDRED
ALVIN	$\tilde{15}$	HENEGAR	MRS.	OLETHA
RUTH	20	DAHN	MRS.	EDDIE LEE
RUTH	20	WILSON	MRS.	RAE C.
RUTH	20	LINVILLE	MRS.	DOROTHY
ROCKDALE	23	ALLEN	MRS.	WINIFRED LEE
KERRVILLE	<b>24</b>	JEANE	MRS.	JOYCE
KERRVILLE	24	BYARS	MRS.	LOTTIE
KERRVILLE	24	DUNKS	MRS.	MARGARET
ABILENE	30	JONES	MRS.	MARGARET MOHR
ABILENE	30	CHANEY		JOHN W.
FLOYDADA	31	RUSSELL	MRS.	ROBERTA
FLOYDADA	31	COOPER	MRS.	VIOLET
FLOYDADA	31	O'BRIEN	MRS.	THELMA
FLOYDADA	31	VAUGHAN		TROY WAYNE
FLOYDADA	31	MEADERS	MRS.	FOLIA
VASHTI	32	THOMPSON		FRANK
VASHTI	32	THOMPSON	MRS.	SHIRLEY
VASHTI	32	WHITLEY	MRS.	EVA NADENE
VASHTI	32	AVERY	MRS.	FRANCES
VASHTI	32	MCDONALD	MRS.	SHIRLEY H.
VASHTI	32	REEDY		WALTON B.
VASHTI	32	HOLSTINE	MRS.	BALUE
TEXAS	35	GRAVES		JOHN B.
KENEDY	36	RHODES	MRS.	JACQUELYN
PLAINVIEW	37	COLE	MRS.	SALLY
IOWA PARK	42	WILLIAMS	MRS.	BERNICE
IOWA PARK	42	ROWELL	MRS.	VEDA
DEVINE THORNTON	43 46	UNDERWOOD BEARD	MRS. MRS.	SADIE NEVA
QUANAH	40 47	ROSS	MRS.	LULA MAE
ADAH	49	FOX	MRS.	FAYE
ADAH	49	WADE	MRS.	EMMA
MEXIA	57	DEVINE	MRS.	PEGGY
MEXIA	57	MADDOX	MRS.	JEWELLE
MEXIA	57	WILSON	MRS.	QUINTELLA
BASTROP	64	WRIGHT		FRED G.
BASTROP	64	CALLAHAN	MRS.	MARY E. HAMONS
BASTROP	64	REESE	MRS.	TRUE
PAMPA	65	MCCABE	MRS.	EDITH
PAMPA	65	MCWILLIAMS	MRS.	MAE
PAMPA	65	SCRMSSHIRE	MRS.	YVONNE
MATADOR	66	HAM	MRS.	PEGGY
BIG SPRING	67	HAMILTON	MRS.	LOUISE
BIG SPRING	67	BRADLEY	MRS.	JOYCE
BIG SPRING	67	WRIGHT	MRS.	NOLENE
BIG SPRING	67	ARTHUR		R.D.
STOCKDALE	69	PARKER		HOBSON JR.

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CHAPTER	#	LAST NAME	OTATTO	
BEAUMONT	# 71	CURTIS	STATUS MRS.	FIRST NAME FRANCES
BEAUMONT	71	CARRINGTON	MRS.	ALICE
BEAUMONT	71	HENLEY	MRS.	EMMA
BEAUMONT	71	STATEN	MRS.	ALTA
BEAUMONT	71	SWEARINGTON	MRS.	BIRDIE
BEAUMONT	71	GREEN	MRS.	LORENE
LEANDER	73	RICHARDS	MRS.	MARJORIE
SOUR LAKE	75	RICHARDSON	MRS.	PATTIE SUE
SOUR LAKE	75	ROBERTSON	MRS.	CARMEN
LUBBOCK	76	CASEY	MRS.	NORMA LAVELLE-BAIN
LUBBOCK	76	SEANOR	MRS.	SARA
LUBBOCK	76	BOONE	MRS.	MILDRED
LUBBOCK	76	DUNN	MRS.	FRANCES
LUBBOCK	76	FARR	MRS.	HELEN
RUSK	79	NICAR	MRS.	ANNIE RUTH
RUSK/ALTO	79	HEAVNER	MRS.	BARBRA
RUSK ALTO	79	MONROE	MRS.	MARY
WINTERS	80	IRVIN		JOE
CADDO MILLS	82	WILLIAMS	MRS.	HELON
PETROLIA	84	HOLLAND	MRS.	VALE
BELLE MOON	90	OWENS	MRS.	LINDA
BELLE MOON	90	BLACKBURN	MRS.	BILLIE RUTH
BELLE MOON	90	DILLS	MRS.	ALMA
BELLE MOON	90	HIGGINS	MRS.	GERTRUDE
BELLE MOON	90	MANISS	MRS.	ESTELLE
BELLE MOON	90	STEVENS	MRS.	FLORIENE
BELLE MOON	90	WEBB	MRS.	MODENA
BELLE MOON	90	WEBB		W.M.
WORTHAM	96	BURNEY	MRS.	BILLIE JEAN
WORTHAM	96	SMITH	MRS.	VIRGINIA ANN
WORTHAM	96	CREWS		LOGAN W.
WORTHAM	96	FORSYTHE	MRS.	THELMA
CHILDRESS	101	KULP		CARL
CHILDRESS	101	KULP	MRS.	VENA
CHILDRESS	101	SCOTT		MARY
CHILDRESS	101	STRICKLAND	MRS.	JESSIE
CHILDRESS	101	STINER	MISS	MAYNETTE
CHILDRESS	101	BIRD	MRS	LAVERNE
TENN. COLONY MART	102	MCBRAYER	MRS.	KATHRYN
BROWNWOOD	109 116	AYCOCK BOWMAN	MRS. MRS.	EDITH MARGARET
BROWNWOOD	116	COX	MRS.	NOVENE
BROWNWOOD	116	SCOTT	MRS.	BETTIE M.
BROWNWOOD	116	SCOTT	141160.	SAMUEL H.
CORSICANA	118	SPENCER	MRS.	THERESA
PLEASANTON	133	HOME	MRS.	JOANN
PLEASANTON	133	PENROD	MRS	THELMA
RANSFORD	135	CARDES	MRS.	EVELYN FORD
RANSFORD	135	FOWLER	MRS.	FRANCES
RANSFORD	135	MATTHEWS	MRS.	FRANKIE
RANSFORD	135	POSEY	MRS.	LAVERNE
RANSFORD	135	PREVOST	MRS.	BILLEE
WIMODAUSIS	141	WEAVER	MRS.	ANGIE
ATLANTA	151	TYSON	MRS.	LAWANDA
ATLANTA	151	O'BANION	MRS.	LOIS
GARLAND	156	BEARD	MRS.	RUTH
BUFFALO	157	RAY	MRS.	MAXINE GASKIN
VIOLET	158	ESTERAK	MRS.	JUANITA
VIOLET	158	YEARY	MRS.	ARLENE

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VIOLET	158	JACKSON	MRS.	MARYLOU
WINNIE	160	MCCRAIG	MRS.	STELLA
SPUR	164	FOSTER	MRS.	JERRY LEE
SPUR	164	POWELL	MRS.	MELLIE
BRADY	167	WILLMAN	MRS.	MARGARET
GLEN ROSE	171	PRUITT	MRS.	MARY ANN
ATHENS	177	REAVES	MRS.	GWENDOLYN
ATHENS	177	BLAIR	MRS.	VIVIAN
ATHENS	177	DUNN	MRS.	CULLIE
ATHENS	177	JORDAN	MRS.	ADELINE
BONITA	184	MCKILLIP	MRS.	FANNIE
HADASSAH	188	BOYER	MRS.	LILLY
GREENVILLE	189	HAMBRICK	MRS.	HELEN
GARRISON	192	MOORE	MRS.	MARVIN
DEL RIO	204	LEWIS	MRS.	WILMA
DEL RIO	204	MOUNTAIN	3000	RICHARD A.
COMMERCE	208	SMITH	MRS.	NINA
COMMERCE	208	KIZER	MRS.	SUE
COMMERCE	208	COZART	MRS.	KATHLENE
COMMERCE	208	COZART		ROBERT
COMMERCE	208	WARD	MRS.	DOROTHY
COMMERCE	208	HILDEBRAND	MRS.	DEAN
LOCKHART	210	RUTHERFORD	MRS.	ALICE MARIE
BORDER	211	SHADDIX	MRS.	VALLIE
BORDER	211	TOOKE	MRS.	MERLE
ORANGE	214	SNELSON	MRS	BETTY JO
ORANGE	$\begin{array}{c} 214 \\ 215 \end{array}$	CROWELL	MRS.	ETHA. MODINE
HAMILTON HAMILTON	$\frac{215}{215}$	PHIRIPES WILLIS	MRS. MRS.	DORIS
LLANO	$\frac{215}{216}$	HUTCHERSON	MRS.	LUCILLE
LLANO	216 216	HOUSTON	MRS.	ALICE
GRAND PRAIRIE	210 219	SANDERS	MRS.	ROME E.
GRAND PRAIRIE	219	KINCAID	MRS.	BETTY
GRAND PRAIRIE	219 219	LATHAM	MRS.	VEVA MAE
GRAND I RAIRIE GR. PRAIRIE	219	MURPHREY	MRS.	NADINE
GR. PRAIRIE	219	WEBB	MRS.	MILDRED
VELASCO	220	JOHNSTON	MRS.	JUANITA
VELASCO	220	ARRINGTON		CHESTER M.
VELASCO	220	REDDEY	MRS.	ALYCE MARIE
BRYAN	222	LEIGHMAN	MRS.	ETHEL
BRYAN	222	BARN	111101	HUGH
BRYAN	222	BARNETT	MRS.	MARGARET
BRYAN	222	HORNSEY	MRS.	MYRNA
NEWTON	224	CONNATSER	MRS	LONA MAE
MONTGOMERY	228	PARKER	MRS.	GERALDINE
DAYTON	233	NORCROSS	MRS.	DOVIE B.
HUNTSVILLE	240	BOLTON	MRS.	DOROTHY
HARMONY	244	BIBBY	MRS.	ERIN
HARMONY	244	MANCIL	MRS.	PHYLLIS
HARMONY	244	YAGER	MRS.	MARY D.
HARMONY	244	KLUEMPER	MRS.	DOROTHY
SANTA AA	247	BASS	MRS.	ROSA MAE
ARLINGTON	249	GANDY	MRS.	MARTHA
ARLINGTON	249	ATHERTON	MRS.	GRACE
AVERY	252	SOWARD	MRS.	VINIE MAE
AVERY	252	GARRETT	MRS.	MARGARET
JOHN GILLESPIE	257	SHOFNER	MRS.	MAMIE RUTH
JOHN GILLESPIE	257	TAYLOR	MRS.	MAMIE
JOHN GILLESPIE	257	ALFORD	MRS.	GLADYS

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CHAPTER	#	LAST NAME	STATUS	FIRST NAME
JOHN GILLESPIE	257	MAXWELL	MRS.	FRANCES
HOUSTON HEIGHTS	258	MARKHAM	MRS.	THELMA
HOUSTON HEIGHTS	258	FEW	MRS.	SHIRLEY
HOUSTON HEIGHTS	258	TIFFIN	MRS.	GLADYS
HOUSTON HEIGHTS	258	BRAZIEL	MRS.	WESSIE
HOUSTON HEIGHTS	258	GOWAN	MRS.	ANNA
CROSBY	261	ANDERSON	MRS.	MARION
CROSBY	261	ECLES	MRS.	BETTY JOYCE
CROSBY	261	MAY		EUGENE
CROSBY	261	MAY	MRS.	FAYE MAY
CROSBY	261	STARNES	MRS.	ERNESTINE
PORT ARTHUR	262	TERRELL	MRS.	ELYEEN
PORT ARTHUR	262	QUICK	MRS.	MAXINE BISHOP
PORT ARTHUR	262	LEE,	MRS.	HELEN JANE
KIRBYVILLE	263	FAIRCHILD	MRS.	ELAINE
KIRBYVILLE	263	CARTER	MRS.	BONNIE
KIRBYVILLE	263	HORN	MRS.	BONA LOU
RICHLAND SPRINGS	264	HUMPHRIES	MRS.	MAURINE
SANTO	204 270	BRANNON	MRS.	BETH
BECKVILLE	273	BROOME	MRS.	ESTHER
BECKVILLE	$273 \\ 273$	PUCKETT	MRS.	BETTY ANN
BROCK	$273 \\ 274$	CARTER	MRS.	GENEVA
EASTLAND	274 280	KITCHENS	MRS.	LUELLA
				RUBY LEE
EASTLAND	280	JACKSON	MRS.	
YOAKUM	282	AUTREY	MRS.	MAXINE
CLIFTON	283	POLETE	MRS.	O'BELLE
SEALY	285	PHILLIPS	MRS.	ELLEN
MARLIN	286	WASSERMAN	MRS.	VIVIAN
MARLIN	286	SHUPTRINE	MRS.	RUTH
GRAND SALINE	290	SHAW	MRS.	MARJORIE
GRAND SALINE	290	BOX	MRS.	LOUISE
JASPER	291	SANDERS	MRS.	BONNIE
JASPER	291	ROBINSON	MRS.	IRMA JEAN
JASPER	291	BARGE	MRS.	LEONE
LAMPASAS	295	BLOSS	MRS.	MARTHA LANELL
UVALDE	297	FRIDAY	MRS.	MARGARET MCKINNEY
UVALDE	297	WOOLF	MRS.	JERRI
UVALDE	297	SECREST	MRS.	VIRGINIA
UVALDE	297	PRICE	MRS.	ANNABEL
SILSBEE	298	JEWETT	MRS.	MARY ANN PAINE
SILSBEE	298	PREWITT	MRS.	LUCYLE
HIGGINS	300	GOURLEY	MRS.	GLADYS
OAK CLIFF	303	GREENLEE	MRS.	LOIS
OAK CLIFF	303	MARCELLA	MRS.	TOMMIE
AUSTIN	304	YOUNT	MRS.	ADA M.
AUSTIN	304	BOONE	MRS.	VELMA
AUSTIN	304	CHAPMAN	MRS.	FAYE
FRANKLIN	311	REAGAN	MRS.	BONNIE
FRANKLIN	311	LITTLE	MRS.	MINNIE OLA
FRANKLIN	311	SMITH	MRS.	GOLDA
FRANKLIN	311	CLARK	MRS.	BONNA
FRANKLIN	311	SINGLETON	MRS.	NADINE
FRANKLIN	311	SINGLETON		ROY
HERFORD	312	ENFIELD	MRS.	CATHARINE
SPURGER	315	MCINNIS	MRS.	JOYCE
SPURGER	315	STROHM	MRS.	VIRGINIA
ROUND ROCK	316	FRENCH		G. W.
KINGSVILLE	325	HARRISON	MRS.	LILLIAN
KINGSVILLE	325	BARKSDALE	MRS.	ERNESTINE

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GRAPEVINE	326	GERBER	MRS.	HAZEL
GRAPEVINE	326	GREER	MRS.	OLETA
GRAPEVINE	326	GRIFFIS	MRS.	LOUISE
LYTLE	335	BOOHER	MRS.	ALMA MAE
BRONSON	337	COLEMAN	MRS.	MARIE
BRONSON	337	ODEN	MRS.	LOIS
HUGHES SPRINGS	349	RYLE	MRS.	GENEVA
CORPUS CHRISTI	354	GRAHAM	MRS.	GRACE
GILMER	355	REYNOLDS	MRS.	MARY
MARSHALL	356	BURTON	MRS.	IDA
MARSHALL	356	LAWSON	MRS.	MARGARET
MARSHALL	356	JENKINS	MRS.	VIRGINIA
MARSHALL	356	GREEN	MRS.	MILDRED
COLEMAN	360	HUNTER	MRS.	LUCILLE
COLEMAN	360	HUNTER		JAMES
COLEMAN	360	DOWNEY	MRS.	EMMA
COLEMAN	360	DALE	MRS.	MARY ANNA
COLEMAN	360	PITTARD	MRS.	LAUDIS
LAMESA	363	GRAY	MRS.	PESSIE HARRIS
LAMESA	363	NEELY		MOODY
LAMESA	363	WEST	MRS.	DOROTHY
LAMESA	363	VANDIVERE	MRS.	DORIS
LEMESA	363	BALDWIN	MRS.	HAZEL
LAMESA	363	COSWELL	MRS.	WANDA
WILLS POINT	366	BURNETT	MRS	BETTY JO
WILLS POINT	366	MCENTURFF	MRS.	HAZEL
WILLS POINT	366	HENDERSON	MRS.	CLEO
PORT LAVACA	373	KELSO	MRS.	DORRIS
TEMPLAR	374	MARSHALL	MRS.	IMA JEAN
TEMPLAR	374	GANT	MRS.	RUBY C.
TEMPLAR	374	MCKINNEY	MRS.	DORIS MAE
TEMPLAR	374	STOKES	MRS.	KATHLEEN
TEMPLAR	374	THOMPSON	MRS.	JUANITA
JACKSONVILLE	377	COLEMAN	MRS.	JEAN
JACKSONVILLE	377	PATTON	MRS.	GWENDOLYN
JACKSONVILLE	377	SEYMOUR	MRS.	HELEN
JACKSONVILLE	377	NUNN	MRS.	EVIE
BAY CITY	380	BLACKERBY	MRS.	LOUISE
LUFKIN	382	DUBOSE	MRS.	WANDA J.
LUFKIN	382	JAMES	MRS.	HELEN
LUFKIN	382	DURHAM	MRS.	DEE
LUFKIN	382	BROCK	MRS.	DOROTHY
LUFKIN	382	FUTRELL	MRS.	SARA LEE
LUFKIN	382	TANNER	MRS.	POLLY
LUFKIN	382	CUMMINGS	MRS.	LOIS
LUFKIN	382	CUMMINGS	MDG	CHARLES
LUFKIN	382	LOTT	MRS.	WILLIE B.
SHAMROCK	384	WILLIAMS	MRS.	VERNA RUTH
HOUSTON	385	SHAVER	MRS.	GEORGIA ANN
HOUSTON PALESTINE	$385 \\ 395$	HEYING TOMLINSON	MRS. MRS.	MARJORIE CARRIE
PALESTINE		NELSON		
PALESTINE PALESTINE	395 395	KNOTT	MRS. MRS.	JOYCE ZELMA
PALESTINE	395 395	GAMMAGE	MRS.	LILLIE
GONZALES	$\frac{395}{403}$	NELSON	MRS.	JOY
TEAGUE	$403 \\ 408$	PETTY	MRS.	ALINE
TEAGUE	408 408	RILEY	MRS.	CLARA
HICO	419	SMITH	MRS.	DALE
POLYTECHNIC	420	LAGADINOS	MRS.	JANNE
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POLYTECHNIC	420	LEWIS		JARVIL
VERNON	424	BEALL	MRS.	NAOMI
VERNON	424	WADE	MRS.	WANDA LAMB
VERNON	424	SIDWELL	MRS.	NINA
VERNON	424	MARTIN	MRS.	CLYDEEN
BURNET	425	ALVERSON	MRS.	MARIE
BURNET	425	HODGE	MRS.	MAUREEN
ROSENBERG	429	MCNATT	MRS.	MARGARET
ROSENBERG	429	CROSBY	MRS.	JEAN A.
ROSENBERG	429	KUBENKA	MRS.	MARY DEAN
CHICO	433	ROACH	MRS.	BETTY JO,
CHICO	433	HODGES	MRS.	PAULINE
MARBLE FALLS	435	WILSON	MRS.	DOROTHY
MARBLE FALLS	436	FRAZIER		DILLON S.
ODESSA	447	GLENN	MRS	CHARLOTTE
ODESSA	447	MILLS	MRS.	PEARL
ODESSA	447	MILLS		HUBERT
MINEOLA	454	MILLER	MRS.	MARY
CLEVELAND	465	WRIGHT	MRS.	IMA RUTH
TRAVIS	472	LAWRENCE	MRS.	PEARL
TRAVIS	472	CURTIS	MRS.	DOROTHY
TRAVIS	472	WARD	MRS.	RETA
TRAVIS	472	MCNAIR	MRS.	EARLEEN
EDINBURG	473	BONHAM		KENNETH WAYNE
ROCKPORT	479	EUTON		KENNETH E.
KILLEEN	490	CASPER	MRS.	JESSIE K.
KILLEEN	490	HUNT	MRS.	ZELMA
JUNCTION	497	WALKER	MRS.	MINNIE
SPRINGTOWN	498	DIKES	MRS.	MATTIE JEAN
THROCKMORTON	500	SANDERS	MRS.	FRANCES
PADUCAH	506	WILLIS	MRS.	FRANCES
PADUCAH	506	MARTIN	MRS.	THELMA
CROCKETT	509	PETTY	MRS.	MILDRED
CROCKETT	509	SMITH	MRS.	BONNIE
CROCKETT	509	BROWN	MRS.	JANE C.
MCKINNEY	518	ALLEN	MRS.	LUCILLE M.
OAKVILLE	521	ODOM	MRS	BESSIE
MISSION	527	COOPER	MRS.	URSULA
MISSION	527	JOHNSON	MRS	JENNIE
MISSION	527	MCDANIELS	MRS	DOROTHA
MISSION	527	JOHNSON		ARCHIE
MISSION	527	PERKINS		STANLEY
MISSION	527	BOSTIC	MRS.	HELENA
GRANBURY	530	STRAIN	MRS.	MARY PEARL
GRANBURY	530	WEST	MRS.	WINNIE P.
GRANBURY	530	MACATEE	MRS.	VIRCENAY
GRANBURY	530	MOODY	MRS.	PATSY
EL CAMPO	535	WEAVER	MRS.	TENNY
FORNEY-TERRELL	557	BATES	MRS.	BILLIE
HAPPY	562	ACKER	MRS.	DORRENE
HAPPY	562	HANCOCK		CLYDE
HAPPY	562	HOOTEN	MRS.	ETHEL
HAPPY	562	NEFF		CARL
HAPPY	562	TOLES	MRS.	NOVALENE
HAPPY	562	WHITE	MRS.	LOUESE
HAPPY	562	HOOTEN		DOYLE
DAL-CLIFF	574	MURDOCK	MRS.	EVELYN
DAL-CLIFF	574	LEVERETT	MRS.	FRANCES
DAL-CLIFF	574	GREER	MRS.	RUTH

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CHAPTER DAL-CLIFF	# 574	<b>LAST NAME</b> 0'QUINN	STATUS MRS.	FIRST NAME ANN
SONORA	574 575	BAKER	MRS.	DOROTHY
SONORA	575 575	NEVILLE	MRS.	WANDA
TAYLOR	578	ZIESCHANG	MRS.	OZELLE
BELTON	589	GRAINGER	MRS.	VIVIAN R.
LOTT	594	KRAMER	MRS.	MARTHA LULA
MT. SYLVAN	595	DOUGLAS	MRS	ALLIE
SYLVAN	595 595	NELSON	MRS.	SYBIL
HENDERSON	697	ROLLINS	MRS.	MAVIS
HENDERSON	697 597	GEE	MRS.	LETHA
HENDERSON	597 597	ADAMS	MRS.	WOODIE
WAXAHACHIE	597 599	NEAL	MRS.	BONNIE
WAXAHACHIE	599 599	NASH	MRS.	
WAXAHACHIE	599 599	SHUGART	MRS.	BONNIE LUCILLE
WAXAHACHIE	599 599	GILL	MRS.	VIOLET
WAXAHACHIE	599 599			
		CASEY	MRS.	MARGARET
CREEDMOOR	607	ALTIS	MDG	CHET E.
CREEDMOOR	607	ALTIS	MRS.	INEZ
CREEDMOOR	607	CREEL		LEROY
CREEDMOOR	607	DUDLEY	3475.0	EDWARD E.
LONGVIEW	610	PARKER	MRS.	AUDREY
LONGVIEW	610	GILLEAN	MRS.	HESTER
BELLVILLE	611	KIESWETTAR	MRS.	ZOE ANN
BEXAR	616	RICE	MRS.	PATRICIA
HANDLEY	617	GROVE	111100	W. B.
HANDLEY	617	MICHAEL	MRS.	LETHA
PLEIADES	620	DAWDY	MRS.	RUTH
PLEIADES	620	FITCH	MRS.	MARY ELIZABETH
PLEIADES	620	HORST	MRS.	DIXIE JUNE
EVERMAN	624	WARD	MRS.	LOIS
TEXAS CITY	626	HALVERSON	11110001	LESTER
TEXAS CITY	626	ANDERSON	MRS.	SUDIE
TEXAS CITY	626	KELLY	MRS.	HERREL DEAN
KILGORE	630	BROCK	MRS.	MELBA
KILGORE	630	LARKIN	MRS.	LOLA
KILGORE	630	REGAN	MRS.	MARCIS
CORRIGAN	631	PERKINS	MRS.	MANE
CORRIGAN	631	KNOX	MRS.	CLEMONTINE
MCLENNAN	639	COLLIER	MRS.	ELIZABETH
MCLENNON	639	GULLAHORN	MRS.	RUBY DELL
TEXLINE	640	EADS	MRS.	CAROL JUNE
HARLINGEN	641	LEWIS	MRS.	MABELLE
HARLINGEN	641	COOPER	MRS.	LOUISE
HARLINGEN	641	MCCUNE	MRS.	BETTY
LOYAL	648	MESERO	141001	OTIS C., JR.
LOYAL	648	NEIL	MRS.	VIRGINIA
LOYAL	648	SPRUCE	MRS.	JUANITA
LOYAL	648	RATLIFFE	MRS.	RUTH
LOYAL	648	MCGLAMERY	MRS.	MERDITH
LOYAL	648	BROWN	MRS.	LILLIE BELLE
NORTH SIDE	651	PEARSON	MRS.	EMMA R.
NORTH SIDE	651	GARRELL	MRS.	MILDRED G.
NORTH SIDE	651	GRIEDER		J.D.
BROOKSHIRE	652	SCHWARTZ	MRS.	EMMA
BROOKSHIRE	652	GROCE		SETH JR.
BROOKSHIRE	652	MEYER		HERMAN J.
DUMAS	653	BENTON	MRS.	IMOGENE
DUMAS	653	CURTIS	MRS.	JUNE

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DUMAS	653	CURTIS		JAMES R.
DUMAS	653	MCDONALD	MRS.	MYRTLE
DUMAS	653	TAYLOR	MRS.	PEARL
CANTON	667	PEEL		ELBERT
CANTON	667	PEEL	MRS.	LOIS
CANTON	667	PAUL	MRS.	BOBBIE
CANTON	667	HILLIARD	MRS.	CATHALEEN
CANTON	667	TARPLEY	MRS.	ANNA
GRAHAM	668	WARE	MRS.	FREDA
GRAHAM	668	LUSK	MRS.	FANNIE LOU
GRAHAM	668	SLUDER	MRS.	FLORENCE
GRAHAM	668	BULLOCK	MIND.	A.R.
ROTHWELL	669	HAYES	MRS.	WILLIE J.
ROTHWELL	669	WHITTINGTON	MRS.	ELMA M.
ROTHWELL	669	SIMMONS	MRS.	ERNESTINE
ROTHWELL	669	HENDRICKS	MRS.	VICTOREE B.
COLLINSVILLE	674	CASTEEL	MRS.	CLEMMIE
PORT NECHES	677	DERRICK	MRS.	GLEN
PORT NECHES	677	DERRICK	MIRO.	JOSEPH P.
PORT NECHES	677	FARRIS	MRS.	ALBERTA
FORT WORTH	681	STUBBS	MIRO.	JERRY
NORTH FORT WORTH	684	CREW	MRS.	VIRGINIA
NORTH FORT WORTH	684	FOSTER	MRS.	ROMA
NORTH FORT WORTH	684	KEMP	MRS.	ODESSA
NORTH FORT WORTH	684	DOBKINS	MRS.	NADINE
NORTH FORT WORTH	684	PHEIL	MRS.	TOMMIE
FARMERS BRANCH	687	GRISSOM	MRS.	VIRGINIA
FARMERS BRANCH	687	STOCKTON	MRS.	DORIS
DE LEON	693	BAMES	MRS.	ELSIE
DE LEON DE LEON	693	BURLISON	MRS.	MARY J0
DE LEON DE LEON	693	MOHON	MIND.	C.L., JR.
DE LEON DE LEON	693	MOHON	MRS.	NELL ROSE
QUITMAN	695 695	JOHNS	MRS.	GERALDINE
QUITMAN	695 695	GLUECK	ma.	JALLEN
QUITMAN	695	GLUECK	MRS.	LOIS
QUITMAN	695	RIERSON	MRS.	MARGARET
QUITMAN	695	VICKERY	MRS.	ALTA
QUITMAN	695	KLEE	MRS.	JEAN
QUITMAN	695	KLEE	111102	FLOYD
QUITMAN	695	ROBERTS	MRS.	ARVIALEE
NEW BOSTON	700	WHITTLE	MRS.	ZEPHRY
MAGNOLIA	700	HENSLEY	MRS.	SUE
MAGNOLIA	706	MADDOX	MRS.	PHYLLIS
MAGNOLIA	708	HERRING	MRS.	DORIS
MAGNOLIA	706	HOGAN	MRS.	BENETTE
MAGNOLIA	706	MCDONALD	MRS.	LILLIAN
WHITESBORO '	708	SCOTT	MRS.	ENETTE
PASADENA	711	CARROLL	MRS.	MILDRED E.
PASADENA	711	CHAPPELEAR	MRS.	PATSY
PASADENA	711	SMALLWOOD	MRS.	CLARICE
PASADENA	711	MCSHANE	MRS.	IMA
PASADENA	711	ANDREWS	MRS.	EVELYN
PASADENA	711	BROTHERTON	MRS.	CHLOE
FAITH	713	SHELBY	MRS.	OLPHELIA
FAITH	713	STANFORD	MRS.	JAETTA
FAITH	713	MOINELLI	MRS.	MARY
KOUNTZE	$713 \\ 724$	JONES	11110674	GEORGE JACK
SAN JUAN	726	SCHLICHTER	MRS.	PAULINE
BETHLEHEM	728	WELLS	MRS.	MARJORIE

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BETHLEHEM	728	WHITE	MRS.	MON
BETHELEM	728	RAZES	MRS.	HELEN
PARK PLACE	731	PHILLIPS	MRS.	MARIEN
PARK PLACE	731	VLETAS	MRS.	PENNY
LAFARIA	732	MARSHALL	MRS.	HAZEL
ALBANY	733	MCCOMAS	MRS.	LORENE
ALAMO HEIGHTS	734	BENSON		HOLLIS A. JR.
ALAMO HEIGHTS	734	COOK		HOWARD L.
ALAMO HEIGHTS	734	PURNELL	MRS.	DOROTHY
ALAMO HEIGHTS	734	WINDMOELLER	MRS.	MARGARET
GRANDFALLS	744	GRIFFIN		GILBERT
GRANDFALLS	744	WILCOX	MRS.	CHARLOTTE
CARTHAGE	747	POPE	MRS.	INA
HARLANDALE	750	JETTON	MRS.	VIRGINIA DALE
HARLANDALE	750	WALDREP	MRS.	CLARA
HARLANDALE	750	CHRISTIAN	MRS.	LENA
HARLANDALE	750	CHRISTIAN	MRS.	WAYMON
HARLANDALE	750	DIESING		WILLIAM L.
HARLANDALE	750	PRICE	MRS.	RUTH M.
HARLANDALE	750	FALEY	MRS.	MARY V.
WEDGWOOD	756	DRIVER	MRS.	IMOGENE
WEDGWOOD	756	HOWERTON	MRS.	LOUISE
PANHANDLE	760	BAKER	MRS.	ELIZABETH
PANHANDLE	760	CASE	MRS	LUCILLE
PANHANDLE	760	MILLS	MRS.	MERVY ANN
PANHANDLE	760	DICKSON	MRS.	BONNIE
FABENS	764	WORSHAM	MRS.	LUCY
FABENS	764	CRAIG	MRS.	MILDRED
HILLSBORO	769	HOBBS	MRS.	JOHNIE. S.
NEW BRAUNFELS	771	COTTON	MISS	MARGUERITE
WESLACO	772	HARTZELL	MRS.	MAUDIE
WESLACO	772	WRIGHT	MRS.	ALIFAE
IRVING	777	PARKER	MRS.	SARAH
IRVING	777	WEBB	MRS.	ANNE
BROWNFIELD	785	BROW	MRS.	LURA
BROWNFIELD	785	DENTON	MRS.	PAULINE
BROWNFIELD	785	JENKINS	MRS.	BERYL
BROWNFIELD	785	JENNINGS	MRS.	LILLIAN MARY
BROWNFIELD	785	MCWH	MRS.	LOIS
BROWNFIELD	785	PURTELL	MRS.	RUTH
BROWNFIELD	785	TOLIVER	MRS.	OLETA S.
AMARILLO	787	MCNEILL	MRS.	REVA
MULESHOE MULESHOE	792 792	HARDING HINKSON		NATHAN
MULESHOE	792 792	HINKSON	MRS.	FRANK LAVONNE
MULESHOE	792 792	EYTING	MRS.	MARGARET
MULESHOE	792	KELLEY	MRS.	ANN
MULESHOE	792	KELLEY	MILLO.	DONALD
MULESHOE	792	VAUGHAN	MRS.	BETTY
MULESHOE	792	WILLIAMS	MRS.	LOUISE
CKRLHILL DELTA FLORA	794	DICKEY	MRS.	MARIE
CKRLHILL DELTA FLORA	794	GROTH	MRS.	MILDRED
CKRLHILL DELTA FLORA	794	GRUBBS	MRS.	FRANCES
CKRLHILL DELTA FLORA	794	STEWART	MRS.	RUTH
GOOSE CREEK	798	NUNN	MRS.	OPAL
GOOSE CREEK	798	GERBES	MRS.	CLARA
GOOSE CREEK	798	WACUSEK	MRS.	BILLIE
GOOSE CREEK	798	COX	MRS.	EULA LEE
GOOSE CREEK	798	JORDAN	MRS.	CLAUDIA

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AURORA	799	NOWLIN	MRS.	JUANITA
STEPHENVILLE	801	MORING	MRS.	MILDRED
GROESBECK	810	HEWITT	MRS.	RUTH
GROESBECK	810	TURNIPSEEDE	MRS.	MABEL
GROESBECK	810	HELMS	MRS.	MONDELL
GROESBECK	810	NEAL		DWAIN
GROESBECK	810	NEAL	MRS.	GERALDINE
GROESBECK	810	TALIAFERRO	MRS.	MARY
BORGER	811	BURKE	MRS.	DOROTHY
BORGER	811	HARDIN	MRS.	ADENA
BORGER	811	CASTLEMAN	MRS.	LOUISE
RIO HONDO	815	STEWART	MRS.	EFFIE LEE
RIO HONDO	815	ALLEN	MRS.	PATRICIA
RIO HONDO	815	SEYFER	MRS.	MARY E.
RIO HONDO	815	WARDLOW	MRS.	MARGARET
PROSPECT HILL	817	HAGWELL	MRS.	MAE R.
PROSPECT HILL	817	WADE	MRS.	DOROTHY J.
PROSPECT HILL	817	ABERNATHY	MRS.	BERYL
MABANK	821	HYDE		WILLIAM F. JR.
MABANK	821	MCAFEE	MRS.	STELLA
MABANK	821	MCAFEE		HAROLD
CONCHO	826	ROBINSON	MRS.	EULA
CONCHO	826	BEDWELL	MRS.	MAY OLA
QUEEN ESTHER	833	PRUITT	MRS.	MARY
QUEEN ESTHER	833	CHANCE	MRS.	NEVA
QUEEN ESTHER	833	DEMAS	MRS.	VERA RUTH
QUEEN ESTHER	833	PILANT	MRS.	NEDRA
QUEEN ESTHER	833	GRIFFIN	MRS.	RUTH
RIVERSIDE	834	AVERITT	MRS.	NORA LEE
SO.FT.WORTH	835	ADHERHOLT	MRS.	GRACE
SO.FT.WORTH	835	OWENS	MRS.	MARTHA
SO.FT.WORTH	835	ROBINETTE	MRS.	JEANETTE
VAN	840	HILLIARD	MRS.	MAXINE
VAN	840	RAMSEY	MRS.	BETTY
VAN	840	THOMPSON	MRS.	GLENDA
KERMIT	845	DORSEY	MRS.	JO ANN
KERMIT	845	WEST	MRS.	AUDREY
KERMIT	845	COURVILLE	MRS.	PAMIE
KERMIT	845	ELLINGWOOD	MRS.	DOLORIE
ANDREWS	849	ANGLIN	MRS.	FRANKIE JO
ANDREWS	849	PATTERSON	MRS.	MARTHA JEAN
BONHAM	852	CROSS	MRS.	MARJORIE SALLYE BERNICE
BONHAM	852	MEDLEY	MISS	
SEMINOLE SEMINOLE	855	AKIN	MRS.	HAZEL
SEMINOLE	855 855	GOLMAN VEAZY	MRS. MRS.	BETTY BESS
SEMINOLE	855	WHITLEY	MRS.	IMOGENE
BLUEBELL	856	JACKSON	MRS.	JULIA
ROCKWALL	858	COLLINS	MRS.	MILDRED
ROCKWALL	858	GREENE	MRS.	LUCILLE
KAUFMAN	866	MORA	mitto.	A.R.
KAUFMAN	866	MORA	MRS.	ELSIE
KAUFMAN	866	TANKERSLEY	MRS.	FANNIE
ANSON	867	TAYLOR	MRS.	CLYDIA B.
OSO	868	HILLEY		HAROLD
LOMETA	871	HAMMONDS	MRS.	JOSEPHINE A.
ABERNATHY	877	BARTON	MRS.	ELOISE B.
GALENA	884	DAVIS		L.HANDLEY
,GALENA	884	GAY	MRS.	MATTIE MAE

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GALENA		GAY	MRS.	MATTIE MAE
MESQUITE	887	GRAVES	MRS.	ALLENE
BLUEBONNET BUCKNER	888	PEPPER	MRS.	MARY
BLUEBONNET BUCKNER	888	CHUMLEY	MRS.	CATHERINE
BLUEBONNET BUCKNER	888	GRIDER	MRS.	LOUISE
BLUEBONNET BUCKNER	888	POPE	MRS.	VERDIE LEE
BLUEBONNET BUCKNER	888	BALDWIN	MRS.	MILDRED
STANTON	890	KOONCE	MRS.	REVA
CROSBYTON	891	ADAMS	MRS	OLETA
CROSBYTON	891	SMITH	MRS.	VIDA
CROSBYTON	891	ROBINETT	MRS.	ZEFFA
ECTOR	895	HILL	MRS.	VERA
FREEDOM	898	WILLIAMS	MRS.	FRANCES
JOAQUIN	903	GRAY	MRS.	ROSA
JOAQUIN	903	SMITH	MRS.	MARGARET
VIDOR	914	RIGHTSELL	MRS.	JOYCE C.
VIDOR	914	WELBORN	MRS.	HELEN
VIDOR	914 914	WELBORN	millo.	JULIUS
VIDOR	914	BURR	MRS.	LINVILLE
SOUTH HOUSTON	915	TWIGG	MRS.	LOUISE
SOUTH HOUSTON	915	REID	MRS.	LELA MERLE
SOUTH HOUSTON	915	GLOVER	MRS.	GLADYS
SOUTH HOUSTON	915	BEACHAM	MRS.	ERVY
MELROSE	920	CURE	MRS.	ROSIE
MELROSE	920	KUBICA	MRS.	BILLIE
MELROSE	920	LAYNE	MRS.	IDA MAUDE
MELROSE	920	HUNT	MRS.	EDDIE ETHEL
MELROSE	920	SMITH	MRS.	LILA G.
RICHARDSON	921	DEDRICK	MRS.	LORIS ULLRICH
GODLEY	922	FURGUSON	MRS.	MARYJO
VENUS	923	MARTIN	MRS.	ETTA V.
ROSEWYN	927	JOHNSON	MRS.	RUBYE FAYE
ROSEWYN	927	REEVES	MRS.	RUBYE
ROSEWYN	927	WALKER	MRS.	MARGUERITE
BLANCO	934	FELPS	MRS.	ROSETTA
BLANCO	934	GAHAN	MRS.	GENEVA
BLANCO	934	PETTY	MRS	MARY S.
LEWISVILLE	935	AARON	111100	GLEN
LEWISVILLE	935	HOOD	MRS.	MAURINE
LEWISVILLE	935	MCLARRY	111100.	VIRGIL
LEWISVILLE	935	MCLARRY	MRS.	MELBA
LEWISVILLE	935	NOWLIN	MRS.	KATHRYN
LEWISVILLE	935	SINCLAIR	MRS.	MARY
LEWISVILLE	935	WESTLAND	MRS.	MYRA
HUNTINGTON	938	RUSSELL	MRS.	ARLENE
FARMERSVILLE	940	CURTIS	MRS	EDITH
LANCASTER	943	FREGA	MRS.	PAN SIE CUNNINGHAM
LANCASTER	943	HARRIS	MRS.	BILLIE
LANCASTER	943	WOOLDRIDGE	MRS.	DOROTHY
MIKE H. THOMAS	951	TEUBNER	MRS.	LOIS JOHNSON
ZAVALLA	952	SELF	MRS.	SYBIL
GROVES	953	CHENSHAW	212.2.00	HASCAL F.
GROVES	953	CHENSHAW	MRS.	RUTH
GROVES	953	COLE	MRS.	KATIE
GROVES	953	PHILLIPS	MRS.	FRANCES
GROVES	953	BRADBERRY	MRS.	BILLYE
GROVES	953	JOHNSON	MRS.	MARGARETTE
GROVES	953	JIMMERSON	MRS.	DONELLA
EAST HOUSTON	955	MCCLAIN	MRS	MILDRED

