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# The Magic of Tight Session

Mrs. Naomi Wolfe Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker Worthy Grand Patron

October 18, 19, 20, 2001 Houston, Texas

### The Grand Chapter of Texas Order Of The Eastern Star

Extend Fraternal Greetings and Welcomes you to The One Hundred and Nineteenth Session

### "The Magic of Light"



2000

2001

October 18, 19, 20, 2001 Reliant Astro Arena Complex Houston, Texas

Mrs. Naomi Wolfe Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes

Grand Secretary

The following is copied from the Grand Chapter Program of Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie, Worthy Grand Matron, 1924-1925

### Opening of our Eastern Star Home

The Grand Chapter of Texas, through its vast resources and loyal membership, has elected and opened a magnificent Home for its aged and dependent members.

The only monument that we should build to ourselves - reminding us of the goodness and mercy of God and pledging anew our allegiance to Him, is the monument of service - and this Home at Arlington is the monument of service that the Order of the Eastern Star has built through their love and loyalty and devotion to the principals and teachings of our Order.

All things are done through Faith - for progress is only the consolidation of materialized dreams. When the time comes that men and women cease to dream new dreams and lack faith in their mind's creation then progress has died and earth goes back to the primeval age. "Faith thou powerful thing, how wonderful thou art and how few realize your power".

Our Order dreamed a dream and through faith and out of that dream our Eastern Star Home was built, far more beautiful than we could ever visualize, and so on April 25, 1925 the doors opened wide and our Home was complete and ready for occupancy.

The opening of this Home marks the culmination of the dreams of members of Grand Chapter and it is my pleasure to report that there are now ten members in this Home and one little boy, five years old.

### Working Together

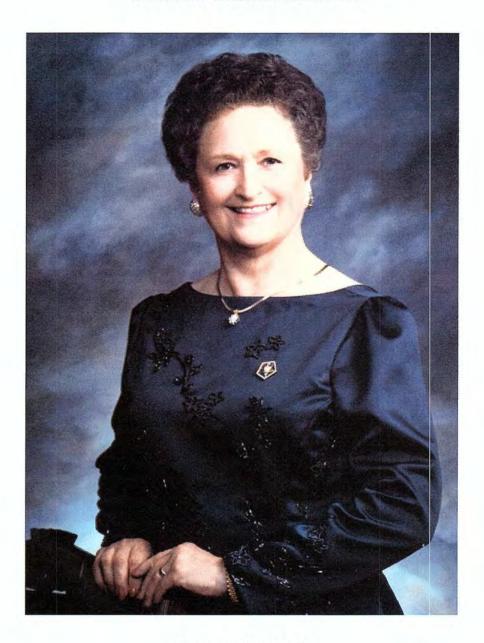
All have a share in the beauty, All have a share in the plan; What does it matter what duty Falls to the lot of Man? Someone has blended the Plaster, And someone has carried the stone; Neither the Man nor the Master Ever has built alone: Making a roof for the weather Or building a house for the Kings, Only by working together Have Men or Women accomplished a thing. There is destiny that makes us brothers and sisters; None goes this way alone; All that we send into the lives of others Come back into our own.

> I am looking forward to working and sharing with each of you for many years to come.

> > Be sure to remember to:

Thank God for yesterday's blessings
Ask God for today's guidance
Trust God for the plan he has in your life.

### WORTHY GRAND MATRON



MRS. NAOMI WOLFE Worthy Grand Matron Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

### WORTHY GRAND PATRON



MR. DUANE "BUDDY" BAKER Worthy Grand Patron Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

### SPECIAL GUEST



MRS. RENNIE OFTON

Most Worthy Associate Grand Conductress
General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Matron of Texas

### SPECIAL GUEST GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER APPOINTEES



MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD Membership Committee Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas



MRS. ELSIE PALADINO Shrine Hospital Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas



MR. KENNETH GREGORY Registration Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas



MR. RICHARD OCHS
Heart Committee
and
Past Grand Patron of Texas



MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM Fraternal Relations Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas



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

### INSTALLED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT



MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON Associate Grand Matron



MR. HAROLD TRAMMELL Associate Grand Patron



MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON HAYNES Grand Secretary



MRS. BETTY PRATER Grand Treasurer



MRS. SHARON FENTRESS Grand Conductress



MRS. DORIS HESTER Associate Grand Conductress



MRS. NANETTE NELSON GWALTNEY Grand Chaplain



MRS. LAURA SHARP Grand Marshal

### INSTALLED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT



MRS. MARILYN LEE **Grand Organist** 



MRS. LORRIE FAITH-OWENS MRS. JOYCE MARTIN Grand Adah



Grand Ruth



MRS. JUDY BAKER **Grand Esther** 



MRS. JUANITA GREGORY Grand Martha



MRS. MILDRED LOVE Grand Electa



MISS FRAN JOHNSON Grand Warder



MR. W. BLAINE KOENNING **Grand Sentinel** 



MRS. MARGARET FAIRCLOTH Fraternal Correspondent

### BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES



MRS. PATSY WASHINGTON Chairman



MRS. FRANCES BURBANK Vice-Chairman



MRS. JERRE LUCAS Member



MRS. LEAH HAYES Secretary



MR. NELSON CAMPBELL Member

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



MRS. MAXINE NANCE Chairman



MR. LEWIS MATHISON Vice-Chairman



MR. TOM EVERITT Secretary



MRS. JO ANN SNOW Treasurer



MR. STEPHEN IRELAND Member



MRS. FRANCES KITO Superintendent

### **BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS**



MRS. JOYCE GILBERT District One



MRS. NANCY BROWN District Three



MRS. GERALDINE DUSEK District Five



MISS KIMI KIDD District Two



MRS. VI GRIFFIN District Four



MRS SANDRA PERDUE Grand Examiner-at-Large

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



MR. BART HENDERSON Executive Chairman



MRS. MAGDALEN CARDWELL Secretary



MRS. CHARLENE GREEN Treasurer



MRS. RITA LYTLE Social Chairman



MRS. VIRGINIA KEASLING Housing Chairman



MRS. GENEVA ORR Social Co-Chairman



MRS. MARY NAN ANDERSON Housing Co-Chairman

### ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE



MR. DWIGHT PHILLIPS Venders Chairman



MR. DWAINE COOPER General Chairman



MR. H.L. "SHORTY"

JOHNSON

Transportation Chairman



MR. STEPHEN ORLANDO Security Chairman



MRS. MARY LOUISE CRAWFORD First Aid Chairman



MR. RALPH WALKER Special Needs Chairman



MRS. JUDITH TUCKER Information Chairman



MRS. ANNE BRADY Bus Passes Chairman



MR. FRANK HEMBY Car Passes Chairman

### **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

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS
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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

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION October 12, 2001

### "Sunrays, Moonbeams and Magic" Session

#### GRAND MARCH

11:30 a.m Musical Prelude
Master of Ceremonies
Assisting Installing Marshal
Special Music
PROCESSIONAL OF DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS AND GUESTS
12:30 p.m
Grand Chapter Mom
Fraternal Correspondent
Grand Sentinel
Grand Warder
Grand Electa
Grand Martha
Grand Esther
Grand Ruth
Grand Adah

Escorted by Mr. Bob Steele

Grand Organist	
Grand Marshal	
Grand Chaplain	
Associate Grand Conductress	
Grand Conductress	
Grand Treasurer	
Grand Secretary	
Associate Grand Patron	
Associate Grand Matron	
Worthy Grand Patron	
Worthy Grand Matron	
PRESENTATIONS:	
The Holy Bible	
Bible Marker	
Square and Compasses	
FLAG PRESENTATIONS:	
United States Flag	
Canadian Flag	
Texas Flag	

Christian Flag
Eastern Star FlagMr. Dwight Phillips, PP Bellaire Chapter No. 1021
Masonic Flag
1:00 p.m. Call to Order
Mr. H. Lee Stallings Past Grand Patron
Invocation Mrs. Katherine Poulis Past Grand Matron
"FROM HIS LIGHT" DRILL Installed Grand Officers and Pages Directed by Mrs. Laura Sharp, Grand Marshal
Entrance of Installed Grand Officers
Welcome to Houston
Welcome and Greetings
Ms. Tiffany Thornton, Grand Worthy Advisor International Order of Rainbow for Girls
Welcome and Greetings
Miss Desirie Monique Vargas, Miss Texas Job's Daughters International Order of Job's Daughters
Welcome and Greetings
Doug VanGriner State Master Councilor International Order of DeMolay
Welcome and Greetings
Welcome and Greetings

#### ALL WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR WILL PLEASE RETIRE

Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening
Opening Ode: 'Welcome To My World' Grand Choir and Assembly Directed by Mr. W. A. "Bill" Crews Grand Choir Director
Flag Presentation Mrs. Laura Sharp Grand Marshal
Pledge of Allegiance
Patriotic Ode
FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS:
Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand Patron Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons & Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons Elective and 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 the 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 & Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of All Appendent Bodies
Welcome and Greetings
Past Grand Matron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
Response to the Welome

Past Grand Patron of Tennessee

Greetings
Filling of Vacancies:
Credentials Committee
By-Laws Committee
Chapter U.D. Committee
Jurisprudence Committee
Grievance & Appeals Committee
Telegram/Telephone Committee
Reports Worthy Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Secretary
Grand Treasurer
Jurisprudence
Chapters Under Dispensation
Closing Ode Grand Choir and Assembly
Benediction
Closing of the Bible

### SESSION CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST UNTIL 8:00 P.M. Thursday Evening

Please join us for the District Banquets

### THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

### October 18, 2001

### "Light Beams Around the World" Session

Musical Prelude Dr. William A. Bilsing General Chairman, Lanterns of Faith Committee	
8:00 p.m. Call to Order	
Mr. Billie H. Combest Past Grand Patron	
"FROM HIS LIGHT" DRILL Installed Grand Officers and Pages Directed by Mrs. Laura Sharp, Grand Marshal	
Entrance of Installed Grand Officers	
Opening of the Holy Bible	
Special Music	
Accompanied by	
Invocation	
Grand Representatives Program	

Presented by Mrs. Margaret Faircloth Fraternal Correspondent

Amy and Lane Batton Esther & Preston Haynes

#### **Grand Representatives Program** "Lights around the World"

Texas' Own and Visiting Grand Representatives Drill Directed by Mrs. Laura Sharp, Grand Marshal

Guest Drill performance by Park Place Commandry #106 Directed by N. W. Hanna, Jr., Past Commander

### HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM 2000-2001

"Light the Torch"

Humanitarian Presentation by Mrs. Susie B. Broughton, General Chairman

Mrs. Pam Dean

Mrs. Joritta "Jo" Terrell

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht

Mrs. Jeanne A. May



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Grand Conductress

District I

District II

District III

District IV

Presentation of 100 percent Humanitarian Chapters Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Jr. Past Matrons, & Jr. Past Patrons

### "Flames of Love Drill" Directed by Mrs. Laura Sharp, Grand Marshal

#### Humanitarian Committee

Mrs. Charlie Nossent	District V
Solo: "May the Good Lord"	
Reports: Grand Examiners	
Deputies of Grand Chapter	
Committee of Excellence	
Closing Ode: "Till We Meet Again"	Grand Choir and Assembly Directed by Mr. William "Bill" Crews
Benediction	Dr. 0. D. Christian Past Grand Patron

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

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

### October 19, 2001

### "Highlights of Magic" Session

8:00 a.m. Musical Prelude
8:15 a.m. Call to Order
Mr. Murry Watson Past Grand Patron
"FROM HIS LIGHT" DRILL
Entrance of Installed Grand Officers
Opening of the Holy Bible
Special Music
Invocation
Session Called from Rest to Labor
Session Called from Rest to Labor  Reports Continued:
Reports Continued:
Reports Continued:  Parliamentarian

Benediction	Mr. Billy H. Combest
	Past Grand Patron
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Sharon Fentress
	Grand Conductress

#### Please join us for our Line Officer's Luncheons

Session Called from Labor to Rest until 1:00 p.m.

#### "Brighten The Corner Where You Are"

We cannot all be famous Or be listed in "Who's Who", But every person great or small Has important work to do, For it's not the big celebrity · In a world of fame and praise, But it's doing unpretentiously In undistinguished ways The work that God assigned to us, Unimportant as it seems That makes our task outstanding And brings reality to dreams So, at the spot God placed you Begin at once to do Little things to brighten up The lives surrounding you, For if everybody brightened up The spot on which they're standing By being more considerate And a little less demanding, This dark old world would very soon Eclipse the "Evening Star" If everybody Brightened Up

The corner Where you are!

### FRIDAY AFTEMOON

### 1:15 p.m. Friday Afternoon

### "Sharing the Light" Session

1:00 p.m. Musical Prelude
1:15 p.m. Call to Order
Mrs. Henry Martin Past Grand Patron
"FROM HIS LIGHT" DRILL Installed Grand Officers and Pages Directed by Mrs. Laura Sharp, Grand Marshal
Entrance of the Installed Grand Officers
Opening of the Holy Bible
Invocation
Special Music
Session Called from Rest to Labor
Reports Continued:
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences
Administrator of the OES Home
Presentation of Ladies of the OES Home of Texas Ladies of the Masonic Retirement Center
Special Music to our Ladies
Jurisprudence
Home Endowment
Educational Fund
Museum

Titles, Deeds and Properties	Mrs. Alma York
Secretarial	Mrs. Betty Carter
Texas Cardinals, Inc	Mr. Henry Martin Past Grand Patron
Closing Ode: "Till We Meet Again"	
Benediction	Mr. Leland G. Benefield Past Grand Patron
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Sharon Fentress Grand Conductress

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

Please plan to attend our ESTARL and MEMORIAL Presentations at this Time

### FRIDAY EVENING SESSION October 19, 2001

### "Special Light Memories!" Session

6:45 p.m. Musical Prelude	Mrs. Syble T. Yost
	Endowed Membership Stamp Committee
7:00 p.m. Call to Order	Mrs. Vronna Proventiald
7.00 p.m. Can to Order	
	Past Grand Matron
	Mr. Kenneth Gregory
Registr	ation Committee General Grand Chapter
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	& Past Grand Patron of Texas
"FROM HIS LIGHT" DRILL	Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Laura	Sharp, Grand Marshal
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Invocation	Mna Pagamany Syvatland
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	Past Grand Matron

### Jesus is the Light

of the

### World

ESTARL Program and Awards Ceremony



## Jesus Is the Light of the World ESTARL Service and Awards Ceremony

Welcome ...... Mrs. Donna Douglas, General Chairman

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Invocation	Ms. Shelia Griffith University of Virginia
Medley of Music	
Scripture Reading - John 8:12 John 12: 44-46	
Special Music	
Message	George W. Truett Theological Seminary
Offertory Scripture& Prayer	Ms. Bonnie Sue Perry Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
ESTARL I	LOVE OFFERING
Special Music	
Special Music	
Presentation of Awards	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, WGP Assisted by ESTARL Committee
Special Music	Mrs. Fran Childers Archives Chapter No. 1095
"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE INTO THE HEAVENS"  MEMORIAL PROGRAM	
Grand Chaplain's Report	Mrs. Nannette Gwaltney Grand Chaplain
	Installed Grand Officers & Pages Directed by Mrs. Laura Sharp, Grand Marshal

Musical Selection"I Believe in the Old Rugged Cross" by Mr. Robert L. Batton & Mrs. Amy Beth Batton, Grand Duet		
Entrance of the Grand Officers		
Opening of the Holy Bible		
Memorial Program		
Dedication:		
Presentations: Presentation of the Light of Love		
Musical Selection		
Tribute to: General Grand Chapter Member		
Presentation of the Light of Fidelity		
Tribute to: Past Grand Patrons of Texas		
Presentation of the Light of Faith and TrustMrs. Rosemary Swetland Past Grand Matron		
Tribute to:  Members of Subordinate Chapters of Texas		
Presentation of Light of Constancy		
Tribute To: Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions		
Presentation of Light of Loyalty		
Musical Selection		
The Everlasting Light		

Draping the Altar	Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress
	Mrs. Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress
	Mrs. Nannette Gwaltney, Grand Chaplain
Lord's Prayer Benediction:	Mrs. Esther Haynes Mr. Preston Haynes Grand Pages
Closing of the Holy Bible:	Mrs. Sharon Fentress Grand Conductress
Benediction	Mrs. Jane Gregory
•	Past Grand Matron

### IN MEMORIAM

### MRS. DORIS M. EFIRD PAST GRAND MATRON

1988 - 1989 Died March 8, 2001



### IN MEMORIAM

### MR. EUGENE BELK WORTHY GRAND PATRON

1982 - 1983 Died April 29, 2001



### IN MEMORIAM

### MR. HERBERT L. ARNOLD WORTHY GRAND PATRON

1967 - 1968 Died June 27, 2001



#### Following the

#### **ESTARL & MEMORIAL PROGRAM**

All participants are requested to remain for the

### REHEARSAL FOR 2001 - 2002 INSTALLATION of GRAND OFFICERS IN ARENA

and

You are cordially invited to attend the

CANDIDATES RECEPTION - after Session Grand Ballroom - Radisson Hotel

### "The Lamp"

The light I hold most sacred
To guide my quivering heart,
And safely battle all my doubts,
When fears begin to start,
Is a Lamp filled with God's light and love,
And often called by other names ...
Such as courage, faith, hope, and trust:
They're really all akin,
And when the way grows faint and dim ...
I'll hold my Lamp up high ....
And others too ...
may see the way as they pass by ...

# SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

October 20, 2001

# "Let Your Light Shine" Session

7:45 a.m. Musical Prelude	Mrs. Sara Rozean, Past Matron Brownfield Chapter No. 785
8:00 a.m. Call to Order	Dr. Effie Mae Davis Past Grand Matron
	Fast Grand Watton
	Mr. Richard Ochs
	Heart Committee, GGC &
-×-	Past Grand Patron of Texas
Special Music	Mr. Neal Cooper, PP
4.	Park Place Chapter No. 731
"FROM HIS LIGHT" Drill Directed by Mrs. Laura S	
Entrance of Grand Officers	
Opening of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Sharon Fentress Grand Conductress
Invocation	Mrs. Joyce Roberts Past Grand Matron
Session Called from Rest to Labor	
Reports Continued:	
(All Committee Chairmen are to be report has been given. Please be may be called upon earlier or late	available at all times since you
(All Candidates and the person no in the East also.)	ominating them are to be seated
Unfinished Business:	
Final Credentials Report	

Adoption of MEMORIAL and Grand Chaplain Report

Appointment of Election Judge

10:00 a.m. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

# Presentation and Recognition of Fifty (50) Year Members

### Reports Continue:

Board of Grand Trustees	Mrs. Patsy Washington
Bulletin	Mrs. Ola Mae Davis
Candle Lighters	Mr. R.J. "Tom" Warner
Committee of Excellence	Mrs. Jane Mohon
Endowed Membership	Mrs. Patricia Predgo
Endowed Membership Stamp	Mr. Richard Ochs Heart Committee, GGC & Past Grand Patron of Texas
Exchange Visits	
Founder's Day	Mr. Bob Steele
General Grand Chapter Special Projec	ts Mr. Ray C. Hertenberger
Historical Highlights	Mrs. Sue Irwin
Hugs	
Jurisprudence	Mrs. Elsie Paladino Shrine Hospital Committee, GGC & Past Grand Matron of Texas
Just Charge It	Mrs. Heidi A. McCraw
Just Say It	Mrs. Cindy Newbury
Lanterns of Faith	Dr. William A. Bilsing
Let's Make Music	Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland
Light Moments	Mrs. Doris Jean Price
Lighting the Path to the Future	
Lights of Love	Mrs. Joane Parisher
Make It Happen	
Melody of Music	Mrs. Gladys Cox
Membership/Visitation	Mrs. Anita Westermann
Poet Laureate	Mrs. Zena Wilson
Proficiency	Mrs. Ann Bailleaux

Registration
Sharing the Light
Spring Fling 2001 Mr. Jeff Geyer
Telegram/Telephone
Texas Heavenly D'Lights Mrs. Lucia Trammell
Time and Talent
Tri-State Meet
Invitation to 2001 - 2002 Grand Chapter Session
Recognition and Presentations
Election Results
Benediction
Closing of the Holy Bible

# Session called from Labor to Rest until 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening for the Installation of 2001 - 2002 Grand Officers

Processional of Distinguished Guest will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 21, 2001 8:30 a.m Breakfast Honoring the Newly Elected Associate Grand Conductress

# SPECIAL APPRECIATIONS

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Holy Bible
Bible Marker
Bible Cover
Session Decorations
Floor Furniture
Chapter Paraphernalia
Session Banner
Session Pictures
Session Video
Assistance and Support Executive and Arrangement Committee 2000 - 2001
Grand Chapter Formals
Daytime Travel Dresses
Love and Prayers Friends of the Moonbeams and Sun Rays
GENERAL INFORMATION
HEADQUARTERS HOTEL
Grand Chapter Sessions
Thursday Afternoon Informal Opening
Thursday Ceremonial Opening
Thursday Evening
Humanitarian Program and Drill
GRAND REPRESENTATIVIES PROGRAM AND DRILL
Reports
Friday Morning - Business Session
Friday Afternoon - Business Session
Friday Evening

ESTARL Program

MEMORIAL Service

Saturday Morning - ...... 8:15 a.m.

**Business and Election** 

#### REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS

Wednesday - Radisson Hotel	.9:00 a.m.
Thursday - Reliant Astro Arena	8:00 a.m.
Friday - Raliant Astro Arena	7:00 a.m.
Saturday Morning -	
Reliant Astro Arana	7:00 a m

Registration of Voting Delegates for their Credentials closes <u>promptly</u> at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2001. Registration for Non-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.

On **Saturday** all non-voting delegates will have special seating in the west in sections 110, 111, 112, and 210, 211, and 212 during voting.

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 the designated Sections of the Arena.

#### SOCIAL INFORMATION

Distinguished Guests	Radisson	Hotel
Grand Representatives	Radisson	Hotel

#### REPORTS

All reports must be brief, concise, and contain only pertinent facts, and three copies, typewritten, double spaced and 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* 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, 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, pictures 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 4025 Field Street Ft. Worth, Texas 76117 Mr. Ed Perdue, Video 3516 Hampshire Arlington, Texas 76013

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

Floor Officers and their Grand/Personal Pages 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 2000-2001 Humanitarian Program are invited to participate in our "Light the Torch" Drill on Thursday evening at 8:00 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. The Gentlemen are requested to wear a DARK Suit or a Tuxedo.

#### FIRST AID

First Aid rooms will be available in the Reliant Astro Arena 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, going to and from the Reliant Astro Arena and Hotels.

There will be a group of men working under Security called the Guardian Angels. They will be wearing arm bands and a little gold angel lapel button. They will be on the grounds at the hotels as well as the parking area of the Reliant Astro Arena to assist you to and from if you need help.

#### PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS

The Grand Examiner-at-Large, Sister Sandra Perdue, will have the Examining Room open 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 specified times, please contact Sandra and she will arrange a time to assist you in taking your Proficiency Examination.

### INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND PERSONAL PAGES

Grand Officer	Personal Page
Naomi Wolfe	Abi Freeman Susan Bigham Edna Jefferies Mary Brown Benita Bassett
Duane "Buddy" Baker Worthy Grand Patron	Vernon Fowler John Creel Paul Pike
Jimmie Lee McMahon	Jane Dunn Betty Gibbons Suzzanne Kirby
Harold Trammell	Jack Johnson Mike Wolff
Marjorie Errington Haynes Grand Secretary	Susan Ireland Joyce Ball
Betty Prater Grand Treasurer	Pat Archer Sybil Davis
Sharon Fentress	Brenta Freemen Dena Mason Joyce Waddell
Doris HesterAssociate Grand Conductress	Freida Dillon Jean Thomas Dorothy White
Nannette Gwaltney Grand Chaplain	Rosalie Miller Acree Nancy Haley Harry Hainline
Laura SharpGrand Marshal	Judith Remsing Connie Higgins J. Preston Haynes Karen Morganthaler
Marilynn Lee Grand Organist	Sandra Power Michelle Stegman
Lorrie Faith-Owens Grand Adah	Kay Ballentine Linda Rae Mason Sue Sangster
Joyce Martin Grand Ruth	Karen Dansbee Margaret Morgenthaler Donna Hill Pope

Judy Baker Grand Esther	Mary Pike Gay Nelle Wilson
Juanita Gregory	Diane Gill Doris Clegg
Mildred LoveGrand Electa	Jean Bradford Jean Smith Bonds Stephanie Hall
Fran Johnson	Esther Johnson Christeen Ledbetter Jayne Yenger Mary Ruth White
Blain Koenning	Michael Phillpus Raymond Morelock
Margaret Faircloth Fraternal Correspondent	İ
Edna Goettee	Esther Haynes Katherine Haynes Ballew

#### ASSISTANT GRAND WARDERS AND SENTINELS

District I, Chairman District II, Chairman District III, Chairman District IV, Chairman District V, Chairman

#### GRAND CHOIR MEMBERS

Bill Crews	Director
Ivan Wallace	Assistant
Kathy Yancy	Accompanist
Melinda Richardson	
Kathey Crews	Assistant
Dorothy Cleveland	Accompanist

### "SINGING STARS OF TEXAS"

James Britton, Director	Helen Johnson
Peggy Sue Allen	
Loraine Sageser	
Edna B. Cowsert	
Billie Probst	

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Bart Henderson	Chairman
Mrs. Magdalen Cardwell	Secretary
Mrs. Charlene Green	Treasurer
Mrs. Virginia Keasling	
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#### **EXHIBITS**

The Vendors will be set up in the Reliant Astro Arena October 18, 19, and 20, 2001. Various items will be on display and for sale, including formals, badges, jewelry, Eastern Star supplies, cosmetics, Masonic jewelry and various other miscellaneous items.

Please visit the exhibits and show our appreciation to the Vendors

Dwight W. Phillips Arrangements Vendors

# SOCIAL CALENDAR GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Houston, Texas October 18-20, 2001

# "THE MAGIC OF LIGHT" 119th SESSION

All social functions will be at the Radisson Hotel

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2001**

7:00 P.M. FLOOR OFFICERS BANQUET. "THE GUIDING LIGHT" Honoring Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by: Installed Grand Officers. Chairman: Mrs. Laura Sharp, 4509 Kingfisher, Houston, TX 77035-5111, Telephone: 713-721-7612. Ticket Chairman: Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Margie Faircloth, 1723 Hewitt, Houston, TX 77018-1803, Telephone: 713-682-3963. SASE. Donation: \$22.00. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (By Invitation Only).

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2001

- 12 Noon-4:00 P.M. HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. Chairman: Mrs. Bobbe A. Chamberlin.
- 12 Noon4:00 P.M. HOSPITALITY ROOM, GRAND REPRESENTATIVES. Chairman: Mrs. Fleeta Fannett. Hosted by Grand Representatives Association of Texas. (Open to Present and Former Grand Representatives, Spouses and Traveling Companions.
- 9:00 A.M. RECEPTION. Honoring Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron and the 2001-2002 Installed Grand Officers. Hosted by Mr. Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron. (By Invitation Only).
- 10:30 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS. (OPEN TO THIS GROUP ONLY).
- 11:30 A.M. LUNCHEON. "LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE" Honoring Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons. Inviting Grand Examiners, Humanitarian Committee, and Traveling Secretaries. Chairman: Mrs. Edna Jefferies, 2416 Waters Edge Drive, Granbury, TX 76048, Telephone: 817-279-0011. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Mary Brown, 30243 Littlecroft Dr., Spring, TX 77386, Telephone: 281-367-5420. SASE. Donation: \$16.00. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (By Invitation Only).

- 12:00 Noon LUNCHEON. "CHANGING COLORS" Honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter Committee Members; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Membership Committee, Chairman; Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Shrine Hospitals; Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Registration; Mr. Harry Cunningham, Fraternal Relations; Mr. Richard Ochs, Heart. Hosted by: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Jane Gregory, 1805 Leneva, Pasadena, TX 77502, Telephone: 713-472-6228. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, 7722 Wedgewood Lane, Houston, TX 77055, Telephone: 713-686-0030. SASE. Donation: \$20.00. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas and Visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and their spouses or traveling companions).
- 5:00 P.M. RECEPTION FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards. Hosted by Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron. (Open to this group only).
- 7:00 P.M. GENERAL BANQUET. "GALAXY QUEST" Honoring Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter, and General Grand Chapter Committee Members; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Membership Committee, Chairman; Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Shrine Hospitals, Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Registration; Harry Cunningham, Fraternal Relations, Mr. Richard Ochs, Heart and Installed Grand Officers. Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America; Mrs. Sylvia Garcia, Education Fund. Hosted by: Grand Chapter of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Route 1, Box 111, Angleton, TX 77515, Telephone: 979-849-8190. Co-Chairman: Mrs. Pat Stallings, 16915 Prince Pine Ct., Houston, TX 77059-3100, Telephone: 281-488-2842. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Toni Crawford, 131 South Post Oak Lane, Texas City, TX 77591-4610, Telephone: 409-938-8015. SASE. Donation: \$24.00. Names and title for each ticket ordered. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2001

7:00 A.M. BREAKFAST. "GUARDIANS OF THE LIGHT" Honoring Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by: Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel, Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, Grand Pages, Personal Pages and Grand Choir. Co-Chairmen: Ms. Fran Johnson, 1225 Mimosa Circle, Odessa, TX 79761-1917, Telephone: 915-366-4302. Mr. Blaine Koennig, 4010 Linkwood, #963, Houston, TX 77025, Telephone: 713-838-2107. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Christeen Ledbetter, 750 Hwy. 1054, O'Donnell, TX 79351, Telephone: 806-439-6653. Donation: \$13.00. SASE. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to this group only).

- 7:00 A.M. BREAKFAST. "THE CAT'S MEOW" Honoring Mr. Kenneth Gregory, General Grand Chapter Registration Committee; Mr. Nelson Campbell, Board of Grand Trustees, District IV; Mrs. Vi Griffin, Grand Examiner, District IV; Mrs. Juanita Gregory, Grand Martha; Mrs. Ruby Casto, Grand Representative of Mississippi in Texas, and Miss Melanie Raynor, Deputy Grand Matron, District IV, Section 2. Hosted by: Past Matrons and Past Patrons of District IV, Section 2. Chairman: Mrs. Jennifer Bachelor, 1719 North 34th Street, Nederland, TX 77627, Telephone: 409-722-9534. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Robbie Abshere, 2137 3rd Street, Port Neches, TX 77651, Telephone: 409-722-6646. SASE. Donation: \$13.00. Names and title for each ticket ordered. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).
- 8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST. "BEARY FRIENDLY WORLD BREAKFAST" Honoring Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by Grand Representative Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Shirley Meerscheidt, 7518 Burgoyne, Apt. 141, Houston, TX 77063-3139, Telephone: 713-782-0848. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Marilyn Knowlton, 2557 CR 190, Hallettsville, TX 77964-4443. Telephone: 361-798-2156. SASE. Donation: \$13.00. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to Past and Present Grand Representatives and their spouses or traveling companions).
- 9:00 A.M. HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. Chair-4:00 P.M. man: Mrs. Bobbe A. Chamberlin.
- 10:30 A.M. -HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES. Chair-4:00 P.M. man: Mrs. Fleeta Fannett.
- 9:30 A.M. BRUNCH: "TREASURE CHEST FULL OF DREAMS" Honoring Mrs. Betty Friend, Junior Past Grand Matron and Mr. Lee Stallings, Junior Past Grand Patron. Hosted by: District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons of 1999-2000. Chairman: Mrs. Pat Edwards, HC 52, Box 870-A, Hemphill, TX 75948, Telephone: 409-579-4001. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Bonnie Varnell, 1728 Bara Drive, El Paso, TX 79935, Telephone: 915-592-7315. Donation: \$14.00 SASE. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to 1999-2000 Traveling Secretaries, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Chapter Mom, Grand Chapter Dad, their spouses and traveling companions).
- 10:30 A.M. BRUNCH. "SPRING IN OCTOBER" Honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter. Hosted by: Grand Chapter of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, 1105 Emerald Lake Ct., Ft. Worth, TX 76103, Telephone: 817-457-4305. Ticket Chairman: Miss Jerre Miller, 1609 Wilson Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76112, Telephone: 817-457-4268. SASE. Donation: \$15.00. Names and title for each ticket requested. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).
- 6:00 P.M. DISTRICT I BANQUET. "MEMORIES OF MOONLIGHT AND ROSES" Honoring Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron. Hosted by: Deputy Grand Matrons of District I. Chairman:

- Miss Abi Freeman, 605 S. Elm Street, New Boston, TX 75570-0201, Telephone: 903-628-2004. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Jessie Freeman, 605 S. Elm Street, New Boston, TX 75570-0201, Telephone: 903-628-2004. SASE. Donation: \$18.00. Names and title for each ticket requested. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).
- 6:00 P.M. DISTRICT II BANQUET. "LIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS" Honoring General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Mr. Richard Ochs, Heart Committee and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District II. Chairman: Mrs. Susan Ireland, P.O. Box 966, Ralls, TX 79357, Telephone: 806-253-3248. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Cindy Echols, 6108 9th Drive, Lubbock, TX 79416, Telephone: 806-791-4190. SASE. Donation: \$16.50. Names and title for each ticket ordered. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).
- 6:00 P.M. DISTRICT III BANQUET. "PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE" Honoring Mr. Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, membership Committee, Chairman, General Grand Chapter; Mr. Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron, and Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Jo Ann Snow, 4304 Ninth Street, Brownwood, TX 76801, Telephone: 915-646-1748. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Ann Kelly, P.O. Box 271, Copperas Cove, TX 76522, Telephone: 254-547-4397. SASE. Donation: \$20.00. Names and title for each ticket ordered. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).
- 6:00 P.M. DISTRICT IV BANQUET. "THE SHINING STARS OF DISTRICT IV" Honoring Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron, and General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Shrine Hospitals, and Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Registration. Hosted by: District IV, Section 5. Chairman: Mrs. Frances Atkinson, 810 Nashua, Houston, TX 77008, Telephone: 713-864-3361. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Jean Hemby, 130 East Shore Drive, Kemah, TX 77565, Telephone: 281-535-4726. SASE. Donation: \$22.00. Names and title for each ticket ordered. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).
- 6:00 P.M. DISTRICT V BANQUET. "TUCKER FROM DOWN UNDER" Honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter; Mr. Harry Cunningham, Fraternal Relations Committee, General Grand Chapter; Mrs. Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress; Mrs. Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, and Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America. Chairman: Mrs. Benita Bassett, 4346 FM 531, Yoakum, TX 77995, Telephone: 361-741-2904. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Yvonne Smith, Box 1007, Lot 1109, Zapata, TX 78076, Telephone: 956-765-5502. SASE. Donation: \$20.00. Names and title for each ticket requested. Reservations close October 1, 200. (Open to membership).

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2001

6:30 A.M. BREAKFAST. "MOONBEAM AND SUNRAY BREAKFAST" Honoring Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by Elected Boards and Committees.

- Chairman: Mr. Tom Everitt, 25272 FM 2090W, Splendora, TX 77372, Telephone: 281-399-5309. Ticket Chairman: Mr. Nelson Campbell, 1345 W. Walton Rd., Lumberton, TX 77657, Telephone: 409-755-6261. SASE. Donation: \$13.00. Names and title for each ticket ordered. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).
- 6:30 A.M. BREAKFAST. "REFLECTIONS AND MEMORIES" Honoring Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary. Hosted by: Secretaries Association, Houston. Hostess: Mrs. Emma Lee Bartholow, 15723 Wellshire Village Ct., Sugarland, TX 77478-7160, Telephone: 281-495-3935. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Cheryl McGee, 122 Prairie View Lane, Red Oak, TX 75154, Telephone: 972-576-5585. SASE. Donation: \$14.00 (Includes \$1.00 for Association Dues). Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to past and present secretaries, treasurers and travel companions).
- 9:00 A.M.- HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. Chair-4:00 P.M. man: Mrs. Bobbe A. Chamberlin.
- 9:00 A.M.- HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES. Chair-4:00 P.M. man: Mrs. Fleeta Fannett.
- 12:00 Noon LUNCHEON. "MAGNOLIAS ON THE BAYOU" Honoring Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Moonbeams and Sunrays of District IV, Section 5. Chairman: Mrs. Mary Ruth White, 4310 Bellaire Blvd., Bellaire, TX 77401-4304, Telephone: 713-664-1833. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Nadine Kennedy, 6007 Bankside Drive, Houston, TX 77096-5038, Telephone: 713-729-4917. SASE. Donation: \$18.00. Name and title for each ticket requested. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).
- 12:00 Noon LUNCHEON. "ROSES IN BLOOM" Honoring Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron. Hosted by the Loving Rose Buds of District IV, Section 5. Chairman: Mrs. Ola Mae Davis, 4203 Oneida, Pasadena, TX 77504-3557, Telephone: 281-487-0436. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Stephanie Hall, 7826 Redlands Drive, Houston, TX 77040, Telephone: 832-467-1391. SASE. Donation: \$17.50. Names and title for each ticket requested. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).
- 12:00 Noon LUNCHEON. "HEARTBEATS" Honoring Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress. Hosted by the Heart Beats of District IV, Section 5. Chairman: Mrs. Kim Forman, 4702 Hickory Downs, Houston, TX 77084, Telephone: 281-856-9436. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Angie Sanchez, 11503 Sagelink Drive, Houston, TX 77089, Telephone: 281-481-4223. SASE. Donation: \$18.00. Names and title for each ticket requested. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).
- 12:00 Noon LUNCHEON. "LET HAPPINESS SHINE" Honoring Mrs. Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by the Blue Birds of Happiness of District IV, Section 5. Chairman: Mrs. Hilda Bennett,

14140 Sweeney Road, Houston, TX 77060-5601, Telephone: 281-209-3882. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Paula Gurka, 9258 Rickland, Houston, TX 77078, Telephone: 713-633-4567. SASE. Donation: \$18.00. Name and title for each ticket requested. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).

10:00 P.M. CANDIDATES RECEPTION. Grand Ball Room. After Friday Night Session. (Open to membership).

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2001

6:30 A.M. BREAKFAST. "RUN FOR THE ROSES" Honoring Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associated Grand Matron and Mr. Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron. Hosted by: Deputies of Grand Chapter 2001-2002. Chairman: Mrs. Jan Holland, 3601 Orchard Lane, Waco, TX 76705, Telephone: 254-867-0171. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Georgia Campbell, 1345 W. Walton Road, Lumberton, TX 77657, Telephone: 409-755-6261. SASE. Donation: \$13.00. Name and title for each ticket requested. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2001

8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST. Honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by the Associate Conductress Club of District IV, Section 5. Chairman: Mrs. Linda Henderson, 2006 Lazybrook, Houston, TX 77008-1225, Telephone: 713-864-8222. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Bertie Ebert, 11719 Cobblestone Point Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77478, Telephone: 281-879-1941. SASE. Donation: \$20.00. Names and title for each ticket requested. Reservations close October 1, 2001. (Open to membership).

10:00 A.M. DEPUTIES MEETING.

#### GRAND CHOIR SONG SHEET

#### OPENING ODE WELCOME TO MY WORLD

Welcome to my world, won't you come on in

Miracles I guess, still happen now and then

Step into my heart. Leave your cares behind

Welcome to my world, built with you in mind.

Knock and the door will be open, seek and you will find, ask and you'll be given, the key to this world of mine.

I'll be waiting here, with my arms unfurled

Waiting just for you, Welcome to my world.

#### PATRIOTIC ODE 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 under red,
white and blue

Where there's never a boast or brag But should auld acquaintance be forgot

Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

#### CLOSING ODE TILL WE MEET AGAIN

Thank you Lord, protect us on our way

Friends must part to meet another day.

Caring, sharing, while we may.
Working, playing, laughing, praying
Let us walk with God along the way.
Let us make each day a holy day.
May peace and harmony prevail
Till we meet again.

#### GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, They fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning New mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

#### GRAND CHOIR SONG SHEET

#### THE LONGER I SERVE HIM

Since I started for the Kingdom, Since my life He controls Since I gave my heart to Jesus, The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows.

The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows.

The more that I love Him, more love He bestows.

Each day is like heaven, My heart over flows.

The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows.

#### IT TOOK A MIRACLE

My Father is omnipotent, And that you can't deny, A God of might and miracles 'Tis written in the sky.

It took a miracle to put the stars in

It took a miracle to hang the world in space.

But when He saved my soul Cleansed and made me whole, It took a miracle of love and grace.

#### SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART

What a wonderful change in my life Has been wrought Since Jesus came into my heart!

I have light in my soul For which long I had sought, Since Jesus came into my heart!

Since Jesus came into my heart, Since Jesus came into my heart, Floods of joy o'er my soul Like the sea billows roll, Since Jesus came into my heart.

#### I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold

I'd rather be His than have riches untold

I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands.

I'd rather be led by His nail pierced hand.

Than to be the king of a vast domain And be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything This world affords today

#### 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

O, how I love Jesus O, how I love Jesus O, how I love Jesus Because He first loved me

# IN MY HEART THERE RINGS A MELODY

I have a song that Jesus gave me, It was sent from heav'n above There never was a sweeter melody, 'Tis a melody of love.

In my heart there rings a melody There rings a melody with heavens harmony

In my heart there rings a melody. There rings a melody of love

#### GRAND CHOIR SONG SHEET

#### 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 display

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!

#### I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY

I will sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me How He left His home in glory For the cross of Calvary

Yes I'll sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me Sing it with the saints in glory Gathered by the crystal sea

#### I'LL FLY AWAY

Some glad morning when this life is o'er I'll fly away To a home on Gods celestial shore I'll fly away

I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away When I die hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away

#### SEND THE LIGHT

There's a call come ringing
O'er the restless wave,
Send the light; Send the light
There are souls to rescue; there are
souls to save.

Send the light! Send the light! Send the light, the blessed gospel light,

Let it shine from shore to shore! Send the light, the blessed gospel light

Let it shine for evermore!

#### HEAVEN CAME DOWN

O what a wonderful, wonderful day
Day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away,
Jesus my Savior I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend
He met the need of my heart
Shadows dispelling, with joy I am
telling,
He made all the darkness depart!

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul.

When at the cross the Savior made me whole.

My sins were washed away,
And my night was turned today
Heaven came down and glory filled my
soul.

#### SUNSHINE IN MY SOUL

There is sunshine in my soul today More glorious and bright Than glows in any earthly sky, For Jesus is the light.

O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine, when the peaceful, happy moments roll When Jesus shows His smiling face, There is sunshine in my soul

Mrs. Molly Goodpasture (785) 806/637-3225 (63-64)	
1011 E. Tate, Brownfield 79316	Oct. 18
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe (574) 214/827-3192 (66-67)	
P.O. Box 140716, Dallas 75214	Sept. 30
Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen (616) 915/453-2683 (67-68)	
P.O. Box 7, Robert Lee 76945	May 14
Mrs. Frances Key Herrin (803) (70-71)	
Buckner Baptist Villa, 11110 Tom Adams Dr., Austin 78753	Sept. 25
Mrs. Katherine Harbour (384) 806/256-2247 (72-73)	
P.O. Box 231, Shamrock 79079	Feb. 28
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast (Dick) (830) 903/895-4421 (74-75)	
P.O. Box 33, New London 75682	Mar. 20
Mrs. Joyce Roberts (244) 915/591-7542 (76-77)	
10660 Park View Circle, El Paso 79935	June 14
Mrs. Mary Brown (Doss) (996) 512/446-3605 (77-78)	
Rt. 2, Box 726, Lexington 78947	Aug. 27
Mrs. Rennie Ofton (Paul) (750) 210/533-8888 (78-79)	· ·
131 Andricks, San Antonio 78223	Aug. 31
Mrs. Lena Maye Cook (Jim) (984) 713/686-0030 (80-81)	J
7722 Wedgewood Ln., Houston 77055	Dec. 27
Mrs. Elise Hammack (Dr. W. Bert) (684) 817/237-3747 (81-82)	
6700 Wells Burnett Rd., Fort Worth 76135	July 13
Mrs. Lois Bell (155) 409/836-6420 (82-83)	•
1007 Windy Dr., Brenham 77833	Aug. 10
Mrs. Beulah Speer (Brooks) (877) 806/746-5861 (84-85)	
Rt. 2, Box 167, Idalou 79329	Aug. 21
Mrs. Elsie Paladino (John) (1011) 409/849-8190 (85-86)	
Route 1, Box 111, Angleton 77515	June 10
Mrs. Doris M. Efird (John) (756) 817/927-5200 (88-89)	
4563 Glacier St., Fort Worth 76115	Nov. 21
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham (Farris) (161) 806/352-6602 (89-90)	
#6 Manchester Rd., Amarillo 79124	Aug. 21
Dr. Effie Mae Davis (49) 210/497-2032 (90-91)	
20018 Horizon Way, San Antonio 78258-3154	Mav 17
Mrs. Jane Gregory (711) 713/472-6228 (91-92)	•
1805 Leneva Lane, Pasadena 77502	March 12
Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green (Floyd) (887) 972/278-5412 (92-93)	
4030 Greensboro Circle, Garland 75041	Julv 30
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild (Max) (820) 817/457-4305 (94-95)	
1105 Emerald Lake Ct., Ft. Worth 76103	June 10
Mrs. Rosemary Swetland (1098) 409/829-4434 (95-96)	
Rt. 2, Box 165, Diboll 75941	Mav 5
Mrs. Alma Carter (703) 972/423-3165 (96-97)	
1712 15th Place, Plano 75074	July 14
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield (Robert) (1070) 254/865-2659 (97-98)	_
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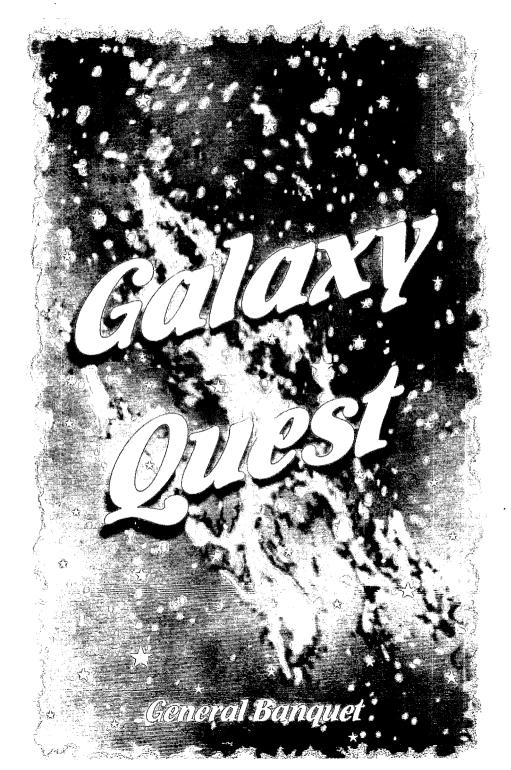
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Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus

Past Grand Matron

Response Mr. Ray G. Osborne
Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, GGC
and Past Grand Patron of Tennessee

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Invocation Mrs. Molly Goodpasture
Past Grand Matron

#### DINNER

Introductions Mrs. Pat Stallings
Grand Representative of Tennessee

Entertainment Mrs. Amy Beth Batton

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Greetings ~ Past Grand Patrons Mr. Billy H. Combest
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To my very own District 4, Section 10 members, and others who helped in any way to make this Banquet all that I had hoped for.

Thank you is one of those wonderful phrases people use to express a special gratitude. But there is a lot more to it than words can say when it comes from the heart. I hope you can feel and hear the words of my heart.

Never forget how special you are in my eyes and always remember how much I appreciate you.

You are the best that anyone could hope for.

My love always, Elsie Paladino, Banquet Chairman MASTER OF CEREMONIES ELSIE PALADINO: If you will find your places, we want to start promptly.

Sisters and Brothers, we are about to start the processional. I would ask everyone to be seated, and please remain seated until I invite you to stand. Thank you so very much.

Good evening, my Sisters and Brothers, and welcome to the Galaxy Quest General Banquet and to the Grand Chapter of Texas. As time is of importance and with the permission of the Worthy Grand Matron our processional will be limited. Most of the honorees and distinguished guests are already seated at the head table. Now I have the pleasure to present Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter, escorted by Brother Ray Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. [applause] It is now my pleasure to present Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by, his lovely lady, Judy Baker, Grand Esther. [applause] I am pleased to present to you our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe, escorted by Brother Bob Wolfe, Grand Representative of Manitoba in Texas. [applause]

Will all of the honorees for the evening please stand? I think you know who you are. Now my Sisters and Brothers, would you please stand at this time and show your appreciation and welcome to this group. [applause]

Would you remain standing, please. A new day has been etched in our hearts and in history. The terrorist attack on our country has brought us closer and more united. We show a reviving spirit of patriotism. Let us salute the symbol of freedom, the Stars and Stripes, as we pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, followed by singing "God Bless America."

[Pledge of Allegiance in unison and singing of "God Bless America."]

Please be seated. Sisters and Brothers, the Banquet Committee has tried with utmost precision in every detail. Yet we realize that some unforeseen items may have been overlooked. Please contact the hostesses if we can do anything to make this evening a more pleasant one for you. Thank you so very much.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committees, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas and other Grand Jurisdictions, Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, Distinguished Members of other Grand Jurisdictions and Texas, my Sisters and Brothers: We are so very honored to have each of you present. And now protocol has been established for the evening, so we will not repeat it. [applause]

My dictionary describes a galaxy as an assemblage of brilliant or noted persons or things. I wish you had my vantage point this evening because you are some of the brightest stars in our galaxy. You bring brilliance to this room. A quest is described as a seeking, to make a search, to go on a quest, an adventure. I hope that this evening is an enjoyable adventure for you.