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EAST HOUSTON	# 955	LAST NAME ARTHUR	STATUS MRS.	ELOISE B.
EAST HOUSTON	955 955	HENSON	MRS.	FOY
EAST HOUSTON	955	JOHNSON	MRS.	RUTH E.
MT. VERNON	956	PETTIT	MRS.	ORLUE
MT. VERNON	956	ALFORD	MRS.	GLADYS
MT. VERNON	956	BROWN	MRS.	MILDRED
GANADO	957	DULANY	MRS.	LAURA
GANADO	957	MCCOLLOCK	MRS.	LOUISE
GANADO	957	STRAWN	MRS.	FAYE
GANADO	957	STRAWN	112200	OLSIE
GANADO	957	MOORE	MRS.	MARY FRANCES
EDWIN J. KIEST	959	LOGGINS	MRS	JUANITA
EDWIN J. KIEST	959	PHILLIPS	MRS.	FREDA
FIDELIS	963	KELSO	MRS.	DOROTHY
FIDELIS	963	LOEWEN	MRS.	KATHRYN PARK
WINNSBORO	967	SMITH	MRS.	PEG
WINNSBORO	967	TAYLOR	MRS.	LOUISE
WINNSBORO	967	PATTON	MRS.	VIVIAN
WINNSBORO	967	RAGSDALE	MRS.	HAZEL
WINNSBORO	967	WILLETT	MRS.	MARY
WELDON	969	EVANS	MRS.	PAULINE
WELDON	969	HUNTSMAN	MRS.	MAE
WELDON	969	PEARSON	MRS.	VOLEAN
ROSE GARDEN	975	MCWHIRTER	MRS	MANNAH
HALTOM CITY	979	TOUSLEY	MRS.	ELEA
LAMARQUE	979	RYAN	MRS.	YVONNE
LAMARQUE	979	PRINO	MRS.	ANN
LAMARQUE	979	PRINO		CLEMENT
HALTHOM CITY	982	MOORE	$\mathbf{MRS}$	MARY
HALTOM CITY	982	PALMER	MRS.	BERYL
JAMES LADD BURGESS	983	BECKHAM	MRS.	BERNICE
JAMES LADD BURGESS	983	MONTGOMERY	MRS.	WILLIE MAE
SPRING BRANCH	984	BLUE	MRS.	RUBY
A. E. SHIRLEY	986	BOOTHE	MRS.	WINNIE
A. E. SHIRLEY	986	GLENN	MRS.	NYE
A. E. SHIRLEY	986	HUNT	MRS.	NOLA
A.E. SHIRLEY	986	FREY		CLAUDE
A.E. SHIRLEY	986	MCKILLIP	MRS.	FANNIE
A.E. SHIRLEY	986	ROBINSON	MRS.	JEWELLE
A.E. SHIRLEY	986	WATSON	MRS.	LUCILLE
A.E. SHIRLEY	986	BUTTEL	MRS.	GLADYS
MEDINA	988	WHITEHEAD	MRS.	LILLIAN
YSLETA	991	BECK	MRS.	JUNE
YSLETA	991	JACKSON	MRS.	ELIZABETH
YSLETA	991	PICKETT	MRS.	JUNE
RIDGLEA	999	GARMANY	MRS.	MARY HELEN
Ridglea	999	MARTIN	MRS.	JABBY
Ridglea RIDGLEA	999 999	MARTIN O'NEAL	MRS.	J. L VELDA
				MARY LOUISE
RIDGLEA RIDGLEA	999 999	VERNON BLACKERBY	MRS. MRS.	RUTH
SHEPHERD	1003	DANIELS	MRS.	DORIS MAE
SHEPHERD	1003	DODD	MRS.	VELMA
GATESVILLE	1005	BAKER	MRS.	ELIZABETH
GATESVILLE	1005	CHAFIN	MRS.	SHIRLEY BETH
FRIENDSHIP	1005	ROQUEMORE	MRS.	RUTH
FRIENDSHIP	1008	CRAINEAN	MRS.	EMILEE
FRIENDSHIP	1008	MAYNARD	MRS.	NILA
LAKE JACKSON	1009	JOHNSON	MRS.	WILMA

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CHAPTER	# 1009	LAST NAME MAYER	STATUS MRS.	FIRST NAME RUBY
LAKE JACKSON LAKE JACKSON	1009	LASHLEE	MRS.	VELVA
NORMAN READ	1009	MCDANIEL	MRS.	CATHERINE
CLUTE CITY	1010	WHITE	MRS.	WILMOTH B.
CLUTE CITY	1011	PAYNE	MRS.	OPAL
CLUTE CITY	1011	LUNSFORD	MRS.	BOBBIE LOU
RIVER OAKS	1011	WILLIAMS	MRS.	DOROTHY
RIVER OAKS	1013 1013	WILLIS	MRS.	HELEN
RIVER OAKS	1013	BAUMANN	MRS.	LETA
DUNCANVILLE	1015	BLEVINS	MRS.	LOIS
DUNCANVILLE	1014	ROBINSON	MRS.	JUANITA
FRANKLIN W. LYNN	1015	WHITMAN	MRS.	VIOLET
WAELDER	1023	MCKAY	MRS.	ROSE LEE
WAELDER	1023	FAIRCHILD	WILLO.	JAMES M.
WAELDER	1023	FAIRCHILD	MRS.	CARLOTTAA.
HOOKS	1025	BABB	MRS.	BESSIE
HOOKS	1031	SULLIVAN	MRS.	ROSA
MILLSAP	$1001 \\ 1042$	SAMPLEY	MRS.	JANNIE
INDEPENDENCE	1044	DOROUGH	mileo.	AVIS
INDEPENDENCE	1044	DOROUGH		PICKETT
INDEPENDENCE	1044	RANKIN	MRS.	INA
WALLER	1041	PETERSON	MRS.	LOUISE
NORMA D. ALLEN	1050	MCKELVEY	MRS.	VERNA RUTH
DALHART	1051	ARNOLD	min.	RAYMOND
DALHART	1051	ARNOLD	MRS.	LOIS
WHITE SETTLEMENT	1053	HAYLEY	MRS.	CATHERINE
DEER PARK	1063	LUCAS	MRS.	LORENE
DEER PARK	1063	WHITE	MRS.	MARY E.
PEARLAND	1065	CARTER	MRS.	LOIS
COPPERAS COVE	1070	PETERS	MRS.	DOROTHY
COPPERAS COVE	1070	BROWN	MRS.	JUANITA S.
COPPERAS COVE	1070	HARNED	MRS.	LAVONIOR
FLOYD EASTERLING	1074	PRICE	MRS.	FRANCES
NEDERLAND	1079	BODEMULLER	MRS.	HELENA
NEDERLAND	1079	WILLIAMSON	MRS.	VADA
OAK FOREST	1080	LOVE	MRS.	JARIS ANN
ALMEDA	1081	WARD	MRS.	TEE JAY
UNIVERSITY	1082	BALL	MRS.	ETHEL
UNIVERSITY	1082	WILSON	MRS.	LAURA E.
ALDINE	1088	KOLAJQA	MRS.	JOYCE
PINE TREE	1090	FROST	MRS	WYNEMA
ARCHIVES	1095	JELLISON	MRS.	LEONA BROWN
ARCHIVES	1095	SCHMIDT	MRS.	LUCILLE
CANYON LAKE	1103	KINCAID	MRS.	JEWELLE
CANYON LAKE	1103	LOVEALL	MRS.	BERTIE
LAKE WORTH	1109	JORDON	MRS.	GERALDINE
BELLS	1110	HALIBURTON	MRS.	PEARL
BELLS	1110	EVERHEART	MRS.	PEARL
BELLS	1110	EVERHEART	MRS.	LOIS
GUN BARREL CITY	1114	MORLAND	MRS.	GLADYS
GUN BARREL CITY	1114	COTTON	MRS.	CHARLOTTE SCOTT
GUN BARREL CITY	1114	MCDONALD	MRS.	MILDRED
GUN BARREL CITY	1114	MCDONALD		FLOYD
WIMBERLEY	1130	ODEN	MRS.	BETHEL LOUISE
LIVINGSTON	1139	CLARK	MRS.	MARY 0.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, at this time I recognize Brother Jim Rippey, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, who will bring his report.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES Report No. 1

MR. JIM RIPPEY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

As Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees I have the distinct pleasure and honor of introducing the other members of the Board to this session:

Mrs. Pat Washington, Vice-Chairman -- District I Mrs. Frances Burbank, Secretary -- District III Mrs. Leah Hayes, Senior Member -- District 11 Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Junior Member -- District V

I compliment these members and all those that I have served with these past five years. We have labored in dedicated harmony with our focus always on professionally managing the financial affairs of this Grand Chapter.

Our board met eleven times this past Grand Chapter year. All of our meetings were held in the Board Room at the State Office Building in Arlington with the exceptions of the initial meeting in Waco at the 117th Grand Chapter Session and the March meeting held in Converse in conjunction with the District V Section 7 School of Instruction.

Throughout the year our meetings were frequently attended by our Grand Chapter Line officers and their participation is always welcome and helpful. As part of these meetings, we also met four times with the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. The cooperation between these boards has been outstanding throughout the year. We thank that dedicated Board for providing us timely information for our meetings as well as convenient lodging in the OES Home each time we met.

An integral part of our meetings includes reports and information from our Grand Secretary, Marjorie Errington-Haynes and our Grand Treasurer, Betty Prater. The quality and timeliness of their inputs has made our tasks much easier. We thank you both for sharing your time, talents and experience.

We also rely heavily on the Appointed Secretary to the Board. Mrs. Carol Coleman served in that capacity for over two years; but, she resigned early this Grand Chapter year due to illness. She was replaced by Mrs. Linda Carney. Both have provided expert documentation of our meeting activities.

As Chairman, I also attended all four Purposes and Policies Committee meetings held this year; and, as an appointed representative of that committee, I attended one meeting at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron and current Chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee. That Committee is charged with the long-range planning for this Grand Chapter. Those four productive meetings not only set a record for the times it has ever met in one year; but, more significantly, it produced major legislation being presented to the membership this session.

The following is a record of receipts, disbursements and other significant activities that may not be documented in subsequent reports for this Grand Chapter Year:

• The exterior repairs and painting of the Administration Building was accomplished from partial funds donated by Mizpah Chapter No. 2.

• The roof shingles of the Administration Building were replaced as a result of Past Grand Matron Alma Lynn Bane's Special Funds.

• The Administration Building carpet was replaced from Worthy Grand Matron Betty Friend's Special Funds.

• Certified Public Accountants from the firm of George, Morgan & Sneed presented our 1998-1999 audit.

• Representatives from Banc One Investment Management Group presented an overview of our investment portfolio performance.

• Investment counselors with Guaranty Bank presented research on our fund performances and recommendations on maximizing cash flow and investment return.

• A formal offer to purchase about 3.43 acres of undeveloped land was rejected. This land is on the Northwest comer of the approximately 30 acres on which OES Home and Administration Building are located.

• An annual Administration Building and Apartment inspection was initiated so that major expenses could be considered for future budgets.

• Receipt of \$463.41 annuity from the Mildred Jacobs Estate to the OES Home Fund.

• Receipt of \$5,000.00 from the Leo Potishman Foundation to the OES Home Fund in October, 1999, and

• Receipt of another \$5,000.00 from the Leo Potishman Foundation to the OES Home Fund in August, 2000.

• Refund of \$1,442.54 to the Glenn H. Fankhauser Trust from an earlier overpayment to the OES Home Fund.

• Receipt of \$3,624.75 from the Ollie Purl Estate to the OES Home Fund.

• Receipt of \$4,271.98 from the Jack K. Chancy Estate to the OES Home Fund.

• Receipt of \$418.45 from the Etha S. Ricks Estate to the OES Home Fund.

 $\bullet$  Receipt of \$1,875.74 from life insurance benefits of Dessie Z. Starr to the OES Home Fund.

• Receipt of \$23,983.03 from the Jack Kenneth Chancy Estate to the OES Home Fund.

• Receipt of \$27,736.58 from the Isaac J. Ricks Estate to the OES Home Fund.

This completes Report No. 1.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Rippey, Chairman Pat Washington, Vice Chairman Frances Burbank, Secretary Leah Hayes, Member Jerre Lucas, Member

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. I of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we accept Report No. 1 of the Board of Grand Trustees. Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no. It is adopted. Brother Jim.

MR. JIM RIPPEY: Thank you. Sister Pat Washington will present Report No. 2.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES Report No. 2

#### MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Thank you, Brother Jim.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: We, the Board of Grand Trustees, are pleased to present for your consideration and the approval of the proposed budget for the General Fund for the Grand Chapter year 2000-2001, with the attached addendum. The details of this budget can be found on pages 45, 46, 47, and 48 of the Advance Annual Report.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES GRAND CHAPTER - GENERAL FUND PROPOSED BUDGET 2000-2001

2		Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD	Proposed
3		1998-99	1998-99	1999-00	6/30/00	2000-01
4	REVENUES					
5	Balance on Hand	20,000	0	56,500		25,240
6	Administrative Fees		0			0
7	Special Funds				13,924	20,000

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2		Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD	Proposed
3		1998-99	1998-99	1999-00	6/30/00	2000-01
8	Endowed Membership	4,600	0	5,400	17,221	6,600
9	Administrative/Other	0	24,843		0	0
10	Total Admin. Fees	24,600	24,843	61,900	31,145	51,840
11	GC Vendor Sales	20,000	10,395	10,000	0	12,000
12	Total GC Vendor Sales	20,000	10,395	10,000	0	12,000
13	Gifts/Donations	0	62,305	0	1,776	2,000
14	<b>Total Gifts/Donations</b>	0	62,305	0	1,776	2,000
15						
16	Savings/Checking	2,500	2,002	2,000	1,278	1,900
17	Bonds/Securities	0	290	-290	79	
18	CD	0	0	1,710	1,616	7,400
19	Gain, Loss on Sale of Assets	0	0	0	3,000	0.000
20	Total Interest	2,500	2,292	208	5,973	9,300
21	Per Capita	101,500	102,828	102,800	20,862	97,872
22	Total Day Capita	101 500	100 000	0	110	07 970
23 24	Total Per Capita Bequests, Wills, Grants	101,500 0	<b>102,828</b> 2,796	102,800 0	20,972	97,872
25	Total Bequests, Wills, Grants	0	2,796 2,796	0		
26	Registration Fees	35,000	35,510	30,000	0	25,000
27	Total Registration Fees	35,000	35,510	30,000	Ő	25,000
28	Sale of Materials	55,000	39,910	0	Ū.	19,000
29	Advance Report Announcemts.	2,000	2,300	2,000	1,900	2,200
30	Bulletin Articles	-,0	33,041	0	16,778	25,000
31	Bulletin Subscriptions	80,000	50,705	80,000	29,705	45,000
32	Constitutions/Revisions	0	15,522	0	13,790	13,000
33	Directories	0	2,578	0	336	500
34	Dispensations	1,300	1,079	1,000	1,119	1,000
35	Dues Cards	0	7,041	0	6,846	6,500
36	GC Session Summary	2,500	2,198	2,000	45	2,000
37	GGC Supplies	0	41,313	0	26,583	40,000
38	Historical Highlights	0	-819	0	450	400
39	Instructions	0	7,641	0	1,597	1,600
40	Postage	0	4,585	0	3,441	5,100
41	Proceedings	1,000	2,039	1,000	301	500
42	Return Labels	0	0	0	3,675	5,000
43	Rosters	0	297	0	0	0
44	Supplies	85,000	19,530	74,500	11,255	16,800
45	Total Sale of Materials	171,800	189,050	160,500	117,821	164,600
46 47	WGM Designated Funds Total Designated Funds	20,450	13,039	15,600	4,502	36,638
47 48	Miscellaneous	20,450	13,039	15,600	4,502	36,638
40 49	Miscellaneous Income	2,000	0	2,000	725	1,000
-19 50	Scholarship Income	2,000	0	2,000	445	1,000
51	Interest from Endowed Memshp.	0	0	0	137	0
52	GC Session Misc. Income	0	Ő	Ő	60,580	10,000
53	Total Miscellaneous	2,000	ů	2,000	61,887	11,000
54	TOTAL REVENUES	377,850	443,058	383,008	244,076	410,250
55				-		-
56	EXPENDITURES					
57	Grand Officers/Committees					
58	Worthy Grand Matron	3,500	7,000	3,500	0	3,500
-59		1,600	3,200	1,600	0	1,600
60	Associate Grand Matron	2,200	4,400	2,200	0	2,200
61	Associate Grand Patron	400	800	400	0	400

2		Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD	Proposed
3 62	Grand Conductress	<b>1998-99</b> 400	<b>1998-99</b> 800	<b>1999-00</b> 400	6/30/00 0	<b>2000-01</b> 400
63	Associate Grand Conductress	400	800	400	0	400
64	Grand Secretary Car Allow.	2,000	1,833	2,000	1,333	2,000
65	Grand Treasurer	2,000	1,855	2,000	1,555	2,000 600
66	Postage Reimbursement	650	514	-136	0	1,000
67	Total Grand Officers/Commit.	11,750	20,550	10,964	1,333	12,100
68	Grand Chapter Session	11,790	20,990	10,701	2,555	12,100
69	The Session	20,000	1,030	20,000	70,309	20,000
70	Installation	20,000	1,050	20,000	0	750
71	Advance Reports	7,000	13,326	7,000	0	7,000
72	Ballots/Voting Cards	1,500	944	1,000	0	1,000
73	Entertain Visiting Grand Officers		162	1,000	367	1,000
74	GGC Officers Expense	500	622	500	0	500
75	Grand Warder/Grand Sentinel Bo	ook 200	80	100	50	200
76	Installation Programs	2,000	900	1,000	0	1,000
77		100	0	100	0	0
78	Official Reporter	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
79	<b>Registration Forms/Postage</b>	1,000	2,566	1,000	663	1,200
80	Session Book/Memorial	6,000	11,702	6,000	0	6,000
81	Session Insurance	1,700	1,733	1,700	0	1,700
82	<b>Total Grand Chapter Session</b>	43,500	35,565	41,900	73,889	42,850
83	Jewels			0		
84	Past Grand Matron	750	750	750	0	750
85	Past Grand Patron	450	450	450	0	450
86	Total Jewels	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	1,200
93	Insurance			0		
94	Automobile	2,000	1,963	2,000	451	2,000
95	Director's Liability	0	3,220	0	1,297	12,000
96		0	-3,731	0	3,655	0
97	GC Fidelity Bond	400	0	400	0	0
98		0	858	0	-858	0
99	Umbrella/Bldg/Personal	3,500	2,713	3,500	3,500	4,400
100	Worker's Comp	600	432	600	63	500
101	Total Insurance	6,500	5,455	6,500	8,108	18,900
102	Operating Expense	17 000	20 (25	0	01.550	10.000
103	Audit Somios Choros	17,000	20,625	10,000	21,550	10,000
104 105	Service Charge Copy Machine	0	-12 -2,290	0 0	0 2,290	0 3,100
105	NSF Charges	0	-2,290	0	-140	5,100 0
107	Trust Fees	0	42	0	239	0
108	Computer/Data Processing	500	5,415	500	-1,611	0 0
109	sompater bata rrocessing	0	0	0	11,111	0
110	GGC Supplies for Resale	15,000	37,249	20,000	29,454	15,000
111	Janitorial Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,650	2,500
112	Legal Services	5,000	1,760	5,000	365	5,000
113	Office Supplies	3,500	7,807	4,500	6,780	8,000
114	Subscriptions	0	12	0	36	0
115	Disposal & Water	0	528		375	600
116	Electric	8,500	6,682	8,500	2,947	8,500
117	Gas	0	533		381	500
118	Telephone	3,000	3,538	3,000	2,551	3,500
119	Total Operating Expense	55,000	84,716	54,000	77,978	56,700
120	Payroll					
121	Grand Secretary Salary	12,000	9,000	12,000	8,000	12,000

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2		Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD	Proposed
3		1998-99	1998-99	1999-00	6/30/00	2000-01
122	Grand Treasurer Salary	3,900	650	3,900	2,600	3,900
123	Office Salaries	63,000	67,664	66,000	39,482	66,000
124	Payroll Taxes	6,000	6,358	6,300	5,084	6,300
125	Total Payroll/Taxes	84,900	83,672	88,200	55,166	88,200
126	Postage					
127	Annual Proceedings	0	1,020	0	0	2,200
128	Bulletin Mailings	10,000	11,077	10,000	5,750	10,000
129	Bulletins/Petty Cash	0	38	0	38	50
130	Postage Meter	15,000	15,173	15,000	7,126	15,000
131	Postage Permit	800	1,645	500	100	500
132	Total Postage	25,800	28,953	25,500	13,014	27,750
133	Printing		a aa (			
134	Annual Chapter Reports	2,000	2,224	2,000	1,836	2,000
135	Annual Proceedings	27,000	24,231	25,000	24,789	25,000
136	Photos for Proceedings	0	600	0	600	600
137	Bulletins	65,000	67,850	65,000	41,127	61,000
138	Certificates (50yr/Gr. Rep/etc.)	2,500		2,500	0	1,000
139	Compilations	300	390	100	0	100
140	Constitutions/Revisions	2,000	12,208	2,000	7,900	2,000
141	Deputy Books	2,700	2,314	2,700	190	2,700
142	Directories	5,000	5,279	5,000	0	5,300
143	GC Committee Forms/Supplies/Me	,	1,193	2,500	818	2,500
144	GC Session Summary	650	-515	500	0	500
145	Historical Highlights	0	3,613	0	146	150
146	Instructions to Subordinate Chap.	1,000	0	0	2,143	2,000
147	Printing for Resale	10,000	12,431	10,000	2,185	10,000
148	Stationary/Envelopes	2,000	3,233	2,000	2,639	3,000
149	WGM Interpretations	1,000	0	3,000	0	3,000
150	-	122,650	135,051	122,300	84,373	120,850
151	Repair/Maintenance				_	
152	Building Maintenance/Repair	4,000	6,343	4,000	6,009	4,000
153	Equipment/Machine Lease/Repair	7,500	12,704	7,500	3,129	5,000
154	Pest Control Service	0	0	0	120	400
155	Total Repair/Maintenance	11,500	19,047	11,500	9,258	9,400
156	Benevolences/Gifts					
157	Scholarships Given	0	15,477	0	-7,227	0
158	Total Benevolences/Gifts	0	15,477	0	-7,227	0
159	Other Expenses					
160	Capital Improvements	4,000	0	4,000	0	0
161	GGC - Texas Luncheon	600	-375	600	500	600
162	Miscellaneous	500	16,779	500	2,559	500
163	GC Contingency	3,000	0	5,000	0	3,000
164	Endowed Memberships	500	0	500	0	0
165	Total Other Expenses	8,600	16,404	10,600	3,059	4,100
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167	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	377,850	458,097	384,664	313,563	410,250

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Please mark the following changes.

#### **INSERT:**

Line 87 Automobile	
Line 88 Acquisition	\$9,000
Line 89 Fuel	4,000
Line 90 License	100

Line 91 Re	pairs/Maintenance	1,000	
Line 92	Total Auto Expense		\$14,100
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Line 160 C	apital Improvements	14,100	
Line 165	Total Other Expense	-	\$14,100

LINE 167 Total Expenditures is correct and remains the same.

There are copies of this addendum at our Board of Grand Trustees' desk if you care to see one. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 2 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the second report of the Board of Grand Trustees. A motion has been made and we have a second. Those in favor of adopting the second report of the Board of Grand Trustees will say aye. Those opposed, no. It is adopted.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Sister Frances Burbank will present Report No. 3 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES Report No. 3

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

We, your 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 2000-2001. We recommend your careful consideration of the needs of our Home.

You will find this report printed in the advanced annual report on pages 50, 51 and 52.

#### THE BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES Budget for 2000-2001

						6 months		
		1997-98	1998-99	1998-99	1999-20001	999-2000	Projected	2000-2001
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual 1	2 months	Budget
	RECEIPTS:							
1	Dues	523,991	493,000	501,306	499,000		467,500	475,380
2	Interest	19,222	12,000	19,033	12,000	9,256	18,511	18,500
3	Dividends \	43		9	15,000	-	-	-
4	Oil & gas	6,826	6,000	14,483	7,000	13,687	27,374	27,000
5	Bequests & gifts	29,757	30,000	51,652	30,000	9,469	61,189	45,000
6	Home member receipts	17,164	20,000	28,981	3,000		70,800	70,000

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						6 months		
		1997-98	1998-99	1998-99	1999-20001		Projected	2000-2001
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		12 months	Budget
71 adi	es'pensions	455,924	480,000	418,467	370,000	159,609	319,218	325,000
8	Real estate sales	53,847	30,000	13,719	1,000	5,000	10,000	1,000
9	Special funds	2,966	30,000	21,883	30,000	9,000	10,000	1,000
9 10	Humanitarian	14,153	30,000	41,005	30,000	12,962	25,924	26,000
11	Endowment Fund	14,199	50,000		50,000	12,902	49,944	20,000
11	inter. & dividends	359,098	417,000	323,613	368,000	190,347	380,694	350,000
12		16,264		-	-	-		-
14	Other receipts		10,000	15,521	10,000	13,026	26,052	15,000
тота	L RECEIPTS	1,499,255	1,558,000	1,408,667	1,375,000	413,356	1,407,262	1,352,880
ЕХРЕ	NDITURES:							
	Salaries:							
14	Superintend./Admin.	32,735	33,300	26,056	42,000	21,200	42,400	42,400
15	Director of Nurses	32,080	33,300	33,300	35,000	15,772	31,544	35,000
16		24,206	23,920	24,093	25,000	12,415	24,830	25,000
17	Records clerk	15,530	15,600	2,398	15,600	12,117	2,600	7,500
18	Food manager	14,358	20,800	15,279	25,000	9,328	18,656	25,000
19	Bookkeeper	13,957	15,600	15,486	16,400	9,528 8,149	16,298	17,000
20	Activity Director	16,143	16,640	7,600	16,640	6,730	13,460	16,000
20	Matrons	48,000	57,200	50,731	51,800	27654	55,308	58,000
21	Housekeeping	48,000 32,194	34,320	30,724	30,700	13,611	27,222	32,000
23	Kitchen	136,733	152,200	109,940	127,000	36,750	73,500	94,600
25 24	Maintenance			- /-				• •
24 25	Infirmary	44,192	50,330 256,880	45,722	65,000	22,850	57,125	55,000
43	mmary	243,370		245,921		128,119	256,238	275,000
	TOTAL SALARIES	653,498	710,090	607,250	725,140	302,578	619,181	682,500
28	Payroll taxes	66,327	61,400	65,109	59,960	24,183	48,366	52,200
	Insurance:							
27	Property/casualty/liabi	lity 41,711	76,550		43,500	39,019	58,529	60,000
28	Workers' Compensation	•	, 0, ) ) 0		17,500	11,656	17,484	19,250
29	Ladies Medical	48,230	46,250		20,000	4,126	8,252	8,300
	hanos nicular							
	TOTAL INSURANCE	120,795	122,800	98,076	81,000	54,801	84,266	87,550
30	Housekeeping Suppl	ies 26,247	16,000	23,530	27,000	3,879	7,768	15,000
31	Subscriptions	710	800	1,173	940	358	716	750
Doct	ors & Hospitals:							
32	-	18,113	14,500	3,847	7,500	4,256	8,511	7,500
54 33	Medical doctors	33,322	40,000	5,647 18,696	25,000	4,490 6,488	12,976	15,000
	X-Rays & labs	3,641	4,000	13,090	23,000	247	494	1,000
35	Ambulance service	3,395	4,000 5,200	2,960	2,000 4,800	1,560	3,120	2,500
	Hospitals & day surger		15,000	2,960 4,962	4,800 7,500	1,500	5,120 150	2,500 1,000
50	respirate & day surger	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	10,000	4,902	/,500			1,000
	TOTAL DOCTORS/HO	SP. 68,318	78,700	32,405	46,800	12,626	25,251	27,000

						6 months		
		1997-98	1998-99	1998-99	1999-20001	999-2000	Projected	2000-2001
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	12 months	Budget
Medi	cal Supplies:							
37	Rx Medicine	99,339	100,000	78,280	68,000	12,823	25,646	40,000
38	Non-Rx Medicine			2,845	2,800	2,672	5,344	5,500
39	Infirmary housekeeping	g supplies				855	1,710	1,500
40	Patent care supplies	11,616	17,000	14,090	2,840	13,039	26,078	20,000
	TOTAL MED. SUPPLI	ES110,955	117,000	95,215	73,640	29,389	58,778	67,000
	Kitchen Expense:							•
41	Food	151,672	135,000	120,705	100,500	35,577	71,154	80,000
42	Supplies	3,728	5,000	3,252	4,000			4,000
	TOTAL KITCHEN	155,400	140,000	123,957	104,500	35,577	71,154	84,000
	Utilities:							
43	Electrical	74,575	66,000	66,754	57,000	26,698	53,396	65,000
44	Gas	23,200	34,000	19,683	28,500	15,046		25,000
45	Telephone	11,623	12,500	12,573	12,000	5,084		12,000
46	Trash pickup	3,578	3,200	3,602	3,200	2,074	,	4,200
47	Water	25,202	24,000	16,655	18,000	5,686	•	17,000
	TOTAL UTILITIES	120 170	120 700	119,267	110 700	= / 200	100 176	123,200
	TOTAL UTILITIES	138,178	139,700	119,207	118,700	54,588	109,176	149,200
	Laundry:							
48	Linen service	4,983	5,500	4,591	5,000	1,324	2,648	5,000
49	Dry Cleaning	366	500	522	600	-	-	600
	TOTAL LAUNDRY	5,349	6,000	5,113	5,600	1,324	2,648	5,600
	Office Expense:							
50	Postage	704	1,100		800	213	426	800
51	Office supplies	2,216	3,000	2,110	2,400	5 994		2,100
52	Advertising (local pape	-	800	4,784	1,000	6,600		5,000
	TOTAL OFFICE EXPE	NSE 3,453	4,900	6,894	4,200	7,807	10,334	7,900
	Contract Services:							
53	Legal/Audit			3,412	15,000	15,429	23,144	45,000
	Dietitian			5,112	19,000	813	2,013	2,400
55	Medical personnel	2,250			5,000		2,540	4,000
56	-	2,190	4,000	1,432	1,600	871	1,742	2,000
	TOTAL CONTRACT SE	RV. 4,440	4,000	4,844	21,600	17,113	29,438	53,400
	Administrative Exper	156:		• .				
57	Administrator conferen		800		800	50	100	500
58	Licenses	935	700	1,246	950	850	850	1,500
59	In-service	432	1,000		500			200
	TOTAL ADMIN. EXPE	NSE 1,367	2,500	1,246	2,250	900	950	2,200

			1000 00	1000 00	1000 00001	6 months		2000 0001
		997-98 Actual	1998-99 Budget	1998-99 Actual	1999-20001 Budget		12 months	2000-2001 Budget
	Vehicle Expense:	notum	buuget	notum	Duugot	notuur		buuget
60	Fuel	2,018	3,000	1918	2,000	607	1,214	2,000
61	Maintenance & repair	2,993	6,000	1272	3,000	320	640	3,000
62	Licenses	300	400	333	400	105	210	35
	TOTAL VEHICLE EXP.	5,311	9,400	3,523	5,400	1,032	2,064	5,350
	Contract Maintenance So	ervices:						
63	Elevator	5,425	3,900	1,915	4,500	2,359	4,718	4,500
64	Office machines/equipment	t 781	1,525	1,232	1,525	1,331	2,662	1,500
65	Fire alarms	1,563	3,000	203	1,800	155	310	1,500
66	Pest control	3,640	3,200	3,122	3,120	1,252	2,504	3,000
67	Lawn maintenance						12,000	28,800
	TOTAL CONTR. MAINT.	11,409	11,625	6,472	10,945	5,097	10,194	39,300
	MAINTENANCE & REPAIL	RS						
	PROP. & EQUIP.	42,298	38,585	34,939	22,500	23,092	55,683	42,580
	Other Operating Expens	e:						
68	Equipment & furnishings	16,014	4,000		5,000	5,151	19,131	2,500
69	Funeral expense	5,635	7,000	5,438	8,000	8,364	12,546	10,000
70	Ladies special days/needs	4,131		2,896	4,000	1,039	2,078	2,000
71	Allowance to Ladies @ \$60	29,904	36,000	35,120	30,000	8,640	17,280	24,000
72	Contingency fund		10,000		10,000		-	10,000
73	Board of Directors expense	e 381	6,000	729	6,000	343	686	6,000
74	Ceramics therapy expense	429			325	216	5 4 <u>3</u> 2	350
75	Beauty supplies	376			500	317	634	500
76	Expense on acquired prope	erty 311					-	
77	Miscellaneous	19,488	1,000		1,000	2,070	4,140	2,000
	TOTAL OTHER OPERAT.	76,669	64,000	44,183	64,825	26,140	56,927	57,350
	TOTAL EXPENDIT. 1	,490,724	1,527,500	1,273,196	1,375,000	600,484	1,192,884	1,352,880

**MRS. FRANCES BURBANK:** The Benevolent Board has presented a balanced, anticipated budget for the year 2000-2001. Worthy Grand Patron, I move Report No. 3 be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: There Is a motion and a second to adopt Report No. 3

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Patron, if we have a question on the budget, do we approach it now or later? If we adopt, is it effective as it is in the book? The question is: If we have voted to move our ladies from the infirmary to the Masonic Home, is not that going to change our budget in some form or fashion? The figures that you have submitted are the figures that you left home with. We have changed the future of the Eastern Star Home. Do they not have any changes for us in the budget? MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Patron, I'm going to ask the Chairman of the Benevolent Board to come at this time and answer that question. I think they are prepared for this much better than I would be. Thank you, Sister Jimmie. Sister Betty Capps. Worthy Grand Patron, with your permission.

#### WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Absolutely.

MRS. BETTY CAPPS-MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Membership: We have started another budget. We will work on the budget, and it will be presented to you at a later time today.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Then why do we not table this budget until our new one is ready?

**MRS. BETTY CAPPS-MARTIN:** I would make a motion that we table this budget till we go and redo the budget and bring it back to you later this session.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** The motion has been made and seconded that we table the budget as contained in Report No. 3 of the Board of Grand Trustees till later in the session. All in favor, say aye. Opposed, no. The budget will be tabled until later in this session.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you, Sister Betty Capps, and thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters and Brothers, Sister Leah Hayes will present Report No. 4

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES Report No. 4

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Thank you, Sister Frances.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. Distinguished Members, My 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, the Grand Treasurer, and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence for the Grand Chapter Fiscal Year ending October 31, 1999. This Audit Report, as conducted by George, Morgan and Sneed, PC, Certified Public Accountants is printed in its entirety in the Proceedings of September 1999, the 117th Annual Session, pages 539 through 551. The following is a summary of that information.

### AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1999

	REVENUES	EXPENSES	REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES
GENERAL FUND	509,113.00	513,104,00	(3,991,00)
HOME FUND	1,085,240.00	1,300,253.00	(215, 013.00)
ENDOWMENT FUND	322,698.00	38,666.00	484.032.00
BENEVOLENT FUND	44,717.00	53,720.00	(9.003.00)
EDUCATION FUND	56,311,00	23,439.00	32,873.00
FANNIE V. WARD FUND	1,346.00	102.00	1,244.00
HUMANITARIAN SPECIAL			
PROJECTS FUND	147,419.00	142,649,00	4,770.00
HOME RENOVATIONS			
FUND	28,973.00	2,510.00	26.463.00
TOTALS	2,395,817.00	2,074,442.00	312,375.00

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of Report No. 4.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and a second to adopt Report No. 4 for the Board of Grand Trustees. All in favor, say aye. Those opposed, say no. The motion carried.

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Thank you. Sister Jerre Lucas will present Report No. 5.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES Report No. 5

#### MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Thank you, Leah.

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Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, 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 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

Two Hundred Sixty Seven memberships were purchased from November 1,

1999 through June 30, 2000 for a total of \$133,500. In accordance with Article 204e (7) (b) Page 144, distribution of earnings cannot be made until May 31st of the second year after the purchase of the Endowed Membership.

As of June 30, 2000, a grand total of 2,136 Endowed Memberships have been purchased, with that dollar amount being \$1,068,000 (One Million Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars).

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

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and a second to approve Report No. 5 of the Board of Grand Trustees. All in favor say aye. Those opposed, say no. Motion is carried.

MR. JIM RIPPEY: I now invite Sister Pat Washington to present Report No. 6.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES Report No. 6

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Thank you, Brother Jim.

Worthy Matron, Worthy 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 1999-2000. We appreciate the Education Fund Committee for assisting us in the selection of the Scholarship Recipients, the Worthy Matrons, Secretaries or their representative for presenting the scholarships to high school seniors and sending copies of the newspaper clippings to us; and the Worthy Matrons who introduced the recipients at their installation. Letters were sent to the recipients, to the High School Counselors of graduating seniors, and to the secretaries of each Chapter who had a recipient in their area.

#### REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 1999-2000

Projected Funds Available as of July 31, 2000:

Mary C. Kennington Scholarship Interest	\$35,810.56	
Less: 10% to ESTARL	(3,581.56)	
<b>10% Administration Fee</b>	(3,581.56)	\$28,647.44
T. H & Helen Bramlett Fund Interest		700.00
Fannie V. Ward Fund Interest		2,335.93
Educational Fund Interest		3,400.00

Total Net Available for Distribution

\$35,08337

Awards Issued:

51 @ \$200	10,200.00
32 @ \$250	8,000.00
1 @ \$300	300.00
13 @ \$350	4,550.00
9 @ \$450	4,050.00
13 @ \$500	6,500.00
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TOTALS

\$33,600.00

These amounts include 13 scholarships for a total of \$4100.00 given by the Educational Fund Committee.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of Report No. 6.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** The motion has been made and seconded to approve Report No. 6 from the Board of Grand Trustees. All in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. It is approved.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Thank you. Sister Frances Burbank will present Report No. 7.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES Report No. 7

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you, Sister Pat.

### REPORT NO. 7 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES BENEVOLENT AID FUND

Beginning balance July 31, 1999	\$87,279.04
Disbursements: Benevolent Aid	51 QQ5 5Q
Benevolent Ala	
Balance July 31, 2000	35,303.46
Per Capita to be deposited	41,945.25
Balance following deposit of Per Capita	

Seventeen members in sixteen Chapters were receiving Benevolent aid as of July 31, 2000.

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:** There's a motion and a second to approve Report No. 7 of the Board of Grand Trustees. All in favor say aye. Those opposed, no. Motion carried.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Sister Leah Hayes will present Report No. 8 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to ask if, while they're giving their report – they're jumping back and forth from Trustees to Benevolent reports – I would appreciate it if they'd call the page that they're working on. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you for the question.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Sister Naomi, Associate Grand Matron, many of these reports are not in the advanced annual report. The Benevolent Aid Fund is not printed in the advanced annual report. Therefore, I was unable to –

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Frances. You need to let the membership know that. Thank you.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: All right. Thank you.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES Report No. 8

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Thank you, Sister Frances. This also is not in the advanced annual report.

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 the Grand Chapter year of 1999-2000.

#### CONTINGENCY FUND

BUDGETED AS OF NOVEMBER 30,1999	\$5,000.00
EXPENDITURES	0.00
BUDGETED AMOUNT REMAINING	\$5,000.00

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of Report No. 8.

Report No. 8 of the Board of Grand Trustees. All in favor say aye. Those opposed, no. Motion carries. MRS. LEAH HAYES: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Jerre Lucas will present Report No. 9, the Home Renovation Fund.

MRS. KATHERINE CLARK: Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Katherine Clark, Past Matron of Liberty Chapter #634. We have not been able to hear anything about the budget because she's not talking in the mike. And none of us have heard the information about the budgets. So would she please talk in the mike where we can hear?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We'll do our best.

**MR. JIM RIPPEY:** Sister Katherine, the budget started with Report No. 2. This is very misleading because we can hear each other up here real well, and it sounds almost too loud from the East.

MRS. KATHERINE CLARK: But we do not know what page Report No. 1 and No. 2 is on unless you studied for weeks in advance, and many of us have not.

**MR. JIM RIPPEY:** Let me advise the membership, in general. Only the two budgets – the General Budget and the Home Budget – appear in the advance proceedings. Therefore, there are no page numbers to be listed for the subsequent reports. Could everybody hear that?

Now all we can do is almost swallow the mike. It's up to the sound engineers to turn up the volume or move speakers. But we cannot help if you cannot hear after we've done all of that. I apologize for that.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES Report No. 9

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: All right. Can you hear me? I've never had a problem!

Thank you Leah I would remind the membership that these reports are not printed in your Annual Report so there is no page number.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with the 113th Annual Session of 1995, Resolution No. 2, Page 177 of the Code of Laws, the Board of Grand Trustees presents the Home Renovation Fund for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

Checking Account	<u>Trust Account</u>
Checking Account Balance 06-30-1999 Trust Account Balance as of 06-30-1999	\$5,178 466,027
Checking Account Balance as of 06-30-2000	14,396
Trust Account Balance as of 06-30-2000	\$424,084

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

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and a second to approve Report No. 9 of the Board of Grand Trustees. All in favor say aye. Those opposed, no. Motion carries.

**MR. JIM RIPPEY:** Worthy Grand Patron, this concludes the Board of Grand Trustees' Grand Chapter reports. We thank you and hallelujah! (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I now call on Dr. O. D. Christian to give this report on Grievance & Appeals.

## **REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**

**DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN:** These are the members of my Committee this year: Mr. Garland Rattan and Mrs. Alma Carter. I am happy to say that we had no problems in Grand Chapter this year. (applause) For the Moderator, I move the adoption of my report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and a second to approve the report of Grievance and Appeals. All in favor say aye. Those opposed, say no. Thank you, Dr. O. D.

Is Brother Richard Ochs up here? I now call on Brother Richard Ochs, Purposes & Policies.

### **REPORT OF THE PURPOSES & POLICIES COMMITTEE**

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, as Chairman of the Purpose and Policies Committee, I have the pleasure of introducing those appointed members of the committee:

Brother Billy Combest - District I Sister Yvonne Brownfield - District III Sister Jane Gregory - District IV Sister Effie Mae Davis - District V; since Sister Nancy Bailey Allen resigned after falling early this year and was unable to participate.

Other Purposes and Policies Committee members as directed in the Code Of Laws Article 152J.a. are the Corporate Board (eight elective Grand Chapter Officers), the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Article 152 J.b. describes the DUTIES. The Purposes and Policies Committee met on February 25, 2000 in Houston. This was the date identified by the Worthy Grand Matron's calendar. At the meeting, Associate Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe presented each of us with a notebook with a lot of detail, of her plans for the year 2000-2001 Grand Chapter Year.

"Light the Torch" is the Humanitarian Program title for the 2000-2001 year. The proposed Humanitarian Projects are prioritized. The Projects are being summarized since details are forthcoming in the Official Bulletin.

Let us reflect on the five special needs our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron want us to concentrate on:

First - through Fidelity our EASTERN STAR HOME Second - through Constancy, our HOME ENDOWMENT FUND Third - through Loyalty, our HOME RENOVATION FUND Fourth - through Faith, our EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS for RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP Scholarships for assisting students in Religious Training.

*Fifth* - through Love, her special Lights of Love Committee, through service to others such as crafts for M.D. Anderson, local hospitals, nursing homes and other various community services many of you already do. When volunteering, please wear OES identifying jewelry and apparel.

Although I will not address the various Standing Committees of Grand Chapter or many of the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Committees that are established as the prerogative of the Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Wolfe and/or I have identified several that I am summarizing at this time since details will be in the Official Bulletin.

The "Dress Button" is for Committee Appointees who did not desire a dress this year. Sister Wolfe is recognizing those persons who choose not to purchase a committee dress and made <u>at least a \$50 donation to the Home Endowment Fund</u> when they accepted the appointment. Personally, I believe the donation for "NO DRESS" is one of the best programs being used. I will encourage my spouse to give \$100 in the future for "NO DRESS".

The "Music Note Pin" will be offered for \$4 donation, by the <u>Music, Note</u> <u>Committee</u> with proceeds to go to the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects.

The "Lanterns of Faith Pins" are for a very special project of Sister Wolfe and Brother Baker to improve the lighting in front of the OES Home. Funds to install 16 electric lanterns on special poles along the entry drive and in front of the Home. There are four classifications for variable amounts of donation: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. Any money raised over the total required for the 16 lanterns, by the Lanterns of Faith Committee, will go into the Home Endowment Fund.

The <u>Make it Happen Pin</u> is intended to ignite questions such as "What does that mean?" <u>The Make It Happen Pin</u> is being provided by the <u>Make It Happen</u> <u>Committee</u> for a \$5 donation to bring about support to expand the purchase of endowed memberships through the purchase of Endowed Membership Stamps. Endowed Membership STAMPS are being made available by a separate committee.

<u>"Just Say It"</u> is a special "Little Book" compiled by our Associate Grand Matron in the past few years. It is a collection of Wit, Wisdom, and Words of Welcome. <u>"Just Say"</u> will be offered by the <u>"Just Say It Committee"</u> for a donation of \$10. There are only 2000 copies and I have been told many have already been spoken for so get your book soon.

<u>"Texas Heavenly D'Lights"</u> cookbook with approximately 200 pages in 13 sections of various items can be yours for a donation of \$15 from the <u>"Texas Heav-enly D'Lights Committee."</u>

<u>The Proficiency Committee</u> will have a "SUN' sticker available for those who receive an "A" Certificate for a donation of \$1. The donation will go to the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects.

<u>The Time and Talent Committee</u> will have a "Wolf(e)" sticker available for \$1 donation. Sister Wolfe suggests the sticker be placed on our dues card. Proceeds benefit our OES Home Ladies.

<u>Membership Visitation Committee</u> members are to coordinate visitations relative to the "Traveling Plaque."

<u>Hugs Committee</u> will have "Free Hug" cards and are to be Ambassadors of Love and Friendship. Become an ambassador by passing on the card with a hug to a friend.

<u>Committee of Excellence</u> members are to assist in the formation of a Chapter Funeral Service Team. The team members are those who memorize the various ritual officer parts. Each Team Member would be awarded a "Certificate of Excellence" by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for expertise of the officer parts memorized.

Sharing the Light Committee members will be provided flyers, "What Is a Mason" and "Follow The Star - Together We Build a Better Life" to better assist in making our Masonic Brothers and Eastern Star Sisters more aware of our Fraternal Family ties. Also a flyer, "Take Time To Read", published by the Texas Masonic Grand Lodge and Scottish Rite Hospital, is about helping children improve their reading skills... "Get Involved, Help a Child Read."

<u>Melody of Music Committee</u> will have sheet music for you for a \$10 donation. You may say, what is so special about that? The special part is that the proceeds from the sheet music sales will be <u>awarded to the Texas Fraternal Youth Organizations - Rainbow, DeMolay and Job's Daughters</u>, beginning at Saturday Night's Installation. I don't play the piano, but join me in buying at least one copy for yourself and several as a gift for others.

<u>Endowed Membership Stamp Committee</u> is the beginning of a new program. It <u>WILL NOT</u> be infringing on the <u>Endowed Membership Committee</u> responsibilities. The <u>Endowed Membership Stamp Program</u> will promote and sell stamps as an easy, "pay as you can", method for our members to acquire an Endowed Membership. Each stamp (hold up a stamp) will sell for \$10. Purchasers may keep the stamp for themselves or give it as a gift to a member such as: on Honor Nights, to Installation Officers, special occasions, guest speakers and other events in lieu of other types of gifts. There is also a special book (hold up copy) available for \$1 that has space for 50-\$10 stamps. The book would then be turned into the Chapter Secretary for submission to the Grand Secretary for issuing the Endowed Membership. Endowed Membership Stamps are <u>transferable</u>, but not refundable. Start this weekend toward accumulating 50 stamps by buying one or more and a book to immediately put it in.

KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING <u>The Light Moments (calendar) Committee</u> will be offering the 2000-2001 Grand Chapter of Texas Calendars for a donation of \$5.

Sister Wolfe and Brother Baker do have a trip scheduled in 2001. Sister Wolfe will be telling you more about the trip to Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver.

The previously described programs and projects for 2000-2001 were discussed and approved at the February 25 meeting by the Purposes and Policies Committee.

<u>Just Charge It Committee</u> was added at our next meeting. The credit card program initiated this year by our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lee Stallings, needs to be continued and our Associate Grand Matron chose to establish the <u>Just Charge It Committee</u>. The approval of the Purposes and Policies Committee includes continuing to place the full enrollment premiums of \$20 in Home Endowment, but split the 1/2% received on purchases charged, between the Home and General Fund. If you have <u>not</u> gotten your new "Order of the Eastern Star Credit Card" (hold one up), get it soon. Then use it for all your purchases with the coming Thanksgiving and Christmas Season as well as for routine gasoline for your travels. Better yet, do all purchasing on your OES credit card so Grand Chapter of Texas can receive 1/2% of your purchase amount.

During many of the past years the report would have been finished. But NOT this year. I will <u>move</u> at the end of the Report for acceptance of the Associate Grand Matron's Program for 2000-2001.

Article 152 J. b. provides that the Purposes and Policies Committee also acts as Liaison and Planning Committee for long-range policies by working with Trustees and Benevolent Boards. The Committee is to present to you the Grand Chapter members at the Annual Grand Chapter Session, information on studies of proposals for changes and make recommendations. Those duties have not usually been acted on. I recommend that all figure Purposes and Policies Committee Chairman have at least one called "SPECIAL MEETING" each year with all Trustees and Benevolences members. Those duties identified in subparagraphs b. (1), (2) and (3) deserve annual attention as well as b. (4) and (5) which are relative to the Associate Grand Matron's program proposals.

Several amendments were passed last year concerning the OES Home and Infirmary and the Fee for Service Issues. Past Grand Patron, Henry Martin, has served as primary coordinator in cooperation with the Corporate Board and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, for a study concerning OES Home Operation by Dallas University. Summary information of that study was provided with the mailing of "Summary Sheet of Proposed Changes to the OES Home". The information was for reading at Chapter meetings. The information was to help explain proposals relative to the OES Home being presented at this Grand Chapter session.

During the past couple decades, various resolutions relative to our OES Home operation Long-Range studies or plans have taken place.

Resolutions #2, Long-Range Development Task Force and #3, four-plex retirement units were presented at 111th (November 1993) Grand Chapter Session per proceedings, pages 475 and 476. Report of Long-Range Development Task Force Committee was made at the 112th (October 1994) Grand Chapter Session, proceeding page 257.

No Long-Range Development Task Force Committee Report was made at the 113th (October 1995) session per Corporate Board Meeting Report dated March 31, 1995 on page 152 of the proceedings. No report was made at the 114th (October 1996) Grand Chapter Session per page 430 of proceedings.

Resolution #1 at the 114th session resulted in formation of the Home Options Evaluation (HOPE) Committee as shown in proceedings pages 345-347.

Resolution #1 at the 115th (October 1997) Grand Chapter Session resulted in dissolving the HOPE Committee, per proceedings pages 280-285. All of the HOPE Committee specific duties were assigned and/or are a part of the Purposes and Policies Committee per lines 5 through 8 and 18-19 page 285 saying "special meetings" were to be held to accomplish these duties.

Therefore, immediately following the presentation by the Associate Grand Matron and Patron on 2000-2001 programs on February 25, 2000, to the Purposes and Policies Committee, I as Chairman, invited the Board of Trustees and Board of Benevolences members in for preliminary discussions about holding "SPECIAL MEETINGS" on long-range policies. All Trustees and Benevolences Board members are needed for continuity, since they will be directly involved in future years.

The April 7 and May 20, "SPECIAL MEETING" resulted in 2 Resolutions being prepared that are being presented at this Grand Chapter Session. At the April 7 meeting a small group was appointed from the Purposes and Policies Committee by the Worthy Grand Matron to attend the April 20, Texas Masonic Retirement Center board meeting relative to the possibility of their clinic accommodating OES Home Infirmary ladies in the future. The Texas Masonic Retirement Center Clinic provides "nursing care".

A July 8 follow-up "SPECIAL MEETING" was held which led to a mailing of a "Summary Sheet of Proposed Changes to the OES Home", to each Chapter. This mailing took place in late August, time enough to be read before Grand Chapter Session. Several members of Purposes and Policies Committee, Board of Trustees and Board of Benevolences, Past Grand Patron, Henry Martin have made presentations about the Resolutions and Amendments on the OES Home to chapters, Past Matrons and Patrons Associations and special gatherings during the past couple of months. I appreciate their dedication and effort to inform you before this Session.

The Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences has been having increased operational difficulties, such as:

- 1. Hiring and keeping personnel, especially for the infirmary.
- 2. Rising costs for nursing care and facility operations and maintenance.
- 3. Continuing concerns in satisfying State and Federal Regulations pertaining to the infirmary.

Additional information by various persons is planned when the resolutions and amendments about the OES Home are presented including proposals and recommendations to the membership of Grand Chapter. Thank you for the many extra hours of study and travel to you who attended these special meetings.

The written reports of the special meetings, of February 25, April 7, May 20 and July 8 are attached hereto and are made a part of this report. These can be read in the proceedings.

The Resolutions relative to the OES Home will be voted on later.

Associate Grand Matron, because of the way I have ended up doing this, is there an item which you believe is appropriate that I skipped that you presented to us that you should address at this time?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Only the cookbook, and we look forward to anyone wanting to purchase one of those for a donation of \$15. It's called "Texas Heavenly D'lites." I would encourage everybody to participate in that. And Richard, you did fine. Thank you.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Thank you, Mrs. Chief Executive Officer and Mr. First Vice President. We are a corporation. They are the first two officers in the corporation listed. Our Corporate Charter has as its primary purpose benevolence. Folks, we need to always keep that in mind.

The Purposes and Policies Committee has approved for adoption by you, the Grand Chapter Members, the General Humanitarian Programs and Projects proposed by the Associate Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, We the appointed members move the acceptance and adoption.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron,

Appointed Purposes and Policies Committee members: Richard Ochs, Chairman Billy Combest, District I Yvonne Brownfield, District III Jane Gregory, District IV Effie Mae Davis, District V

#### REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE MEETING

#### **FEBRUARY 25, 2000**

The meeting of the Purposes and Policies Committee met Friday, February 25, 2000 in Houston, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron. The invocation was led by Brother Richard. Those present were: Richard Ochs. Chairman, District 2; Yvonne Brownfield, District 3; Jane Gregory, District 4; Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron; Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Associate Grand Patron; Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress; Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress; James Rippey, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees; and Betty Capps, Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Nancy Allen and Maxine Nance had provided regrets.

Chairman Ochs recognized the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and asked for opening remarks from them.

The Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron presented their Program and Projects for the Grand Chapter year of 2000-2001. All of the projects presented were discussed and reviewed by those present. Naomi moved that the Programs and Projects be accepted as presented and that \$ 1,000.00 be presented to each of the three youth organizations with \$500.00 to be presented at her Installation and \$500.00 to be presented at their annual meetings; Rainbow Girls, DeMolays and Jobs Daughters, seconded, voted and carried.

Chairman Ochs then invited other Board members who had attended the District 4 Section 5 Banquet for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron present to join the committee meeting to discuss the OES Home and the long term study by the University of Dallas. After much discussion, it was decided to have a "special meeting" for further input and more up to date information.

Chairman Ochs suggested that the Vice Chairmans of the Trustee and Benevolent Boards be included in the Associate Grand Matron's Program presentation because their counter-part association during the program year being discussed.

The Worthy Grand Matron requested that the meeting be held after her School Schedule is completed. Friday, April 7, 2000 at 9:00 am. celebration 2000 weekend was considered a good time to call the next meeting.

Chairman Ochs reminded everyone present that the membership voted to abolish the Hope Committee at the 1997 Grand Chapter Session and the Hope Committee responsibilities were voted to be the responsibility of the Purposes and Policies Committee.

The land purchase offer was discussed; however, because of our Constitution and Code of Laws, no offer may be accepted without the vote of Grand Chapter.

The meeting closed by prayer led by the Associate Grand Patron, Buddy Baker.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

Richard Ochs Chairman, Purposes and Policies Committee

### REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE MEETING WITH THE CORPORATE BOARD, BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES April 7, 2000

The meeting of the Purposes and Policies Committee was called to order by Chairman Richard Ochs, Friday, April 7, 2000, 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the OES Home. Chairman Ochs welcomed the Members of the three Boards. The Invocation was led by Chairman Ochs. Those present were: Purposes and Policies Committee: Richard Ochs, Chairman, District 2; Yvonne Brownfield, District 3.

Corporate Board Members: Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Associate Grand Patron; Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress; Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress.

Board of Grand Trustees: Jim Rippey, Chairman; Pat Washington, Vice-Chairman; Frances Burbank, Secretary; Leah Hayes, Member; Jerre Lucas, Member.

Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences: Betty Capps, Chairman; Norma Graham, Secretary; Lewis Mathison, Treasurer; Tom Everitt, Member.

Naomi Wolfe asked for permission to amend her 2000-2001 Funding Program by requesting that the Credit Card program be kept active. She and the Associate Grand Patron agreed that this committee would be named "Just Charge It." Yvonne Brownfield moved that the Purposes and Policies Committee accept the addendum, seconded, voted and carried.

The Report of the February 25, 2000 was distributed to those present.

Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron asked that those present consider all options and recommendations and discuss and evaluate ideas.

Chairman Ochs commented on the responsibilities of the Purposes and Policies Committee and asked that those that had remarks be recognized.

Jim Rippey, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, questioned the status of some of the "old ideas" such as the renovation, modernization, etc be resurrected; the Four-Plex Plan that was presented in 1993, which was referred to other committees; and the status of the cost and/or percentage of funds available for use in the Infirmary expenses including care, employees, licensing, etc.

Betty Capps, Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences replied with answers to some of the above concerns and reported on the status of the renovation. Jerre Lucas reported on the law under OSHA concerning renovation requirements.

Chairman Ochs requested a report on the status of the Masonic Home Retirement Center and their concerns of our residents. Yvonne Brownfield moved that the Board of Benevolences and the Purposes and Policies request an appointment to go before the Retirement Center Board to receive information concerning the requirements and proposal of care of the OES home residents, seconded, and after lengthy discussion, voted and carried.

Chairman of the Benevolent Board will call for the appointment. She asked that Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron, select a committee to represent Grand Chapter. The Worthy Grand Matron appointed the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, Grand Secretary, Chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee, and Superintendent of the Home, and Lewis Mathison. This committee will report at the next meeting.

Wayne Gaddis reported at 10:00 a.m. to present his report on the Renovation of the Infirmary. He reported that only \$35,238.87 of the \$50,000.00 designated by the Board of Grand Trustees had been used on the approved project. New floors are needed in the 35 bed Infirmary.

The report of the Dallas University study was discussed; and among some of their verbal suggestions were to mail out a random survey to the membership so that the memberships' ideas and recommendations could be utilized on the plans of the Home. Also, another suggestion was to open up our Home to members of the Eastern Star from other Jurisdictions. Naomi Wolfe reported that she would mail out the survey with her appointment letters; however, since only Past Matrons and Patrons are eligible for an appointment, would this be a random of membership? Another suggestion was to do the survey at Grand Chapter, and results could be presented at Grand Chapter. Yvonne Brownfield questioned the purpose of the mailing and remarked that our priority as of now is addressing the infirmary; therefore the survey will not be included with the Associate Grand Matron's mailout.

Sharon Fentress moved that the committee make their report on meeting with the Masonic Retirement Center Board and that a called meeting of the Purposes and Policies be held on May 20, 2000. Motion was seconded, discussed, voted and carried. All Boards will meet on this date separately and as a group.

Jim Rippey requested that an announcement be placed in the Official Bulletin addressing the status of the four issues previously considered and/or mentioned by the Board of Benevolences, including the Fee for Services issues.

A discussion of funds was brought up by the Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Conductress. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer invited them to set an appointment to review the funding accounts and endowment and trust accounts so that they would be more apprised of the accounting system as recommended by the auditors and bank trust officers.

A question concerning the use of the 501(c)(3) monies was brought up for discussion. Legal advice was discussed. It was reported that in 1984 that by vote of Grand Chapter, that years interest was moved from the Home Endowment to be used for other purposes. All endowment monies go into 501(c)(8) unless specified for 501(c)(3). Also, the use of Renovation Funds were discussed.

Acceptance of offers of purchase of land was discussed. It was reported that the Code of Laws would have to be amended for any sale of land without the vote of Grand Chapter Membership.

It was the consensus of those present that this had been an excellent meeting and a "meeting of the minds" of all those present. The meeting adjourned by benediction led by Buddy Baker, Associate Grand Patron, at 11:00 a.m.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary Richard Ochs Chairman of Purposes and Policies Committee

### REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE MAY 20, 2000

The Purposes and Policies Committee met with the Corporate, Grand Trustees, and Benevolent Boards, Saturday, May 20, 2000 in the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Ochs. The following were present:

Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron; Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Associate Grand Patron; Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress; Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress; Jim Rippey, Chairman; Pat Washington, Vice Chairman; Frances Burbank, Secretary; Jerre Lucas, Member; all of the Board of Grand Trustees; Betty Capps, Chairman; Maxine Nance, Vice Chairman; Norma Graham, Secretary; Lewis Mathison, Treasurer; Tom Everitt, Member; all of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences; Richard Ochs, Chairman, District 2; Billy Combest, District 1; Yvonne Brownfield, District 3; all of the Purposes and Policies Committee; Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron; Susan Harrington, Superintendent of the OES Home; and Lola "Peaches" Wallace, visitor.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were invited to bring remarks. Chairman Ochs reported the responsibilities of the Purpose and Policies Committee and the issues and purposes of their committee's involvement in Grand Chapter's benevolent projects.

Secretary Errington reported on the meeting and presentation to the Masonic Retirement Center concerning the request of placement of the Eastern Star ladies from the Infirmary to their Nursing Unit. Betty Capps and Henry Martin also reported on the meeting. A question and answer period was opened up to all those present.

Billy Combest made positive remarks and gave pertinent information concerning the Masonic Retirement Center and their long range plans. He suggested that all information be mailed to every Chapter concerning the plans of the Home. Dollars should not be an issue; only the best care of the Home residents'.

Betty Capps reported on plans to convert the Infirmary (down stairs area) to an Assisted Living unit so that more members requiring assistance may be accepted in the Home.

Henry Martin gave an up to date report concerning the long range study

accomplished by the University of Dallas and suggested that their Mission Statement Report be mailed to the Chapters.

Resolutions concerning the Infirmary were presented. Jim Rippey moved that Resolution 1 be approved and presented to the Jurisprudence Committee for their review and acceptance. The motion was seconded and after much discussion, Lee Stallings asked for the question. Chairman Ochs announced those eligible to vote were the appointed members of Purposes and Policies Committee, Chairmen of the Board of Grand Trustees and Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences and the Corporate Board Members. The vote was taken with 12 voting for and 2 abstaining, with motion adopted. The two abstaining reported that they were not against the Resolution; however, needed more financial information available before their decision could be made.

The Worthy Grand Patron reported that the Corporate Board voted to accept out of State Eastern Star Members to be eligible to enter the Home on the pay as you go plan.

Yvonne Brownfield moved that we address Resolution on No. 2, seconded, voted and carried unanimously.

Henry Martin stated that plans should be made for positive presentations to the membership. Those suggested as spokesman should be the Worthy Grand Patron, a member of the Board of Benevolences; Brother Farris Benham, Masonic Retirement Center Board Member; Yvonne Brownfield representing the Purposes and Policies Committee and Susan Harrington, Superintendent of the Home.

The next meeting will be July 8, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at the Harvey Suites Hotel DFW Airport. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary Richard Ochs, Chairman Purposes and Policies

### REPORT OF THE PURPOSES & POLICIES COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 8, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M., at the Harvey Hotel-DFW.

Attendees were welcomed. Invocation was given by Chairman Ochs.

Attendees:

Appointees: Richard Ochs, Chairman; Billy Combest, District I; Yvonne Brownfield, District III; Jane Gregory, District IV.

Corporate Board: Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron; Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron; Naomi Wolfe, Associate Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Associate Grand Patron; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Grand Conductress; Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress.

Jim Rippey, Chairman of Board of Grand Trustees; (Trustee guests, Patsy Washington and Jerre Lucas)

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Maxine Nance, Vice Chairman, Board of Grand Chapter; Benevolence designated representative by Chairman Betty Capps; (Benevolence guests, Lewis Mathison and Tom Everitt).

Other Guests: Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron, Coordinator Dallas University Study; Susan Harrington, Superintendent of the OES Home.

There was no specific AGENDA. General discussions were planned on presentation information about the two Resolutions submitted for presentation at Grand Chapter, after last meeting. Several attendees have made presentations to chapters, special gatherings, and/or Past Matrons and Past Patrons Associations, since receiving information provided by Grand Secretary's letter. Some questions have come forth about expenses for ladies in infirmary, informing ladies, OES Home closure, and nursing care. We agreed, emphasis should be made by speakers on the resolutions is moving infirmary ladies ONLY to the Masonic Retirement Center. Closure of our Home is NOT being considered.

Accounting separation of expenses for our "upstairs vs. infirmary" ladies has not been done in past. Therefore considerable research and review is having to be done. Sister Nance told us it would be available soon. Some preliminary data had been provided to the Chairman. That preliminary data was not distributed to committee members but is to be sent with the report of this meeting if detailed data is not available.

Susan Harrington, explained some of the increasing difficulties in providing the "nursing care" for ladies in the infirmary. She showed us the regulations book (2 & 1/2" thick manual) for "nursing care" center/facilities compared to 1/4" thick manual for our retirement center where limited assistance for "upstairs ladies" is provided. Susan Harrington pointed out some of differences, current and future impact for our infirmary.

In summary, we should be very clear in our presentations that closing the HOME is NOT being considered, just the infirmary/"nursing care" facility. Primary reasons; nursing care costs, staffing difficulties, and <u>meeting broadened state and federal regulations.</u>

The Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron Henry Martin agreed to collaborate and assemble a written statement for "clarification" and "explanation" to mail too all chapters through the Grand Secretary's office by mid August to assure receipt by chapters for September meeting reading and be available to members before coming to Grand Chapter.

Thanks was expressed by chairman for everyone's participation in helping address issues that have been assigned to the Purposes and Policies Committee by Grand Chapter vote that had been HOPE Committee responsibility but was never actually listing under the P & P duties after 1997 dissolving the HOPE committee. The long range tasks are NOT and will NOT be completed by us this year. (I believe substantial progress was made by you the committee that Article 152 J.b.(1), (2) and (3).) To the Trustees and Benevolence Board members that were not officially a part of the P & P Committee, thank you for your participation at each meeting.

There being no further business and in anticipation of the announcement of Mr. X by the Grand Conductress, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Chairman, Richard Ochs

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Patron, we, the appointed members of this Committee, move the acceptance and adoption. All five of us did sign it.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee. All in favor say aye. Opposed, no. Motion carries.

I now call on Sister Betty Morris, Proficiency Committee.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you do not know how proud this Worthy Grand Matron is of you. The way you balloted, you were so efficient. I want you to know that the machine that you have bought with special funds did its work in less than one hour. (applause) If you have something to write on, I will read you the results of the first vote. The number of ballots that were cast -2,114. We had 27 illegal ballots. They either used ballot A or ballot H. I don't know how they used ballot H. It only said yes or no. The total number of ballot B votes cast were 2,087.

In the race for the Associate Grand Conductress, the total number of votes cast - 2,682. Needed to win - 1,342. The numbers. Morganthaler - 658; Ball - 819; Hester - 1,205. We will have a runoff in that race. Just hold your ballot. Don't do anything yet. I want to read all of the results.

For the Board of Grand Trustees in District 4, the total vote cast -2,645. Votes to win -1,323. The results. Campbell -1,688. Johnson -957. So we have a winner on the Board of Grand Trustees, District 4. I invite Mr. Nelson Campbell to come to the East.

For the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, total votes cast - 2,657. The total needed to win - 1, 329. The results. Joyce Gilbert - 1,480. Betty Scott - 1,175. You have elected Joyce Gilbert. I invite her to the East to be introduced after I give the results.

Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Total votes cast -2,654. Needed to win -1,328. The results. Mary Ruth White -909. Vi Griffin -1,306. Janice Hoffman -439. We will have a runoff in this ballot as well. So if you will just hold it a minute, we'll go into that. Don't do anything until I tell you to do so, please.

I would like to introduce Nelson Campbell, your Board of Grand Trustees, District 4 Member. Give him a wonderful round of applause for offering his life in service to our Order. (applause) This is Sister Joyce Gilbert, the winner of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Tell Sister Joyce how proud we are for her. (applause)

Again, I tell you, you've done that wonderfully. We're going to now have our runoff. So now you're going to be able to use ballot A. Don't do anything until we tell you, please. We're going to stay within our laws. I think you ought to give our Scantron a big hand. (applause) Now, Sisters and Brothers, it is very important that you mark the correct name on these runoffs. So I'm going to tell you again, and we will give you time to mark your ballot. On the Associate Grand Conductress, you will either mark the name Joyce Ball or Doris Hester – only one if you want your vote to count -- in the rectangle next to the name of your choice. The ballot is open.

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Sister Grand Warder, will you be sure that we have those doors secured. Don't let anyone else in or out because the ballot is now open. Thank you. Those at the door where Registration and Credentials are, you will need to tell them the result and that they need to ballot on this one. I will not close this until we have taken care of our Registration and Credentials.

We are now told that Registration and Credentials members are inside the room. So you may secure that door totally. I close that ballot.

The next runoff is for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. In this race you are voting for Mary Ruth White or Vi Griffin. Be careful. Mark your ballot carefully in the rectangle. The machine will then read it properly. The ballot is open. I declare the ballot closed. The Pages will now pick up this ballot.

While they're doing this, I want to tell you a true story. These pencils that we have given to you today that have been sharpened for you to vote with, we want to see how many of them we can collect to pass on to Sister Naomi for next year. The reason is, your Worthy Grand Matron went to a couple of stores to see if she could get pencils donated. I guess I waited too late. They were doing things like this for schools and not for organizations, so my request was rejected.

One day I noticed in an advertisement for Target that they had pencils for sale and they averaged to 2 cents each. So your Worthy Grand Matron and her Escort, Brother Jack, went on a little tour. We made several Target stores. He went one way; I went another. We would buy 2 or 3 dozen pencils and some deodorant, or we would buy 2 or 3 dozen pencils and another item that he needed. Well, we finally got very brave and loaded a basket until we got 3,000 pencils. We would like to collect those, so after we get the ballots collected, we want the Pages to please go back, pass the box and let you put your pencil back in for Sister Naomi. Then she won't have to buy so many pencils for next year. Thank you.

I recognize Brother Harry Cunningham in the Southwest.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Some of the members want to know if they can give you 2 cents for these pencils.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: No, but we'll take a quarter!

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Tell them to toss a dollar in the box, and we'll take care of it for next year. Thank you, Harry. That is a pretty cheap pencil.

Do we have any Page in the building that's still collecting ballots? Give us a wave if you're still collecting. I think we're now clear. So Pages, please deliver the ballots to the Tellers. The door's may now be open.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we're going to move on with our reports so that we can get you out of here as timely as possible. We do appreciate your patience. I now call on Sister Betty Morris, Proficiency Committee, for her report.

## **REPORT OF THE PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE**

MRS. BETTY MORRIS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me the privilege of serving as the General Chairman of the Proficiency Committee. The accomplishments of this year in promoting the Gazebo Sticker sales have been attained through the efforts of all members of this committee.

It is with pleasure that I recognize the five District Chairmen whom I have had the privilege of working with. Thank you, my friends, for all your efforts and cooperation. We submit the following report.

District 1 Chairman - Bobbye Ann Dyer - Total sales	\$1,183.00
District 2 Chairman - Bonnie Ericson - Total sales	445.00
District 3 Chairman - Greta Watson - Total sales	351.00
District 4 Chairman - Mary Ruth White - Total sales	1,483.00
District 5 Chairman - Louella Weeks - Total sales	546.00
General Chairman sales	271.00
Received from Grand Examiner, District 3	83.00
Sales by Jack Friend	329.00
TOTAL GAZEBO STICKER SALES	\$4,691.00

A complete itemized statement of this report is attached.

Respectively submitted, Betty Morris, General Chairman Proficiency Committee

#### GENERAL CHAIRMAN REPORT

COMMITTEE: P	roficiency				
Product Assigned	: Gazebo Sti	ckers			
Chairman:	Betty Morri	s			
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	Carrollton,	TX 75010			
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1. Dyer	1,600	1,183	63	\$1,183.00	354
2. Ericson	1,500	445	365	445.00	690
3. Watson	1,100	351	254	351.00	495
4. White	1,700	1,483	0	1,483.00	217
5. Weeks	1,300	546	558	546.00	196
Morris	1,350	271	0	271.00	1,079
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#### FINAL REPORT WELL BE PREPARED BY YOU AND GIVEN AT GRAND CHAPTER ALL MONIES MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE GRAND SECRETARY BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2000.

\* 51 sold by G.E. Dist. 5, and included in District 5 totals above.

MRS. BETTY MORRIS: Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and a second to approve the report of the Proficiency Committee. All those in favor, say aye. Opposed, no. Motion carried. Thank you.

I next recognize Janet Tippit, who is standing in for Brother Paul New, Founder's Day Committee.

## **REPORT OF THE FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE**

MRS. JANET TIPPIT: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure with I present the report of the Founder's Day Committee on behalf of Brother Paul New, General Chairman.

In early 2000 the Founder's Day Committee held a meeting to organize our plans for the Event at the Home. It was decided that we would invite the membership to share in a day of fun and fellowship as we celebrated the birthday of our founder, Brother Rob Morris.

On August 5, 2000, the Founder's Day Committee hosted the "Turn of the Century" celebration day at our Eastern Star Home. The activities included a Baking Contest and Sale and Tours of the Home which were conducted by the residents. In addition to these activities we invited the membership to set up areas within the home to display items that could be obtained for a donation. Lunch was served under the Pavilion and consisted of hamburgers with all the trimmings, cookies, chips and drinks. The net proceeds from our activities on August 5th were \$1,838.92. Also included in the day's activities was the Time Capsule ground breaking.

On Sunday, August 6, 2000 committee members from District 3 assisted the Worthy Grand Matron in hosting a tea honoring the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

Chapters were encouraged to donate \$.50 per member to become 100% for Founder's Day. 323 Chapters were 100%; 22 Chapters were 200% for a total of \$21,291.20. The total net receipts for the Founder's Day Committee are \$23,130.12.

I wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us this opportunity to serve our beautiful order.

Respectfully submitted, Paul L. New, General Chairman Janet L. Tippit, General Co-Chairman Ray Hargis, District I Chairman Larry Bigham, District II Chairman Annette Curry, District III Chairman Dwight Phillips, District IV Chairman Bill Bennett, District V Chairman

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

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and a second to approve the report of our Founder's Day Committee. All in favor say aye. All opposed, say no. The motion carries. Thank you, Sister Janet and your Committee for your hard work.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I would like to dismiss the Tellers who are through. You may go back to your chairs when you wish.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** At this time I'd like to recognize Shirley New, Starlight Endeavors Committee. This particular Committee is not listed in your program.

## REPORT OF THE STARLIGHT ENDEAVORS COMMITTEE

MRS. SHIRLEY NEW: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It is my honor and pleasure to introduce those that have worked tirelessly this year.

Sisters Millie McCarver	General Co - Chairman
Lorrie Faith Owens	General Co - Chairman
Runell Jarriell	District 1
Kay Atchison	District 3
Janet Hooper	District 4
Evelyn Tolbert	District 5

District 2 did not have a district chairman.

This committee, composed of the Worthy Matrons of the state, was responsible for selling the Gazebo and Star Suncatchers for a donation of \$5. I received 2,304 suncatchers. The suncatchers were taken to the 117th session of Grand Chapter to be distributed. A total of 2,277 were distributed. There were 27 suncatchers that are unaccounted for from Grand Chapter. Monies have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary's office for 2,073 suncatchers for a total of \$10,365.00.

The suncatchers were distributed and funds turned in as follows: District I – Received 577; Sold 573; with 4 still outstanding District 2 – Received 140; Sold 8 1; with 5 9 still outstanding District 3 – Received 265; Sold 23 1; with 34 still outstanding District 4 – Received 612; Sold 578; with 34 outstanding District 5 – Received 300; Sold 300 Jack Friend – Received 296; Sold 242; with 54 still outstanding General Chairman – Received 25; Sold 6; with 19 still outstanding.

The ones that are outstanding from District 4 and the General Chairman have been turned into the Grand Secretary here at Grand Chapter. I have attached a list of those that still have suncatchers outstanding.

This committee was also responsible showing ladies the home that might be interested in becoming residents. To my knowledge, none of the Worthy Matrons were successful in accomplishing this.

I would like to thank my General Co-Chairmen and my District Chairmen for their endless efforts. I would not have been able to perform my duties without the help of these wonderful ladies. I also want to thank Sister Betty for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter in this capacity. Also for the love and support the she and Jack have given to me during this past year.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move for the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted: Shirley New General Chairman Starlight Endeavors Committee

Those with Suncatchers:

District 1 –	Toni Wehr - 4 - a check is being sent
District 2 –	Lola Norton - 20
	Lois Cancellare - 20 (has sent everything to Lola Norton)
	Cherri MacDonald - 20
District 3 –	Sarah Alley - 20
	Jo Nell Barry - 10
	Sue Lockhart - 4 - A check has been mailed to me by the Section
	Chairman
District 4 –	Janet Hooper - 32 (There are 2 that are unaccounted for)

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and a second to approve the report of the Star Endeavors Committee. All those in favor, say aye. Opposed, no. Motion carries.

Sisters and Brothers, I do want to remind you that we do need to keep a quorum so that we can continue to do the business of this Grand Chapter. I think we all know what a quorum is, so let's make sure that if at all possible we remain here so we can get through our business. Thank you.

I now call on Sue Lockhart, Chairman of the Museum Committee.

### **REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE**

MRS. SUE LOCKHART: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests, my Sisters and Brothers.

Your Museum Committee had a good year in visitors, donations and much interest shown in Eastern Star History.

We had 245 visitors to sign our registration book. This total was the result of our "Spring Celebration 2000" held April 75th and 8th at the home, as well as "Founders Day" August 4th and 5th.

Inventory was taken at various times by 2 to 3 members of the committee. Our donations included: the 1998-99 Grand Chapter dress belonging to Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane a pearl evening bag from Mrs. Thelma Sargent, a resident of the Eastern Star Home, a glass display case belonging to the late Homer E. Boyd, Past Patron of Springtown Chapter #498, donated by the Boyd family, to be delivered to annex museum when read. The specifications and blue prints of the Eastern Star Home and buildings from 1930-31 were given to the museum by Brother Tom Warner, General Chairman of the Home Endowment Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, I wish to thank you for this appointment and the opportunity of service to our Order.

Serving along side me were these lovely ladies: Sisters, Katie Pickens, District I; Alene Morris, District II; Mary Dennis, District IV; Cathy Eidson and Shirley Hainline, District V.

> Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Sue Lockhart Chairman 1999-2000

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

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and a second to approve the report of the Museum Committee. All in favor say aye. Opposed, no. Motion carries.

I now call on R. J. "Tom" Warner, Chairman, OES Home Endowment, for his report.

### **REPORT OF THE HOME ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

MR. TOM WARNER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my sisters and brothers:

This committee is proud to have been a part in helping to support the Worthy Grand Matron's projects to increase the Home Endowment Fund which included the distribution of the Millennium Medallion, the credit card program along with the memberships contributions through the Humanitarian program.

I am especially proud to have had the opportunity to work with such an agreeable and concerned group of people as the five District chairman who I would like to introduce at this time.

Brother Alvin Coleman, District I Brother Jack York, District II Brother John McPherson, District III Brother Nelson Campbell, District IV Sister Nel Smith, District V

The committee's primary objective this year was the distribution of the credit card applications. The five District Chairmen with the assistance of the membership distributed over 5000 applications and to date 970 applications have been submitted and approved.

Net year-to-date results of the Credit Card program, as of June 30, 2000 were \$20,048.05. Due to legal technicalities, the program got off to a late start which we feel reduced our revenue quiet a bit, yet we are happy with the results of this program so far and with the memberships support and participation by using the card, we can expect even better results from it in the future.

Complete results to the Home Endowment Fund to date are as follows:

Millennium Medallions:	2,700.00
Foundation Bequeaths	10,000.00
Donations in lieu of dresses	53,395.00
Donations in general	7,095.38
Affinity/Bookmark	1,123.00
Credit card	$\underline{20,048.05}$
Total	84,361.43

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for granting me the privilege of serving you, Brother Lee and our Grand Chapter.

Thank you the membership of Texas for your unending support of our Eastern Star Home and our special ladies there.

> Respectively submitted, Tom Warner Chairman

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

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and second to adopt the report of the OES Home Endowment Committee. All those in favor, say aye. Opposed, no. Motion carried. I now call on Mr. Gayle Brown, Chairman of the Twenty- First Century Time Capsule Committee, for his report.

# REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY TIME CAPSULE COMMITTEE

### MR. GAYLE BROWN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It has been said that some people succeed because they are *destined* to, but most people succeed because they are *determined* to. After reading the histories sent in from chapters across our Grand Jurisdiction, I feel that the same can said for those chapters that have survived through the years.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honor of chairing the Twenty-First Century Time Capsule Committee. It is exciting to think that we had a part in preserving all this information for those who will make up our chapters in twenty-five, fifty, and one hundred years.

I would like to introduce the five District Chairmen, and thank them for all their work:

Mary Ann Edwards	District I
Cindy Echols	District II
Jeff Geyer	District III
Iris Stone	District IV
Lillian Sandahl	District V

Ground-breaking for the Time Capsule was held during Founder's Day at the Eastern Star Home. A beautiful black stone marker will with a white star on top will mark the spot where the Time Capsules will rest under the trees on the south-west comer of the Grand Secretary's Office.

We had good participation from chapters across the state, as follows: District I - 17, District 11 - 16,, District III - 18, District IV - 50, District V - 10, for a total of 111 chapters. In additional five other entries were made by groups or individuals. Of these entries, 104 will be in the 25 Year Capsule; 10 will be in the 50 Year Capsule; and 2, plus the minutes of the fifty Schools of Instruction will be in the 100 Year Capsule.

Hopefully many of you will be present in twenty-five years when the first of these capsules is opened, and you will get to share in the excitement of recalling what Eastern Star was like in Texas at the beginning of the new Millennium.