As we look up into the heavens and gaze at the countless stars, the skies are so full of majesty and graceful motion that it is little wonder it has been the

inspiration of poets throughout the ages. Even the smallest child sings, "Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are." This wonder has been the starting point for many quests, both actually and symbolically.

In our beautiful Order we can appreciate that it must have been something like that which inspired our founder, Rob Morris, to use the heavens and its multitude of stars to guide us as we look toward the East. The Grand Chapter of Texas boasts one who early gazed upon the stars and dared to dream all that could be accomplished in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star. Her light continues to shine as an inspiration to all who seek the light of knowledge, one who has the magical gift of oratory. I now present Sister Lallah Mae Vollus who will extend the welcome.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Master of Ceremonies, I am sure that all of us at these head tables are deeply impressed with the beauty of the sight before us of so many of our loyal Texas Stars and Stars from over the world who have come to share this special session with us. By the invitation of the committee, I have been given the privilege of expressing for them and for Texas the joy that is ours in welcoming you to an evening of fellowship, to an evening of honoring our own Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, our beloved elective officer of the General Grand Chapter and our Committee Members, and then those from all over the great land of Stardom who have come to share with us and join with us in honoring them.

We gather together to pay the tribute of love and respect to special, special people. It is my privilege to be peak the welcome of the committee and of the State of Texas to you for this special occasion to which we look forward at each Grand Chapter session. They have planned and worked diligently that this may be a special time in the program-packed schedule of this session. We wanted each of you to come. It's the committee's desire that we share together an evening of fellowship, that we break bread together as an expression of our love for those whom we honor. Thank you for coming,. Our hearts enfold you ,and I voice for the committee the most genuine words of their welcome.

When the clock has ticked away the hours of another session, another day of togetherness, may you have had an enjoyable time and stored away memories, memories that will remind you of us until we may have the good fortune of meeting again. Your gift to us has been your presence. Our gift to you from the depths of our hearts is welcome, thrice welcome. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: We are honored this evening to have Brother Ray Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Tennessee, to respond to the welcome. You will welcome him. [applause]

MR. RAY OSBORNE: Thank you, Sister Elsie. I appreciate you asking me to do this. Right at this moment I feel most inadequate. Most of you do not know me, but I know a lot of you. I first came to Texas in any capacity of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1964 representing the sovereign state of Tennessee as the Worthy Grand Patron as the triennial assembly was held in Dallas. Sister Mildred Haney Harris had strong connections to Tennessee, and she told me so one time in Tennessee when I was just a Past Patron.

It was God's will that I would be a Past Worthy Grand Patron when I attended her session. And at that session Sister Lallah Mae Vollus served General Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Esther. What a wonderful queen she was. She doesn't know me as well as I know her, because I had read of her and heard of her and seen her and listened to her many times since 1964. This is not my first visit to Texas Grand Chapter. I've been here many times, I don't know how many. I haven't stopped to count. But I've been to El Paso, Houston, Dallas and places in between. Sister Lallah Mae said one time, in some city in Texas, that it takes a long time to get across the state, and it does.

I'm happy to be here tonight and to respond to her beautiful and eloquent welcome to you and to us. I'm happy to be with your Worthy Grand Matron and your Worthy Grand Patron. I want to say something about your Worthy Grand Patron. I thought I was a tall fellow when I came to Texas.

You are honoring tonight a lovely lady in the General Grand Chapter. Sister Rennie was elected as a Right Worthy Grand Trustee in Memphis, Tennessee, and I was the presiding officer. I'm happy to be with her here tonight as she has moved up the ladder in General Grand Chapter and is serving as our Worthy Associate Grand Conductress. I can tell you that she represents you well in the Eastern Star world. I'm pleased that I was permitted to escort her to her seat at the table tonight.

I'm happy to be with these other fine members of the General Grand Chapter from the State of Texas. Now, Sister Elsie has said that protocol has been established, and you know who they are, and they're seated before you. I want to say to them that I hope you enjoy your appointments in the General Grand Chapter, that you serve your positions well.

I bring you greetings – fresh greetings – from your boss lady, our Most Worthy Grand Matron. I was with her last evening in Guthrie, Oklahoma, at their Grand Chapter session. She arrived late in Oklahoma because she had been in Alabama. How in the world she does what she does and travels as much as she does, I'll never know. I've tried it and I know what it's like. But she sends greetings to all of you in the State of Texas, as does our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Harlis Creech.

I want to thank you again, Sister Elsie, for giving me this opportunity to speak to this fine group of people and to be with you in Texas and to enjoy Texas hospitality. I want you to remember that if it weren't for these old Tennesseans there might not have been a Texas. [laughter and applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: You can always make someone happy either by coming or going. Brother Ray Osborne has made us very happy by coming to be with us in Texas and to share this time with us.

No one in Texas ever twinkled any brighter or more engagingly than Sister Molly Goodpasture. This gracious lady stands firm in her belief that God created the heavens and the earth. Please remain seated and join hands as she offers the invocation.

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: Please bow your heads in prayer. With grateful hearts, we praise and thank you, our Heavenly Father, that we live in a land of liberty, a land in whose very foundation are embedded those eternal principles of liberty, tolerance and justice. Today while the world seems to be in a state of discord, with dictators lusting for more power, while people are being persecuted with liberty and thought of action prohibited in dictator countries, may we breathe a prayer of thankfulness for the blessings that are ours in this land of freedom. Help

us in our daily lives to exemplify our beautiful teachings that we may be helpful in all things that would lift mankind from the petty and low, and set them up on the high places of truth and beauty. We pray for the leaders of our great land, especially for our wonderful president. Bless our absent ones, and comfort those who have been called on to give up their loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer because we ask it in the name of Him who hath loved and given himself for us. Amen.

[Dinner was served.]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: I know some of you may still be enjoying the wonderful key lime pie, but I just want to tell you that there is a beautiful, picture in the corner of the room. We're doing pictures there for a small donation. If you would like your picture taken in that beautiful setting, we would be happy to do so. I think it would be a wonderful memory for you to have.

At this time we're going to ask the hotel staff, all of those who have served us so efficiently this evening, to line up so we can thank you. Sisters and Brothers, this is the crew, the wonderful, courteous, gracious crew, that has assisted us all day in getting this banquet set up. These are the chefs that prepared the food, the servers who served you so efficiently. We want to express our appreciation to them. They served the meal very fast, and it was delicious. We want to tell them how much we appreciate all that they have done for us to make this evening so very special to us. Would you join me in thanking them. [applause]

Thank you so very much. We'll continue with introductions while they finish picking up the dishes.

Star light, star bright, this delightful lady twinkles in any setting. If you want to be twinkled back at, you just get into a conversation with Sister Pat Stallings. She will introduce us to some of the Stars we already know and others that we are very eager to meet. Sister Pat Stallings will preside over the introductions.

MRS. PAT STALLINGS: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Protocol having been established, I'd like to thank Sister Elsie Paladino, Chairman of the Galaxy Quest Banquet, for asking me to bring the introductions this evening. Sister Elsie, I have enjoyed working with you on this joint venture. The membership in District 4, Section 10 want you to know how much we appreciate your continual service to our Order, but more importantly, we want you to know that we love you.

It is my honor this evening to introduce the celestial Moonbeam and glowing Sunray of the Grand Chapter of Texas: Sister Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband, Robert Wolfe, Grand Escort; and Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, Worthy Grand Patron, and his sweet wife, Sister Judy Baker, Grand Esther. Please join me in telling these hard-working Stars how much we appreciate their dedicated service. [applause]

We have been honored this evening with a very distinguished guest who has traveled many miles to be with us. It's my pleasure to introduce Brother Ray G. Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Tennessee. Join me in thanking Brother Osborne for his presence. [applause]

Tonight we have in attendance a very special member who is an elected officer of General Grand Chapter. It is indeed my honor to introduce our own Texas Redbird,

Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Let's tell this very distinguished member how proud we are of her. [applause]

I am pleased to introduce the following General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Please hold your applause until all have been introduced. Sister Nancy Tillman, Adoption Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Sister Joy Denny, ESTARL and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, and her husband, Brother Buck Denny, Special Aide to the Most Worthy Grand Patron; Brother Harry Cunningham, Fraternal Relations and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and a Past Grand Master of Texas, as, and his wife, Sister Barbara Cunningham, Make It Happen; Brother Richard Ochs, Heart Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, and his wife, Sister Barbara Ochs, Arrangements - Distinguished Guests; Sister Wanda Fairchild, Membership Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, and her husband, Brother Max Fairchild, Resolutions Committee; Brother Kenneth Gregory, Registration and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, and his wife, Sister Juanita Gregory, Grand Martha; Brother Granville Bugbee, Ritual Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Tennessee; Sister Gladys Allison, Sessions/Finance, Louisiana Co-chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; and Sister Elsie Paladino, Shriners Hospital and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Join me in showing our appreciation for their continual devoted service to our beloved Order and General Grand Chapter. [applause]

This evening we have in attendance Worthy Grand Matrons from other Grand Jurisdictions. It's my pleasure to introduce Sister Pat Brothers, Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas, and her husband, Brother Lyle Brothers, Grand Escort; and Sister Virginia Jenkins, Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana. Join me in welcoming our honored guests. [applause]

We are honored to have Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions attending this banquet. I am pleased to introduce Brother Julio Morales, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana and Ambassador to Mexico for the Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter, and his wife, Sister Dorothy Morales, State Chairman, OES Journal, Louisiana; Sister Wilma Thompson, Past Grand Matron of Maryland; Sister Lucern R. Lung, Past Grand Matron of Maryland; Sister Jean Love, Past Grand Matron of Nevada, and her husband, Brother David Love, Grand Representative of Texas in Nevada; Sister Bonnie Poindexter, Past Grand Matron of Tennessee and Grand Secretary of Tennessee, and her husband, Brother Tommy Poindexter, Past Patron; Brother Haskell Clark, Past Grand Patron of Tennessee and Aide to the Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter, and his wife, Della Clark, Past Matron; and Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, Past Grand Matron of Vermont. Let's give a hearty Texas welcome to these devoted members of our Order. [applause]

It is now my honor to introduce the crowning jewels and gems in the crown of our Order. The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas continually give of their time, their effort and their love to perpetuate our beloved Order. Sisters and Brothers, I will ask you to please hold your applause until all have been introduced. The Past Grand Matrons of Texas: Sister Lallah Mae Vollus; Sister Molly Goodpasture; Sister Mildred Sharpe; Sister Patricia Major Neinast; Sister Joyce Roberts; Sister Mary M. Brown; Sister Elise Hammack; Sister Betty Phillips Benham; Sister Effie Mae Davis; Sister Alma Carter; Sister Yvonne Brownfield and her husband, Brother Robert Brownfield, Endowed Membership Stamp Committee, District 3 Chairman; Sister Alma Lynn Bane; Sister Betty Y. Friend and her

husband, Brother Jack Friend, Grand Escort. And the Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Brother Murray Watson and his wife, Sister Greta Watson, Grand Escort; Brother Charles Morris; Brother Billy Combest and his wife, Sister Freda Combest, Grand Escort; and Brother H. Lee Stallings and his wife, Pat Stallings, Grand Representative of Tennessee in Texas. Sisters and Brothers, where would our Order be without them? Join me in showing these revered members how truly loved they are. [applause]

Tonight we have in attendance some Installed Grand Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions, and this happens to be Louisiana. It's my pleasure to introduce Brother James Premeaux, Associate Grand Patron, and his wife, Sister Lois Premeaux, Grand Chapter Committee Member; Sister Audrey Barker, Associate Grand Conductress, and her husband, Brother George Barker; Sister Linda Shaw, Grand Adah, and her husband, Brother Richard Shaw, Grand Representative of South Dakota in Louisiana; Sister Dotalene Lenard, Grand Ruth; Sister Jane Wiggins, Grand Electa. Join me in welcoming our neighbors to the East and thank them for being with us this evening. [applause]

It is now my pleasure to introduce the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of Texas, Again, please hold your applause until all have been introduced. Installed Grand Officers: Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron, her husband, Brother Harold McMahon, Grand Escort; Brother Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron, and his wife, Sister Lucia Trammell, Grand. Escort; Sister Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Sister Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Sister Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress; Sister Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress, and her husband, Brother Johnny Hester, Grand Escort; Sister Nanette Gwaltney, Grand Chaplain, and her husband, Brother George Gwaltney, Grand Escort; Sister Laura Sharp, Grand Marshal, and her husband, Brother Richard Sharp, Grand Escort; Sister Marilyn Lee, Grand Organist; Sister Lorrie Faith-Owens, Grand Adah; Sister Joyce Martin, Grand Ruth; Sister Mildred Love, Grand Electa; Sister Fran Johnson, Grand Warder; Brother Blaine Koenning, Grand Sentinel; Sister Edna Goette, Grand Chapter Mom and widow of Dr. James Goette, Past Grand Patron.

And from the Board of Grand Trustees: Sister Patsy Washington, Chairman, and her husband, Brother Delton Washington, Texas Heavenly D'lites; Sister Frances Burbank, Vice Chairman; Sister Jerre Lucas, Member; Brother Nelson Campbell, Member, and his wife, Sister Georgia, Campbell, Make It Happen.

And from the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences: Sister Maxine Nance, Chairman, and her husband, Brother Joe Nance, Lanterns of Faith Committee; Sister JoAnn Snow, Member, and her husband, Brother Charles Snow, Grand Representative of Alberta in Texas.

And from the Board of Grand Examiners: Sister Joyce Gilbert, District 1; Sister Kimi Kidd, District 2; Sister Nancy Brown, District 3; Sister Vi Griffin, District 4, and her husband, Brother Tommy Griffin, Founder's Day; Sister Gerri Dusek, District 5; Sister Sandra Perdue, At Large, and her husband, Brother Eddie Perdue, Past Patron. Join me in thanking this distinguished group of members for their devoted service to Grand Chapter for the betterment of our Order. [applause]

It is my honor to introduce two very special members who continually assist the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in General Grand Chapter's quest to spread our beloved Order to other parts of the world: Sister Sylvia

Garcia, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, and Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America, Let's tell these devoted and dedicated Texas members how much we appreciate their labors for the good of our Order and General Grand Chapter. [applause]

Tonight we have a Special Friend of the Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter. It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Mary Horton Beach, Angel in Disguise of General Grand Chapter. Join me in telling her how proud we are of her. [applause]

There are three very Special Friends of Grand Chapter with us this evening. It's my honor to introduce Sister Bobbie Chamberlain, Arrangements, Chairman/Distinguished Guests, and widow of Brother Oliver B. Chamberlain, Past Grand Patron; Sister Bobbe Paul, Arrangements/Distinguished Guests, and the widow of Brother Arnold Paul, Past Grand Patron; and Sister Cleta Todd, Arrangements/Distinguished Guests, and widow of Brother Harold Todd, Past Grand Patron. Let's tell these beautiful ladies how loved they are. [applause]

We are honored to have with us tonight a leader of a fraternal youth organization. I am pleased to introduce Brother J. W. Clampitt, Executive Officer in Texas, International Order of DeMolay, and his wife, Sister Laura Clampitt, Bulletin Committee. Join me in thanking him for his effort in molding the youth of today into the leaders of tomorrow. [applause]

Tonight we have many Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, Grand Representatives, of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions, and Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. In the interest of time, I now ask all Grand Representatives to please stand so that we may applaud your services in representing the Order of the Eastern Star in other Grand Jurisdictions. Each of you will be introduced at the opening session of Grand Chapter. Please stand now. Join me, Sisters and Brothers, in thanking these wonderful members for their attendance here tonight and their dedicated service both near and far. [applause]

There are very special members of the Order present with us at this banquet. It's my pleasure to recognize the ladies who reside in our Home in Arlington. I now ask the ladies of our Eastern Star Home to please stand. Sisters and Brothers, let's tell these very lovely ladies how proud we are that they are here with us this evening and how much we love them. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, this concludes the introductions, and I thank you for your kind attention. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: That was outstanding and we're so glad that you're twinkling at us tonight. Thank you, Sister Pat Stallings, for a beautiful job of introductions.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen nor touched, but felt in the heart. Would the members of District 4, Section 10 please stand. You are beyond awesome. I want this assembly to see how many of you are present, and I want them to know that this banquet would not have been possible had it not been for those in the section that I belong to, District 4, Section 10. I have put a thank you in the program. Please read it. There are two or three that I would mention, and that is Sister Toni Crawford, the Ticket Chairman, who has gone above and beyond

anything that I had hoped for, Sister Mickie Todd who did the decorations of the head tables, and many, many others that — it would not have been I think this perfect — if it had not been for you. Thank you again for making my life blessed. Let's show them our appreciation. [applause]

Some stars are viewed in tandem, and their power is all the brighter because they reflect the light of one another. Their musical talent so generously shared and offered touches our souls; their music will linger on in our memories long after the sounds have faded away. Help me to welcome Sister Amy Beth and Brother Robert Batton who will entertain us at this time. [applause]

[Entertainment by Mrs. Amy Beth and Mr. Robert Batton, Grand Duet.]

Thank you, dear ones, so very much. You certainly have touched our hearts and souls with the songs that you brought us. Thank you so very much.

Many years ago I met a fellow and he said, "I'd like to give you the moon." Well, I haven't gotten the moon from him yet, but I have enjoyed a lot of years. I found out that if you really want the moon and the stars, all you have to do is talk to Donnie and Susie Broughton, because I asked them for the moon and the stars and the backdrop in the corner, and we have them this evening for our enjoyment. I wish you would join me in thanking them for these beautiful, beautiful pieces. [applause] They're always so willing to share their special talents with us.

Part of that great, galaxy of service is this sturdy Star whose strong Christian faith makes us feel safe as he lights the way for many of us. Brother Billy combest will bring greetings from the Past Grand Patrons.

MR. BILLY COMBEST: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron of Texas and my very dear friend of long standing. Thank you for this opportunity to stand in this place today and speak for these Past Grand Patrons of Texas.

I would like to ask the Past Grand Patrons to stand with me at this time, if you would; and I promise you, Brothers, you won't be here that long. In thinking of something short to bring greeting's on and something that would possibly inspire and bring us back to who we are and what we're about, I thought of the lessons taught in the Order of the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge. A lesson that we should not have to be reminded of in the Order of the Eastern Star is love one another. If each and every one of us practiced this fully in our lives of loving one another, the problems within our Order wouldn't be as great as they are and possibly wouldn't be here at all. We know at this time that our world has gone crazy. If we'd practice love toward one another outside our General Order, this would solve many, many of our problems also.

I also thought about a lesson that is taught us in the Masonic Lodge, and it's appropriate at this time because it is as the family of Masonry that we're here today. The lessons that we're taught in the Master's degree — and every Brother remembers that lesson, it was taught when we got there. And the implications of this are that we should be spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection, that cement that units each and every one of us into one sacred band of friends and brothers, or sisters and brothers, if you will, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree, especially that part right there of who can best work and best agree.

Tomorrow, and throughout this Grand Chapter session, may we be constantly reminded that each one of us should strive to be the very one that works best and agrees best. I leave it with you now, Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Be slow to fall into friendship, but when thou are in, continue firm and constant. Faithful and reliable are the stars that point the way. The friendship of this Star is constant as the sunrise. Sister Yvonne Brownfield will bring greetings from the Past Grand Matrons.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you., Sister Elsie Paladino, my special friend and a friend of the Order of the Eastern Star worldwide, especially in Texas. We're very proud to be here tonight in this galaxy quest. This year we've been with the moon and the stars, and we've been here, there and yonder, just all other Eastern Stars, and we're going to keep on keeping on.

We're so very proud of these Installed Officers, and we're awfully proud of these Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers, because they had a dream for their jurisdiction. And of course I can't speak for the other jurisdictions, but we know how proud we are of those here in Texas. They're going to continue throughout this triennium, and we thank Sister Dorothy Dewing for honoring their service and continue to let their star shine. And we're awfully thankful for those people in Tennessee that elected our sweet Rennie Ofton. We Redbirds of Texas — and I know these other Past Grand Matrons — I'm not going to ask them to stand, their knees are about as creaky as mine [laughter] — but I know they join me in reminding Sister Rennie that we're Redbirds through and through. I don't know how red we're going to be come 2012 — there may be more gray than red, I guess we might be old crows by then — but we're extremely proud of her, and we're going to continue to be by her side regardless of what might happen in the future to any of us, because if we're not here, we're going to be here in spirit because we don't give up easy.

So to the honorees tonight, we thank you for the service you have given and know that we still expect more service out of you. We love you. Anything that we can do, we stand ready. Now just don't ask some of us to cook. We're not very good at that. But we do love you and we hold you in our hearts because we know that you're the cream of the crop and Texas is proud of you. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Some stars are just beautiful and comforting to behold. They make the night not only a little brighter, but their inspiration works wonders for us in the full light of day. This special Star has shown bright as Grand Chapter Mom this year. Sister Edna Goettee will now pay tribute to the Installed Grand Officers.

MRS. EDNA GOETTEE: Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Elsie Paladino, when I was asked to give a tribute to the Installed Grand Officers appointed and elected for this year, a group of brilliant and splendid Stars who by their service have woven about yourselves a pattern of love to our Grand Chapter, I truly felt honored. Your many years of faithful service have given you the privilege of serving our Grand Chapter. Our beloved Apostle Paul said, "If you love, you will serve." Your outstanding service is evidence of your love. Words could never bring an adequate tribute to equal the measure of what you have given to the Grand Chapter. However, I went to the dictionary to find how Webster defined galaxy quest, the name of this banquet. He says that galaxy is any brilliant or splendid group. Indeed you are that. By sharing of yourselves in the service to the membership of Texas, you are a delight.

A philosopher once left us this thought, that man really excels in four things: courage, truth, love and service. We find that you certainly excel in all four areas. The world has never needed more courage, love, service and truth than it does at this time. God has created us all different. Thus, when we share with one another in a pursuit to achieve something, the result is delightful perfection.

As I have traveled with you some this year, I have admired your loyalty. I have found you blessed with many outstanding talents. I have glorified in the friendship of each of you who is so willing to share of your time and gifts of talent with the membership of Texas. My tribute to you is a word of thanksgiving to each of you for what you have meant to one another and to the Grand Chapter of Texas. I'm sure that each feels as I do that the opportunity of serving with and for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron has been a cherished galaxy quest and will remain in our memory a magic year of starlight.

Will the Installed Grand Officers please stand. My wish for you is that you will always have courage to endure, reverence to uplift the heart, hope to renew faith, truth to provide a goal, serenity to encourage thought, inspiration to reveal the way, achievement to reward effort, merit to deserve victory, success in surmounting odds. So from all of us, may God keep you close to Him and protect you all the years of your life. [applause]

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Thank you, Sister Edna, Grand Chapter Mom. I knew you would be the perfect one for that tribute.

Each year a new and beautiful star appears on the horizon to gladden and delight us. The firmament is bright because they are present. We are pleased to have this rising Star with us this evening. Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon will respond to the tribute on behalf of the Installed Grand Officers.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Sister Elsie Paladino.

Sister Edna Goettee, on behalf of the Installed Grand Officers, we say thank you for those loving words that you have given and paid to us, but most of all, thank you for being the lady that you are, the elegant lady. To be a Grand Chapter Mom, to try to keep corralled this group has been a handful. Would the Installed Grand Officers please stand with me.

From each of us to each of you, we say thank you for allowing us to serve the Order of the Eastern Star under such wonderful leadership as our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We have been in the sunrays; we have had the warmth of the sun, the love of each of you given to us. We have followed the moonbeams and the stars in the heavens, and we have traveled during those hours. But we have seen His star in the East that has led each of us to the life that we have, to the Order that we have, to the world that we have. We say thank you for allowing us to enter into your life and for each of you touching our lives and letting us be us and letting you be you and letting us be friends.

Whatever tomorrow shall bring, we're thankful for the day that you have given us and for the part that you have played in our lives. To each, we say thank you for allowing us to be your friend.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for selecting several of these, but most of

all, thank you for just being you and the lady that we love and the man of the hour. Sisters and Brothers, all I can say is God bless you and God bless America. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: The brilliance of this lady has never faded, the light of friendship shines over her pathway and we know of her devotion and right to duty. We are blessed by the gracious presence of Sister Mildred Sharpe who will pay tribute to the General Grand Chapter Committee Members and the Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: You'll forgive us for just a minute, but Elsie and I have a little business to attend to.

Thank you, Sister Elsie Paladino, my cherished friend, my deputy. See, I can brag. I'll tell you more later.

I do thank you, Sister Elsie Paladino, Master of Ceremonies, for inviting me to join in tribute to these special Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who have been honored by our Most Worthy Grand Matron in their selection to represent Texas in serving in the several capacities for this General Grand Chapter triennium.

Certainly we are grateful to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Dorothy Dewing, in this recognition of these whom we love dearly and appreciate sincerely. In addition to these, we also pay tribute to Sister Sylvia Garcia and Brother Raul Garcia, Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron. What an honor has been bestowed upon Texas by our Most Worthy Grand Matron in the recognition of these to whom we pay tribute, not only tonight but always, for their faithfulness, for their service.

Now, while I would dearly love to single out each one, of these individually, would you believe I've been allotted three minutes? So we'll just see what comes forth. So, my honored ones — beloved honored ones, our own — the tribute to the several of you will be short and sweet, and I promise I will not disclose too many of your secrets.

Sisters and Brothers who are assembled here tonight, we all know full well the love that we have for each of these whom we honor, and the pride we share in their recognition. One needs only to review the proceedings of our Grand Chapter to recall the accumulated years of service rendered by these beloved several members to adequately appreciate and to thank our Most Worthy Grand Matron for these appointed places of service to each of them, for we know the dedication, the love, the continuing service of these several through their years of membership in our beautiful Order.

Now I've probably already used the three minutes. So to put this in a lighter vein, Sisters and Brothers, as we are here to honor these, can't we all vouch for the fact that these whom we honor are just mighty, mighty, good, good kids? Now I can say this because I'm a senior, and through these years of my association with all of you, well, I've been watching you. I believe that you know the appreciation and the love that we hold for you. I'm going to ask you to stand, the several of you, our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons honored by our Most Worthy Grand Matron along with Sylvia and Raul.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, behold these whom we honor in a special way tonight in this beautiful setting and join with me in showing them our love for them our pride in them and our good wishes for them. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: I'm glad she didn't tell everything. No one knew the importance of a guiding star more than sailors at sea. We are all sailors on the voyage of life and know how to appreciate a sturdy hand on the helm. This fine gentleman truly follows the star in the East. We are most grateful to Sister Dorothy Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron, for this lovely recognition in Texas. Brother Kenneth Gregory will speak for the General Grand Chapter Committees and Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you, Sister Elsie Paladino, our Master of Ceremonies, for this opportunity. I want to thank Sister Mildred Sharpe for the beautiful tribute that she gave to these that are being honored tonight. Sister Elsie, it is a special privilege for me and an honor to stand and bring greetings on behalf of the General Grand Chapter Committee Members and the Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. Would they please stand with me at this time once again.

We have been at this Galaxy Quest banquet reminded of the light given to us by a Heavenly Father. Masonry teaches us that the sun rules the day and the moon governs the night, the importance of the sun and the moon in our life. My Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, had the sunflower as her flower. Occasionally, the squirrels drop a sunflower seed in our backyard and up sprouts a plant, and it is a sunflower that appears. A magic thing about that sunflower is that in the morning it faces the East, and it follows the sun through the day until the sun sets in the West.

You see, that sunflower realizes that in order for it to mature, in order or it to become all that God intended for it to be, it must face the sun. We, Sisters and Brothers, can learn a lesson from the sunflower. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Sisters and Brothers, we need to turn towards the sun. As we travel this time of the year, Juanita and I notice that there are many shadows, particularly in the fall. But when we're headed toward the sun, all the dark shadows fall behind us.

On September 11th there was a large shadow that fell across our nation. In times like these we as a people – we in the Order of the Eastern Star need to do like a song says that we used to sing in church. It goes .like this, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of this life will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and His grace." Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: There are some stars that make you feel better each time you see them. They have a distinct glow of warmth and happiness. Her years of service are an example of the great accomplishments that can be achieved in our Order. I am just delighted that Dr. Effie Mae Davis will have our full attention as she pays tribute to Texas' own Sister Rennie Ofton.

**DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** This is just so great. Don't y'all wish you were up here doing this? I'm going to try to say everything that you want me to say. I'm going to tell you about three love affairs. First of all, they began with Paul Ofton who belonged to Harlandale Masonic Lodge and gave Rennie her eligibility to Harlandale Chapter. They served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, and that's the first love

affair. Harlandale Chapter just fell in love with Rennie and Paul.

Then Rennie went to Grand Chapter. She was Deputy Grand Matron, District Deputy, Grand Examiner, Worthy Grand Matron, and this Redbird just charmed all of us. That's a second love affair, with Texas Grand Chapter.

Then the Redbird decided she'd fly up to General Grand Chapter, and guess what happened? She served as a Committee Member. She served nine years on the Board of Grand Trustees up there. She was so smart they wanted to keep her, but she decided that she'd rather go on and be Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, and that's the third love affair with General Grand Chapter.

I want to tell you what has happened since then. She has served as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee for Texas and as election judge. And now I'm going to tell you some things that you might not know. Do you know that she is Worthy Matron again for Harlandale Chapter? [applause] Do you know that she serves on the Rainbow Advisory Board of Harlandale Assembly? Do you know she took her car with a load of Rainbow girls to Grand Assembly and represented General Grand Chapter at Grand Assembly? Do you know that she still works in her church? She was the youngest and the first woman elected elder in her Presbyterian church. Do you know that her Chapter furnishes a dinner every month for the Harlandale Masonic Lodge? And guess who the chairman is? Rennie. Do you know that of all the things that I know about Rennie, I know that she wears out more shoes than anybody that I know, and it's because she never sits still. But there is somebody at her house now that has taught her to sit still. Her family couldn't, her friends couldn't, but there's a little tiny black-and-white terrier. This little terrier, when Rennie comes in the back door, is so happy to see her, Penny just jumps up and down and goes in circles, and she starts running through the house, through the den, through the hall, through the kitchen and round and round in circle after circle. She just won't stop, and she's yipping and just so glad to see Rennie. And, finally, Rennie will sit down. That little dog has taught her more than any of her friends. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: The Texas heavens are illuminated by bright, beautiful stars, but none shine quite so brightly, however, as the one represented by Sister Rennie Ofton. Indeed, this illuminary brightens the heavens of the entire Eastern Star galaxy. Thank you, Sister Rennie, for responding, and we eagerly await your greetings.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, my beloved friend, Sister Elsie. You know, Sisters and Brothers, she is a jewel, and we love her because she serves. Thank you so much for this beautiful evening.

Well, thank you, Effie Mae. I really don't know what to say. Maybe quack, quack. [laughter] It's kind of dangerous when one who knows you the best gives the tribute. We have traveled many miles, and probably have had more fun than most. We just take it in our stride, but some of the things that have happened to us would make a good book, except that probably someone would think that we were drinking more than water about some of the things.

Sisters and Brothers, you cannot know how beautiful you are. One reason you're so beautiful is because so many of you are special friends. So many of you I have been privileged to travel with through the years. And now it is at a very, very crucial point in my life and that of Texas Grand Chapter. You are banding together to uplift me as we go forward in General Grand Chapter. I say "we." This is not

something that belongs to Rennie Ofton. It belongs to the Grand Chapter of Texas and you wonderful members. You have responded beautifully, and you cannot know how wonderful you make me feel being privileged to be the representative of Texas and the one whom you have chosen to support and with whom you have chosen to walk. Just remember, I will be looking forward to all of our activities, all the things we can do, and most of all, your continued love.

Brother Ray, it was good to have you here with us, and I felt so good being escorted by you. It was a special privilege. Thank you so much. I tell you these Tennesseans are really important to Texas, aren't they? [applause]

To each of you Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and to those with whom I'm serving this triennium, you know, we as a group are one. And so often as we have our meetings and we bounce off each other some of the things that happen, it's through kindness and through the love one for another, and you don't know how wonderful it is to have this comforting circle around you in all that we do and the love that we have when we get together.

We don't always tell things. That's why I was a little nervous about Effie Mae telling all these things. We have lots of fun, but I know that in Texas we are a big Eastern Star family, but we are not so big that we cannot take time to love, we cannot take time to care, we cannot take time to share the things that are important not only to our Order, but to humankind and to our God. I do not know what the events of this past month will do to the future that we are planning as we go up the line in General Grand Chapter. No one knows, but God has taken us day by day all our lives. Whatever His plan is, He will unfold it to us if we'll stay close to Him. And whatever He unfolds, as long as we can go together, we will accomplish what He has planned for us, and we'll do it because we love Him and we love the way that He does lead us and the things that He wants us to do.

So, Sisters and Brothers, I am humbly grateful for every courtesy extended, for this beautiful evening. We know that sitting here quietly in this beautiful scene, there's no problem in the world, but we know when we walk out that door, we'll see it. But, again, we will be together. So thank you for every courtesy, for the love gift and for the privilege of being an Eastern Star and walking among you. Please know I love each one of you. Thank you. [applause]

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** The twinkling brightness of a star fixed and certain in its path is a glorious sight. It steadies the direction of those who gaze upon it. That description fits Sister Alma Lynn Bane who will pay tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Thank you, Sister Elsie, Master of Ceremonies. I deem it an honor to be asked to bring tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, this evening. Sister Elsie, thank you for this honor.

Our lives are composed of a series of lessons that we learn: those that we learn about ourselves, the ones that we learn about others, and those that others learn about us. Brother Buddy, the lessons about yourself consist of the ones where you've learned that warmth, kindness and friendship are the most yearned-for commodities in the world. The person who can provide them will never be lonely. You've learned that life is both simple and complicated at the same time. The trick is in finding the simple truths that are contained in the complicated confusion.

You've learned that a happy journey almost always depends upon choosing the right companion, like your sweet Judy. But the Lord has been with you each step of the way. You've learned that true friendship continues to grow even over the longest distance, and you've learned that you cannot choose how you feel, but you can choose what you do about it. You've learned to look up not only to the stars and moon for guidance, but beyond to our creator of the universe to chart your pathway.

You've learned that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your good looks, and you've learned that the privilege of rank comes with great responsibilities encompassing love, understanding and compassion.

The lessons that we have learned about you were that the act of love, no matter how great or how small, is always appreciated. You've learned that there are two words that will draw a big crowd, "covered dish." You have learned that if you're willing to move mountains for your Sisters and Brothers, they'll help you move them. You've learned that everyone wants to live on the top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occur while you're climbing that mountain. And you've learned that kindness given to one person is contagious and is passed along. You've also learned that a peacock today could be a feather duster tomorrow. And you've learned that some people go for brains, some for beauty, but everyone appreciates a good sense of humor. And you've learned that the simplest question has the most complex answer and requires great wisdom and knowledge. But, above all, you've learned that a warm smile means welcome to this moment.

Worthy Grand Patron, our smiles, like the sunrays, beam for you. We hope that you have learned that we are very proud of you as you serve as our Worthy Grand Patron. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: A sunbeam or ray of light is a luminary center of a system. Our Worthy Grand Patron has truly been a luminary center to our Grand Chapter this year. It is a pleasure to hear greetings from our Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Sister Elsie. And to the author of that tribute, thank you. You know, I've had the privilege of sitting here this afternoon beside Brother Ray, and we've gotten in quite a bit of conversation this afternoon while these other conversations were going on. And the subject of fishing has come up several times in our conversations. Of course, being born and raised on the banks of the Brazos River and drinking that Brazos River water, you know what it has a tendency to do? You know, things kind of exaggerate.

A lot of times I'll fish out at Battle Lake; that's a little community we live at, and there's a little lake there that the railroad built back in the steam engine days to provide water for the steam engines. So I was out there fishing, and I caught a whopper. I guarantee it was ever bit that big. Like I said, you know, I was raised on that Brazos River water there. And as the conversation went along, the fish got about like that, then got about like that. Finally, I got it out to here.

Ray kind of cut those eyes at me and says, "Well, you know, I was home last week back in Tennessee, and we've got some beautiful rivers and we've got some beautiful lakes and good bass fishing in the waters." He said, "I was out the other day on a boat" — and he told me he has got one of them 21-foot Skeeters with a 200-horsepower engine on it. He says, "I was out casting there, and I had a mud bug

on there." All you bass fishers know that the farther you cast it, the deeper it dives. He said, boy, he hung one. He was reeling that bugger in there. And before he got it to the boat, he saw it was just an old rusty lantern. By the time he got it landed in his boat, you know that doggone thing was still lit. [laughter] I said, "Now, wait a minute, Brother Ray. I'm the one from Texas. I'm telling this tale." He said, "Buddy, I tell you what then. I'll blow my lantern out if you'll knock about ten pounds off that fish." [laughter]

The story is told of an old minister who survived the great Johnstown flood. He loved to tell the story over and over, usually in great detail. And everywhere he went, all he talked about was this great historic event in his life. Eventually he died and went to heaven. In heaven he attended a meeting of saints who had gathered to share their life experiences. The old minister was very excited. He ran up to ask Saint Peter if he might relate the exciting story of his survival of the Johnstown flood. Peter hesitated for a moment and said, "Yes, you may share it, but just remember, Noah will be in the audience."

Well, the old minister was probably awed by the presence of Noah just as I am awed this afternoon by the presence of you, the Grand Chapter of Texas. I am so honored to be here tonight among the honored group here assembled. And what else can I say that hasn't been said tonight except my thank yous?

I'd like to start with Sister Elsie Paladino and thank her and her co-chairman, Sister Pat, and all of your Committee Members for this beautiful, outstanding evening. It is certainly an out-of-this-world banquet and is definitely the greatest.

Sister Alma Lynn, I want to thank you for those flattering remarks made on my behalf. Thank you for your guidance, your counsel and your support during all the years and times. To me you set the example of what Eastern Star is about.

Now, my Sisters and Brothers assembled here tonight, how honored I am to be in your presence. Thank you for seeing His star in the East. As I was dressing this afternoon and spinning out a few little things I wanted to talk about tonight, Judy was taking them down for me. There's a closing note here that I don't remember saying, but I will relay it to you right now. It says, "Shut up and sit down." [laughter and applause]

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** No single astronomer has all the answers or could develop all the mathematics to explain our universe. This Star charted her course by a star on a quest of exploration and achievement. Sister Elise Hammack will pay tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Sister Elsie Paladino.

How nice to be invited to pay tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron for this important occasion. Thank you for this opportunity.

Worthy Grand Matron, my friend Naomi, two or three minutes is really pretty short and here goes. Worthy Grand Matron, for a number of years you dreamed of being the Worthy Grand Matron of Texas. Then, after many years of service, you found yourself well on the way to being Worthy Grand Matron in Dallas in October of 1997, when you were elected Associate Grand Conductress. For many months you readied yourself for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. You made many

great plans for us and finally, last year in San Antonio, you were installed Worthy Grand Matron, all ready to begin those plans. Many good things have come from your meticulously laid plans for us, and we thank you for that. We know you worked positively and stayed focused and most of your plans have been completed. Seldom do we accomplish all we set out to do, but we know you have a sense of satisfaction in knowing that you did your very best.

Worthy Grand Matron, you are a lady with a lot of energy and apparent good health and through the grace of our God, you are almost a Past Grand Matron. Now Worthy Grand Matron, sometimes that is easy and sometimes it is hard, but you can handle it. It is our hope that only good and wholesome things come into the rest of your life. In just three short days your tenure will be finished. Our wish for you is that you have the key to a fantastic tomorrow that awaits you and your Bob.

May your God inspired and sought after dreams bring you happiness you never thought possible.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Sister Naomi Wolfe's request this year could have been, "Fly me to the moon, let me play among the stars." Certainly she has played among the Stars of Texas this year, and she has basked in the light. She had the opportunity of exploring the storied realms of possibility and promise. She pursued her dreams. Her quest is almost completed, and we wish for her peace and safety. We, the heirs to her quest, await her greetings.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Elsie Paladino, Master of Ceremonies. Protocol has been established, and before I do anything else, I want to say to Sister Elise Hammack, thank you for the tribute. She was my deputy, I was her deputy – no, you were my deputy. See how well I know. So we go back a very long way. I was very young then, and she was leading me then as a Worthy Matron, and she's not through with me yet. Thank you.

Now to Sister Elsie, she said to me tonight, "You know, I want to thank you." And I said, "For what?" She said, "Well, you never asked me anything about the banquet." I said, "Was I supposed to?" She said, "Well, I thought you'd want to know how it was coming along." But, Sisters and Brothers, as you look around at the beauty that you see tonight in this room, you know and I know that there was no need to ask Sister Elsie Paladino how things were going along, because just look around you. The food was wonderful, the menu – nobody can beat stuffed pork chops and key lime pie. Now, that's wonderful. Sister Elsie, thank you so much for accepting the chairman of this. How much I appreciate it and how much I love you. I didn't have to ask you. You know that. You did a beautiful job.

Now we had a co- chairman. I knew she would be up and at it. And, Sister Pat, thank you so very much for co-chairing this committee for this banquet. You've done a beautiful job. Your introductions were out of this world, and I thank you so much.

There's a couple of others I'd like to recognize, and that's Toni Crawford for ticket chairman and the decorations, Mickie Todd Campbell. Thank each of you on the committee from District 4, Section 10. Let's tell them again how much we appreciate a job well done. [applause]

Of course, as always, each of you enjoyed, along with me Sister Lallah Mae as she brought our greetings. Thank you.

Brother Ray, thank you so much for the response this evening. How pleased we are that you're here with us tonight. Thank you so much.

Molly, always your words are beautiful. Thank you for sharing the invocation with us this evening.

Now to Amy and Robert, I want to thank you for your beautiful music. You have a beautiful voice. God gave you a beautiful talent, and how much we appreciate you sharing it with us this evening. Thank you.

Now to Billy, for bringing greetings from the Past Grand Patrons, thank you very much.

Sister Yvonne, thank you for bringing greetings from our Past Grand Matrons. How much I appreciate that.

And to everyone here, thank you for being here. May I say to you, thank you for serving this year for the Grand Chapter of Texas. How much I appreciate you walking by my side to help make this year a beautiful success with all our programs. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

And Sister Elsie and for your Committee and all, thank you for the lovely love gift. I appreciate that so very much.

You know, everybody has said everything that needs to be said for this evening. I know the time is getting late. Elsie told me I only had three minutes, too.

I thought I would do something very different for this evening. I'd like to leave you with a little prayer for our closing. I think it says all that I need to say.

I said a prayer for you today and know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart, although He spoke not a word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame, I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked for priceless treasures rare of a more lasting kind.
I prayed that He'd be near you at the start of each new day
To grant you wealth and health and blessings fair,
And friends to share along the way.
I asked for happiness for you and all things great and small,
But that you'd know His loving care, I prayed that most of all.

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for a beautiful evening. The memories will last forever.

I'd like to leave you with: Thank God for yesterday's blessings, ask God for today's guidance, and trust God for the plan that He has for your life. Thank you so very much. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: It is good to be part of a modern quest that searches the heavens so that in that search we may discover something starlight and wonderful about ourselves. The greatest quest of all is the quest into ourselves. The galaxy is vast, and so should be our dreams. As the English poet Robert Browning said, "A man's reach should exceed his grasp, else what's a heaven for?"

The splendor and beauty of the stars you see is even more beautiful when you

consider the inspiration it receives from the creator of all the heavens. Such has been this evening as we honor the Stars of our galaxy. We hope it will be a pleasant memory for each of you.

We conclude the galaxy banquet with this beautiful lady, Sister Betty Benham, who viewed the stars through stained glass windows and taught us to trust in Him whose star we follow. She is a special friend to all of us, and she will lead us as we go to Him who created the heavens and the earth. Sister Betty will bring the benediction.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Please remain seated. Join hands with the ones next to you in love. And, Sister Elsie Paladino, our wonderful Master of Ceremonies for the evening, how much we love and appreciate you.

Almighty God and merciful Father, we come this evening with thankful hearts to Thee for the great privilege and for the opportunity that are ours in this great organization. We pray to Thee for peace throughout the world, and we pray Thy hand reach out in places that we cannot be. And with Your loving, guiding hand, please guide our president and those who endeavor to make our nation prepared. We would ask Thy presence to guide and direct us in all that we do and say, and we ask Thy special guidance upon this Grand Chapter and its leaders. Direct them, give them strength, wisdom and loving hearts as they conduct the legislation of this Grand Chapter in a manner that will be pleasing to Thee and for the good of our Sisters and Brothers. In the name of our Lord and Savior, amen.

# 119TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS "THE MAGIC OF LIGHT" OCTOBER 18, 19, 20, 2001

THE MAGIC OF LIGHT Session was held in the Astroarena of the Astrodome Complex in Houston, Texas.

A resounding musical prelude preceded the informal opening of The Magic of Light Session. The *Honor Band Members* of the North Shore High School Band, under the direction of Miss Ellie Cleveland, Band Director, presented an exciting and exhilarating musical repertoire.

In the East, a richly hued and flowing navy blue backdrop enhanced the beauty of a golden sunray and silvery moonbeam. Breath taking wreaths entwined with beautiful magnolias adorned the podiums of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Topiary bordered the stage and gave way to a park like atmosphere with white park benches, an array of richly colored flowers, and wonderful wooden wolves strategically placed amidst the setting. A low picket type fence entwined with ivy and flowers marked the perimeter of the labyrinth with three magnolia-laden archways leading to the outside. Lanterns placed about the Grand Chapter room brought warmth and beauty to the scene. Gold lame fabric, tasseled at each comer, was placed atop the silver floor-length covers on the Altar and Star Point pedestals. Comfortable light blue upholstered chairs were provided for all of the Officers.

The Lady Officers were attired in an elegant deep navy blue straight skirt that flowed to a flared hemline. The long-sleeved over blouse, edged in like colored pearl trim, was embellished with iridescent crystals arranged in a floral design which reflected the lights of the Grand Chapter room. Elegant and graceful would appropriately describe the Lady Officers in their formal dress. Gentlemen Officers were handsome in their black tuxedos. Lady Pages were attired in teal colored formals, the top of which was embellished with iridescent crystals in a floral design, and complimented by a flowing full length skirt. Day dress for the Lady Officers was a royal blue pleated skirt with coordinating blouse, and a multi-colored, blue, orchid, teal, green and gold fleck, long- sleeved hip-length jacket.

# THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION October 18, 2001 "Sunrays, Moonbeams and Magic" Session

11:30 a.m. Musical Prelude	Band - under the direction of Ms. Ellie Cleveland
Master of Ceremonies	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus
	Past Grand Matron
Assisting Installing Marshal	Mrs. Elsie Paladino
	Shrine Hospital Committee, GGC &
	Past Grand Matron of Texas
Special Music	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
	Grand Examiner, District 1

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Before we enter into the printed program of the morning, we are delighted to present to you the Grand March, which is bringing before you, the membership, the boards and committees who have labored diligently for you during the closing year. There are still some committees who are yet at their stations of service, but how pleased we are to have these loving servants presented on our floor. Grand Marshal, you will take charge.

As the band still continues to play softly for the retirement of these devoted servants of our Order, I'm sure that you would like to express your appreciation for all that they have done for this Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Chapter of Texas during this past year. [applause] And, thank you, wonderful band. [applause]

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. The clock of time indicates that the hour has arrived to begin the process of opening the informal session of the 119th session, "The Magic of Light" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I am Lallah Mae Vollus, Senior Past Grand Matron of Texas, having served in 1945. Serving with me is Mr. Lee Stallings, Junior Past Grand Patron, and our lovely Sister Elsie Paladino, Shrine Hospital Committee of the General Grand Chapter and a beloved Past Grand Matron of Texas, serving as our Assisting Grand Marshal. It is through

the invitation of the Worthy Grand Matron that we are serving and enjoying the privilege and pleasure of being the first to greet you and bid you welcome.

The Worthy Grand Matron has allowed me to speak extemporaneously for a few moments upon the emotions that grip the hearts of all of us. Every person present is a believer in a Supreme Being. We so stated when we joined this Order. All of us are loyal Americans. The attack of September 11, 2001 stunned our nation, shocked our world, and broke our hearts. As we think of the people in those destroyed buildings and planes and their loved ones, together with those who are still waiting for some word about family who were in Harm's way, their pain becomes our pain. The unbelievable shock affects the lives of us all.

As Christians, loyal Americans and members of this Great Order, what do we do with broken hearts? I suggest what my minister suggested a few weeks ago. We "Talk It out". Prayer is Friendship with GOD and one of the best things we can do is "Talk" to GOD in prayer . . . seek HIS peace and HIS direction.

We can "Cry It Out". Crying is God's cleansing gift - a way of expressing painful feelings.

Then, we can do as our President has directed us to do ... We can "Work It Out". We can go on living . . . go on working. We will then find in Jesus the strength and courage to meet Life with steady eyes.

Finally, we can <u>"Worship It Out"</u>. We can let faith be part of the healing process. As an expression of our faith, I ask that you all join hands . . . That you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and your Grand Officers, <u>do likewise</u>. Mr. Stallings, will you lead us in prayer?

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Sisters and Brothers, please take the hand of one close to you as we go to the Lord in prayer.

Heavenly Father, supreme Architect of the universe, we come to You today with heavy hearts asking for Your special blessings for the families of those that lost loved ones or were injured in the tragic and senseless events of September 11th, 2001. We ask that You be with each family and each injured person, that You draw them close to Your bosom and comfort their pain as only You can do. We ask, dear Lord, that You be with our country and our leaders as they continue to formulate our response to the atrocities that have so deeply affected our country and each of us as individuals. We ask that You be with the citizens of New York City and Washington, D.C., as they remove the damage and start to rebuild their great cities. We ask that You be with each American as we adjust and learn to live in this very new and different world. Help us at this unparalleled time in history to put our faith in You, our Lord and Savior. Thank You, Lord, for the United States of America. Thank You for the freedoms that we enjoy. Thank You for the men and women of our Armed Forces who protect this country. Thank You for the thousands upon thousands of firemen, policemen, EMTs, public servants, and volunteers, who have performed so gallantly in the face of devastation and death. Thank You for the many organizations that have provided food, supplies, and relief to the needy, but most of all, thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray all of this in the Master's Name, Amen.