My itemized report will be filed with the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted, Gayle Brown, General Chairman Twenty-First Century Time Capsule Committee

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### 21ST CENTURY TIME CAPSULE PARTICIPATING CHAPTERS

<u>CHAPTERS</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>CHAPTERS</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
DISTRICT I		Marlin 286	25
Aurora 799	25	Polytechnic 420	25
Carthage 747	25	Round Rock 316	25
Corsicana 118	25	Thornton 46	25
Dal-Cliff 574	25	Vashti 32	25
Dawson 1046	25	Whitney 930	25
Grand Prairie 219	<b>25</b>	-	
Hallsville 995	25	DISTRICT IV	
Jefferson 627	25	Beaumont 71	25
Lewisville 935	25	Bethlehem 728	<b>25</b>
Longview 610	25	Bluebell 856	25
Lonnie L. Blake 1116	· 25	Brenham 144	25
McKinney 518	25	Bryan 222	25
Pine Hill 675	<b>25</b>	Buffalo 157	<b>25</b>
Pine Tree 1090	25	Burke 1098	25
Quinlan 170	25	Cedar Bayou 11	50
Roy Stanley 1086	25	Centerville 1002	25
Waxahachie 599	25	Channelview 954	50
	,	Clute City 1001	25
DISTRICT II		Crockett 509	25
Abernathy 877	25	Edna 692	<b>25</b>
Andrews 849	25	El Campo 535	25
Big Spring 67	25	Franklin 311	25
Colorado 58	25	Friendswood 1131	25
Dalhart 1051	25	Ganado 957	25
Floydada 31	50	Garden Oak 987	25
Fort Stockton 230	25	Hemphill 375	25
Freedom 898	25	Huffman 1112	25
Friendship 1008	25	Humble 415	<b>25</b>
Muleshoe 792	25	John Gillespie 257	25
Odessa 447 & Crane 816	25	Klein 1141	25
Panhandle 760	<b>25</b>	Lake Jackson 1009	25
Pleiades 620	100	La Marque 979	25
Seminole 855	25	La Porte 693	25
Shallowater 1134	25	Lexington 996	25
Vernon 424	50	Livingston 1139	25
		Lufkin 382	25
DISTRICT III		Magnolia 706	25
Alvarado 656	25	Nederland 1079	25
Arlington 249	25	New Caney 1093	25
Castleberry 1028	25	Norma D. Allen 1050	25
Centennial 842	25	Normangee 87	25
Copperas Cove 1070	50	Park Place 731	50
Crowley 1125	25	Pasadena 711	25
De Leon 693 Granbury 520	95 25	Port Arthur 262 Rockdale 23	$25\ 100$
Granbury 530 Grapevine 326	$\frac{25}{25}$		
Grapevine 326 Groesbeck 810	$\frac{25}{25}$	Rosenberg 429	25 25
Handley 617	$\frac{25}{25}$	Rosewyn 927 Silsbee 298	25 50
manuley 017	20	DIIBDEE 430	50

#### PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

<u>CHAPTERS</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>CHAPTERS</u> <u>YI</u>	ARS
Somerville 245	25	Fort McKavett 783	25
Spring Branch 984	25	Harlingen 641	25
Sugar Land 1107	25	Kingsville 325	<b>25</b>
Texas City 626	<b>25</b>	New Braunfels 771	25
Tom Ball 838	25	Texas 35	25
Trinity 186	<b>25</b>	Weslaco 772	25
Velasco 220	25		
Willis 1017	25	ADDITIONAL ENTRIES	
Wisteria 823	<b>25</b>		
		Alma Bane, P. G. M.	50
DISTRICT V		Board of Gr. Ch. Benevolences	<b>25</b>
Amistad 1115	25	District IV, Section 4	50
Canyon Lake 1103	25	Installed Grand Officers, 1999-2000	) 25
Creedmoor 607	25	PM and PP Assn., Dist. 3, Sect. 1	50
Fidelis 963	25	Schools of Instruction Minutes	100

MR. GAYLE BROWN: Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and a second to approve the report of the Twenty-First Century Time Capsule Committee. All in favor, say aye. Opposed, no. Motion carries.

I now call on Wanda Fairchild, Texas Cardinals, Inc.

# **REPORT OF THE TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.**

#### MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to introduce the current officers of Texas Cardinals Inc., I am Wanda Fairchild, Acting Chairman, Henry Martin, Vice Chairman, Eva Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff Geyer, Finance, Trey Smith who will be acting as Public Relations Officer in Detroit and Sister Willie Mae Shaw is the official General Grand Chapter Liaison Officer for Texas. Again, time will not permit me to introduce all the hard workers from around our State. But I take this opportunity on behalf of the Cardinal Officers and especially, Sister Rennie to extend our heartfelt thanks for your loyal support and all your hard work to help bring the General Grand Chapter Assembly to Texas when we have our own Sister Rennie Ofton as Most Worthy Grand Matron in the year 2012.

Sisters and Brothers, through the activities of the Texas Cardinals, Inc. membership, we have furnished and mailed announcements, invitations, including the Grand Chapter function for all our General Grand Chapter appointments, and we are paying for the Reception and the Public Relations Table in Detroit. All of this at no cost to our Grand Chapter because of your fine support of our financial endeavors and continued interest in our goals. You can see the complete report in the Advanced Annual Report. We take this opportunity to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to have Texas Cardinal Inc., tables set up at Celebration 2000, at Founder's Day, Schools, and several other functions for our promotional activities. Thanks, also, to the Line Officers who let us have a table at their functions and the several dedicated members who manned our tables for us. In addition to our Annual Meeting in January, we have held two other meetings as we planned for all the Detroit activities and we thank Donna Douglas, Mildred Sharpe, Trey Smith and our fine General Grand Chapter Liaison Officer Willie Mae Shaw who has been outstanding in coordinating everything.

Our Five Liaison Officers, Dr. 0. D. Christian, Betty Phillips Benham, Jayne Yenger, Gail Smith and Paul Zappe, with their willing helpers, have kept Texas Cardinals, Inc. moving within their respective Districts. We thank them for their efforts.

Plans are for our Annual Meeting to be at 2:00 P.M. in San Antonio of Sunday, January 7, 2001. The location will be published in the December bulletin. If you are not a subscriber and want to attend, get in touch with someone who does take the bulletin.

Sister Eva Hicks will give us an updated report on membership and the financial position of Texas Cardinals, Inc.

### **TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.**

### P.O. BOX 96503 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77213

### FINANCIAL REPORT November 1, 1999 thru July 25, 2000

### SAN ANTONIO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

#### **BEGINNING BALANCE**, November 1, 1999

\$43,243.94

RECEIPTS:		
Memberships and Dues	\$4,510.00	
Sale of Pins	2,310.00	
Sale of Scarves	2,719.25	
Sale of miscellaneous items	164.24	
Donations	240.00	
Dividends from Money Market Account	1,787.59	
Total Receipts		11,731.08

Sub total

\$54,975.02

Advance deposit on booth in Detroit	\$ 580.00	
Printed Invitations for Detroit function	647.37	
Postage for Secretary-Treasurer	66.00	
Purchase of Scarves for sale	810.70	
Total Disbursements		2,104.07
BALANCE AS OF JULY 25, 2000 in sacu		\$52,870.95

#### PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES, INC.

**DISBURSEMENTS:** 

Balance Shown on June 30, 2000 Statement \$12,851.71

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Rennie, we're here for you. You have told us on many, many occasions you don't want to be out there on that limb by yourself, and we don't want you out there on that limb by yourself. Membership, when we go to Detroit, let's wear our black and red, let's wear our Texas vests, let Is wear our Texas scarves and show the world how proud we are of Rennie Of ton. We ask her to bring greetings at this time. (applause)

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Thank you very much, Sisters and Brothers. I am so excited about going to Detroit because of all of this behind me. I do hope that everyone in Texas can enjoy the next few years. And I keep saying as "well go on our way, because it is for Texas that we're doing this. I'm very honored to be the representative, but let's keep the limb full of little red birds. Thank you very much. (applause)

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you. Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the report as filed. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There has been a motion and a second to approve the report of the Texas Cardinals, Inc. All in favor, say aye. Opposed, no. Carried.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother William Curry to give the Grand Poet Laureate report.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND POET LAUREATE

**MR. WILLIAM CURRY:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: Very seldom do you go to an Eastern Star meeting, I'd say at least in the last 25 years for me, that you don't hear a poem. Poems are beautiful; they add beauty to our meetings; they add beauty to our Order.

Betty, if you'll step over here, I have a poem. I've always got one for this lady.

Do you want coffee or maybe some tea? Should you do it or should it be me? Life's full of choices – point, pick, mark or choose. Take a fork in the road, will you win, will you lose.

But the choice most important as we live among men, Will I stay a stranger or will I be a friend?

I'm sorry that the other Poet Laureates weren't here. They did decorate our Bulletin quite well, and I'm sure that they made our meetings a little more beautiful. Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report be okayed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Poet Laureate. If you agree, will you say aye. Those opposed, no. It is approved.

I think we have one more that has arrived at the stage. Sister Cynthia Marr.

### **REPORT OF THE TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE**

MRS. CYNTHIA MARR: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers; it is with great pleasure that I submit the following report of the Time and Talent Committee.

I am pleased to call the names of Janeva Tuell, General Co-Chairman; Lou Holbrook, District I Chairman; Shirley Shoor, District II; Wanda Hall, District III; Laura Sharp, District IV and Bertle Loveall, District V.

Our activities began soon after Grand Chapter with our first party.

<u>November 14, 1999</u> the members of District III provided a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner for all in attendance at the Eastern Star Home. Various chapters provided Turkey and Dressing, Hain and all the trimmings. The tables were beautifully decorated with a fall theme. Dinner was followed by a lively Bingo game. Chapter officers and members provided prizes.

The Christmas party was held <u>December 12, 1999</u> and hosted by District I. The banquet tables were laden with a variety of delicious foods. Each lady received a beautiful Christmas place mat, a stocking filled with goodies and a special gift from Santa and Mrs. Clause. A wonderful time was had by all.

The Valentine party was held on <u>February 13, 2000</u> and was hosted by District IV. Cake and punch was served and enjoyed by all. The ladies were presented gazebo tote bags filled with goodies. The entertainment by Lane and Amy Batton, even though the couple had just arrived by turnip truck.

The Easter Party was held on <u>April 9, 2000</u> and hosted by the Worthy Grand Matron, Cynthia Marr, General Chairman and Janeva Tuell, General Co-Chairman. District II assisted with financial support due to the great distance.

Sister Sarah Coursey narrated a fun "Easter Bonnet Style Show" which had some very distinguished members such as Sisters Jimmie Lee McMahon, Sharon Fentress, Betty Prater and our Worthy Grand Matron. We had 15 ladies sporting the latest in Spring fashion. Melissa Simonton, Grand Choir Director sang "Easter Parade". Each lady received an Easter Basket filled with candies and a golden dollar in a hide and seek egg. Cupcakes and ice cream were served.

The Mother's Day party was held on <u>May 5, 2000</u> and was hosted by the members of District V, our Worthy Grand Matron's district. Approximately 22 members traveled from district 5 to the Eastern Star Home to assist the committee members. Mary Battenfield and Diane Beckley provided a musical program. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend narrated a delightful skit she had written depicting the different stages of "Motherhood". Homemade cookies and punch were served. Each lady received a silk corsage, a long stem rose, a hand towel for their room, and a gift bag of useful items.

It was also the responsibility of this committee to have available to the membership a set of 14 picture postcards of the Eastern Star Home for a donation of \$10.00.

Worthy Grand Matron, it has been our pleasure to serve on the Time and Talent Committee as it has given us the opportunity of working directly with the ladies of the Eastern Star Home. Each party was a labor of love. Each lady a delight to know.

> Submitted: Cynthia Marr, General Chairman Time and Talent Committee

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Time and Talent Committee. Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no. Motion carried.

I call on Lesa Smith, the General Chairman of the Music Committee, for her report.

# **REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE**

#### MRS. LESA SMITH: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my sisters and brothers it is with great pleasure that I give the report of the Music committee. Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank you for the honor of serving as Chairman of this committee. I would like to introduce my District Chairpersons, District I, Kay Dresher; District II, Evelyn Kelley; District III, Mildred Larance; District IV, Beverly Sharp; District V, Charlotte Dana. These ladies have done a fantastic job and I appreciate them as well as the membership who purchased a grand total of \$11,883.00 of this beautiful music, which was arranged, recorded and performed by our own Darren Brown of Castleberry Chapter #1028. Remember to always enjoy "Starlight Magic", do the "AllStar Strut", always know in your heart that "Love can Build a Bridge", work to be a "Point of Light", remember to "Go Rest High" on that mountain, always be the "Wind Beneath My Wings", don't forget to say "Thank You", pause to know "How Great Thou Art", always enjoy "Little Folks", work hard to stand "On Holy Ground", and be thankful to the Lord for his "Amazing Grace". I make a motion that this report be adopted, Worthy Grand Matron.

> Lesa Smith General Chairman, Music Committee, October 7, 2000

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Music Committee by Sister Lesa Smith, Chairman. Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, say no. What a unique way to make a report! Thank you, Sister Lesa. (applause)

We're moving right along, and you are being very patient till we get the results of the election. I want to call on Bennie Sue Rowe, the Grand Historian for her report.

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN COMMITTEE**

MRS. LAURA GEYER: I am the speaking voice for the General Chairman, Bennie Sue Rowe, today.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron on behalf of the District Chairmen and myself, we THANK YOU for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter on the Grand Historian Committee for the year 1999-2000. It is with pleasure I present to you Mrs. Frances Christian, District One, Mrs. Virginia Logsdon, District Two, Mrs. Laura Geyer, District Three, Mrs. Doris Clegg, District Four, and Mrs. Mildred Kneupper, District Five.

We sold Forty-Five Historical Highlight Books and Twenty-Eight updates for previous years, for a total of One-Thousand-One-Hundred-Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$1,169.00).

We attended several schools to sell the Historical Highlight Books and also, encouraged members to participate in the Twenty-First Century Time Capsule. Letters were mailed to Chapters suggesting they start a Library, if they did not have one, and purchase a Historical Highlight Book.

MY thanks and appreciation to the District Chairmen for a job well done.

Fraternally submitted, Bennie Sue Rowe General Chairman Grand Historian Committee Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Grand Historian Committee. Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no. It is adopted. Thank you.

We will now have the Final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee by Sister Mildred Sharpe.

### FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers. Your faithful and dedicated members of the Jurisprudence Committee are standing here beside me as we give the final report of the Committee. The time has come to say we have completed the duties assigned to us by law.

We are especially appreciative of the concern, the interest, the spirit of unity, you have displayed, Sisters and Brothers, in the business of this Grand Chapter. Congratulations on the accomplishments of this Session. Our duties were made more enjoyable because of your interest and your concerned participation.

These words are also directed to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Your sweet spirit and display of love and concern made our responsible duties and the extra hours of added research and study well worth our time and effort.

All reports and matters referred to us have been carefully reviewed. The decisions, rulings and handling of irregularities have been within the powers designated by our Constitution and Laws and handled efficiently and fairly.

We thank you for the appointing of the several of us to this working Committee and we thank you for the privilege of service. We highly commend you both, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, on your exemplification of love and concern for our Fraternal Order and for this membership. May Betty's "Be-Attitudes" have enjoyed and followed through our monthly Bulletins this past year continue to be the Guidelines for your lives. God Bless you both!

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Jursiprudence Committee Beulah Speer, District 2 Wanda Fairchild, District 3 Kenneth Gregory, District 4 Harry Cunningham, District 5 Mildred Sharpe, District 1 Chairman **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The motion has been made and seconded that we approve the Final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no. Thank you. It is adopted.

We will now have the report of the Endowed Membership Committee by the General Chairman, Sister Betty Garrett.

# REPORT OF THE STAR BUILDER ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MRS. BETTY GARRETT: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, My Sisters and Brothers.

I thank you for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter as the General Chairman of the Star Builder Endowed Membership Committee. It has indeed been an honor that I will treasure always. The Star Builder Endowed Membership Committee has worked diligently to spread the message of the outstanding benefits of becoming an Endowed Member. They have been assured that the Grand Chapter as well as their Subordinate Chapters will benefit financially forever from their investment in the future of the Order. Please refer to the Grand Treasurer's report for details on the excellent health of the Endowed Membership funds.

We would like to submit the following report:

New Endowed Memberships – September 26, 1999-	
November 1, 1999:	69
New Endowed Memberships – November 1, 1999-	
October 7, 2000	336
Total New Endowed Memberships:	405
Total Invested:	\$202,500.00

Approximate total proceeds to the Subordinate Chapters: \$10,125 Approximate total proceeds to the Grand Chapter this year: \$2,025.00

Fraternally,	
Mrs. Betty J. Garrett	General Chairman
Mrs. Wanda Vaughan	District 1 Chairman
Mr. Horton Kidd	District 2 Chairman
Mrs. Jacide Larance	District 3 Chairman
Mr. Norman Abshere	District 4 Chairman
Mr. Art Tolbert	District 5 Chairman

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the Star Builder Endowed Membership report by the Chairman, Sister Betty Garrett. Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, say no. It is adopted. Certainly, this is a wonderful report. We just need to double this for next year, don't we, Naomi? Let's make this a growing effort every year. Thank you, Members; you're wonderful!

I call on Sister Edna Jefferies, the Chairman of the Starline Secretary's Worksheet Committee, for her report.

# REPORT OF THE STARLINE SECRETARY'S WORKSHEET COMMITTEE

MRS. EDNA JEFFERIES: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: I know y'all are tired of hearing these reports, so we're going to make this short and sweet. (applause) Our District Chairmen were Mary Calvert, District 1; Dorothy Hodges, District 2; Donna Ernst, District 3; Vivian Thomas, District 4; Mary Frances Cave, District 5, along with the wonderful members on this Committee, collected \$3,895 for these worksheet packets. That is pure profit. I move the adoption of this report right now!

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** And we're going to vote right now! It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Starline Secretary's Worksheet report as given to you by Mrs. Edna Jefferies, Chairman. Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no. It is adopted. Thank you so much, Sister Edna.

I call on Sister Billie Wilk to give us the report of the Stardust Label Committee.

### **REPORT OF THE STARDUST LABEL COMMITTEE**

MRS. BILLIE WILK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving to me this Grand Appointment.

At this time I would like for the ladies who are the District Chairman to please stand. They are Mrs. Wanda R. Smoak, District 1; Gladys Woolsey, District 2; Mrs. Coweta Engel, District 3; Mrs. Betty Jones, District 4; Mrs. Deborah Gall, District 5 and I am Billie Wilk, General Chairman and I also work in the Grand Secretary's office.

Because of working where I do, our Worthy Grand Matron was present at the time I was acting like Billie and was complaining about all the calls we were receiving about the addresses and names that were wrong on the return labels and so the Worthy Grand Matron just made another committee. And our job was to sell and print our own labels at the Grand Secretary's offices. It has been a rewarding experience and I have enjoyed doing the labels for each of you. As of September 28, 2000, we have sold 873 sets of labels, with very few redos, for a total of \$4,365.00. Each set cost \$1.52 to print, leaving a total of \$3,038.04.

This will be a service that will be continued in the Grand Secretary's office. For \$5.00 you may order 239 labels. I will keep one for our recorder.

I say thank you, the membership for making this project what it is and please continue to order you return address labels from us.

Worthy Grand Matron I moved the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Stardust Labels Committee given to you by Mrs. Billie Wilk, General Chairman. Those in favor, say aye. Opposed, no. Adopted.

We're moving right along, folks; we're going to get through this, but not by 12:00, Naomi!

I now call on the Grand Examiners to give their report.

# REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT 1

**MRS. NANCY BROWN:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'll be giving the report for the Grand Examiner from District 1, Sister Donna Douglas, who is unable to be here because of illness in her family.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

A special thank you to the membership of District 1 for making this report possible. Your dedication and love for the Order is sincerely appreciated.

It is with pleasure I present the Report of the Grand Examiner of District 1.

### **CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY**

TOTALS BY SECTION	A's	B's
Section 1	104	
Section 2	167	
Section 3	57	
Section 4	121	
Section 5	155	
Section 6	54	
Section 7	122	
Section 8	98	
Section 9	99	
Section 10	121	
Total "A" Certificates earned were	1098	
Total "B" Certificates earned were	0	
GRAND TOTAL "A" Certificates earned were	1098	

District One had 36 members earning their Certificate of Proficiency for the first time.

A detailed report by Chapter is on file with the Grand Secretary's office. Each Chapter in District One has been mailed a list of their parent and dual members earning Certificates of Proficiency.

<u>Sister Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron</u>: This has been a wonderful year of service and truly a pleasure to travel through District 1 with you. Your sincere smile and love for each member has been contagious. You have continually maintained a spirit of love and concern for the membership of Texas. Thank you for your gift of friendship.

<u>Brother Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron:</u> You are truly a wonderful leader, and it has been a joy to experience your service in action. We could always count on you to inform, yet encourage and motivate the membership. Thank you for the many miles traveled and the many hours of dedication.

<u>Sister Carolyn Martin. District Deputy Grand Matron:</u> What a joy it has been to share this year of service with you, my special friend! You have such a gift for teaching, instructing and encouraging others. The Schools in District 1 were a wonderful reflection of your many talents. Congratulations on a job well done!

Deputy Grand Matrons of District One: The stars in Texas have been just a little brighter this year because of each of you. Thank you for every courtesy extended and for securing a place at each school to have an examining room. Your kindness is sincerely appreciated.

Sister Bonnie Mathison, District 1 Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron: We have had many wonderful moments together and this year of service will be an extra special addition in our treasure chest of memories. You were a delight to travel with and please know how much your efficient manner of keeping everyone organized and on time was truly appreciated.

<u>To My Five Co-Workers:</u> Another year of wonderful memories to last a lifetime. I pray for wonderful health and safe travels for each of you as you continue to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas. Best wishes!

<u>To The Membership of District One:</u> Thank you for making this a most enjoyable year of service. I sincerely thank you for the Honorary Memberships, your many courtesies, and every gift of love. Your assistance in the examining room made my duties much easier to accomplish and I am so thankful for each one who cared enough to earn their Certificate of Proficiency. Keep up the great work!

<u>To The Membership of Texas:</u> Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving on the Board of Grand Examiners of District One for a second and final term. I shall treasure these memories forever, and am so thankful to have had the opportunity for our lives to touch each other. Thank you for sharing your friendship with me. May God Bless You!

Some GIFTS are wrapped in shining foil and tied with a silver bow, but, the greatest GIFT we ever had was wrapped in swaddling clothes.

> Fraternally, Donna Douglas Board of Grand Examiners District One

It is my pleasure to recognize the Grand Examiner of District Two and my special friend, and co-worker, Sister Kimi Kidd.

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 2**

#### MISS KIMI KIDD: Thank you, Sister Nancy.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Matrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

I am most grateful to the membership of Texas for allowing me to serve the Order in this position. The members of Odessa #447 and Cora Posey #1072 are constant encouragers. Thank you for your support. Thank you to the members of District Two for making this report possible. I am honored to serve you.

District Two has had a most successful Grand Chapter year due to its dedicated members and their hard work. The Examining Rooms at each of the schools were filled with enthusiastic members prepared to show their knowledge of our Order. The ten Deputy Grand Matrons planned well and provided a comfortable, secure place for the members of each section to earn exams. I appreciate each member who assisted in the examining rooms. The hard work of the members made each school a success and allows me to present the following report:

	"A" Certificates	<b>"B"</b> Certificates	Total
Section One	30	0	30
Section Two	91	0	91
Section Three	51	0	51
Section Four	79	0	79
Section Five	28	0	28
Section Six	90	0	90
Section Seven	64	0	64
Section Eight	106	0	106
Section Nine	40	0	40
Section Ten	75	0	75
TOTAL	<b>6</b> 54	0	654
"A" Certificates	3	654	
"B" Certificates	3	0	
Total Certificat	es Earned	654	

 $52\ {\rm more\ members\ earned\ certificates\ this\ year\ than\ last.}$  That is an increase of 2% over last year. Of the 654 members who earned certificates, 23 were "First Timers".

I am pleased to recognize Sister Nancy Brown, Grand Examiner of District Three for her report.

Respectfully submitted, Kimi L. Kidd Board of Grand Examiners, District Two

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 3**

MRS. NANCY BROWN: Thank you, Sister Kimi.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

"Ideals are like stars: you will not succeed in touching them, but, like the seafarer, if you choose them as your guides and follow them, you will reach your destiny. "

As our Worthy Grand Matron encouraged us to look to the stars throughout this year, many of the members attending the District III Schools of Instruction succeeded in reaching their *ideals by* earning 'A' Certificates in the Examining Room.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for challenging us, and for making our travels through District III so pleasant. Our friendship goes back many years, as we were both Doris's Darlings, so having the opportunity to travel with you and Brother Jack was a distinct privilege and pleasure.

Worthy Grand Patron, we were honored each time you and Sister Pat were able to share the week-end Schools of Instruction, and you always left us inspired to do more for our Order.

To Sister Jo Ann Snow, District Deputy Grand Matron, I commend you for the outstanding manner in which you conducted our Schools of Instruction; to the ten Deputy Grand Matrons, I thank you for the wonderful Examining Room arrangements and the many courtesies afforded this office; and to Sister Patsy Hewlett, who was our District III Secretary, it was like old times when you, Sister Jo Ann, and I roomed together, and I thank you for you congenial, loving friendship!

I would also like to thank my husband Gayle, my family, and my Chapter, Castleberry No. 1028, for the wonderful support and encouragement they continually give. I could never express how much you mean to me.

It was my honor to serve as Chairman of the Board of Grand Examiners this year, and I thank my co-workers for this privilege. There could not be a finer group of ladies with whom to work.

District III had an outstanding year in the number of 'A' Certificates earned. The enthusiasm which was exhibited by the membership was very refreshing, and it was exciting to have thirty-six members take their examinations for the first time. I would like to especially thank those who were assigned as Pages and Drivers for the Grand Examiner, and the many others who volunteered to give examiners or sell Proficiency Stickers. The duties of the Grand Examiner can only be successfully fulfilled by the willing cooperation of faithful members.

It is with much gratitude to the membership that I present the following report:

### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Sections	"A" Certificates	"B" Certificates
Section 1	269	0
Section 2	79	0
Section 3	39	0
Section 4	40	0
Section 5	37	0
Section 6	71	0
Section 7	49	0
Section 8	66	0
Section 9	73	0
Section 10	72	0
Totals	795	0

Take from each day the best that it has and give it the best of your own; Days will be brighter and burdens seem lighter, if only our best is shown!

> Respectively submitted, Nancy Brown Board of Grand Examiners District Three

It is my pleasure to present my co-worker and friend, Sister Karen Morgen- thaler, Grand Examiner of District Four.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 4**

### MRS. KAREN MORGENTHALER: Thank you, Sister Nancy.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

This is my last year to serve on the Board of Grand Examiners as the District Four Member, and it has been a wonderful and challenging time. 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:	1,380
"B" Certificates:	0
Total Certificates:	1,380

### **CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY 1999-2000**

	"A" Certificates	"B" Certificates	Total
Section 1	97		97
Section 2	190		190

	"A" Certificates	<b>"B"</b> Certificates	Total
Section 3	89		89
Section 4	199		199
Section 5	321		321
Section 6	70		70
Section 7	133		133
Section 8	69		69
Section 9	65		65
Section 10	147		147

A Detailed Report by Chapter is on file with the Grand Secretary and each Chapter in District Four has been forwarded a list of their members earning Certificates of Proficiency.

To Sister Betty Y. Friend, 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 Jack Friend it has been fun to travel this way with you.

To Brother Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron, and Sister Pat Stallings it has been a wonderful time this year to travel with you and to get to know both of you better. A special thank you to the District Deputy, Sister Pat Edwards, the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4 and to the Traveling Secretary, Sister Georgia Campbell 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. Morgenthaler Grand Examiner - District 4

It is now my pleasure to recognize my friend and co-worker Sister Gerry Dusek, Grand Examiner of District 5.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 5

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: Thank you, Sister Karen.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pride that I submit this, my first report as Grand Examiner for District Five. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity, and I wish to extend to you a special "Thank You" for allowing me this privilege.

A detailed report by Section and by Chapter is on file with the Grand Secretary. Each chapter in District Five has been forwarded a list of those members who earned Certificates of Proficiency. I am honored to present this report as a reflection of the love, dedication, and team effort of the membership of District Five.

"A" CERTIFICATES	
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SECTION 1	49	0
SECTION 2	23	1
SECTION 3	77	0
SECTION 4	43	0
SECTION 5	30	0
SECTION 6	135	0
SECTION 7	129	0
SECTION 8	75	2
SECTION 9	81	0
SECTION 10	72	0
"A" CERTIFICATES	S EARNED	714
"B" CERTIFICATES	5 EARNED	3
TOTAL "A" and "B"	CERTIFICATES EARNED	717

My sisters and brothers, please know that I sincerely appreciate every courtesy and kindness extended to the office of Grand Examiner and to me, personally.

I am pleased to present to you Sister Sandra Perdue, Grand Examiner at Large.

Respectfully submitted, Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek Board of Grand Examiners District Five

# REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER-AT-LARGE

#### MRS. SANDRA PERDUE: Thank you, Sister Gerry.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, My Distinguished Sisters and Brothers all:

It is with much gratitude and a very humble heart that I thank the membership of Texas for allowing me the privilege of serving this past year as your Grand Examiner at Large. My life has been richly blessed by all of you. For every kindness and courtesy extended to this office, I want to also say a sincere and heartfelt thank you. Without your love and support, it would not have been possible for me to serve in this place. I love you.

To our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Betty Y. Friend and our Worthy Grand Patron Brother Lee Stallings, I would like to convey my deepest appreciation You have had a wonderful year of service together and I am honored that I have been a small part of it. Thank you.

To each of the five District Grand Examiners, I would like to say thank you for all of your assistance in the Examining Room this Grand Chapter session. You are very special to me and I wish for each of you the very best. I would like to extend a special thank you to each of you who have assisted in the Grand Examining Room. I don't know what I would have done without you.

Although I was privileged to attend many Schools of Instruction and assist in many Examining Rooms therein, it was not necessary for me to substitute for any of the Grand Examiners. The Worthy Grand Matron graciously allowed me to hold an Examining Room at the Founder's Day Celebration held at the Eastern Star Home in Arlington on August 5, 2000. At that time, a total of 16 "A" certificates were earned. Following Founder's Day, the Worthy Grand Matron also allowed me to give examinations at the Eastern Star Home or wherever I traveled throughout the state. I was privileged to give one "A" certificate at the home to one of the dear residents, Sister Marie Tucker. In addition, three more "A" certificates were issued for a total of twenty "A" certificates prior to this Grand Chapter session.

I would like to submit the following report of Certificates of Proficiency earned at this Grand Chapter session:

<u>District One</u> "A" Certificates – 0	"B" Certificates – 0	
<u>District Two</u> "A" Certificates – 3	"B" Certificates - 0	
<u>District Three</u> "A" Certificates – 1	"B" Certificates – 0	
<u>District Four</u> "A" Certificates – 6	"B" Certificates – 0	
<u>District Five</u> "A" Certificates – 8	"B" Certificates – 0	
Certificates earned prior to Grand Chapter		
District One "A" Certificates – 10	"B" Certificates – 0	
District Two		

District Two "A" Certificates – 0	"B" Certificates – 0
District Three "A" Certificates – 8	"B" Certificates – 0
District Four "A" Certificates – 2	"B" Certificates – 0
District Five "A" Certificates – 0	"B" Certificates - 0

Total Certificates issued at this Grand Chapter Session 18 plus the twenty issued previously during the year for a grand total of 38 Proficiency Certificates.

> Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Perdue Board of Grand Examiners-at Large Grand Chapter of Texas OES

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these combined reports.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the combination of all the Grand Examiner reports at the same time. All in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no. They are adopted. Thank you, ladies.

I'm going to try to do two things at one time. I'm not sure we can. I have, I think, some of my Executive and Arrangements Committee members in the back that I would like to say a word to. If you I re on Arrangements, would you join this group as they come down. And at the same time I will, after this photo, call on Sister Genevieve "Smitty" Jones, Traveling Gazebo Visitation Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE TRAVELING GAZEBO VISITATION COMMITTEE

MRS. GENEVIEVE JONES: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I want to thank you for the privilege of serving as General Chairman. I started out as Chairman of District 1, continued as District 1 Chairman, and General Chairman on the Traveling Gazebo, the sale of calendars. We were issued a total of 2,027 calendars. 1,795 were sold. We had 232 remaining. We took in \$8,975. I would like to introduce the co-workers. I do not know whether they're still here or not. District 2 was June Hukill; Jimmie Harris, 3; District 4, Susie Cohen; District 5, Pat Le Stourgeon.

I will move that we adopt this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Traveling Gazebo Visitation program by Mrs. Genevieve "Smitty" Jones. Those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no. Certainly it is adopted.

Sister Grand Marshal, will you collect the Executive Committee that's beyond the curtain here and take them down to the West with the rest of the Arrangements Committee and Executive Committee, whatever collection I have back there. Thank you, Sister Grand Marshal.

Sisters and Brothers, there must always be a lump in the throat of every Worthy Grand Matron when she faces those upon whom she has placed one hundred percent of her trust for the successful completion of a Grand Chapter's arrangements and business ventures. This year we have an outstanding group of dedicated members on our Executive Committee and our Arrangements Committee. Not even once did they tell me that something I desired could not be done. They simply went to work to see that it was completed. And many times it turned out to be better than I had dreamed it could be.

After meeting with me once, this team of folks simply organized and went to work. There are a large number who have been connected with Grand Chapter Arrangements before, and upon their experience we leaned a great deal. If I were to begin listing their accomplishments as I would like to do, it would take too much time. So I will just say to them, viva, San Antonio, a wonderful place to have Grand Chapter sessions. And, viva, District 5, Sections 6 and 7 members who've been tremendous hosts and hostesses for this turn-of-the-century "The Seasons of Starlight" 118th session of Texas Grand Chapter. Join me, Sister Rennie, in saying ole. Thank you. The Worthy Grand Patron would like to say something to you.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Brother Keith and Brother Jerry, I want to thank you and your Committee for the outstanding job you have done in planning and executing this Grand Chapter session. I personally want to thank each Committee member for their hard work and dedication and their contribution to a successful Grand Chapter session. Each of you are very special to the Worthy Grand Matron and myself. And, simply put, you just couldn't have done it any better. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Give them a hand as they go back to work. (applause)

At this time I'm going to try to double up and do a couple of things. I would like to invite the District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Deputies to step forward and make as brief a report as you can, our sweet District Deputy Grand Matrons. At the same time, Sister Grand Marshal, will you locate and escort to the East two people: Sister Edna Hooper and her husband, Joseph. I now call on the District Deputy Grand Matrons, District 1, Sister Carolyn Martin.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 1

MRS. CAROLYN MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It is a distinct honor and a great privilege to bring the report of District 1. The ten capable and very enthusiastic ladies who served as the Deputy Grand Matrons of District I for "The Seasons of Starlight" year have exhibited a dedication to the Order that is unparalleled. Without their devotion and hard work, this report would not be possible. It is, therefore, a special privilege for me to introduce these ladies who have worked so hard for the Order and for District One. It is my pleasure to introduce:

<u>Sister Jan Hall, Section One.</u> Who along with 14 Chapters hosted the "Pathway To The Gazebo" School at Lewisville, on January 18 with a total of 162 members present.

<u>Sister Shelia Fisher, Section Two.</u> Who along with 16 Chapters hosted "The Stars Of Friendship" School at Plano, on January 15 with a total of 257 members present.

<u>Sister Rita Erwin, Section Three.</u> Who along with 13 Chapters hosted the "Meet Me At The Gazebo" School at Caddo Mille, on January 27 with a total of 109 members present.

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<u>Sister Edna Adams, Section Four.</u> Who along with 13 Chapters hosted the "Starlight 2000" School at Dallas, on January 29 with a total of 204 members present.

<u>Sister Opal Farley, Section Five.</u> Who along with 20 Chapters hosted the "Parade Of Stars" School at Mesquite, on December 11 with 231 members present.

<u>Sister Loretta Frazier. Section Six.</u> Who along with 8 Chapters hosted the "Starlight In The Gazebo" School at Fairfield, on December 9 with 148 members present.

<u>Sister Joan Hinton, Section Seven.</u> Who along with 12 Chapters hosted the "A Piece Of Heaven On Earth" School at Gun Barrel City, on January 20 with 171 members present.

<u>Sister Shirley Chatham, Section Eight.</u> Who along with 12 Chapters hosted the "Starlight School On The Bayou" School at Jefferson, on December 18 with 178 members present.

<u>Sister Ann Blanton, Section Nine.</u> Who along with 14 Chapters hosted the "Training Of The Stars" School at Atlanta, on January 13 with 175 members present.

<u>Sister Kim Hensley, Section Ten</u>. Who along with 13 Chapters hosted the "Stars On The Water" School at Mineola, on January 11 with 150 members present.

The total attendance for the Schools of Instruction in District One was 1,785.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT ONE

Chapters Assigned	135
Chapters Consolidated	0
Chapters Demised	0
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Constituted	0
Chapters Inspected	135
Schools conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	70
Letters Written	1,993
Miles Traveled	40,903

The ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District One join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to:

Sister Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron: We are pleased to have had the privilege of serving as your Deputies of Grand Chapter. We will always remember that purple does go with everything as we finish this beautiful year of service in the "The Seasons of Starlight". Were it not for your faith in us, we would not have had this opportunity to serve in this special place of service. Just as this was a special place of service, you are a special lady to each of us. You serve the order with dignity, grace, and friendship. You are as sweet today as you were yesterday. Thank you for your love and guidance, and we will be Friends Forever. Brother H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron: As you walked by the side of our Worthy Grand Matron, you exhibited a deep love for the Order as well as a deep love for your fellow man. You were and are devoted to the membership and to the Order. You are a true gentleman who rightfully deserves the title, "All Star". We are proud to have served with you, and we will be Friends Forever.

Sister Donna Douglas, Grand Examiner of District One: You will always be remembered by the membership for your commitment to the Order and for your great love for each and every one of us. Your gift of encouragement and love is an inspiration that makes you special in the hearts of District One for you are the light we follow. From our hearts, we say thank you for sharing yourself with us, and allowing us, for one brief shinning moment, to walk by your side as your friend.

Sister Joyce Gilbert, Humanitarian Chairman for District One: Your presence at each of the District One Schools created a memorable night for those that were in attendance. Your light shines forth with a brilliance and a love for the Order that is inspiring. Your presentations inspired each of us to remember the principals of our Order and to personally try a little harder. We are proud to have had this year of service with you.

Sister Bonnie Mathison, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, District One: It was such a pleasure to travel with you this year. Your dedication was apparent as you attended each District One School and worked diligently to carry out your duties in a most efficient manner. Your love and laughter brought constant support to each of us as you walked every step with us. We are privileged to have had this lovely year of service with you, and we will be Friends Forever.

To The Membership of District One: Thank you so very much for the many acts of kindness and expressions of love that you have shown to each of us. The membership of District One is very special and words do not adequately express how we feel about you and your dedication to the Order. We simply say thank you and extend to each of you our love for this special year of service. We hope that we have served in a manner that is pleasing to you for you have been most pleasing to us. Together we achieve.

> Respectively submitted, Carolyn A. Martin District Deputy Grand Matron District One

It is now my pleasure to present my co-worker and friend, Sister Bonnie Varnell, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 2

MRS. BONNIE VARNELL: Thank you, Sister Carolyn.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is a great pleasure to present the annual report for District Two and to introduce ten of the loveliest and most dedicated ladies I have ever had the pleasure of working with, these Deputy Grand Matrons are fondly known as "The Swanlets".

Sister Donna Swindle, Section One, with 5 Chapters hosted the "Lighting The Way to the Future" School of Instruction in Pampa on October 12, 1999 with 97 in attendance.

Sister Kay Hale, Section Two, with 7 Chapters hosted the "A Peaceful Garden" School of Instruction in Dumas on November 13, 1999 with 153 in attendance.

Sister Barbara Lust, Section Three, with 6 Chapters hosted the "Garden of Friendship" School of Instruction in Hereford on October 26, 1999 with 99 in attendance.

Sister Glenna Myatt, Section Four, with 8 Chapters hosted the "Making Memories With The Stars" School of Instruction in Lubbock on October 23, 1999 with 166 in attendance.

Sister Jane Ann Roby, Section Five, with 7 Chapters hosted the "Star Reflections From The Gazebo" School of Instruction in Spur on October 5, 1999 with 81 in attendance.

Sister Paul Swenson, Section Six, with 10 Chapters hosted the "Faithful Stars of the Bible" School of Instruction in Wichita Falls on October 21, 1999 with 170 in attendance.

Sister Rochelle Belew, Section Seven, with 10 Chapters hosted the "Putting Your Hand in The Hand of a Star" School of Instruction in Abilene on October 7, 1999 with 136 in attendance.

Sister Jennifer Galloway, Section Eight, with 10 Chapters hosted "The Stardust" School of Instruction in Midland on October 14, 1999 with 131 in attendance.

Sister Bertha Howell, Section Nine, with 6 Chapters hosted the "Desert Harmony" School of Instruction in Ft. Stockton on October 28, 1999 with 67 in attendance.

Sister Edith David, Section 10, with 6 Chapters hosted the "Swans on the Rio Grande" School of Instruction in El Paso on October 31, 1999 with 135 in attendance.

Sister Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your confidence in me and for the opportunity to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron of District Two. I will always have wonderful memories of this year and I appreciate your choosing my ten precious "Swanlets" to serve with me. Their dedication and enthusiasm helped to make my year even more enjoyable. It was a special pleasure spending time with you and Brother Jack and our travels together are some of my best memories. On behalf of myself and the "Swanlets", thank you for honoring us with this beautiful year of service.

Brother Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for always being the

dignified and special gentleman you are. On behalf of myself and the ten "Swanlets", we want you to know we appreciate you for your dedication to the Order and for sharing your precious wife, Pat with us. You will always be our special "King Strut".

Sister Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary, thank you for all your help this year. You are doing an excellent job and District Two is very proud of you.

Sister Jackie Stogner, Grand Organist, thank you for sharing your gift of music with us along the school schedule. The Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's marches really livened up the Chapter room each time you played them.

Brother Dwayne Masserang, Grand Sentinel, thank you for always being willing to help in the schools with your inspiring talks on balloting and the "Golden Rule" Marble. I have enjoyed getting to know you and your lovely wife, Flora.

Sister Kimi Kidd, Grand Examiner, the "Swanlets" and I appreciate your service and encouragement to the membership and for always giving a perfect rendition of the Secret Work. I personally have enjoyed rooming with you and sharing fun times.

Sister Wanda Hosmer, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you from the bottom of my heart for traveling with me and being my best friend. Having you with me made the miles go so much faster. On behalf of myself and the "Swanlets", we appreciate you for all your support and willingness to help wherever necessary.

And to the Membership of District Two, each of us wants to express our sincere gratitude to you for all the honorary memberships and for making this an outstanding year by your faithful attendance, love, support and friendship.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT DISTRICT TWO

Chapters Assigned	75
Chapters Demised or Consolidated	3
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	75
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	41
Letters Written	889
Miles Traveled	44,922

Bonita Chapter #184 consolidated with Amarillo Chapter #787, Hedley Chapter #413 consolidated with Wellington Chapter #238 and Henrietta Chapter #474 consolidated with Petrolia Chapter #84.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Varnell District Deputy Grand Matron District Two

It is my pleasure to present my co-worker and good friend, Sister Jo Ann Snow, District Deputy Grand Matron of District Three.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 3

MRS. JO ANN SNOW: Thank you, Sister Bonnie Varnell, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 2, a friend and co-worker.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sister and Brothers:

It is with pleasure that I present 9 of the "Graceful Ten" from District III, Our Worthy Grand Matron did an excellent job selecting these ten Beautiful Deputies.