Now a very talented and beautiful young lady, Sister Joyce Gilbert, Grand Examiner of District 1, will bring us special music. Her rendition is entitled "We Have to Get America Back to God." [applause following singing] Thank you, lovely lady.

Time is a precious gift from God. It comes to us one moment, one hour, one day at a time. Since last we met, we have pulled from the calendar of time one page at a time, each page filled with the record of loving service of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and their corps of Officers working together. Very soon it will become the historical record of their year of leadership.

Our Worthy Grand Matron has come home. Unto her we lift our words of praise and thanksgiving that God has seen her through the year, well, happy and rejoicing. We enfold the Worthy Grand Patron lovingly for his staunch support of Sister Naomi.

The program indicates that it is the hour to receive the processional of distinguished guests and members. Assisting Grand Marshal, you will direct the processional. As they are coming, I'm going to ask that the band play very softly and give me just a moment or so to express a word of greeting to them and then they can increase their volume.

To our Distinguished Guests, we greet each of you with hearts overflowing with pride that you chose to be with us in "The Magic of Light" Session. As the days unfold, may you have pleasant memories of sharing days with us when you depart. Assisting Grand Marshal, you may continue with the rest of our guests. [applause]

And now, Sisters and Brothers, it is my distinct privilege and certainly a pleasure to present the Installed Grand Officers of this great Grand Chapter of Texas and with them two of our special ones: Grand Chapter Mom, Mrs. Edna Goettee; she is escorted by Mr. James Haynes. The Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Margaret Faircloth; she is escorted by Mr. Stephen Orlando. The Grand Sentinel, Mr. Blain Koenning, escorted by Ms. Dena Koenning. The Grand Warder, Ms. Frances Ann Johnson, escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron. Grand Electa, Mrs. Mildred Love, escorted by Mr. Robert W. Love. Grand Martha, Mrs. Juanita Gregory, escorted by Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron. Grand Esther, Mrs. Judy Baker, escorted by Mr. Vernon Fowler. Grand Ruth, Mrs. Joyce Martin, escorted by Mr. Bob Steele. Grand Adah, Mrs. Lorrie Faith-Owens, escorted by Mr. Charles Morris. Grand Organist, Mrs. Marilynn Lee, escorted by Mr. Ronnie Stegman. 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. Larry Bigham. 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. Our own Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, escorted by the one and only Mr. "Bob" Robert Wolfe.

Now that we are all in our places, we are ready to move forward to the adornment of the Grand Chapter room. Will the Arrangements Committee please set the Grand Chapter room up.

The Holy Bible is God's chart given to us to steer our ship of life through the rugged terrain. By law it is to rest upon an altar within the center of every chapter room. From it there will reflect unto the hearts of every member present directions to peaceful hours of fellowship and legislation. Daniel Webster said, "It is a book of faith and a book of doctrine, a book of morals and a book of religion, of special revelations from God: His own dignity and His equality with His fellowman." It is brought to the altar by Mrs. Beverly Smith, sister-in-law of our Worthy Grand Matron. The Worthy Grand Matron has honored Hurst Chapter by the use of its special Bible for this session. The beautiful Bible cover was made by a very special friend, Mrs. Virginia Keasling.

There is a verse within the Holy Bible that has special meaning to us. We provide a marker to guide us to it. It is presented by Mrs. Nova Guynn, a sister-in-law and Grand Representative of Maryland in Texas.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: The Square and Compasses will be presented by Brother Elza Smith, a member of Andral Vann Chapter #741 and the brother of our Worthy Grand Matron. These two symbols have been so long and so universally combined to teach us "to square our actions and to keep them within due bounds."

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: The presentation of the special banners is always a high moment in the opening of our Grand Chapter. The Stars and Stripes, the emblem of America the Beautiful, has woven into each thread our love, respect and patriotic adoration. It was conceived by our Founding Fathers. It has been washed in the blood of our brave in its protection. It is presented by Mr. Sam Cooper of Aldine Chapter #1088.

A good neighbor, be it a person or a country, is a possession to be treasured. Our neighbor to the north is such a neighbor. There is along that long line that separates us no evidence of protection. Its line is marked by love, understanding and respect. I present the flag of Canada, borne by Mr. Dwaine Cooper of Park Place Chapter #731.

In the great expanse of Texas, the Lone Star represents home to all of us. No tie grips the heart more than the tie of home. Our flag speaks of hardships, romance and the gift of blood to protect and preserve it. Its place in history was won at the battle of San Jacinto. Soon thereafter its star was nestled with the other stars in the Flag of America. It is borne by Mr. Edward Kingcaid of Andral Vann Chapter #741.

The emblem of pure white, uplifting the cross of Christ, is a reminder that the Son of God gave His Life to save mankind from their sins. It is borne by Mr. Bob Steele of Hurst Chapter #1099.

We have seen His Star in the East. Behold it now. It is the tie that binds us in brotherly love and reminds us of our dedication to charitable purposes. Mr. Dwight Phillips of Bellaire Chapter #1021 is its bearer.

Flag Bearers, hoist your banners and bear them to their positions of honor in the East. Our Grand Chapter room is now in readiness and anxious to give attention to our invocation. For that purpose, I present Mr. Harry Cunningham, Masonic Relations Committee of the General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Patron of Texas and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Shall we pray? Our Gracious God, Eternal

Heavenly Father, how thankful we are to live in this nation. How thankful we are that You have blessed us with the privilege of being in Houston, Texas today. We thank You for the traveling mercies You have given those who have come to be with us. Thank You, Lord, for the gathering of this assembly. May, when we leave here on Saturday or Sunday, we be thankful that we have been privileged to live in a country where we can travel and come and go as we please. Father, thank You for the leadership of this Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Texas as well. Thank You, Lord, for those leaders that are with us today. Bless them as they lead our fraternity into the next year. And, Father, may we always be thankful that You have blessed us with eternal life. Go with us. Bless our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron as they preside during this Grand Chapter session. May they be wise in their decisions. May everything be done according to Thy precious will. Forgive all of us where we have failed You. And, Lord, thank You for every blessing of life. In Thy Holy Name we pray today. Amen.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: We are overjoyed that many members and special friends have come to share with us in this session. They hold positions of leadership in other organizations. We invite them to bring greetings to us at this time. First, I present one who has been working for a year for the dawning of this afternoon. He is a conscientious worker, loved and respected by the entire city of Houston. I present Mr. Bart Henderson, Executive Chairman of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

MR. BART HENDERSON: Thank you. I think we have the wrong guy, though. I don't know about loved by the entire city, but thank you.

Good afternoon and welcome to Houston and to the Reliant Astroarena, better known during the Houston Livestock Show as the horse barn, but for now and the next couple of days we will call it the 119th Grand Chapter "The Magic of Light" Session. Former President George Herbert Walker Bush used the phrase "a thousand points of light" to describe all of the good things that mankind does for each other to improve our way of life. I believe that our Worthy Grand Matron, Naomi Wolfe, chose "The Magic of Light" theme to reflect her love and concern for our great Order and its ability to provide for its membership.

To explain how we feel right now, I have to borrow a line from Hollywood, "I just love it when a plan comes together." The 119th Grand Chapter Session has been on the planning board for a little over three years now, and this is the culmination of a lot of planning, fund-raising, group discussions, worrying and praying for a successful event that we could all enjoy. Pro football Hall of Fame member and fellow Texan, "Mean" Joe Green, describing his methods of play once said, "It is up to me to make something happen." The members of the multiple committees that serve this Grand Chapter adopted this attitude, and you are now experiencing the results.

Someone once said that to be a success, you must surround yourself with industrious, positive-thinking, forwarding-moving people who know how to get things done in a timely manner and who are focused on a common goal. I would like at this time for all the chairpersons of the committees to please rise and wave your hand. Come on, don't be bashful! I know you're out there. Wave your hands.

These people are the chairmen of the committees who are the movers and shakers that made this Grand Chapter happen. Someone borrowed it, but my favorite hat, my OU hat, is off to you. A special recognition, if you will, for the chairman of Arrangements, Brother Dwaine Cooper, who has literally shouldered

much of the responsibility of coordinating and implementing all of the plans of this 119th Grand Chapter Session. I don't know where he's at, but, Dwaine, wave your hands. He performed one hundred percent of his responsibilities while performing eighty percent of mine. He is indeed one of a kind. Thanks, Dwaine. [applause]

I would like to also make a special introduction of two people sitting right there on the back. Come on up. These two ladies have been very cooperative, and they are very instrumental – they have literally bent over backwards to make us welcome here and doing their absolute best to make things happen in a positive, forward-moving fashion. On the left is Christine Bender. She is our chairman of events at Reliant Park. [applause] And on the right Sandy Reed of Sierra Stagecoaches. They have just been wonderful to work with. I know there's a few kinks, and we're working them out. [applause] Thank you very much.

While you're here, besides attending the business sessions, please enjoy the concessions on either side of the arena and visit the many vendors on the upstairs level behind us who have traveled many miles to be at our Grand Chapter to show and sell their goods. A special thanks to our Worthy Grand Matron, Naomi, and Worthy Grand Patron, Buddy, for having the confidence in us to participate in this Grand Session. Thanks to the Executive Committee wherever they may be for being so tolerant of me and flexible to all the situations that have arisen, and there have been many. Thanks to all the chairmen who have performed your duties to the best of your ability.

One last thing. If you enjoy your visit to Houston and the 119th Grand Chapter Session, please tell Naomi and Buddy and Dwaine and all the chairmen and committee people you can find. They've worked very hard to see that you're comfortable and that you have a good experience while you're here in Houston. On the other hand, if you have a problem or a complaint or any of those hindsighted, last-minute suggestions, come see me. I'll be right down here. Thanks for coming and enjoy "The Magic of Light" Session. And as they say just south of town there at NASA, all systems are go and we're ready for launch. Welcome to Space City. [applause]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Thank you, Brother Bart, for your many hours of love and labor that have brought us to this very moment.

Since the inception of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, our Grand Chapter has sponsored this organization. I was initiated by the first Grand Officers immediately after their installation. I've known and cherished the friendship of each supreme leader in Texas. I admire and respect the present Supreme Deputy, but in addition, I enfold her with personal love. I present to you now Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. She will bring with her our Grand Worthy Advisor of Texas.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, my lovely friend, Sister Lallah Mae.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Master, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: Thank you so very much, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. It is with a great deal of pride that I present to you our Grand Worthy Advisor, Miss Tiffany Thornton. [applause]

MISS TIFFANY THORNTON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: It is with a great deal of pleasure that I bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Assembly of Texas. This is my first Grand Chapter as a member of the Eastern Star. I was initiated in July, and I've been loving every minute of my Eastern Star experience thus far. [applause] The Grand Assembly of Texas would like to say a huge thank you to the Eastern Stars and Masons of Texas for all your love, friendship, leadership and for your sponsorship of our assemblies. Thank you for your support that you give to each Rainbow Girl in Texas. It is our hope that this will be a very successful Grand Chapter. We cordially invite all of you to attend Texas Grand Assembly in Beaumont in July of 2002. Thank you all so very much for the courtesies extended to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. [applause]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Thank you so much. A beautiful Eastern Star of the future.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: And if I might add, I believe that in Rainbow we can achieve anything that our minds can conceive. I believe that those that are working with Rainbow are truly doing God's work. You as our sponsors and our sponsoring bodies give of your time, your energy, your resources, your financial support of course, but, more importantly, you bring to our Order your principles of right living. You are the example of the quality of life that our girls are striving to achieve. So thank you for believing, for uplifting our girls, and for helping them become the very best person that they can be. The Rainbow Girls of Texas thank you, Masons and Eastern Stars, for your sponsorship and your constant support that you give to our assemblies. Thank you for believing, as I do, that the world of tomorrow will be safe in the hands of the youth today if we keep them looking upward, glimpsing their vision through the beautiful rays of our Rainbow organization. Thank you for honoring Rainbow by your invitation to be here today and allowing us to bring warm, fraternal greetings. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Thank you, beautiful lady, for directing our youth.

We have another youth organization for our girls, and I know all of us who have witnessed the Job's Daughters kneeling in prayer in a formation of the cross rejoice that they are being trained to place God first. What a privilege it is for me to present their director, Mrs. Donna Warren, the Supreme Deputy to Texas, Jurisdictional Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters. She will present Miss Texas Job's Daughter.

MRS. DONNA WARREN: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests of other Masonic-affiliated organizations and most especially my Sisters and Brothers: I can't tell you how pleased I am to be here again to bring greetings on behalf of the Texas Job's Daughters. It is also a very special pleasure to be able to greet each of you as my Sisters and Brothers. I had the honor and privilege of joining your ranks and becoming a member of this beautiful organization in May of this year. But I am not here to talk about me, I'm here to talk about some young ladies that I'm very proud of, the Texas Job's Daughters. They are an outstanding group of young women who learn public speaking and leadership skills, compete at national and international annual events in the ritual work, participate in raising funds for their very own special philanthropic project, and if I might say, strive to set the pace among their peers.

Job's Daughters has now been in Texas for a little over ten years. We are a small, but a growing, group. We have three bethels located in San Antonio, Houston and Dallas and are currently looking for opportunities to expand the Daughters' membership base to other areas, but we need your help. The Masonic youth need your help. They need your support; they need your presence at their stated meetings and installations. Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay are all potential future members of this organization. It is up to us, the membership of Eastern Star, to cultivate interest, a safe environment for growth and positive reinforcement of shared values and goals if we hope to see the Eastern Star membership flourish.

The Masonic youth. Think for a moment of those two words, Masonic youth These are our children and our future. It is a bright future too, one to be cherished and nurtured. When you have the opportunity, stop and visit with these young people. Visit our promotional tables and find out more about these organizations.

Now I would like to introduce another new member of the Eastern Star who joined Houston Heights Chapter #258 in August of this year. Her name is Sara Elaine Sartin. She's a Past Honor Queen of Bethel #2 here in Houston and is the current Jurisdictional Bethel Senior Princess of Texas. [applause]

MISS SARA SARTIN: Thank you, Mom Warren. Worthy Grand Matron, Mom Naomi Wolfe; Worthy Grand Patron, Dad "Buddy" Baker; Most Worshipful Grand Master, Dad David Dibrell; Distinguished Guests of other Masonic-affiliated organizations; Sisters and Brothers: It is with great pleasure that I bring you greetings on behalf of the Job's Daughters of Texas. We thank you for your support and presence and encouragement. Bethel #2 is very honored to present Mom Naomi Wolfe with a Member of Honor Distinction for her service to the Masonic youth, but most especially to Houston as she served on my bethel's chartering guardian council. We were also very excited to have Dad Baker in attendance at several of our meetings this past year. His enthusiasm for the bethel will not soon be forgotten.

My own initiation into Eastern Star was made very special by his presence and that of his wife, Mom Judy Baker, who served in the office of Esther for my initiation. It is an evening I will never forget, and I couldn't help but notice the similarities between the two orders I belong to. Job's Daughters is an international organization with membership in 30-plus states, 44 provinces in Canada, Australia, the Philippines and Brazil. It is the only Masonic youth organization whose membership requires a direct Masonic relationship. We have our own special philanthropic project, the HIKE fund, which provides all types of hearing devices to children.

There are many other things we would love to tell you about Job's Daughters. Please come and visit us at our promotional table in the lobby.

Mom Wolfe and Dad Baker, thank you once again for the opportunity to speak before this beautiful Order. Congratulations on a successful term of office. [applause]

# MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Our thanks to both of you.

Many times our members have been thrilled when one of the DeMolay boys has brought to our Chapter one of their beautiful tributes. We are honored to have the State Executive Officer of the International Order of DeMolay with us today, Honorable J. Weldon Clampitte, Jr. We await greetings from you and Doug.

MR. WELDON CLAMPITTE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Worthy Distinguished Guests, past, present and future: I take great pleasure in presenting to you today, DeMolay of Texas. Our organization is growing. With your help it will grow more. Today more than ever, the youth of this fine state need your help. Look at it like you were planting a seed in the field for a crop. If you plant the seed, nurture your crop, fertilize the mind of the youth, you will end up with a good crop of youths. Those are the Masons of the future, whether you like it or not. Those are the Eastern Stars of the future, whether you like it or not.

It is my great pleasure to present to you now State Master Councilor of DeMolay of Texas, Doug Van Griner. [applause]

MR. DOUG VAN GRINER: Thank you. I've been a DeMolay for six years now. And the first thing they've always told us is if you're going to say something, write it down, else your brain will turn to water and run out your ears.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, ladies and gentlemen: On behalf of the DeMolays across the State of Texas, I bring greetings. We, speaking for all the DeMolays, want to thank this Grand Chapter for its continued support of DeMolay and of all the Masonic youth organizations. The support is widely recognized, and we thank you. DeMolay began in 1919 with nine young boys and one advisor, Dad Frank S. Land. Today we have over a million members and have spread to dozens of countries across the world. The Order of DeMolay to which young men between the ages of 12 and 21 are eligible teaches many beautiful lessons. We are banded together for mutual improvement, to help each other live clean, manly, upright and patriotic lives. We have seven cardinal virtues that are the foundation of our Order. They are filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism.

I would like to invite all the members of Eastern Star to go out and visit a DeMolay Chapter in your area. It will be a great opportunity to experience DeMolay firsthand. We would appreciate your support and any ideas you may have.

Finally, I would like to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule and giving me the opportunity to speak before you all. Thank you again. [applause]

# MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Thank you, Weldon and Doug.

Often we are reminded that the Order of the Eastern Star is no part of Masonry, but we are related to them by the dearest of ties. It is always a special honor to have their leadership with us, and I am delighted to present at this time Mr. Thomas Turner, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandry of Texas. We invite you to bring greetings. [applause]

MR. THOMAS TURNER: Thank you, Mistress of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: I bring you greetings from the 14,000 Knights Templar of Texas. This year as we've traveled across the State of Texas, we've brought one theme wherever we've gone, and that is the influence of the Christian religion upon our Masonic fraternity. It was no accident that Dr. Rob Morris chose the heroines that he chose for the Order of the Eastern Star, for each one of them in some way points to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jephthah's daughter willingly sacrificed herself to preserve her father's honor, just as our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was

sacrificed to honor our God. Ruth, the great grandmother of David, was a direct ancestor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We look at Queen Esther, again who was willing to sacrifice her majesty and royalty as queen to save her people. And it was our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that left the magnificence and glory of heaven to come to earth and be the savior of the world. We see the faith of Martha, the personal friend of Jesus, whose faith led her to believe that He was the true Son of God, that He alone could raise her brother. And, finally, to the Elect Lady who bore the cross near her heart because she loved the Christian religion. She loved her Lord and Savior.

But I think even more important, as we think of the name of the Order and of the star that shown in the East over the manger at Bethlehem and pointed to the place where Jesus was born, and by the guidance of that star, wise men traveled. They came to Jesus that they might worship Him. Sisters and Brothers, truly wise men and women worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Worthy Grand Matron, I wish for you a very successful and happy Grand Chapter Session. I hope that as we go through the activities of running this Grand Chapter that we do everything with the wisdom, through faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and that we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in all that we do, that we may bring honor and glory to the Name of Jesus and God. Thank you. [applause],

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Thank you, Mr. Turner, for sharing this special afternoon with us and those beautiful words.

We always share the pride and good fortune of other organizations when one whom we love and admire serves in leadership. Such is the feeling of this Grand Chapter as I present one of our beloved members. Sisters and Brothers, by his presence we are honored to greet Honorable David Dibrell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. [applause]

MR. DAVID DIBRELL: Thank you very much, Lallah Mae. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: What a joy it is to be in Houston, Texas on this day that the Lord has made and to bring you greetings from the 140,000 Master Masons of the great State of Texas. It's a joy to be in fraternal relations with the Eastern Star. It's a joy to see this many Sisters and Brothers gathered together in this place. It's a special pride to be a part of this program and to hear from our youth groups. The youth groups are the future of both of our fraternities. We have new leadership. There is a new excitement in many Lodges in the State of Texas. There is a new excitement in many Chapters of DeMolay, Bethels of Job's Daughters and Assemblies of Rainbow.

We have focused in the Grand Lodge this year on liberty, equality and fraternity. Through liberty we acknowledge the history of our past, the sacrifices of those outstanding leaders who brought us to this point today. Masons were among those who fought to preserve our freedoms and our liberties as a nation. Masons fought at the Alamo, at Goliad, at San Jacinto, to form the Republic of Texas, and finally the great State of Texas. Masonic heroes have ensured the heritage that we have the privilege of enjoying today, the liberty that we have to enjoy it and the obligation that we have to preserve it.

Equality is another of the cornerstones of Freemasonry. We as Masons must

work together on the level as we build a team in our personal lives, to make our homes, our schools, our churches, our communities and our chapters a better place to live.

And, finally, fraternity is the ability to enjoy Freemasonry, to enjoy all of our fraternal family, to enjoy the possibilities of increased friendship, the absolute joys of working together and of building toward common goals. Liberty, freedom and obligation. Equality, teamwork and commitment. Fraternity, fellowship and devotion. Masonry is liberty, equality and fraternity.

To you, Sisters and Brothers of the Eastern Star, it is your love, it is your caring, it is your service. You hold the future of Freemasonry for the new millennium. Each one of you represent the foundation for a greater legacy of faith, hope, charity, of brotherly love, relief and truth than we have ever imagined in the past. So I challenge each one of you here to go forward, in the years ahead, to take stock, to reflect, to renew your obligations, to make a new commitment to build a better Eastern Star, to help build a better tomorrow, to help build a better future for all of Freemasonry. And when you leave this place, I challenge each one of you to demonstrate in your lives the teachings of this great Order. Tell the world what Eastern Star is all about not by what you say, but by what you do.

# As the poet said:

You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day, by the deeds that you do and by the words that you say. Men will read what you have written, whether faulty or true. Ask yourself every day, what is the Masonic gospel according to you.

Thank you, Lallah Mae. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. I wish you all the success in this great Grand Chapter session. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: On behalf of this Grand Chapter, we thank you, Most Worshipful Sir. We thank you for your stirring message.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to respond to these special greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Many facets of Masonry have met with us today. Each in its own right assures us that we're alive and doing well. We especially appreciate Brother Thomas Turner, Grand Commander, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Brother David Dibrell, for being in attendance and for bringing us those words.

These beautiful youth organizations, to you I give my thanks for allowing me to be part of you. I want to brag just a second. I was able to attend the initiation of these two young ladies to bring them into the Order of the Eastern Star. They have made my heart proud and I'm growing with them in Eastern Star. Thank you so very much for all the words that y'all brought us today. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. And now, my beloved Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to speak to our special guests in response to all the beautiful things and good wishes that have been spoken for you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae. We are always

pleased to be in the company of our related fraternal orders. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the International Order of Job's Daughters and the International Order of DeMolay are very dear to our hearts. Outside of our churches, there is no other gathering of young people which offers a life plan of standards for building strong character. We salute you. The leader of the Grand Commandry of Texas, Mr. Thomas Turner, Grand Commander, and the Most Worshipful David Dibrell, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Lodge of Texas, are to be commended for the outstanding work done for these bodies. We appreciate these men who endorse principles of truth, honor and justice. Thank each of you for your words of welcome.

At this time I would like to say thank you to the North Shore High School Band for an outstanding performance under the direction of Ms. Ellie Cleveland. The youth of today are our hope of tomorrow. Their faith, courage and strength will stand the test of time. Through them we are assured of a successful future. Sisters and Brothers, please show this wonderful group how much we appreciate their music. [applause]

Ms. Ellie Cleveland, would you please come to the East. Now I know that very few of you know this lady, Ellie Cleveland. But is it all right for me to tell them that Dorothy Cleveland is your mother?

MS. ELLIE CLEVELAND: Absolutely.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: So you know that she would know music. Thank you so much for coming today, getting all of these kids out of school and being here for us. The music has been beautiful. We've talked about this for a long time. I'll have to tell you that she called Dorothy to tell her to call me and apologize that she could only bring fifty of her students today to play. How proud we are. At this time I'd like to present you a little love gift from us just to say thank you. [applause]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: We're just about on schedule. The next speaker I've known since she was born. She is a member of my Chapter, Ransford Chapter #135. She and her husband are very special to me. I present to you now Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann for the partial report of the Credentials Committee.

Sherry had to leave unexpectedly, so this good husband and this wonderful Past Patron of my Chapter is bringing her report. I have known him since his birth.

# PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MR. MARK DIECKMANN: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East: I appreciate you letting me speak today. Sherry has gone home sick, and I hope she'll be back in the next day or so, but she's not feeling very well.

This is a partial report of the Credentials Committee for the Grand Chapter session 2001. Number of one votes issued: 1,793; number of two votes issued: 386; number of three votes issued: 106. Total vote count: 2,883. Total registered: 2,715.

Thank you very much, Past Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Mark. Having a quorum, we may proceed then with the ritualistic opening of our Grand Chapter. While we have enjoyed the presence of a number who are not members of the Order, we hope you've been impressed with our presentation, but we will have to ask you to retire. As the band is retiring, we're going to ask Dorothy Cleveland to please play the piano for us. Give us some music.

[Band and other nonmembers retire.]

We've just about completed the informal opening of our Grand Chapter. It has not only been a delightful privilege, but a pleasure to have shared the East with you. You're like a son to me. I've been very proud of you. I love you and Pat dearly. I look forward to you sharing your brilliant mind and leadership qualities with Texas for many years to come. I invite you to express to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and membership your feelings.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, my very dear friend and matriarch of our Order.

It is a distinct honor and privilege for me to help call this Sunrays, Moonbeams, and Magic Session of the 119th Grand Chapter Session to order with Sister Lallah Mae, our Past Grand Matron 1945-1946.

I want to extend a warm Houston Welcome to all my sisters and brothers and I want to thank you for your continued support of the Grand Chapter of Texas and its programs, I hope that each of you will enjoy the fellowship of this Grand Chapter Session and the time that you spend in our great city. I know that with your help this will be a productive and meaningful Grand Chapter Session.

Thank You.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I am deeply grateful to both of you for allowing me the privilege and honor of calling this 119th Grand Chapter Session to order.

Worthy Grand Matron, you have served our Order well as you have traveled to and through the Grand East. And, I want you to know that the members of District 4 are proud of you and your Worthy Grand Husband, Bob, for your dedicated and loyal service to our Order. I wish for you a most successful Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Patron, you have served your office with distinction and honor. We are proud of the manner in which you and Sister Judy, our Grand Esther, have served the membership of Texas and we know that Mart Chapter is busting with pride over your accomplishments. May this Grand Chapter Session be a fitting close to an exceptional year of service.

May God bless you both today and in the future.

# MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Thank you, Brother Lee.

Worthy Grand Matron, this session is now ready to look forward to the ritualistic opening. I want to tell you again of my appreciation of the privilege of opening your informal session. I have followed you as you have walked each step of the way of your arrival at the position of leadership in our Grand Chapter. God has

been with you and has been good to you to give you the strength and health to be the Worthy Grand Matron that you have been. I'm going to extend to you the gavel to call up your Officers and invite them to retire for your entrance.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Would the Officers retire and get ready to enter the Chapter room.

[Grand Chapter Officers retire.]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Grand Marshal, you will escort the Grand Officers into their drill.

[Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now declare this 119th 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 119th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, is duly opened for the transaction of business.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the Flag of our Country.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

[Pledge given in unison.]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We will have the National Anthem sung by our choir and assembly. [Singing of National Anthem.]

Thank you. Sister Lallah Mae, it seems such a short time ago that you installed me as Worthy Grand Matron at our "Challenge: Let Your Light Shine" Installation. It was most appropriate then that you be master of ceremonies and call this "Magic of Light" 119th Session of Grand Chapter of Texas to order, our Senior Past Grand Matron and my very special friend for many years. In a thousand ways you have helped me over worries of many days. You have continued to let your light shine throughout our lives. You have truly blessed my life with your sharing. When special people come your way, I think of you every time. Thank you for your beautiful words today and for making this afternoon a very special memory in my life.

Brother Lee, for opening the Grand Chapter along with Sister Lallah Mae today, thank you.

A stout-hearted man is hard to find when you look for one, like this man's kind. He's good and he's honest, and he is full of wit. And while doing a job he would never quit. This world would be a much better place if there were more like you in the human race.

Thank you for today.

Worthy Grand Patron, I'm sure you want to bring remarks to this special Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Lallah Mae, thank you for serving as master of ceremonies for this 119th Session of Grand Chapter with Brother Lee. Opening the "Sunrays, Moonbeams and Magic" Session, you personify what Eastern Star is to everyone here. You are such a gracious lady, and we are honored to be in your company.

Brother Lee, you and I have a history together. You and I were Shadows for Brother Charles Morris in 1994-95, and I was an All-star last year for you. We are honored to have you and Sister Lallah Mae open this Grand Chapter Session. Thank you.

# WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To my family:

Family is the key to worthwhile living.
For a life fulfilling.
Family brings us life's pleasures,
Truly all life's treasures.
Family is the tie that binds
Those who share kindred minds.
Family is beating of hearts in one accord,
Never expecting a reward.

Thank you, my special family for being here.

Looking out over the stars, the sun and moon, I am pleased to welcome all of you, Sisters and Brothers and visitors, for this formal opening of the "Sunrays, Moonbeams and Magic" Session of our "Let Your Light Shine" year. I have seen moonbeams all year long, and seeing them does its magic for me. You the members are magic, and you give much love and laughter. This afternoon we have opened our 119th Session of Grand Chapter to celebrate the magic of light. Our Grand Chapter has seen many years of honoring our glorious history. It is rich with wonderful stories of members and their accomplishments. We hope that you find your time has not been in nought, and you enjoy the afternoon as much as we have enjoyed planning for each of you. Welcome and thank you for coming. You have made our session magic.

We have much to do in this session. We have legislation, and we need your help, your kind attention and your loving consideration on all the issues that will come before you. As we go forth into the business of Grand Chapter, a final word of greetings I would say. You have made this year one of rededication to the purposes of our Order.

To recall our theme in this part within the heart and soul and the mind of each individual member, there will be a personal interpretation for the theme. Through the exercise of our talents and the use of our time, each of us will discover the ultimate satisfaction of unselfish service. This session will be just what you make it. Each of you will interpret each exercise in a negative or positive manner. Whichever you choose, you will find exactly that for which you search. Let us start by putting faith, integrity and understanding in all that we do and say.

Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished Guests who have traveled from far and have given your time to be here with us, to the leaders and, representatives of various

Masonic organizations, to our youth groups and their advisors and to our city officials and visitors and friends: My husband Bob reads a lot. He has a book that he started reading, and it was special reading. It says "George W. Bush, A Charge to Keep." I would like to read what was on the back cover. I think it fits us very well. It says, "During my first few months as governor of Texas, I sent a memo to my staff. It said, 'When you come into my office, please take a look at the beautiful painting of the horseman determinedly charging up what appears to be a steep and rugged trail." This is us. What adds complete life to the painting for me is the message of Charles Wesley that we serve one greater than ourselves. A charge to keep calls us to the highest and best. It speaks of purpose and direction. Many hymnals associate a verse from the Bible, with 1 Corinthians 4:2. 'Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.'

This year we would like to honor today that will become tomorrow and in the future. Our Worthy Grand Patron, Buddy, and I would like to give to each of you a present: today. Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future. And today is a gift. That is why we call it the present. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Hello, Sunrays and Stargazers, and welcome to the opening of the "Sunrays, Moonbeams and Magic" Session. I checked my coat today and I want to share it with you. My coat and I live comfortably together. It has assumed all my wrinkles, it does not hurt me anywhere. It has molded itself to my deformities and is complacent to all my movements. I feel its presence because it keeps me warm. Old coats and old friends are the same thing. Thank you, old friends, for being here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: As your Worthy Grand Matron, I'm going to take a special privilege this afternoon that is not always done at this time, but because of special visitors from out of state that are here now that would not be here later in our session, there's a need to act now. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the following members in the West: Sister Nova Guynn and Sister Mary Nan Anderson. Ladies, please meet the Grand Conductress in the Southwest.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Sisters Mary Nan Anderson and Nova Guynn as you requested.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: One of the nicest things that happens to a Worthy Grand Matron, it's her pleasure to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions those who she feels are worthy to receive Grand Representative appointments. Such has been my pleasure on several occasions this year. Because each of you are special to me in so many ways and believing you to be worthy of a Grand Representative commission by your service to our Order and your devotion and loyalty to me as Worthy Grand Matron, I'm pleased to present these commissions which read, "Whereas, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Georgia and Maryland, and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, seeking to promote fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of our Order promoted, its unity, integrity and strength be protected, and its unity and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of the Grand Representatives from each of these aforesaid Grand Chapters to the Order. Therefore, be it known that as evidence of our trust and confidence, we, by these presents, do constitute and appoint

Sister Mary Nan Anderson Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, and Sister Nova Guynn Grand Representative of Maryland in Texas."

Congratulations. It is with much pride that I present these commissions to you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Representatives to the East.

Sister Mary Nan I'd like very much for Virginia Keasling to assist me in pinning you. Let me give you your commission. How honored I am. We have your counterpart here from Georgia, Alfred Langham. He was real pleased to know that we were going to do this today because he won't be here for the full time. So he's going to welcome you in his sweet way to Georgia.

Sister Nova, you know what you mean to me. She knows more about me than I guess anybody in the world does. She has known me since I was about eight. She dated my brother, and they'd come over to the house, so she came and played dolls with me. Her mother told her she was just coming over there to see Jerry. How honored I am.

Sisters and Brothers, will you join with me in extending Grand Honors to these two special Grand Representatives. [Grand Honors given.] Thank you so much. Would you like to say any words?

MRS. MARY NAN ANDERSON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This is such a shock and such an honor. I love you. (applause)

MRS. NOVA GUYNN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. When I started going to Eastern Star meetings, if I went someplace that they didn't know who I was, they would always ask, "Are you somebody important?" Now I can say, "Yes, I am." Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they'll be reseated in the Grand Chapter room for introduction. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for allowing me this privilege.

And now what we've all been waiting for that I have told everybody for a whole year when we've attended the schools, introductions are nothing, just don't worry about them, nobody has a problem with them.

I invite the Past Most Worthy Grand Patron to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Distinguished Member at the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** It is a precious honor to present Brother Ray G. Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of the great State of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: A greeting of welcome is much much more than just saying hello at the front door. It's Texas hospitality we extend to you, sir, our very special friend. Thank you for being with us today

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Ray, how honored we are to have you with us. Welcome to our Grand Chapter Session. We extend to you our friendship and good ole' Texas hospitality and hope you will come back – and we'll have a fishoff --

and see us often. Thank you again for being here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Member to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you Brother Ray Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Tennessee. You will join me in extending Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will remain in the East.

Would our General Grand Chapter Officer please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Sister Rennie at the altar for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is a distinct privilege to present Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Friendship is like a garden of flowers, rich and rare. It cannot reach perfection except through loving care. New and lovely blossoms each year appear, for friendship is like a garden, it grows dearer every year. Thank you so much for being here.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Rennie, our lives have been made richer for your having come our way today. Thank you for being here and sharing your special time with the membership of Texas. We appreciate the many miles you have traveled and the many more miles you are to travel. Thank you, thank you for being here with us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will be escorted to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor and privilege to introduce to you Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. You will join with me in extending Grand Honors. (Grand Honors given. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will remain in the East.

Would the General Grand Chapter Committee Members please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our General Grand Chapter Committee Members at the altar for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is a distinct pleasure for me to present these General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sisters Nancy J. Tillman, Adoption Committee and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Dr. Geraldine Roberts, Cancer Committee and Past Grand Matron of Mississippi; Brenda G. Jones, Cancer Committee and Past Grand Matron of Virginia; Terry C. Castay, Credentials Committee, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana and presently serving as Grand Secretary of Louisiana; Joye Denny, ESTARL Committee and Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Wanda Fairchild, Chairman, Membership Committee, and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Elsie Paladino, Shriner's Hospital Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Gladys Allison, Assembly Finance Committee and Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Betty R. Conley, Ambassador for the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Hawaii, and Past Grand Matron of Virginia; Brothers Harry Cunningham,

Fraternal Relations Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas and also Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas; Richard Ochs, Heart Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Kenneth Gregory, Registration Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Joe Stroud, Registration Committee and Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Granville Busey, Ritual Committee, Past Grand Patron of Tennessee, also serving as Grand Treasurer of Tennessee, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Friends like jewels grow dearer with years. We value their worth beyond measure, times that strengthen and tighten each link in friendship's gold chain that we treasure.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: It is a special privilege to have you at this Session of Grand Chapter. We respect the work that you have done for the Order of the Eastern Star, not only for your respective states, but for the General Grand Chapter. It is an honor to have you with us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Members to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, how honored we are to have these General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Please join me in extending them Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

I would invite the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is a great pleasure for me to present these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Pat Brothers, Kansas; Virginia Jenkins, Louisiana; Sandra Calhoun, Mississippi; Brother Jacob Aucoin, Mississippi; Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** How beautiful you look! Now, Sisters and Brothers, we've gone through the line the last four years together. How honored I am that you're here this evening. Thank you so much.

Good friends are better than fine gold.

I find it sweet as I grow old

To prove to you this happy truth

To which I held in early youth.,

And having proven shall always hold,

Good friends are always better than gold.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to Texas this Grand Chapter Session. Now while you're here in Texas, you've got to talk Texas. Repeat after me: Howdy, y'all! Well, that'll have to do. We're going to keep them for a little while? You bet.

Well, Texas is a great state, but we know how busy you are as presiding officers of your respective Grand Jurisdictions. We appreciate each of you for taking the time to be with us. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join with me in extending Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

I invite the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. 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 a distinct honor for me to present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Lucerne Lung, Maryland; Wilma J. Thompson, Maryland; Jean R. Love, Nevada; Bonnie Poindexter, Tennessee, now serving as Grand Secretary of Tennessee; Elizabeth Bordeaux, Vermont; Peggy Caldwell, Virginia; Brothers Julio L. Morales, Ambassador of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Patron, Louisiana; Haskell Clark, Personal Aide to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Past Grand Patron of Tennessee; Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** How beautiful you look. Friendship cheers like a sunbeam, charms like a good story, inspires like a brave leader, binds like a golden chain, guides us like heavenly vision.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I'm honored to welcome you to Texas. I understand some of you sometimes are winter Texans. Do you know what winter Texans are called when they go back north during the summer months? Cowards.

We hope you'll have such a good time that you'll want to stay year round. Thank you for being here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Members to the East. [applause] Don't they look beautiful? Sisters and Brothers, how pleased we are to have the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Will you join me in extending Grand Honors to them? [Grand Honors given.] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

I invite the Past Grand Matrons and the Past Grand Patrons of the State of Texas to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Distinguished Members at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is a precious privilege to present these Past Grand Matrons of Texas: Sisters Lallah Mae Vollus, Molly Goodpasture, Mildred Sharpe, Patricia Major Neinast, Joyce Roberts, Mary Brown, Elise Hammack, Beulah Speer, Betty Benham, Effie Mae Davis, Jane Gregory, Virginia Lynn Green, Rosemary Swetland, Alma Carter, Yvonne Brownfield, Alma Lynn Bane, Betty Friend; Past Grand Patrons: Brothers O. D. Christian, Garland Rattan, Leland Benefield, Charles Morris, Billy Combest, Henry Martin and Lee Stallings, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

## WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

Because you are my friend, my life means so much more. You've brought more joy and blessings than I've ever felt before. I've spent a lifetime telling you with God's help from above just how much you mean to me and how precious is your love.

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WORTHY GRAND PATRON: It's always a pleasure to welcome our own Past Grands. All of you have stood in our shoes, and you know the responsibilities that come with these titles. We appreciate the service given the Grand Chapter of Texas, and we know you will continue to work for the good of our Order. Thank you for being here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these beautiful members to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, don't they look beautiful? [applause] You will join with me in extending Grand Honors to this beautiful group.' [Grand Honors given.] Sisters Grand Conductress, and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

I invite the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present Brother David at the Altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is a distinct honor and pleasure for me to present Brother David B. Dibrell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I am confident that if there's a will, there's a way. If it's God will, He will show us the way. If you keep the faith, He will show you how. Brother David, you have done that this year. How proud I am to have been your counterpart. Thank you so much.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother David Dibrell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, it is with pleasure that I welcome you to the 119th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, not only because of your exalted position, the highest within the gift of the Masons of Texas, but because of the friendship we share. We're honored to have you with us today.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will be escorted to the East. [applause] It is our honor, Brother David, for you to be here. Sisters and Brothers, will you show Brother David Dibrell, our Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas how much we appreciate him being here today. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will remain in the East.

I invite the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Distinguished Members in the West for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my distinct pleasure to introduce these Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions: Brother James Premeaux, Associate Grand Patron, Louisiana; Sisters Audrey L. Barker,

Associate Grand Conductress, Louisiana; Linda Shaw, Grand Adah, Louisiana; Darlene Lennard, Grand Ruth, Louisiana; Jane Wiggins, Grand Electa, Louisiana; Brother Clarence E. Tipton, Grand Sentinel, Mississippi; Helen Wright, Grand Chaplain, Mississippi; "Boots" Owens, Grand Organist, Mississippi; Betty Shirley, Grand Adah, Mississippi; Wanda McCulloch, Grand Ruth, Mississippi; Jackie Massey, Grand Esther, Mississippi; Nina Aucoin, Grand Martha, Mississippi; Marie Cagle, Elected Trustee - OES Relief Fund, Mississippi; Estelle "Dusty" Decatur, Grand Electa, New Hampshire; Rhonda B. King, Associate Grand Matron, Virginia; Brother E. A. Viereck, Jr., Associate Grand Patron, Virginia; Order of the Eastern Star.

## WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

Oh, the world is wide and the world is grand, and there's little or nothing new. But the sweetest thing is the grip of the hand of a friend that's tried and true.

How honored we are that you're here this day. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** When Eastern Star sisters and brothers come together, it's just like a big family reunion. Well, your Texas family welcomes you. We appreciate the effort you have made in coming here to represent your state, and we wish for you safe travels.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Members to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, don't they look just beautiful? These are the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions. How beautiful they look and we're so honored that they're here. Let's give them a Texas warm welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

I would invite the Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present them in the West for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my distinct pleasure to present these Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand 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; General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My special friends, blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another. Thank you for being here this day.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Sylvia, Brother Raul, how honored we are to have you with us. The work you do on behalf of General Grand Chapter is very much appreciated. We respect the work that you have done and appreciate your efforts in spreading the word of the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you for being here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate

Grand Conductress, they will be escorted to the East. [applause] How very special it is to me to be able to present to you the Deputies for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America. Let's show them how much we love them. [applause] Thank you all for being here. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

I invite the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Distinguished Members at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my distinct pleasure to present these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Billie Powell, Texas in Arizona; Mary Sikes, Texas in Arkansas; Brother Alfred Langham, Texas in Georgia; Sisters Evelyn Goin, Texas in Illinois; Pauline N. Bentz, Texas in Indiana; Barbara Kimmel, Texas in Kansas; Jimmie B. Cagle, Texas in Mississippi; Brothers L. David Love, Texas in Nevada; Forrest Decatur, Texas in New Hampshire; Eugene Seagle, Texas in North Carolina; Sisters Patricia Sitter, Texas in North Dakota; Ninner Pugh, Texas in Tennessee; Fay D. Tucker, Texas in Vermont; Brother Jack Gembach, Texas in Virginia; Sister Sherry L. Tallman, Texas in West Virginia; Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I have learned that to have a good friend is the purest of all God's gifts, for it is a love that has no exchange payment. Thank you for being here.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We know you travel many miles as a Grand Representative. At the end of your travels, an Eastern Star hand of friendship is always there to greet you. So it is today. Welcome to Texas. Thank you for coming our way.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Distinguished Members to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, how honored and pleased we are that we have these Grand Representatives with us today. Would you join me in extending Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

I invite the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Distinguished Members to the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the distinct pleasure of presenting these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions to other Grand Jurisdictions: Brother Ernest Prewitt, New Jersey in Kansas; Sisters Ruey Stewart, Arizona in Louisiana; Shirley Stroud, Iowa in Louisiana; Idelle Simms, Pennsylvania in Louisiana; Brother Richard J. Shaw, South Dakota in Louisiana; Sister Judy Smith, West Virginia in Mississippi; Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is a good thing to be rich and a good thing to be strong. But it's a better thing to be loved by many friends.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Each of you represents a beautiful light shining in your own jurisdiction. I know you traveled many miles to come to Texas, and

it is my pleasure to welcome you. Thank you for being ambassadors of good will during your travels.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in extending Grand Honors to these lovely members. [Grand Honors given.] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they'll remain in the East.

I invite the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Distinguished Members at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is such a distinct pleasure to present this lovely group of Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions: Brother Charles R. Snow, Alberta; Sisters Judith Goldman, Arizona; Jessie Freeman, Arkansas; Brother Donny Broughton, Australia; Sisters Lee Ellis, British Columbia and Yukon; Sarah Valkus Coursey, California; Billie Branch, Colorado; Doris Wyont, Connecticut; Agnes J. Smith, Delaware; Betty Steele, Florida; Mary Nan Anderson, Georgia; Dorothy Nicholson, Illinois; Rowena Calfee, Indiana; Joyce Ball, Iowa; Mary Burch, Kansas; Opal Smith, Kentucky; Karen Wright, Louisiana; Nancy Haley, Maine; Robert "Bob" Wolfe, Manitoba; Nova Guynn, Maryland; Beulah Warner, Massachusetts; Sigourney Pate, Minnesota; Ruby Casto, Mississippi; Doris Huckabee, Missouri; Brother Hank Knepp, Montana; Sister Christine Armstrong, Nebraska; Brother Mickey Brown, Nevada; Sister Patsy Wilson, New Hampshire; Brothers Gene Lowe, New York; Bill Bane, North Dakota; Sisters Christolene Dickson, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Edith Marshall, Ohio; JoAnn Baker, Oklahoma; Chet Pitts, Oregon; Opal Martin, Quebec; Betty Jones, Rhode Island; Gladys Carroll Knight, Saskatchewan; Helen Fuqua, South Dakota; Patricia Stallings, Tennessee; Brothers Trey Smith, Utah; David Oullette, Vermont; Sisters Betty Capps Martin, Virginia; Helen Reynolds, West Virginia; Margie Daniel Curry, Wisconsin; Brother Larry Bigham, Wyoming; Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: If we would build on a sure foundation in friendship, we must love our friends for their sake rather than our own. How beautiful you look as you visit your states and represent the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. I know that you will do us proud. Know that I love each of you.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** It gives me great pleasure to call each of you friends. Your smiles remind me of special times we've shared and good times yet to come. We have enjoyed hearing of your travels to your respective states. We hope you had safe travels. How proud we are of each of you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these beautiful members to the East. [applause] Just look at this wonderful group. Would you join me in extending them Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East if we have a place for all of them.

I invite the Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Distinguished Members in the West for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is a distinct pleasure to

present these Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Mary Horton Beach, Angels in Disguise; Barbara Hill, Angels in Disguise; and Brother Dan Hill, Personal Aide to the Most Worthy Grand Patron; General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Happiness isn't the easiest thing to find, but one place you're guaranteed to find it is in a friend's smile. And, truly, you give those smiles away. Thank you so very much. We're honored that you're here today.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We're honored to have you with us today. We respect the work you do for General Grand Chapter, and we wish you well in your future endeavors. Welcome to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Distinguished Members to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it gives me a special honor to present the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in giving them a very warm welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

I invite the Grand Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions in the West for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present these Committee Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Helen Wallace, Page to Worthy Grand Matron, Louisiana; Eleanor Wentworth, Personal Page to the Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana; Norma Lee, Sessions General Banquet, Louisiana; Nettie Ponder, Grand Chapter Mom, Mississippi; Peggy Randall, Page to Grand Chapter Mom, Mississippi; Jo Ann Herrin, Chairman ESTARL, Mississippi; Naomi Lewis, Grand Choir Director, Mississippi; Alice Tipton, Page to Grand Sentinel, Mississippi; Margie Coffee, Special Sister of the Evergreen Family, West Virginia; Brother John Coffee, Distinguished Guests Reception, West Virginia; Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** If you can take today and put a little sunshine and sparkle into it, you will have truly blessed a life, even if it's only your own. You have blessed our lives by your presence here today. Thank you for coming.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: It is a pleasure to welcome you to our Grand Chapter Session. We are honored to have you with us and hope you will have many happy memories to take home with you. Thank you for being here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Distinguished Members to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, isn't it wonderful to have these special members with us today? Would you join me in giving them a very warm welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

I invite any Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth organizations to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations in the West for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is such a beautiful pleasure to present these who are our hope for tomorrow and those who help to lead them, our Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations: Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; Sister Tiffany Thornton, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; Sister Sarah Sartin, Jurisdictional Senior Princess, International Order of Job's Daughters; Sister Donna Warren, Jurisdictional Guardian, Supreme Deputy, International Order of Job's Daughters.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Where there is joy, there is room only for the positive things in life. Thank you, Marlene and Donna, for the leadership and the faith that you have to set the example and direct these young women. And to the young women, thank you for setting such an example in the work that you do for all of the youth to see. Thank you so much.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** How beautiful you look and how proud we are that you're here for this Grand Chapter Session. Your smiles light up this Grand Chapter room. All of us here know that the youth are the future of our Order, and we appreciate each of you for being leaders in your respective organization. Welcome to this Grand Chapter Session.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Distinguished Members to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, how honored we are to have the leadership for the youth -- of our girls here today with the leaders of the young women. Would you join with me in giving them a very warm welcome. [applause] Thank you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

I invite any visiting Presiding Officers and Distinguished Leaders of other Appendant Bodies to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Presiding Officers and Distinguished Leaders of other Appendant Bodies in the West for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is a distinct pleasure to present these leaders of Appendant Bodies: Brothers Tom Turner, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas; Mike Nanny, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons; Don McCarver, Grand Junior Deacon of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We're really very fortunate to have special friends like you. You're caring and considerate in everything that you do. That's why we wish you happiness today and each day through.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We're honored to have you here with us today. We respect the work you do for your organizations, and we wish you well in your future endeavors. Welcome to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Distinguished Members to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, will you join with me in giving a very warm welcome to these Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of other Appendant Bodies. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, one of my District Deputies helped type the introductions for me to have in my podium book. At the bottom of this page it says, "Breathe deep. Introductions are over." Thank you, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. This completes our introductions for this afternoon. My special appreciation for your excellent work. I'm so very proud of you. Thank you for serving this year with me. Sisters and Brothers, I know you'll want to join me in expressing our appreciation to these Conductresses. [applause]

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will bring greetings.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers all: It's a genuine pleasure to join in extending a welcome to our 119th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We are pleased indeed to have visitors from near and far, as well as our own beloved members. Brother Rob Morris must be looking down with pride in the knowledge that his handiwork has brought about this fine group of Stars. Brother Ray Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, we're delighted to have you in Texas. Really, he and his entourage just came to see if we were good stewards of the land that they sent Davy Crockett and Sam Houston to help settle.