Sister Lorraine Williams, and the 22 Chapters of Section One hosting the "Harvest of Blessings" School on November 20, 1999 in Fort Worth with 374 in attendance.

Sister Jacque Cates, and the 11 Chapters of Section Two hosting the "The Stars College of Knowledge" School on November 9, 1999 in Weatherford with 147 in attendance.

Sister Leslie Keilberg who is unable to be with us due to illness, and the 4 Chapters of Section Three hosting the "An OES Canning" School in Graham on November 29, 1999 with 83 in attendance.

Sister Donna Cate, and the 10 Chapters of Section Four hosting the "Vision of Stars" School on November 2, 1999 in Cisco with 89 in attendance.

Sister Verna Rae Gilbreath and the 4 Chapters of Section Five hosting "A Galaxy of Stars" School in Brownwood on November 16, 1999 with 107 in attendance.

Sister Martha Heffington, and the 9 Chapters of Section Six hosting the "Stars of the Hill Country" School in Burnet on November 4, 1999 with 144 in attendance.

Sister Sherry Hopson, and the 6 Chapters of Section Seven hosting the "Stars and Friends Forever" School in Gatesville, on November 6, 1999 with 15 8 in attendance.

Sister Jean Hobbs, and the 7 Chapters of Section Eight hosting the "Swans Garden" School in Round Rock on November 18, 1999 with 105 in attendance.

Sister Billie Stigliano, and the 12 Chapters in Section Nine hosting the "A Celebration of Thanksgiving" School on November 27, 1999 with 167 in attendance.

Sister Janet "Jan" Holland, and the 10 Chapters of Section Ten hosting the "Salute to our Veterans" School on November 11, 1999 with 129 in attendance.

District III had 4 Chapters to Consolidate, with one Chapter moving to District 1. We mailed 1447 cards and letters and traveled 38,227 miles.

Chapters Assigned	95
Chapters Consolidated	4
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	95
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	47
Letters Written	1,447
Miles Traveled	38,227
Total attendance at Ten Schools	1,503

### **Combined Statistical Report of District III**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend, you and Jack have been very special to this family for many years. It is very difficult to express in words my appreciation for being selected as your District Deputy Grand Matron. My heartfelt thanks for the confidence and trust you placed in me to bring the lessons of our Beautiful Order to the Membership in District III will never be forgotten. May this Friendship last forever.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lee Stallings, what a special Worthy Grand Patron you have been sharing your love and knowledge with the membership. It has been a joy working and serving with you and Sister Pat, Grand Esther our "Queen". The membership has enjoyed your jokes and the All Star Strut as you have traveled across the State.

Sister Nancy Brown, Grand Examiner of District III, what a beautiful rendition of the Secret Work you deliver to the membership. It was such a pleasure to travel with you and get to spend quality time together. Thank you for the love and support that you gave to me each day, and all of the special times we shared.

Sister Catherine Rose, Humanitarian Chainnan of District III, your programs on "Points of Light", with your Star Ship adding a new rocket each school finally blasted us into the New Millennium. You have become a very special Friend, thanks to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sister Patsy Hewlett, District III Traveling Secretary, and later to become our Grand Warder, what can I say. Your love, support, and assistance during our travels will never be forgotten. Our Friendship has grown over the past years since we were Deputies and Sister Nancy was our District Deputy Grand Matron. Thank you for just being you.

Brother "Buddy" Baker, Associate Grand Patron, thank you and "Sweet Judy" for being so faithful to attend all of the Schools. The presentation to the membership at the Schools was appreciated.

Sister Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Conductress, thank you for the words of wisdom and encouragement as we traveled along the Star Light Trail. Your love and support during the ten Schools in District III was appreciated.

To the Membership of District III, the ten Deputy Grand Matrons and myself wish to say thank you for the love and support and every courtesy extended to us. The Honorary Memberships and pictures of your Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons will always have a special place, they are appreciated as we know that they were given from each Chapter with Love.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Ann Snow District Deputy Grand Matron, District III

It is with pleasure that I present my friend and co-worker Sister Pat Edwards, District Deputy Grand Matron of District IV.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 4

MRS. PAT EDWARDS: Thank you, Sister Jo Ann.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, my Sisters and Brothers:

It has been my privilege and a great pleasure for me to serve with the ten delightful Deputy Grand Matrons who have worked diligently to perform their duties with expertise.

Section 1-Mrs. Rebecca Schaefer, "In the Garden" school held in Nacogdoches on February 3, with an attendance of 183.

Section 2 – Mrs. Mary Spell, "Circle of Friends" school held in Pt. Arthur on February 5, with an attendance of 305.

Section 3 – Mrs. Selma Rippey, "Gazebo of Stars, Friendship and Love" school held in Trinity on February 1, with an attendance of 178.

Section 4 – Mrs. Jimmie Warner, "Gazebo Friends" school held in Humble on February 8, with an attendance of 25 1.

Section 5 – Mrs. Martha Sanderson, "Starlight Garden" school held in Houston on February 26, with an attendance of 468.

Section 6 – Mrs. Mary Haines, "Through the Gateway of Friendship" school held at College Station on February 15, with an attendance of 138.

Section 7 – Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, "Time Began in a Garden" school held in Houston on February 17 with an attendance of 181.

Section 8 – Mrs. Norma Schwartz, "Friends Among the Stars" school held in Bastrop on February 23, with an attendance of 141.

Section 9-Mrs. Faye Bassham, "Starlight Session of Instruction" school held in Ganada on February 10, with an attendance of 120. Section 10 – Mrs. Mary R. Brown, "All Star Gazebo of Friends" school held in Friendswood on February 19, with an attendance of 247.

We appreciate the love and support of the Members of District IV.

It is now my pleasure to present my special friend, our new bride, Mrs. Robyn Merchant McGarr, District Deputy Grand Matron of District V.

We submit the following statistical report for District IV.

Chapters Assigned	133
Chapters Demised	
Consolidated	1
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	133
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	61
Letters Written	3082
Miles Traveled	95,149

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend, Words are inadequate to express my feelings of Love and Appreciation to you for the honor you bestowed upon me and my Chapters, Bronson #337 and Hemphill #375, in selecting me to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron for District IV. Your support and enthusiasm has made this year a wonderful and unforgettable experience for me. The ten enthusiastic, "Smart Swans", the Deputies you so conscientiously selected join me in extending our thanks to you for this great honor.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lee Stallings, your support, love and enthusiasm have been an inspiration to us this year. You added much to our schools and we are happy to have had the honor of serving with you and the pleasure of knowing that you are our own from District IV.

Our Grand Examiner, Sister Karen Morgenthaler, indeed it was a pleasure to travel with you and to come to know and love you even more. Your friendship is one we shall always cherish.

Our Secretary, Sister Georgia Campbell, what a delight it was to have such a dear friend as you for a traveling companion. Your efficiency was certainly appreciated.

Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Christine Armstrong, it was a pleasure to serve with you.

Brother Jack Friend, words cannot express the love and appreciation we have for you. your help in getting us from one school to the next did not go unnoticed. You were truly the District Deputies Best Friend this year.

Sister Pat Stallings, Grand Esther, your smiling face was the support we needed this year. thank you for your love.

To the Membership of District IV. In each school, the warmth, love, and friend-

ship was evident. Without you, no school would be possible. The many acts of kindness were truly appreciated. Most of all the gifts from the heart, the Honorary Memberships, were a gift that we will cherish forever. We thank you for being the best friends in the world.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Edwards District Deputy Grand Matron, District IV

It is now my pleasure to present my special friend, our new bride, Mrs. Robyn Merchant McGarr, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 5.

## REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 5

MRS. ROBYN MERCHANT McGARR: Thank you, Sister Pat Edwards, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 4. How I have enjoyed working with each of the Deputies this year!

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

What an exciting year this has been!! I have had the privilege and honor not only to represent our Grand Chapter in District 5, but I have also had the pleasure of working with 10 of the most qualified and deserving Deputy Grand Matrons. Their love for this Order was so evident through their hard work and accomplishments during their schools of instructions and during their year of service.

It is with earnest pride that I submit my final report of District 5.

Sister Dian Coulter from Section 1 hosted the "Array of Friendship" School on March 4, 2000 in San Angelo with a total of 118 in attendance.

Sister Karen Kidd of Section 2 hosted the "Garden of Friends" School on March 2, 2000 in Big Lake with 69 in attendance.

Sister Patsy Cates, from my home section, Section 3, hosted "A Friend in The Garden" School on March 14, 2000 with 155 in attendance.

Sister Donna Nair, from Section 4 hosted "Esquela Del Rio Grande" School on February 29, 2000 in Del Rio with 79 in attendance.

Sister Hazel Montgomery of Section 5 hosted the "Gazebo Garden of Love" School on March 16, 2000 in Pleasanton with 108 in attendance.

Sister Gloria Bennett from the home section of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Y. Friend, Section 6, hosted the "Millennium Moments of Friendship" School on April 1, 2000 with 395 in attendance.

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Sister Emma Lou Parnell from Section 7 hosted the "Springtime At The Gazebo" School on March 18 in San Antonio with 212 in attendance.

Sister Lori M. Goldman from Section 8 hosted the "Kaleidoscope of Stars" School on March 30, in Cuero with 139 in attendance.

Sister Bobi Miller from Section 9 hosted the "Sailing Into The New Century" School on March 21, 2000 in Corpus Christi with 188 in attendance.

Sister Betty McCune from Section 10 hosted the "Journey of Discovery" School of instruction on March 25, 2000 in Harlingen and the attendance was 145.

There were a grand total of 1,568 members whom attended the District 5 Schools.

Chapters Assigned	94
Chapter Demised or Consolidated	0
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	94
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	<b>24</b>
Schools Attended Unofficially	14
Letters Written	1,863
Miles Traveled	58,104

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF DISTRICT 5

Worthy Grand Matron, my dearest Sister, Betty Friend, you placed me in such a place of responsibility and had so much faith in me! You chose for me to work with ten beautiful Deputy Grand Matrons who turned out to be perfect helpmates in this endeavor. We have learned so much from you. You are the perfect example of what Eastern Star members should be. You are always the perfect lady, always loving, supportive and never an unkind word leaves your lips. You are the person you project yourself to be. Thank you for your keen wisdom, gentle spirit and loving heart that you share so generously with all you meet. What a blessing you have been to my life.

Worthy Grand Patron, dear Brother Lee, what a joy you have been to know and to be around. You always put the fun into our gatherings without taking away from the reverence of our Order. Thank you for always sharing your time with us when you were able to do so. The membership loves you!

Sister Gerry Dusek, our Grand Examiner of District 5. What a joy ride it was traveling with you on what was a maiden voyage for the both of us! You have been such a pleasure to know. I enjoyed our travels together and look forward to your friendship in the years to come.

Sister Ettie Marie Hubbard, District 5 Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, I enjoyed traveling the school schedule with you and appreciate everything you were always willing to do for us. My God bless you!

To the membership of District 5: Each one of you made this year the best! You each have been so kind and loving and supportive with your words, your cards and your acts of generosity; all the courtesies and honors you have bestowed me. In traveling and teaching the schools of instructions, I was the one who learned the most! An important lesson learned is that the heart of Eastem Star is within the chapters themselves and within the members of those individual chapters. Each of you has carved a loving spot in my heart and will always remain dear to me. It was such an honor to be among you this year and to represent District 5. To my home Chapter, Boerne Chapter 200: You have been so supportive and have encouraged me along every step of the way. I have been very proud to say Boerne is my home! Thank you for your love!

Last, but not least, to my loving family. Thank you for your love and support during the last couple of years. You have shared me with a very loving "extended family" and we have all grown from the experience! It means a lot to me to know that your love for our Order is as deep and dedicated as mine.

May our Order continue to grow in membership, but most importantly, may it grow in it's love for one another and may each of us continue to exhibit from the heart the lessons learned and taught from our five heroines.

> Respectfully Submitted, Robyn Merchant McGarr District Deputy Grand Matron District 5

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the five District Deputy Grand Matron's reports.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the reports of the District Deputy Grand Matrons. All in favor say aye. All opposed, no. Certainly we do accept that wonderful report, Robyn. Thank you so much.

I would like to call forward Edna Hooper and Joseph Hooper to my station. This is a wonderful 50th wedding anniversary for this couple. Your daughter has given each of you an endowed membership in Pasadena Chapter #711. She wanted me to surprise you at Grand Chapter. (applause) Is Janet in the room? Would she come to the East.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, if you remember, earlier when the Board of Grand Trustees had made the report on Report No. 3, there was a motion to table which was approved by the membership. I now make a motion to move Report No. 3 from the table back to the floor.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we bring the motion to table the Grand Trustees' Report No. 3 to the table until work was done on it. Those in favor, say aye. **Opposed, no.** Thank you. We do have to do this. It passes. Sister Frances, are you ready?

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm not certain, but the Benevolent Board has been working on this. I got it just a few minutes ago. They do have a printed copy. They're trying to print two or three more. I know I'm going to need some backup, and my backup will be their CPA and their board member, the vice chairman who is Sister Maxine Nance. So I ask Maxine to stay close.

I'm going to simply read the totals, as I did before – what the totals were as presented earlier, and then what the total is now. Then if we need to go in more detail, certainly we will do that. Now, you realize that in your advanced annual report you do have a copy of the budget for the Eastern Star Home as it was previously printed.

The total receipts, the income is the same for 2000-2001. That's \$1,352,800. Now total expenditures in the budget previously presented were \$682,500, and the total – I'm sorry. That's not total expenditures. It's total salaries. And the total salaries at this time will be \$385,120. Now the difference there is the fact that the infirmary – the ladies would be moved by January 1st. So they had to leave in \$42,500 for November and December during the time that they will remain in our Eastern Star Home. Then that figure will no longer be in the budget. It will be shown under contract services at a later place, as we get to it, what they will pay to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Is that clear up to this point?

All right. Payroll taxes will reduce a little. Originally it was 52,200, and the new total is \$25,033. Total insurance previously reported was 87,550. It will now be 72,000. Housekeeping supplies originally were 15,000. They will now be 14,000. Subscriptions remain the same at \$750. Total doctors and hospitals, previously reported 27,000, will now be \$17,600. Medical supplies, as previously reported, 67,000. They now have in the budget 22,500. Total kitchen expense, previously reported 84,000, will now be \$49,398. They have reduced the electrical from 65,000 to 40,000. The other utilities, the total was \$123,200. It is now \$92,200. Laundry was previously \$5,600. It is now 1,450. Total office expense was reported at 7,900; will now be \$3,800.

Under contract services, the item that has been added is the payment to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for our ladies. We have there an expense of \$474,240. That is \$120 per day for 13 ladies for a period of 10 months.

Total administrative expense was previously reported as \$2,200. It is now \$1,050. Vehicle expense will remain the same. The contract maintenance will remain the same at 39,300. The maintenance and repair on property and equipment will remain the same. There is a small reduction on other operating expenses. I believe that reduction is on funeral expense, from 10,000 to 8,493. And the total expenditures will be the same at \$1,352,880.

Now, if you want a breakdown on any of the items within the totals that I read, I do have a list here, and I'll be glad to give those to you. At this time I am going to ask Maxine Nance to come and stand behind me to answer any other questions that you might have on this budget. I think they've done a fine job in coming up with this.

Worthy Grand Matron, at this point this is the revised Report No. 3 for the Board of Grand Trustees, and I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded to adopt the revised version of Report No. 3 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Question. Worthy Grand Matron, when we voted yesterday for this, were we not within the hopes that we would be saving some type of money for us to make the move, to improve the situation, and we have not saved one dime by the future of the move; is this correct?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I will let the Board of – Sister Maxine, would you like to answer that.

MRS. MAXINE NANCE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I think that the main purpose of this move is not to save money, but to provide the very best of care for the ladies that are in the infirmary. (applause)

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** I grant you that the move was that, but we were also told that economically we would improve our finances by the move. It would be more cost efficient for us, and there is no reduction; is this correct?

MRS. MAXINE NANCE: Well, right now our purpose is to present a balanced budget to this Grand Chapter. As with any change, you cannot be one hundred percent sure of what expenses can be reduced. In the projections, it's projected that we will save on maintenance and repairs. We did not reduce the maintenance and repairs. There are several other areas that it is projected that we will be saving money. But right now, until you try something you cannot be a hundred percent sure that that's going to happen. Our main objective in presenting this budget is that we assure the Grand Chapter that we would have a balanced budget, and it would not cost anything additional to do this.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Is there any other comment? Okay. Those in favor of the motion to adopt the Trustees' Report No. 3 say aye. Those opposed, no. The motion is adopted.

I do have a few Committees who have not yet reported, but I think I have no one available to give anymore. So we're going to assume that these have been or will be filed in the Grand Secretary's office. I will follow up on them very shortly.

At this time I would like to tell you that we do look forward to another Grand Session in Houston. To bring our invitation to the Grand Chapter in Houston next year, Brother Bart Henderson and his crew will present an invitation us. I present Brother Duane Cooper at this time.

**MR. DUANE COOPER:** Worthy Grand Matron, Past Grand Matrons, Distinguished Guests, Members, Sisters and Brothers: I am Duane Cooper, Past Patron of Park Place #731 and Galena Park #884, and to my pleasure will soon be for next year the General Chairman for Arrangements in Houston. At this time I would like for all of the Executive Committee members that are present to line up on the west marching line and also the Arrangements Committee members, if they would also line up on the west marching line.

While they' re coming, I want to say that we will be planning a wonderful session for this Grand Chapter in Houston. We hope that all of the members will enjoy it as much as we are going to enjoy putting it on for you.

I am waiting for our Executive Chairman. He should be here just any minute for our program. Here he is! ("Star Wars" theme played.)

**VOICE:** Mission Control, this is Grand Chapter calling. The Wolfe Pack has landed! This is one more small step for our Grand Chapter and one giant leap of faith for Naomi Wolfe and Buddy Baker as they and we invite you to the 119th Grand Chapter Session October 18-21, 2001, in Houston, Texas. (applause)

MR. BART HENDERSON: We look forward to seeing you and all of our Sisters and Brothers in Houston in 2001. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the acceptance of this invitation. **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Bart. It has been moved that we accept the invitation of Brother Bart Henderson and others from Houston to meet for the 119th Grand Chapter Session in Houston on October 18-21 of the year 2001. We have a second to the motion. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed, no. We will meet in Houston. (applause) Thank you, Executive Committee and Arrangements Committee for the year 2001. You may be seated.

The Chairman of the Benevolent Board has a short report to finalize her work. I call on Sister Betty Capps-Martin.

# WRITTEN REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

MRS. BETTY CAPPS-MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to greet you and present this annual report of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, for the fiscal year 1999-2000.

Following the election at Grand Chapter in Waco, a meeting of the Board was called to welcome Mr. Tom Everett the District 4 member. The following officers were elected.

Chairman	District 3
Vice Chairman	District 5
Secretary	District 2
Treasurer	District I
Member	District 4
	Vice Chairman Secretary Treasurer

There were 13 meetings held this year plus many telephone conferences. Many additional visits to the Home were made by all board Members.

There were Grand Officers and some of our membership at several of our meetings, which was most appreciated by all Board Members.

The renovation program continues at the Home. The renovation in the Infirmary was completed which included putting in a new heating system and new air conditioning unit. New floor and wall covering was installed and the walls were repainted. Also installed in the Infirmary were two new handicap water fountains, new security cameras and the copy machine was replaced. Our thanks go to Wayne Gattis and Ray White for their hard work and supervision of these projects.

A new telephone system has been installed and a contract to repaint the outside of our Home has been accepted. We secured a new yard maintenance firm for the OES grounds. We have had many positive comments on the grounds since this was done.

The Home's 1985 Olds which needed many repairs was replaced with a low

mileage 1995 Mercury Minivan for easier transportation for the Ladies. And the Ladies love it.

A new Director of Nurses, Mrs. Billie Longley, a Maintenance Supervisor, Jerome Stiller, a Dietician, Mrs. Marlene Gatewood, and a Food Service Manager, Mrs. Lorene Wilburn, have been hired and are doing an excellent job.

Our main focus as a Board this year is to make our ladies lives as enjoyable as possible, which includes good health, good food in an atmosphere as near like the Home they left as is possible. This could not be accomplished without the help of many volunteers who we appreciate so very much.

We are pleased to report that at this time all accounts are current, and we have not had any financial problems.

Benevolent Aid has been given to eighteen members in seventeen Chapters. Also emergency aid was given to four chapters and temporary aid to three additional Chapters. This fund is one way we are able to give assistance to our members who find themselves in financial difficulties.

There are currently 32 Ladies in the Home. We were saddened by the death of nine of our Residents this year. One Resident left to pursue other opportunities and we have one new resident, Sister Barbara Cox, Arlington Chapter #249, who entered our Home February 3, 2000 and became a permanent resident on May 19th. During the year the Board has acted upon all of the requests and applications that were submitted.

Applications for Residency	3
Entered the Home	Ι
Withdrawn	<b>2</b>
Pending from '98-'99	<b>2</b>
Pending from '99-'00	<b>2</b>

Several applications were withdrawn because of health and other reasons and one applicant was accepted, but died before entering the Home.

We thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their dedication to our Home, for their cooperation, advice, and support given to the Board. We would also like to thank the Board of Grand Trustees, the Corporate Board, the Grand Secretary and her Staff, and the Grand Treasurer for their continued support to the Benevolent Board. We would also like to give our very special thanks to our appointed recording secretary, Mrs. Wanda Gilmore, for her outstanding service to the Board.

I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve in this capacity. My five-year tenure on the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences has been a wonderful and rewarding experience. To each Board member I have served with, you have brought much joy into my life. I appreciate the support and dedication you have given to our Order. To each of you wonderful Ladies living in our home - you have truly become "My Family."

Fraternally submitted, Mrs. Betty Capps, Chairman Mrs. Maxine Nance, Vice Chairman Mrs. Norma Graham, Secretary Mr. Lewis Mathison, Treasurer Mr. Torn Everett, Member

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

MRS. BETTY CAPPS-MARTIN: This is a supplemental report for the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

Worthy Grand Matron Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all.

Worthy Grand Matron at this time I would like to introduce to you and the membership, your Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

Maxine Nance	Vice-Chairman	District V
Norma Graham	Secretary	District II
Lewis Mathison	Treasurer	District I
Tom Everett	Member	District IV
Wanda Gilmore	Appointed Secretary	District I

Since the filing of our advanced report, the renovation of the whirlpool room has been completed, and I am sure that the ladies will enjoy using it. Painting and replacement of damaged wood on the exterior of the OES Home was completed in September.

Staff turnover continues to persist in all areas of our OES Home. This is a problem that requires much of the time and attention of the Board, as well as for our administrator.

We have recently had three requests for applications for residency in the Home. There was one request each from District One, Three, and Five. As of this date, the applications have not been returned for Board action.

We regret to report the death of Sister Lillian Martin on June 22, 2000. This brings the total deaths for the year to seven. There are currently thirty-two ladies residing in the Home.

I would like to express my appreciation to each Board Member that I have served with these past five years. Your support of the Chairman has been greatly appreciated. Sister

Wanda Gilmore, thank you for your most dedicated service to this Board as our appointed and recording secretary. To the Board of Grand Trustees, thank you for your cooperation as we worked side by side these past five years.

To each of my sisters who are residents of the Home, it has been my distinct pleasure and privilege to serve you. Over these past five years, we have become as family and I love every one of you.

Many thanks to the dedicated employees of our OES Home for all the love and service that you give to the care of our ladies. The Board also wishes to express appreciation for all the many sisters and brothers who volunteer their time and talent to our OES Home. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. The Board would like to thank all of the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons for the contributions and support given to us.

Our very special thanks to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the assistance you have given this Board, and for the privilege of serving the membership with you.

And to the membership, I express my profound gratitude for allowing me to serve as your Board Member these past five years. It was an honor that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

This completes the report of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star for the year 1999-2000.

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

Fraternally submitted, Betty Capps Martin, Chairman

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Final Report of the Benevolent Board. Those in favor will say aye. Those opposed, no. The report is adopted. Thank you, Sister Betty Capps Martin and your Committee for your hard work. We do appreciate you.

At this time I have a special pleasure. We have a few that I would like to honor with Grand Representative commissions. This is something that I've been waiting to do all year. Sister Grand Marshal, will you present the following people in the West: June Duncan, Karen Wright, Christine Armstrong and Patricia Stallings.

Well, girls, how wonderful it makes me feel to finally be able to commission you with an appointment that you have been so worthy of for so long. I will tell you where you're going to go, to the Grand Chapter to represent Texas, and then I will have you escorted to the East. Sister June Duncan, you will be going to Alabama; Karen Wright to Louisiana; Christine Armstrong, Nebraska; and Patricia Stallings to Tennessee. Sister Grand Marshal, you will escort these wonderfully dedicated members to the East. (applause as they go to the East)

I've got to tell you something before I read this. Some clothes were delivered from Houston that are going to be worn next year. Christine delivered them, and one of them was hers! Now isn't that wonderful? She never suspected one thing.

I will read the one from Alabama, and the others are very much like it. So to save time, "The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Greetings. Whereas, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Alabama, seeking to promote fraternal relations between the Grand Jurisdictions, and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the Order promoted, its unity, integrity and strength be protected, and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other; therefore, be it known that as evidence of our trust and confidence, we, by these presents, do constitute and appoint Doris June Duncan, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Texas, for the purposes aforesaid." It's in testimony whereof and signed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Shirley G. Bozeman, and the Grand Secretary, Jacqueline Motley. I will hand these to the ladies and let them admire their pins.

Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in giving these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions Grand Honors. A couple will be reseated in the Chapter room. The others may remain in the East if they wish.

Immediately after closing, I would like to meet with the Officers at the altar, and we will give the Grand Secretary our badges at that time.

You've been so patient, we needed you to complete our work, and we do appreciate your staying. I now have the results of the second ballot and I will read it to you. We continued to have mistakes made. Because they voted on the wrong Ballot before, they had no choice, I guess, but to vote on the opposite one. That is something that had to be thrown out, so we lost some ballots again.

For the Associate Grand Conductress's race, the total cast -2,536. Needed to elect -1,269. And the results are: Sister Joyce Ball received 1,047; Sister Doris Hester received 1,489. So we do have an election. (applause)

I will give this other report, and then I will call, them to the front. For the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. The total cast -2,512. Needed to win -1,257. The results are: Mary Ruth White received 852; Vi Griffin received 1,660. So we have an election in the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4.

Sisters and Brothers, let's be kind and invite these two to the East so that we can greet them. Sisters and Brothers, I introduce to you your Associate Grand Conductress-Elect, Sister Doris Hester. (applause) And let me introduce to you your Grand Examiner for District 4-Elect, Sister Vi Griffin. (applause) I don't think there's any doubt, but I need to ask if they accept.

MRS. DORIS HESTER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, how delighted I am this afternoon that we've had such a wonderful week here at Grand Chapter in San Antonio. Yes, my Sisters and Brothers, I do accept this challenge. I thank you so much for your love and support through the years. Thank you. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And Sister Vi Griffin, do you accept?

MRS. VI GRIFFIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I gratefully accept this honor. (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Congratulations! The Worthy Grand Patron would like to give you his closing remarks.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Before I make my closing remarks, I would like to take the time to thank the Election Committee for the way in which they ran the election, Brother Henry Martin who was chairman, the Committee, and also Brother Mark Dieckmann. Brother Mark was the one who researched the machines, programmed the machines, had the backups and actually was the heart and soul of us being able to pull this off today. So would you give all the members of that Committee a hand, please. (applause) Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: It hardly

seems possible that my year of service is coming to a close. It seems like only yesterday that the journey started. Yet, in just a few hours – as a matter of fact in just a little bit – the journey will end for me as Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, I want to again thank you for asking me to make this journey with you. This has been truly a life-altering experience. I will always cherish the moments and the friendships that have evolved from serving as Worthy Grand Patron.

The support that I have received this year has been nothing short of phenomenal. First, I want to thank my wife and my best friend for her unwavering support and encouragement. Pat, you are my best strength and my companion. Thank you for all that you've done for me.

I also want to thank my Chapter, Friendswood #1131, and the members of my district, District 4, Section 10, for their constant love and support. What you have done for me will never be forgotten. And, lastly, I want to thank the membership of Texas for every courtesy and kindness extended to me throughout this year of service and for allowing me the honor of serving you as Worthy Grand Patron. This has been a successful year for the Grand Chapter of Texas, not because of the efforts of a few, but because of the efforts and support of the membership. Together we have accomplished a lot, but our job is not finished, my Sisters and Brothers. And it won't be finished until we make the necessary changes in our Grand Chapter that will position us for the future. Because I know that we can count on you, the membership of Texas, I'm absolutely convinced that our future is bright and that we will prosper and flourish in the years ahead.

Sisters and Brothers, there is a quote that goes like this. The only way to have a friend is to be one, and I'm proud to consider each one of you my friend. Let me finally say this. I'm not saying farewell, but rather I will see you down the road. Thank you. (applause and standing ovation)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. What a wonderful Worthy Grand Patron you have been.

Now, I would like to say, of all the gifts that God has given me, the many friendships that I've acquired in the Order of the Eastern Star are among His greatest blessings. Very few of you would I ever have learned to love were it not for this wonderful Order. That makes me so grateful to Rob Morris and other great men who have perpetuated the Masonic organization throughout the ages to give us this privileged membership.

Now, as we close another Grand Chapter Session, and therefore another Grand Chapter year, mixed emotions fill my mind and my heart. I've been so fortunate to serve with you during this exciting turn-of-the-century year. I believe that God chose me to serve at this time with a group of Starlights and All Stars, this selection of Installed Grand Officers and each one who worked on the Standing and Special Committees for the endeavors we've pursued so successfully.

I believe that God placed you, the membership, in this place at this particular time so that I could work with you, have Christian fellowship with you, make many memories with you and learn to love you dearly. Thank you for the opportunity and privilege of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you for your friendship, your prayers and your steadfast dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star. And I must say for the last time, Sisters and Brothers, always remember that God in His goodness, in His kindness and in His care, He gave us this friendship so very, very "special to share. We will now have our closing ode, "May the Lord Mighty God," to the tune of Edelweiss. Would you please stand.

Our closing benediction will be given by Brother Garland Rattan, Member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: Join with me as we go to the Lord in prayer. Lord, we thank Thee for the precious heritage our forefathers gave. This day we lift our hearts for we are free to sing our songs of thanks, all thanks to Thee. We thank Thee, Lord, for this heritage we know has come to us through Thee, and so in humbleness we lift our hearts in prayer, asking Thy protection and Thy daily care. We thank Thee, Lord, for our Eastern Star heritage, for principles taken straight from Thy teachings and for this Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend, for this Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lee Stallings, for the examples they have set to the end. We pray that You will look with loving kindness on our work and prosper this organization through the coming year. In Jesus Christ's Holy Name we pray, amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to engage in the ceremony of calling this 118th Session, "The Seasons of Starlight" Session, from labor to rest, and direct him to allow no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we're about to call "The Seasons of Starlight" Grand Chapter of Texas from labor to rest, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

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

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. (The Holy Bible was closed.) I remind the Officers to meet the Worthy Grand Patron and me at the altar.

I now call this "The Seasons of Starlight" 118th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas from labor to rest until 6 p.m. this evening at which time we will have the installation of the officers for 2000-2001.

Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, "The Seasons of Starlight" 118th Grand Chapter of Texas Session is called from labor to rest. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Naomi, would you like to say anything?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I would invite everybody that is going to be participating in the program to please be here no later than 5:30. I'd invite everyone back and thank each one of you for everything and every courtesy that you have paid to us.

And, Sister Betty, may I say to you thank you and all those from your Arrangements Committee and all down for all the things that they have done to help us with this installation tonight. Thank you so very much.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You are welcome. Sisters and Brothers, I love this Grand Chanter and all I can say in the end is God bless this Grand Chapter and God bless the USA. I love you. (applause)

## WRITTEN REPORT OF THE STAR BRIGHT OVER TEXAS COMMITTEE

This committee has been the Worthy Grand Matron's Community Service Project. The purpose of the committee was for the members to donate funds and voluntary service to Masonic hospitals in Texas and the Non-profit hospices in Texas.

In August 1999 at Sister Betty Friend's Roundup in Houston, Texas a round table discussion with District Chairmen and Committee Members was held. Additionally, Sister Betty asked me to address all committees in attendance to give a brief overview of this committee's purpose and goals for the ensuing year. A notebook containing information, forms and instructions was distributed to each District Chairman for further dissemination to committee members.

During the year District Chairmen met with Hospice Directors and volunteer coordinators. An exchange of information and ideas revealed the committee's purpose and the Hospices' wish lists. Next, the Chairmen and committee members set about increasing the awareness of the Worthy Matrons for what could be done to carrying out the mission of the committee. Some of the hospice "Wish Lists" would include such things as empty journals for hospice patients' family members to use during the time they spent before and after the loss of their love one. Often, a hospice's wish list would indicate a need for paper goods used to serve a covered dish meal at a gathering of bereaved family members.

Grand Chapter members throughout Texas opened their wallets and their hearts to provide for the needs of those in need. Here are the numbers associated with the donations.

#### MONETARY DONATIONS THROUGH GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

TOTAL: \$5,668.76

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY (Masonic Hospitals and Non-Profit Hospices)

TOTAL # OF HOURS - 2,348

TOTAL MILES TRAVELLED - 4,602

An outpouring of generosity was demonstrated in numerous ways. A few examples are as follows:

Visits to hospice patients. Food prepared and delivered to patients and their caretakers. Transportation provided for patients to clinics. Care for patient's pets. Raised money to buy a \$526.00 paper shredder for a hospice. A chapter adopted a hospice. Truckloads of items were donated to a hospice garage sale. Hundreds of patient tray favors made. Made lap robes. Hundreds of hours volunteered at Texas Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. Paper goods of all types donated. Clerical supplies donated. Volunteers for hospice office work and bereavement training.

The past year has been a time to increase our members' awareness of what can be done to provide community service. We have learned to share our loving kindness in such a meaningful way. Those who gave of their resources realized a window of opportunity to share the benevolence of our beautiful order with others. Some of the members have stated that they plan to continue the volunteerism that has begun and enlist others to realize that hospice is for the living. Much Gratitude has been expressed for the outreach of this committee. May the star of this committee shine brightly over Texas for many years to come. All who served on this committee were honored to be a part of fulfilling the Worthy Grand Matron's wishes. Sister Betty, it has been my privilege to plan, organize and implement action to bring your idea to fruition.

On this date I submit this final report and respectfully request that it be included in the proceedings of this session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

> October 6, 2000 Sandra L. Morris General Chairman

Attached: Volunteer activity by district.

#### "Star Bright Over Texas" Committee Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. 1999- 2000

#### FINAL REPORT

#### **DISTRICT I - Volunteer Activity**

# of Hours	Miles Traveled	Remarks
117.5	851	George Fields Lancaster #943 Friendly visits and food prep
3	40	Grayson County Hospice Christmas tree at Mall "Light Up A Life Project"
6	53	Carpenters #183 - Grayson Cy Christmas Wish List Project Ensure, Adult diapers, copy paper sticky notes, paper towels, kleenex, paper shredder (\$526.00). Volunteers for office work and bereave- ment. Newspaper article.

# of Hours	Miles Traveled	Remarks
4		Lone Star #1083 – address and mail donated cards
6		Lone Star #1083 – Made 12 lap robes
253.5	1618	Ore City # 1033 – Quilting, bingo and food service
60	545	Gladewater #831 – Delivery of meals, provide transportation
41	380	Gladewater #831 – Delivered meals, provided transportation
144	300	Dallas #1– Texas Scottish Rite Children's Hospital clinics
635	3787	TOTAL

#### **DISTRICT II - Volunteer Activity**

#of Hours	Miles Travelled	Remarks
0	0	TOTAL

#### **DISTRICT III – Volunteer Activity**

# of Hours	Miles Travelled	Remarks
28 975	140 625	Vasthi #32 – Valet Parking Lott #594 – Transport supplies for patients, visits, dog sit & stay with patient
1003	765	TOTAL

#### **District IV - Volunteer Activity**

# of Hours	Miles Travelled	Remarks
10	50	Kirbyville #263 – Two truck loads of items for hospice garage sale.
10	50	TOTAL

#### **DISTRICT V - Volunteer Activity**

# of Hours	Miles Travelled	Remarks
325 275 100		Camille Clay – various hospice duties Mary Gordon & others – Patient tray favors. Highland Hills #1075 – made 50 Christmas tray favors
700		TOTAL

6 Months

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES Budget for 2000-2001

	6 Months							
	J	1997-98 Actual	1998-99 1 Budget	998-99 1) Actual	999-2000 Budget	1999-2000 Actual	2000-2001 Budget	Revised 2000-2001 Budget
REC	EIPTS:							
	Dues	523,991	493,000	501,306	499,00	n	475,380	475,380
	Interest	19,222	12,000	19,033	12,00		18,500	18,500
	Dividends	43	12,000	19,033	15,00		10,000	10,000
	Oil & gas	6,826	6,000	14,483	7,00		27,000	27,000
	Bequests & gift	29,757	30,000	51,652	30,00		45,000	45,000
	Home member receipt:		20,000	28,981	3,00	- , ,	70,000	70,000
	Ladies' pensions	455,924	480,000	418,467	370,00		325,000	325,000
8	Real estate sales	53,847	30,000	13,719	1,00		1,000	1,000
9	Special funds	2,966	30,000	21,883	30,00		1,000	1,000
	Humanitarian	14,153	30,000	21,005	30,00		26,000	26,000
	Endowment Fund Inter	,	50,000		50,000	12,702	20,000	10,000
	& dirvidends	359,098	417,000	323,613	368,00	0 190,347	350,000	350,000
12	Other receipts	16,264	10,000	15.521	10,00		15,000	15,000
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EXP	ENDITURES:							
	Salaries:							
14	SuperIntendent/							
	Administrator	32,735	33,300	26,056	42,00	0 21,200	42,400	42,400
15	Director of Nurses	32,080	33,300	33,300	35,00		35,000	5,600
	Resident nurse	24,206	23,020	24.093	25,00		25,000	25,000
	Records clerk	15,530	15,600	2,398	15,60		7,500	7,500
	Food manager	14,358	20,800	15,279	25,00		25,000	25,000
	Bookkeeper	13,957	15'em	15,486	16,40		17,000	17,000
-	Activity Director	16,143	16,640	7,600	16,64	, -	16,000	2,500
	Matrons	48,000	57,200	50,731	51,80		58,000	68,000
	Housekeeping	32,194	34,320	30,724	30,70		32,000	32,000
23	Kitchen	136,733	152,200	109,940	127,00	- /	94,600	82,420
-	Maintenance	44,192	50,330	45,722	65,00		55,000	45,000
	Infirmary	243.370	256,880	245,921	275,00		275,000	42,500
	TOTAL SALARIES	653,498	710,090	607,250	725,14		682,500	385,120
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26	Payroll taxes	66,327	61,400	65,109	59,96	0 24,183	52,200	25,033
	Insurance:							
27	Property/casualty/liabi	lity 41,711	76550		43,50	0 39,019	60,000	60,000
	Workers' Compensation				17,50		19,250	11,000
	Ladies Medical	48,230	46,250		20,00		8,300	1,000
	TOTAL INSURANCE	<u>120,795</u>	122,800	98,076	81,000		87,550	72,000
30	Housekeeping Supplies	26,247	16,000	23,530	27i,000	3,879	15,000	14,000
31	Subscriptions	710	800	1,173	940	) 358	750	750
	Doctors & Hospitals	:						
32	Dental	18,113	14,500	3,847	7,50	9 4,256	7,500	3,500
	medical doctors	33,322	40,000	18,696	25,00		15,000	12,000
	X-Rays & labs	3,641	4,000	1,940	2,00		1,000	600
	Ambulance service	3,395	5,200	2,960	4,80		2,500	750
36	Hospitals & day surger		15,000	4,962	7,50		1,000	750
	SUPPLIES	110,955	117,000	95,215	73,640	29,359	67,000	22,500

						6 Months		Revised
		1997-98 Actual	1998-99 Budget	1998-99 Actual	1999-2000 Budget	1999-2000 Actual	2000-2001 Budget	2000-2001 Budget
	Kitchen Expense:							
41	Food	151,672	135,000	) 120,70	5 100,50	0 35,577	80,000	45,398
42	Supplies	3,728	5,000				4,000	4,000
	TOTAL KITCHEN	<u>155,400</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>123,95</u>	7 <u>104,50</u>	0 35,577	<u>84,000</u>	<u>49,398</u>
10	Utilities:	- /	((				(	(0.000
43 44	Electrical Gas	74,575	66,000					40,000
44 45	Telephone	23,200 11,623	34,000 12,500					25,000 8,000
46	Trash pickup	3,578	3,200	· -			,	4,200
47	Water	25,202	24,000			· · · ·		15,000
	TOTAL UTILITIES	136,178	139,700					92,200
	Laundry:							
	Linen service	4,983	5,500					850
49	Dry Cleaning	366	500	-			600	600
	TOTAL LAUNDRY	5,349	6,000	) 5,11	3 5,60	0 1,324	5,600	1,450
	Office Expense:							
50	Postage	704	1,100	)	80	0 213	800	800
	Office supplies	2,216	3,000			-		2,000
52	Advertising (local page	per) <u>533</u>	800					<u>1,000</u>
	TOTAL OFFICE EXP	ense <u>3,453</u>	<u>4,90(</u>	<u>) 6,89</u>	<u>4 4,20</u>	<u>10</u> <u>7,807</u>	7,900	<u>3,800</u>
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-	Medical personnel/					- 015	2,100	500
	agency pool	2,250			5,00	. 00	4,000	4,000
56	Payroll processing	2,190	<u>4,000</u>	<u>) 1,43</u>				<u>1,167</u>
	TOTAL CONTRACT							
	SERVICES	<u>4,440</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>) 4,84</u>	<u>4 21,60</u>	<u>17.113</u>	<u>53,400</u>	<u>524,907</u>
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	Licenses	935	700					750
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	Maintenance & repair	2,018 r 2,993	3,000 6,000				•	2,000
	Licenses	<u>300</u>	400	,			- /	350
•=	TOTAL VEHICLE			<u> </u>	<u> </u>			
	EXPENSE	<u>5,311</u>	<u>9,400</u>	<u>) 3,52</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1,032</u>	5,350	5,350
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	Elevator Office machines/equi	5,425 pment 781	3,900					4,500 1,500
	Fire alarms	1,563	1,525 3,000					1,500
	Pest control	3,640	3,200					3,000
	Lawn maintenance						28,800	28,800
	TOTAL CONTRACT	_						
	MAINTENANCE	11,409	11,625	5 6,47	2 10,94	5 5,097	39,300	39,300
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	MAINTENANCE & R PROP. & E	42,298	38,585	5 34,93	9 22,50	0 23,092	42,580	42,580
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		97-98 tual	1998-99 1 Budget	998-99 1 Actual	999-2000 : Budget	1999-2000 Actual	2000-2001 Budget	2000-2001 Budget
	Other Operating Expen	se:						
68	Equipment & furnishings	16,014	4,000		5,000	5,151	2,500	2,500
69	Funeral expense	5,635	7,000	5,438	8,000	0 8,364	10,000	8,493
70	Ladies special days/needs	4,131		2,896	4,000	0 1,039	2,000	2,000
71	Allowance to Ladies							
	@ \$60	29,904	36,000	35,120	30,000	) 8,640	24,000	24,000
72	Contingency fund		10,000		10,000	)	10,000	10,000
73	Board of Directors exp.	381	6,000	729	6,000	343	6,000	6,000
74	Ceramics therapy exp.	429			32	5 216	350	350
75	Beauty supplies	376			500	317	500	500
76	Expense on acquired							
	property	311						
77	Miscellaneous	<u>19,488</u>	<u>1,000</u>		1,000	<u>2,070</u>	2,000	<u>2,000</u>
	TOTAL OTHER OPERATING	<u>76,669</u>	<u>64,000</u>	<u>44,183</u>	64,82	<u>5 26,140</u>	<u>57,350</u>	<u>55,843</u>
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>1,527,500</u>	<u>1,273,196</u>	<u>1,375,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1,352,880</u>	<u>1,352,880</u>

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE

MRS. BETTY MORRIS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me the privilege of serving as the General Chairman of the Proficiency Committee. The accomplishments of this year in promoting the Gazebo Sticker sales have been attained through the efforts of all members of this committee.