To our other Distinguished Guests from so many jurisdictions, we extend the hand of fraternal friendship in honor of our great Order of the Eastern Star. To Brother David Dibrell, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and all of the distinguished Masons who are with us today, we again acknowledge your love and support for our Order and say thank you so much.

To our youth leaders and the youth who have been with us today, just know that we love you. We recognize your potential and pray we will have the wisdom to aid you through your journey of life.

If the Texas General Grand Chapter appointees will stand with me at this time, I would express our pride in representing Texas and you in the General Grand Chapter. Our membership has been so good to us and given us such nice courtesies through the year, and we are most grateful.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we wish for you a good session with positive results for the good of our Order. We thank you for your service as you wrote your page in history for the Texas Grand Chapter.

Sisters and Brothers, it is our hope that you will enjoy your stay. We extend fraternal love to all. Thank you for this courtesy, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Rennie, of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, for your welcome and greetings. How proud Texas is of you. We rejoice in your position and look forward to the year 2012 when the world will visit us in Texas.

Our words of appreciation are sometimes clumsy, But our thoughts are straight and true. Always we wish God's grace to you. WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Rennie, I add my appreciation for your presence with us. You have brought much honor to Eastern Stars in Texas, and for this we say thank you. And I add voyos, con dios, on your travels up to the top. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is my pleasure to introduce Brother Ray G. Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Tennessee, who will bring a response to the welcome.

MR. RAY OSBORNE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter, it is my privilege and honor to bring a response to the wonderful welcome which all of us have received here today from your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and also from your Distinguished Member of the General Grand Chapter. We are all happy to be here in Texas with you and to enjoy this afternoon in this place. In the East there is a sign which says "The Magic of Light." If you'll look carefully, you will see two sources of light in the backdrop: the sun and the moon. Now if you'll look all around you, you'll see many sources of light, and they are Stars. You're not the stars in the heavens, but you are the Stars in Texas.

Now, light is one thing, but what light does is another thing. By your reflection of the light of the East throughout this room today, you tell the story of the Order of the Eastern Star. We thank you for every courtesy that has been extended to all of your Distinguished Members. I do congratulate the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress on their manner of presenting all of these Distinguished Members today. You've done an excellent job.

I want to thank Sister Rennie Ofton for representing this Grand Jurisdiction in the General Grand Chapter. Now she's following in the footsteps of one of your former Past Grand Matrons, Sister Mildred Haney Harris, who served as Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter in the years of 1961-1964. She set an example, Sister Rennie, that's going to be very difficult for you to follow. But I have no doubt in my mind that you will do what Sister Mildred Haney Harris would want you to do, and that is, to represent your great State of Texas.

Now, these remarks about Texas and Tennessee are true. Tennesseans settled Texas. Tennesseans fought for Texas independence. The first governor of the great Republic of Texas was a Tennessean, a former governor of Tennessee and a Mason. Masonry has been a part of this great state for many, many years, and the Order of the Eastern Star has profited from that relationship here and throughout the world.

Thank you for all the courtesies extended to us and for this opportunity to share in "The Magic of Light." [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Ray, how privileged we are to have you here today. Thank you for bringing the response to the welcome. We are honored to have such a Distinguished Member in our presence. You have traveled all over the world in your journeys. Thank you for journeying our way to share a little magic with us today.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Some individuals dream of great accomplishments, while others stay awake and do them. You truly set an example as you share your life in the work you have done and you do for our beautiful Order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We'll now have greetings from Sister Wanda Fairchild, Membership Committee Chairman, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. She'll bring greetings from the General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members and Guests: I am pleased to bring greetings on behalf of Texas General Grand Chapter Committee Members. If the ones left would please stand.

We are about to complete our first year of this 2000-2003 Triennium. Each of us in our own way have tried very hard to complete the duties assigned to us by our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Dorothy Dewing, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Harles I. Creech, and to have our own Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, standing by our side is indeed a special honor. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Wanda. There are many good things in this world, but one of the best is to have friends. We have a way of knowing our friends by their words, their deeds and their smiles. I recognize all three of these in you, and I am blessed to have you as a friend.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Wanda, you know I've never lied to you. About two and a half years ago, Sister Wanda asked me if I was Mr. X, and I told her, "Yes, I am," and she did not believe me. You're one special lady that reflects what Eastern Star is. I thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How pleased we are this afternoon to have Mrs. Sandra Calhoun, Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Mississippi, to bring greetings from the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sister Sandra.

MRS. SANDRA CALHOUN: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: I bring you greetings from the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Now they say that everything is bigger in Texas. Steaks are bigger, the cowboy hats are bigger, the cattle are bigger, the skyscrapers are bigger, and even the sunsets are bigger in Texas. Having driven from Oklahoma this week, I know firsthand that the state itself is plenty big.

While we all can't compete with Texas as far as size goes, we do know a thing or two about good ole! Southern hospitality. During my time here I have learned that Texans even do hospitality in a big way. I have been overwhelmed by the graciousness of our hosts and the warmth of this gathering.

I saw a Texas flag yesterday and thought about the proud heritage of the Lone Star State. The lone star on the Texas flag represents independence, strength, pride and heritage. And, of course, I couldn't help but think of the similarities between the Lone Star of Texas and the Eastern Star of which we are all members. We, too, have a proud heritage and have demonstrated the qualities that make Eastern Star great. But, more importantly, just as the people of Texas are bound together by

their strong sense of identity, we in the Eastern Star are bound together by our shared belief and commitment to service to others.

While Texans are quick to point out how they are unique, they have always embraced their role as a vital part of this great country and the world community. In the same way we in the Eastern Star are proud of what makes us different, but we are always mindful of our calling to be a productive part of the community at large.

Whether the source of our unique magic light is the Lone Star, the Eastern Star or both, we share our light with the world as we attempt to be the people of God we were intended to be. As my grandchildren love to sing, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine."

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings from this group of Eastern Stars and thank you for allowing me to be a part of "The Magic of Light" Session. May God bless you both as you preside over this 119th Grand Chapter Session.

In behalf of the Worthy Grand Matrons, Sister Pat and Sister Virginia who had to leave and my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jay, and others, I thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Sandra, I know this year that you have a special project in your state. It's the Little Red Schoolhouse. I announced about your Little Red Schoolhouse and about the brick and the walk that you're doing there to raise money to take care of the Little Red Schoolhouse. I know that it affects all of us, in the care. So I announced around about it, and I have these envelopes for bricks.

MRS. SANDRA CALHOUN: My goodness! Thank you so much. Thank you, Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for being here and doing this. I appreciate your welcome so much.

MRS. SANDRA CALHOUN: Thank you. We invite all of you to come to Mississippi and visit the Little Red Schoolhouse, which is north of Jackson on 1-55. This is the birthplace of our Eastern Star. We have a brick walkway, and we will proudly put these bricks in. We invite you to come and look at them at any time. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We were hoping you might put a little State of Texas on those, if they would.

MRS. SANDRA CALHOUN: We'll check on that, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And as soon as you get them in, let us know, and we'll talk about being there. Thank you so much.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Sandra, I, too, would like to give you a couple of envelopes. It won't be quite your form. It's going to be a form like that. Your form is in Mart, Texas, on the breakfast bar! I'd like to get with you before you get away and give this to you then and give you the dollars that go with it. I know there might be some others in this Grand Chapter Session that might want to participate in your program also. We appreciate you coming and spending your time with the

Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you so much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'd like to extend an appreciation to Sister Elsie who did the beautiful floor work today. Thank you to Joyce Gilbert for her music and to Bill Crews, our Choir Director. Thank you so much for the music that you've brought this day.

I would ask at this time: If you are a Chapter Representative, please stand. Thank you. You can be seated.

Sisters and Brothers, we do not have a quorum. I know that you're pleased with that! So we'll continue on this evening. Let us unite in singing our closing ode. ["Till We Meet Again" sung in unison.]

I'll remind everybody that our Humanitarian Drill and Program is first and then the Grand Representatives Report and Drill.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

I now declare the "Sunrays, Moonbeam and Magic" 119th Session of the Grand Chapter called from labor to rest until 8 p.m.

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THURSDAY EVENING SESSION
October 18, 2001
"Light Beams Around the World" Session

> Mr. Billy H. Combest Past Grand Patron

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Good evening, my Sisters and Brothers. The hour has arrived for us to resume our labors, and we thank those who have added to our enjoyment by providing beautiful music as we assembled. I'm very pleased to have the privilege and honor of greeting all of you, along with my beloved friend and respected Past Grand Patron, Brother Billy Combest, and to call to order the Thursday Evening "The Magic of Light" Session. I thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this honor.

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room and to direct the "From His Light" Drill.

Sisters and Brothers, we have witnessed a very intricate presentation in this lovely drill. Let's show our appreciation to those who have conducted this drill. [applause] The Grand Officers will now enter the Grand Chapter room.

Grand Conductresses, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. Sisters and Brothers, please join with me in extending Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. [Grand Honors given.] The Grand Officers will assume their respective stations.

Worthy Grand Matron, again I thank you for inviting me to open this Thursday evening session of our Grand Chapter of Texas. Soon we will be continuing to review the fruits of our labors for the past year, as well as sowing the seeds for future reaping. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we hold you in high esteem as you have guided our Grand Chapter through this year. In every year all is not always sunshine, for shadows mingle with the sunshine and sorrow clouds our eyes. You both have served with courage, justice, dignity, love, kindness and mercy. You have given of yourselves freely and untiringly and often with much sacrifice. With strength and steadfastness you have filled your offices with credit and ability. May this session prove to be to your complete satisfaction with love and kindness prevailing as we continue in our deliberations. May God bless you both and keep you in his care.

Brother Billy, I know that the membership would love to hear from you. I tell you again that it's my special honor to have you join in the opening of this session.

MR. BILLY COMBEST: Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Millie Sharpe, my friend and a friend of OES wherever they may be dispersed. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for another honor that you give to me, to stand in this place to help open this session, "Light Beams Around the World" Session. It's just another honor that you've given to me, and they keep adding up. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I thank the membership for their participation tonight and expect it to be even so tomorrow and the next day. Thank you very much.

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Now, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you again for your kindness and courtesy to the two of us. We give to you your gavel that you may continue with your deliberations.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Before we open our Chapter, we need to go to God in prayer. My mother always said, "Beauty is as beauty does," and your beauty always shows in all that you do and in all that you say, Sister Mary Brown, Past Grand Matron, who will bring our invocation.

MRS. MARY BROWN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of leading this group to the Throne of God seeking His blessings over the many things that we are doing and attempting to do for mankind.

Father, thank You for the excellent work of these fine leaders who work for the benefit of our Order and for mankind. Father, our hearts are troubled. We have many decisions to make at this session, and we know that You're the only one who can see the future, know what is in store for us. Work with us, Lord; teach us what we should do and make us willing and pliable in Your hands that we may carry out the will of our God and our Father. Help us to be tolerant of each other, showing love even when we do not agree. May we respect the opinion of others. God, we trust You to tell us and to show us what is best for our Order. We ask Your presence throughout this night

and for the remainder of this session. And now bless these that will be performing for us and telling of the many wonderful things they have done to help us. Bless our sweet ladies in the Home who are here looking for us for care. Help us, Lord, help us. We cannot do it without Your guidance, and help us to look to You for what is right. All these things we ask in the Name of our Blessed Savior. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Mary. Thank you, Sister Millie Sharpe, for calling the "Light Beams Around the World" Session to order. You are a bright light in Eastern Star and have been an inspiration to all of us. You are someone very special, and we appreciate all that you do for our order. I appreciate all that you have done for me. You are a bright light in my life.

Thank you, Brother Billy, Past Grand Patron of Texas, for opening this session with Sister Millie. You have set an example that is a challenge to all of us. You are a do-it-now person. I once heard you say, "If it's going to be, it's up to me." Thank you, Brother Billy.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Millie and Brother Billy, I appreciate you for calling this Thursday evening session of Grand Chapter to order. Sister Millie, you are a remarkable person and one I admire greatly. Brother Billy, you probably don't know this, but I was a Caretaker for you and Sister Rosemary. You are one we all look up to. We thank you. And thank you, Sister Mary Brown, for that very meaningful invocation.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. We'll now have special music by Mary Alice Owen. She's Grand Soloist for Rainbow. ["How Great Thou Art" was sung by Ms. Owen followed by much applause.]

Thank you very much. At this time I would like to introduce to you Sister Susie Broughton who will be presenting our Humanitarian Program for this evening. Sister Susie.

MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters, Brothers and Friends: When it comes to symbols that excite the imagination, nothing can hold a candle to it. The flame of the Olympic torch stirs emotions and lures crowds. This symbol of peace and good will is recognized the world over. We were challenged by our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe, to light the torch in our Humanitarian Program. This symbolic lighting can easily be compared to the lighting of the renowned Olympic torch.

To our keeper of the flame, our Worthy Grand Matron, I extend a personal appreciation for this opportunity of service and for the privilege to be placed on the exciting relay team with five such spirited torch bearers. Each of these Sisters was more than eager to carry the torch across our vast Lone Star State. The first flame of our torch burned for the tradition of providing love, friendship, safety and reassurance to our Sisters at the Home through the Eastern Star Home Fund. \$10,615.30 in donations were collected during the relay of this Grand Chapter year. You, the membership of Texas, kept the torch bright with fire with your contribution to the fund vital to the security of our Eastern Star Home. Our Home Endowment Fund increased by \$33,546.69 from your Humanitarian donations.

We were reminded by the flames from our torch of our commitment to renovate our Home for those who live there now and hopefully for those who will live there in the future. A total of \$4,257.73 in contributions was donated to our Home Renovation Fund.

Students of today who take the step toward religious training are truly lighting the torch. These special individuals are taking the challenge given to us in Matthew 5:16. "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. You, Grand Chapter of Texas, provided \$33,317.83 to the Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership Fund for the much-needed assistance to those who are continuing their education in order to do our Master's work.

The fifth flame in our torch was the Lights of Love. Texas Eastern Star members shown brightly as they served others in our community through hours given to lighten the burden of those in hospitals, nursing homes, food drives and other community-related service activities. 83,000-plus hours of community service were logged by our concerned members. Chapters could document community projects after the Chapter had met their first 100 percent dollar amount to the Humanitarian Program. Over 50 percent of our Chapters to date have received the red ribbon of love for their untiring community service.

Chapters were strongly encouraged to become 100 percent humanitarian by contributing one dollar for each member listed on their annual report as of May 31st, 2000, to any or a combination of the first four flames of our torch previously mentioned. As of September 30, 2001, \$81,737.57 in total contributions had been donated toward our Light the Torch program.

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe, orchestrated a most successful Grand Chapter project, the Gift of Love. Letters were mailed to the membership just before Christmas for individual donations to either the Home Endowment, the Home Renovation or the Grand Chapter Fund. These donations were also a part of the 2000-2001 Humanitarian Program. A total of \$40,389.70 was donated as a result of the Gift of Love letter.

Now, Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank you for the special opportunity to open and read the responses from the Gift of Love program. There are truly so many caring members in our fraternity. I do realize that the intent of your project was to request donations for our most needed funds; however, I just wanted you to know that your project to so many members went far beyond giving dollars. You know, maybe the real humanitarian effort has not yet been completed when we realize that our own Sisters and Brothers are in need as individuals. How my eyes filled with tears as I read the shaky handwritten words of an elderly Brother who stated that he was now a widower, was ill of heart, could not give at this time due to expensive medicine, and that all he could do was pray for our Grand Chapter. This response to me had to be the most meaningful donation of the several thousand received.

There were some who thanked you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the straightforward opportunity to give, and to others, it was just a chance to write what was on their heart. Our grand total for the combined Humanitarian projects for the year 2000-2001 at the present is \$122,127.27. A supplemental report will be given to our Grand Secretary for any funds added after September 30, 2001, and will be reflected in the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

While researching the Olympic torch, I found the bearer seemed to always remark of the intense emotion when they experienced the simple beauty of a transfer of the flame. The flame of our Eastern Star Humanitarian torch is at its journey's end for the year 2000-2001. Yet the spirit which these five District Chairmen shared with our generous Texas membership for a brief moment continues to burn, touching our

lives in way we cannot imagine. The flame leaped eagerly from one district torch to another. It extended to us a hope that encompasses the opportunity to discover the humanity that is within ourselves and challenged us to summon the love of our Sisters and Brothers.

During our opening ceremony District 1 became a shining example as our chairman, Pam Dean, approached the experience of competition with excitement.

- MRS. PAM DEAN: District 1 had a total of 14,246 members with 133 Chapters. 111 Chapters were 100 percent; 12 Chapters were 200 percent; 2 Chapters were 300 percent; 2 Chapters were 400 percent, and 2 Chapters were 500 percent or more and received their gold medals. District 1 contributed \$20,165.98 to our Light the Torch Humanitarian Program and 983 hours were acknowledged under community service. \$9,718.50 in donations were received from our Gift of Love letters making a grand total of \$29,884.48 in the Humanitarian contributions for 2000-2001 from District 1.
- MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: The exciting spirit of passing our lighted torch became contagious as our next team member took the challenge, our District 2 Chairman, Jo Terrell. We are sorry that Jo could not be with us this evening, but we welcome Lisa Smith, Founder's Day, to bring her report.
- MRS.LISA SMITH: District 2 had a total of 7,182 members with 72 Chapters. 45 Chapters were 100 percent; 9 Chapters were 200 percent; 2 Chapters were 300 percent; 1 Chapter was 400 percent; 2 Chapters were 500 percent or more and received their gold medals. District 2 contributed \$9,784 to our Light the Torch Humanitarian Program and 7,390 hours were acknowledged under community service. \$5,339 in donations were received from our Gift of Love letter, making a grand total of \$15,123 in Humanitarian contributions for 2000-2001 from District 2.
- MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: Our next torch bearer came running into a roar of welcome from her district as her Sisters and Brothers were ready to support District 3 Chairman, Cheryl Albrecht, with their gold medal smiles and their profound willingness to give.
- MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT: District 3 had a total of 9,736 members with 91 Chapters. We were pleased to have 65 Chapters 100 percent, 8 Chapters 200 percent, 8 Chapters 300 percent, 2 Chapters 400 percent and we had 4 Chapters that were over 500 percent and received their gold medals. District 3 contributed \$16,769.04 to the Light the Torch Humanitarian Program and 19,324 hours were acknowledged under community service. \$7,585.25 in donations were received from our Gift of Love letter, making a grand total of \$24,354.29 in Humanitarian contributions for the 2000-2001 year from District 3.
- MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: The flames really began to spread as our torch was lovingly passed into District 4 to Jeanne May, Chairman. Generous Humanitarian donations began to shine and burn as the supportive membership applauded the torch.
- MRS. JEANNE MAY: District 4 had a total of 16,189 members with 131 Chapters. 112 Chapters were 100 percent; 11 Chapters were 200 percent; 1 Chapter was 300 percent; 2 Chapters were 400 percent; 4 Chapters were 500 percent or more and received their gold medals. District 4 contributed \$22,514.49 to our Light the Torch Humanitarian Program and 22,521 hours were acknowledged under commu-

nity service. \$10,932.95 in donations were received from our Gift of Love letter, making a grand total of \$33,447.44 in Humanitarian contributions for 2000-2001 from District 4.

MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: The flame of our torch refused to be extinguished. Carrying the Eastern Star flame was a distinct honor for District 5 Chairman, Charlie Nossent. She celebrated the passing of the flame, which symbolized the light of the spirit and the opportunity of generous giving.

MRS. CHARLIE NOSSENT: District 5 had a total of 8, 967 members with 93 Chapters. 75 Chapters were 100 percent; 11 Chapters were 200 percent; 1 Chapter was 300 percent; 2 Chapters were 400 percent; 2 Chapters were 500 percent or more and received their gold medals. District 5 contributed \$12,504.06 to our Light the Torch Humanitarian Program and 23,471 hours were acknowledged under community service. \$6,359 in donations were received from our Gift of Love letter, making a grand total of \$18,603.06 in Humanitarian contributions for 2000-2001 from District 5.

MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: Tonight it is our honor to stand in the chain of humanity and to reach out to embrace the spirit of the 2000-2001 Humanitarian Program, to hold the torch high and to continue to pass it along as so many Sisters and Brothers have before us, from one to another, from Chapter to Chapter, from District to District, in the endless cycle of our Humanitarian Programs.

Behold, the flame. Humanity is the fire of passion that burns within our hearts, the heat that moves our Order to noble deeds, and the spirit that inspires us to raise our Sisters and Brothers on our shoulders.

Behold, the flame. It is the light of hope for it is the purest symbol of Humanitarian ideals, the radiance of friendships formed by humbly working toward a goodness done and the dream of our Order united in love through service to others.

Grand Marshal, I invite you to direct the "Flames of Love" Humanitarian formation for 2000-2001 with the Junior Past Matrons, Junior Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons as participants. These Sisters and Brothers represent the Chapters that are 100 percent and above in the Humanitarian Program. They are wearing the ribbons and medals their Chapters received for the generous contributions. Look for the medals, for this represents a Chapter that contributed over 500 percent to our Light the Torch program. After the flames of love are in place, the Humanitarian Committee has a special thank you and prayer to the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas that will be extended to you through song by Brother Donny Broughton, Grand Representative of Australia in Texas. Sister Grand Marshal.

["Flames of Love Drill" followed by singing of "May the Good Lord."]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. How beautiful! Brother Donny, thank you so much for your beautiful song tonight, and to Mary Alice, thank you so very much. The Humanitarian Program this evening was outstanding. The drill was beautiful and I thank all the 100 percent Chapters for their generous participation and for each Chapter that participated, thank you for a job well done.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I add my appreciation to each Chapter. It was a grand sight to see the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the Subordinate Chapters as they performed their drill.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time we'd'like to introduce Margaret Faircloth, our Fraternal Correspondent. I present to you this podium.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

Worthy Grand Matron, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you for affording me the opportunity of serving as your Fraternal Correspondent during this Grand Chapter year and for selecting my Chapter to have the honor of this lovely appointment.

This evening, time does not permit me to share all of the details contained in the twenty-six reports submitted. I do hope, however, each of you had an opportunity to read the detailed reports that appeared in the Official Bulletins over this past year.

Two Grand Representatives reported, while they ardently wished to attend the respective Session of their Grand Jurisdiction, circumstances prevented them from doing so and they expressed their sincere regrets.

This evening's Session, Light Beams Around the World, truly describes how each of our Grand Representatives can be envisioned. They are those beams of light we see shooting across the heavens as they attend Chapter Meetings and events within the great State of Texas and as they visit other Grand Jurisdictions near and far. Additionally, lest I fail to do so later in this report, I wish to acknowledge all of those individuals who comprised each Texas delegation that accompanied each Grand Representative to their respective Grand Chapter Session.

As I stand before this Assembly, this evening, I ask you to imagine being in a strange city, knowing neither its geographic make up or inhabitants. As you arrive at your destination, a stranger in this foreign territory, you begin to relax as you are greeted and warmly welcomed by your Eastern Star sisters and brother.

The common thread described in each author's report expressed the warmth of the welcome by their sisters and brothers combined with the excitement and enthusiasm at being together, meeting many new people, sharing information, getting to know each other.

Each Representative's report contained information regarding sessions and events attended, pertinent facts, statistics, the theme of the Session and related entertainment, methods of financial support, projects, and notable differences between our jurisdictions.

As Ambassadors of their respective Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Jurisdiction, some reports included comments that would lead the reader to conclude that some times Grand Representatives were extended courtesies that might exceed those of higher-ranking officers or visitors.

As I read each report, I must confess I was afforded the opportunity to travel, far and wide, without leaving the comfort of my home. The reports were informative, descriptive, and most entertaining. It is my hope that our membership derived as much pleasure from reading the reports as I did while preparing them for publication.

I wish to express my gratitude to Sister Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary, and her staff, for their kind assistance in preparing some of the last reports for

publication. Without warning, I was taken very ill and was personally unable to finalize the last reports. The assistance of the Grand Secretary and her staff was invaluable to me.

I wish to extend a warm thank you to each of our Grand Representatives for their dedication and outstanding service.

Worthy Grand Matron and honored guests, it is with great pleasure that I present the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas, accompanied by their visiting counterparts or others, who will now perform the *Lights Around the World Drill* under the direction of Sister Laura Sharp, Grand Marshal.

ALABAMA, where the goldenrod sways and the sunbeams of summer glimmer Represented by: Sister June Dunkin

ALBERTA, a part of the Northwest Territory, was established around the turn of the century Represented by: Brother Charles R. Snow

ARIZONA the land of the Painted Desert and purple hued mountains Represented by: Sister Judith Goldman

ARKANSAS where the Ozark Mountains rise majestically to the heavens giving rise to numerous poems and songs that we enjoy today Represented by: Sister Jessie Freeman

AUSTRALIA, known as the "Land Down Under" with notoriety for its kangaroos and sweet Kuala bears Represented by: Brother Danny Broughton

BRITISH COLUMBIA and YUKON lands of rugged terrain and rich with natural resources Represented by: Sister Lee Ellis

CALIFORNIA where trade winds blow with a coastline caressed by Pacific waters Represented by: Sister Sarah V. Coursey

COLORADO a land with vast mountain meadows, pine-timbered forests, and lakes of melted snow Represented by: Sister Billie Branch

CONNECTICUT is a land fragrant with the mountain laurel and has Dutch and Puritan heritage dating to the 17th century Represented by: Sister Doris J. Wyont

DELAWARE a state, less than a hundred miles long, but famous for its peach-blossom beauty Represented by: Sister Agnes J. Smith

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA rests along the banks of the Potomac and is home of our Nation's Capital Represented by: Sister Ann Wilkerson

FLORIDA, the land of swaying palms and year round warmth is the desirable winter retreat for many "snow birds"
Represented by: Sister Bettye Steele

GEORGIA, the land where hospitality originated and is home to the legendary Peach Tree Drive Represented by: Sister Mary Nan Anderson

IDAHO, a territory named by the Indians and known as the land where great potatoes grow Represented by: Sister Talley McAferty

ILLINOIS, the prairie state with its wide and level plains and flowing rivers and the place where great winds blow Represented by: Sister Dorothy J. Nicholson

INDIANA, located in the mid-west and known as the "Hoosier State" Represented by: Sister Rowena Calfee

IOWA, the "Hawkeye State", has land rich in coal and whose waters flow to the ocean Represented by: Sister Joyce Ball

KANSAS, a land of rolling prairies and the place, with a click of her heels and an ardent wish to go home, to which *Dorothy* was returned Represented by: Sister Mary Ellen Burch

KENTUCKY is known as the "Blue Grass State" and noted for its fine horses, mountains for hiking, and rivers for swimming Represented by: Sister Judy Baker

LOUISIANA is known for its shady woods, sleepy lagoons, and giant magnolia blooms Represented by: Sister Karen Wright

MAINE, known for its lobster and entwined wooded islands, has Canada as a nearby neighbor Represented by: Sister Nancy Jane Haley

MANITOBA is the easternmost prairie province of Canada, considers timber an important resource, and has as its state flower an anemone better known as the Prairie Crocus Represented by: Brother Robert "Bob" Wolfe

MARYLAND has been known as a manufacturing center of clothing and boasts of its numerous fields of Black-eyed Susans Represented by: Sister Nova Guynn

MASSACHUSETTS, one of the original thirteen states, is known as the "Bay State" and boosts hearty harvests of potatoes, corn and cranberries annually Represented by: Sister Beulah Warner

MICHIGAN is known as the hub of the automobile industry and a noted source of cement, salt and fish Represented by: Sister Anita McAlexander

MINNESOTA, the land of many beautiful lakes, is noted for its water source, and as the source of three great rivers
Represented by: Sister Sigourney "Si" Pate

MISSISSIPPI with its cotton deltas, magnolia blossoms, and the magnificent Mississippi River, provided the backdrop for the travels, trials, and tribulations of the fictional character *Huckleberry Finn* 

Represented by: Sister Ruby Casto

MISSOURI, known as the "Show Me State", is a land with many resources including rich deep soil
Represented by: Sister Doris Huckabee

MONTANA is known and enjoyed for its many scenic mesas, Bittersweet blossoms, and its Indian lore Represented by: Brother Henry Knepp

NEBRASKA, known by its popular name the "Blackwater State", has won much fame for its state flower, the Goldenrod Represented by: Sister Christine Armstrong

NEVADA is rumored to be the land of romance but it was once known as the home of cowboys and the land where the Sage Brush grows Represented by: Brother Mickey Brown

NEW BRUNSWICK is a maritime province of Canada noted for its navigable streams Represented by: Sister Alma Sivley

NEW HAMPSHIRE, another of the original thirteen states, is known as the "Granite State" of the U.S.A. Represented by: Sister Patsy Wilson

NEW JERSEY is a state known as a higher seat of learning and its Atlantic Ocean seaside resorts the choice of numerous summer vacationers Represented by: Sister Frances Atkinson

NEW MEXICO is the largest state of all save three, a barren land situated on the great Plateau Represented by: Sister Jackie Kern

NEW YORK is a teeming metropolis, the heart of the nation's financial center, and home of the stately Empire State Building Represented by: Brother Gene Lowe

NORTH CAROLINA is the state known as the "Old North State" and is home to the *rise and shine* Oxeye Daisy Represented by: Sister Patsy Neeper

NORTH DAKOTA, sometimes called the "Sioux State", is also nicknamed the "Flickertail State"

Represented by: Brother Bill Bane

NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND was first visited by Cabot and later colonized by the French

Represented by: Sister Christolene A. Dickson

OHIO is called the "Buckeye State" and at one time was ranked fourth in the Nation's population

Represented by: Sister Edith Marshall

OKLAHOMA has as its state flower mistletoe, the "Kissing Flower", and vast rolling prairies where prairie grasses grow
Represented by: Sister JoAn Baker

ONTARIO is the watershed for the Great Lakes and a Province of Canada is known for its industry, wealth and large population

Represented by: Sister Faye Long

OREGON is one of the Pacific states whose state name is of Indian origin Represented by: Sister Chester (Chet) Pitts

PENNSYLVANIA was settled by the Dutch and Swedes; however, the "walk" taken by the famous English Quaker, William Penn, determined the state's boundary lines earlier

Represented by: Brother Lindsey Pynes

PUERTO RICO is the sunny tropical Isle of the West Indies known for its large crops of tobacco, coffee and sugar Represented by: Sister Mary Epps

QUEBEC, noted for fish, pulpwood, tobacco and it's harvesting of flaxen sheaves which are used for spinning fabric, is the largest Province of Canada Represented by: Sister Opal Martin

RHODE ISLAND, the smallest of the original thirteen states, admiring selected the diminutive violet bloom as the state flower Represented by: Sister Betty Jones

SASKATCHEWAN has a rich soil in which to grow its wheat crops which are watered by its many lakes and rivers by: Sister Gladys Carroll Knight

SCOTLAND, with its purple heather blooms, is the land of bagpipes, kilts and lassies, and rugged cold misty weather
Represented by: Sister Yvonne Johnson

SOUTH CAROLINA is topographically a state that has been divided into three, however, the beauty and fragrance of the yellow jasmine, the state's flower, is unmistakable

Represented by: Sister Ruby Lee Meckley

SOUTH DAKOTA selected the strange named and rare Pasque flower, a member of the buttercup family, as its state flower which can be found amid the state's vast rolling prairie which is divided by the Black Hills Range Represented by: Sister Helen Fuqua

TENNESSEE is also known as the "Volunteer State" and selected not a state flower but a state fruit known as May Pop which is found on Possum Vines Represented by: Sister Patricia Stallings

UTAH, with its name taken from the Indians, is a state known for its deep and wandering canyons

Represented by: Brother Walter "Trey" Smith

VERMONT, with its beautiful scenery but rugged terrain, is known as the "Great Mountain State"

Represented by: Brother George David Ouellette

VIRGINIA, with some of its history being the subject of fiction and song, is the home of the Dogwood where many Virginians say it belongs
Represented by: Sister Betty Capps Martin

WASHINGTON, bathed by the waters of the Pacific Ocean, this state is applauded for its tasty apple crops and majestic peaks Represented by: Sister Cuba Beavers

WEST VIRGINIA is known as the state that has as its boundaries either a river or a mountain ridge

Represented by: Sister Helen Reynolds

WISCONSIN, well known for a variety of tasty cheeses, is popularly known as the "Badger State"

Represented by: Sister Margie Daniel Curry

WYOMING has a reputation for terrain that is rugged and tough, and this can be confirmed by a visit to its famous Yellowstone Park Represented by: Brother Larry Bigham

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I am confident each of these Grand Representatives has made a difference in the lives of those they have met during their travels this year. I invite you to bask in the glow emanating from these beautiful Grand Representatives. While this Report brings to a close this Fraternal Correspondent's year of service, I wish to again say thank you for your love and support.

In closing, I am confident the love and dedication of our membership in the service of our Order will continue to light the pathway to its bright future.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Faircloth Fraternal Correspondent 2000-2001

[Note: During the Grand Representatives Program, Mrs. Jeanette Cooper, Amy and Lane Batton and Esther and Preston Haynes presented special patriotic music. At the conclusion of the Grand Representative drill, each Grand Representative with escort formed the framework into which the Park Place Commandry #106 entered with a multitude of United States and Texas Flags under the direction of N. W. Hanna, Jr., Past Commander. The Grand Chapter was honored to witness one of the precision drills they perform in competition. At the conclusion of this drill, the Commandry members received a standing ovation.]

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, that was well worth waiting for, wasn't it? [applause]

That concludes our program for tonight. It's close to ten, and we're going to need to close so that you can catch the buses by ten o'clock. I now declare this session closed until Friday morning at 8 a.m. And, Sisters and Brothers, we've lots of work to do. Be here on time, and we're going to get started on time. Thank you so much for a beautiful evening.

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# FRIDAY MORNING SESSION October 19, 2001 "Highlights of Magic" Session

8:00 a.m. Musical Prelude	Mr. Fred Van Devender
	Arrangements Committee
8:15 a.m. Call to Order	Mrs. Elise Hammack
	Past Grand Matron

Mr. Murray Watson Past Grand Patron

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Good morning, my Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members and other Distinguished Members and my Sisters and Brothers: Through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is an honor and a privilege, along with my good friend, Brother Murray Watson, Jr., Past Grand Patron, to welcome you and to call to order this "Highlights of Magic" Session of the 119th Grand Chapter Session.

This Friday morning of "The Magic of Light" Grand Chapter Session is likely one of our most important ever in Texas Eastern Star history. Hopefully, all have studied, sought out information and prayed for guidance from our Heavenly Father, and all may vote their own convictions. May this be a day of decision that will serve the needs of our precious ladies, ourselves and others.

A panorama of the world with all its beauty, splendor and magnificence does not compare with the things God has promised to those who love Him and keep His commandments. His glory and His goodness makes this a "Highlights of Magic" Session, and for that we praise His Holy Name.

We assure you that you're welcome here today, and your very presence makes this time a very cherished recall. I know you have enjoyed the music afforded us by Brother Fred Van Devender of the Arrangements Committee, and we will later be favored with special music by the Grand Duet, Brother Robert L. Batton and Sister Amy Beth Batton. Sisters and Brothers, will you thank these program participants at this time. [applause] Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

Brother Murray Watson, Past Grand Patron, this assembly awaits your remarks.

MR. MURRAY WATSON: Thank you very much, Sister Elise Hammack. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all: It is a special privilege and an honor to welcome you to this "Highlights of Magic" Session of the 119th Grand Chapter Session, along with Sister Elise Hammack. Greta and I have admired you, Sister Elise, very much as we've grown to know you better through the years that we have served this Grand Chapter. Each year our appreciation and respect for you has grown.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, your year was dedicated to

letting the light shine as you walked together with all the members, always looking upward, climbing upward and onward. Your light has been an inspiration to us all. As you now come to the completion of your year of leadership, the star you have set your sights on this year has guided us and will continue to guide us to bigger and greater service. That star shines much brighter because of your leading the way. I thank you for this honor today of allowing me to call to order this 119th "The Magic of Light" Session of Grand Chapter. My wish for you is God's richest blessings.

Thank you, Sister Elise, for sharing the East with me this morning.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Brother Murray. The Grand Officers will enter the room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [applause as they come to the East.] Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present your Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker. Will you join me in extending them Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.]

Will the Officers take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your ideals and your deepest desires have challenged you to do your best this year. From your book, "Just Say It," we now leave you with these thoughts. "May God grant you always a sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering angel so nothing can harm you, laughter to cheer you, faithful friends near you, and whenever you pray, heaven to hear you." God bless you both, and may you have a great and fulfilling day.

Now, with pleasure and confidence, Worthy Grand Matron, I give you your gavel.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Elise, Past Grand Matron, for opening the "Highlights of Magic" Session. As I stand here this morning, words cannot express my love for you. Oh, how many years we go back. You were my Deputy. I remember the flowers you kept in your closet so they would bloom at our school. I'm not sure what kind they were, but they did bloom. You helped in every way possible when we were forming Hurst Chapter 1099 of which I am a member. Your guidance through the years, your friendship and support has been one of the most treasured blessings. You accepted to serve one of the hardest Committees, Jurisprudence, for me. Your devotion and service to our beautiful Order continues on and on. Thank you for serving, but, most of all, thank you for being my friend.

Brother Murray, thank you for serving with Elise this Friday morning session. You serve our Order with dignity and style. Your knowledge and wisdom is priceless. I have not known you as long as I have known Elise, but I consider you a very special friend and a blessing in my life. Know how much we love you and Greta. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Sister Elise and Brother Murray, for the beautiful opening of the Friday morning session of Grand Chapter. You are very special friends and I treasure your friendship dearly. Thank you for your words of wisdom.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Before I start with anything else, I need to

announce that the Examining Room is open for anyone that needs to take their exam.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to bring this Grand Chapter Session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to bring this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed and there will be no interruptions.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to sit in this Grand Chapter.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of this Grand Chapter Session. [The Grand Chapter was proved.] Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of this Grand Chapter Session and entitled to be with us.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible.

As we look to God for our inspiration today, I invite Mrs. Pat Major Neinast, Past Grand Matron, to bring our invocation. Her love for our Order shows as she continues to work in her section, district and Grand Chapter. Thank you for all the support you have given this year, Sister Pat.

MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST: Let us pray. Our Father, we thank Thee for this day of beauty and for every expression of Your kindness and love. As we turn our thoughts to the day ahead, may the rich materials of time and opportunity be placed in our hands to be employed in such a manner as will be pleasing in Thy sight. May we be conscious of Your presence in our deliberations, and when our Grand Chapter Session shall come to a close, grant that we may be inspired to greater service for Thee. We pray especially today for our president, George W. Bush; for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Bless the Congress of this United States at this important time in our history, and give them all the things needful to the faithful discharge of their duties. Give each soldier, sailor, Marine, Air Force, all servicemen good health for the physical strains of their duties, good judgment for the decisions they must make, wisdom beyond their own and clear understanding for the problems of this difficult hour. Bless us with Thy love; sustain us with Thy grace; strengthen us by Thy power and lead us by Thy spirit. In the Master's Name we ask it. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time we know that we have lots of business to attend to and we are running just a little late from last night. Before we get started, let me do this first. I would like to appoint Sister Rennie Ofton as our ballot judge. Assisting her will be Brother Kenneth Gregory, Brother Richard Ochs, Brother Murray Watson and Sister Wanda Fairchild. Those that will be serving as tellers will be Sisters Patty Hicks, Ethel Power, Leta Glass, Patricia Kettle, Smitty Jones, Bettie Craig, Deborah Ford, Anna Wright, Cindy Echols, Mae Naylor, Linda Campbell, Dee Blue, Jettie Ferrin, Greta Hacker, Mary Denton, Suellen Abbott, Melanie Raynor, Jeanette Cooper, Linda Henderson, Irene Dickens, Mary Frances Calt, Shirley Haline, Doris Nell Urbanek, Pat Spivy, Charlotte Dana.

Now while all the tellers are moving down to where the tables are, we need to continue with reports. First, filling of vacancies. Robbie Merchant – Credentials, District 5, resigned from her appointment because the company for which she works wouldn't allow her to have leave time. Due to the lateness of time, I placed Bob Steele, Past Patron of Houston Chapter, to serve in that position.

Our By-Laws Committee is complete.

Chapters U.D., due to the death of Doris Efird, I am placing Jim Fentress, Worthy Patron of Crescent Chapter 820, to fill that position. Sister Lallah Mae, you'll have to tell him what he needs to do. He's real anxious.

Jurisprudence Committee, Brother Harry Cunningham has accepted to serve in that position since our loss of Katherine Poulis.

Our Grievance & Appeals Committee is complete.

Our Telephone & Telegram Committee is Jane Gregory.

Before I go any further, I would like to have all the Chapter Representatives to please raise your green cards. We need to make sure we have a quorum. Thank you, Chapter Representatives.

At this time, Brother Buddy Baker, would you take the gavel for me to give my report.

# REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2000 -2001 Mrs. Naomi Wolfe

"This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark."

October 7, 2000 was the beginning of an unforgettable chapter in the story of my life. That evening I was installed as Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas and set a course for myself and urged the membership of Texas 'to take the challenge and live the beautiful teachings of our Order'. I did not know how the story would unfold but knew how I wanted it to end.

It was my desire that the year be a memorable one and that we take a chance

or two. I look back on *OUR* year of service and, with heartfelt gratitude, say *Thank* You to each and every member for your love and dedication to our beautiful Order. You were encouraged to Let YOUR Light Shine as you served with Faith, Love, Laughter, Enthusiasm and Kindness. My heart is lightened as I recall His light shining in each of your faces as our hands clasped in friendship, a hug with love was given, or your enthusiasm as you shared an accomplishment or a facet of your life with me. Together, chances were taken, challenges were met, goals were achieved and now our service will be recorded in the history of The Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Their loving service brightened the road,
Following them, you and I have traveled far;
And happy we, no matter the load
follow ... eyes fixed on the star.
Beyond human touch in Heaven,
gone are they to abide
In the place prepared by the Master
beyond the horizon in the sky.

In the silvery light of the evening's moonbeams and the radiance of the day's sunrays, we recall with sweet memories those whose lives touched ours and have now been called home by Him, the great Comforter of us all:

Sister Thelma Joyce Alsup, Worthy Grand Matron, 1973-1974 August 29, 2000

Brother Paul Huffines, Worthy Grand Patron, 1973-1974 August 31, 2000

Sister Doris M. Efird, Worthy Grand Matron, 1988-1989 March 8, 2001

Brother Gene Belk, Worthy Grand Patron, 1982-1983 April 29, 2001

> Brother Herbert Arnold, 1967-1968 June 27, 2001

I celebrated the life of Sister Thelma Joyce with her loving family members, many of our Eastern Star family, numerous Harris County Sheriff Department co-workers, her church family, and a multitude of friends. While she will be deeply missed by each of us, we can rejoice in the knowledge that she is with her God, her loving parents, Bessie and Doyle Oliver, and her "only" love, John Creg Alsup.

Within a matter of a few days of Sister TJ's death, Brother Paul Huffines was also taken from our ranks. I was saddened as I was unable to attend services for Brother Paul due to my attendance at Sister TJ's services. My deepest sympathy was expressed to Sister Leona and I know she, as did I, appreciated our Sisters and Brothers who were able to attend Brother Paul's services.

Due to the emergency hospitalization of my husband, Brother Robert "Bob"

Wolfe, I was unable to attend the funeral service for Sister Doris Efird. She and her family were in my thoughts and prayers during this time of sadness. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and other members of our fraternal family who were able to attend Sister Doris' services.

I attended Brother Gene Belk's funeral service and despite my sadness, gloried in the knowledge he is with his God and the treasure of his life, Frances. His family and the many members of our Order who loved and respected this "man from Bethlehem" will sorely miss him.

I, along with many of my Sisters and Brothers, attended the funeral services for Brother Herbert Arnold. I wish to express my appreciation to all of my Sisters and Brothers who shared this time with his family and celebrated the life of such a fine man.

To Sister Rennie Ofton, on behalf of the membership of Texas, I wish to extend to you and your family our deepest condolences for the loss of your kind and loving husband, Brother Paul Ofton. May God keep you safe and be assured you are in our hearts and prayers – now and always.

With compassion, I extend heartfelt sympathy to my Sisters and Brothers whose lives have been touched by the sadness of the loss of their loved ones. May your memories of them be the guiding light to that day when we, too, shall open the door, which leads to the dawn of glorious immortality.

#### Life Is Too Precious

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is bliss, taste it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it.

... Mother Theresa

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

As Worthy Grand Matron, I had the privilege to recommend, to my counterparts in other Grand Jurisdictions, Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Texas as recipients of Grand Representative Commissions. The following are those

who were commissioned during this Grand Chapter year:

# GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS 2000 -2001

State	Name .	Chapter No.
Arkansas	Mrs. Jessie Freeman	700
Connecticut	Mrs. Doris Wyont	87
District of Columbia	Mrs. Ann Wilkinson	576
Florida	Mrs. Betty Steele	1099
Georgia	Mrs. Mary Nan Anderson	1105
Idaho	Mrs. Talley McAferty	188
Illinois	Mrs. Dorothy Nicholson	651
Indiana	Mrs. Rowena Calfee	7
Iowa	Mrs. Joyce Ball	1008
Kansas	Mrs. Mary Ellen Burch	920
Kentucky	Mrs. Judy Baker	
Louisiana	Mr. James Gibbons	
Maine	Ms. Nancy Jane Haley	3
Manitoba	Mr. Robert "Bob" Wolfe	741
Maryland	Mrs. Nova Guynn	1065
Michigan	Mrs. Anita McAlexander	627
Minnesota	Mrs. Sigourney "Si" Pate	157
Missouri	Mrs. Doris Huckabee	801
Nevada	Mr. Mickey Brown	1105
New Brunswick	Mrs. Alma Sivicy	1026
New Hampshire	Mrs. Patsy Wilson	222
New Mexico	Mrs. Jackie Kern	311
New York	Mr. Gene Lowe	74
North Dakota	Dr. Bill Bane	7
Nova Scotia &	Mrs. Christolene A. Dickson	970
Prince Edward Island		
Ohio	Mrs. Edith Marshal	1100
Oklahoma	Mrs. Jo An Baker	1065
Ontario	Mrs. Fay Long	490
Puerto Rico	Mrs. Mary Epps	848
Rhode Island	Mrs. Betty Jones	309
Scotland	Mrs. Yvonne Johnson	621
Virginia	Mrs. Betty Capps Martin	769
West Virginia	Mrs. Helen Reynolds	156
Wyoming	Mr. Larry Bigham	877

# GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS 2000-2001

It was my privilege to approve recommendations received from Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions and, with much pleasure, to sign the following

Commissions of those who will serve as Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions:

Alberta	Mrs. Carleen King
Arkansas	Ms. Mary Sikes
Colorado	Mr. Roy Young
Connecticut	Mr. Olier Price
District of Columbia	Miss Deborah Lee Yeargin
Georgia	Mr. Alfred Langham
Idaho	Mrs. Peggy Eash
Illinois	Mrs. Evelyn Goin
Iowa	
Kansas	
Louisiana	Mr. Ben Williams
Maine	Mrs. Rebecca Johnson
Maryland	Mr. Joseph Delphey
Mississippi	Mr. Jim Cagle
Nebraska	Mrs. Martha McQuinn Jones
Nevada	Mr. David Love
New Brunswick	•
New Hampshire	Mr. E. Forrest Decatur, Jr.
New Jersey	Mrs.Suzanne Sloan
New Mexico	
New York	Mrs. Virginia Gramse
North Carolina	Mr. Eugene Seagle
Oklahoma	
Oregon	Mr. Bob Ball
Pennsylvania	Mrs. Neelilou Muir
Rhode Island	•
Scotland	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
South Dakota	Mrs. Alice Anderson
Tennessee	Mrs. Ninner Pugh
Utah	Mr. Tom Murray
Vermont	
Vermont	Mr. Jack Gembach

# **HOME FRATERNAL VISIT** of the Worthy Grand Patron

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of District III, Section 9 hosted a Banquet on Saturday evening, October 14, 2000 followed by the Joint Fraternal Visit with the members of the Home Chapter, Mart Chapter No. 109, and Dual Chapter, Waco Chapter No. 7, of the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Buddy Baker. The Banquet and Meeting were held at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum in Waco, Texas. These two chapters exhibited immeasurable excitement and pride for this tall Texan they claim as their very own. A memorable Flower Talk presented by Mr. Douglas Van Griner, following which I was presented with a red rose, contributed to a delightful evening. Douglas is a member of the Albert Pike DeMolay Chapter in San Antonio, Texas, and I am confident this DeMolay Chapter is very proud of Douglas and the manner in which he conveyed the beautiful presentation witnessed by our Members.