It is with pleasure that I recognize the five District Chairmen whom I have had the privilege of working with. Thank you, my friends, for all your efforts and cooperation. We submit the following report.

District 1 Chairman - Bobbye Ann Dyer -	Total sales	\$1,183.00
District 2 Chairman - Bonnie Ericson -	Total sales	445.00
District 3 Chairman - Greta Watson -	Total sales	351.00 + \$3.00
		received late
District 4 Chairman - Mary Ruth White -	Total sales	1,483.00
District 5 Chairman - Louella Weeks -	Total sales	546.00
General Chairman sales		271.00
Received from Grand Examiner, District 3		83.00
Sales by Jack Friend		329.00

\$4,694.00

A complete itemized statement of this report is attached.

Respectively submitted, Betty Morris, General Chairman **Proficiency Committee** 

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

#### GENERAL CHAIRMAN REPORT

COMMITTEE:	Proficiency				
Product Assigned: Gazebo Stickers					
Chairman:	Betty Mo	orris			
Chapter:	Lewisvill	le	No: 9	35	
Address:	4624 Cha	arles St.	Phor	e # 972-306-9	9440
	Carrollto	n, TX 7501	LO		
	Number	Number	Number	Amount	Returned to
Dist. Chairman	Assigned	Sold	Remaining	Received	Gr. Secy.
1 Dyer	1,600	1,183	63	\$1,183.00	354
2 Ericson	1,500	445	365	445.00	690
3 Watson	1,100	354	200	354.00	546
4 White	1,700	1,483	0		217
5 Weeks	1,300	546	558	546.00	196
Morris	1,350	271	0	271.00	1,079
TOTALS	8,550	4,282	1,186	4,282.00	3,082
Nancy Brown, G	r. Exam. D. 3	83		83.00	
Jack Friend		329		329.20	
*(\$380.20 less \$52.00)					
	TOTALS	4,694		\$4,694.20	

#### FINAL REPORT WILL BE PREPARED BY YOU AND GIVEN AT GRAND CHAPTER. ALL MONIES MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE GRAND SECRE-TARY BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2000.

\*51 sold by G.E. District 5, and included in District 5 totals above.

#### **PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE** DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FINAL REPORT

TO:	Mrs. Betty Morris General Chairman 4624 Charles St. Carrollton, TX 750110	PHONE:	972-306-9440

FROM: Mrs. Greta Watson, District III Chairman DATE BAL

DIST/SEC	NAME	ISSUED	SOLD	RETURNED	BALANCE
3/09C	Mrs. Greta Watson	200	37	163	0
3/01M	Miss Linda S. Elliott	100	0	0	100
3/02M	Mrs. Tony Kidd	100	63	37	0
3/04M	Mrs. Mary Golden	100	0	0	100
3/04M	Mrs. Lorea Kays	100	15	85	0
3/05M	Mrs. Evelyn Breedlove	100	<b>21</b>	79	0
3/06M	Mrs. Lorraine Dirks	100	<b>26</b>	74	0
3/06M	Mrs. Nona McPherson	100	100	0	0
3/06M	Mrs. Elaine Shults	100	50	50	0
3/08M	Mrs. Mattie Schier	100	42	58	0
	TOTALS	1,100	354	546	200

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT WRITTEN REPORT OF THE TELEGRAM / TELELPHONE COMMITTEE

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Worthy Grand Matron with your permission I would like to preface my report with an expression in behalf of the membership of which I am a member.

This "Season of Starlight" has been honored by the presence of the largest percentage of the living Past Grand Matrons and Patrons in many years. A session is always honored by the presence and participation of our leaders of yesteryear.

I report that because of illness or physical inability, the following Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were unable to be with us: Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Mrs. Lois Bell, Mrs. Frances Herrin, Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, Mr. Duke Weaver, Mr. Graham Childers, Mr. Richard Porter, Mr. Herbert Arnold, Mr. Gene Belk and Mr. Murray Watson.

These have been mailed an expression of our disappointment in their absence and assurance that the ties of fraternal love enfolds them.

The Grand Secretary will mail them a copy of the program and advance report.

Fraternally, Lallah Mae Vollus Past Grand Matron ľ

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT WRITTEN REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

MRS. GWEN HUSKEY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all.

It is a pleasure to present this report of the Educational Fund Committee for your consideration. The members of this committee met with Mrs. Pat Washington, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and reviewed more than 100 qualified applications for scholarships. Of these applications, thirteen were designated as Educational Fund Committee scholarship recipients for a total award of \$4,100.00.

We want to extend our thanks to Sister Pat for her hospitality and support this year and to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us the opportunity of serving in this capacity.

> Respectfully submitted, Gwen Huskey, Chairman Diane Davidson Bertiss Norris

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT WRITTEN REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAL COMMITTEE

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members, my Sister and Brothers:

I am pleased to introduce the Secretarial Committee:

Mrs. Bonnie Mathison, Worthy Grand Matron Traveling Secretary for District 1; Mrs. Wanda Hosmer, Worthy Grand Matron Traveling Secretary for District 2; Mrs. Patsy Hewlett, Worthy Grand Matron Traveling Secretary for District 3; Mrs. Georgia Campbell, Worthy Grand Matron Traveling Secretary for District 4; Mrs. Ettie Mae Hubbard, Worthy Grand Matron Traveling Secretary for District 5; Mrs. Mary E. Brown, Associate Grand Matron; Mrs. Virginia Keasling, Associate Grand Matron; Mrs. Belinda Summers, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Carolyn Bell, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Associate Grand Conductress; Mrs. Linda Carney, Board of Grand Trustees; Mrs. Wanda Faye Gilmore, Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences; Ms. Christine Armstrong, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this Starlight Grand Chapter year with you. For me, mail merge was a daily assignment getting the Grand Appointment letters out and at this time I want to thank our Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Esther for helping me stuff the envelopes and sticking the stamps. We typed and mailed letters, thank you, regrets, sympathy, and get- wells on a daily basis and it is not over yet for some of us. It has been an experience that we would not have missed for anything.

We have traveled our big state to some places we did not know even existed. Meeting the membership has given us many new friends and wonderful memories that we will always treasure. We thank each of you for your warm smiles and open arms when we arrived at the Schools. Sister Betty's Traveling Secretaries thank you for every courtesy you extended to them while selling the Grand Chapter supplies outside the Schools. We want to thank you again for the Certificates of Appreciation and the pictures that we received from the Chapters.

Betty's secretaries had the opportunity to travel not only with the Worthy Grand Matron, but the Grand Examiners and the District Deputy Grand Matrons for their district in the Grand Chapter Van. What a treat to travel with this group. New friendships developed. I regret that I was not able to attend many Schools due to my employment and the distance, but those that I attended, I was impressed with the outstanding abilities of the Deputies.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are grateful to you for the privilege of serving with you. We know a little more about the workings of Grand Chapter and we are proud of you both for your accomplishments and for the way you handled the issues that have arisen this year.

We want to thank our Chapters for their support, and the membership of Grand Chapter. We love each of you and are happy to call you our Sisters and Brothers.

> Fraternally submitted, Secretarial Committee

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

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT WRITTEN REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

MRS. DORTHA BURNETT: Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Betty Friend, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Lee Stallings, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, distinguished members, my sisters and brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I introduce the members of the Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Dortha Burnett, Chairman; Mrs. Bobbe Chamberlin, and I am Mrs. Edna Goettee.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the privilege of serving on this committee, and we submit the following report.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Whereas, the 118th annual session, "The Seasons of Starlight" convened in the beautiful, historic city of San Antonio, Texas on October 5, 6, 7, 2000; therefore, be it resolved that we express our appreciation to the following:

To our gracious and lovely Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Betty Friend: Thank you for giving so generously and unselfishly of yourself to our great order. Like the beacon of a lighthouse, you have stood shedding your light of guidance over all. You have illumined our lives with wisdom, and warmed our hearts with love. You have exhibited many fine qualities of leadership, and your contribution to the Grand Chapter of Texas will long be remembered.

To our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Lee Stallings, you have steadfastly and courageously held fast to strong Masonic principles. You have shown breadth of heart and depth of soul. No man has grown to true greatness who has not felt in some degree that his life belonged to the race of men, and that what God has given him in talents has been given for the purpose of serving his fellowman. You are such a man, and this Grand Jurisdiction is very proud of you.

To our Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas: Your life reflects a special capacity for service and unlimited devotion to duty, combined with a gentleness and tenderness rarely found in an individual. Words are inadequate to express our love and admiration for you. With humility and dignity you have brought honor to the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. Someone has said, "When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece." We can expect a masterpiece of achievement during your tenure in office.

To Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas: Thank you for the life of service which you have given to our order, not only in the Grand Chapter of Texas, but the General Grand Chapter as well during this triennium. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron has honored our Grand Jurisdiction by choosing you to serve as an Installed Officer of General Grand Chapter, and you have made us very proud of your accomplishments.

To our General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Registration Mr. Garland Rattan, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Mrs. Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America

Thank you for the devoted service as committee members of General Grand Chapter, and for your contributions through your respective committee's projects. The true meaning and purpose of the Order of the Eastern Star was achieved through your efforts. We are very happy that our Most Worthy Grand Matron chose you as committee members, and rejoice in the honor that has not only come to you, but through you to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Thank you for the tremendous records of service you have given, and for the personal sacrifice each of you made through your many years of service to the order. Thank you for the vast knowledge you have shared with our membership throughout the State of Texas.

To the Installed Grand Chapter Officers and Fraternal Correspondent: We

salute you for the service that you have rendered to the Grand Chapter of Texas this year. You have been exemplary in every phase of your duties, and represented Texas honorably wherever you traveled. Our wish for you is that God will always hold you in the palm of His hand.

To the Boards: Thank you for your interest in Our Grand Chapter, and for the many hours of dedicated service given to ensure that our order continues to move forward in every phase of our work.

To the Committee Members: There is a great truth that is always evident, and it states: "Every plan has two parts. First, the created idea; and second, the idea in action." You have put the plans into action during this beautiful "Turn-ofthe-Century" Year. Thank you for every ounce of energy expended to ensure success in the Grand Chapter Projects.

To the loyal and faithful members of the Order of the Eastern Star who contributed in every way possible to assure the success of this beautiful "Seasons of Starlight" Session, please know how much you are appreciated! Whatever capacity you filled, you were a necessary and important link in making this Grand Chapter one to remember for a lifetime. Your participation during this session was courteous, intelligent and rewarding.

God, in His infinite wisdom, called to eternal rest three Past Grand Matrons, and three Past Grand Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction. Of these dear ones who gave years of devoted service to our beautiful order, we are reminded of sacred ties now severed and of memories tenderly cherished:

Mrs. Ralph A. Davis, Past Grand Patron, died October 2, 1999. A beautiful memorial tribute was written by Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory, Past Grand Patron, and it was published in the February 2000 Grand Chapter Bulletin.

Mrs. Sally Matranga, Past Grand Matron, died June 8, 2000. A beautiful memorial tribute was written by Mrs. Lena Mae Cook, Past Grand Matron, and it was published in the September 2000 Grand Chapter Bulletin.

Mr. C. A. "Bill" Holmes, Past Grand Patron, died June 28, 2000. A beautiful memoriam tribute was written by Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matron, and it was published in the September 2000 Grand Chapter Bulletin.

Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard, Past Grand Matron, died July 22, 2000. A beautiful memorial tribute was written by Mrs. Beulah Speer, and it was published in the September 2000 Bulletin.

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup, Past Grand Matron, died August 29, 2000. A beautiful memorial tribute was written by Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron, and it was published in the November 2000 Grand Chapter Bulletin.

Mr. Paul Huffhines, Past Grand Patron, died August 31, 2000. A beautiful memorial tribute was written by Mrs. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, and it was published in the November 2000 Grand Chapter Bulletin.

Respectively submitted, Mrs. Dortha Burnett, Chairman Mrs. Bobbe Chamberlin Mrs. Edna Goettee į

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

## WRITTEN REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING COMMITTEE, 1999-2000

MRS. GERRY ISAACS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers.

I obtained congratulatory letters from President Clinton, Governor Bush for Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I also requested and received special letters of recognition for Jack Friend and Patricia Stallings from their State Senators for continuing support to their spouses during their terms of office.

I also requested and received several proclamations for Chapters celebrating more than 75 year anniversaries. I sent dozens of press releases and photos announcing installations, etc.

Three scholarships were bestowed: Heather Garcia, single mom with six children; Anthony Williams, a recent graduate who wanted to further his education at a community college. Maria Sanoja was grated a computer training scholarship at SMU Continuing Education Program. The three beneficiaries are now in well paying positions.

I obtained permission from the Worthy Grand Matron and grand Lodge Webmaster for a 'Community Outreach' site for a Grand Chapter link on the Internet featuring scholarship beneficiaries, ESTARL and community services.

I encouraged the 2000-2001 Development and Marketing Committee to concentrate on community outreach services, benefiting non profits statewide. Thus creating greater public awareness of our Order. This can be accomplished through radio and television public service announcements along with press releases to all major media outlets within our State. Through helping others we help our own brothers and sisters. We must initiate new members and create a positive public relations image within our communities.

> Respectfully submitted, Gerry Isaacs Member, District 1

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT WRITTEN REPORT OF THE "STARQUEST" MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**MR. MARK DIECKMANN:** To the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the Starquest Membership Committee worked this year to help locate members who were out of contact with their Chapter and help them become active with a Chapter in their local area. We also were looking for potential new members among our Masonic Family and help them grow their possible interest in the Order. Following our Most Worthy Grand Matron's direction, we looked for the quality and character that we seek when looking for new members. Our efforts were directed to increase the number of active members in our subordinate Chapters. We hope that we helped make a difference in our Chapters throughout the State.

Respectfully Submitted, Mark Dieckmann General Chairman Mr. Allen H. Tuell Chairman, District I Mrs. Betty Elizabeth Ray Chairman, District 2 Mrs. Margie Parrent Co-Chairman, District 2 Mr. Larry Whitfield Chairman, District 3 Mr. Jean Hodson Chairman, District 4 Mrs. Ramona Nance Co-Chairman, District 4 Mr. Robert H. Parke Chairman, District 5 Mrs. Connie B. Henson Co-Chairman, District 5

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT WRITTEN REPORT OF THE VOTING MACHINE COMMITTEE

**MR. H. LEE STALLINGS:** The Worthy Grand Matron selected the following members to serve on a Special Committee which would research information and select an efficient Vote- Counting Machine to be purchased through her Special Funds:

H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron Chairman Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron Mark Dieckmann Donny Broughton Jack Friend

Top priority of this committee was to determine the best way to implement a long term electronic voting system for Grand Chapter. Talks were held with Allen Large, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, after several of the above members witnessed the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma voting electronically.

Investigations were made of several vendors who provide the technology of optical mark resolution (OMR). The 888P+ Stand-alone Scanner from Scantron Corporation was initially recommended to the committee. However, after further research, it was found that this scanner would only accept manual feeds, and forms would have to be purchased through Scantron Corporation.

The decision was then made by the committee to purchase the Scantron SM2500 Scanner, which provided the benefits of automatic feeding and a separate bin for mis-marked ballots. Additional software was also purchased to provide design and printing capabilities by the end user. This allows ballots to be printed with a ballot number and security features that minimize the time needed to balance the ballot count at Grand Chapter.

Mark Dieckmann designed the ballot with the purchased software. It was approved by the committee, as well as the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Tests of balloting were performed at the final banquets for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Both tests performed flawlessly.

Mark Dieckmann also donated paper and printing of the 7000 plus ballots. The ballots were printed on a medium-duty laser jet printer. Minuteman Press of Houston cut the ballots free of charge as a courtesy to our Grand Chapter.

The committee used a desktop computer and a backup laptop computer provided by Mark Dieckmann during balloting at Grand Chapter. All of this equipment performed quickly and efficiently counting 2500 ballots per hour.

The membership showed great interest, enthusiasm and appreciation for the new equipment purchased through the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds. The Scantron Scanning Machine is stored in the Grand Secretary's Office. It will serve the Grand Chapter of Texas well for many years.

Fraternally Submitted, H. Lee Stallings, Chairman Kenneth Gregory Mark Dieckmann Donny Broughton Jack Friend

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE Revised Registration Report October 7, 2000

MRS. PHYLLIS WILSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the Registration Committee, I offer sincere thanks for allowing me to serve with this wonderful group of members on your Registration committee and for the opportunity of serving our Grand Chapter. It is my privilege and pleasure to introduce those members who served with me:

Gordon Irwin, Co-Chairman, who is unable to be here with us Anita McAlexander - District I

Ruth Naron - District 2 Evelyn Berry - District 2 Ken Morford - District 3 Pamela Lakey - District 4 Lavigne Larkin - District 4 Jane Hudson - District 5 JoAnne Conner - District 5

And, a special loving thanks to my husband, Garvid Wilson, who assisted with the registration process on a daily basis.

Worthy Grand Matron, we are pleased to submit the following report:

Category	Pre-Registrat	On-Site ion Registrati	Total on Registered
Voting Delegates	2,364	191	2,555
Non-Voting Members	316	56*	
Other Grand Jurisdictions	43	17*	60*
Total Registration	2,723	264	2,987
Less Exempt from fee: OES & Masonic Home Residents	12	0	12
Total Registration with Fees	2,711	264	2,975
<b>Total Registration Fees Collecte</b> Plus Donations	d \$27,110	\$2,640	<b>\$29,750</b> \$30*
Less Refunds	\$20	0	\$20

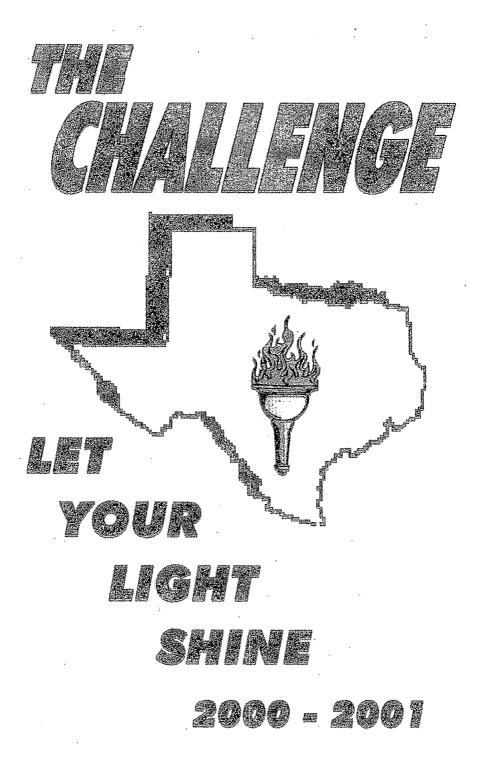
**Total Net Money Deposited** 

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\$29,760\*

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Wilson, Chairman

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



# The Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

Presents

# THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

# **"THE CHALLENGE"**

## Let Your Light Shine

2000



2001

October 7, 2000

Municipal Auditorium San Antonio, Texas

6:00 P.M.

Mrs. Naomi Wolfe Worthy Grand Matron Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker Worthy Grand Patron

#### HONORED GUESTS

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, 1999 -2000

Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members

> Mrs. Rennie Ofton Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee

> > Dr. Effie Mae Davis Worthy Grand Adah

Mrs. Lena Maye Cook Registration Committee

Mr. Garland Rattan Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee

and

#### Past Grand Matrons of Texas

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus Mrs. Eunice Connell Mrs. Katherine Poulis Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith Mrs. Molly Goodpasture Mrs. Mildred Sharpe Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen Mrs. Frances Key Herrin Mrs. Frances Key Herrin Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast Mrs. Joyce Roberts Mrs. Mary Brown Mrs. Elise Hammack Mrs. Lois Bell Mrs. Beulah Speer Mrs. Elsie Paladino Mrs. Doris Efird Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham Mrs. Jane Gregory Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green Mrs. Wanda Fairchild Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland Mrs. Alma Carter Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane

#### Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Mr. Herbert Arnold Mr. Richard T Porter Dr. O. D. Christian Mr. Murray Watson Mr. T L. "Duke" Weaver Mr. Gene Belk Mr. Wayne P. Jones Mr. B. F Hutson Mr. Harry G. Cunningham Mr. Joe E. Jeffers Mr. Graham H. Childress Mr. Glenn Whitaker Mr. Garland W. Rattan Mr. Leland G. Benefield Mr. Charles Morris Mr. Billy H. Combest Mr. Richard Ochs Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory Mr. Henry S. Martin

#### Distinguished Guests

Visiting General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

> Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions

> > Grand Lodge Officers

Fraternal Youth Organizations Leaders

#### SPECIAL GUESTS

Worthy Grand Matron-elect's Parent Chapter Hurst Chapter No. 1099

Worthy Grand Matron-elect's Dual Chapter Andral Vann Chapter No. 741

Worthy Grand Patron-elect's Parent Chapter Mart Chapter No. 109

Worthy Grand Patron-elect's Dual Chapter Waco Chapter No. 7

#### INSTALLATION PROGRAM 6:00 P.M.

Prelude Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland, PM Andral Vann Chapter No. 741 Dr. William A. Bilsing, PP Normangee Chapter No. 87 Master of Ceremonies Mrs. Wanda Fairchild Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Max Fairchild Grand Escort Processional Marshal Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham Past Grand Matron

> Escorted by Mr. Farris Benham, Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

Presentation of Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Worthy Grand Matron

Presentation of Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Worthy Grand Patron

Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend Worthy Grand Matron

#### PROCESSIONAL

General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members

Texas' Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons

Most Worshipful Vernon Burke Jr. Most Worshipful Grand Master Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worthy David B. Dibrell Deputy Grand Master Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worthy Michael Nanny Grand Sr. Warden Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

Mrs. Marlene M. Dibrell Supreme Deputy in Texas International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Miss Kristy Lynn Leos, Grand Worthy Advisor

Mrs. Judy Masters, PHQ Supreme Guardian Deputy of Texas International Order of Job's Daughters Miss Meagan Burney, Miss Texas Job's Daughter

Mr. Blain Koenning, Executive Officer in Texas Mr. R. J. Morelock, State Master Councilor, Texas DeMolay International Order of DeMolay

Presentation of Holy Bible Miss Rachel Harrison Granddaughter of Worthy Grand Matron-elect Presentation of Bible Marker Miss Meagan Gregory Granddaughter of Worthy Grand Matron-elect

> Escorted by Mrs. Patti Gregory and Mr. Doug Gregory Daughter & Son-in-law of Worthy Grand Matron-elect

Presentation of Square and Compasses	Mr. Christopher Harrison Grandson of Worthy Grand Matron-elect
Emblem Presentation and Humanitarian Program	Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman Right Worthy Grand Trustee
Adah Mrs Escorted by Mr. R	Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron ichard Ochs, Past Grand Patron
Ruth Mrs. Yvonne Escorted by Mr. Kenn	Brownfield, Past Grand Matron heth Gregory, Past Grand Patron
Esther Mrs. Alma Escorted by Mr. Her	a Lynn Bane, Past Grand Matron nry S. Martin, Past Grand Patron
MarthaMrs. Molly G Escorted by Mr. Gle	aoodpasture, Past Grand Matron Inn Whitaker, Past Grand Patron
ElectaMrs. Be Escorted by Mr. Way	eulah Speer, Past Grand Matron ne P. Jones, Past Grand Patron
Flag Presentation	
United States Flag	Mr. Robert Brownfield Grand Escort
Texas Flag	Mr. Harry Cunningham Past Grand Patron
Canadian Flag	Mr. Charles Morris Past Grand Patron
Christian Flag	Right Worthy Michael D. Nanny Grand Senior Warden and Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.
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Eastern Star Flag	Past Grand Patron
Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Leland Benefield Past Grand Patron

The National Anthem	Assembly in unison led by
	Mrs. Esther Haynes, W.M.
	Mr. Preston Haynes, W.P.
	Andral Vann Chapter No. 741
Opening of Holy Bible	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon
	Grand Conductress
Invocation	Dr. 0. D. Christian
	Past Grand Patron

## PRESENTATION OF GRAND OFFICERS and ELECTED BOARDS 2000-2001

Board of Grand Examiners Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences Board of Grand Trustees

Grand Chapter Mom ...... Mrs. Edna Goettee Escorted by Mr. James R Haynes

Fraternal Correspondent ...... Mrs. Margaret Faircloth Escorted by Mr. Jerry M. Phillips

Grand Sentinel ......Mr. Blain Koenning Escorted by Mrs. Rebecca G. Koenning

Grand Warder ...... Mrs. Frances Ann "Fran" Johnson Escorted by Mr. Jerry Glover

Grand Electa Mrs. Mildred Love Escorted by Mr. Robert W. Love
Grand Martha Mrs. Juanita Gregory Escorted by Mr. Kenneth Gregory
Grand Esther Mrs. Judy Baker Escorted by Mr. David Baker
Grand Ruth Mrs. Joyce Martin Escorted by Mr. Bob Steele
Grand Adah Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens Escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens
Grand Organist Mrs. Marilynn Lee Escorted by Mr. Bryan Lee
Grand Marshal Mrs. Laura Sharp Escorted by Mr. Richard Sharp
Grand Chaplain Mrs. Nannette Gwaltney Escorted by Mr. George Gwaltney
Associate Grand Conductress Mrs. Doris J. Hester Escorted by Mr. Johnny Hester
Grand Conductress Mrs. Sharon Fentress Escorted by Mr. Jim Fentress
Grand Treasurer Mrs. Betty Prater Escorted by Mr. James B. Stewart
Grand Secretary Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith

Associate Grand Patron ......Mr. Harold Trammell Escorted by Mrs. Lucia Trammell

Associate Grand Matron ......Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon Escorted by Mr. Harold McMahon

Worthy Grand Patron ...... Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker Escorted by Mrs. Belinda Summers

Worthy Grand Matron ...... Mrs. Naomi Wolfe Escorted by Mr. Robert W. Wolfe

## PRESENTATION OF INSTALLING GRAND OFFICERS

Installing Grand Officer Mrs. Elise Hammack Past Grand Matron
Assisting Installing Grand Officer Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus Past Grand Matron
Assisting Installing Grand Officer Mr. Murray Watson Past Grand Patron
Installing Grand ChaplainBrs. Doris Efird Past Grand Matron
Installing Grand Marshal Mrs. Elsie Paladino Past Grand Matron
Installing Grand OrganistMrs. Rosemary Swetland Past Grand Matron
Installing Grand SecretaryMrs. Katherine Poulis Past Grand Matron

## INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS 2000- 2001

Closing of Holy Bible	Mrs. Sharon Fentress Grand Conductress
Greetings	
	Most Worshipful Grand Master
	Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
	of Texas A. F. & A.M.
Greetings	Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman
	Right Worthy Grand Trustee

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Naomi Wolfe Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker Worthy Grand Patron to International Order of the Rainbow of Girls Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy Miss Kristy Lynn Leos, Grand Worthy Advisor and International Order of Job's Daughters Mrs. Judy Masters, PHQ Supreme Guardian Deputy of Texas Miss Meagan Burney, Miss Texas Job's Daughter and **DeMolay International** Mr. Blain Koenning, Executive Officer in Texas Mr. R. J. Morelock, State Master Councilor, Texas DeMolay and Right Worthy David B. Dibrell **Deputy Grand Master** Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas

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Presentations of Jewels	
Worthy Grand Matron's Jew	el Mrs. Betty Y Friend
	Past Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel	Mr. H. Lee Stallings Past Grand Patron
Past Grand Matron's Jewel	Mr. Jack Friend Grand Escort
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	Mrs. Patricia Stallings Grand Representative of Tennessee

## Presentation of Worthy Grand Matron's Year

Dedication of Worthy Grand Patron	Dr. Effie Mae Davis Worthy Grand Adah
Dedication of Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus Past Grand Matron
Aims & Goal	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe Past Grand Matron
Scriptures with Reflections of Light	Mrs. Mary Brown Past Grand Matron
Poem on Faith	Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith Past Grand Matron
Flower	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast Past Grand Matron
Color	Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green Past Grand Matron

Music	Mrs. Amy Batton Mr. Robert Lane Batton Grand Duet
Address	Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker Worthy Grand Patron
Address	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe Worthy Grand Matron
Benediction	Mr. H. Lee Stallings Past Grand Patron

#### RECESS

To our visitors, thank you for sharing this special time with us. Your attendance has been greatly appreciated. Those who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will please retire at this time.

Retiring of the Flag

Mrs. Laura Sharp Grand Marshal

**Ritualistic Closing of Grand Chapter** 

**Closing Ode** 

An Evening Prayer

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The newly elected Associate Grand Conductress will be honored at her breakfast on October 8, 2000.

The Deputy Grand Matron's Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk on Sunday October 8, 2000 at 10:00 AM. Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards are invited to attend.



PUT ON YOUR RUNNING SHOES, PACK YOUR BAGS AND LET'S GO!!!

#### ON YOUR MARK GET SET, .....LET'S GO!

<u>OCTOBER 14, 2000</u> JOINT FRATERNAL VISIT OF MART CHAPTER #109 AND WACO CHAPTER #7 LEE LOCKWOOD LIBRARY 2901 W. WACO DR. WACO, TX BANQUET 5.30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY THE VISIT AT 7:30 P.M. PRESENTATION BY THE DEMOLAY INTERNATIONAL

OCTOBER 15 - 17, 2000 GRAND CHAPTER OF OKLAHOMA

OCTOBER 21, 2000 FRATERNAL VISIT OF ANDRAL VANN CHAPTER #741 SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE 7575 BROMPTON HOUSTON, TX BANQUET 5.00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY THE VISIT AT 7.30 P.M. PRESENTATION BY INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS

<u>OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 3, 2000</u> FRATERNAL VISIT TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DETROIT, MICHIGAN

<u>NOVEMBER 4,2000</u> FRATERNAL VISIT OF HURST CHAPTER #1099 FT. WORTH MASONIC TEMPLE 1100 HENDERSON FT. WORTH, TX VISIT AT 7:30 P.M. PRECEDED BY BANQUET PRESENTATION BY INTERNATIONAL ORDER RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

> DECEMBER 1-2, 2000 VISIT TO THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, A.F & A.M. 715 COLUMBUS AVE. WACO, TX

APRIL 8-11, 2001 MISSISSIPPI GRAND CHAPTER

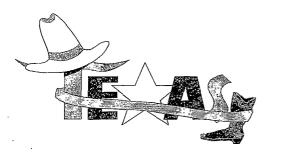
MAY 19-24, 2001 NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY TRIP

<u>JUNE 16-18, 2001</u> GRAND ASSEMBLY INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW GIRLS - AMARILLO, TEXAS

FIRST WEEK IN JULY, 2001 WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S TRIP

SEPT. 30 - OCT 3, 2001 ILLINOIS GRAND CHAPTER

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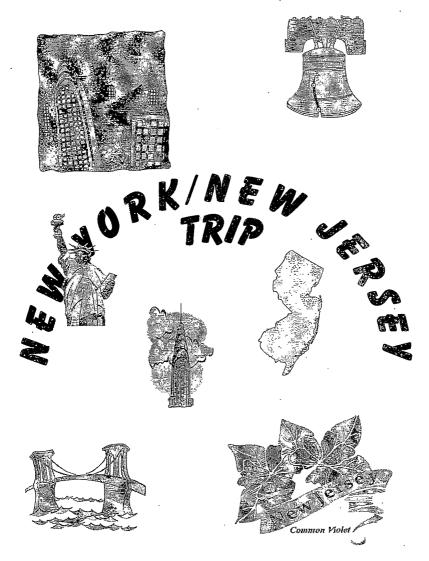
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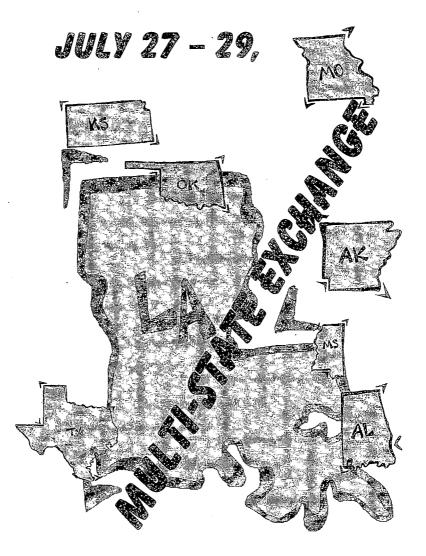




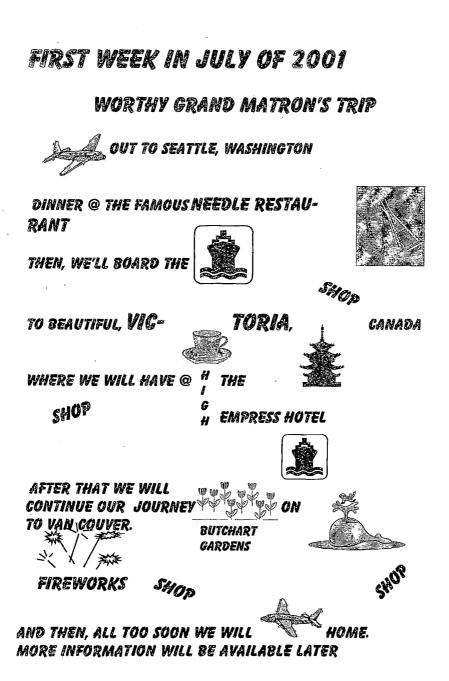
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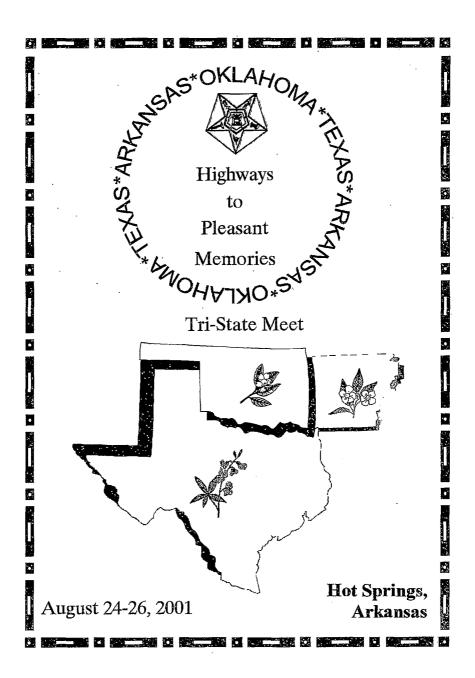
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CAKES, JELLIES, JAMS CRAFTS----PLUS SUPRISES?????

-----MARK YOUR CALENDERS------

GET READY FOR A "COOL" GOOD TIME



### SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTIONS 2000

#### DISTRICT I

NOVEMBER 6,7	LEWISVILLE
NOVEMBER 8,9	PLANO
NOVEMBER 10, 11	DALLAS
NOVEMBER 13,14	MT. VERNON
NOVEMBER 16	QUITMAN - ONE DAY SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 17, 19	TEXARKANA
NOVEMBER 20, 21	HENDERSON
NOVEMBER 27, 20	WORTHAM
NOVEMBER 30	WHITEHOUSE - ONE DAY SCHOOL

DISTRICT II

DECEMBER 4, 5	ODESSA
DECEMBER 6, 7	ABILENE
DECEMBER 8, 9	IRVING (DISTRICT I)
DECEMBER 11,12	FT. STOCKTON
DECEMBER 13,14	PADUCAH
DECEMBER 15,16	LUBBOCK
DECEMBER 29, 30	EL <i>PASO</i>

#### JANUARY 2001

JANUARY 3, 4 JANUARY 5, 6 JANUARY 8, 9 JANUARY 10, 11 CANYON DALHART PAMPA VERNON For Installation the Municipal Hall had been transformed into a garden with white being the predominant color. The Officers were introduced on stage through a garden gate with lilac adorning the rounded arch of the gate. Sun and moon symbols were on either side.

A low fence twined with flowers edged the stage and also bordered the Chapter floor area. Stage front were two white park benches, low fencing and three large grapevine wreaths adorned with flowers. In the Northwest and Southwest were two garden gates. The ramps leading to the East were adorned with trellises and twined with flowers.

Stations of Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress were straightback needlepoint chairs with a small table beside the chair, a large magnolia arrangement in front of the station and a lantern with flowers twirled around the pole. Starpoint pedestals were small white tables with a floor candle beside them.

The altar was a small pentagon shape with a white base and the top being Star Point colors.

Lady Officers wore white long dresses of their choice. Gentlemen Officers wore black tuxedos.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Good evening, Sisters and Brothers. I want to express my appreciation and thanks to our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sister Naomi Wolfe, for the privilege of opening up this 119th "The Challenge, Let Your Light Shine" Installation of Grand Officers. I have an explanation I would like to tell you. Because our floor is wet in some places, because many of you may have shoes that are damp, we are going to use the carpet for our marching rather than to come through the Labyrinth, with the exception of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

We have been enjoying the music of Sister Dorothy Cleveland and Dr. William Bilsing. Let us express our appreciation for their preludes. (applause)

Our Processional Marshal for this evening is Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham, Past Grand Matron, escorted by her husband, Mr. Farris Benham, Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, and Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Master Masons of Texas.

I invite the Processional Marshal to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Betty Y. Friend, escorted by her husband, Jack Friend; and our Worthy Grand Patron – You're just going to come in together? I invite our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lee Stallings, to be escorted to the East. As I met the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, they said they started this together and they were going to finish it together! (applause)

Worthy Grand Matron, I present to you the gavel to open this session.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron, my friend. How wonderful it is to have a room full on a rainy evening. I know that this is going to be a beautiful installation. It is now my pleasure to call this meeting to order. MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: As you came in this evening, you received a beautiful program which lists the Distinguished Guests who are present. We will not call their names at this time. During the evening you will be hearing the Worthy Grand Matron's music composed by Mrs. Marilynn Lee and the Worthy Grand Patron's march composed by Mrs. Joyce Gilbert. Please enjoy them.

Processional Marshal, you will present Texas' and other General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members to the East.

Processional Marshal, you will present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Processional Marshal, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Processional Marshal, you will present Texas' own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Processional Marshal, you will present the Grand Lodge Officers and the Fraternal Youth Organization Leaders at this time.

We extend a very warm welcome to the Officers and Members of the Worthy Grand Patron-Elect's Parent Chapter and Dual Chapter, Mart #109 and Waco #7. Wave at us.

To the Officers and Members of the Worthy Grand Matron- Elect's Parent and Dual Chapter, Hurst #1099 and Andral Vann #741, I know it means a lot to them to have you here tonight. Thank you.

Processional Marshal, you have done a beautiful job. You will present our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect's family at this time. Nothing puts a spark in the eye or lights up the skies more than a grandchild's, "I love you, Grandmother." You have heard our Worthy Grand Matron speak of her grandchildren, and tonight we get to meet them. Rachel cannot be with us tonight. Her school band is in state competition, and as Rachel is the drum major, she leads the band. We know that Richland Hills school in Fort Worth will do their best, and I know you miss seeing her.

"In the beginning, God said, 'Let there be light." Genesis 1:3. This light rules all things. All things is identified as such in our Holy Bible. Mrs. Patti Gregory, daughter of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, has presented our Bible; and Miss Meagan Gregory in her beautiful princess dress has presented the Bible marker. Her grandmother has talked so much about her and how she loves to go shopping. Meagan, you're beautiful out there. You'd make any grandmother's eyes shine. They were escorted by Mr. Douglas Gregory, son-in-law of our Worthy Grand Matron.

At this time we will have our Flag Presentation. Through strife and loss of life, our democracy to guard, the Stars and Stripes will always proclaim protection for our freedom and independence. To present our United States Flag is Mr. Robert Brownfield. We are proud of our Lone Star State. Our Lone Star Texas Flag will be presented by Mr. Harry Cunningham, Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master. Symbol of peace and harmony and friendship between two countries, our Canadian Flag will be presented by Mr. Charles Morris, Past Grand Patron. A symbol of resurrection, our Christian Flag will be presented by Mr. Brook Speer. Fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love, the heart of our Eastern Star, the Eastern Star Flag will be presented by Mr. Larry Bigham. Mr. Leland Benefield, Past Grand Patron, will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MR. LELAND BENEFIELD: You will join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: The National Anthem will be led by Esther and Preston Haynes.