# HOME FRATERNAL VISIT of the Worthy Grand Matron

As Worthy Grand Matron, I returned to Houston and was humbled by the many distinguished members who attended my Fraternal Visit on October 21, 2000. The welcome extended by the members of Andral Vann Chapter No. 741 to all who attended was outstanding. The evening began with a Banquet, the food for which was prepared by the Jobs Daughters and DeMolay adult leaders. The beautiful program presented by the Members of Bethel No. 2, International Order of Jobs Daughters, highlighted this very special evening. How honored I was to be presented a Designation of Membership of Honor Certificate with an engraved plaque In recognition of outstanding service and dedication to the International Order of Jobs Daughters, Bethel No. 2. It was with much pride and pleasure I previously served on the Board of this Bethel for five years. On Sunday, October 22, 2000, the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of Houston hosted a lovely Brunch honoring the Worthy Grand Matron. It was very thoughtful of the Association members to prepare such a delicious brunch and very considerate of and appreciated by not only myself but also all of our out-of-town members who would be traveling home later in the day.

# HOME FRATERNAL VISIT of the Worthy Grand Matron

All who attended the Fraternal Visit on November 4, 2000 graciously received the warmth and hospitality extended by the Members of Hurst Chapter No. 1099. A delightful banquet was enjoyed by all followed by the Fraternal Visit that was held at the Masonic Temple in For Worth. The evening's Program included a special drill by the members of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls followed by the traditional Bible Presentation to the Worthy Grand Matron by the Grand Worthy Advisor, Miss Kristy Leos. How meaningful it was to receive my Bible from Kristy, and how proud I am to share with you that Kristy is now a Member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Over the years, I have seen the Bible presented to each new Worthy Grand Matron; however, I never dreamed on those occasions that one day I would be the recipient of such a special honor. With a great deal of emotion, I accepted the Bible and later reflected with Kristy about the times our paths had crossed and the memories we shared as we served as elected officers of our respective organizations. I served on the Rainbow Board for five years and the first time I served as Worthy Matron of my Chapter, I was pleased, for part of my term, to be in the East at the same time my daughter was serving as Worthy Advisor of her Rainbow Assembly.

## **GRAND LODGE**

On December 1, 2000, 1 was pleased to attend a portion of the Grand Lodge of Texas. I was joined by all of the Grand Line Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Honorable David B. Dibrell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M. was ceremoniously installed. I extend congratulations and best wishes to the Honorable David B. Dibrell and his Officers.

I was further privileged to attend the Banquet honoring the newly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable David B. Dibrell, on Friday evening, January 12, 2001, at the Hella Temple in Dallas, Texas.

#### GRAND ASSEMBLY

June 16-18, 2001, I had the privilege of being in attendance at the Grand Assembly Session held in Amarillo, Texas. Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy, works diligently to assist and support this fine youth organization. Having served on the Rainbow Board many *moons* ago, I carry in my heart many fond and beautiful memories of these times in my life.

# OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

I shared a special evening with the membership, my family and friends at the Shimmering Moon Banquet on Saturday, May 26, 2001 hosted by the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of Houston at the Monument Inn in LaPorte, Texas. As usual, all enjoyed a very plentiful and delicious dinner and the fellowship was delightful. Thank you District IV, Section 5.

Special note: My Eastern Star life began many years ago with my initiation into the Order at North Side Chapter No. 651. How honored I was during my Joint Fraternal Visit on June 12, 2001 when I was presented with a beautiful gavel engraved with my name and the dates of my Grand Chapter year by this Chapter. The gavel was mounted (but can easily be removed) on a beautiful mahogany plaque bearing a special engraved message. Also, North Side had arranged for a special presentation for one of its members. I was graciously afforded the privilege of presenting to my dear friend, Sister Dorothy Nicholson, Grand Representative of Illinois in Texas, her Endowed Membership from the loving members of this Chapter.

#### **OUT-OF-STATE**

October 30th through November 2nd, 2000 I attended General Grand Chapter in Detroit, Michigan. The God's Wondrous World of Fraternal Fellowship Assembly was presided over by Sister Florence Adair, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Lennart A. Johnson, Most Worthy Grand Patron. I had the honor and privilege of nominating Sister Rennie Ofton for the Office of Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress. Most of the Texas delegation was in attendance at the installation of Sister Rennie at the Peace Around the World Assembly. I carry in my heart and mind many beautiful memories of this noteworthy event. Sister Dorothy M. Dewing was installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Harles I. Creech, as Most Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Dorothy's Triennial Assembly will be in Portland, Oregon, October 31 through November 6, 2003.

Changes passed at this General Grand Chapter Session that will affect our Grand Chapter:

- 1. Change in our Ritual 3 black cubes to reject a petitioner;
- 2. Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters may petition the Order of the Eastern Star after receiving their majority or having three (3) years of active service; and
- 3. Grand Nieces may petition our Order.

Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon also attended General Grand Chapter and I asked Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, to serve as Acting Worthy Grand Matron while I was out of state.

March 9-11, 2001, marked another wonderful time of travel with my Sisters and Brothers as we attended the Texas/New Mexico Exchange. Our accommodations were at the Big Texan in Amarillo. A beautiful banquet was held at the Amarillo Convention Center on Friday evening. The wonderful "Mini Opry" from the "Big Texan" entertained us. Saturday morning we were at the Big Texan for a delicious all-you-can-eat affair. We traveled by vans on Saturday afternoon to Clovis, New Mexico, where we had the honor of seeing the initiation of a new member into our Order by the New Mexico Eastern Stars. Our Meeting was held at Keystone Chapter No. 27 in Clovis, New Mexico, with Sister Barbara and Brother Dick Smith presiding as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. How wonderful it was to share this weekend with our counterparts in New Mexico. It was made more special by the attendance of Sister Betty Robertson, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Denny Sprinkle, Worthy Grand Patron. I was also humbled to be presented with an Honorary Membership from Keystone Chapter No. 27, New Mexico. I wish to express a special Thank You to Sister Betty Phillips Benham, Past Grand Matron and those committee members who assisted her for a job well done. Your plans and preparations resulted in an event enjoyed by all. Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon served as Acting Worthy Grand Matron during my absence from the State.

March 25-27, 2001 saw a large Texas delegation in attendance at the *Our Time in History* Session of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana with Sister Velma D. Hays, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Eldon W. Howell, Worthy Grand Patron. The Session was beautiful and how proud I was that so many from Texas were in attendance. As Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon also attended this Grand Chapter, I asked Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, to serve as Acting Worthy Grand Matron while we were out-of-state.

May 19-24, 2001, 1 attended the One Hundred Thirty First Love Is the Lighthouse of the Soul Grand Chapter Session of New Jersey. The seven STARS from Texas who were in attendance at this Session sparkled with pride as our very own, Sister Frances Atkinson, Grand Representative of New Jersey in Texas presented the Flag of Texas. All of the Texas ladies were dressed in black skirts, white blouses, and sequined Texas vests to show our love and support of our beautiful Grand Representative. We were complimented on our attire and often told there was no question that we were from Texas. Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon served as Acting Worthy Grand Matron during my absence from the State.

July 27-29, 2001, 1 attended the Harbor of Friendship on Red River, Multi-State Meeting, in Bossier City, Louisiana. What a pleasure it is to share time with the members of our neighboring states of Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Times such as this, as usual, afford all who attended many fond memories. Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon was also in attendance at this Meeting and, at my request, Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, served as Acting Worthy Grand Matron while we were out of the State.

August 13-17, 2001, a cruise from the Port of Galveston with Ports of Call in Cancun and Cozumel afforded a period of R&R (rest and relaxation) for everyone. Food, fun, and fellowship, and a great time was enjoyed by all. Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon served as Acting Worthy Grand Matron during my absence from the State.

A large Texas delegation traveled in two buses to the August 24-26, 2001, AR-OK-TX Friendship Festival, the Tri-State Meeting held in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The "Raceway to the Stars" Dinner, a relaxing cruise on the Belle of Hot Springs Riverboat, the "Friends are Forever Banquet", bidding farewell and sealing the friendships made, and the "Wedding" of the Century starring our Brothers of the Eastern Star, afforded every one such an enjoyable time and added to our storehouse of memories. Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon also attended this Meeting and I asked Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, to serve as Acting Worthy Grand Matron while I was out of the State.

# EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS AND FRATERNAL VISITS

#### EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS

The year began with 5 District Deputy Grand Matrons and 50 Deputy Grand Matrons. The Deputies' instructions set the stage for excellence and, being the link between the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and officers of the Subordinate Chapters, they conveyed instructions and lessons from the Ritual to the membership in a very professional manner. We had a fantastic turnout of Sisters and Brothers at each of our Schools. Thank you for the wonderful job you have done and for being such good travelers this year. I am so very proud of you; it has been an honor to have you with me this year. And, yes, you are all a TEN in my book.

A special word of thanks to my District Deputy Grand Matrons: Ms. Abigail Freeman, Mrs. Susan Bigham, Mrs. Edna Jefferies, Mrs. Mary Brown, and Mrs. Benita Bassett and also to the Grand Examiners: Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Ms. Kimi Kidd, Mrs. Nancy Brown, Mrs. Vi Griffin, Mrs. Gerry Dusek and Mrs. Sandra Purdue.

#### Ms. Abigail Freeman, District Deputy Grand Matron, District I

Sec.	Location	Date	<b>Deputy Grand Matron</b>
1	Lewisville	November 6, 7, 2000	Mrs. Patti Hicks
2	Plano	November 8, 9, 2000	Mrs. Ethel Powell
3	Mt. Vernon	November 13, 14, 2000	Mrs. Leta Glass
4	Dallas	November 10, 11, 2000	Mrs. Patricia Kettle
5	Irving	December 8, 9, 2000	Mrs. Smitty Jones
6	Wortham	November 27, 28, 2000	Mrs. Glinda Hold
7	Whitehouse	November 29, 30, 2000	Mrs. Mary Tomlinson
8	Henderson	November 20, 21, 2000	Mrs. Marie Anderson
9	Texarkana	November 17, 18, 2000	Mrs. Rita Mars
10	$\mathbf{Quitman}$	November 15, 16, 2000	Mrs. Lavella Ford

## Mrs. Susan Bigham, District Deputy Grand Matron, District II

Sec.	Location	Date	Deputy Grand Matron
1	Pampa	January 8, 9, 2001	Mrs. Betty Craig
2	Dalhart	January 5, 6, 2001	Mrs. Debra Ford
3	Canyon	January 3, 4, 2001	Mrs. Anna Wright
4	Lubbock	December 15, 16, 2000	Mrs. Cindy Echols
5	Paducah	December 13, 14, 2000	Mrs. Merlene Seal
6	Vernon	January 10, 11, 2001	Mrs. Mae Naylor
7	Abilene	December 6, 7, 2000	Mrs. Audrie Rowell

8	Odessa	December 4, 5, 2000	\$14.7	Mrs. June Hukill
9	Fort Stockton	December 11, 12, 2000		Mrs. Janet Stephens
10	El Paso	December 29, 30, 2000		Mrs. Joyce Scott

## Ms. Edna Jefferies, District Deputy Grand Matron, District III

Sec.	Location	Date	<b>Deputy Grand Matron</b>
1	Fort Worth	February 16, 17, 2001	Mrs. Jean Brandt Smith
2	Granbury	January 26, 27, 2001	Mrs. Lyndel Campbell
3	Jacksboro	January 13, -, 2001	Mrs. Martha Wolfe
4	Cisco	January 15, 16, 2001	Mrs. Patsy "Connie" Campbell
5	Commanche	January 22, 23, 2001	Mrs. Peggy Haggard
6	Burnet	January 24, 25, 2001	Mrs. Odessa "Dee" Blue
7	Hamilton	January 29, 30, 2001	Mrs. Naomi McDonel
8	Killeen	January 17, 18, 2001	Mrs. Jettie Ferren
9	Waco	February 2, 3, 2001	Mrs. Greta Bane Hecker
10	Glen Rose	Jan. 31 - Feb. 01, 2001	Mrs. Mary E. Dutton

# Ms. Mary Brown, District Deputy Grand Matron, District IV

Sec.	Location	Date	<b>Deputy Grand Matron</b>
1	Lufkin	March 19, 20, 2001	Mrs. Juellen Abbott
2	Port Arthur	March 23, 24, 2001	Mrs. Melanie Rayner
3	Crockett	April 2, 3, 2001	Mrs. Carolyn Hardin
4	Deer Park	March 21, 22, 2001	Mrs. Jeanette Cooper
5	Houston	April 6, 7, 2001	Mrs. Linda Henderson
6	Buffalo	March 12, 13, 2001	`Mrs. Irene Dickens
7	Spring	March 16,17,2001.	Mrs. Regina Garner
8	Flatonia	March 14, 15, 2001	Mrs. Jan Stinson
9	Rosenburg	March 28, 29, 2001	Mrs. Jean A. Crosby
10	Lake Jackson	March 30, 31, 2001	Mrs. Iris Stone

# Mrs. Benita Bassett, District Deputy Grand Matron, District V

Sec.	Location	Date	<b>Deputy Grand Matron</b>
1	Ballenger	February 9, 10, 2001	Mrs. JoAnn Monse
2	Sonora	February 7, 8, 2001	Mrs. Candy Nelson
3	Boerne	February 12, 13, 2001	Mrs. Billie J. Rollins
4	Uvalde	February 5, 6, 2001	Mrs. Mary Francias Caid
5	Poteet	February 21, 22, 2001	Mrs. Vivian Kight
6	New Braunfels	February 15, 16, 2001	Mrs. Shirley Hainline
7	San Antonio	January 19, 20, 2001	Mrs. Doris Nell Urbaneck
8	Victoria	February 26, 77, 2001	Mrs. Patricia Spivey
9	Corpus Christi	February 19, 20, 2001	Mrs. Charlotte Dana
10	Mission	February 23, 24, 2001	Mrs. Yvonne Smith

# FRATERNAL VISITS

Chapter Name	Date	Chapter Name	Date
Mart #109	10/14/00	Edna #692	12/20/00
Waco #7	10/14/00	El Campo #535	12/20/00
Andral Vann #741	10/21/00	Ganado #957	12/20/00
Hurst #1099	11/04/00	Rosenberg #439	12/20/00
Mary Martha #981	12/18/00	Sugar Land #1107	12/20/00
Spring #1104	12/18/00	Corrigan #631	12/21/00

Tomball #838	10/10/00	O7	10/01/00
	12/18/00	Crockett #509	12/21/00
Waller #1047	12/18/00	Grapeland/Augusta #120	12/21/00
Bryan #222	12/19/00	Groveton #1035	12/21/00
Buffalo #157	12/19/00	Huntsville #240	12/21/00
Centerville # 1002	12/19/00	Livingston #1139	12/21/00
Franklin ##311	12/19/00	Shepherd #1003	12/21/00
Iola #458	12/19/00	Trinity #186	12/21/00
Madisonville #193	12/19/00	Weldon #969	12/21/00
Normangee #87	12/19/00	Woodville #462	12/21/00
North Zulch #531	12/19/00	Andrews #849	03/01/01
Rockdale #23	12/19/00	Friendship #1008	03/01/01
Bay City #380	12/20/00	Midland #253	03/01/01
Ransford #135	04/16/01	Zavalla #952	05/31/01
North Ft. Worth #684	04/17/01	Houston Heights #258	06/04/01
Bellaire 91021	04/23/01	Handley #617	06/05/01
Alvin # 15	04/24/01	Riverside #834	06/05/01
Bastrop #64	04/30/01	Seabrook #1096	06/11/01
Brenham #144	04/30/01	Frank W. Lynn #1015	06/12/01
Caldwell #976	04/30/01	North Side #651	06/12/01
Flatonia #813	04/30/01	Rothwell #669	06/12/01
Lexington #996	04/30/01	Lake Worth # 1109	06/25/01
Smithville #39	04/30/01	Bluebonnet #888	06/26/01
Somerville #245	04/30/01	Hadassah # 188	06/28/01
Adah #49	05/01/01	Ruth #20	06/29/01
Alamo Heights #734	05/01/01	Atlanta #151	07/09/01
Amistad #1115	05/01/01	Mineola #454	07/10/01
Bexar #616	05/01/01	Quitman #695	07/10/01
Harlindale #750	05/01/01	Gun Barrel #1114	07/12/01
Floresville #271	05/01/01	Mabank #821	07/12/01
Prospect Hill #817	05/01/01	Polytechnic #420	07/13/01
Radiant San Antonio #3	05/01/01	Mansfield #876	07/16/01
Somerset #730	05/01/01	Mart #1091	07/19/01
Texas #35	05/01/01	Pasadena #711	07/24/01
Valley Hi #1104	05/01/01	Orange #214	07/26/01
Wimodausis #141	05/01/01	Silsbee #298	07/26/01
Schertz #911	05/01/01	Wisteria #823	07/26/01
Everman #624	05/03/01	Galena Park #884	08/06/01
Weatherford #21	05/07/01	Bandera #643	08/07/01
Melrose #920	05/08/01	Boerne #200	08/07/01
Garden Oaks #987	05/10/01	Center Point #463	08/07/01
Channelview #954	05/14/01	Kerrville #24	08/07/01
Dayton #233	05/14/01	Medina #988	08/07/01
Liberty #634	05/14/01	Travis #472	08/09/01
Evadale #1111	05/15/01	Beeville #422	08/21/01
Groves #953	05/15/01	Jacksonville #377	08/27/01
Nederland #1097	05/15/01	Cleveland #465	08/28/01
Port Arthur #262	05/15/01	League City #621	08/30/01
Port Neches #677	05/15/01	Buna, #968	09/06/01
Bethlehem #728	05/18/01	Jasper #291	09/06/01
New Boston #700	05/28/01	Spurger #315	09/06/01
Hallsville #995	05/29/01	Pearland #1065	09/13/01
Henderson #597	05/29/01	Archives #1095	09/17/01
Jefferson #627	05/29/01	Wolfe #1129	09/18/01
Longview #610	05/29/01	Houston #385	09/20/01
Mt. Vernon #956	05/30/01	Park Place #731	09/20/01
Winnsboro #967	05/30/01	Cedar Bayou #11	09/27/01

## ANNIVERSARY VISITS

Chapter Name	Date	Year Celebrated
Silsbee #298	10/10/00	$95\mathrm{th}$
Kirbyville #263	10/24/00	$95\mathrm{th}$
Buna #968	10/26/00	$50\mathrm{th}$
J. A. Kemp #970	12/09/00	$50\mathrm{th}$
LaMarque #979	03/22/01	$50\mathrm{th}$
Waco #7	05/17/01	$100\mathrm{th}$
Vashti #32	10/06/01	$100 \mathrm{th}$

## INSTALLATIONS

I had the pleasure and privilege of participating in the following Installations:

06/02/01	Corrigan #631	Installing Officer
06/02/01	Shepherd #1003	Installing Officer
06/23/01	Andral Vann #741	Installing Officer

# PROCLAMATIONS, KEYS TO THE CITY, GIFTS, AND OTHER REMEMBRANCES

I am humbled as I express my deepest appreciation to each Subordinate Chapter, Member, Sister and Brother for all the courtesies and privileges extended to me during this Grand Year. I will reflect warmly on memories of each of you as I continue to travel beneath the rays of each day's sun and by the light of each evening's moon. Be assured, I carry many sweet memories of time spent among the membership during this Grand Year and look forward to the future with each of you.

#### PROCLAMATIONS

11/06/00	Mayoral Proclamation declaring Naomi Wolfe Day signed by Mayor William W. Manning, City of Colony
11/10/00	Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron, November OES Month, City of Dallas, signed by Ron Kirk, Mayor, presented by Paul McLin
11/17/00	Naomi Wolfe Day, City of Texarkana, signed by Hon. James Bramlott, Mayor, presented by Van Alexander, Councilman
11/20/00	Naomi Wolfe, WGM and Buddy Baker, WGP Day, City of Henderson, signed and presented by Wallace Read, Mayor
12/04/00	Naomi Wolfe, WGM and Buddy Baker, WGP, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Day, City of Odessa, signed and presented by Dr. Bob Slider, Mayor Pro-Tem
12/08/00	OES School of Instruction Day, City of Irving, signed by Joe Putman, Mayor; presented by Smitty Jones
01/31/01	Naomi Wolfe Day, City of Glen Rose, signed and presented by Connie Kirk, Mayor

02/17/01	Naomi Wolfe Day, City of Fort Worth, signed by Mayor Kenneth Barr and presented by Councilman Chuck Silcox
02/9/01	Naomi Wolfe Day, City of Corpus Christi, signed and presented by, Mayor Lloyd Neal
03/15/01	Naomi Wolfe and Buddy Baker, presented by Carol Tracey
03/21/01	Naomi Wolfe Day, City of Galena Park, signed and presented by Mayor Wayne Riddle
03/23/01	Naomi Wolfe Day, City of Port Arthur, signed and presented by Oscar Ortiz, Mayor
03/28/01	Naomi Wolfe Day, Fort Bend County, signed by Judge Jim Aldolphus, presented by Bill Goldsmith
04/06/01	Naomi Wolfe Day, City of Houston, signed by Mayor Lee P. Brown, presented by Henry Knolle

# LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCLAMATIONS

11/08/00	Honorary Deputy Sheriff, City of Plano, signed by Terry Box, Collin County Sheriff, presented by Captain Kelly Stone
11/20/00	Honorary Deputy Sheriff, City of Henderson, signed and presented by Sheriff James Stroud
01/24/01	Pink Granite Plaque, City of Burnett, signed and presented by Sheriff Joe Polleck
01/31/01	Honorary Sheriff, Somervell County, presented by Roger Hill, Sheriff
03/28/01	$\label{thm:country} \mbox{ Honorary Deputy Sheriff of Fort Bend County, signed and presented by Sheriff Milton Wright}$
03/30/01	Honorary Deputy Sheriff of Lake Jackson, signed and presented by Joe E. King, Sheriff

# HONORARY CITIZENSHIPS

11/30/00	City of Whitehouse, signed and presented by Mary Dale Moran
12/08/00	${\bf City of Irving, signed by Joe Putman, Mayor, presented by Smitty Jones}$
12/06/00	City of Abilene, signed by Grady Barr, Mayor, presented by Melvin Martin, Chief of Police
12/15/00	City of Lubbock, signed by Windy Sitton and Members of City Council

01/05/01	City of Dalhart, signed by Gene Rahls, Mayor, and Greg Duggan, City Manager presented by Zelda Lang, PM, Dalhart #1051 and City Council Person
01/10/01	$ City of Vernon, signed by {\tt Mayor}  Kelly  Couch, presented  by  {\tt Mae}  Naylor $
01/17/01	City of Killeen, signed and presented by Mrs. Maureen Jouett, Mayor
01/31/01	City of Glen Rose, signed and presented by Connie Kirk, Mayor
03/28/01	Fort Bend County, signed by Judge Jim Aldolphus and presented by Bill Goldsmith

# SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS OR PRESENTATIONS

10/13/00	$Flower\ Talk\ presented\ by\ Douglas\ Van\ Griner\ a\ member\ of\ Albert\ Pike\ DeMolay\ Chapter\ in\ San\ Antonio,\ Texas$
11/04/00	Bible Presentation by Kristy Leos, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
12/29/00	Admiral in the El Paso Navy, signed by County Commissioner's Court
01/19/01	Honorary Citizenship Award, City of San Antonio, signed by Howard Peak, Mayor
01/19/01	Wolf Pocket Watch to Brother Bob Wolf, presented by the DDGM and DGMs, District ${\bf 5}$
02/06/01	Honorary Colonel of the Fort Inge Army, Uvalde County, Texas, authorized by the Uvalde County Commissioners Court, presented by Bill Mitchell, Uvalde County Judge
04/06/01	State Resolutions to WGM and WGP, Resolutions #607 and #608, signed by John Whitmire, presented by Bart Henderson $$

# CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

11/27/00 District I, Section 6

# FLAG PRESENTATIONS

11/08/00	United States Flag presented by Honorable Sam Johnson, U. S. House of Representatives, Third District
11/10/00	OES Flag embroidered with name and year of WGM and WGP, presented by Patricia Kettle, DGM, DI/S4

02/15/01	U. S. Flag flown over Capital with Certificate stating date flown, presented by Jerry Martin of $\rm D5/S6$
03/30/01	U. S. Flag obtained by Ron Paul presented by Susan Ashbrook
03/30/01	Texas Flag obtained by Buster Brown presented by Yvonne Johnson

# KEYS TO THE CITY

11/10/00	City of Dallas, included with Proclamation, presented by Paul McLin
11/13/00	City of Mt. Vernon, presented by H. H. Miller, Mayor
11/16/00	City of Quitman, signed by Larry Robertson, presented by Troy Robertson, Pro Tem
11/17/00	City of Texarkana, signed by Hon. James Bramlett, Mayor, presented by Van Alexander, Councilman
01/31/01	City of Glen Rose, signed and presented by Connie Kirk, Mayor
02/16/01	City of Fort Worth, signed by Mayor Kenneth Barr, presented by Councilman Chuck Silcox
02/19/01	City of Corpus Christi (Gold Key), presented by Mayor Lloyd Neal
3/15/01	City of Flatonia, signed and presented by Lori Berger, Mayor
3/19/01	City of Lufkin, signed and presented by Louis Bronaugh, Mayor
3/23/01	City of Port Arthur, signed and presented by Oscar Ortiz, Mayor

# LETTERS OF RECOGNITION

10/07/00	Letter from Governor George Bush
10/07/00	Letter from President Bill Clinton
10/07/00	Letter from State Senator

# GAVEL PRESENTATIONS

10/07/00	Presented by Brother Bob Wolfe at Grand Chapter Installation
06/12/01	Presented by North Side Chapter No. 651 at Joint Fraternal Visit

## **PLAQUES**

10/21/00 Designation of Membership of Honor Certificate with engraved message: In recognition of outstanding service and dedication to the International Order of Jobs Daughters, Bethel No. 2, Houston, Texas

03/23/01 Hand made plaques: WGM's picture and OES emblem and WGM's and WGP's pictures and OES emblem, presented by Fred VanDevender,

WP, Nederland #1079

#### TRIBUTES

03/28/01 Tribute to Worthy Grand Matron, presented by Linda Nichols, Member, D4/S9

#### OTHER REMEMBRANCES

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to each member and Chapter who expressed their love and support by honoring me with a remembrance during this grand year. Some the these beautiful remembrances included: welcome baskets; wolf stuffed animal/puppet; a wolf fountain; a handmade quilt embroidered with the names of all the school officers of District 1, Section 5 presented by Smitty Jones and Wayne and Bertha Gaddis; a ceramic stamp, holder with stamps; a wooden wolf, a beautiful hand crocheted afghan; a wolf throw and stuffed wolves and for Bob, my husband, a sun and moon throw; a wolf welcome slate; dream catcher; wolf magnet and wolf picture frame; a metal candle holder with a blue glass half moon; pressed flower stationary; endowment stamps; a painting of wolf howling at moon; ceramic wolf, stuffed gray baby wolf, dinosaur hunting license; a beautiful marble seated OES wolf and magnolia bench presented at the District 4, Section I School by Jackie Williams, Worthy Matron Cushing #368; a tuxedo vest for my husband Bob; perfume bottles; keys to the ladies' room; an exquisite Magnolia painting presented by Linda Henderson, Deputy Grand Matron 4/5; a wolf wall hanging and wolf pillows; scholarships in the names of Bob Wolfe and Judy Baker to youth camp; numerous blankets; fruit baskets, candy; sun and moon ceramic wall hangings; wolf wind chimes; wolf calendar; wolf refrigerator magnet; cuddly stuffed wolf, wolf throw; and many more. Thank you.

# MUSIC WRITTEN FOR WORTHY GRAND MATRON

By Marilyn M. Lee; Scored by Tim Timpani The Wolfe Marches in Moonlight

By Dorothy Cleveland; arranged by Jamie Chancey
The Moonbeam March

By Gladys Cox - Naomi

# BY-LAWS CHANGES APPROVED BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2000-2001

It was my pleasure to sign By-Laws changes for the following Chapters:

Chapter Name	Number	Chapter Name	Number
A. E. Shirley	986	Lake Worth	1109
A. E. Shirley	986	Leander	73
A. E. Shirley	986	Linden	576
Abilene	30	Lufkin	382
Alvin	15	Lufkin	382
Andral Vann	741	Madisonville	193
Archives	1095	Marble Falls	435
Belle Moon	90	Mike H. Thomas	951
Bellville	611	Mission	527
Bluebell	956	Monahans	561
Bullard	972	New Caney	1093
Burke	1098	North Side	651
Carthage	747	Oak Forest	1080
Carthage	747	Oso	868
Conroe	710	Paducah	506
Corrigan	631	Park Place	731
Devine	43	Ransford	135
Duncanville	1014	Rosewyn	927
Eldorado	140	Rosewyn	927
Graford	905	Seabrook	1096
Groves	953	Silsbee	298
Houston	385	Spurger	315
Houston Heights	258	Sugarland	$\frac{1107}{35}$
Humble	415	Texas	1082
Hurst	1099	University Vashti	32
Hurst	1099	Vasnu Vidor	914
Jacksonville	377	Violet	158
Johnson City	376	Weslaco	772
Jourdanton	581	Whitehouse	1133
Kermit	845	Wimodausis	141
Kingsland	1118	Wisteria	823
Kingsland	1118	Wisteria	823
Lake Jackson	1009	Woodville	462
Lake Worth	1109	Zapata	1106
Dane Horas	1100	-apava	

# SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

#### LATE ELECTIONS

Weldon #969 Sonora #575 Amistad #1115 Saltillo #173 Newbern #1135 Spring Branch #984 Rockport #479 Plainview #37 Devine #43 Eustace #1082 Crescent #820 Groveton #1035

#### TO ELECT WORTHY MATRON

Abernathy #877

#### TO ELECT WORTHY PATRON

River Oaks #1013 Mansfield #876 Mike Thomas-Oakcliff #951 \*\*
Plainview #37
Gonzales #403
Shepherd #

#### TO ELECT ASSOCIATE MATRON

Friendswood #1131 New Braunfels #771 Killeen #490 Lake Worth #1109 River Oaks #1013 Frisco #93 Klein #1141

#### TO ELECT TREASURER

Princeton #1128 Shepherd #1003 Sealy #285 Klein #1141 Beckville #273 Mike Thomas/Oakcliff #961 Hallsville #995 River Oaks #1013 East Houston #955

# TO ELECT ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Waxahachie #599 Harlingen #641 Rov Stanley #1086 Kirbyville #265 Marlin #286 Walter Baldwin #929 Mike Thomas-Oakcliff #951 Magnolia #706 Velasco #220 Everman #624 Dalhart #1051 Crescent #820 Ransford #135 Ranger #275 Polytechnic #420 Floresville #271 Aurora #799

#### TO ELECT CONDUCTRESS

Favens #764 Waxahachie #599 Whitney #930 Waskom #812 Corrigan #631 Plano #703 Love Field #875 Center #348 Kirbyville #263

McKinney #518

Mount Vernon #956 Mike Thomas-Oakcliff #951 Hallsville #995 Wedgewood #756 Hurst #1099 Plainview #37 Aurora #71 Ransford #135 Roy Stanley #1086

#### TO ELECT ALL OFFICERS

Colorado #58 Comanche #310 Saltillo #173 Santa Anna #247 Sonora #575 Devine #43

#### LATE INSTALLATIONS

Abernathy #877 Brookshire #652 Seabrook #1096 Garrison #192 Mart #109 Brady #167 Velasco #220 North Side #651 El Campo #535 Godley #922 Newbern #1135 Rust-Alto #79 North Shore #1058 Colorado #58 Rosewyn #927 Borger #811 Brady #167

#### TO WAIVE DISABILITY

Harlandale #750 Kerrville #24 Beaumont #71 Roy Stanley #1086 Lewisville #935 Livingston #1139 Cushing #368 LaMarque #979 Brady #167 Brownwood #116 Dal-Cliff #574

#### MOVE MEETING PLACE

Park Place #731 Mont Belvieu #1142 The Colony #1136 North Shore #1058 Amistad #1115 Hurst #1099 Johnson City #376 Mart #1091 Waco #7

#### FRATERNAL VISIT

Hurst #1099 Woodville #462 Trinity #186 Marshall #356 Seminole #855 Tomball #838 Waco #7

Houston Heights #258 Crockett #509

Mart #109 Corrigan #631 Huntsville #240 Livingston #1139 Weldon #969 Sugar Land #1107 Shepherd #1003 Winnsboro #967 Mary Martha #981 Trinity #186 Crockett #509 Livingston #1139 Kilgore #630 Lexington #996 Weldon #969 Henderson #697 Caldwell #976

Grapeland-Augusta #120

Waskom #812

Jefferson #627 Brenham #144 Smithville #39 Carthage #747 Vallev Hi #1104 Pine Hill #675 Mount Vernon #956 San Antonio-Radiant #3 Harlandale #750 Wimodausis #141 Bastrop #64 Somerville #245 Pine Hill #675 Prospect Hill #817 Bastrop #64 Amistad #1115 Schertz #911 Texas #35 Bexar #616 Beckville #273

Colorado #58

Aurora #799

McKinney #518 Aurora #799 Alamo Heights #734 Longview #610 Mart #109 Hallsville #995 Pine Tree #1090 Ruth #20 Kerrville #24 Gun Barrel #1114 Medina #988 Bandera #643 Boerne #200 Buna #968 Duncanville #1014

#### REPLACE LOST SECRET WORK

Brock #274
North Zulch #531
Farmers Branch #862
Jefferson #627
Highland Hills #1075
Templar #374
Waxahachie #599
Pasadena #711
Newton #224
Huntington #938
Strawn #361
Saint Jo #29
Houston Heights #258
Maud #879

Maud #879 Big Lake #752 Archives #1095 Ganado #957 Anahuac #649 Alvin #15

Spring Branch #984 Hooks #1031 Hillsboro #769 Spring Branch #984 Kirbyville #263 Corpus Christi #354 Corpus Christi #354 Corpus Christi #354 Riverside #834 Andral Vann #741 Wimodausis #141 Ballinger #266

#### REPLACE WORN SECRET WORK

Vernon #424 Border #211 Almeda #1081

#### REPLACEMENT CHARTER Mount Belvieu #1142

Springtown #498

NOT NECESSARY
Johnson City #376
Seminole #855
New Braunfels #771

Grapeland-Augusta #120 Brady #167 Brookshire #652

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

The Grand Chapter of other Grand Jurisdictions requested the following Courtesy Investigations:

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The Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho – To extend an invitation to Idaho members to attend Chapters in the Jurisdiction of Texas

The Grand Jurisdiction of Arkansas – To request a waiver from the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas to receive the degrees of the Order.

 $\label{thm:condition} The \ Grand \ Juris diction \ of \ Arkansas - To \ request \ investigation \ of \ a \ member \ for \ reinstatement.$ 

The Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania - To perform an Eastern Star Funeral.

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

The Grand Chapter of Texas requested the following investigations of other Grand Jurisdictions:

RequestedFrom the Grand Jurisdiction of California – Investigation to become a member of the Order.

Requested From the Grand Jurisdiction of California – Investigation of reinstatement.

Requested from the Grand Jurisdiction of California – Investigation for reinstatement of non-payment of dues.

Requested from the Grand Jurisdiction of Utah - Courtesy visit for a petitioner for reinstatement

Requested from the Grand Jurisdiction of Arkansas - Waiver of territorial Jurisdiction

# DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES

Questions and correspondence ordinarily directed to the Worthy Grand Matron can be and were answered by reference to an Article and Page on which the answer could be found in our *Constitution*, Code of *Laws*, or *Ritual*. In accordance with our Code of *Laws*, *Article 23. MAKE DECISIONS*., the following Decisions and/ or Rulings were made by the Worthy Grand Matron in the performance of her duties during this Grand Chapter year.

Following Grand Chapter and the transfer of the ladies from our infirmary to the infirmary at the Masonic Retirement Center, a report was received from the Medical Staff of the Masonic Retirement Center concerning the care, general health and medical condition of the ladies upon their arrival at the Masonic Retirement Center. After reviewing the matter and ascertaining the condition of the ladies, I met with the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences and requested the immediate dismissal of Mrs. Susan Harrington, Superintendent/Administrator of our OES Home. This action was taken and acted upon with the 100% concurrence of the Corporate Board. The care, safety, and well being of the residents of our Home are our major concern and we, the leaders of our Order, will permit nothing less for them.

A Member was granted permission to wear a turban head covering when attending Chapter Meetings while she is taking cancer treatments.

Correspondence was sent from the Grand Secretary's Office to a Chapter to correct an error made earlier by the Grand Secretary's office. Upon receipt, the Chapter Secretary failed to read or mention the correspondence or its content. The Secretary was instructed all future correspondence directed to the Chapter must be read at the meetings.

A District Deputy visited a Chapter to clarify a misunderstanding regarding a ballot taken on a Petition for Reinstatement, Following clarification by the District Deputy, it was determined the ballot for reinstatement was a two thirds vote of the majority in the affirmative and, following the payment of Reinstatement Fees, the member was reinstated, thereby correcting the error.

The Worthy Grand Matron received complaints regarding the Worthy Matron of a subordinate chapter. When efforts by the District Deputy and Deputy Grand Matron failed to help resolve the matter, the District Deputy, at the instruction of the Worthy Grand Matron, scheduled a meeting for her with members of the Chapter. Due to severe weather conditions and flooding, the meeting had to be cancelled. Until the meeting can be rescheduled, the District Deputy at the instruction of the Worthy Grand Matron advised the members that all complaints were to be put in writing and directed to the Worthy Grand Matron. All agreed to do so.

A Chapter was contacted by the Worthy Grand Matron to advise that she understood their members had balloted on a Petitioner under the black cube rule that had been law until the recent General Grand Chapter Session. It was voted by the General Grand Chapter at that Session that three (3) black cubes would now be needed for a ballot to be unclear. Accordingly, since the Petitioner had been balloted upon following the General Grand Chapter's approval of the new ruling, this Subordinate Chapter would be governed by the new rule. Accordingly, the Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Chapter Secretary, under the Seal of the Chapter, to advise the Petitioner due to the recent change in our laws, he or she was eligible to receive the Degrees of our Order. Further, it was requested of the membership that they welcome this individual in the same warm and caring way in which they were welcomed into our beautiful Order. The District Deputy visited this Chapter to better explain the new ruling and answer any remaining questions. On the evening of her visit, the members of the Chapter initiated the Petitioner.

The Worthy Grand Matron called an informal meeting in an effort to discuss and bring to a close problems a Chapter was having with regards to the appointment of a Rainbow Advisory Board and to purge derogatory and slanderous statements from Minutes of Chapter Meetings. The decision was made and the Chapter Secretary was instructed to rewrite the Minutes removing all derogatory and slanderous statements and to record only the decisions and conclusions of Chapter Meetings in the Minutes. After conferring with the Supreme Deputy in Texas of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the Chapter was instructed to ask current Advisory Board Members to serve another year, which the Advisory Board agreed to do. After several months, however, the problems persisted concerning the governing of the Rainbow Assembly and, in due course, the Rainbow Assembly was moved to another sponsorship.

An unkind letter criticizing the actions of the leaders of the Grand Chapter of Texas was written by a member of our Order and distributed among the membership. It was then copied and further distribution commenced. I called a Meeting of all Elected Board Members that was held in the Chapel at our OES Home in Arlington. Prior to the meeting, while not desiring to give credence to the letter, I felt a response was warranted to refute each of the allegations made by the writer. A copy of these communications were sent to all concerned parties.

A District Member resigned from the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Another member from said District was selected to fill the vacancy for the remainder of this Grand Chapter year.

A member asked why the membership assumes the Reverent Attitude during the Obligation at an Open Installation. Reference was made to Page 16 of the *Ritual* where it states we are to assume the reverent attitude during Obligations.

A Chapter was experiencing on-going internal problems which were resolved when several of the Chapter's officers did not seek re-election for the ensuing term. Following the election and installation of the new corps of officers, the Chapter and its members are doing fine.

In an effort to preserve the ideals of our beautiful Order and the respect and dignity of our members as set forth many years ago by our Founder, Dr. Rob Morris, I made the decision that pants, pant suits, slacks, jeans, shorts, culottes, or like attire would not be appropriate for our ladies when attending Chapter Meetings.

A member with dual membership was elected to a line office in each of her Chapters and installed in one of the elected offices prior to the matter being discovered. The Chapter that had not had its Installation was required to request and was granted a Special Dispensation for the Election of an individual to fill this Office. Reference should be made to our Code of Laws, Chapter 8, Article 225. Officers (Elected and Appointed) c. New members, who are not knowledgeable of our Laws and take dual membership, may not be aware of this Law and need to be informed to avoid like situations in the future.

At my instruction, the District Deputy Grand Matron has been visiting a Chapter in an effort to help direct them in their work. The Chapter has had discord in their Meetings and other serious internal problems exist.

A communication was received from Mr. William Spahr, Past Grand Patron and General Grand Chapter, Public Relations Committee Member. The communication is an introduction to a General Grand Chapter Project called "Let Ourselves Be

Known". The goal of this project is to get our Order more visibility in the community and a very dynamic outline, plan, and explanation of possibilities was furnished for our use. While I regret I did not receive this information packet in time to include it in my projects or appoint committee members this year, I have copied the information to the Associate Grand Matron and Grand Conductress since the Triennium of the current General Grand Chapter will go through the year 2003.

A communication was received from a Worshipful Master regarding the actions of Eastern Star members during their use of the Lodge building for which he has responsibility. Following a telephone conversation with the Master and a subsequent conversation with the Worthy Matron, she was reminded that she andher corps of officers need to remember we are privileged to be able to use Lodge facilities for our meetings and activities. That the rules and regulations of the Lodge should be adhered to, care should be given, when setting up a Chapter Room and then removing our paraphernalia, that all Lodge furniture and paraphernalia be returned to its proper place and that we should not disturb or disrupt a Lodge facility or make any changes without discussing such matters and have the express permission of the Worshipful Master to do so. It was further recommended that the Worthy Matron appoint a liaison to interact with the Worshipful Master in an effort to guard against any misunderstanding or confusion regarding use of the Lodge facilities so that peace and harmony will prevail.

A Chapter, following receipt of a Petition for the Degrees, balloted upon it. The first ballot revealed two black cubes; a second ballot revealed one black cube. The ballot was declared not clear and conflict ensued among the membership. A member of the Chapter contacted the Deputy Grand Matron who in turn contacted the District Deputy. She discussed the matter with the Worthy Grand Matron. It was determined by the Worthy Grand Matron that at the time the Petitioner was balloted upon, General Grand Chapter had changed the one black cube for rejection to three black cubes and the ruling would have been effective immediately. Therefore, the District Deputy Grand Matronwas instructed to inform the Matron of the change in balloting, the Secretary was instructed to record the ruling in the Minutes of the Chapter, and the Chapter should proceed with the Initiation. The District Deputy Grand Matron attended a Chapter Meeting following the ruling and was informed the candidate has been initiated at a called meeting and everyone was now working together in peace and harmony.

A Deputy Grand Matron was approached by a Worthy Matron regarding the procedure to close a chapter which the Deputy was later informed by Chapter members was not their desire. They wanted to keep the Chapter open. The Deputy Grand Matron conferred with the District Deputy. The information was conveyed to the Worthy Grand Matron who instructed the District Deputy to attend the next Chapter meeting to ascertain problem areas and urge the membership to resolve their discord and work together. The District Deputy and Deputy Grand Matron attended the next meeting and, after discussing with the membership areas of contention, made recommendations that could bring new life to their Chapter. The Chapter, acting upon the suggestions, reported three Petitions for the Degrees were received. The Chapter members attended a Family Night at the Lodge with the Masons and following this gathering four additional Petitions were received. The Worthy Grand Matron instructed the District Deputy to continue attending Chapter meetings. It was reported by the District Deputy there is an air of excitement and accomplishment among the Chapter's members.

The District Deputy Grand Matron was instructed to secure items from a retiring Secretary and turn the same over to the newly installed Secretary. The

District Deputy acted upon the instruction and reports there has been no further complaints.

A Worthy Matron was advised that only after members seeking dual membership were elected as dual members of the Chapter could she ask them to take an appointive office to fill a vacancy. With their agreement to do so, they would then be installed.

A fifty-year member was advised that even though she was the recipient of a Fifty-Year Member Certificate, a most notable achievement in the life of an Eastern Star Member, a current dues card must be issued to her annually by the Secretary of her Subordinate Chapter in order for her to attend meetings. Whether or not a fifty-year member is exempt from paying annual dues is governed by our Code of Laws, Article 174. c., unless the Subordinate Chapter of the fifty-year member has made other provisions for members attaining fifty-year status.

#### LEGAL ACTS

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

On April 2, 2001, an appointment of substitute trustee in the County of Throckmorton Texas to foreclose of Property.

May 1, 2001, Receipt of the Estate of Rubye Hopkins Meador

August 1, 2001, authorization of the sale of the Bradford Estate in Van Zandt County, Texas

#### MUSIC, CDS AND TAPES

Let there be Music in my heart throughout all seasons, Let my spirit sing a song of hope in happiness or tears, Let me live my life in harmony with God, at peace with others, As love plays out the melody of all my days and years.

To those who lovingly and very generously shared their talents, that gift from God, in voice or by musical instrument, I wish to express my sincere appreciation. To our committee members, who saw to the distribution of sheet music, tapes, and CDs, thank you for your diligent efforts. To those who were so kind to write or compose music or songs for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for memorializing us is such a beautiful fashion. To our Grand Duet, Amy and Robert Batton, you truly make joyful music.

#### GRAND CHAPTER VAN

I was presented the keys to the Grand Chapter van at the "Challenge - Let Your Light Shine" Installation of Grand Officers on October 7, 2000. At that time, the odometer reflected mileage of 43,793. At August 27, 2001, the odometer was at 74,566 miles. I have appreciated the use of the van during this Grand Chapter year and smile when I think of the stories it would tell if it could talk. It is with appreciation I thank the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction for allowing the Worthy Grand Matron the use of this vehicle.

#### EASTERN STAR HOME ACTIVITIES

The accommodations provided for the Worthy Grand Matron at the Eastern Star Home have been very much appreciated not only during this year but for the years I have served as a Grand Line Officer. And, as I am sure any one who has had the opportunity to stay at the Home will agree, time spent at the OES Home in the company of our *ladies* is always a very endearing and memorable time, Every visit or overnight stay is made more special because of the ladies who reside there,

Holidays or special events at the Eastern Star Home I have shared with our ladies included a fun day with them at Thanksgiving time. On Thanksgiving Day, a splendid turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served.

On December 17, 2000, the festivities of the Christmas Party were enjoyed by everyone. The time was even more special for me as I was also celebrating my birthday. Christmas has a way of bringing the child out in each of us and our ladies are no exception. That's why, when we were returning to our home in Houston, it was important to Bob and I that we stop at the Home. We knew because of the hour of our arrival, the ladies would be tucked in for the evening. As quietly as we could, we placed our *special Christmas gifts* under the Christmas tree for the ladies to discover on Christmas morning. We also provided Christmas gifts for our ladies who were in residence at the Masonic Retirement Center Infirmary.

I was unable to attend the Valentine Party but my absence did not prevent the ladies from their observance of this time of love, lace, hearts, and chocolate. I had, in advance, made sure to have sweets for each of our sweet residents which I understand were enjoyed by all.

In addition to the traditional Easter Party with eggs, candy bunnies, and jellybeans, on April 8, 2001, I arranged for one of the Matrons at the Home to hang a Bunny Box filled with goodies on the outside door knob of each resident's room. How delighted they were to find this surprise. I also arranged for special treats to be delivered to each of the men and women in the Infirmary at the Masonic Retirement Center.

I was delighted to deliver corsages and individual Mother's Day greetings to each of our ladies at the OES Home and the Infirmary at the Masonic Retirement Center. Corsages and greetings were also presented to the other residents at the Masonic Home and, not to be forgotten, boutonnieres and individual remembrance greetings were delivered to each of the men residing at the Masonic Home.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the 2000-2001 Time and Talent Committee Members for assuring that each of our ladies was made to feel special not only during each of the holidays but all year long. Your dedication, assistance, and service has been greatly appreciated during the year.

#### MEMBERSHIP

While my opinion of Texas' membership may seem somewhat biased, I guess that I am, because I truly believe we have the greatest membership and State in the entire world. And, as such, I want to thank you for affording me the privilege of leading our Grand Chapter because I could not have done so without your approval. May your lives be bathed by the warmth of the day's sun and calmed by the luminous evening moon.

#### MOONBEAMS AND SUNRÂYS

This year, as each of you worked within your Chapters and for our Grand Chapter, diligently working for the benefit of the Order of the Eastern Star, you have left a little of yourself in the life of every person with whom you came in contact. Each of your names represents a source of light but more than that you have also been a source of energy to me. Since we started our journey in the North/Grand North, and served our Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapters, no goal was out of reach, we dared to take chances, tried many new things, challenged ourselves to change, learn, grow and explore each of the precious gifts that God has given us. I say with confidence, we have let our light shine among the membership to the benefit of them and to our satisfaction. I have appreciated your diligence as the leaders in your Subordinate Chapters and pray that He keep you in His watchful care.