Processional Marshal, you will present the Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in the East.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible.

The invocation will be presented by Dr. O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron.

**DR. O. D. CHRISTIAN:** Let us pray. Our gracious Heavenly Father, Lord in Heaven, grant a special portion of Thy grace upon this assembly. May Thy loving care be upon this gathering tonight. Father, I pray that You will direct us in all of our undertakings in this life, that You'll go with us even unto the end of the age. Grant now that we may be responsive to Thy loving care. Use us for Thy honor and Thy glory, and direct us in all of our understandings through life. These blessings and favors we do ask in the name of Christ our Savior and for His sake we pray, Amen.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: I'm pleased to present Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will present the Emblem Presentation and the Humanitarian Program for the coming year.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Tonight it is my privilege to present the "Light the Torch" Humanitarian Program which our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sister Naomi Wolfe, has chosen for her year. She has based this Humanitarian Program on the strong principles of the degrees of our Order, our five Star Points. The five parts of the Humanitarian Program will be explained during the presentation of the emblems of our Order.

Sister Betty Phillips Benham, Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the presenters to their respective stations. Those participating are: Adah – Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron; Ruth – Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron; Esther – Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Henry S. Martin, Past Grand Patron; Martha – Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Past Grand Patron; Electa – Mrs. Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Wayne P. Jones, Past Grand Patron.

Dedicated service requires a special virtue and singleness of purpose. It is a special virtue to be able to distinguish between the service of the heart and of the head and to work unceasingly for the betterment of mankind with no thought of honor or recognition. To walk the pathways of life, girded by truth and dedication, is to use our hands and think with our hearts unsparingly in the Lord's work. Serve with happiness; serve with joy and God will serve you with eternal contentment. In addition to the Christian teachings of our various religions, the principles of the Order of the Eastern Star define the role our members must play as caretakers of humankind.

Since 1924 our membership in Texas has been so very closely involved with our Eastern Star Home in Arlington, by promulgating the teachings gleaned from Robert Morris, writings for our Order we can accomplish our responsibilities to humankind and to the Eastern Star Home. Let us reflect on the five special needs to do this. First, we have fidelity. The Eastern Star Home is the first responsibility we have in Texas.

The emblem of Adah is the sword and veil united, which represents Adah's submission to a promise made by her father Jepthah. Her story of fidelity to protect her father's vow reminds us of the promise made to the ladies in our Home. We will reflect on this story as we follow the tradition of providing love, friendship, safety and reassurance to our Sisters at the Home.

Second, we have constancy. The Home Endowment Fund needs constant contribution to provide funds for our Home. The emblem of Ruth is the sheaf, and its hue of yellow our sign of constancy. The Home Endowment Fund is vital to the security of our treasured Eastern Star Home. With increases in operating costs, it is crucial that we consider Home endowment individually and as an organization.

Third, we have loyalty. This point represents the Home renovation we have undertaken to give our Sisters the kind of home in which all of us would like to live and would feel comfortable and safe. The emblem of Esther is the crown and scepter united. It is a symbol of power, exhorting us to use the power of our love to provide our kindred and friends, our Sisters in the Home I a home in which they will be proud to live.

Fourth, we have faith. Our faith in the Living God to which we owe our being and every blessing demands that we support ESTARL, the Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leaders. The emblem of Martha is the broken column, a symbol of faith. Each of us lives by faith in the existence of a Supreme Being and attend our houses of worship to sustain this faith. Through support of the ESTARL program, we show our belief in and support of those who have received the call of the Master to serve Him in the various religious fields.

Fifth, we have love. In translating the name Electa, we find it means "called of God." The emblem of Electa is the cup which represents charity and hospitality. The Lights of Love Committee this year will be charged to lighten the burdens of others in community-related service projects and other acts of kindness. We are called of God to serve humankind, and we will light our torch of service with love as we minister to others.

As you have witnessed the presentation of the emblems and heard the Humanitarian Program for 2000-2001, you have received reminders of our responsibility and our challenges of service for the privilege of being a member of our beloved Order of the Eastern Star.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Sister Rennie and the Star Point presentations for a beautiful ceremony. Our law provides that we have three boards. Each of these boards are elected by our membership, and there is one from each district. I'm pleased to present these at this time. Board of Grand Examiners: District 1, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert; District 2, Miss Kimi Kidd; District 3, Mrs. Nancy Brown; District 4, Mrs. Vi Griffin; District 5, Mrs. Gerry Dusek; Grand Examiner-at-Large, Mrs. Sandra Perdue. Would you please welcome them. (applause)

The Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, five members for a term of five years with one member retiring each year. The Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences: Mrs. Maxine Nance, Chairman; Mrs. Norma Graham, Vice Chairman; Mr. Lewis Mathison, our Secretary, had to return home to be with his wife who is seriously ill; Mr. Tom Everitt, Member; Mrs. Jo Ann Snow, Member. Please welcome these. (applause)

Board of Grand Trustees: Mrs. Patsy Washington, Chairman; Mrs. Frances Burbank, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Leah Hayes, Secretary. I told you while ago there were five on each one of these, but what do I know? Some of them couldn't make it back tonight. The new kid on the block, Mr. Nelson Campbell, Member. Welcome this group, please. (applause)

You have noticed these beautiful Floor Officers that are seated on the stage tonight. This was the wish of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, so that they might see the ceremonies prior to their installation. I'm so pleased to introduce this distinguished group. Grand Chapter Mom, Mrs. Edna Goettee, escorted by Mr. James Haynes; Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Margaret Faircloth, escorted by Mr. Stephen Orlando; Grand Sentinel, Mr. Blain Koenning, escorted by Mrs. Rebecca Koenning; Grand Warder, Mrs. Fran Johnson, escorted by Mr. Jerry Glover; Grand Electa, Mrs. Mildred Love, escorted by Mr. Robert W. Love; Grand Martha, Mrs. Juanita Gregory, escorted by Mr. Kenneth Gregory; Grand Esther, Mrs. Judy Baker, escorted by Mr. David Baker; Grand Ruth, Mrs. Joyce Martin, escorted by Mr. Bob Steele; Grand Adah, Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens, escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens; Grand Organist, Mrs. Marilynn Lee, escorted by Mr. Bryan Lee; Grand Marshal, Mrs. Laura Sharp, escorted by Mr. Richard Sharp; Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Nannette Gwaltney, escorted by Mr. George Gwaltney; Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Doris Hester, escorted by Mr. Johnny Hester; Grand Conductress, Mrs. Sharon Fentress, escorted by Mr. Jim Fentress; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Betty Prater, escorted by Mr. James B. Stewart; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes, escorted by Mr. Trey Smith; Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Harold Trammell, escorted by Mrs. Lucia Trammell; Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, escorted by Mr. Harold McMahon; Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, escorted by his daughter, Mrs. Belinda Summers; Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, escorted by her husband, Robert W. Wolfe. Naomi, tonight is the night!

Tonight we say good-bye, thank you and we appreciate the retiring corps of officers. Tonight we say how pleased, how excited and how enthusiastic we are to welcome the new officers for 2000-2001. I'm pleased to introduce our Installing Officer for this evening, Mrs. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. It is my first duty to introduce those who will be assisting in the Installation this evening. As I call your name, will you please rise, and you will assume your stations. The Assisting Installing Grand Officer is Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, our Senior Past Grand Matron; Installing Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Doris Efird, Past Grand Matron; Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron; Installing Grand Organist, Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron; Installing Grand Secretary, Mrs. Katherine Polius, Past Grand Matron. (Ritualistic Installation of Grand Officers.)

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Grand Marshal, you will now proclaim the Grand Officers regularly installed.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: In the name of the Grand Chapter and by order of the Past Grand Matron, I proclaim the Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year regularly installed.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

We are bound by the closest ties to our Masonic husbands, fathers and brothers. Our goal is always to honor them through our words and actions. I am pleased to introduce Right Worshipful David B. Dibrell, Deputy Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. Thank you, David, for bringing greetings.

**MR. DAVID DIBRELL:** Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: What a pleasure it is for me to be given the opportunity to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Texas. So on behalf of the 140,000 Master Masons of the Grand Lodge of Texas and especially from our Grand Master, Most Worshipful W. Vernon Burke, Jr., I extend to you warm fraternal greetings and hope for a successful Eastern Star year. There's a new excitement in the Lodges of Texas. Many share the vision that we have of increased Lodge involvement in their communities. There is an increase in the involvement of the family in the Lodges, and we hope that there will be more involvement amongst the fraternal family.

We have the liberty to build a stronger fraternity. We offer equality to all of those who will join with us as we build a stronger fraternity, a stronger fraternal family. We extend to each one of you here this evening the challenge to join with us and be our partners in progress as we build a stronger fraternal family. We believe that we will indeed continue to make progress in 2000-2001. This year we will make significant progress, but we will make progress with dignity.

We thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, for all that you do for our fraternal family. Thank you. (applause)

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: We are governed by the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. This body governs worldwide, and we are greatly honored to have one of Texas' own, who in 2012 will be our worldwide leader, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee. I invite you to bring greetings.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. It is my honor to bring greetings from the General Grand Chapter and from our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Florence Adair, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Leonard Johnson. They are very busy planning for our visit to Detroit in about 2-1/2 weeks for our triennial assembly. I am very pleased to have the Vice Chairman of our Trustee Board here visiting our session, Brother Fred Clarke, and his wife Margaret. She is the Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Thank you for taking time to come, Fred and Margaret. (applause) As we contemplate on the forthcoming General Grand Chapter assembly in Detroit, we will have important business just as we have had at this Grand Chapter meeting here. So I'm glad that so many of you from Texas are going, not only for your loving support for me, but the fact that the General Grand Chapter will know that Texas is interested. In the last three trienniums we have given over \$7.5 million to charity, to ESTARL, to cancer, to heart, diabetes, other dread diseases. We're looking forward to the final record of this triennium. These are only amounts that go through General Grand Chapter. Here in Texas we give millions to our Home; we give thousands of dollars and hours to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, to the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and untold amounts in our various communities, funds which are not recorded except in our hearts and minds as we perform our role to serve mankind.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as you begin this year of service, I wish you well. I hope that many successes will come your way to provide happiness and worthwhile achievements. To you, dear membership, please be assured, I deeply appreciate each courtesy extended to the office I hold, and always your continued love and support. Thank you. (applause)

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: We look hopefully to our youth to keep the ideas and work of our Fraternal Order alive, in order that we may grow and prosper. When we attend their meetings and hear their programs, their aims and goals make our heart feel good.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our youth organizations. We are presenting the International Order of Job's Daughters, Mrs. Donna Warren, Jurisdictional Guardian of Texas and Deputy of Texas; Miss Meagan Burney, Past Honor Queen and Miss Texas Job's Daughter; Mr. Blain Koenning, Active Member of DeMolay International and Executive Officer in Texas; Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy and Miss Kristy Lynn Leas, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. They will meet our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the altar.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will return our youth leaders to the stage. For the benefit of you that may not have been able to hear out there without the microphone, each were presented with a love gift of \$500.00.

In the Olympics the torch is passed. In Eastern Star we pass the jewels of office each year. Our newly titled Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron will present the jewels of office. Mr. Jack Friend and Mrs. Patricia Stallings will present the Past Grand Matron's and Past Grand Patron's jewels.

MRS. BETTY FRIEND: Sister Naomi, it is such a pleasure to be the one to get to pin this beautiful pin. It's a beautiful traveling pin that the Grand Chapter has provided for its Worthy Grand Matron. Each time you place this on a dress, it will be a new experience because it is so pretty that ;you will find something different in the design every time. It is my pleasure to put it there. I hope that each time you do, you'll notice the Star Points and the themes and the virtues that each represents, and that it will be always something that you treasure as you wear it.

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** Brother Buddy, it si both an honor and a distinction for me to be able to present your Worthy Grand Patron jewel to you, the jewel that has been worn by every Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas. May you wear it with honor and distinction for the Grand Chapter and for yourself.

**MR. JACK FRIEND:** Past Grand Matron, that sound pretty good. In fact, it sounds real good. Last year when I presented to you your gavel, I said that next year I would come back and retrieve that gavel. Before we left the hotel room, I went into your bag, I got your gavel, I have retrieved it. (applause) Betty, it's my pleasure to present to you your Past Grand Matron's jewel on behalf of myself, your Chapter, the membership, your Grand Officers, everybody. You have had, to me, a fantastic year. Your presiding during this session to me was outstanding. I love you. (applause)

MRS. PATRICIA STALLINGS: Please know how very much I love you and how very proud I am of the Worthy Grand Patron that you've been for this Grand Chapter and for me. I'm a member, too. Now, let's go home! (applause)

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: One of the nicest privileges connected to the office of Worthy Grand Matron is the planning and execution of special goals and themes. Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Worthy Grand Adah, will present the dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron. Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron, will present the dedication of the Worthy Grand Matron.

MRS. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: The dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Buddy Baker. This year of service is dedicated to my best friend and wife of 39 years, sweet Judy, who has walked by my side to this place of service. Your love and laughter brightens each glorious day. To our children, Dana Arnold, Belinda Summers and David Baker, whose love and support have made me the proudest dad on earth, you are the sunshine of my life. To the members of Mart Chapter #109 and Waco Chapter #7 who have been an inspiration to me by your dedication to our beautiful Order, your encouragement and support prompted me to this higher service. And to each of you, my Brothers, my Sisters, my Eastern Star family and friends, whose love and friendship will carry me over this great state of Texas, lovingly dedicated to you, Duane "Buddy" Baker, Worthy Grand Patron. (applause)

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: No person arrives, as has Naomi Wolfe tonight, to receive the title of Worthy Grand Matron without many hours of labor and preparation, but no man walks alone in the attainment of their goals. And so she has given to me the privilege of saying thank you in the dedication of this year to many so dear to her.

There are those whose names are written in gold in the two great books of my life, the book of my family and the book of my close, helpful friends. And from these two books has poured love and sacrifice in the preparation of my plans for this year of service. In deep appreciation for this gift, I lovingly make the following dedications.

To my beloved husband Bob, you give me pleasure. You give me such support. You give me so much comfort and love that's warm and real. You give so much of yourself. I'm thankful that you are my husband. Know how much I love you.

In honor of our Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, you are a journey in time that ever passes before us. So in bestowing honor on you, I declare the star of your leadership shines extra bright. Your inspiration will be the guiding radiance shining on through our year of light. To the Installed Grand Officers and Elective Boards, deep down within my heart you are special. I wish for you special memories, happiness that never ends. My appreciation of all the wonderful things about you is deep and sincere.

Now for the treasured love ties. To my special daughters Patti Gregory and Susan Howard, two daughters like you are a very special gift. I thank God for you, and I thank you for your ever present helping hands. I love you very much, especially for my sons-in-law, Doug Gregory and Jim Howard. You are someone very special, someone I appreciate and love more every year.

And now to my adored grandchildren, Michael, Rachel, Christopher and Meagan and great-grandchildren Josh and Riley, believe in yourselves. What special challenges you face. May you trust that you will always find the best in every day.

To my sister Laura, we've shared a lifetime together. You are the person who has been there to make the good times better and to understand and care. To my brothers Jerry and Elza, a brother is more than family, he is a special friend for life. You're always there when I need you. Know that I love you very much. Two special brothers and two sisters-in-law, Nova and Beverly Smith; caring is at the heart of everything that we share.

To the membership, last but never least, my sincere dedication goes to the life of our Order, to the membership. Any night of starlight is the scene of beauty that God gives away. Teamwork any year determines the success of any administration. You, the loyal, loving membership are always there with encouragement and assistance. Yours are the working hands and the constant push to bring success to our goals. That is the starlight 2001. Our goals are to strengthen the tie that binds us and for answering the needs of others. As we reach these goals, we will say to God be the glory. To you in this administration's tribute and dedication for sharing the real starlight, the world moves along not by the mighty shoves of leadership, but by the aggregate of the push of each real light. Sincerely and lovingly dedicated, Naomi Wolfe. (applause)

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: The Worthy Grand Matron has given the membership a challenge. Her aims and goals for the year will be presented by Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe, has chosen aims and goals for the year 2000-2001 that are very challenging to each of us. Our aims and goals are to encourage the membership to let their light shine as they serve with faith, love, laughter, enthusiasm and kindness. We, the membership, will pledge to our Worthy Grand Matron to help attain the goals and aims set for this coming year. (applause)

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: The Worthy Grand Matron's Special Scriptures will be presented by Mrs. Mary Brown, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. MARY BROWN: Our Worthy Grand Matron has selected Scriptures with reflections of light, messages of light, hope and love.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

The Heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork. Psalm 19:1

Then Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall never walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith, Past Grand Matron, will present a special poem.

MRS. MARY KATHARINE SMITH: The poem that I will present asks a question, "What Is Faith?"

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, for we walk by faith and not by sight.

Faith is seeing with your heart what you cannot see with your eyes.

> Faith is planting a seed and hoping for a flower.

Faith is looking for God and finding His love in family and friends.

Faith is looking for God and finding His love in the sunrise, in the nighttime sky and in the rainbow after the rain.

Faith can be just knowing that God's world is good. Faith is trusting, hoping, believing. Faith is depending on God to keep all of His promises and saying thank you because He always does.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Our Worthy Grand Matron's flower for the year will be presented by Mrs. Patricia major Neinast, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST: There is a story about a flower seed found in 1883 in an ancient tomb in Japan. What made this seed so special was that it grew from a tree 2,300 years before a Japanese university professor soaked it in water, sowed it with love, and nature took its course. The seed sprouted and grew and became a tree seven feet tall. A year-and-a-half later it grew several buds, and in the spring it flowered, a beautiful white blossom with eight petals. It was the magnolia, the chosen flower of our Worthy Grand Matron. (applause)

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: The colors for 2000-2001 will be presented by Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. VIRGINIALYNN GREEN: Our colors for the year: Shades of blue, the beauty of sky and the unending sea; shades of green, the beauty of the earth as the seasons change and there is new growth in all of God's creation; pink, one of life's greatest treasures that God in His goodness sends in love that binds hearts together in the covenant known as friends; white, God, s gift of purity and peace; silver, the moon at night as its beams cast an evening light across the sky; and gold, the sun rises in the morning casting golden rays across the earth. It is God's gift of a new beginning. (applause) MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: We have a special presentation by Right Worshipful David D. Dibrell, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

MR. DAVID DIBRELL: Thank you, Past Grand Matron. I do have four letters here. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, if you would join me, please. The first letter – I have two letters – the first says, "Greetings to Naomi Wolfe. Congratulations on your installation as Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. The Grand Chapter of Texas has benefited many people through its charitable community outreach programs, scholarships for single parents and ministry students, assistance to the needy, elderly and others. Through your commitment to helping others, members of the OES greatly improve the quality of life for many Texans. Hillary joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion. Sincerely, Bill Clinton." (applause),

And then to provide equal time, I also have a letter that says, "Greetings to Naomi Wolfe," and a similar letter also to Buddy that says, "Congratulations on your installation as Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. This October 7th event provides a great opportunity for members to thank outgoing officers and look forward to the future under your leadership. Men and women who strive to assist those in need contribute significantly to building stronger communities. I commend you and members of the Order for your dedication to programs serving people of all ages. Your compassion and generosity improve the quality of life for children and families and help make Texas a beacon state. Laura joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion. Sincerely, George W. Bush." (applause)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** David, thank you so much. This will be something special for us, a wonderful memory.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: We've seen many presentations tonight, but just before we started tonight, the Worthy Grand Matron's husband said, "Master of Ceremonies, I have a special presentation." And believe you me, I wrote him in immediately on this program. Brother Bob.

MR. BOB WOLFE: Worthy Grand Matron, first of all, may I say to you, I love you. I'm proud of you. When we started our journey 11 years ago, I didn't know we would be here. I'm so proud that you've brought me here. You know, when you get to be Worthy Patron Buddy and I have learned this; Harold, you're going to have to learn it when you get elected to Worthy Patron, your job is to say, "Yes, ma'am," and "I second the motion." But when your wife gets elected to the Grand Line, you just get to say "Yes, ma'am," you don't get to second the motion.

Three years ago I reminded you of the trips we took, of five cars we went through, and everybody thought I was going to offer you keys to a new car, and I didn't, and I'm not going to offer them to you tonight, but Patsy Washington has keys to the van for you. I reminded you that you had messed up and ruined about 15 maps of the State of Texas. I gave you a brand new map that was laminated. You wore that out. So I went shopping today and I found another map, but this one has your first two months' itinerary on it drawn out so we'll know exactly where we're going.

I found this little gavel. It says, "To Naomi Wolfe, initiated July 26, 1960; served as Worthy Matron, Hurst Chapter 1099, 1970-72; Worthy Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741, 1984-86." You seem to do things in two-year spurts.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: But we're not doing that this time, Jimmie.

**MR. BOB WOLFE:** And then, finally, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, October 7, 2000 to October 20, 2001. Now this is what you lead the troops with. But when you come home, this is your gavel! Now this is what I rule with.

Worthy Grand Wife, I have something to present to you. The keys to the car Sister Pat will present to you. But to show you how bad I am, I have the keys to the Worthy Grand Matron's suite.

I searched and went to India via a local store, and I had this badge made for you, Grand Chapter of Texas, Worthy Grand Matron Naomi Wolfe, and it was made in India. It is beautiful. Let me present to you your pin that says Worthy Grand Matron, Naomi Wolfe, 2000-2001.

Now I have to take out my pin that says Bob Wolfe, Grand Escort, Grand Chauffeur, Grand Honey-Do and Sometimes "Hey, Boy" to the Worthy Grand Matron. (applause) Love you!

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** He always think he gets the last word, but, Brother Robert "Bob" Wolfe, as of tonight I'd like to present you with this pin and it says, "Robert 'Bob' Wolfe, Worthy Grand Husband, 2000-2001." (applause) I love you! Sister Marjorie, would you make that correction in the Bulletin.

**MR. BOB WOLFE:** So she doesn't get the last word in, when your wife gets into the Grand Line – well, let's go back a little further. When your daughter gets married, it's not losing a daughter, it's gaining a son. But when your wife goes in the Grand Line, you lose a wife. I'm sorry! Thank you.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Bob, you may have to go get a steak in that sack because we're going to get out of here on time.

The Grand Duet for 2000-2001 will present special music. Amy and Robert Lane Batton.

MRS. AMY BATTON: What a special honor it is to be here tonight, but more so to be asked to be the Grand Duet. I don't know how I'm supposed to follow Bob, but I'm trying really hard. It is wonderful to be part of an order that has so many of its beliefs and bases built on the All Mighty. I believe in the All Mighty, and I know that you do too. That's why you're here, but I want you to know – and Lane wants to sing that with me – that "I Still Believe in the Old Rugged Cross." (Special music by the Grand Duet.)

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Amy and Robert. We've got some great times ahead for this year. We thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron, Duane "Buddy" Baker, you are truly the man of the hour and the whole next year. We look forward to your service, and we pledge to you our very best to you this coming year. I invite you to address this assembly.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I was worried about following Bob, but, Amy

and Lane, wow! Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, my beautiful Sisters and Brothers all: I want to thank our Master of Ceremonies, Sister Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron. I suppose I should start, first things first. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve with you during the coming year. I am excited about your plans and programs, and I pledge to you and this Grand Chapter my dedicated and complete support. I am honored to be serving beside you.

To the members of this great State of Texas, thank you f or the honor and privilege of being able to serve you. I realize the important trust you have bestowed upon me, and with the help of God I will prove worthy of your faith and trust. Thank you.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, thank you for your encouragement. Each of you are an inspiration to Naomi and me, and we do appreciate your continued support.

To the Installing Grand Officers, thank you for the most beautiful installation this Grand Chapter has ever seen. I realize I'm a little bit prejudiced and might get a few arguments from some of these Past Grand Matrons, but the memories of this night will never be forgotten by this grateful Worthy Grand Patron, and I thank y'all for this.

And now, Sisters and Brothers, I want you to meet my family. I am proud to introduce your Grand Esther and my wife, sweet Judy; our daughters, Dana Arnold who is serving as Electa in Mart Chapter #109 and Belinda Summers who is my Worthy Matron of Mart Chapter #109, and was my escort tonight, and our son, David Baker, last but definitely not least. And our daughter-in-law, Stephanie.

Our good-looking children have given Judy and me seven of the most beautiful, intelligent, healthy and well-behaved grandchildren you have ever seen. How very blessed we really are. (applause)

Now I want to recognize some members of Mart Chapter #109 and Waco Chapter V. Would you please stand. From my home Chapter Mart #109, 1 want to again give special recognition to my Worthy Matron, Belinda Summers. And as you know, our Past Grand Patron, Brother Murray Watson who is a member of Mart Chapter 109, is recuperating from surgery or he would have been here with bells on tonight. From my dual Chapter, Waco #7, 1 want to give a special recognition to our Past Grand Matron, Sister Alma Lynn Bane. Thank you for your loyalty and support. I love you all. Please remain standing if you will. Would the other members of District 3, Section 9, please stand. I want to thank you for being here tonight. If the membership would, please help me give them a very warm welcome. (applause)

Sisters and Brothers, I love the Eastern Star. I love what we stand for. I am proud of our past and I am enthusiastic about our future. There are many of you who are working diligently to improve our Order by your contributions, by recruiting quality members, by being a positive image within your own community. It is my wish that starting tomorrow every one of you will put a big smile on your face and tell somebody, "I am a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Let me tell you about who we are and what we do."

And now my last wish to each and every one of you is, may your sun rise on a beautiful morning, may it set on a peaceful evening, and may happiness blanket each moment in between. I love you and thank you. (applause and standing ovation)

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, we accept your challenge and know with confidence that with your leadership these goals will be met. We invite you to address this assembly.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Master of Ceremonies, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Members of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, my special Sisters and Brothers: Thanks to each of you for being here this evening. How beautiful you are.

See, I told you it's not what you wear, but the beauty you show from inside that counts. Truly, you're radiant this night. Have you ever seen a more beautiful installation? (applause)

I'll have to tell you – you know how I am about telling the truth about things. Sometimes it gets me in trouble. But last Saturday night we had our district banquet. My famous last words were – because we had been concerned about the dresses and they weren't going to come in – my famous words were, "Well, I can assure you nothing is going to rain on my parade.,, (laughter) I'll be careful and not say that anymore.

Have you ever seen a more beautiful installation? (applause) To this magnificent group of Installing Officers, each of you have touched my life in a very special way through the years. Some go back further than others do, but I want you to know you have been my mentor, icon. You have been there when I needed you. I look to you for wisdom and knowledge. Always you have shown that. But with all that, I have known the love and the dedication you give to our beautiful Order. Thank you for making this evening so very special.

Master of Ceremonies, Wanda Fairchild, thank you for an outstanding job. How honored I was when you accepted this position.

To Rennie, thank you first for just being here. Know our prayers are with you and Paul. Your presentation of the emblems with my Humanitarian Program was just lovely. Rennie, thank you for this evening.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, you were just beautiful as you presented the emblems of our Order. Thank you for agreeing to share my special memories.

To those in the Flag Presentation, you were just great. How our hearts swell with pride as the flag of our country, our state, our faith and our Order are presented. God has truly blessed us with a nation that's free.

Leland, you reached out and touched my life many years ago. Thank you for sharing this evening by leading the Pledge of our Flag.

To our Masonic Brothers, thank you for your words of wisdom and for taking the time out of your busy schedule to be here with us.

How proud we are of our youth groups. Thank you for being here. We know by

the example you set that our future is in good hands.

To the Past Grand Matrons who presented our Aims and Goals for the year 2000-2001, you did a beautiful presentation, and I want to thank you for that.

To Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland and Dr. Beau Bilsing, your music was just beautiful. You started this evening off with the beauty of the talent that God gave you. Thank you for sharing it with us.

How did you like the marches this evening? Marilynn Lee, our Grand Organist, wrote the special march just for me. Marilynn, it's just beautiful. Thank you.

Now, Amy and Lane Batton, your program in song was just outstanding. Sisters and Brothers, just think, you're going to hear this beautiful duet all year. Yes, they're our Grand Duet for the year 2000-2001. Thank you so much for the beauty and the talent that God gave you and that you shared with us.

To Esther and Preston Haynes, job well done as you led our National Anthem. Somehow this evening would not have been complete without hearing your voices.

A special thanks to O. D. Christian for the invocation and Brother Lee Stallings for the benediction this evening.

Would Andral Vann Chapter #741 and Hurst Chapter #1099 please stand. How proud I am to be a member of your Chapter. You are truly a blessing to me. Thank you for your strength, your loyalty, support and most of all for the continuing love that you always share with me. Thank you.

To my family, would you please stand. Bob, you've given the most. Your love and strength has made this night happen. Oh, how I love you. To Jerry and Elza, my brothers, for your support and most of all for the love you've given me all through the years, and kind of how you picked on me once in a while and all that, but I know how much you love me. To my very special sisters- in-law, Nova and Beverly – now, I played dolls with Nova when we were 11 and 12. That just goes to tell you how time changes. I don't think anybody plays dolls at 11 and 12 anymore. Beverly came along a little later, but I can truly call each of you my sisters. To my sister Laura, well, we made it. You've been my friend, sister and sometimes like a mother to me. How proud I am to have a sister just like you. To Richard, I'm glad that you married Laura and became a part of our family. You just pitched in, and family you are. Thank you. Last, but not least, to my daughter Patti, Doug my son-in-law, grandchildren, Chris, Rachel and Meagan, the lights of my life, I know you have missed me being around because of Eastern Star. Thank you for understanding and sharing me with this beautiful Order. And, Chris, how pleased I was that you brought Mary with you this evening. Thank you, Mary, for coming. Patti gave me one of the highlights of the coming year when she became a member of Hurst Chapter September 18, 2000. Yes, I'm very proud of my family. Thank you for being here with me this evening.

Now, I cannot attempt to name the names of all those who have worked so diligently for this special night. Some have worked hours, days, weeks, months, and some have even worked years. I want you to know how much I appreciate and love you for making the beauty of this night possible. Yes, I love you for all that you do for me. Thank you. I would like each of you to take a trip with me to a place which some day may not be a picture in our minds, but in fact a reality. There's a stately structure, primarily made of brick and stone, with tall, white columns gracing the entrance. Old-fashioned streetlights line the driveway where a rainbow of blossoms skirts the structure, and majestic trees with their sturdy branches reaching towards the heavens as in praise of God stand regal on its lawn. Over the hum of the conversation and the laughter of the ladies, visitors and staff, some sitting on the veranda, others in the living room, one can hear melody coming from the baby grand piano. Matters of business are flowing smoothly. Staff members are moving through the day's chores, some even whistling. Peace, happiness and harmony prevail.

Our trip has ended. We have reached our destination. It is our Eastern Star Home in Arlington, Texas, in the not-too- distant future. As I stand before you as your Worthy Grand Matron, I reaffirm my acceptance of all of the responsibilities of the leadership of this Grand Jurisdiction, and my commitment to do all that I can with every fiber of my being to bring the scene we have envisioned closer to fruition. I must confess, however, I cannot do it alone. It is an endeavor which will take our combined efforts. Faith by definition means a belief in that which is not visible. Faith is a vision, and faith is in our own ability to carry out that vision. Faith begins with trust. The picture we have created, however, to some degree is visible. A trip to Arlington will confirm that. The part that isn't visible is the absence of the ladies and the membership's concern regarding the future of our Home and the financial stability upon which it depends.

My Sisters and Brothers, we often make reference to His Star in the East, the light by which we are guided along life's path. Well, in the glow of His light and with unmeasured faith, as we begin the 2000-2001 Grand Chapter year, the first year of this millennium, I leave you with this challenge. Walk with me this year. Let us join forces stronger than ever in an effort to resolve some, if not all, of the financial concerns regarding our Eastern Star Home. In doing so, we will afford the ladies who reside there a large measure of assurance that the existence and the maintenance of their Home is not in jeopardy. Let's work towards every member in every Subordinate Chapter starting their own endowed membership plan. Share your light with our Masonic Brothers as we walk together, as we work and help them and ourselves and the children in the "Take time to read program." Let your light shine throughout the communities that all will know what our beautiful Order stands for.

The challenge is yours, Sisters and Brothers. Make it happen. And as you leave this place this evening, I wish you Godspeed to your destination. Always remember to thank God for yesterday's blessings, ask God for today's guidance and trust God for the plan that He has in your life. Thank you. (applause and standing ovation)

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Our benediction will be brought by Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Would you please rise. Sisters and Brothers, please take the hand of the one standing next to you as we pray. Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, Supreme Architect of the Universe, we come to You at the close of this Installation and Grand Chapter-session with a thankful heart for the many blessings that You have bestowed on us as individuals and collectively as the Order of the Eastern Star. We ask Your continued blessing on the newly installed Grand Officers as they assume their roles and responsibilities as leaders of our organization. Give them the wisdom, the guidance and the strength to perform their duties in a manner pleasing to You. Be with the members of our Grand Chapter as they work for the good of the Order and for the benefit of mankind. Be with all those who have special needs in their lives. Draw them close to Your bosom and comfort them as only You can do. Go with us as we go our separate ways. Grant us Your traveling graces as we return to our respective homes. Watch over us, lead, guide and direct us until we gather again. These things we ask in the Master's name, Amen.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: To our visitors, we thank you for sharing this special time with us. Your attendance has been greatly appreciated. Those who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will retire at this time.

Sisters and Brothers, let's just move as quickly and as quietly as we can so that our Worthy Grand Matron may be prepared to open and close this Grand Chapter session.

(Pause.)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in opening our Grand Chapter and inform him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to engage in the ceremony of opening our Grand Chapter. You are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Associate Grand Conductress, 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 members of the Order. (The Grand Chapter was proved.) Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. (The Holy Bible was opened.)

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Board of Grand Trustees, I am pleased to present the keys to the Grand Chapter of Texas vehicle. Our very sincere thanks for your interest in the financial affairs of this Grand Chapter. We wish for you safe and happy travels. Godspeed! Sisters and Brothers, let's help this Worthy Grand Matron to help us. (applause)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire our Flag.

(Ritualistic closing of Grand Chapter.)

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar. (The Holy Bible was closed.)

(Ritualistic closing of Grand Chapter.)

I now declare this Grand Chapter closed. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this Grand Chapter session is closed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We'll have a retiring drill.

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## APPENDIX

### **RECAP ON ELECTIONS**

#### ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Worthy Grand Matraon Worthy Grand Patron Associate Grand Matron	Duane "Buddy" Baker Jimmie Lee McMahon
Associate Grand Patron	
Grand Secretary	
Grand Treasurer	Betty Prater
Grand Conductress	Sharon Fentress
Board of Grand Trustees District I	Patsy Washington
Board of Grand Trustees District II	Leah Hayes
Board of Grand Trustees District III	Frances Burbank
Board of Grand Trustees District V	Jerre Lucas
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences District I	Lewis Mathison
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences District II	Norma Graham
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences District III	Jo An Snow
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences District IV	
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences District V	Maxine Nance
Board of Grand Examiners District II	Kimi Kidd
Board of Grand Examiners District III	
Board of Grand Examiners District V	Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek
Board of Grand Examiners-at-Large	-

#### 1st Ballot

<u>Associate Grand Conductress</u> Karen Morganthaler Joyce Ball Doris Jean Hester	658 819 1,205	
<u>Board of Grand Trustees, District IV</u> Nelson R. Campbell Percy Lee Johnson	1,688 957	(Elected)
<u>Board of Grand Examiners, District I</u> Joyce Gilbert Betty Scott	1,480 1,175	(Elected)
<u>Board of Grand Examiners, Distirct IV</u> Mary Ruth White Vi Griffin Janice Hoffman	909 1,306 439	
2nd Ballot		
<u>Associate Grand Conductress</u> Joyce Ball Doris Jean Hester	1,047 1, 489	(Elected)

<u>Board of Grand Examiners, District IV</u>		
Mary Ruth White	852	
Vi Griffin	1,660	(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	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. A. McGregor
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	<sup>†</sup> P. Hawkins	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Carr Forest	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. McGregor
1886	Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	<sup>†</sup> P.H. Stevens	†Mrs. Sallie Wayde	<sup>†</sup> D.H. Hightower	<sup>†</sup> J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. M. Hightower
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	J.J. Kendrick	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. B. McElroy	†J.B. Snodgrass	<sup>†</sup> J. K. Ashby	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. A. Schwartz
1888	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	<sup>†</sup> J.J. Kendrick	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. M.M. Neeley	J.B. Snodgrass	<sup>†</sup> 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	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†D. Ludlow	‡J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	<sup>†</sup> D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Kate Birch
1895	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Sadie A. Hoskins	<sup>†</sup> L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph
1896	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Ree Alvord
1897	<sup>†</sup> 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. Hellver	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	Mrs. M.A. Sherburne
1901	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	<sup>†</sup> A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	TR.W. Lemond	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	<sup>†</sup> R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. A. Walker	P.S. Park	Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph
1903	<sup>†</sup> 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. Grav	†F.M. Walker	Mrs. C.C. Leonard	Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1906	†Mrs. Mollie E. Grav	F.M. Walker	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	T.J. Tucker	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1907	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	T.J. Tucker	Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	<sup>†</sup> J.H. Anderson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1908	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†C.H. Thorn	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†M.T. Bell	Mrs. C.C. Leonard	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle
1909	Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†G.W. Glasscock	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosev	†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	<sup>†</sup> L.A. Heil	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen
1912	†Dr. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. C.C. Leonard	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Cora M. Cohen
1913	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. C.C. Leonard	Mrs. M.B. Moody
1914	Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	<b>†S.B.</b> Miller	Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	Mrs. C.C. Leonard	Mrs. M.B. Moody
1915	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	tW.A. Christian	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	W.A. Christian	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	<sup>†</sup> Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1917	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	<sup>†</sup> 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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Year	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND TREASURER
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	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Mattie A. Sebits	<sup>†</sup> S.A. Penix	Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1922	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebits	†S.A. Penix	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	Miss W.I. Pierson
1923	†Mrs. Norton H. Wellborn	<sup>+</sup> T.J. Holbrook	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	<sup>†</sup> J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	Miss W.I. Pierson
1924	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	<sup>†</sup> J. Dixie Smith	<sup>†</sup> 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	<sup>†</sup> L.E. Tennison	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	W. Gregory Hatcher	Miss Cora Posey	Miss W.I. Pierson
1928	Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W, Gregory Hatcher	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	<sup>†</sup> Capt. Dan O'Connell	Miss Cora Posey	Miss W.I. Pierson
1929	Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1930	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	<sup>†</sup> Geo. S. Dowell	†Miss Cora Posey	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Margery Wofford
1931	Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	<sup>†</sup> W.F. Easterling	†Miss Cora Posey	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Margery Wofford
1932	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	W.F. Easterling	Mrs. Rose Potter	<sup>†</sup> A.P. Holbrook	Miss Cora Posey	Mrs. Margery Wofford
1933	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rose E. Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	*Miss Cora Posey	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Margery Wofford
1934	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	<sup>†</sup> C.D. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Margery Wofford
1935	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	<sup>†</sup> C.D. Miller	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Miss Cora Posey	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Margery Wofford
1936	Mrs. Florence Read	<sup>†</sup> M.A. Childers	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Norma Allen	<sup>†</sup> Clyde E. Smith	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1937	†Mrs. Norma Allen	<sup>†</sup> Clyde E. Smith	<sup>†</sup> Mrs, Mildred Harris	†John Temple Rice	†Miss Cora Posey	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Margery Wofford
1938	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	Mrs. Freda Bernhard	TE.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	<b>†A.E. Shirley</b>	†Mrs. Viva Huffman	Victor Keller	†Miss Cora Posev	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1941	†Mrs. Viva S. Huffman	†Victor Keller	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Miss Cora Posev	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1942	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	James L. Lee	Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	Walter B. Baldwin	†Miss Cora Posev	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1943	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard	†E.B. Gauntt	Miss Cora Posey	<sup>†</sup> 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	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	<sup>†</sup> Frank R. Phillips	Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1946	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	<sup>†</sup> Mrs, Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Cora Posey	Miss Blanche Earl
1947	Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Esther B. Graves	<sup>†</sup> Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	Miss Blanche Earl
1948	Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	Mrs. Rebecca Miles	Miss Blanche Earl
1949	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	Mrs. Lucile Dufner	<sup>†</sup> Dr. H.C. Sloop	Mrs. Rebecca Miles	Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1950	Mrs. Lucile Dufner	<sup>†</sup> Dr. H.C. Sloop	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	*Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1951	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	<sup>†</sup> John A. Rawlins	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1952	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling	<sup>†</sup> Fred W. Dewald	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1953	†Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	<sup>†</sup> 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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Year	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND TREASURER
1957	†Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1958	Mrs. Katherine Poulis	Lewis T. Davis	Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	Dr. R.O. Fuqua	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1959	Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	Dr. R.O. Fuqua	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1960	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1961	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1962	†Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	E.F. (Van) Plumlee	Mrs. Rebecca Miles	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1963	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	†E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1964	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H, Goettee	Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1965	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	<sup>†</sup> H.F. Harrington	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1966	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	<sup>†</sup> H.F. Harrington	Mrs. Nancy Bailey	Herbert L. Arnold	Mrs. Rebecca Miles	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1967	Mrs. Nancy Bailey	Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	J.T. Sanders	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1968	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†J.T. Sanders	Mrs. Sally Matranga	Richard T. Porter	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1969	Mrs. Sally Matranga	Richard T. Porter	Mrs. Frances Herrin	<sup>†</sup> Victor Jones	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1970	Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	†J. Victor Jones	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	Harold Todd	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Rebecca Miles	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1971	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	Mrs. Katherine Harbour	C.A. Bill" Holmes	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1972	Mrs. Katherine Harbour	<sup>†</sup> C.A. Bill" Holmes	Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	Paul Huffhines	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1973	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	†Paul Huffhines	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast	Joseph B. Powell	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1974	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast		†Mrs. Doris Easterling	O.D. Christian	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1975	†Mrs. Doris Easterling	0.D. Christian	Mrs. Joyce Roberts	<sup>†</sup> Perry Smithwick	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1976	Mrs. Joyce Roberts	<sup>†</sup> Perry Smithwick	Mrs. Mary Brown	Murray Watson, Jr.	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1977	Mrs. Mary M. Brown	Murray Watson, Jr.	Mrs. Rennie Ofton	Thurman L. Weaver	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1978	Mrs. Rennie Ofton	T.L. Weaver	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†Leslie G. Burnett	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1979	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	<sup>†</sup> Leslie G. Burnett	Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong
1980	Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	Mrs. Elise Hammack	Oliver B. Chamberlin	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong
1981	Mrs. Elise Hammack	<sup>†</sup> Oliver B. Chamberlin	Mrs. Lois Bell	Gene Belk	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Frances Burbank
1982	Mrs. Lois Bell	Gene Belk	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	Ralph A. Davis	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Frances Burbank
1983	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	†Ralph A. Davis	Mrs. Beulah Speer	Wayne P. Jones	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Frances Burbank
1984	Mrs. Beulah Speer	Wayne P. Jones	Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Frances Burbank
1985	Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	<sup>†</sup> Leonard M. Ellington	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1986	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	<sup>†</sup> Leonard M. Ellington	Mrs. Sherrill Cain	B. F. Hutson	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1987	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	B. F. Hutson	Mrs. Doris Efird	Harry G. Cunningham	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1988	Mrs. Doris Efird	Harry G. Cunningham	Mrs. Betty Phillips	Joe E. Jeffers	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1989	Mrs. Betty Phillips	Joe E. Jeffers	Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1990	Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	Mrs. Jane Gregory	Glenn Whitaker	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1991	Mrs. Jane Gregory	Glenn Whitaker	Mrs. Virginia L. Green	Garland W. Rattan	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1992	Mrs. Virginia L. Green	Garland Rattan	Mrs. Marcella Curry	Leland Benefield	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1993	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	Leland Benefield	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	Charles Morris	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1994	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	Charles Morris	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland	Billy Combest	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1995	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland	Billy Combest	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Patsy Wilson

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.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
998	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	Mrs. Betty Y. Friend	Lee Stallings	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Patsy Wilson
999	Mrs. Betty Friend	Lee Stallings	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Duane Baker	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Betty Prater

\*Demitted †Deceased ‡Suspended

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#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDS October 31, 2000

A00570	General Fund	Home Fund	Endowment Funds	Benevolent Fund	Education Fund
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Certificates of deposit Investments held in trust Due from other funds Real estate notes receivable	\$ 105,229 35,893	191,185 188,368 590,373 3.609		62,739	
Prepaid expenses Accrued interest receivable Inventory	594 11,419	3,217 4,491 314			
Restricted cash and investments: Cash and cash equivalents Certificates of deposit Investments held in trust			8,047,245		18,517 88,262 529,512
Due from other funds Accrued interest receivable Other Assets Property and equipment	62,330	98,764	89,052 13,002		
Other Assets		151,834	<u> </u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 215,465</u>	<u>\$ 1,232,155</u>	<u>\$ 8,149,299</u>	<u>\$ 62,739</u>	<u>\$_636,291</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Accounts payable Other accrued liabilities Due to other funds Deferred revenue	\$    2,778 612	50,689 158			
Funds held for others		30,942	<u></u>	·	· <u>·····</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,390	81,789			
NET ASSETS Unrestricted Temporarily Restricted	212,075	1,150,366		62,739	
Permanently Restricted			8,149,299	. <u></u>	636,291
TOTAL NET ASSETS	212,075	1,150,366	8,149,299	62,739	636,291
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 215,465</u>	<u>\$ 1,232,155</u>	<u>\$ 8,149,299</u>	<u>\$ 62,739</u>	<u>\$ 636,291</u>

Exhibit 1

Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian/ Special Projects Fund	Endowed Membership Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals
	18,469 127,145	4,186	,	\$       381,808 351,406 590,373	\$	\$ 381,808 351,406 590,373
	57,229			3,609 61,040 4,491 11,733		3,609 61,040 4,491 11,733
40,777		1,157,588	433,115	- 18,517 129,039 10,167,460		18,517 129,039 10,167,460
		18,802	4,627	- 112,481 13,002 161,094 151,834		- 112,481 13,002 161,094 151,834
<u>\$ 40,777</u>	<u>\$_202,843</u>	<u>\$ 1,180,576</u>	\$ 437,742	<u>\$ 12,157,887</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 12,157,887</u>
				53,467 770		53,467 770
	95,021	1,180,576		95,021 1,211,518		95,021 1,211,518
	95,021	1,180,576		1,360,776		1,360,776
40,777	107,822	محمور کار اور کار اور کار اور کار کار کار کار کار کار کار کار کار کا	437,742	1,533,002 437,742 8,826,367		1,533,002 437,742 8,826,367
40,777	107,822		437,742	10,797,111		10,797,111_
<u>\$ 40,777</u>	<u>\$ 202,843</u>	<u>\$ 1,180,576</u>	<u>\$ 437,742</u>	<u>\$ 12,157,887</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 12,157,887</u>

#### 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, 2000

REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT       5       73,195       \$       \$       \$       \$       105,221       475,381       \$       \$       41,925         Dues       2,146       309,725       80,625       600       600       600         Grand Session revenue       101,294       14,630       14,630       41,630       41,630         Investment return       6,091       32,104       398,699       86,046       21         Net realized and unrealized gains on the sale of investments       6,091       32,104       398,699       21         Other revenue       15,291       50,575       21       21       47,510       21         Special funds       4,502       370,174       42,546       21       21         OTHER SUPPORT       423,996       1,247,588       578,970       42,546         Compensation and related expenses       7,540       45,654		General Fund	Home Fund	Endowment Funds	Benevolent Fund
Dues         105,221         475,381         41,925           Gifts and donations         2,146         309,725         80,625         600           Grand Session revenue         101,294         14,630         14,630         14,630         14,630           Investment return         6,091         32,104         398,699         14,630         14,630         14,630         14,630           Investments         (5,000)         99,646         370,174         370,174         21           Administrative revenue         15,291         50,575         21         17,757         21           Special funds         4,602         370,174         370,174         24,546         24,546           EXPENSES         Compensation and related expenses         6,025         626,183				•	•
Citts and donations         2,146         309,725         80,625         600           Grand Session revenue         101,294         14,630         14,630         14,630           Investment return         6,091         32,104         398,699         21           Net realized and unrealized gains on the sale of investments         (5,000)         99,646         21           Other revenue         15,291         50,575         21           Pension receipts         370,174         370,174           Administrative revenue         31,210         Special funds         4,502           Supply sales         65,046		*	•	\$	•
Grand Session revenue         101,294           Home member receipts         14,630           Investment return         6,091         32,104         398,699           Net realized and unrealized gains on the sale of investments         50,007         99,646           Other revenue         15,291         50,575         21           Pension receipts         370,174         44,630           Administrative revenue         31,210         Special funds         4,502           Supply sales         85,046		•	•	00.005	•
Home member receipts         14,630           Investment return         6,091         32,104         398,699           Net realized and unrealized gains on the sale of investments         (5,000)         99,645           Other revenue         15,291         50,675         21           Pension receipts         370,174         370,174           Administrative revenue         31,210         Special funds         4,602           Supply sales         85,046			309,725	80,625	600
Investment return         6,091         32,104         398,699           Net realized and unrealized gains on the sale of investments         (5,000)         99,646           Other revenue         15,291         50,575         21           Pension receipts         370,174         Administrative revenue         31,210           Supply sales         4,502         50,575         21           Supply sales         85,046		101,294	44,000		
Net realized and unrealized gains on the sale of investments         (5,000)         99,646           Other revenue         15,291         50,575         21           Pension receipts         370,174         370,174         21           Administrative revenue         31,210         370,174         21           Special funds         4,502         370,174         21           Supply sales         85,046	· · · •	0.004	•	000 000	
sale of investments         (5,000)         99,646           Other revenue         15,291         50,575         21           Pension receipts         370,174         370,174         370,174           Administrative revenue         31,210         370,174         370,174           Admostic         4,502         550,220         370,174           Other revenue         4,502         578,970         42,546           EXPENSES         Compensation and related expenses         620,483		6,091	32,104	398,699	
Other revenue         15,291         50,575         21           Pension receipts         370,174         370,174         4           Administrative revenue         31,210         370,174         4           Special funds         4,502         5         5         5         5           Supply sales         85,046			(5.000)	00.040	
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Education Fund	Fannie V. Ward Fund	Special Projects Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 73,195	\$	\$ 73,195
				622,527		622,527
330		150	856	394,432		394,432
				101,294		101,294
				14,630		14,630
23,685	207	5,033	27,056	492,875		492,875
				-		-
32,553			97	127,296		127,296
		44	4	65,935		65,935
				370,174		370,174
				31,210		31,210
		281,194	1,319	287,015		287,015
				85,046	· ······	85,046
56,568	207	286,421	29,332	2,665,628	·	2,665,628

		658,814	658,814
		53,394	53,394
		712,208	712,208
		13,114	13,114
		20,540	20,540
		7,359	7,359
		3,166	3,166
		55,150	55,150
		36,621	36,621
		80,850	80,850
		11,259	11,259
		· -	-
		9,284	9,284
		81,095	81,095
		1,200	1,200
		-	-
		71,012	71,012
		6,288	6,288
		40,300	40,300
		6,767	6,767
5,838	1,384	50,804	50,804
		40,822	40,822
		-	· -
		-	-
		7,419	7,419
		14,989	14,989
		2,227	2,227
		33,473	33,473
		24,326	24,326
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#### 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, 2000

	General Fund	Home Fund	Endowment Funds	Benevolent Fund
Patient care supplies, linens		28,857		
Prescription medication		50,926		
X-ray and labs		1,114		
Office supplies	7,741	5,067		
Other	193	14,995		
Postage	24,981	495		
Printing	110,205	207		
Repairs, maintenance, copier lease	17,865	95,179		
Scholarships	36,175			
Special funds				
Supplies	32,985	6,013		
Telephone	3,914	11,449		
Utilities	7,192	115,518	<u></u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	464,868	1,333,327	40,758	55,167
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS BEFORE				
TRANSFERS	(40,872)	(85,739)	538,212	(12,621)
Operating transfers in	72,269	395,178	299.856	
Operating transfers out	(33,774)	(107,729)	(334,962)	(32,057)
NET TRANSFERS	38,495	287,449	(35,106)	(32,057)
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AFTER				
TRANSFERS	(2,377)	201,710	503,106	(44,678)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	214,452	948,656	7,646,193	107,417
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 212,075</u>	<u>\$ 1,150,366</u>	\$ 8,149,299	<u>\$ 62,739</u>

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Education Fund	Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian, Special Projects Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals
				28,857 50,926		28,857 50,926
				1,114		1,114
				12,808		12,808
1		3,510	44	18,743		18,743
				25,476		25,476
				110,412		110,412
			33,875	146,919		146,919
5,900		31,393		73,468		73,468
		139,235		139,235		139,235
				38,998		38,998
				15,363		15,363
				122,710		122,710
11,739	-	174,138	35,303	2,115,302	-	2,115,302
44,829	207	112,283	(5,971)	550,328	-	550,328
		22,215		789,518		789.518
(43,831)		(217,038)	(20,127)	(789,518)		(789,518)
(43,831)		(194,823)	(20,127)	-		-
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998	207	(82,540)	(26,098)	550,328	-	550,328
635,293	40,570	190,362	463,840	10,246,783		10,246,783
		· - <u>  </u>			<u></u>	
<u>\$ 636,291</u>	<u>\$ 40,777</u>	<u>\$ 107,822</u>	<u>\$_437,742</u>	<u>\$_10,797,111</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,797,111</u>

### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDS October 31, 1999

	General Fund	Home Fund	Endowment Funds	Benevolent Fund	Education Fund
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 93,898	\$ 276,089	\$	\$ 75,360	\$
Certificates of deposit	21,561	178,232			
Investments held in trust	2,707	463,460			
Due from other funds	46,943	37,917		32,057	
Real estate notes receivable		7,138			
Prepaid expenses	8,458	9,609			
Accrued interest receivable		852			
Inventory	16,792	314			
Restricted cash and investments:					45.005
Cash and cash equivalents					15,905
Certificates of deposit Investments held in trust			7 600 700		88,825
Due from other funds			7,682,793 6.475		527,652 3,511
Accrued interest receivable			84,967		5,511
Other Assets			04,507		
Property and equipment	52,508	119,274			
Other Assets	19,271	22			
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 262,141</u>	<u>\$ 1,092,907</u>	<u>\$ 7,774,235</u>	<u>\$ 107,417</u>	\$_635,893
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Accounts payable	\$ 5,947	\$ 30,138	\$	\$	\$
Other accrued liabilities	314				
Due to other funds	41,428	68,615	128,042		600
Deferred revenue					
Funds held for others		45,498	<u></u>		······
TOTAL LIABILITIES	47,689	144,251	128,042	<u> </u>	600
NET ASSETS					
Unrestricted	214,452	948,656		107,417	
Temporarily Restricted	211,02	0,0,000		101,111	
Permanently Restricted			7,646,193		635,293
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	214,452	948,656	7,646,193	107,417	635,293
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NET ADDETD	\$ 262,141	<u>\$ 1,092,907</u>	<u>\$ 7,774,235</u>	<u>\$ 107,417</u>	<u>\$_635,893_</u>

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Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian/ Special Projects Fund \$ 97,398 48,000 118,249 21,160	Endowed Membership Fund	Home Renovation Fund \$	Totals \$ 542,745 247,793 466,167 235,169 7,138 39,227 852 17,106	Eliminations \$ (235,169)	Adjusted Totals \$ 542,745 247,793 466,167 
5,570 35,000		4,156 962,893 16,519	5,203 435,148 18,862 4,627	30,834 123,825 9,608,486 28,848 106,113 171,782 19,293	(28,848)	30,834 123,825 9,608,486 106,113 171,782 19,293
\$ 40,570	\$ 284,807	\$983,568_	\$_463,840	<u>\$ 11,645,378</u>	<u>\$ (264,017)</u>	<u>\$ 11,381,361</u>
\$	\$ 25,332 69,113	\$983,568	\$	\$ 36,085 314 264,017 69,113 1,029,066	\$ (264,017)	\$ 36,085 314 - 69,113 
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40,570	190,362		463,840	1,460,887 463,840 8,322,056		1,460,887 463,840 8,322,056
40,570	190,362	<u> </u>	463,840	10,246,783	. <u></u>	10,246,783
<u>\$_40,570</u>	<u>\$_284,807</u>	<u>\$ 983,568</u>	<u>\$ 463,840</u>	<u>\$ 11,645,378</u>	<u>\$ (264.017)</u>	<u>\$_11,381,361</u>

#### 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, 1999

·	General Fund	Home Fund	Endowment Funds	Benevolent
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT		•	•	•
Bulletin sales	\$ 83,746	\$	\$	\$
Dues	110,693	501,306		44,069
Gifts and donations	65,101	54,879		47
Grand Session revenue	106,485			
Home member receipts		28,981		
Investment return	3,907	22,398	371,202	598
Net realized and unrealized gains on the				
sale of investments			76,120	
Other revenue	16,169	37,326		3
Pension receipts		418,467		
Special funds		21,883	75,376	
Supply sales	123,012			
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND				
OTHER SUPPORT	509,113	1,085,240	522,698	44,717
EXPENSES				
Compensation and related expenses				
Compensation	77,319	622,121		
Payroll taxes	7,248	50,238		
	84,567	672,359		
Allowance to home members		35,120		
Auto	6,457	3,523		
Bad debt		7,778		
Chapter benevolence				53,707
Depreciation	11,111	14,669		•
Food		119,175		
Funeral		5,438		
Grand officer's examiner's & committee		-,		
expenses	21,894	729		
Grand Session expense	88,164			
Insurance	00,101			
Property and casualty, directors liability	8,953	42.387		
Vehicles	2,414	9,363		
Accident disability/worker comp/omissions	495	25,494		
Ladies medical	400	20,832		
Investment trust fees	42	1,306	38,666	13
Legal and professional	23,352	•	00,000	
Loss on damaged or sale of equipment	20,002 /	0,041		
Medical				
Dental		3,369		
Doctors		18,080		
Hospitals & ambulance		7,922		
Patient care supplies, linens		21,426		
Prescription medication				
X-ray and labs		70,942		
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Education Fund	Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian Special Projects Fund	/ Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals	ł
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 83,746	\$	\$ 83,7	
				656,068		656,0	68
50		80	741	120,898		120,8	
				106,485		106,4	
				28,981		28,9	
23,260	1,346	2,677	25,286	450,674		450,6	74
				-			-
32,524			(3,204)	105,440		105,4	
477		1,998		55,973		55,9	73
				418,467		418,4	67
		142,664	6,150	246,073		246,0	73
	<u>.</u>			123,012	·	123,0	12
56,311	1,346	147,419	28,973	2,395,817	. <u> </u>	2,395,8	17

				699,440	699,440 57,486
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				57,486	57,486
-	•	-	-	756,926	- 756,926
				35,120	35,120
				9,980	9,980
				7,778	7,778
				53,707	53,707
				25,780	25,780
				119,175	119,175
				5,438	5,438
				-	-
				22,623	22,623
				88,164	. 88,164
				-	· -
				51,340	51,340
				11,777	11,777
				25,989	25,989
				20,832	20,832
4,795	102		1,829	46,753	46,753
166		488		30,547	30,547
				-	
				-	-
				3,369	3,369
				18,080	18,080
				7,922	7,922
				21,426	21,426
				70,942	70,942
				1,941	1,941
				1,941	1,541

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, 1999

	General Fund	Home Fund	Endowment Funds	Benevolent Fund
Office supplies	12,277	2,110		
Other	17.880	23,415		4
Postage	28,953	612		
Printing	67,159	149		
Repairs, maintenance, copier lease Scholarships	19,288	45,955		
Special funds				
Supplies	108,594	20,786		
Telephone	3,762	12,138		
Utilities	7,742	106,694	<u> </u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	513,104	1,300,253	38,666	53,720
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS BEFORE				
TRANSFERS	(3,991)	(215,013)	484,032	(9,003)
Operating transfers in		520,194	33,454	
Operating transfers out	(16,676)		(464,313)	
NET TRANSFERS	(16,676)	520,194	(430,859)	
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AFTER				
TRANSFERS	(20,667)	305,181	53,173	(9,003)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	235,119	643,475	7,593,020	116,420
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 214,452</u>	<u>\$ 948,656</u>	<u>\$ 7,646,193</u>	<u>\$ 107,417</u>

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Education Fund	Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian Special Projects Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals
		6,663		14,387 47,958 29,565 67,308		14,387 47,958 29,565 67,308
18,477		16,123 119,375	681	65,924 34,600 119,375 129,380 15,900		65,924 34,600 119,375 129,380 15,900
				114,436	<u> </u>	114,436
23,438	102	142,649	2,510	2,074,442	-	2,074,442
32,873	1,244	4,770	26,463	321,375	-	321,375
		(33,454) (33,454)	(39,205) (39,205)	553,648 (553,648)	(553,648) 553,648	
32,873 602,420	1,244 39,326	(28,684) 219,046	(12,742) 476,582	321,375 9,925,408	-	321,375 9,925,408
<u>\$ 635,293</u>	\$ 40,570	<u>\$ 190,362</u>	<u>\$ 463,840</u>	<u>\$ 10,246,783</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 10,246,783</u>

# Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas Schedule of Investments

Description	Date Acquired	Date of Maturity	Interest Rate
GENERAL FUND-UNRESTRICTED			
Guaranty Federal Savings Bank Certificate of Deposit Guaranty Federal Savings Bank Certificate of Deposit Guaranty Federal Savings Bank Certificate of Deposit Guaranty Federal Savings Bank Certificate of Deposit The One Group Treasury Only Money Market Fund Total General Fund	04/23/98 11/23/99 12/21/99 11/04/99 Various	11/23/99 06/23/01 07/21/01 06/04/01 Various	5.250% 5.390% 5.390% 6.000% n/a

HOME FUND-UNRESTRICTED

Wells Fargo Securities	03/07/99	03/10/00	5.100%
Wells Fargo Securities	09/15/99	09/15/00	5.700%
Wells Fargo Securities	03/17/00	03/16/01	6.450%
Wells Fargo Securities	09/27/00	09/27/01	6.600%
Wells Fargo Securities Govt Money market	Various	Various	4.660%
Guaranty Federal Bank Certificate of Deposit	05/03/99	12/03/00	4.910%
Colonial Savings Certificate of Deposit	10/14/99	02/14/01	5.460%
The One Group Treasury Only Money Market Fund	Various	Various	n/a

Total Home Fund

**ENDOWMENT TRUST - RESTRICTED** 

The One Group Treasury Only Money Market Fund The One Group Treasury Only Money Market Fund The One Group Mutual Funds Fixed Income The One Group Common and Mutual Fund Equilies .

# Exhibit 5

# October 31, 2000

Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	-	Ending Balance	Market Value
\$ 21,561	22,745 9,383	22,745	\$	22,745 9,383	\$ 22,745 9,383
2,707	3,705 92	2,739		3,705 60	3,705 60
			-		
\$ 24,268	\$37,109	\$ 25,484	٤.	35,893	\$ 35,893
\$ 34,000 37,000 796 6,436 100,000 463,460 641,692	2,000 2,000 36,000 3,966 451 5,709 1,531,733 \$ 1,620,869	\$ 36,000 39,000 4,000 <u>1,404,820</u> <u>1,483,820</u>	- \$_	36,000 39,000 762 6,897 105,709 590,373 778,741	36,000 39,000 762 6,897 105,709 590,373 778,741
\$ 25,051 304,682 59,879 47,693	\$ 19,607 1,057,889	\$ 2,363 693,243	\$	42,295 669,328 59,879 47,693	\$ 42,295 669,328 57,635 58,275
437,305	1,077,496	695,606	-	819,195	825,533
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# PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

(Continued)

Description	Date Acquired	Date of Maturity	interes Rate	
ENDOWMENT TRUST - RESTRICTED (Continued)				
Aarketable Equity Securities-		n/a	n/a	
1200 Abbott Labs				
1000 Applied Materials Inc				
400 Atlantic Richfield Co. (merged with BP Amoco)/**				
1800 American Express				
500 AT & T				
43 Avaya Inc (from Lucent)				
1131 BankAmerica Corp				
800 Boeing Company				
656 BP Amoco PLC				
1200 Bristol Myers Squibb Co				
174 Cardinal Health Inc.				
436 DaimlerChrysler Corp	· •			
1300 Cisco Systems Inc				
1400 Citigroup Inc				
900 Dean Foods				
1600 Dell Computer Corp				
900 Exxon Corp				
2100 General Electric Co				
1000 Halliburton Co				
750 Hasbro Inc				
525 Home Depot				
1000 Intel Corp 400 International Business Machines				
240 Kimberty Clark Corp				
516 Lucent Technologies 800 Mattei Inc				
500 Mercantile Bankshares Corp				
1000 Microsoft Corp 1200 Motorola Inc.				
800 Neweil Rubbermaid Co				
1200 Pfizer Inc 700 Rhammada Carp (formatic Managenta)				
700 Pharmacia Corp (formerly Monsanto)				
600 Phillips Petroleum				
360 Schering Plough Co				
700 Southrust corp				
1320 SBC Comminications, Inc. 740 Time Warner Inc				
500 Tyco Inc 1400 Welmart Stores Inc				
1400 Waimart Stores Inc				
900 Warner Lambert Co (merged with Pfizer)				
507 Waste Management Inc				

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Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Market Value
Datance	Auditoria			
518			518	63,375
24,981		7,138	17,843	53,125
22,034		22,034	0	,
17,310		,	17,310	105,000
8,787			8,787	13,913
•,•••	195		195	578
19,789			19,789	54,359
18,840			18,840	54,250
,	22,034		22,034	33,415
17,365			17,365	73,125
1,349		1,349	0	
28,391			28,391	20,012
30,324		16,282	14,042	70,038
39,095			39,095	73,675
21,342			21,342	28,800
26,737			26,737	47,200
57,858			57,858	80,269
53,401			53,401	115,106
18,820			18,820	37,063
15,175		15,175	0	0
20,078		,	20,078	22.575
42,781		21,390	21,391	45,000
5,325			5,325	39,400
10,285			10,285	15,840
3,569		195	3,374	12,028
21,968			21,968	10,350
17,563		17,563	0	
41,438		-	41,438	68,875
22,828			22,828	29,925
17,480			17,480	15,350
	45,753	23,570	22,183	51,825
35,420	•	-	35,420	38,500
14,925		14,925	0	
19,199			19,199	18,607
29,400			29,400	22,663
7,700			7,700	76,148
32,970			32,970	56,172
21,165	· •		21,165	28,344
40,014			40,014	63,525
45,753		45,753	0	0
17,378		17,378	0	Q
			754 545	4 546 420
889,355	67,982	202,752	754,585	1,541,430

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	Date	Date of	Interest
Description	Acquired	Maturity	Rate
ENDOWMENT TRUST - RESTRICTED (Continued)			
Marketable Debt Securities-			
100,000 National Rural Utility Coop	10/07/98	10/01/02	5.000%
100,000 Scana Corp Medium Term	10/09/98	01/13/03	6.050%
100,000 Warner Lambert Co Nt	10/09/98	01/15/03	5.750%
100,000 Campbell Soup Co Nt	10/07/98	10/01/03	4.750%
200,000 Associates Corp North American Nt	04/16/98	10/15/03	5.750%
100,000 Corestates Cap Corp Sub Nt	10/06/98	10/15/03	5.875%
100,000 J.C. Penney Inc Nt	10/19/98	11/15/03	6.125%
100,000 Sears Roebuck & Co Debs	10/13/98	01/15/04	6.250%
100,000 Bell Atlantic-New Jersey Inc Tel Co Deb	10/19/98	02/01/04	5.875%
100,000 Suntrust Banks Inc	10/09/98	02/15/04	6.125%
100,000 Southern Calif Eidison Co 1St Ref Mtg	10/06/98	09/01/04	5.875%
100,000 Household Financial Corp Sr Nt	10/06/98	09/25/04	5.875%
200,000 Southwestern Bell Tel Cont	04/16/98	04/01/05	6.625%
200,000 General Motors Corp Nt	05/07/98	05/01/05	6.250%
100,000 Pacific Gas & Elect Co 1st & Ref Mtg	10/09/98	10/01/05	5.875%
100,000 Kellogg Co Nt	10/13/98	10/15/05	4.875%
100.000 Dean Witter Discover Co	10/13/98	11/01/05	6.500%
100.000 CitiGroup Inc Nt	10/09/98	12/01/05	6.250%
100.000 Ford Motor Credit Co	10/09/98	01/09/06	6.125%
100,000 BankAmerica Corp Sub Nt	10/09/98	02/15/06	6,200%
150,000 Amoco Corp Debs	05/12/99	08/01/07	6.200%
U.S. Government Obligations			
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	12/15/92	11/15/01	7.500%
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	12/15/92	08/15/02	6.375%
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	05/17/93	02/15/03	6.250%
100,000 United States Treasury Notes	01/07/94	08/16/03	5.750%
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	12/02/94	11/15/04	7.875%
50,000 United States Treasury Notes	01/02/96	12/31/00	5.500%
50,000 United States Treasury Notes	01/02/96	08/15/03	5.750%
100,000 United States Treasury Notes	09/13/96	02/15/03	6.250%
100,000 United States Treasury Notes	09/13/96	05/15/02	6.375%
300,000 United States Treasury Notes	09/30/96	09/30/01	6.375%
10,000 United States Treasury Notes	05/15/97	05/15/07	6.625%
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	04/02/97	05/15/06	6.875%
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	04/02/97	05/15/05	6.500%
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	09/02/97	02/15/07	6.250%
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	01/05/98	08/15/03	5.750%
300,000 United States Treasury Notes	06/29/00	03/31/02	6.625%
			0.020/8

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Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance		Market Value
100,000			100,000		95,000
103,045		951	102,094		97,857
102,865		893	101,972		98,237
100,395			100,395		94,963
197,317	561		197,878		194,306
102,603		658	101,945		93,000
102,742		679	102,063		75,590
103,829		910	102,919		97,105
102,961		697	102,264		96,625
103,913		913	103,000		97,168
103,746		776	102,970		94,896
101,713		350	101,363		95,271
203,061		574	202,487		195,948
199,995			199,998		193,112
103,676		619	103,057		93,538
99,953			99,953		91,863
102,218		369	101,849		97,325
104,164		793	103,371		98,454
104,500		727	103,773		93,672
103,890		618	103,272		85,464
152,705		365	152,340		146,556
					<u> </u>
2,499,292	561_	10,892	2,488,961		2,333,950
203,046	\$	2,939	200,107	\$	202,312
196,504	1,252	=;	197,756	•	201,250
202,611	· •	793	201,818		201,093
99,141			99,141		99,625
199,187			199,187		214,126
50,211			50,211		49,891
50,617			50,617		49,813
98,421	480		98,901		100,875
98,422			98,422		100,625
299,568			299,568		300,189
9,975			9,975		10,409
199,438			199,438		209,688
	622		• • • •		•
196,556	012		197,178		205,438
198,750			198,750		204,000
201,000	300,234	·····	201,000		199,250
			300,234	• •	301,875
2,303,447	302,588	3,732	2,602,303		2,650,459

# PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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<b>B</b> assalation	Date	Date of	Interest
Description ENDOWMENT TRUST - RESTRICTED (Continued)	Acquired	Maturity	Rate
U.S. Government Agencies-	12/10/87	12/10/97	
450,000 Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn	10/19/98	10/01/03	6.000
450,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	10/22/98	08/25/97	6.000
			0.000
Total Endowment Fund - Restricted			
EDUCATIONAL FUND-RESTRICTED			
Comerica Bank-Arlington Certificate of Deposit (Bramlett)	09/01/99	09/01/02	4.8505
Comerica Bank-Arlington Certificate of Deposit	10/04/98	10/04/00	5.800
Guaranty Federal Bank Certificate of Deposit	10/16/99	10/16/02	5.870
Mary C Kennington Scholarship Trust:			
The One Group Prime Money Market Fund	06/01/98	Various	Variou
The One Group Mutual Funds Fixed Income	06/01/98	Various	Variou
The One Group Common and Mutual Fund Equities	06/01/98	Various	Variou
Total Educational Fund			
FANNIE V. WARD FUND-RESTRICTED			
Comerica Bank-Arlington Certificate of Deposit	11/04/99	07/06/01	5.1307
Comerica Bank-Arlington Certificate of Deposit	08/30/00	02/28/02	6.750%
Total Fannie V. Ward Fund			
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND-UNRESTRICTED			
Guaranty Federal Bank Certificate of Deposit	Various	Various	5.9207
Guaranty Federal Bank Money Market Account	08/12/99	n/a	n/a
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND-RESTRICTED			
Cash and Equivalents	n/a	n/a	
150,000 United States Treasury Notes	06/11/96	05/31/00	6.250%
100,000 United States Treasury Notes	06/11/96	05/31/01	6.500%
100,000 United States Treasury Notes	07/01/99	02/15/07	6.250%
100,000 Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn	10/06/98	10/06/03	5.2807
100,000 Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn	01/14/99	01/14/04	5.8007
100,000 Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn	09/06/00,	05/15/08	6.000%
75,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	10/14/98	10/14/03	5.2007
25,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	11/19/98	11/19/02	6.6249
100,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	11/24/98	11/24/05	6.0005
50,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	12/01/98	12/01/05	5.760%
100,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	06/06/00	01/05/07	6.700%
50,000 General Electric Capital Corp Notes	02/11/00	02/01/05	7.2505
100000 Norwest Corp Notes 50.000 Bear Sterns Cos Inc	06/14/00 11/15/99	08/08/06	6.875%
		01/15/04	6.625%
75000 Battimore Gas & Electric	07/01/99	04/15/04	5,500%

Total Endowed Membership Fund

	Beginning Balance		Additions		Reductions	-	Ending Balance		Market Value
	429,906				24,035		405,871		388,501
	378,492				59,304		319,188		307,372
	608,398				83,339		725,059		695,873
\$	6,937,797		1,448,627		996,321		7,390,103		8,047,245
\$	6,262			\$		\$	6,262	\$	6,262
	65,000						65,000		65,000
	17,563				563		17,000		17,000
	19,548		54,950		67,318		7,180		7,180
	267,650		25,000		16,746		275,904		265,999
	237,350		12,000		2,379	_	246,971		256,333
•		•							
\$	613,373	\$	91,950	\$	87,006	\$.	618,317	\$	617,774
							× ×		
\$			5,777			\$	5,777	\$	5,777
	35,000	\$		\$			35,000	\$	35,000
\$	35,000	\$	5,777	\$		\$	40,777	\$	40,777
\$	0	\$	76,495	s		\$	76,495	\$	76,495
	48,000		2,650				50,650	-	50,650
\$	48,000	\$	79,145	\$	0	\$_	127,145	\$	127,145
<b>.</b> \$	59,496 147,844	\$	531,748	\$	441,104 147,844	\$	150,140	\$	150,140
	89,000						99,000		100,125
	100,875				126		100,749		101,413
	100,000						100,000	•	97,164
	100,000						100,000		97,609
			95,459				95,459		96,719
	75,000						75,000		72,459
	25,000				25,000		400 000		04 670
	100,000						100,000 49,875		94,662 47,948
	49,875		96,400				49,675 96,400		101,125
			50,205		15		50,190		50,844
			96,000		15		96,000		95,238
			49,675				49,675		49,134
	72,194				72,194				
	50,575				50,575	-			<u></u>
\$	979,859	\$	919,487	\$	736,858	\$_	1,162,488	\$	1,157,588

#### EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS OCTOBER 31, 2000 (Continued)

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Description	Date Acquired	Date of	Interest Rate
HOME RENOVATION FUND-RESTRICTED Guaranty Federal Trust Account			
Guaranty Federal Prime Obligation Portfolio	Various	Various	
Cash and equivalents held in trust	Various	Various	n/a
U.S. Treasury Note	11/15/96	11/15/99	5.875%

**Total Home Renovation Fund** 

## GRAND TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS

# GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Beginning Balance	Additions	_	Reductions	Ending Balance	Market Value
	470,7 436,5		460,714 13,390	10,000 <b>423,114</b>	10,000 423,114
\$ 310,109 124,902	\$ 150,0		460,195 124,902	\$	\$ 
\$ 435,011	\$ <u>1,057,3</u>	<u>04</u> \$	1,059,201	\$ 433,114	\$ 433,114
\$ 9,715,000	\$5,260,2	68 \$	4,388,690	\$10,586,578	\$ 11,238,278

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# GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS

DETAIL OF HUMANITARIAN / SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2000

	Receipts	Disbursements
Endowment Membership Buttons	\$ 20	\$ <u></u>
Estarl Special Funds	29,243	
International Temple	1,708	1,708
Betty Friend Dress	53,395	
Prior Year	5,158	27,895
12-Year Planners	46	
Masonic Centurians	1,959	390
Medallions	3,850	
Secretary Worksheets	3,935	984
Founders Day Event	2,527	648
Suncatchers	11,830	4,558
100% Founders Day	22,739	5,544
GGC Estral	113	55
GGC Shrine Hospital	106	106
GGC Youth	246	121
GGC International Temple	110	110
Music	11,623	10,248
Calenders	8,611	4,739
Time / Talent Postcards	4,741	10,401
Proficiency Stickers	4,736	1,371
Spring Day Event	16,201	8,730
Spring 2000 Pins	41,910	30,810
Springfling Decals	5,852	1,463
Affinity Credit Card	21,321	1,925
Spring Celebration Gala	19,638	18,967
Betty Friend Badges	3,410	833
Time Capsule	5,925	1,481
Hospice	5,669	6,149
Book Marks	395	
Totals	\$ 287,015	\$ 139,235

# REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 118TH GRAND CHAPTER SESSION SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

## BETTY Y. FRIEND, WORTHY GRAND MATRON H. LEE STALLINGS, WORTHY GRAND PATRON

# FINANCIAL REPORT

# As of December 5, 2000

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RECEIPTS:		
Grand Chapter Advance	16,700.00	
Exhibits	20,244.00	
Bus passes	12,468.42	
Social Events	47,877.64	
ESTARL Collection	2,444.06	
<b>Refund from 4 Points Sheraton</b>	60.26	
Advance From 117th GC Session	750.00	
Grand Chapter Advance	750.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$101,294.34	\$101,294.38
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Return of Advance to GC	750.00	
Installation Expense	675.32	
Advance to 119th GC	750.00	
Decorations	2,300.00	
Printed Checks	45.25	
Repair to Altar	137.80	
Endorsement Stamp	12.24	
Lease of Trucks	355.89	
City Fire Inspectors	862.77	
Sound, Lights, Equip. & Personnel	4,409.25	
City Security Personnel	819.84	
Auditorium Balance	6,120.00	
Distinguished Guests	412.76	
Printing, Postage & Supplies	823.00	
Refund to Exhibitors	732.00	
<b>Refund of Social Events Tickets</b>	33.12	
Social Events	47,870.52	
Ditty Bags	1,323.80	
Transfer of ESTARL Collection	2,444.06	
Piano Rental	300.00	

Communication Equipment	324.00	
Signs	200.96	
Buses	9,275.00	
Rental of P.O. Box	117.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$81,094.58	\$81,094.58
RECEIPTS	101,294.38	
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>-81,094.58</u>	
TOTAL GAIN	20,199.80	

## AMOUNT REFUNDED TO GRAND CHAPTER

## \$20,199.80

Keith Reynolds, Executive Chairman Barbara Gillit, Executive Treasurer Dorothy Wade, Auditor Tootsie Creech, Auditor

# ANALYSIS OF 2000 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS OCTOBER 5, 6 AND 7, 2000

INCOME AND EXPENSES RELATED TO THE 2000 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION: (All amounts rounded off to the nearest dollar).

INCOME:		
Registration Fees \$	329,740.00	
Advance Report Announcements	3,900.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$33,640.00
EXPENSES:		
The Session	\$19,250.00	
Installation	750.00	
Printing:		
Registration, Ballots, Voting Cards	1,253.00	
Advance Annual Report	7,539.00	
Session Programs	5,604.00	
Installation Programs	2,963.00	
Grand Warder/Grand Sentinel Expense	50.00	
Arlington Community Center (Practice)	200.00	
Distinguished Guests	367.00	
Postage re: Pre-Registration and Invitations	1,342.00	
Liability Insurance	1,734.00	
Official Photographer	600.00	
Official Recorder	2,500.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$44,152.00
TOTAL EXPENSE IN EXCESS OF INCOME		(\$10,512.00)
RETURNED TO GRAND CHAPTER BY 2000 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		\$20,200.00
NET FUNDS IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES (2000 GRAND CHAPTER)		\$ 9,688.00

Prepared from the records of the 2000 Grand Chapter Session.

Marjorie Errington Haynes Grand Secretary

# TEXAS CARDINALS, INC. FINANCIAL REPORT

# From San Antonio Federal Credit Union For the Year Ending October 31, 2000

Beginning Balance, November 1, 1999

\$ 43,243.94

<u>Receipts</u>		
Memberships and Dues	\$ 6,145.00	
Donations	256.80	
Sale of Pins	3,340.00	
Sale of Scarves	6,974.45	
Sale of Hats	90.00	
Sale of Bags and Music	23.00	
Sale of Jewelry	400.00	
For Purse – PM & PP Assn. of San Antonio	33.95	
Percentage from Purses – PM & PP Assn.	52.24	
Interest from Money Market Account	 2,597.84	
Total Receipts		<u>19,913.28</u>
Total Accounted For		\$ 63,157.22
Total Accounted For <u>Disbursements</u>		\$ 63,157.22
	\$ 66.00	\$ 63,157.22
Disbursements	\$ 66.00 33.95	\$ 63,157.22
<u>Disbursements</u> Postage for Secretary-Treasureer	\$ 	\$ 63,157.22
<u>Disbursements</u> Postage for Secretary-Treasureer Purse money for PM & PP Assn – San Antonio	\$ 33.95	\$ 63,157.22
<u>Disbursements</u> Postage for Secretary-Treasureer Purse money for PM & PP Assn – San Antonio Purchased Scarves	\$ 33.95 2,205.90	\$ 63,157.22
<u>Disbursements</u> Postage for Secretary-Treasureer Purse money for PM & PP Assn – San Antonio Purchased Scarves Printing Invitations – Detroit	\$ 33.95 2,205.90 647.37	\$ 63,157.22
Disbursements Postage for Secretary-Treasureer Purse money for PM & PP Assn – San Antonio Purchased Scarves Printing Invitations – Detroit Deposit on Booth in Detroit	\$ 33.95 2,205.90 647.37 580.00	\$ 63,157.22
Disbursements Postage for Secretary-Treasureer Purse money for PM & PP Assn – San Antonio Purchased Scarves Printing Invitations – Detroit Deposit on Booth in Detroit Texas Reception in Detroit	\$ 33.95 2,205.90 647.37 580.00 8,016.44	\$ 63,157.22 14,624.66

# **TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.** FINANCIAL REPORT

# **Prudential Securities, Inc.** For the Year Ending October 31, 2000

Investment with Prudential Securities November 13, 1998	\$ 10,000.00	
9,876 shares National Equity Trust, Series 21 Purchased on November 18, 1998 for	\$ 9,999.74	_
Dividends added to cost	 190.86	
Basis of shares		\$10,190.60
10,121.219 shares National Equity Trust, Series 21		
Sold on December 8, 1999		9,693.58
Loss		\$ 497.02

8,313 shares National Equity Trust, OTC Growth Trust, Series 3, Purchased December 8, 1999 \$ 9,692.04

(Market Value October 1, 2000) \$10,655.42

# TEXAS CARDINALS, INC. BALANCE SHEET October 31, 2000

## ASSETS

Current Assets		
Balance in San Antonio Federal Credit Union	\$ 48,532.56	
Cash Balance – Prudential Securities	16.81	
8,313 shares National Equity Growth Fund – Cost	 9,692.04	

Total Current Assets

\$ 58,241.41

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

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