# NOTES FROM THE LADIES IN THE EASTERN STAR HOME

I was pleased to give my savings, my car and home (and income), for the privilege of being a part of the Eastern Star Home. This is where I plan to spend the rest of my live. With Help from GOD and you, the voting members, I will. -E. E.

I am reminded of our members who worked so hard in 1919 and the 1920's to build this home. They built it with great feeling that it would always be a safe and wonderful place for the single and widowed members of our Order to live. -L.R.

I worked at the home for 5 years and when I retired, I knew I would be back as a resident when I needed someone to look after me. I personally feel that it would be a disgrace to close this home for those of us who are now unable to totally care for ourselves. -L.S.

I have no desire or intention of going to the Masonic Home to live. A contract for life, CANNOT be sold to the Masons. - B.P.

I have resided in the home for 21 years and I love it. (Oral Statement) "If I didn't like it here, the door swings both ways and I'd have left a long time ago." -M.T.

Have you forgotten you obligation that you took at the Altar in front of the Holy Bible to provide a home for your sisters? Think about that obligation and pray that the Lord will lead you to do what is right for the sisters in this home. -A.F.

The walls of this beautiful home echo the dreams and hopes of those who struggled to make our home a reality. We love our home and hope that you will come and experience the beautiful spirit that permeates these halls. -EBC  $\,$ 

For many years, I planned to spend my last days in our Eastern Star Home. We have a special friendship and love for each other here that we need in the last years of our lives. In my prayers, I ask God's guidance for our membership in making their decisions concerning our homes. We want to keep our home open. -F.L.

I am a 50-year member of our Order and a 16-year resident of our home. We want to stay here until God calls us home. Please vote to keep our home open. -B.R.

I signed an affidavit in 1981 to enter this home for the rest of my life where my

needs would be met. I expect to live in this home the rest of my life. At 97 years of age, that may be a long time - or 15 minutes. I've been in the home 20 years, and I can't understand why everyone would not want to retire here. Changes need to be made but they should be made to accommodate the residents of our home and not the Past Grand Officers. I love our home and praise it every chance I get. -V.G.

When I first moved to the home in 1997, 1 made a wall plaque to hang outside my door that said, 'HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS AND THIS IS HOME.'

For personal reasons, I took 6 months leave of absence and it was a very low period of time in my life. The home had become my security blanket and I was lost without it. I don't want to lose it again. -L.P.

I am happy to tell everyone that I live at the Eastern Star Home and that I am well cared for. When I moved to the home, planned to live here the rest of my life. Changes are always in order but when you cast you vote, please consider the residents of the home and their needs and NOT what looks good to others. -I.D.G.

I have been a resident of the home for 27 years and it is a delightful place to be. I hope and pray nightly that our home remains open. As long as there is an Eastern Star Order, there should be an Eastern Star Home. -R.L.

I have been a resident of the home for 10 1/2-years. I am happy, pleased, grateful and thankful that I am a part of this home. I hope and pray that I am here for the rest of my life. I have no desire to go anywhere else. Thank you. -L.R.

As a new comer to the home, I find it a very good place to be. I pray it will continue to operate to serve the sisters of the Order of Texas. -H.J.

What would the founders of our home, who worked so hard to get this home built, think of our present day membership who want to close it. Many of you have not been in our home to visit us and you have no idea what this home means to us. We love our home and each other so please be careful how you cast your vote. -P.S.A.

Edited by: Lois Pate Signed by: The Residents of the Eastern Star Home

#### SECRETARY

Sister Betty Carter there are only two words that could express my appreciation for your patience, consideration, and service as we traveled many miles together and you looked after things big and small – Thank You.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

To those members appointed to each of these Committees, Thank You for your diligent efforts from the beginning of this Grand Chapter year to its conclusion. You gave of yourself and shared with the Membership your many talents and attributes. No job was too big and your assistance was immeasurable. You have made my dreams for the 2000- 2001 Grand Year become a reality. You have assisted me to achieve my goals, and we have seen this year reach fruition.

While it is not my intent to express special attention or single out a particular Committee, because each Committee and all Committee Members are very special to me and have served this Grand Chapter in a diligent and outstanding manner, there is a segment of our Grand Chapter about which I am very excited — Endowed Memberships. I am overwhelmed by the Endowments that have been secured by the membership this year as a result of the foresightedness of our Membership and the efforts of the Endowed Membership and Endowed Membership Stamp Committees. The benefit of each Endowment given or received this year will be realized well into the future of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

#### GRAND CHOIR

Thank you for sharing your beautiful gift with the Membership of Texas. As you lead our assembly in song, entertain during lulls in the business at hand, or stir the air and the membership with your resounding voices, please know your dedication and service is appreciated.

#### GRAND DUET

You are two wonderful and talented individuals who, over the years, have endeared yourselves not only to me but many members of our Order. Thank you for sharing your multi-faceted talents with us and may your lives overflow with as much joy and happiness as you have bring to the lives of so many.

#### GRAND PAGES

Thank you for standing ready to respond when and as needed. Your assistance is appreciated more than you realize and invaluable to the individual whom you will assist. Thank you for your dedication and service to our Order and its members.

# ASSISTANT GRAND WARDERS AND ASSISTANT GRAND SENTINELS

Your acceptance of these important and responsible posts is greatly appreciated. Your diligence is invaluable and your concern for our membership and our proceedings is commendable. Thank you for your unwavering service to our Order and its members.

#### DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER

To each of my fifty deputy grand matrons, thank you for being there for our membership and me. No matter what my needs during my travels throughout this great state of ours, you were ever ready to assist when called upon. Likewise, you were at the disposal of our membership this year and you did your work well. You are the bright stars that have shone brightly in each of your Sections and Chapters and the light that has brightened many of my days.

To the BEAMS, Benita, Edna, Abigail, Mary, and Susan – besides a beam being a light or a beaming smile, beam is also a construction term. It provides support, it makes a structure strong – you have been both for me. We have come to know each other very well during the many hours we spent together preparing for the many schools and events for which your assistance was invaluable to me. You were my support and my strength as only a District Deputy can be for a Worthy Grand Matron. May your futures in the Grand Chapter of Texas be as bright as the BEAMS of light you have brought to my life.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Your task is still at hand and as you continue in your journey as ambassadors of our beautiful Order, I wish you God speed. It is my hope that you have and will continue to enjoy the many special times your Commission has afforded you. May your treasure chest of memories reach overflowing proportions.

# INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND ELECTED BOARDS

To the line officers, well, you have a new youngster in your group and I know that you will be more than happy to share your knowledge and experiences with this fledgling, how many times I recall the little saying, "... been there, done that". I know each of you will continue in your endeavors and embrace the membership as I have done and will continue to do. May your aims and goals during your grand years be achieved to your satisfaction and the benefit of our Grand Chapter.

To the elected boards, I wish to express my sincere appreciation not only for your endeavors this year, but also for the future. You have many tasks for which you are responsible but you are always steadfast in the work you do for our OES Home, our Grand Chapter, and the membership. Your efforts are appreciated more than you realize.

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

How proud the Texas membership is to have our very own Sister Rennie Ofton serving the General Grand Chapter as Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress. The Texas Cardinals are growing in number and flying high as they continue to encourage and support Sister Rennie. To the Committee Members, you have served the membership of Texas proudly, and your labor of love continues as you serve General Grand Chapter. Thank you for your dedication and service to our beautiful Order.

#### PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

Thank you for your love, guidance and support throughout my Grand Year. You

have been a source of inspiration and guidance and your sharing of knowledge and experience has been invaluable to me.

#### WORTHY GRAND PATRON

I can't help but smile when I recall the evening your identity was to be revealed to the membership and, as I waited for you to stand and take the floor with me, following a few nudges by Judy that it was time, I have to admit I wondered briefly if you were having second thoughts. Shorty Johnson was sweating a little too. Buddy, I don't know what words could be said that would adequately express my gratitude to you and Judy for your unwavering confidence and support these last two years. You are STARS that radiate the principals and teachings of our Beautiful Order. My "Thank You" to both of you carries a large measure of appreciation and is conveyed with much love. Thank you for saying yes when I asked that you walk with me. Thank you for stepping onto the dance floor affording the membership the opportunity of getting to know you, the 'tall' Texan from Mart. Thank you for sharing your contagious smile. Thank you for fanning the flames of enthusiasm among the membership as you enlightened them about our projects and encouraged their participation. And to Sweet Judy, our Grand Esther, You truly exemplify the many qualities of our beautiful heroine. Thank you for walking with Bob, myself, and Buddy. The combined energy of the Wolfe and Baker families resulted in some of the brightest days and moon lit evenings we'll see for a long time to come.

#### MY FAMILY

As I lay my gavel down, there is no beginning or end to the emotions I am experiencing or the love and gratitude I carry in my heart and wish to convey to my husband, children, grandchildren, sister, brothers, brother-in-law, sisters-in- law, and son-in-law. As I began my journey, your love, encouragement and support meant a great deal to me. As time passed and responsibilities grew, at times, it was essential to my very being. Each of you in your own special way became a source of strength and determination from which I drew. You allowed me the freedom to be the best I could be in the service of our Order and for the membership of Texas. Because you loved me so much, you unselfishly agreed to share me, for this time, with the membership of our beautiful Order. You lovingly stood by me, supported my endeavors, sometimes without question, and afforded me the opportunity to author, live, and bring to a successful conclusion this chapter in my very own Book of Life. Thank you my dear and caring family. I love each of you with every fiber of my very being.

Fraternally,

Naomi Wolfe

Worthy Grand Matron, 2000-2001

#### MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE BOARD October 8, 2000

The Corporate Board of the Grand Chapter met Sunday, October 8, 2000 at San Antonio, Texas. Those present were: Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron; Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron; Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress; and Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress.

The meeting opened in prayer led by the Worthy Grand Patron.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron. She welcomed Harold and Doris to the Board. She expressed her encouragement and desires for the upcoming beautiful year and for all to be like a big family and all were encouraged to continue to make this year outstanding. She asked each one present to state their feelings.

The Associate Grand Patron reported that he was real excited; The Associate Grand Matron was excited concerning the beautiful Installation; The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported that they were looking forward in working with the "new" Board. The other members of the Board expressed their expectations of a great year ahead.

The Worthy Grand Patron announced the Constituting of Mont Belvieu Chapter Friday, October 20, 2000 at the Scottish Rite Temple in Houston. A Dispensation will be issued and the fee waived to Mont Belvieu. This was moved by Jimmie Lee, seconded, voted and carried. All officers will be contacted.

Naomi thanked everyone for their time in attending the Corporate Board Meeting and announced that she would set up reservations to eat for those attending the Constituting at Express Buffet on S. Braeswood & Stella Link.

After much input concerning the upcoming year of Grand Chapter, the meeting adjourned by prayer by the Worthy Grand Patron.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

#### CORPORATE BOARD MEETING November 18, 2000

The Corporate and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences met Saturday, November 18, 2000 8:00 p.m. in the Grand Chapter Board Room.

Those present were:

Corporate Board: Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron; Duane "Buddy' Baker, Worthy Grand Patron; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron; Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron; Marjorie Errington, Grand Secretary-, Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress; and Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress.

Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences: Maxine Nance, Chairman; Lewis Mathison, Secretary; Tom Everitt, Treasurer; and Jo Ann Snow, Member.

The Worthy Grand Matron called the meeting to order. The Worthy Grand Patron led in prayer. Naomi thanked the Board for staying over from their scheduled meeting so that they could meet with the Corporate Board members. Naomi reminded the group that we were all elected and accepted a commitment to take care of the ladies of our Eastern Star Home.

Items discussed were a report from the Texas Masonic Retirement Center; the needed repairs and maintenance of the Home; roof repairs; removal of unused items and trash from the storage areas; opening of doors of the guest rooms; ladies closets; checking of safety devices; the printing of the brochure advertising-our Home to the membership; care of the ladies providing them with their needs; Christmas party; the termination and the responsibilities of the employees; and the hiring of a new Superintendent.

The Worthy Grand Matron requested that all items belonging to the Ladies that had been transferred to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center Nursing Care Unit be transferred to TMRC immediately. This includes all of the medical records, personal items and their accumulated monies given to them each month as their allowance. The Board of Benevolences reported that this would be accomplished immediately.

The meeting adjourned by prayer at 11:00 p.m.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

#### MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE BOARD January 19, 2001

The Corporate Board met, Friday, January 19, 2001, 10:15 p.m., Hampton Inn, San Antonio, Texas. Those present were: Naomi Wolfe, Worthy grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand patron; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron; Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron; Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress; and Doris Jean Hester, Associate Grand Conductress.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron. The following items were announced and discussed:

- 1 . Letter from Mrs. Norma Graham, Secretary of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, resigning from her position from District Two. Steve Ireland from Shallowater Chapter No. 1134 was recommended to the Worthy Grand Matron from District Two Member of the Jurisprudence Committee, B. F. Hutson, Past Grand Patron. The Corporate accepted the resignation of Mrs. Graham and accepted the appointment of Mr. Ireland.
- 2. The Visa Card Program was discussed as adopted in the Purposes and Policies Report at Grand Chapter.
- 3. The terms of service on the Education Committee will be addressed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

- 4. The Endowed Stamp Program accounting procedures were discussed pertaining recommendations from the Grand Chapter auditors.
- 5. The Worthy Grand Matron requested telephone numbers from the Grand Secretary.
- 6. The Mailout Program, costs, and profit, was brought to the attention of those present.
- 7. The reporting of a resident of the Home requiring temporary nursing home care.
- 8. The cost of Deputy's books was discussed and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Grand Trustees for an increase in the budget.
  - 9. The hiring of a relative of a Board Member at the OES Home.
  - 10. Attendance of an elected line officer attending the TMRC Board meeting.

The officers of the Cardinals are: President, Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron; Vice Chairman, Willie Mae Shaw; and Secretary/Treasurer, Eva Hicks.

Information concerning Grand Chapter Session and announcement of those allowing their names to be nominated at Grand Chapter will be published in the May Bulletin.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

#### MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE BOARD April 6, 2001

The Corporate Board met Friday, April 6, 2001, in Houston, Texas. Those present were: Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron; Duane "Buddy" Baker, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron; Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress; and Mrs. Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress.

The meeting was called to Order by the Worthy Grand Matron. The Invocation was led by the Worthy Grand Patron. The Worthy Grand Matron reported visiting a chapter that had an illegal ballot; she requested that the membership reballot and after the ballot was completed, it was announced unclear. Another Chapter was having some Rainbow problems and this has been referred to Mrs. Marlene Dibrell.

The Worthy Grand Matron requested that the spread sheets for the immediate Past Matron financial projects be shared with the elected officers. All spread sheets concerning finances have been shared with all members of the Corporate Board, Board of Grand Trustees and Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence in the past and will be in the future.

Correspondence was read from Pat Washington, Chairman of Board of Grand Trustees; Tom Everitt, Secretary of Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence; and Maxine Nance, Chairman of Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence.

Blueprints of the Museum area and the apartment above the kitchen have been drawn. The members were reminded of Article VII, Section 4b.(1) concerning blueprint costs and plans and then bring back to Corporate Board and the Purposes and Policies for review.

Discussions concerning the building of patio homes, business/housing manager; use of present Home, questionnaire to all chapters; and the upstairs "Wolfe's Den" followed with each individual's input.

Harold Trammell and "Mr. X was named Chairman and Co-Chairman of the committee to compile all information concerning the building of patio homes including architect drawings, zoning, building permits along with specifications. An announcement for someone to volunteer as an architect to assist these chairmen with specifications, etc. will be placed in the Official Bulletin. Mr. Trammell will write up the announcement and submit to the Grand Secretary for publication.

The Worthy Grand Matron shared some of the plans for the Grand Chapter Session that will be held in Houston in October. She also, presented some amendments for review and signatures.

Meeting adjourned.

Marjorie Errington Haynes Grand Secretary

# CORPORATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 11, 2001

The Corporate Board, Board of Grand Trustees and Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence met Friday, May 11, 2001 with the following members present:

CORPORATE BOARD: Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron: Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron; Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron; Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress; and Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES: Patsy Washington, Chairman; Frances Burbank, Secretary; and Nelson Campbell, Member.

BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCE: Maxine Nance, Chairman; Lewis Mathison, Vice Chairman; Jo Ann Snow, Treasurer, and Steve Ireland, Member.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron. The Worthy Grand Patron opened the meeting with prayer.

Naomi presented a check in the amount of \$200 donation for paint for the Home.

The Worthy Grand Matron distributed information sheets to all present and reminded those present of their responsibilities and of her concerns. The distributed material was read to those present and her reply to each item. She reported that information would be mailed to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for their review at their Mid-Year Meeting. The Worthy Grand Patron moved that nothing else be done concerning the subject letter, seconded by the Associate Grand Patron, and after much discussion, the vote was taken with 12 for the motion: 3 abstaining, and 0 against.

The Worthy Grand Matron announced that the driveway lights installation will begin; that the ceramic molds donated were in the store room.

The Associate Grand Patron then apprised those present on his study of the long range plan for patio homes and that a Master Plan should be presented at Grand Chapter Session by a Resolution.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by the Worthy Grand Patron.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Marjorie Errington Haynes Grand Secretary

# CORPORATE BOARD MINUTES June 30, 2001

The Corporate Board met Saturday, June 30, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron and opened in prayer by the Worthy Grand Patron., Those present were: Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron; Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress; and Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron and Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee.

The order of Business was a review of The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Universal Dress Code. Mrs. Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron, will have published in the Official Bulletin, Grand Chapter's explanation of the dress code for Eastern Star members as agreed upon by the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

A letter from Joseph W. Regian, President Board of Directors, Masonic Home and School, was read concerning the fund-raising process of compiling a master mailing list for solicitation of funds. The Board acknowledged that Grand Chapter had voted not to supply a mailing list of Eastern Star members to any organization; therefore request denied.

A letter concerning an incident at a Lodge Hall was distributed by the Worthy Grand Matron for information. Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron, gave a presentation of Eastern Star Home of Texas Master Plan.

The meeting adjourned by the benediction led by the Worthy Grand Patron.

Marjorie Errington Haynes Grand Secretary

#### CORPORATE BOARD MINUTES July 14, 2001

The Corporate Board met Saturday, July 14, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron and opened in prayer by the Worthy Grand Patron. Those present were: Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron; Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron; Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress; and Mrs. Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Resolution to be presented by the Corporate Board concerning patio homes was reviewed and discussed.

A letter from General Grand Chapter was discussed; The Associate Grand Matron is excited about a program and will respond to the General Grand Chapter Committee Chairman and inform all of the subordinate chapters by letter during her Grand Chapter year. This concerns Public Relations.

The Worthy Grand Matron reminded all present of activities for Founder's Day, practice schedules; an update on the "Wolfe's Den", including carpet, furniture; announced the Worthy Grand Patron's Banquet in Waco, September 29, 2001; appointed Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, as acting Worthy Grand Matron while she is in attendance at the Multi-State meeting in Louisiana and the Tri-State Meeting in Arkansas; and called for another Corporate Board Meeting, July 19, 2001 before the Board of Grand Trustees Budget meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting closed with prayer.

Marjorie Errington Haynes Grand Secretary

#### CORPORATE BOARD MINUTES July 19, 2001

The Corporate Board met July 19, 2001, in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron and prayer was voiced by the Worthy Grand Patron. Those present were: Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron; Duane Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron; Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Sharon Fentress; Grand Conductress; and Mrs. Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported that the computer program for the voting scanner had been located and she suggested that the Grand Line Officers consider purchasing a laser printer to be used for voting at Grand Chapter from the undesignated funds. The cost would be around \$1,000.00.

The Associate Grand Patron gave an update on the Resolution to be presented at Grand Chapter Session and some changes were made. The Resolution was presented for signatures.

The Grand Secretary reminded those that have signed contracts for their Grand Chapter Sessions that a copy of those contracts need to be on file in the Grand Secretary's office. The only one as of this date is the contract for Doris Hester's Session.

The meeting adjourned.

Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: First, we failed to put the joint fraternal visits from Districts 3, 4 and 5 from our school. I'm sure that you would not want me to read all of those, but we have placed them in the new report. My supplemental report for By-laws changes was Andral Vann, Friendswood, Longview, Spurger, Evadell, Lockhart, Purdue, Yorktown, Fairfield, Longview and Rosenberg. Special dispensation: Joint fraternal visit to honor Grand Officers for Gonzales; to elect Associate Matron and Patron, Mont Belvieu; election of Conductress to be installed, Franklin and Colorado Chapter; joint fraternal visit, Park Place; elect a secretary and install, Willis; elect a treasurer and install, Spring Branch; waiver for a regular meeting, Osa Chapter; courtesy visit for initiation, Spring.

There was an ongoing problem in a Chapter and I asked the District Deputy and Deputy, plus some of our Past Grand Matrons, to visit their meeting each time. The District Deputy and Deputy gave instructions on the duties and responsibilities of each officer.

A Chapter received a reinstatement for membership in their Chapter. The Chapter was the Dual Chapter not the Parent. I declared the action null and void and to remove all actions from the records of the Dual Chapter. Therefore, they could apply with their Parent Chapter.

The District Deputy visited the Chapter to clarify a misunderstanding regarding the black cube. The ballot was declared null and void, and a second ballot was taken.

My projects. I had four really special projects for this year. The Lanterns of Faith Committee. Thanks to your donations the lights are in. The bulbs have been replaced. There were four that were broken. And how beautiful the drive at the entrance of our OES Home looks when you are driving in after dark. Sisters and Brothers,- you did yourself proud in this project. The ladies think it's just wonderful because they can go out in the front now and not worry about having lights there.

The two apartments over the garage have been completed. I'm excited about the completion of the apartments, but feel a little ashamed we had let them be in that condition. The Benevolent Board can now bargain with hiring people – key people – by offering them housing. We would possibly save five hundred to a thousand dollars a month if they placed them in those apartments.

The Wolfe Den, this has been a fun project for me. It is two rooms over the kitchen. Many years ago when our Home was in the country, the kitchen help would stay there because in those times transportation was hard to come by. A large amount of the money was given to me toward the completion. Each room has three twin beds, the catch is only one bathroom. It is going to be a fun place for a group to stay. It will be family style. I invite you to sign up. It will be a good place for you to stay on a stopover on your travels.

Through the Endowed Membership Stamp Program, we have been able to increase our endowed memberships. As of August 31, 2001, we had 2,704 endowed memberships, an increase of 492 over the previous year, the largest increase in any year since the inception of this program. Sisters and Brothers, you did a beautiful job, not me. It was you. Thank you for all your help to make this year a success.

Visits. Our Worthy Grand Patron was visiting in Houston, and we had a free night, so we checked the roster to find a Chapter that met on that night and it was Spring Branch. We called a few friends, met for dinner and then attended. Much to our surprise, they were installing three of their officers on a late installation. I was honored to be their installing officer for the meeting.

I was honored with a terrific roundup at San Marcos, Texas, this year, District 5, Section 6. The girls really worked hard to make sure everything was A-OK, and it was. If anyone did not have a good time, it was not their fault. A special thanks to the Junior Past Matrons and the Deputy for a job well done.

It was my pleasure to visit the 80 Years of Brotherhood Houston Chapter #201, Order of the DeMolay, the initiatory degree conferred. The grandson of Laura Sharp, our Grand Marshal was one of the five who received these degrees. The young men did an outstanding job.

#### GRAND DEMITS ISSUED DURING 2000-2001 GRAND CHAPTER YEAR

CHAPTER	NO.	MEMBER NAME
Mont Belvieu	1142	Rebecca Black
Mont Belvieu	1142	Kenneth Black
Mont Belvieu	1142	Patricia Black
Mont Belvieu	1142	Erich Adler
Mont Belvieu	1142	Ethel Adler
Mont Belvieu	1142	Krista Adler
Mayflower	355	Billie Eunice Kokenzie
Greenwood	1060	Cora Leann Muncy
San Marcos	276	Lillie Tacker
Raymondville	748	Anna Hensley

#### COURTESY INVESTIGATIONS DONE DURING 2000-2001

VISIT COMPLETED FOR:	DATE	VISIT DONE BY:
Grand Chapter Arkansas	11/10/00	Border Chapter #211
Grand Chapter Arkansas	6/3/01	Andral Vann Chapter #741
Wallace Hughston Chapter 1100	2/13/01	Crown Chapter #162 in California
Grand Chapter of Utah	1/15/01	San Antonio Radiant Chapter #3
Grand Chapter of Arkansas	12/4/00	Border Chapter #211

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

#### LATE ELECTIONS

Weldon Chapter No. 969 Sonora Chapter No. 575 Amistad Chapter No. 1115 Saltillo Chapter No. 173 Newbern Chapter No. 1135 Spring Branch Chapter No. 984

#### TO ELECT A WORTHY MATRON

Abernathy Chapter No. 877 Rockport Chapter No. 479 Plainview Chapter No. 37 Devine Chapter No. 43 Eustace Chapter No. 1062 Crescent Chapter No. 820 Groveston Chapter No. 1035

#### TO ELECT A WORTHY PATRON

River Oaks Chapter No. 1013 Mansfield Chapter No. 876 Mike H. Thomas/Oak Cliff Chapter No. 951 Plainview Chapter No. 37 Gonzales Chapter No. 403 Shepherd Chapter No. 1003

#### TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE MATRON

Friendswood Chapter No. 1131 New Braunfels Chapter No. 771 Killeen Chapter No. 490 Lake Worth Chapter No. 1109 El Campo Chapter No. 535 Sulphur Springs Chapter No. 718 Hico Chapter No. 419 Groveton Chapter No. 1035 Channelview Chapter No. 954 Vashti Chapter No. 32 Mont Belvieu Chapter No. 1142

#### TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE PATRON

Beaumont Chapter No. 71 Vashti Chapter No. 32 Floresville Chapter No. 271 Beckville Chapter No. 273 Rose Garden Chapter No. 975 Tennessee Colony Chapter No. 102 Lake Worth Chapter No. 1109 Shepherd Chapter No. 1003 Pine Tree Chapter No. 1090 Del Mar Chapter No. 1127 Garland Chapter No. 156 River Oaks Chapter No. 1013 Belvieu Chapter No. 1142

#### TO ELECT A SECRETARY

Whitney Chapter No. 930 Waxahachie Chapter No. 599 Sour Lake Chapter No. 75 Klein Chapter No. 1141

M.H. Thomas/Oak Cliff Chapter No. 951

A. E. Shirley Chapter No. 986 River Oaks Chapter No.. 1013 Frisco Chapter No. 93 Rose Garden Chapter No. 975 Willis Chapter No. 1017

#### TO ELECT A TREASURER

Princeton Chapter No. 1126 Shepherd Chapter No. 1003 Sealy Chapter No. 285 Klein Chapter No. 1141 Beckville Chapter No. 273

Hallsville Chapter No. 995 River Oaks Chapter No. 1013 East Houston Chapter No. 955 Texas Chapter No. 35 Bluebonnet Buckner Chapter No. 888

#### TO ELECT AN ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Waxahachie Chapter No. 599 Harlingen Chapter No. 641 Roy Stanley Chapter No. 1086 Kirbyville Chapter No. 263 Marlin Chapter No. 286 Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 929 Mike H. Thomas/Oak Cliff Chapter No. 951 Polytechnic Chapter No. 420 Magnolia Chapter No. 3706 Velasco Chapter No. 220 Everman Chapter No. 624

Crescent Chapter No. 820 Ransford Chapter No. 135 Ranger Chapter No. 275 Polytechnic Chapter No. 420 Webb Chapter No. 1140 Copperas Cove Chapter No. 1070 Winnsboro Chapter No. 967 Abernathy Chapter No. 877 Crescent Chapter No. 820

#### TO ELECT A CONDUCTRESS

Fabens Chapter No. 764 Waxahachie Chapter No. 599 Whitney Chapter No. 90 Waskom Chapter No. 812 Corrigan Chapter No. 631 Plano Chapter No. 703 Love Field Chapter No. 875 Center Chapter No. 348 Kirbyville Chapter No. 263

Dalhart Chapter No. 1051

Mount Vernon Chapter No. 56 M.H. Thomas/Oak Cliff Ch. No. 951 Hallsville Chapter No. 995 Wedgewood Chapter No. 756 Hurst Chapter No. 1099 Plainview Chapter No. 37 Franklin Chapter No. 311 Ransford Chapter No. 135 Colorado Chapter No. 58

#### LATE INSTALLATION

Abernathy Chapter No. 877 Brookshire Chapter No. 652 Seabrook Chapter No. 1096 Garrison Chapter No. 192 Mart Chapter No. 109 Brady Chapter No. 167 Velasco Chapter No. 220 North Side Chapter No. 651 El Campo Chapter No. 535

Godley Chapter No. 922 Newbern Chapter No. 1135 Rusk-Alto Chapter No. 79 North Shore Chapter No. 1058 Colorado Chapter No. 58 Rosewyn Chapter No. 927 Borger Chapter No. 811 Brady Chapter No. 167 Hillsboro Chapter No. 769

#### TO WAIVE DISABILITY

Harlandale Chapter No. 750 Kerrville Chapter No. 24 Beaumont Chapter No. 71 Roy Stanley Chapter No. 1086 Lewisville Chapter No. 935 Cushing Chapter No. 368 LaMarque Chapter No. 979 Brady Chapter No. 167 Brownwood Chapter No. 116 Dal-Cliff Chapter No. 574

Livingston Chapter No. 1139

#### TO MOVE MEETING PLACE

Park Place Chapter No. 731 Mont Belvieu Chapter No. 1142 The Colony Chapter No. 1136 North Shore Chapter No. 1058 North Shore Chapter No. 1058 North Shore Chapter No. 1058

#### FRATERNAL VISIT

Hurst Chapter No. 1099 Woodville Chapter No. 462 Trinity Chapter No. 186 Marshall Chapter No. 356 Grapeland Chapter No. 120 Seminole Chapter No. 855 Tomball Chapter No. 838 Waco Chapter No. 7 Houston Heights Chapter No. 258 Crockett Chapter No. 509 Mart Chapter No. 109 Corrigan Chaper No., 631 Huntsville Chapter No. 240 Livingston Chapter No. 1139 Weldon Chapter No. 969 Sugar Land Chapter No. 1107 Shepherd Chapter No. 1003 Winnsboro Chapter No. 967 Mary Martha Chapter No. 981 Trinity Chapter No. 186 Crockett Chapter No. 509 Shepherd Chapter No. 1003 Livingston Chapter No. 1139 Kilgore Chapter No. 630 Lexington Chapter No. 996 Weldon Chapter No. 969 Henderson Chapter No. 697 Huntsville Chapter No. 240 Caldwell Chapter No. 976 Grapeland-Augusta Chapter No. 120 Waskom Chapter No. 812 Jefferson Chapter No. 627 Brenham Chapter No. 144 Smithville Chapter No. 39 Carthage Chapter No. 747 Valley Hi Chapter No. 1104

Pine Hill Chapter No. 675

Mount Vernon Chapter No. 956

San Antonio-Radiant Chapter No. 3 Harlandale Chapter No. 750 Wimodausis Chapter No. 141 Bastrop Chapter No. 64 Somerville Chapter No. 245 Pine Hill Chapter No. 675 Prospect Hill Chapter No. 817 Bastrop Chapter No. 64 Amistad Chapter No. 1115 Schertz Chapter No. 911 Texas Chapter No. 35 Bexar Chapter No. 616 Beckville Chapter No. 273 Colorado Chapter No. 58 Aurora Chapter No. 799 McKinney Chapter No. 518 Aurora Chapter No. 799 Alamo Heights Chapter No. 734 Longview Chapter No. 610 Mart Chapter No. 109 Hallsville Chapter No. 995 Pine Tree Chapter No. 1090 Ruth Chapter No. 20 Kerrville Chapter No. 24 Gun Barrel Chapter No. 1114 Medina Chapter no. 988 Bandera Chapter No. 643 Boerne Chapter No. 200 Buna Chapter No. 968 Duncanville Chapter No. 1014 Cleveland Chapter No. 465 Wolfe City Chapter No. 1129 Bullard Chapter No. 972 Gonzales Chapter No. 403 District 1, Section 1 District 1, Section 2 District 1, Section 3 District 1, Section 4

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District 4, Sections 1-10
District 1, Section 8
District 5, Sections 1-10
District 1, Section 9
Park Place Chapter No. 731
District 1, Section 10
Woodville Chapter No. 462

#### TO REPLACE LOST SECRET WORK

Anahuac Chapter No. 649 Brock Chapter No. 274 North Zulch Chapter No. 531 Alvin Chapter No. 15 Farmers Branch Chapter No. 862 Spring Branch Chapter No. 984, No. 1374-C Jefferson Chapter No. 627 Spring Branch Chapter No. 984, No. 1374-C Hooks Chapter No. 1031 Highland Hills Chapter No. 1075 Templar Chapter No. 374 Hillsboro Chapter No. 769 Waxahachie Chapter No. 599 (2) Spring Branch Chapter No. 984, No. 1374-C Pasadena Chapter No. 711 Kirbyville Chapter No. 263, Nos. Newton Chapter No. 224 350,351,351-C Huntington Chapter No. 938 Corpus Christi Chapter No. 354 Corpus Christi Chapter No. 354 Strawn Chapter No. 361 Saint Jo Chapter No. 29 Corpus Christi Chapter No. 354 Houston Heights Chapter No. 258 Riverside Chapter No. 834 Andral Vann Chapter No. 741 Maud Chapter No. 879 Big Lake Chapter No. 752 Wimodausis Chapter No. 141 Archives Chapter No. 1095 Ballinger Chapter No. 266 Wichita Falls Chapter No. 237 Ganado Chapter 957

#### TO REPLACE WORN SECRET WORK

Vernon Chapter No. 424 - 3 Copies Border Chapter No. 211 - 2 Copies Ameda Chapter No. 1081

#### REFUSED

Ranger Chapter No. 275 Bellaire Chapter No. 1021 Ranger Chapter No. 275 Callahan Chapter No. 242

#### REPLACEMENT OF CHARTER

Mount Belvieu Chapter No. 1142 Springtown Chapter No. 498

#### NOT NECESSARY

Johnson City Chapter No. 376 Seminole Chapter No. 855 New Braunfels Chapter No. 771 Corrigan Chapter No. 631

#### CHANGE MEETING NIGHT

Cleveland Chapter No. 465

#### CORPORATE BOARD MINUTES

The Corporate Board of the Grand Chapter of Texas, met Saturday, September 29, 2001, at Waco, Texas.

Those present were Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron; Duane "Buddy" Baker Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron; Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress; and Mrs. Doris Hester, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Meeting was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron; prayer by Worthy Grand Patron. The Worthy Grand Matron asked the Grand Secretary an update on the litigations against Grand Chapter. The Worthy Grand Matron then reported on the Advance Report concerning the Corporate Board Minutes being published; the June 30, 2001 Minutes concerning the "rescinded to expunge" from the Minutes, and the July 14, 2001 Minutes.

The Grand Secretary reported that Article 68 of the Code of Laws states "she shall have printed, in pamphlet form, the . . . . . . . including the official acts of the Corporate Board." The Grand Secretary, also, reported that Article 157s states "the rules contained in the current edition of 'Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised' shall govern the proceedings of Grand Chapter in cases not covered by the Constitution and Code of Laws of this Grand Chapter" and that she had contacted a registered Parliamentarian for guidance in expunging items from the Minutes, and she was referred to the Robert's Rules of Order, Ninth Edition, Pages 303 and 304 by majority vote. This information was placed in the margin of the June 30 Minutes and lined through. The Corporate Minutes are adopted by Grand Chapter at the time the Worthy Grand Matron's Report is adopted as it is a part of her Report. The expunged portion of the Minutes are not to be printed in the Official Proceedings.

The Worthy Grand Matron then requested that the Grand Secretary give to her the signature stamp that had been used for this year; send a list of Special Dispensations; reported that Jane Gregory had been appointed to the Telegraph and Telephone Committee; and to complete the honorary memberships to be presented to the visiting dignitaries.

The Associate Grand Patron distributed copies of excerpts from the TMRC Board Minutes that had been requested by the Worthy Grand Matron.

It was reported that the Home had not had air conditioning in about 5 weeks; even during some very hot days. The Worthy Grand Matron said it had not been fixed because the Maintenance man had been terminated.

Each Member of the Corporate Board was asked to state their remarks on the reporting of the June 30 and July 14 Minutes.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Worthy Grand Patron.

Marjorie Errington Haynes Grand Secretary

All of my report will be filed with the proper Committee. Worthy Grand Patron, I move that my report be filed with the proper Committee.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You have heard the motion and the second to refer the report of the Worthy Grand Matron to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your blue card. Opposed. Carried.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Buddy Baker, who will present his supplemental report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: As with the report of the Worthy Grand Matron, the majority of my report is also printed in the advance proceedings.

# REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2000 -2001 Mr. Duane L. "Buddy" Baker

As the sun is setting on another Eastern Star year, I have much for which to be grateful. Thank you, Sister Naomi and Brother Bob for asking Judy and me to take this journey with you. This has been the most rewarding experience of our lives.

I want to thank the membership of Texas for all the kindness and courtesies extended to me as we traveled this great State. I have met many new friends and renewed many old friendships and I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Worthy Grand Patron.

#### GRAND CHAPTER INSTALLATION

The Challenge – Let Your Light Shine Installation of the 2000-2001 Grand Officers was held Saturday, October 7, 2000 at the Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas. Many beautiful people made it a very beautiful night. Performing their duties to perfection were Sister Elise Hammack, Installing Grand Officer; Sister Lallah Mae Vollus, Assisting Installing Grand Officer; Sister Doris Efird, Installing Grand Chaplain; Sister Elsie Paladino, Installing Grand Marshal; Sister Rosemary Swetland, Installing Grand Organist; Sister Katherine Poulis, Installing Grand Secretary; and Sister Wanda Fairchild, Master of Ceremonies.

I was honored to have in attendance our children, Dana Arnold, Belinda Summers, who was my Escort and David Baker, who escorted Judy, and daughter-in-law, Stephanie Baker. This night could not have been more perfect.

# **HOME FRATERNAL VISIT** of the Worthy Grand Patron

On October 14, 2000, the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe made a Joint Fraternal Visit to my home Chapter, Mart Chapter No. 109, and dual Chapter, Waco Chapter No. 7. The banquet and meeting were held at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum in Waco, Texas. The Officers and members worked very hard

to make this a memorable night. I thank them for all the love and support extended to me.

On May 17, 2001, Waco Chapter No. 7 celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron at the Eastern Star Temple in Waco, Texas. A covered dish dinner was held before the Meeting, with nearly a full house in attendance for the Fraternal Visit. I am so proud of my dual chapter! The membership has worked very hard on my behalf and I will always be grateful for each and every one of them.

On July 19, 2001, Mart Chapter No. 109 had a called meeting for a Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron. A covered dish dinner preceded the Meeting. This was the first time in many years that a Fraternal Visit was held at Mart Chapter. The Chapter made me very proud!

#### ANDRAL VANN CHAPTER NO. 741

It was such a pleasure to attend the Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron to her dual Chapter, Andral Vann Chapter No. 741 on Saturday, October 21, 2000 at the Scottish Rite Temple in Houston, Texas. The members of Andral Vann did an outstanding job in hosting this event, I thank each of you for every courtesy extended to me as Worthy Grand Patron.

#### **HURST CHAPTER NO. 1099**

On November 4, 2000, Hurst Chapter No. 1099 hosted a Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron at the Masonic Temple in Fort Worth, Texas. This was a beautiful night and I appreciate the hard work done by the members to make this evening so special.

#### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

On October 28, 2000, the Worthy Grand Matron and I, along with our spouses and the other members of the Texas Grand Chapter, left for General Grand Chapter in Detroit, Michigan. How honored I was to second the motion for the nomination of Sister Rennie Ofton to the office of Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress. I was also honored to carry the Texas Flag for Sister Rennie before the Installation of the General Grand Chapter Officers on November 2, 2000.

We attended the Texas Celebration Banquet honoring the 1997-2000 Texas General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. I was pleased to bring Greetings and honored to be in the receiving line for the Texas Reception for Sister Rennie.

Before heading home on Friday, November 3, 2000, the Worthy Grand Matron and 1, along with the Texas Grand Line Officers, attended the General Grand Chapter School of Instruction.

Texas is proud of the outstanding Sisters and Brothers who are serving General Grand Chapter. Your dedication to our Order and your encouragement to all of us makes me grateful to be your Brother.

#### PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

It has been a great pleasure to become better acquainted with all of you. Thank you for your encouragement and counsel, but more importantly, your friendship. Your support of the Worthy Grand Matron and me is greatly appreciated.

I want to give *special thanks* to Sister Alma Lynn Bane and Brother Murray Watson, Jr. for sharing their wisdom and experience. The membership of Texas, especially District III, Section 9, is proud of you both and it is my honor to be called your friend.

#### CHAPTER CONSTITUTED

On October 20, 2000, I had the honor of constituting Mont Belvieu Chapter No. 1142. The ceremony was held at the Scottish Rite Temple in Houston, Texas. The following Grand Officers assisted in the Constituting Ceremony:

Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Buddy Baker
Associate Grand Matron	
Associate Grand Patron	Mr. Harold Trammel
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes
Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Betty Prater
Grand Conductress	Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Associate Grand Conductress	Mrs. Doris Hester
Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Nannette Nelson Gwaltney
Grand Marshal	Mrs. Laura Sharp
Grand Organist-Pro-tem	Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland
Grand Adah	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens
Grand Ruth Pro-tem	Mrs. Patricia Stallings
Grand Esther	Mrs. Judy Baker
Grand Martha	Mrs. Juanita Gregory
Grand Electa	Mrs. Mildred Love
Grand Warder	Mrs. Fran Johnson
Grand Sentinel	Mr. Blain Koenning

After the Constituting Ceremony, the Worthy Grand Matron held Election of Officers, and then I was privileged to conduct the Installation Ceremony for the new slate of officers. Assisting Grand Installing Officers were: Installing Grand Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes; Installing Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Nannette Nelson Gwaltney; Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Laura Sharp and Installing Grand Organist-Pro-tem, Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland.

#### EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

I had the privilege of attending forty-six (46) Schools of Instruction and Joint Fraternal Visits and participating in the teaching of our work. Our Worthy Grand Matron, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons, and Grand Examiners were so efficient and really made the schools fun. We learned a lot, but learned to laugh at ourselves, too.

The Pages and Drivers assigned to me were the best! I shall always be grateful for all the courtesies, goodie baskets, tickets, rooms, gifts and monetary gifts which were given to me during the School Schedule.

#### FRATERNAL VISITS

In addition to the Fraternal Visits held in conjunction with the Schools of Instructions, I was privileged to attend twenty-four (24) additional Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron. These gave me a chance to renew the friendships made during the School Schedule.

#### GRAND LODGE

On December 1, 2000, I was pleased to attend the Friday evening session of Grand Lodge in Waco, Texas, when Most Worshipful Grand Master, W. Vernon, Burke, Jr. introduced the graduating seniors from the Masonic Home and School. What a great group of kids!

On January 12, 2001, the Worthy Grand Matron and I, along with our spouses, attended the Grand Master's Banquet for Brother David Dibrell in Dallas.

#### YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

On October 14, 2000, at the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron to Mart Chapter No. 109 and Waco Chapter No. 7, a check from the Grand Chapter of Texas was presented to the International Order of DeMolay for Boys.

On October 21, 2000, at the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron to Andral Vann Chapter No. 741, a check from the Grand Chapter of Texas was presented to the International Order of Jobs' Daughters. They presented me with an Appreciation Plaque.

On November 4, 2000, at the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron to Hurst Chapter No. 1099, a check from the Grand Chapter of Texas was presented to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. I was honored when they presented me with a Rainbow Bible.

On June 16-18, 2001, I attended the Grand Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Amarillo, Texas. I was honored to receive the Grand Cross of Color that was presented to me by Supreme Deputy, Mrs. Marlene Dibrell. I was also pleased to bring Greetings to the Assembly at the Sunday evening Session.

I am very proud of these Youth Organizations. They are the future of our Lodges and Chapters, and I am confident that they will continue our work.

#### EXCHANGE VISITS

March 9-11, 2001, I attended the Texas / New Mexico Exchange in Amarillo, Texas and Clovis, New Mexico. Our New Mexico Sisters and Brothers are very special to me. The fun and fellowship we shared shall long be remembered.

July 27-29, 2001, I attended the Multi-State Meeting in Bossier City, Louisiana.

I attended the Tri-State Meet of Arkansas, Oklahoma Texas Friendship Festival held August 24-26, 2001 in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

All of us came away from these Exchange Visits with pride for our beautiful Order. We all met many wonderful Sisters and Brothers who will remain in our hearts forever.

#### OES HOME AND MASONIC HOME

On Saturday, October 14, 2000, the Worthy Grand Matron and I visited with our Ladies of the Eastern Star Home and presented each with a pin designating them as "Sunshine Girls". Each of our beautiful ladies is very special to me. I attended parties at Christmas and Mother's Day at the OES Home and the Masonic Home. The "Sunshine Girls" and the entire staff at each of these facilities have made me, as well as all their visitors feel right at "Home".

#### HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS AND SPECIAL AWARDS

How honored I was to receive many Honorary Memberships from the Chapters of Texas. These will continue to be cherished memories of times spent with the membership of Texas. I also received other courtesies and civic presentations. Among them were Keys and Proclamations from many Cities, Honorary Citizenship Certificates, several Honorary Deputy Sheriff Commissions, appointments as an Admiral in the El Paso Navy and an Honorable Colonel of Ft. Inge, Texas, an Honorary Membership to Al Amin Shrine Clown Unit, Senate Resolution #608 commending me for work done in the State of Texas, and a star named "Buddy's Sunray Surprise" by the International Star Registry. I also received several plaques and United States, Texas, and Eastern Star flags. The many generous gifts from the membership of Texas were very much appreciated.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

On December 26, 2000, I had the privilege of initiating my granddaughter, Amber Summers, into Mart Chapter No. 109. The Grand Officers performed an Initiation Ceremony on January 19, 2001 in San Antonio and again on April 7, 2001 in Houston. These officers did an excellent job and I know those in attendance were impressed.

I served as Installing Grand Officer for three Chapter Installations: Waco

Chapter No. 7, Groesbeck Chapter No. 810, and Mart Chapter No. 109. I also attended three additional installations.

I attended the following Chapter Anniversaries:

100th Thornton Chapter No. 46 100th Waco Chapter No. 7 100th Vashti Chapter No. 32 90th Glen Rose Chapter No. 171

Banquets attended were: Worthy Grand Matron's Banquet, Worthy Grand Patron's Banquet, Associate Grand Matron's Banquet, Associate Grand Patron's Banquet and Grand Conductress' Banquet.

In addition to Spring Fling, 2001, Founders Day and the Worthy Grand Matron's Cruise to Cozumel and Cancun, I also attended other Honor Events for the Worthy Grand Matron and myself, Teas, Receptions, and many regular Chapter Meetings.

#### OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

May 19-24, 2001, I had the privilege of attending the New Jersey Grand Chapter Session held at the Hilton Hotel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. The Texas delegation was treated like royalty and we made many long-lasting friendships.

# INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND ELECTED BOARDS

It has been such a pleasure to serve Grand Chapter with this fine corps of officers. I appreciate the support you have given to the Worthy Grand Matron and me. The Constituting Ceremony for Mont Belview and the Initiation Ceremonies performed by the Grand Officers in San Antonio and Houston showed the Membership of Texas just how proficient each of you are in the Ritualistic Work of our Order. How proud I am to have served with each of you.

I want to thank the members of the Board of Grand Trustees, Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, and Board of Grand Examiners for their dedication and commitment to serve our Membership. Each of you did an excellent job.

#### DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER

When the Worthy Grand Matron chose her five District Deputy Grand Matrons and fifty Deputy Grand Matrons, she selected those who were not only knowledgeable and capable, but also full of love for our beautiful Order. You have performed your duties well and will always hold a special place in my heart. The fun and fellowship we shared are memories that will last a lifetime.

#### MOONBEAMS AND SUNRAYS

Thank You, *Moonbeams and Sunrays*, for your love and support. Your Chapters are proud of the work that you accomplished this year and I am proud to have gotten to know many of you better.

The Worthy Grand Matron gave you a challenge and you met it! Sister Naomi and I have forged a friendship with each of you that will never be forgotten.

#### **OTHERS**

To my Secretary and daughter, Belinda Summers: Thank You for all the hours spent taking care of my correspondence, checking on grandparents, and keeping the home fires burning.

To my Grand Pages: John Creel, Vernon Fowler and Paul Pike. Thank You for always being there for me all year long.

To Joyce Gilbert: Thank You for composing "March of the Sunrays" for me. I am greatly honored.

#### MY FAMILY

I have had the time of my life traveling around this great State of Texas and meeting and greeting the membership, but I couldn't have done it if my "Sweet Judy" had not been at my side. Your beautiful smile and wonderful laugh have sustained me for forty years and I am planning on forty more!

Thanks to our children, Dana Arnold, Belinda Summers and David Baker for taking care of things at home while we were on the road. Some day we might stay home, but don't count on it!

I appreciate the friendship each of us share and I love you all!

Fraternally,

Duane L. 'Buddy" Baker Worthy Grand Patron

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2000 -2001

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: The supplemental report is as follows. I attended the following: the initiation ceremony of Tiffany Thornton, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, into Crowley Chapter #1125; I attended an Honor Night for Associate Grand Matron, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon,

at Oak Forest Chapter; I attended the initiation ceremony of Sarah Sartin and Kenneth Eggar into Houston Heights Chapter #258; I attended the presentation of quilts by Chapters in District 5, Section 8 to the Ronald McDonald House in Corpus Christi; I got to serve as Assisting Installing Grand Officer for a late installation of officers of Spring Branch Chapter #984; I visited two Job's Daughters meetings in Houston and two Rainbow meetings in Waco; I served as Worthy Patron for the funeral ceremony of Past Grand Matron, Sister Katherine Poulis; I served as Worthy Patron for the initiation ceremony of Pam Lackin into Mart Chapter #109; I attended the meeting of Andral Vann Chapter #741 when Spring Chapter #1105 initiated Paul Garner as a courtesy visit.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the advance report distributed to the delegates and the supplemental report of the Worthy Grand Patron be referred to the proper Committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and second to refer the report of the Worthy Grand Patron to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your blue card. Opposed, the same. The motion carries.

I now call on Sister Marjorie Errington Haynes who will give her annual report.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Protocol has been established. My report starts on page 41 of your advance annual report.

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Texas. This is my fourth and final report as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas:

The past four years have been a most rewarding experience. The membership is the reason for my efforts to perform my duties to the best of my abilities and to serve. There have been many trials and tribulations as we go forward for the good of the Order. As the world changes, we must change for the betterment of our focus on the goals and we must live our Obligation, not only when we are in a meeting, but live as we have obligated before the Supreme Being as we knelt at the Holy Altar.

The Grand Secretary's Office has accomplished many challenges. I am proud to report that the office now has all employees that have knowledgeable computer skills; we are now on internet, and have email. We have a FAX machine, an up to date copying machine, an up to date postage machine, and an adding machine; we have new carpet, roof, and have repaired and painted the Administration Building and a storage building with the help of the Past Grand Matrons and a Chairman of the Board of the Grand Trustees for the last four years. This Grand Secretary prides herself in the professionalism of a Business Office. This has been accomplished by the outstanding work performance of the staff that have served you.

My many thanks to the Board of Grand Trustees and to the Board of Grand Chapter of Benevolences for their support in my efforts.

The records of the official transactions of the Office of the Grand Secretary for the years of 2000-2001 are submitted to you in compliance with the Code of Laws.

The Annual Reports as of May 31, 2001, submitted by the Subordinate Chapters reflected that many Chapters are having major problems in finding those that will serve their Chapter in elected and appointed positions. There were many Chapters that did not submit their Annual Reports timely. This has become a major problem; however, this Grand Secretary understands the problems and burdens that Chapter Secretaries endure.

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."

#### IN MEMORIAM

If I can endure for the minute
Whatever is happening to me,
No matter how heavy my heart is
Or how "dark " the moments may be-If I can but keep on believing
What I know in my heart to be true,
That "darkness will fade with the morning
And that This Will Pass Away, Too--Then nothing can ever disturb me
Or fill me with uncertain fear,
For as sure as night brings the dawning
"My Morning" is bound to appear.

- Helen Steiner Rice

We pause to give tribute to memory of these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas:

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup August 29, 2000

> Mr. Paul Huffines August 31, 2000

Mrs. Doris M. Efird March 8,2001

> Mr. Gene Belk April 29, 2001

Mr. Herbert Arnold June 27, 2001

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 2001 Annual Reports again reflect a decrease in membership and the number of Subordinate Chapters.

Membership on May 31, 2000	56,323	
Decrease - Adjustments to 2000 reports		
(Consolidations/Demise)	1,080	55,243
INCREASE:		
Initiated	967	
Reinstated	350	
Affiliated	<u>1,686</u>	<u>3,003</u>
		58,246
DECREASE:		
Demits	542	
Withdrawals	119	
Transfers	150	
Suspensions	1,684	
Expulsions	2	
Deaths	2,118	4,615
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON MAY 31, 2001	•••••	53,631

<sup>\*</sup>Includes 106 members residing in our Eastern Star Home and Texas Masonic Retirement Center. (Exempt from Dues and Per Capita Tax)

1,513 Total Exempt Members are included in the above membership.

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP SINCE 2000 - 2,692

Dual Members - 1,777

106 Chapters reported a GAIN in membership

32 Chapters reported the SAME in membership

379 Chapters reported a LOSS in membership

The following Chapters Consolidated:

Oak Cliff No. 303 with Mike H. Thomas No. 951 - August 7, 2000 Rio Hondo No. 815 with Harlingen No. 641 - January 1, 2001 North Zulch No. 531 with Iola No. 458 - March 31, 2001 Centennial No. 842 with McLennan No. 639 - April 1, 2001 Alpine No. 132 with Fort Stockton No. 230 -June 1, 2001 Clyde No. 308 with Moran No. 591 - June 1, 2001 Timpson No. 396 with Newbern No. 1135 - June 1, 2001 Center Point No. 463 with Kerrville No. 24 - June 1, 2001 Pleiades No. 620 with Ysleta No. 991 - June 1, 2001

<sup>\*</sup>Includes 1,407 - 50 Year Exempt Members. (Exempt from Dues and Per Capita Tax)

Rothwell No. 669 with Northside No. 651 - June 1, 2001 Whitesboro No. 708 with Collinsville No. 674 - June 1, 2001 Bethlehem No. 728 with Andral Vann No. 741 - June 1, 2001 Fabens No. 764 with Ysleta No. 991 - June 1, 2001 Freer No. 848 with Alice No. 61 - June 1, 2001 Andrews No. 849 with Friendship No. 1008 - June 1, 2001 Rockwall No. 858 with Royse City No. 642 - June 1, 2001 Callahan No. 242 with Moran No. 591 - July 9, 2001

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS ON JULY 9, 2001 - 504

(Loss of 18 Chapters since July 9, 2000)

Chapters leading in number of Initiations:

Lufkin No. 382	14
Arlington No. 249	13
Thornton No. 46	11
Atlanta No. 151	11
Hawkins No. 908	11
Boerne No. 200	10
Faith No. 713	10
Mount Vernon No. 956	10

#### GRAND DEMITS ISSUED

Mrs. Lillie Tucker Miss Cora Muncey Mrs. Anna Hensley Mrs. Billie Eunice Kokenzie

Mrs. Shirley R. Richardson

#### CHAPTER NAME CHANGE

Mike H. Thomas No. 951 to Mike Thomas-Oakcliff No. 951

#### CHARTER NAME CHANGE

Mike Thomas-Oakcliff No. 951

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SPECIAL FUNDS June 30, 2001

#### HUMANITARIAN:

Home Endowment	\$30,245.55
Eastern Star Home	\$ 9,831.81
Home Renovation	\$ 4,082.50
EŚTARL	\$30,292.75

International Temple	\$ 1,348.00
Home Endowment Projects	
Credit Card Program (50%)	\$ 4,396.41
Dress Donation	\$26,413.81
Fund Raising Letter	\$ 7,491.83
Home Renovation	
Fund Raising Letter	\$ 5,570.94
Spring Fling 2001	\$ 7,419.01
Home Operating	
Fund Raising Letter	\$ 1,305.00
General Fund	
Credit Card Program (50%)	\$ 4,392.91
Fund Raising Letter	\$13,713.96
Light Moments	\$ 6,661.00

PROJECT	RECEIPTS	EXPENSE	ADMN FEE	PROFIT
Endowed Stamp				
Program	\$84,363.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 84,363.50
Founder's Day	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,538.38	\$ 0.00	\$(1,538.38)
Founder's Day 100%	\$ 4,363.00	\$ 0.00	\$1,090.75	\$ 3,272.25
Just Say It Books	\$13,773.00	\$ 6,861.44	\$1,727.89	\$ 5,183.67
Lanterns of Faith	\$33,145.00	\$ 1,530.56	\$7,903.61	\$23,710.83
Let's Make Music	\$ 5,167.00	\$ 1,307.18	\$ 964.96	\$ 2,894.86
Make It Happen	\$ 1,715.00	\$ 1,427.80	\$ 71.80	\$ 215.40
Melody Of Music	\$ 3,590.00	\$ 5,745.00	\$ 0.00	\$(2,155.00)
Name Badge	\$ 3,190.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 797.50	\$ 2,392.50
Proficiency	\$ 1,785.75	\$ 151.65	\$ 408.53	\$ 1,225.57
Texas Heaven D'Light	\$30,607.00	\$17,099.29	\$3,416.93	\$10,090.78
Time & Talent	<u>\$ 978.50</u>	<u>\$ 203.53</u>	<u>\$ 193.74</u>	<u>\$ 581.23</u>
TOTALS	\$182,677.75	\$35,864.83	\$16,575.71	\$130,237.21

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PIN SALES: Shrine Hospital	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$100.00

#### 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 29, 2001, in Waco, Texas.

Donations received by the Eastern Star Home of Texas as of June 30, 2001, were as follows:

Endowment Fund	\$39,598.90
Bequests, Wills, Grants	51,912.40
Gifts and Donations	2,815.73
Sale of Personal Property & Vehicles	6,479.27
Oil and Gas Royalties	22,785.18

Total Receipts \$123,591.48

Thank you for your consideration of remembering the Eastern Star Home of Texas in your contributions.

#### EASTERN STAR HOME RENOVATION FUNDS June 30, 2001

#### HOME RENOVATION TRUST & CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

TOTAL	\$447,189.06	
Expenses	<u>\$ 4,495.00</u>	Labor of Love
Donations	\$ 435.59	
Deposits	\$ 14,169.07	
Beginning Cash Value	\$437,079.40	

I leave this place of Service with pride knowing that I have left a special part of me to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, thank you for your service and for being a part of the Grand Secretary's Office.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move this report as read and printed and the supplemental report be referred to the proper Committee.

Marjorie Errington Haynes Grand Secretary

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of the Grand Secretary, Sister Marjorie Errington Haynes. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual voting sign. Blue cards, for. Against. Motion carried.

I now invite Sister Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, to bring her report.

**GRAND TREASURER:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matorn. Since protocol has been established, I too will just go on with the report. If you'll refer to page 46 of your annual report.

# REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most 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:

To the fine membership of Texas, my appreciation to you for again electing me to the office of Grand Treasurer and for the many acts of love and kindness that have been extended to me this year.

To Sister Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your leadership of our Order this year. Thank you, too, for the courtesies and kindnesses you have shown to this office during the year.

To Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon and Brother Harold Trammel, who will assume the leadership of our Order in just a matter of hours, my prayers are with you for the coming year.

To Sister Marjorie Errington Haynes, Grand Secretary, my friend of many years, although I'm sorry to see you go, my best wishes go with you as you leave this place of service and take on a new role. It has been a joy and a pleasure working with you these past two years – I'll always be grateful for the cooperation, assistance, words of encouragement, patience, and support you have given to me. To your dedicated staff (Billie, Cheryl, Jan, Cowetta, and Darla), I am at a loss for words as I attempt to express my thanks for their assistance, cooperation, and the many kindnesses they have again shown me this year.

To the Members of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Benevolent Board, you continue to inspire me with the dedicated service you perform for our Order. Only those who have served in these places know the responsibility that is your's as you carry out your duties. Thank you for your untiring efforts in our behalf.

In addition to carrying out the duties of the Grand Treasurer, I attended 10 Schools of Instruction; 4 Fraternal Visits; all meetings, except one, of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Corporate Board; 2 Purposes and Policies Committee Meetings; the Constituting of Mont Belvieu Chapter; 2 parties for the Ladies at the OES Home; Spring Fling and Founders Day activities; the Secretaries Workshop; five banquets for the Grand Line Officers; a banquet for the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees; a party for the Chairman of the Board of Benevolence; the 8-State Visit; the Tri-State Visit; participated in the initiation performed at the Houston School; participated in 6 installations and attended 2 other installations.

A summary of Grand Chapter's financial status for November 1, 2000 through

June 30, 2001 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 the report of the Grand Treasurer, as printed in the Advance Report and presented to this Grand Chapter, be referred to the proper committee.

Betty Prater Grand Treasurer

#### ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS

Certificates Issued	Date Issued	Number Amount	Principal
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
1870-2212	Nov. 1, 1999 thru Oct. 31, 2000	343	171,500
2213-2652	Nov. 1, 2000 thru June 30, 2001	440	220,000
TOTAL ENDOWED	MEMBERSHIPS	2,652	\$ 1,326,000

Note: The Chapters received \$24.80 for each eligible Endowed Member

Endowed Membership Trust
Bank One
June 30, 2001
Short Term Treasury Funds
U. S. Treasury Notes/Government Agencies
Corporate Bonds and Notes
Total Investment Cost
\$227,793
821,000
304,520
\$1,353,313

## 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	5.32%		02/14/02	\$ 100,000.00
Comerica Bank Educational Fund Time Deposit	5.80%	•	10/04/01	65,000.00

ALL PERTAIN TO 501(C)(8)	Int. Rate	Maturity	Amount
Comerica Bank Fannie V. Ward	6.75%	02/28/02	35,000.00
Comerica Bank Helen M. Bramlett	5.10%	09/01/02	6,261.77
Comerica Bank Fannie V. Ward Time Deposit	5.15%	07/06/01	5,777.02
Guaranty Federal Bank Educational Fund	6.00%	10/19/01	17,000.00
Guaranty Federal Bank General Fund	4.14%	06/25/03	13,439.80
Guaranty Federal Bank Home Fund	3.84%	05/08/02	6,826.24
Guaranty Federal Bank WGM's Special Funds	MM Flex Rate		48,000.00
Guaranty Federal Bank Vehicle Acquisition	3.70%	09/05/01	3,853.00
Wells Fargo Beal Bank	6.6%	09/15/01	39,000.00
Home Fund Wells Fargo U.S. Trust Home Fund	Int. Rate Adj.	03/22/02	39,094.00
Wells Fargo Vehicle fund	4.26%	08/14//01	2,951.25
Wells Fargo (Leveling of Adm. Bldg from WGM l	5.0% Betty Friend)	MM	20,000.00
Total Certificates of Deposit Amount			\$ 402,203.08

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES General Fund Clearing Bank One	<b>Nov. 1, 2000</b> \$77,260	June 30, 2001 \$ 656,533
Home Holding Trust Bank One	584,091	120,899
Home Fund MM Saving Bank One	57,446	23,792
OES Home Endowment Trust Bank One	7,122,391	7,455,036

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES Home Endowment Trust Bank One	Nov. 1, 2000 268,103	June <b>30, 2001</b> 268,624
Mary C. Kennington Trust Bank One	530,055	538,861
Home Renovation Trust Guaranty Bank	437,079	447,189
Home Members Checking Guaranty	11,279	12,486
Ladies Special Checking Guaranty	13,997	14,043
Endowed Membership Checking Bank One	186	106
Special Funds (WGM) Checking Guaranty	16,071	112,754
Education Fund Checking Comerica Bank	18,517	22,444
Benevolent Board Checking Bank One	5,406	5,163
Benevolent Aid Checking Bank One	\$62,739	\$ 20,082
Endowment Membership Trust Bank One (For Endowed Memberships)	1,188,286	1,353,312
Special Fund Stamp Program Guaranty	2,400	52,802

## GENERAL FUND - BANK ONE Operating Checking Account

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT		
Nov. 1, 2000 \$ 7,758	Nov. 1, 1999	Nov. 1, 2000
Jun. 30, 2001 \$ 34,857	Oct. 31, 2000	June 30, 2001
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REVENUES:	d 01 010	<b>A 0.4 7.10</b>
Administrative Fees	\$ 31,210	\$ 34,719
Bequests, Wills, Grants	4.4.04	13,411
Constitutions/Revisions	14,481	10,423
Dues/Per Capita	139,983	93,511
Registration Fees	29,740	
WGM Designated Funds	4,502	38,981
Interest	5,954	6,161
Proceedings	1,392	68
Bulletin Subscriptions/Articles	73,195	47,275
Dues Cards	7,349	7,047
Advance Report Announcements	3,647	
Supplies/Directories/Dispensation	s/	
Historical Highlights	18,983	12,074
Instructions	2,496	864
GGC Supplies	35,482	20,547
GC Session Summary	(792)	140
GC Session Misc. Income	71,554	20,200
GC Vendor Sales	71,004	20,200
Gifts and Donations	2,146	1,007
Miscellaneous	15,241	639
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Postage	5,185	3,162 330
Return Labels	4,247	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 465,995	\$ 310,559
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grand Officers & Committees	2,000	11,100
Grand Chapter Session		
Session	58,039	50
Advance Report	7,539	
Installation Programs	2,963	
Official Reporter	5,000	2,500
Session/Memorial Program	5,604	
Insurance	1,734	
Entertaining Visiting Grand O		
Registration Forms/Postage	663	801
Invitations & Postage	201	
Ballots/Voting Cards	69	
Grand Warder//Sentinel Book	50	·
	1,200	
Past Grands' Jewels	•	
Insurance	9,869	1,987
Janitorial	2,500	1,500
Automobile	3,078	2,483
Audit	16,350	15,760
Depreciation	15,137	
GGC Resale Supplies	32,985	20,224
Legal	397	1,522

	Nov. 1, 1999 ct. 31, 2000	Nov. 1, 2000 June 30, 2001
Office Printing Supplies	7,741	4,934
Postage	24,981	7,497
Printing	118,800	90,742
Repair & Maintenance	15,644	8,594
Salaries/Payroll Taxes	84,025	62,134
Scholarships	36,175	250
GGC Texas Luncheon	500	
Utilities/Electric/Gas/Water Disposal	7,192	5,786
Telephone	3,914	2,537
Miscellaneous	153	698
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 464,870	\$ 241,099

### OES HOME OPERATING FUND - BANK ONE

### BALANCE IN ACCOUNT

Nov. 1, 2000 Jun. 30, 2001	\$ 57,446 23.792		7. 1, 1999 31, 2000		v. 1, 2000 a. 30, 2001
REVENUES:					
Dues/Per Capita		\$	475,381	\$	454,198
Interest			31,845		23,964
Gifts/Bequests			69,266		47,077
Oil and Gas Royalti	es		23,645		22,917
Special Funds - WG	$\mathbf{M}$		6,282		10,209
Endowment Fund I	nterest & D	ividends	349,128		270,377
Ladies' Pensions			370,174		239,647
Real Estate Sales					2,000
Home Member Rece	eipts		86,156		420
Humanitarian			14,849		9,832
Other Receipts			26,929		17,620
TOTAL REVEN	IUES	<b>\$ 1</b>	,453,655	\$	1,098,261
DISBURSEMENTS:					
Salaries & Payroll '	<b>Faxes</b>		626,083		191,524
Insurance			112,764		43,307
Housekeeping Supp	olies		7,006		1,992
Doctors & Hospitals	S		24,475		9,616
Medical Supplies			58,132		10,681
Kitchen			83,628		39,818
Utilities			126,967	•	105,938
Laundry			2,988		274
Administrative Exp	enses		143		
Office Expenses			14,120		1,777
Contract Services			59,125		64,109
Equipment/Furnish	ings		10,305		2,803
Vehicle			4,281		2,208
Contract Maintena	ice Services	3	26,157		25,946

Maintenance & Repairs	46,226	18,081
Funeral Expense	11,259	2,617
Allowance to Ladies	20,540	17,790
Board Expense	789	860
Ladies Special Days	1,103	1,089
Expense on Acquired Property	1,277	151
Ceramics/Beauty Supplies	855	69
Miscellaneous	5,831	5,418
Subscriptions	747	474
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,244,801	\$ 546,542

### \*FUNDS SPENT NOT ACCOUNTED FOR IN BUDGET

	Nov. 1, 1999 Oct. 31, 2000	Nov. 1, 2000 Jun. 30,2001
Printing/Stationery	\$ 207	\$
Capital Improvement	4,555	
Misc. Services & Fees	3,879	
Computer Data Processing	970	
Administrative Fees	50	
Service Charge	483	2,000
Depreciation Expense	21,485	***
Home Hospital License	700	1,500
NSF/Refund Charges	55	
Trust Fees	2,035	
Bad Debts	3,166	
Janitorial Services	487	
Cable TV Expense	565	
Country Store Expense	123	
Security Service	180	
Time Clock	332	
Supplies	2,338	4,000
Laundry Supplies	286	
Infirmary Housing		474,240
Total Unbudgeted Expenses	41,896	481,740
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,286,697	\$1,028,282

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and second to refer the report of the Grand Treasurer to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual voting sign. For, please raise your blue cards. Against. Motion carried.

Sister Betty, thank you for your report. I have enjoyed working with you. Your love for the Order shows in all that you do.

I need to have the Credentials Chairman come to bring their report.

I call for the By-Laws Committee Report.

# REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

MRS. KATHERINE DUNCAN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to introduce Sister Joyce Champion who has served on this Committee with me. Sister Frankie Henson was unable to be with us.

This has certainly been an interesting and educational task for us this year. We appreciate this place of service.

We received 103 requests for changes to by-laws. Twenty-four, or one-fourth, of these were returned for correction because they were in conflict with our Code of Laws.

Most of these were for the same reason – and this is the dollar amount for the affiliation fee by demit or transfer.

Our law states this is "equal to the per capita."

Seventy-nine changes to by-laws have been approved. Three were recently returned for correction with instructions to forward them to next year's chairman.

Our Code of Laws is very specific on how to change our by-laws. However, procedures for changes continues to be a problem. We placed one brief article in the "Official Bulletin" regarding procedures. Also, we developed the "twosies" concept, which the Worthy Grand Matron had taught and copies handed out at most of the schools. We appreciate her attention to this.

A complete list of by-laws to be approved by this Grand Chapter is attached.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine Duncan, Chairman Joyce Champion Frankie Henson

### 2000 - 2001 BY-LAWS APPROVED

ALVIN NO. 15 ABILENE NO. 30 VASHTI NO. 32 TEXAS NO. 35 DEVINE NO. 43 PRUDENCE NO. 44 LEANDER NO. 73 BELLE MOON NO. 90 RANSFORD NO. 135 ELDORADO NO. 140 WIMODAUSIS NO. 141 VIOLET NO. 158 **SPUR NO. 164** MADISONVILLE NO. 193 LOCKHART NO. 210 HOUSTON HEIGHTS NO. 258 JASPER NO. 291 SILSBEE NO. 298 SPURGER NO. 315 FAIRFIELD NO. 331 JOHNSON CITY NO. 376 JACKSONVILLE NO. 377 LUFKIN NO. 382 LUFKIN NO 382 HOUSTON NO. 385 HUMBLE NO. 415 ROSENBERG NO. 429 MARBLE FALLS NO. 435 WOODVILLE NO. 462 PADUCAH NO. 506 MISSION NO. 527 MONAHANS NO. 561 LINDEN NO. 576 JOURDANTON NO. 581 LONGVIEW NO. 610 BELLVILLE NO. 611 CORRIGAN NO. 631 NORTH SIDE NO. 651 CONROE NO. 710

PARK PLACE NO. 731

ANDRAL VANN NO. 741 CARTHAGE NO. 747 CARTHAGE NO. 747 WESLACO NO. 772 WISTERIA NO. 823 WISTERIA NO. 823 KERMIT NO. 845 BLUEBELL NO. 856 OSO NO. 868 GRAFORD NO. 905 VIDOR NO. 914 ROSEWYN NO. 927 ROSEWYN NO. 927 YORKTOWN NO. 945 MIKE H. THOMAS NO. 951 GROVES NO. 953 BULLARD NO. 972 A. E. SHIRLEY NO. 986 A. E. SHIRLEY NO. 986 A. E. SHIRLEY NO. 986 FRIENDSHIP NO. 1008 LAKE JACKSON NO. 1009 **DUNCANVILLE NO. 1014** OAK FOREST NO. 1080 UNIVERSITY NO. 1082 NEW CANEY NO. 1093 ARCHIVES NO. 1095 SEABROOK NO. 1096 BURKE NO. 1098 **HURST NO. 1099** HURST NO. 1099 ZAPATA NO. 1106 SUGARLAND NO. 1107 LAKE WORTH NO. 1109 LAKE WORTH NO. 1109 **EVADALE NO. 1111** KINGSLAND NO. 1118 KINGSLAND NO. 1118 WHITEHOUSE NO. 1133

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the motion and the second that we adopt the report of the By- Laws Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor please raise your blue card. Those opposed, same. Motion carried.

God has promised that He will reward the good workers. Thank you, Katherine and your Committee, for the excellent report. You spent many hours working on this report, and it shows. It will add many beautiful memories to the ones we share as we served as Deputies together for Sister Doris. Thank each of you for being here and doing all the work you did.

We'll now have the report on the Chapters U.D.

## REPORT OF CHAPTER U.D. COMMITTEE

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

To the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star.

My Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I am pleased to bring to you the report of "The Chapters Under Dispensation Committee."

At the last session of the Grand Chapter, I was pleased to accept the appointment of the chairman of the Committee of Chapters Under Dispensation. I have enjoyed being a part of the Grand Family during this outstanding year.

In that the Worthy Grand Patron did not receive a request for a dispensation to organize a new chapter, there was no work for the committee.

Fraternally, Lallah Mae Vollus

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and second to adopt the report of the Chapters U.D. Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor please raise your blue card. Opposed, the same. Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Lallah Mae, for the report. You always do a topnotch job.

We'll now have the report of the Grievance and Appeals Committee.

# REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. It is with pleasure that I introduce those other members of this Committee. Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane and Mr. B. F. Hudson.

We are pleased to report that we received no grievance or appeal this year.

Respectfully submitted, Alma Carter, Chairman I move the adoption of this report, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the motion and second that we adopt the report of the Grievance and Appeals Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by the blue cards. For. Against. Motion carried.

Sister Alma and your Committee: Believe for every problem God will provide a solution. Thank you, Alma and your Committee, for accepting to serve on this important Committee and for bringing such a good report to our Grand Chapter.

I now will call on Sister Elsie Paladino for a Preliminary Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

# PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. First of all, I want to establish that you can hear me. I'm having trouble sometime picking up everything. Are you hearing what's being said? All right. We don't want you to miss anything.

Worthy Grand Matron, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, composed of Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, District 1; Mr. Garland Rattan, District 2; Mrs. Elise Hammack, District 3; Mr. Harry Cunningham, District 5; and I'm Elsie Paladino, Chairman, District 4, submit the following preliminary report.

In conformity with the provisions of our Code of Laws, Article 152-E, governing Grand Chapter, relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee – and, apparently, these duties are not plain to some of us because we have had a lot of questions. Those duties do not include determining and making decisions on what material will be printed in the Bulletin, what pamphlets are passed out at Grand Chapter or mailed with dresses or whatever. Our duties do apply to election regularities for candidates. We advise the Worthy Grand Matron in matters that she seeks our opinion on. We recommend that matters contained in the Advance Annual Report, including the Supplemental Reports of Grand Chapter, to the following Committees for consideration:

- 1. To the Board of Grand Trustees
  - A. The report of the Grand Secretary
  - B. The report of the Grand Treasurer
  - C. The report of the Board of Directors Grand Chapter Benevolences

Now, Sisters and Brothers, you heard these reports read, but these are referred to these Committees, and they must examine those reports and report back to us for any irregularities. Then we report to you the membership.

2. To the By-Laws Committee

- A. Amendments to the by-laws contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's report.
- $3.\,$  To the Grievance and Appeals Committee. We didn't have any disciplinary things this year.
  - 4. To the Jurisprudence Committee.
    - A. All matters contained in the reports assigned by this Grand Chapter and or contained within the prescribed duties of this Committee.

#### 5. Unfinished Business

- A. Amendment No. 1 in the Advance Annual Report was passed on the first reading at the 2000 session. It must be voted on and passed at this session before it can become law. If it is not passed at this session, it does not become law.
- B. Resolution No. 2 from the 2000 Grand Chapter session in regards to the "Assisted Living Unit at the OES Home." This resolution was postponed until the next session with instructions that thorough explanation of same be carried to our members. The stipulation was not met; therefore, this resolution is a dead issue that will not even come before you for your consideration because those stipulations were not met.
- 6. Legislation. Four resolutions and 27 amendments were submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration by this Grand Chapter. Now pay attention and you might want to mark these in your Advance Report amendment number 14 on page 101, amendments numbers 22, 23 and 24, page 110 to page 111 in your Advance Report, have been withdrawn by the proponents, and we have letters stating same. So they will not be presented to you because they have been withdrawn.

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the Jurisprudence report this morning. All in favor, raise your blue cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

Thank you, Jurisprudence Committee.

I invite Sister Jane Gregory to come and bring her Telephone/Telegram Committee report. While she's coming to the podium, I would invite the Grand Examiners, the Deputies of Grand Chapter, Endowed Membership Stamp Committee, Make It Happen Committee, Committee of Excellence, Light Moments, Lighting the Path to the Future, Texas Heavenly D'Lites, Melody of Music Committee, Hug Committee and the Cardinal Report Committee, if you'll please come to the stage and be ready to give your report sometime this morning.

### REPORT OF THE TELEPHONE/TELEGRAPH COMMITTEE

MRS. JANE GREGORY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

I deeply appreciate the Worthy Grand Matron for extending this special courtesy to me, allowing me to send special greetings to those Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who were unable to attend this "The Magic of Light" Session.

With the able assistance of the Grand Secretary, the following letter was sent to those unable to be with us, along with a copy of the Official Program and the Advanced Report:

### BELOVED PAST GRANDS:

Added to the Memory Book of this 119th Session are the pages of a fruitful, well attended, and productive session.

The vacant chairs caused by your absence was a source of regret and disappointment. This letter is to let you know you were missed because you are so highly respected and loved by the membership. You have given so much of yourselves in years of service and love to our beautiful Order.

The 119th Session is filed in the archives of history, and a new year with new leadership and officers has begun.

May the days ahead bring much joy and happiness to your lives.

Fraternally, Telegram Committee Jane Gregory Past Grand Matron

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Jane, for such a beautiful report. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Telephone and Telegraph report, a motion and second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote for the report with the blue card. Against. Motion carried.

So that everybody understands – you guys need to stay there. Jeanette, I'm not ready for you all yet. Please stay at your stations there at the table.

I need to announce, so that everybody understands, we do have a quorum here this morning for us to start our business. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for being here. May I say at this time, we do have lots of business to cover, and without your help and support and you staying in this Grand Chapter room to do our reports and to vote on this legislation, we cannot handle business without the quorum of our Grand Chapter. Thank you in the beginning for staying with us.

We'll need the Pages and Assistant Pages - I've asked all of those that are

serving as Pages for all of our Officers and all, if you will assist in the balloting, to pass ballot boxes and pick them up. I would appreciate that.

Sister Yvonne, please come to the podium for the Purposes and Policies report.

# REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm sure protocol has been established sometime this week, at least once or twice.

The Purposes and Policy Committee appointed for the Grand Chapter year of 2000-2001 consists of Billy Combest, Beulah Speer, Jane Gregory, Effie Mae Davis, and Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman. This committee also includes the Corporate Board and Chairman of Board of Grand Trustees and Benevolent Board. Duties of this committee are found in Article 152J.b of the Code of Laws.

The Worthy Grand Matron with the concurrence of Associate Grand Matron set the date of February 16, 2001 for meeting to receive the Associate Grand Matron's programs for the year 2001-2002. All the above mentioned committee members were present with the exception of Jane Gregory.

The Associate Grand Matron furnished the committee members with an advance copy of her program. This allowed the committee to review materials prior to the meeting, allowing each to prepare any questions and/or comments beforehand. With this information in hand Jane Gregory reported to the chairman that she concurred with programs and regretted she would be unable to attend the meeting.

The following was presented by Jimmie Lee McMahon, Associate Grand Matron assisted by Harold Trammel, Associate Grand Patron:

Humanitarian Program entitled "Melody of Love" which includes <u>Renovation</u> Fund, <u>Order of the Eastern Star Home Fund</u>, <u>Security - funding Home Endowment</u> and <u>ESTARL - Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership.</u>

Take Time for Others, pin, donation \$5.00 proceeds to Scottish Rite Hospital

The Light of the Roses, sun catcher, donation \$5.00 proceeds to Worthy Grand Matron special projects

Calendar of Time, calendar, donation \$5.00 proceeds to Worthy Grand Matron special projects

Badges. NO COMMITTEE, name badges, donation \$10.00 proceeds covers expenses of Humanitarian & Special Projects (ribbons etc.)

Hand-in-Hand, Bumper Sticker, donation \$2.00 proceeds to Worthy Grand Matron special projects

Traveling Texas, Travel Book, donation \$15.00 (pre-ordered) proceeds to WGM special projects

Handy Traveler, Travel Mug, donation \$15.00 proceeds to WGM special projects

Show Your Support, Decals, donation \$5.00 proceeds to General Fund

Proficiency Committee, Stickers, donation \$1.00 proceeds to Van fund

Sound of Music, Sheet, donation \$5.00 proceeds to Youth Groups

Sounds of Music, Tapes, donation \$5.00 proceeds to Youth Groups & WGM special projects

Cookbook Updates, Recipes, donation \$5.00 proceeds to WGM special projects

Angels of Love, Angel Pins, donations \$25.00, \$50.00, & \$100.00 proceeds of initial profit to automated doors to front entrances of the home. Balance to Home Endowment. Two bids presented, one=\$7,500.00 other=\$15,000.00. Note: expenditures in excess of \$10,000.00 must be approved by Grand Chapter.

Time & Talent, Rose Sticker, donation, \$1.00 proceeds to OES ladies

Dedicate Friends, Pin, donation \$5.00 proceeds to Texas Hearing & Service Dogs "AGM is this agency still the designated recipient of these funds?"

Labels & Worksheets, donation \$10.00 proceeds to General Fund

Spring Celebration 2002 Functions proceeds to Home Renovation

Founders Day Functions proceeds to OES Ladies

Endowed Membership Stamps proceeds to Membership Endowment

Photographer, expense paid from WGM Special Projects

Think Plastic, Credit Card proceeds 50% each to General Fund and Home Endowment

Endowed Membership Committee encourage purchase of endowed memberships Ramblin' Rose Committee, Membership Visitation, Travel Plaque encourage travel and competition for Rob Morris Jewel of GGC.

Leaders of the Future, Working with the Youth of our State by encouraging them to become members of our appropriate orders. And participate in the Critters Collection of Scottish Rite, Shrine Hospital and Ronald McDonald Houses.

Love of the Order, Recognition of those who have given dedicated and loving service to our Order over the years.

Helping Hands, Volunteer for various projects needed at the OES home.

Grand Soloist

Cardinals on Parade, Promote participation in the Texas Cardinals, Inc.

Exchange Visits/Travel Programs. To coordinate and implement these visits.

General Grand Chapter Special Project. Will participate in "The Adopt a Country" project of the MWGM, assist with other projects assigned to Texas' General Grand Chapter appointments and/or other projects of the Most Worthy Grand Matron during this triennium.

Motion was made seconded and approved that these projects presented to the Purposes and Policy Committee be submitted to the members of Grand Chapter for their decision. As per our Code of Laws our Associate Grand Matron met with the Board of Trustees, presenting the above mentioned projects, requesting advance funds for purchase and/or deposit in the amount of \$23,731.50.

Chairman Brownfield reminded those present that according to Code of Laws Article 152Jb(5) which reads "When such a project has been adopted calling for the raising of a definite or approximate of money, and such amount is not obtained during the ensuing Grand Chapter year, it shall remain a project of Grand Chapter until the required amount has been raised or the directive for such money changed or altered by the vote of Grand Chapter".

Chairman Brownfield announced that an amendment to change session dates of Grand Chapter had been prepared. A discussion ensued, and vote was taken by this committee relative to the amendment. All present voted in the affirmative, with one abstaining vote.

Another meeting of this committee had been scheduled by the Worthy Grand Matron for April 6th. Prior to that date it was determined that there had been nothing new presented to the Committee for consideration, therefore meeting was cancelled. However, while in Houston during the above mentioned date three of the appointed members of this committee, Jane Gregory, Effie Mae Davis and Yvonne Brownfield were invited to attend a meeting called by the WGM with the Corporate Board and Board of Benevolence regarding formulating plans for the building of Patio Homes.

No other proposals have been addressed to this group as a committee.

Fraternally, Yvonne Brownfield Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report be voted on with the knowledge that there will be a possible expenditure over \$10,000.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second from the Purposes and Policies Committee that we accept the report and that there may be one item in there – and it's the doors that they're talking about – that would exceed \$10,000. I have a motion and a second. All in favor, raise your blue card. Those opposed. Motion carried.

You now can get to work, Jimmie.

I now call on the reports of the Deputies of Grand Chapter. Since they're at the tellers' tables, we need to have them give their reports so they can go back and take their positions there.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 1

MRS. ABIGAIL FREEMAN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It was an honor for District One to "Lead the Pack" as we began our School Schedule for 2000-2001.

It is my pleasure to present the "Dear Ones", our ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1:

Sister Patti Hicks and the 14 Chapters of Section One (1) held the "Pathfinders" School in Lewisville on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 with 158 in attendance.

Sister Ethel Powell and the 16 Chapters of Section Two (2) held the "Lobos de Luna (Wolves of the Moon)" School in Plano on Thursday, November 9, 2000 with 161 in attendance.

Sister Patricia Kettle and the 12 Chapters of Section Four (4) held the "Moon Beams and Magnolias" School in Dallas on Saturday, November 11, 2000 with 231 in attendance.

I would like to thank my Co-workers Sisters Edna Jefferies and Mary Brown for conducting the Schools in Sections 3 and 10 as I was unable to attend the schools due to emergency surgery for a brain aneurysm on my Mother. I thank them and the Membership for all the prayers, calls and concerns during this time.

Sister Leta Glass and the 13 Chapters of Section Three (3) held the "Whispering Pines" School in Mount Vernon on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 with 172 in attendance.

Sister Lavelle Ford and the 13 Chapters of Section Ten (10) held the "Light of Knowledge" School in Quitman on Thursday, November 16, 2000 with 165 in attendance.

Sister Rita Mars and the 14 Chapters of Section Nine (9) held the "Moonbeams and Daydreams" School in Texarkana on Saturday, November 18, 2000 with 220 in attendance.

Sister Marie Adamson and the 12 Chapters of Section Eight (8) held the "Catch the Spirit of the Wolf" School in Henderson on Tuesday, November 21, 2000 with 157 in attendance.

Sister Glinda Hold and the 8 Chapters of Section Six (6) held the "Tree of Knowledge" School in Wortham on Tuesday, November 28, 2000 with 118 in attendance.

Sister Mary Tomlinson and the 12 Chapters of Section Seven (7) held the "Follow the Wolf" School in Whitehouse on Thursday, November 30, 2000 with 121 in attendance.

Sister Smitty Jones and the 19 Chapters of Section Five (5) held the "Moon Over the Pines" School in Irving on Saturday, December 9, 2000 with 235 in attendance.

The ten schools in District 1 had a total attendance of 1,738.

The Statistical Report for District One:

Chapters Assigned	133
Chapters Consolidated	3
Chapters Inspected	133
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Unofficially	73
Letters Written	2,067
Miles Traveled	52,796

Worthy Grand Matron, it is with grateful and loving hearts that we express our appreciation to you for allowing us the privilege to serve this Grand Chapter as your representatives. We will always treasure the friendships we made this year. I would like to thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing the District Deputy Grand Matrons to help teach in every district. This was a very rewarding experience that allowed us to meet the membership in the other Districts.

Worthy Grand Patron, thank you sharing your time with us this year and attending all the schools in District 1. I was afraid we might lose you at the Plano Country Club which overlooked the golf course; but due to cold, rainy weather, there were no golfers out that day! We appreciate you being there willing to help us in everything that we did.

Sister Joyce Gilbert, Grand Examiner of District 1, we thank you for your beautiful renditions of the Secret Work in our schools. You created a relaxed and comfortable place for us to take our exams and the membership appreciates all your efforts.

Sister Betty Carter, Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for being the glue that held us together! I will never forget you and I thank you for the outstanding job you do for our Grand Chapter.

To the Membership of District 1, thank you for your attendance and support

during the school schedule, the honorary memberships and all the special courtesies given to each of us this year. The Deputies of District 1 thank you for the memories you have given us.

To the Deputies of District 1, you went above and beyond the call of your duties this year. You traveled and represented your District with pride and dignity. I will always cherish you "Dear Ones."

To my home Section, again I THANK YOU! I appreciate all that you have done in supporting me and I'm proud to be part of Section 9.

Fraternally, Abigail Freeman District Deputy Grand Matron District 1 2000-2001

It is my pleasure to present Sister Susan Bigham, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 2.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 2

MRS. SUSAN BIGHAM: Thank you, Sister Abi.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is a great pleasure to present the annual report for District 2 and to introduce 10 of the loveliest and most dedicated ladies I have ever had the privilege with whom to work.

Sister Bettie Craig, Section One (1) with Five Chapters hosted the "Strolling Down Magnolia Lane" School of Instruction on January 9th, 2001 with 68 in attendance.

Sister Debra Ford, Section Two (2) with Six Chapters hosted the "Heavenly Beams of Knowledge" School of Instruction on January 6th, 2001 with 75 in attendance.

Sister Anna Wright, Section Three (3) with Six Chapters hosted "The Walk in the Light of Brotherly Love" School of Instruction on January  $4 \mathrm{th}$ , 2001 with 141 in attendance.

Sister Cindy Echols, Section Four (4) with Eight Chapters hosted the "Follow Our Star in the East" School of Instruction on December 16th, 2000 with 122 in attendance

Sister Merlene Seal, Section Five (5) with Six Chapters hosted the "Silver Wolfe

of the Rolling Plains" School of Instruction on December 14th, 2000 with 52 in attendance.

Sister Mae Naylor, Section Six (6) with Nine Chapters hosted the "Beams of Knowledge" School of Instruction on January 11th, 2001 with 83 in attendance.

Sister Audri Rowell, Section Seven (7) with 10 Chapters hosted the "Howling For Knowledge" School of Instruction on December 7th, 2000 with 109 in attendance.

Sister June Hukill, Section Eight (8) with 10 Chapters hosted the "Stardust and Sunbeams on Magnolias" School of Instruction on December 5th, 2000 with 220 in attendance.

Sister Janet Stephens, Section Nine (9) with Six Chapters hosted the "Whispering Pines" School of Instruction on December 12th, 2000 with 51 in attendance.

Sister Joyce Scott, Section Ten (10) with Six Chapters hosted the "Let the Good Times Roll" School of Instruction on December 30th, 2000 with 91 in attendance.

Ten Schools were held with a total attendance of 1,012.

### STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT 2

Chapters Assigned	72
Chapters Consolidated	5
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	72
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended in other Sections	6
Grand Chapter of Other Jurisdiction	1
attended '	
Letters Written	1,028
Miles Traveled	41,041

Sister Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your confidence in me and for the opportunity to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron for District 2. I will always have the memories of a wonderful year. Thank you for choosing 10 of the most precious ladies to work with. Traveling with you are some of my fondest memories.

Brother Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for always being the dignified and special gentleman you are. On behalf of the 10 Deputy Grand Matrons of District 2, we appreciate you and your precious wife, Judy, for you dedication to our Order.

Sister Kimi Kidd, Board Grand Examiners District 2, you are loved for your service and encouragement to all. You worked to create a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere, and the membership enjoyed your perfect renditions each time. You are an inspiration to all.

Sister Betty Carter, Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, and my friend, you made the miles seem shorter and so much more enjoyable. I enjoyed rooming with you.

To the Membership of District 2, each of the Deputy Grand Matrons join with

me in expressing our sincere gratitude for the honorary memberships, all the kindness and courtesies extended to us, and the love and friendship you gave us. We Thank You.

To my home section, thank your for your support and faithfulness in making this a memorable year for me.

To my Sister Deputy Grand Matrons, Abi, Edna, Mary, and Benita, may our friendship last forever.

To my husband, Larry, thank you for your love, support, and wisdom. You are always there for me. Sweetheart, I Love You.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Bigham District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2 Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star.

At this time, it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Edna Jefferies, District Deputy Grand Matron, District III.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 3

MRS. EDNA JEFFERIES: Thank you, Sister Susan Bigham.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It has been a pleasure and joy to work with these "Fantastic Ten" Deputy Grand Matrons and it is an honor to present them to you.

Mrs. Jean James, Section 1, School of Instruction "The Magic of Moonbeams", attendance 320.

Mrs. Lyndel Campbell, Section 2, School of Instruction "Sunrise on the Circle of Friends", attendance 412.

Mrs. Martha Wolfe, Section 3, School of Instruction "Celestial Delights" attendance 126. Sister Martha could not be with us at this Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Patsy "Connie" Campbell, Section 4, School of Instruction "Paws: Wolfe Training", attendance 76. Sister Connie could not be with us at this Grand Chapter due to illness.

 ${\it Mrs. Peggy Haggard}$ , Section 5, School of Instruction "Pathways of Challenge", attendance 86.

Mrs. Odessa "Dee" Blue, Section 6, School of Instruction "The Celestial Hill Country School", attendance 168.

Mrs. Naomi McDonel, Section 7, School of Instruction "Celebration of Light, Magnolias and Moonbeams" attendance 76

Mrs. Jettie Ferren, Section 8, School of Instruction "Beauty of the Magnolia" attendance 138.

Mrs. Greta Bane Hecker, Section 9, School of Instruction "Radiant Light School of Instruction" attendance 270.

Mrs. Mary Dutton, School of Instruction "Knowledge by the Paluxy" attendance 130.

Ten Schools were held with a total attendance of 1,802.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT 3

Chapters Assigned	98
Chapters Consolidated	. 3
Chapters Inspected	98
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended in other Districts	14
Letters Written	250
Miles Traveled	12,068

Worthy Grand Matron, Thank you for the wonderful opportunity of service to the Order of the Eastern Star in this place. Your kindness and willingness for us as District Deputies to be ourselves will be remembered always. The schools were fun, relaxing and informative because of your love and support for us.

Worthy Grand Patron, We appreciate your unfailing support and your presence at all our schools.

Sister Nancy Brown, Grand Examiner of District 3, your kindness and caring for the membership was evident by the enjoyment of the membership when taking the exams.

Sister Betty Carter, Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, your support and assistance made our job much easier.

To the membership of District 3: The "Fantastic Ten" Deputy Grand Matrons join me in expressing a "Loving Thank You" for your participation in the Schools of Instruction, for the Honorary Memberships, and all the special courtesies extended to us

To the members of District 3, Section 2, Thank you for all you have done to make this a year to remember. Your "Constant Friendship" will never be forgotten.

Respectfully Submitted, Edna Jefferies

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Mary Brown District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 4

MRS. MARY BROWN: Thank you, Sister Edna Jefferies.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members and Brothers:

It has been a fantastic year. I have the privilege of introducing the "Steel Magnolia's AKA" the Deputy Grand Matron's of District 4.

Mrs. Suellen Abbot, Section 1, "Let There Be Light" School of Instruction, attendance 206.

Miss Melanie Rayner, Section 2, "Celestial Lights of Knowledge" School of Instruction, attendance 230

Mrs. Carolyn Hardin, Section 3, is not here today due to her husband's illness, "Keepers of the Sunlights and Moonbeams" School of Instruction, attendance 130.

Mrs. Jeanette Cooper, Section 4, "Paths of Light" School of Instruction, attendance 218.

Mrs. Linda Henderson, Section 5, "Sentimental Journey", attendance 425.

Mrs. Irene Dickens, Section 6, "Follow the Akela Through the Sun Rays of Tomorrow", attendance 189.

Mrs. Regina Garner, Section 7, "You Light Up Our Lives" School of Instruction, attendance 222.

Mrs. Janice Stinson, Section 8, "The Twinkle in the Lone Star", School of Instruction, attendance 130.

Mrs. Jean Crosby, Section 9, "Turning a Challenge into a Success", School of Instruction, attendance 129.

Mrs. Iris Stone, Section 10, Fantasy in the Moonlight", School of Instruction, attendance 255.

Ten Schools were held with a total attendance of 2,134.

Statistical Report for District 4.

Chapters Assigned	132
Chapters Consolidated	4
Chapters Inspected	132
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended in other Districts 4	53
Letters Written	3,246
Miles Traveled	121.983

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honor of being the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 4. Your have shared your knowledge and love for this Order with me and I will be forever grateful. This has been a journey I will never forget. I will hold many special times in my heart for years to come.

Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for being at our schools in District 4. The membership appreciated you traveling the school schedule, as did the school officers.

Sister Vi Griffin, Grand Examiner of District 4, you and I will forever be friends. Because of your love for our Order and your quest for a better tomorrow, we will be forever sisters.

Sister Betty Carter, Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, you took such great care of us on the school schedule. You always seemed ready to help us in any way and we will always appreciate you.

To the membership of District 4, the Steel Magnolias of District 4 join me in saying Thank You from the bottom of our hearts for your participation in the School of Instructions, the Honorary Memberships, and all the special acts of kindness you extended to us.

To the members of District 4, Section 7. Thank you for your support and love. Thank you for traveling with me this year and sharing your wisdom with me.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you all I will never forget this wonderful year.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Brown

Sisters and Brothers it is my privilege to introduce Sister Benita Bassett, District Deputy Grand Matron District 5.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON DISTRICT 5

MRS. BENITA BASSETT: Thank you, Sister Mary Brown.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished, Members, my Sisters and Brothers: It has been a pleasure to work with these ten special Deputy Grand Matrons and it is an honor to present them to you.

Sister JoAnn Monse and the 8 Chapters of Section One (1) held the "Light of Friendship & Love" School in Ballinger on February 10th, 2001 with 98 in attendance

Sister Candace Nelson and the 5 Chapters of Section Two (2) held the "Sweet Magnolias" School in Sonora on February 8th, 2001 with 49 in attendance.

Sister Billie Rollins and the 9 Chapters of Section Three (3) held the "Stars Above the Magnolias" School in Boerne on February 13th, 2001 with 120 in attendance.

Sister Mary Francias Caid and the five (5) Chapters of Section Four (4) held the "El Lobo Grande" School in Uvalde on February 6th, 2001, with 80 members present.

Sister Vivian Kight and the six (6) Chapters of Section Five (5) held the "Magnolias in the Strawberry Patch" School in Poteet on February 22nd, 2001 with 79 members in attendance.

Sister Shirley Hainline and the thirteen (13) Chapters of Section Six (6) held the "Gathering of the Wolfe Pack" School in New Braunfels on February 15th, 2001, 193 were in attendance.

Sister Doris Nell Urbaneck and the fourteen (14) Chapters of Section Seven (7) held the "Learning by the Light of Moonbeams and Sunrays" School in San Antonio on January 20th, 2001, 266 members present.

Sister Patricia Spivey and the eleven (11) Chapters of Section Eight (8) held the "Sunsplash" School in Victoria on February 27th, 2001, 138 members attended.

Sister Charlotte Dana and the thirteen (13) Chapters of Section Nine (9) held the "Moonbeams Over the Gulf" School in Corpus Christi on February 20th, 2001, 174 members attended.

Sister Yvonne Smith and the eight (8) Chapters of Section Ten (10) held the "Magic Valley of Stars" School in Mission on February 24th, 2001, 135 members attended.

Ten Schools were held with a total attendance of 1,432.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT FIVE

Chapters Assigned	93
Chapters Consolidated	3
Chapters Inspected	93
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended in other Districts	53
Letters Written	12,412
Miles Traveled	441.779

Worthy Grand Matron, it is with grateful and loving hearts that we express our appreciation to you for allowing us the privilege to serve this Grand Chapter with you.

Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for attending every school and sharing your time with us.

Sister Gerry Dusek, Grand Examiner of District 5, we wish to express our thanks to you for working so diligently at our schools. The membership enjoyed taking their exams in your classroom.

Sister Betty Carter, Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your support and assistance. You made our work so much easier and kept us on the right track.

To the membership of District 5: The Deputy Grand Matrons join with me in saying "Thank You" for your attendance during the Schools of Instruction, for the Honorary Memberships and special courtesies extended to us.

To the members in my home section, thank you for your support and assistance in making this a successful and memorable year.

Respectfully submitted, Benita Bassett District Deputy Grand Matron District Five (5)

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these reports from the District Deputy Grand Matrons.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that you accept the report of the District Deputies. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor please raise your blue card. Those opposed, same sign. Motion carried. Thank you, Girls.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, I need to clarify a couple of things that the membership is concerned about. First of all, we were a little hasty on the vote on the Purposes and Policies Committee, and there was some question about that, but we're going to cover that in just a moment.

There's also some concerns about your ballots. Now I know some of you have three votes. When you received your packet, you had written ballots with one, they had one vote. Now, Sisters and Brothers, chapter 10, page 146 of your constitution clarifies the voting. Then we go to Robert's Rules – page 46, I'm sorry, of the constitution. Chapter 10, page 46.

Then we go to Robert's Rules. All right. When you pick up your credentials, if you are a Chapter Representative and have the proxy of your Worthy Patron, then you have two votes. That is on the written ballot for election. The color determines that you have two votes. But voting on amendments, you hold up your cards, and that is one vote. You do not hold up three cards. You have one vote on the amendments, and that is covered in the law. So you don't get three votes on the amendments, and that certainly equals out for the number of people registered, not the number of votes registered at Grand Chapter. Are there any questions on this?

Thank you. I appreciate you so much. You're paying attention, and I thank you for that. I would admonish you to listen carefully.

Now, we have a question on the Purposes and Policies. The chairman is going to come back  ${\color{black} -}$ 

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: While she's coming back, people who have the pencils – no one on the floor has pencils for the balloting. Would you make sure everybody on the floor has pencils. Thank you. MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Okay. I'm going to "splain" it to you. Angels of Love pins, the Angels of Love Committee – and those are angel pins – donations in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100. Proceeds of initial profit to automated doors to front entrances of the Home. And I assume automated is just like any other automated door that we see. Balance of those funds would go to the Home Endowment. They've presented two bids for these automated doors. One of them was \$7,500; the other was \$15,000. Now, Sister Jimmie Lee, is that the correct figure?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Yes, Sister Yvonne. The 7500 did not have all of the safety features that I required so that if one of our lovely ladies were to fall or have any problem –

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: But the figures are right?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Yes, ma'am, there was a good difference.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I'll say this again. \$7,500 and \$15,000. And according to our law, expenditures in excess of \$10,000 must be approved by Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, while they're discussing things over here, Sister Rennie has just told me that there's going to be pencils in the box as they pass them out.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I believe I did state when I moved the adoption of this report, that it also included – when you approved it, you approved the \$10,000 excess. I think that's what I said.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, you did. I repeated it.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Well, they said I didn't, but I'll say it now. If you approve this Purposes and Policies report, you also will be approving the \$10,000 excess. For the doors that are estimated at 15,000, you will approve the purchase and installation of a \$15,000 project when our limit is 10,000.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Yvonne, you did say it and I repeated it in the motion, that it could exceed \$10,000.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Okay. Is that it? Don't ask me to remember much longer because I don't even know what I had for breakfast.

[Pause.]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you for being patient, my Sisters and Brothers. There's just a few little hitches, but we're going to smooth it out and move on.

Are you ready for the vote on the Purposes and Policies report again? Okay. Worthy Grand Matron, they're ready.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we are voting on the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee that was presented by Sister Yvonne Brownfield to accept the report of that Committee with one of the projects to possibly exceed \$10,000. Now, this is off of the angel pins. This money will come in from the

angel pins, and that's what they want it to be used for, is for the automatic doors for the Home -- for an explanation. Are you ready for the vote? Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed, the same. You can put your cards down.

All right. All those for, please stand. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Would you be seated. All those that are against, would you please stand. Motion carried. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, we have information that the Warders and Sentinels are not letting anyone in who does not have a ballot. We have nonvoting members who are entitled to be in this Grand Chapter room.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Bart, which sections are for nonvoting delegates? Across the back. While he's checking on that –

MR. BART HENDERSON: Worthy Grand Matron, nonvoting delegates should be sitting back here in the West.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All those that are not a voting delegate, please move to sections 110, 111 and 112. If anybody is in those sections that is a voting delegate, I would ask, please, if you would move to the right or to the left so they will be able to get your ballots. Thank you so much.

MR. BART HENDERSON: 210 and 211 also, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** 210, 211 and 212 as well. Just that little area there.

I call for a report from the Credentials Committee.

MRS. SHERRY DIECKMANN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: it is my pleasure to present this partial report for the Credentials Committee. We have issued 1,817 one-votes, 398 two-votes which total 796 votes, 111 three-votes which totals 333. Total ballots: 2,326. Total Chapters represented that have picked up their ballots as of this morning - 359. This concludes my partial report. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now call for the report of the Parliamentarian.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Worthy Grand Matron, prefacing the reading of the parliamentary rules, this member wishes to thank you for the opportunity to have worked with you and for you. And also the opportunity to have met and worked slightly with the wonderful Jurisprudence Committee and the By-Laws Committee. Worthy Grand Matron, you are blessed to have such dedicated people on your Committees.

Now, before we start, I thought we would rehearse just a little bit – just a wee bit – on amending. You know what amendment means. So if you will take your agenda book, the one with the blue front, and turn to page 51. Everyone turn to page 51. Now, we have a slight change here, a very slight change. We used to call it when we were typing a typo. We got by with that. Many mistakes were covered by, "We made a typo mistake. But with the computer, we call it a little bit different. We call it an oversight.

So what I think we will do, we will call this an oversight, but we will correct it. Has everyone turned to page 51, looking at Parliamentary Rules of Procedure for Grand Chapter? Do you have that in front of you?

Now, go down to number one, and it starts out in italics, where it says, "Robert Is Rules of Order Newly Revised." Are you with me where we are? We're not going against Robert's. We're just going down to the third line, one, two, three. And it starts out with the words "are applicable." Now, go on down to which are applicable and which are not. The word is not "consistent." It's "inconsistent." It would make a great deal of difference if you left the word "consistent" there when you're working with amendments. So if you will change it, we will start.

### PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR GRAND CHAPTER

In accordance with Code of Laws - Article 157, pages 117-119 and the following:

- 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 which are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
- 2. The Credentials Committee, immediately after the Ritualistic Opening of Grand Chapter, shall report the number of delegates registered. The report of this committee will determine that a quorum is present. The Credentials Committee shall make a final report at the Saturday morning session, immediately prior to holding the election, of those entitled to vote and the total number of votes.
- 3. All delegates shall wear the official badge issued by the Registration Committee at all business sessions. In order to enter the Grand Chapter meeting room, members must show a current dues card. On Saturday morning, delegates must also have their signed official ballot for admission to the Grand Chapter room.
- 4. There shall be three (3) written copies of all motions made from the floor.

  These copies shall have the name, signature, and Chapter name and number of the maker of the motion as well as that of the member seconding the motion. These copies are to be distributed as follows:

One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron

One copy to the Grand Secretary

One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee

- Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction (or members holding the proxy of the Worthy Matron and/ or Worthy Patron) are entitled to speak, make motions, debate or vote.
- 6. In order to obtain the floor, the following procedure will be used:
  - A. Proceed to the nearest microphone
  - B. Address the Presiding Officer
  - C. Wait for recognition from the Presiding Officer before speaking
  - D. State name, title, Chapter name and number, then proceed to make a motion or participate in debate.

- 7. All motions must be seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer before debate can begin.
- 8. A motion may be amended (Primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment, then the original motion as amended.
- 9. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. The three minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection.
- 10. A majority vote shall determine all questions, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called for. Voting Delegates will hold up a blue card - Chapter Representatives will hold up the green 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:
  - 1. Reconsider
  - 2. Refer to a committee
  - 3. Call for the orders of the day
  - 4. Division of the question
  - 5. Previous question\*
  - 6. Lay on the table
  - 7. To call off
  - 8. To proceed to close

\*If a member, wishes to close debate, proceed to a microphone, address the Presiding Officer, after being recognized, state your name, title, Chapter name and number and then make the following motion, "I move the previous question". Calling out the word "question" from the audience will not be recognized by the Presiding Officer.

13. Emergency legislation may be presented at Grand Chapter if it is approved by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. There shall be three (3) copies in writing of all emergency legislation proposals with distribution as follows:

One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron

One copy to the Grand Secretary

One 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.
  - 1. Go to a microphone and address the Presiding Officer
  - 2. Wait for recognition
  - 3. State your name, title, Chapter name and number
  - 4. Give the name and Chapter of the member being nominated and the office for which this nomination is made.
- 19. Nominations do not require a second.
- 20. The election results will be announced by the Presiding Officer.
- 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.

So, Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these amended rules just read for this 119th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard a motion and a second that we accept the report of our Parliamentarian. Is there any discussion? Now, Sisters and Brothers, if you have a question, now is the time to ask it. Hearing none, we'll vote with the blue cards. For the acceptance. Thank you. Those opposed, the same sign with your cards. Motion carried. Thank you, Sister Jean.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I have a report that some of you did not know that we would go into the business part of this Grand Chapter this morning and did not bring your ballots. If you would check page 23, the Friday morning session of your program, it has jurisprudence listed there. So you might want to pay particular attention to the program. I know that it's not always followed, but we made sure that it would be followed to this extent this morning. I'll thank you for that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we've set up a mike system. We'll have a mike in the West, one on the North side and one on the West side to the corner. We'll have a mike set up on the East of the Conductress and Associate Conductress. Now everybody listen to this. So that you understand where you're going to be if you wish to speak, on the South side by our Grand Conductress — if you're speaking for an amendment or a resolution or whatever, those that are speaking opposing to it will speak at the mikes on the North side. Is there any question?

In other words, we're going to have some of the extra Tellers, the Deputies, if you will bring a chair and sit by those mikes so if anyone comes up, if there's more than one, be sure and ask them – those on the South there – "Are you speaking for the amendment or the resolution?" If they say no, then tell them to come around on the North side. So there's no confusion, we'll have somebody to be supportive at each one of those mikes to tell you whether it's a for or against mike.

Is there any discussion? I recognize Sister Elsie Paladino, Jurisprudence chairman.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, listen very carefully. I know it's fun to visit with our neighbors, but please pay close, close attention This has been a very challenging year for the Jurisprudence Committee. There were a number of issues to address that were not covered by our Code of Laws. No precedent had been set. Therefore, we considered each issue as it related to our laws and regulations and then Robert's Rules to the best of our ability. To accomplish that goal and to make everything legal – and that's what we're trying to do this morning when I asked you to help and to listen. Now, this is very important, Sisters and Brothers.

To make everything legal before this Grand Chapter, resolutions number 1, 2, 3 and 4- now these resolutions met the deadline, some of them barely, but they are in the order that they were received by this Committee. However, to get them published in the Bulletin so that the membership would know what would perhaps be presented to them at this Grand Chapter, they did not go through the Purposes and Policies Committee because there was not time from the time we received them for the Purposes and Policies to review them and make any decision on them at all. If that had happened, they would not be published, and you would not be addressing that issue this morning. I think that you want to do that.

Therefore, I am asking you that you allow us to suspend the rules of order and present resolutions number 1, 2, 3 and 4 to you. Sisters and Brothers, this is going to take a two-thirds vote for you to allow this business to come before this assembly. Worthy Grand Matron, I understand from the Parliamentarian this is not debatable.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is not debatable. I have a motion and a second on the floor that we suspend the rules to be able to present resolution 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the membership to take care of. All those in favor, please stand. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Would you be seated.

All those opposed, would you please stand. Sisters and Brothers, the motion has carried.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. We needed you to do that because we have tried to cover our laws. Why have them if we don't adhere to them? There's no point. We may as well throw them out. But you are so concerned for this Grand Chapter, and I do appreciate that so very much.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. As you know, you each have your ballots, resolution 1, resolution 2, and the question. Those ballots must be clearly marked with a number two pencil. We have pencils in the boxes which the Pages will have. Some of you were asking for them and got them ahead of time, but we didn't want to pass them out ahead of time because perhaps we might run out or they all be on one side. So that's the reason why we did not let all of them be passed out. I hope you'll forgive us, but we wanted to be fair so that everybody would have them. You may have to share. I don't know that we have enough, but you can certainly share your pencils with the people in the row as long as you have some. So that's why we held the pencils.

Will all of the Pages please stand in your section, where you are right now. The Pages that are going to be picking up the boxes. Would all of the voters hold your hand up? They are all over, so you Pages know where you have to go to get them.

Mark your ballot very forcefully with your pencil. If it is marked too lightly, it

will be thrown out. But that is not a problem because Paul Garner – please stand -is going to be working the machine. He will put the ballots in the machine. The
machine will count them. If the machine has a question, it'll throw the ballot out.
Those who Naomi has appointed to be the judges, we will look at the ones that have
been thrown out. The ones that have been marked lightly and thrown out, we can
count by hand. But you will help us very much if you will mark it very strongly.

Also, if you mark the wrong ballot, the machine will throw it out, we can't give it back to you, and you may lose two ballots at one time. So be careful when you look at what we're voting on that you have the correct ballot. The Pages will pick them up and bring them down to the tables. The Tellers will put them in stacks and turn them over to Paul.

I think this is a wonderful way to speed up things. They will be handled very carefully, and every one that is thrown out of the machine will be looked at very carefully to be sure that it was not marked too lightly. Do not fold them. Please, do not fold them because they may not run through the machine.

Is that all that we need to cover, Paul?

So pay attention. Mark them darkly, and we'll get this over. Thank you very much.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Jimmie in the West.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Would you ask Sister Rennie to please come to the microphone. Our computer expert has some clarifications he needs to instruct, please.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Rennie. Brother Paul, would you go to the mike, please.

MR. PAUL GARNER: I just wanted to clarify about marking the ballots. Please do not put an X or a check mark. You are to blacken in the box. Remember, color within the lines; stay within the lines. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you all for being so patient. We want to have everything right before we get started, and then it'll run real smooth.

I recognize Sister Elsie.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: We're going to proceed. Thank you for allowing us to do that. Most of the amendments will be considered separately, and you will have the opportunity to address each one individually. Sisters and Brothers, it is the desire of this Committee that you thoroughly understand every motion, and I think you have certainly proven this morning that you want to do that. I want you to remember that it is your right and your duty as the governing body of this Grand Chapter to cast your ballot in the way that you want to.

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Through the Official Bulletin and report, I know that most of you know how you're going to vote already. Therefore, I move that you allow the Committee to give a synopsis of these resolutions and amendments rather than read the entire thing.

I know that you've read them. If you would do that for us. I make a motion that you allow us to just present a synopsis

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard a motion and a second that you allow the Jurisprudence Committee to present these amendments and resolutions in a synopsis. All those in favor, please stand. This takes a two-thirds vote is the reason why we're doing this. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Would you please be seated. All those opposed, would you please stand.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: That does not mean that after we have presented the synopsis, that you can't ask questions if we have not clarified it for you. Be sure that if we have not covered it well enough, that you have the right to ask questions.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That motion carried. Thank you.

Brother Richard.

MR. RICHARD SHARP: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Richard Sharp. I'm a Past Patron of Pasadena Chapter 711. I move that resolution number 3 be considered first.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The motion has been made – and I have a second – that resolution 3 be considered first. This is not debatable it requires a two-thirds vote and is not debatable, to allow us to consider resolution 3 first. All those in favor, please stand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion did not carry. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon in the West.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to move that 1, 2, 3 and 4 are all handled as a secret ballot.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I have a motion on the floor that resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 4 be a secret ballot. It will require a two-thirds vote, and there is no discussion. Sisters and Brothers, all those in favor of this being a secret ballot -1, 2, 3 and 4 – would you please stand. Thank you. Would you be seated. Those opposed, would you please stand. Motion carried.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, I believe that we have smoothed the road and removed the bumps. I think we are ready to proceed. We are now ready to present to you resolution number 1.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, one more time about our pencils. If you do not have a pencil, there's going to be pencils in the boxes. So when it comes to you, you can take a pencil out and go ahead and take a minute to ballot. You can drop it in and get it back later.

I'm asking all the Personal Pages and Secretaries, if they're able, if they will be handling the ballot boxes. We really need that to be done. We did not have a large selection of people volunteering for Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, so we're going to need your assistance. Thank you. Brother Garland, I recognize you.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT RESOLUTION NO. I

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: As presenters we are only messengers. I want to ask one favor: Please do not shoot the messengers.

Okay. Synopsis of resolution number 1, Advance Report, page 62. We no longer have ladies in our Infirmary. They are in the Masonic Retirement Center. This is regarding entering into a contract with the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for the rest of our ladies who now reside in our OES Home to move to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center on a space-available basis. The Eastern Star members would receive the same status as other residents of the Home. The daily cost would be the same as that paid for residents sponsored by the Masonic Home and School. The proponents state there is concern that the ladies of the OES Home will not receive the same level of care as those at the Masonic Retirement Center. They state that we could continue to accept residents under our current laws, to admit our members to the Masonic Retirement Center.

If there are questions, we'll try to find somebody that knows the answer.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this resolution in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Resolution No. 1 reads as follows.]

### RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the membership of Texas is concerned about the future of our O.E.S. Home, and

WHEREAS, the care of the Ladies who reside in the O.E.S. Home is the first priority of the membership of Texas, and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas approved the transfer of the ladies residing in the O.E.S. Home Infirmary to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center at the 2000 Grand Chapter Session, and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the Residents in the O.E.S. Infirmary to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center was successfully accomplished, and

WHEREAS, the Residents transferred to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center are receiving excellent care, and

WHEREAS, the number of Residents at the O.E.S. Home has declined, and

WHEREAS, there is concern that the Residents at the O.E.S. Home will not receive the same excellent level of care as those residing at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, and

WHEREAS, our commitment is, and will continue to be, to provide the best possible care for the Ladies in the O.E.S. Home, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center have extended an offer to accept both the current residents of the O.E.S. Home and future applicants to the O.E.S. Home who qualify under the current admission rules of the O.E.S. Home.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences enter into a Contract Agreement with the Board of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, which includes the following:

- 1) For the Ladies who presently reside in the O.E.S. Home of Texas, to become residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.
- 2) For future applicants to the O.E.S. Home, who qualify to become residents under the current admission rules of the O.E.S. Home, to become residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.
- 3) These Eastern Star members are to receive the same status as the Texas Masonic Retirement Center residents sponsored by the Masonic Home and School.
- 4) The daily cost to Grand Chapter for each O.E.S. Lady shall be the same as is paid for the Texas Masonic Retirement residents sponsored 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 Benevolences will work closely with the Board at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center to assure the best possible care for our Ladies.

It is further proposed, that the remaining residents of the O.E.S. Home be transferred to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, on a space-available basis, as soon as the Texas Masonic Retirement Center can accept them.

### SUBMITTED BY:

Betty P. Benham Yvonne Brownfield Alma Carter Betty Y. Friend Kenneth Gregory Henry S. Martin Effie Mae Davis H. Lee Stallings Rennie Ofton Eunice Connell Katherine Harbour Virginia Lynn Green Glenn Whitaker Leland Benefield Harry Cunningham Billy H. Combest Alma Lynn Bane Joe E. Jeffers Lallah Mae Vollus Rosemary T. Swetland Garland Rattan Jane Gregory Katherine Poulis

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second for resolution 1. Do we have any discussion?

MRS. PEGGY SUE ALLEN: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Peggy Sue Allen. I'm Past Matron of Anahuac 649 -

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Just a moment.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: [inaudible]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry, Peggy. Would you just wait a moment. I recognize Brother Lee Stallings. That side is for the amendments. We need to have the mike on in the West corner.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Lee Stallings and I'm a Past Patron of Friendswood Chapter #1131. I'm the maker and speak in favor of this resolution.

Sisters and Brothers, there are and have been defining moments in each of our lives, as well as in the lives of our Grand Chapter. Some defining moments of this Grand Chapter have been when in 1922 at the 40th Grand Chapter Session, the membership of Texas approved the selection of a site for our OES Home. Another defining moment was October 22nd, 1923, when we broke ground on that Home. And another defining moment was April 25th, 1925, when we formally opened the Home. I personally believe that today is another one of those defining moments.

Just as those decisions made in 1922 have impacted our Order and what we do for almost 80 years, the decisions we make today will do the same thing for years to come. Sisters and Brothers, resolution 1 is not a resolution to close our Home no matter what you've heard. Rather, it is a motion or a resolution to move the ladies from our Home to the Masonic Retirement Center. If we are all perfectly honest with ourselves, I believe we would admit that each time we discuss the Home, we always put our ladies squarely in the middle of that discussion. The only clear way to make a decision regarding our Home and its future is for the Home to be vacated. Only then can we make the appropriate decisions and move forward with them.

My comments are not intended to tell anyone what to do or how they should vote, but they are intended to tell you my perspective of this issue. I want and encourage each of you to listen intently to what's being said on both sides and then make your own decision about the direction you want this Grand Chapter to go. Whatever the outcome, each of us must be willing to support both in terms of our [unintelligible] and our money the decisions made here today. But I do caution you one thing. Don't be swayed by emotion, any one individual, a small group of people, but base your decision on the reality of our current situation and the future both for our Home and for the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, so that you know, there will be a three-minute time frame on anybody speaking. Thank you, Brother Lee.

We're going to have a for and against. I recognize Peggy Sue Allen.

MRS. PEGGY SUE ALLEN: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Peggy Sue Allen, Past Matron from Anahuac 649, and a resident of the Eastern Star Home. It is with sad and heavy heart that I come here and give you my expressions and my feelings towards the Eastern Star Home. I have lived there since 1996, but ever since the late sixties or the early seventies, I desired to live in that Home because it was such a lovely place to be. I love it very, very much. I feel safe and secure there.

I feel that my Brothers and Sisters who are wanting to move us to the

retirement center are betraying us and revoking our contract with you because we did very gracefully and gratefully gave everything we owned to the Grand Chapter for them to take care of us in our Home, not somewhere else. Believe me, my interpretation of this is if the ladies are moved out of the Eastern Star Home to the Retirement Center, there is no more Home even though we've been told brick and mortar is not a home, it's where we are. But do you consider your home brick and mortar, or is Grand Chapter, since you're here, your home?

I know the ladies in the Retirement Center that's in the clinic are well taken care of -

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Peggy Sue, you've spoken three minutes. I'm sorry.

MRS. PEGGY SUE ALLEN: I'm sorry. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Love you!

I recognize Sister Betty Benham in the Southwest.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Betty Phillips Benham, Affiliated Past Matron of Amarillo Chapter #787. I am for this resolution. We've just heard from our precious Eastern Starlady in the Home and my Sisters and Brothers. I, too, have cried tears and I'm crying them today. Those of us who submitted the resolution now before Grand Chapter recognize that this is one of the most important decisions that we will ever decide in this Grand Jurisdiction. We all have the best interests of Grand Chapter at heart, and we are so supportive of it; others will oppose it.

We are all, regardless of which side of this issue we support, trying to do what is best for our ladies and for Grand Chapter. We would not have submitted this resolution if we did not have good reason to believe that we can get our ladies into the Masonic Retirement Home/Center in a very short time. Many rumors have been spread among our members, but they are, Sisters and Brothers, only rumors and should be recognized as such. We are dealing with a Masonic institution, our Brothers; and they are just as concerned about our welfare as we are. They want to help us, but, Sisters and Brothers, we must first help ourselves. There is Eastern Star Home care versus the Masonic Home care of ladies. There's a history of inadequate medical care at the Eastern Star Home. There has been gaps when there has been no LVNs, and one LVN I know that was hired would not drive patients to the doctor. She was even afraid to go upstairs to visit the residents —

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Betty, your three minutes are up. Thank you.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you.

MRS. LEONA RASCOE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Leona Rascoe Past Matron of Arlington Chapter 249. I worked in the Home many years before I became a member there, and I've been a member there and a half years, and I have been completely happy.

Our Home was built by the mothers and daughters and their families in the early 1920s -- of Eastern Star. They worked hard to do this. Thousands of ladies have

come through our Home and lived many, many years there and enjoyed their lives in complete comfort and happiness.

How many of you ladies today plan to come and live there some day? I hope there are many. Never, never give up coming there. There's no place on earth that's grander than this. We are a family, loving and praying together. Please, may God bless us now and always, and never close our Home. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Leona.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Yvonne I recognize.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I'm Yvonne Brownfield, Past Matron of Copperas Cove Chapter 1070. I think everyone who has faced this project, if you will, or the situation has many things on their heart, and one thing is security for the ladies. There's many types of security. Security can also mean peace of mind, secure in our environment, secure that meals are going to be prepared and served, secure in the comfort of air conditioning and heating. And there's such a thing as creature comforts. We must be comfortable in our own surroundings.

TMRC has uniformed security guards on the premises on the evening. I say guards. I beg your pardon. It's one. Our property has a fence and gates, but we still have unauthorized foot traffic. our property is in a neighborhood which is deteriorating. Many arrests occur for offenses from public drunkenness, assault, drug possession, DWI and other matters. TMRC has a professional staff with a zero tolerance of neglect of duties. Their pay is above minimum; thus, the standards are higher. They have field trips for the residents who so desire to participate and interaction with other residents and Sisters and Brothers.

Our Masonic Brothers honor their obligation and are ready to care for the wives  $\boldsymbol{-}$ 

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Yvonne, your three minutes are up. I recognize Billie Probst.

MRS. BILLIE PROBST: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Billie Probst. I'm a Past Matron of Edwin J. Keist Chapter 959 by affiliation, and I'm a Dual Member of Lubbock 76 in Lubbock, Texas. I am new at the Home. I have not been there long, but I have waited all my life to go into the Home. When I first joined the Eastern Star in 1950, I knew about the Home then and I haven't changed my mind. We live there. We have plenty of medical care. We have nurses on duty, all except on Sunday. We have prepared meals that are homestyle-cooked. We have security, and I don't feel a bit nervous about sleeping with my doors and windows open in that Home because I'm surrounded with my Sisters as if I were still in my mother's house. I urge you to defeat this.

You wouldn't want someone to say, "I want you out of this house," and you had to move even though you didn't want to. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I recognize Brother Henry Martin.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Henry

Martin, a Past Patron of Edwin J. Keist Chapter #959. My Sisters and Brothers, we know that the first priority of this Grand Chapter is the care of the ladies in our Eastern Star Home. However, others have spoken to various issues. There is a financial consideration that this Grand Chapter must look at. The budget from your Benevolent Board, printed in your September Bulletin, indicates that it will cost \$127 per day for each lady to provide the care.

At the Masonic Retirement Center the cost for that same care even better care – will be \$40 per day. Sisters and Brothers, if you do the arithmetic, that means a savings to this Grand Chapter in that budget that you read of over \$500,000 per year.

Sisters and Brothers, we have an excellent Masonic Home that has cared for 17 of our ladies in the infirmary in an excellent manner for a year. They and their families are extremely happy. The cost has been far less than the care at our Eastern Star Home. We are even receiving now at the end of this first year \$55,000 in refunds from the Masons. These Masons have offered to care for the remainder of our ladies in the same excellent manner.

And as a secondary issue, this Grand Chapter can save more than \$500,000 a year. I might add, Sisters and Brothers, that the Texas Masonic Retirement Center has room and space available for all 17 ladies who are presently residing in the Eastern Star Home.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Your three minutes is up.

I now recognize Sister Ann.

MRS. ANN FRICKE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ann Fricke from the Eastern Star Home in Arlington. I am a Past Matron of Troop Chapter 941, consolidated with University Chapter 1082. I want to read from Article G of the Constitution and Laws. "The purpose of this Home is to provide a comfortable home for members of the Order who are eligible, that they may spend their declining years in a home-like environment."

I want to appeal to all the membership of this great Order of the Eastern Star of which I have been a member for 70 years, do not pass this resolution. It will mean we will have to leave our Home, which we all love, and move. Our Home is worth saving. It may need a few repairs, but it is beautiful and our home. We get good care. We have good meals, three meals a day in our home. We want to live here for the declining years of our life.

Please do not pass this resolution. We want to enjoy a home-like environment as the Constitution and Laws in Article G states. Please do not pass this resolution. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Ann.

I recognize Joe Jeffers.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joe Jeffers, a Past Patron of Alvin Chapter #15 and Friendswood Chapter #131. Eleven years ago Harry Cunningham stood in the East in the Grand Chapter session and predicted what was going to be the situation of our Grand Chapter ten years hence, and we're now there, and he was right on the money. The membership continues to decline; the

costs continue to rise. If you put the pencil to the thing, we're not going to last very many more years, but that's beside the point.

I want to remind you what the first speaker brought to your attention when he came to this microphone. This resolution is not to close the Home. It's to move the ladies so we can make decisions about what to do with the Home. We can't afford to operate it as it is and as we are. I urge your support of resolution number 1. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you.

MRS. EDNA COWSERT: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Edna, I recognize you.

MRS. EDNA COWSERT: My name is Edna Cowsert, and I'm a Past Matron of Junction Chapter 497. Before I came into the Home, I went to a school in Burney when I was thinking of coming to the Home. Harry Cunningham was the Worthy Grand Patron at that time. I conversed with him and I said to him, "There are rumors that they're going to close the Home, and I plan to go there and I want to know."

He said, "Forget it. It won't happen." So I applied when I was 85 and I am now 95, and I have enjoyed every minute of my days there. Every minute, everything that I could do and help all the other people. So if the same amount of energy were spent in getting ladies to come to the Home, we wouldn't be having this problem. We need more residents to enjoy the wonderful life that we have in this wonderful Home that we love.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Edna.

I recognize Rosemary Swetland in the West.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Rosemary Swetland, Past Matron of Burke Chapter #1098. I'd like to make just a couple of comments, please. First, to those precious residents of the Eastern Star Home: Ladies, your Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons love you very dearly. Our goal is to provide the best care for each of you in your last days. We believe with all of our heart, looking at all of the matters presented -- financially and physically - that you will be better off, well taken care of, well fed, well clothed and, yes, well loved at the Texas Retirement Center.

Please, ladies, understand that our care is for you. Now, there has been a question with regard to the Endowment Fund. That is ours to take care of you, the ladies of our Home. That Endowment Fund will be kept in constant protection and care for your needs. We are here to take care of you. Please do not put a heart in that old building in Arlington, Texas. You are our hearts. We love and care for you, the ladies of that Home. We want to do the very best for you possible. This is what your proponents, the signers of this resolution, believe we can do better — the best of care for you whom we love — by moving you to the Texas Retirement Center so you can join those that have gone before you. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jimmie Lee McMahon, a Past Matron of Duncanville #1014. The pride and joy of the Grand Chapter of Texas are its residents of the Eastern Star Home and its beautiful Home.

We have promised our ladies to provide them with an atmosphere of dignity, kindness and love. This is our commitment. We have worked diligently for that purpose.

One of our beautiful Past Grand Matrons wrote, "Never forget our firm commitment to protect our ladies, our Home from harm. The future of our ladies depends on me and you. We must shelter them in our arms. This is a monumental effort of a caring membership of Texas. On April 11th, 1924, the cornerstone was laid and it says, "Eastern Star Home, erected to God and dedicated to fraternal service." The Home was completed and dedicated for that purpose. With the picture of what lies before us, with a war on our hands, the loss of our fortunes, the health of our families, we draw a sigh of relief in knowing that the Home is there with comfort and safety.

We must remember that because something is old, that does not mean it is useless. Age is a state of mind. The Alamo is old, but we love it, and it was the first Alamo Lodge #44 that was in its building. The State Capitol is old; the White House is old, and we have a lot of lodges that are over a hundred years old. But we don't tear down, we fix up because they are our pride and our joy. We repair our own home. The Home is our heartbeat. It is our ladies, and when you take our ladies out, what do you have? Let us continue with what we have. We have the faith to believe together we can accomplish everything. Let us believe what was set before us, that the past is there, they laid down the future, and we are the present, and we must plan for the future.

They state that there is space available in the Masonic Retirement Center, and they do a beautiful job of taking care of our ladies in the infirmary. At \$123 a day, \$715,000 is dedicated to that. If it's \$127 to keep our ladies in our own property, why should we not do that? We will have to pay for the gas, lights, water and taxes to continue with that property. And if they are not in that, why are we spending that money if we cannot leave them where we told them they would reside? Let us keep our Home, keep our dignity and let our ladies be happy. Thank you.

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Greta.

MRS. GRETA BANE HECKER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Greta Bane Hecker, Past Matron of Waco #7. I am a third generation Eastern Star. As a Rainbow Girl when I first visited our beautiful Home, I remember celebrations and Christmas parties. In the last 21 years since my first visit, the Home, due to its age, has deteriorated. I am the oldest of three daughters. Some day I may be needed to care for my mother. I would never place my mother in a facility where the roof leaks, mold grows in the walls, water runs from the faucet rusty. Never would I allow my dear mother to live where there are holes in the walls from past pipe repairs. Water stains the ceiling; the basement is flooded.

With the Texas heat I would never allow my mother to reside where air conditioning is undependable. These are the conditions where the ladies of our Home live. Would you allow your mother to live in these conditions?

I would like to reiterate what Sister Yvonne Brownfield stated. Masonic Brothers honor their obligation and stand ready to care for the ladies, daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, etc. This endeavor will also be a sound business decision that will grant the hope of financial security. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Are you for or against this resolution?

MRS. SUSAN SELZER: You decide when you hear what I've got to say.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No -

MRS. SUSAN SELZER: I'm for.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okav.

MRS. SUSAN SELZER: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Susan Selzer, a Past Matron of Alvin Chapter #15. From what I've heard about the Home, I think the ladies need to be moved down to the Masonic Home temporarily –

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Susan, you're speaking against it, and I now have to have a for. I apologize for calling on you at this time. We'll certainly address you for an against, if you'll wait just a moment.

Sister Sharon Fentress.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I want to speak in opposition to this resolution. You can remove our ladies from the Home and you can say that it's not closed, but I believe that if you move out of your home, it becomes a house. And I believe that our Home will become a building if we move our ladies out of it.

When you see the budget for the Grand Chapter benevolences, understand that that covers the expenses of keeping our ladies that are now residing in the clinic at the Masonic Retirement Center also. That is not the funds for taking care of our ladies who live in our Eastern Star Home only.

Also, I would tell you that all of the funds — every penny of the funds that are spent on our Eastern Star Home are designated funds for that purpose and could be used for no other purpose. We have not touched the general fund to prepare or to provide for our Home. All of the funds used, whether it be for the maintenance of the ladies, the maintenance of the building or any other item, have come from designated funds.

The ladies feel comfortable in our home. They have reiterated that to us numerous times. They feel safe. The doors are locked at night. They have a bell system that rings. They have not had a problem with anyone entering. They are comfortable with their conditions.

Yes, our air conditioner did go out, and it also is repairable. And, Sisters and Brothers, if it were not repairable, it's replaceable. You know, what we have to have is a commitment. Our forefathers and foremembers had a commitment to build this Home and to provide everything that we needed in it – our ladies needed in it. And it's all there.

And if you don't happen to appreciate the beauty of the antique, it is not to your liking. But there are many of us who appreciate the tradition and the beauty therein. And it is a beautiful home. I've stayed in that home. I'm not afraid of rusty water or anything I've encountered there. I love

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You have used your three minutes.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Alma Bane.

MRS. ALMA BANE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Alma Bane, a Past Matron of Waco Chapter #7. I call for the question. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All those that are in favor of the previous question, would you please stand. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. All those opposed.

I'm sorry. The motion does not pass.

VOICES: What?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I mean, it passed. We'll proceed with the vote.

Okay. Sisters and Brothers, would you listen very patiently and very calmly. Let me explain to you what we're doing here. We have had much discussion, for and against, for this resolution. The resolution is resolution 1. If you'll drop down and look at your ballots, it will be Ballot C. Be sure that you have your number two pencil. And when you mark your ballot, mark it in the square. Don't jiggle through it, don't X through it, do not check through it. Those that are for this resolution, you would vote yes. Those that oppose this resolution, you will vote no. Please do that at this time. It's Ballot C.

Would the Pages and Personal Pages pick up the ballot boxes and take them around, give anyone a pencil that needs it.

Would the Warders and Sentinels please secure the doors. Tell our Assistant Sentinels that those that are outside can come to the door to cast their ballots.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Worthy Grand Matron, there has been a question. May they pass the ballot boxes down the row?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: And please do not go out of the room with your ballot box. The Sentinels will ballot at the door, and any of the people who are working out in the area will come to the door where the Sentinel is to ballot. Do not go out of the room, please.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I declare the ballot open.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Richard Ochs.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron, I realize we're in the vote, but I am going to ask you about something. Worthy Grand Matron, with the instructions we received, we ended up at mikes, I think, that were beyond what was initially designated. And we need to make it very clear which mikes are going to be on, because, apparently, I misunderstood, too. Which are going to be on? At the Conductress and Associate Conductress?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: They're supposed to be, Richard, on at both

places. They were supposed to be the mike here and the mike back there for, on the South. They just swapped it. I'm sorry. Everybody that wound up against it, not for the motion, wound up back there. And the ones for were over here. Do you all want me to swap it so —

VOICES: No.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: I did not ask that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I know, but I'm asking.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: I wish to say – and you can cut me off, and I realize that at any time –

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No, no.

MR. **RICHARD OCHS:** But those Past Grands that were in favor were here at this Grand Sentinel. I was the first one at that mike over there, and when it was not being turned on or recognized, I went and got in line at the other location.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: I'm sorry, but I do believe it was mishandled in the sense of how. But please make it clear on resolution 2 when it does come up – and I will try to get up a little quicker, instead of yielding as a gentleman.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Richard, may I ask you a question? Would you help me with this? Are you going to be at the back so you can say yes?

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Yes, ma'am.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Would it be better if we had only one mike on both sides in place of two? All right. Thank you. Let's do that. We'll not have the mikes – from the Conductresses to the East, please turn those off and remove them. We'll now have mikes only in the West. Since already they've started for – the ones that were in opposition, that they're the ones that – well, just the opposite, I'm sorry.

Let's just leave it - the ones for opposition will be there. The ones -

VOICES: No.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** All right. We've started for over here and against over here. So we'll leave it there. We're going to remove these mikes, and you all can line up back there. I apologize, Richard, with all my heart.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. But that's what my good friends and Past Grand Matrons on this other side wanted to happen. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry. Sisters and Brothers, this is a very close and touching thing to our hearts. Please don't make it any worse than it is.

Is there anyone here that has not cast their ballot? Is there anyone that has come to the door, Assistant Grand Sentinels and Assistant Grand Warders, that has wanted to cast their ballot? All the ballots have been taken. I now declare the ballot closed –

VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We'll wait just a minute. If you want to cast your ballot, then you have it ready to turn in. Thank you.

MRS. ABIGAIL FREEMAN: I'm Abigail Freeman, Past Matron of New Boston Chapter #700. I move that we adopt the reports that were given last evening on the Humanitarian and Fraternal Correspondent.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. We have a motion and a second to adopt the reports that were given last night for Humanitarian and from the Fraternal Correspondent. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll Vote by the blue cards. For. Thank you. Those opposed. Motion carried. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

I now declare the ballot closed.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: We are taking a ballot, but we are continuing with legislation that does not pertain to this particular resolution. Now I know that you need a break, but we also need to move along. We're going to present the amendments which has nothing to do with this resolution. So please pay attention again because this is the legislation of this Grand Chapter, and we are going to proceed.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, are you ready?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Harry Cunningham.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Good morning, my Sisters and Brothers. If you have your advance annual report, refer to page 63, resolution number 2. Page 63, resolution number 2.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: We're not doing the resolutions now, are we?

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: I stand corrected. We're going to do amendment number 2 instead of resolution number 2.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron, since we've got a lull, I'm sorry the way I spoke to my fellow Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, I've created a problem, and I apologize to them publicly in front of the entire assembly.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I love you anyway, Richard. We accept your apology.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Sisters and Brothers, I promised you that we would not present an amendment that pertained to the resolutions – anything; and that is what we're going to do now. We're going to be very careful because we had another little bump in the road.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## AMENDMENT NO. 3

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Sisters and Brothers, listen closely so you know what you're going to be voting on in a minute. This is amendment number 3. You will find it in your advance report on page 84. It is a constitutional change, and it will require two years. In other words, we're voting on it for the first time. If it passes, then we will consider it next year for the final vote. It is on Article II, Section 3 of the constitution on page 35. It pertains to the payment of per capita to General Grand Chapter. Currently, our law provides for two cents per capita, if requested by General Grand Chapter, to be paid. A yes vote, the per capita rate would be the amount voted by General Grand Chapter to be paid annually. In the year 2000 General Grand Chapter did vote a ten-cent per capita annually with penalties if not paid or paid on time. To remain in good standing with General Grand Chapter, we have no choice but to pay the per capita which was voted.

Now, are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment? Remember, it is amendment number 3.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 3 reads as follows.]

## AMENDMENT NO. 3

WHEREAS to conform with legislation passed at the 2000 General Grand Chapter Assembly, we propose the following amendment to the Constitution,

ARTICLE 11. SECTION 3. (page 3 5)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

SECTION 3. SUPPORT OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER. This Grand Chapter agrees to make an annual assessment of two cents per capita for the support of the General Grand Chapter if requested by that body to do so.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 3. SUPPORT OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER. This Grand Chapter agrees to make an annual <u>per capita assessment fee</u> for the support of the General Grand Chapter <u>as</u> requested by that body to do so. <u>In the event of any indebtedness to the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter will lose representation at the General Grand Chapter Assembly.</u>

SUBMITTED BY:

Marjorie Errington Haynes Neva Mae Evans Cherry Lola Wallace Billie Wilk

Ivan Wallace Coweta N. Engel WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and a second in the support of amendment 3 for the assessment to be paid to General Grand Chapter for us to keep our representation at the General Grand Chapter assembly. Do I have any discussion?

Seeing none or hearing none, we will vote by the usual voting sign, with our blue cards. All those in favor of this amendment, please raise your cards. Thank you. Those opposed, please raise your card. The motion carried. Thank you.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## AMENDMENT NO. 4

 $\label{eq:mrs.mildred} \textbf{MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: } I \text{just thought I could go sit down, Worthy Grand Matron!}$ 

Now, Sisters and Brothers, you have adopted that amendment. We will consider amendment number 4. In the advance report, you will find it on page 85. This also requires two years to change the law. This is another one of the constitutional amendments that we will be voting on – we are voting on for the first time. Currently, representatives of 200 Chapters are required for a quorum. A yes vote to this proposed amendment, the quorum would be 25 percent of the Subordinate Chapters. We had 504 Chapters July 2001. That was our last count as a result of the annual reports received by the Grand Secretary. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment? [no response.]

[Amendment No. 4 reads as follows.]

## AMENDMENT NO. 4

WHEREAS, our number of Eastern Star Chapters is declining, and

WHEREAS, our Constitution states that a Quorum of two hundred (200) Chapters is required to constitute a Quorum.

WHEREAS, a Quorum of a Subordinate Chapter is 7 members of 18 officers (or approximately 25%), and

WHEREAS, failure to have two hundred (200) Chapters present at a Grand Chapter Session would not allow for the transaction of business.

We the undersigned respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution. (ARTICLE X, SECTION 4 (page 45)

### WHICH NOW READS:

## ARTICLE X, SECTION 4, QUORUM

Representatives or proxies regularly appointed, of <u>two hundred</u> Subordinate Chapters, together with either the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron,

Worthy Grand Patron, or Associate Grand Patron, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business provided, that for special sessions of Grand Chapter held to conduct funerals no quorum shall be required.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

#### ARTICLE X, SECTION 4 QUORUM

Representatives or proxies regularly appointed, of <u>twenty-five percent of the</u> Subordinate Chapters, together with either the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, or Associate Grand Patron, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided, that for special sessions of Grand Chapter held to conduct funerals no quorum shall be required.

#### SUBMITTED BY:

Alma Bane	Henry Martin	Kenneth Gregory
Yvonne Brownfield	Rennie Ofton	Jane Gregory
Effie Mae Davis	Betty P. Benham	Charles Morris
Betty Y. Friend	Rosemary Swetland	H. Lee Stallings

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we are voting on amendment 4, which would change our quorum for Subordinate Chapters percent to meet for Grand Chapter. Am I saying that wrong?

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Worthy Grand Matron, the proposition is in proper form. The Jurisprudence Committee finds it's in proper form and now ready for action.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It's in proper form and now ready for action. Do we have any questions on this amend ment?

We'll vote by the blue cards. All those in favor. For. Thank you. Those against. motion carried.

I recognize Sister Elise Hammack.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## AMENDMENT NO. 5

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Sisters and Brothers, I'm just the messenger!

This is on page 86 of your advance annual report. It deals with the constitution, Article B and C on pages 40-43. This is a substitution for our current law. This will also require two years to change this law. This is regarding combining the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences into one new board with the new title of Board of Directors. We will try to explain the major changes. The changes are in bold and underlined print. All other wording for both of the current boards has only been moved to fit under one new board. I know you may want more time than this, but you probably have all read this and are very familiar with it.

Currently, each of these two boards operate independently of each other, one seeing after the financial affairs of Grand Chapter and the other looking after the Home and other benevolent activities. Each board has five members. The proponents propose that the boards be combined, still with ten members. All ten would see to both the money and the benevolent work. There would be two members from each district just as there are now. No two members would be elected from the same district in any year, unless to fill an unexpired term. The officers would be Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. None of these officers could be from the same district. The first year the Chairman will be from one board, and the Vice Chairman from the other board. The office of Benevolent Board Treasurer is being deleted. The Chairman would only vote to break a tie. Oversight committees would be appointed to oversee specific areas, although all board members would still be responsible. Wording was added to include provisions for the Masonic Retirement Center.

A yes vote, Sisters and Brothers, would combine the two boards. A no vote, you would continue to operate with the two boards as we now know it.

Are there any questions regarding the formality or legality of this amendment? [No response.] They're smart, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 5 reads as follows.]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 5

WHEREAS, it is essential for our Grand Chapter to move forward and modernize the way we do business in a more efficient and business like manner; and

WHEREAS, with the move of the majority of our Eastern Star Home residents to the Masonic Retirement Center, our responsibilities and needs have changed; and

WHEREAS, our financial needs and the needs of our Benevolent projects are interrelated and work hand-in-hand; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that the two Boards currently responsible for our Financial affairs and Benevolent projects have a total understanding of the needs of each other; and

**WHEREAS**, it is felt that the only way to accomplish this is to combine the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences into <u>one</u> new Board, working together.

#### WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

The following <u>current</u> provisions of the Constitution and Code of Laws shall be <u>deleted</u> in their entirety and <u>substituted</u> with the <u>amended</u> provisions.

#### TO BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY:

#### CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE VII. BOARDS OF GRAND CHAPTER, COMPOSITION, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES. (pages 40 - 43)

#### B. BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION AND TENURE. There shall be a Board of Grand Trustees of the Grand Chapter <u>consisting of five members</u>, <u>one</u> from each of the five O.E.S. Districts of Texas, and holding office for a term of five years, respectively, <u>one</u> retiring and her or his successor's being elected each year. No elected member shall be eligible to succeed herself or himself as a member of said Board of Grand Trustees.

SECTION 2. BY WHOM ELECTED. Members of the Board of <u>Grand Trustees</u> shall be elected by Grand Chapter.

SECTION 3. OFFICERS. A Chairman <u>and such other officers as the Board</u> <u>may desire</u> shall be elected annually by the members of the Board immediately following the election of the member on said Board at that Session of Grand Chapter.

#### SECTION 4. DUTIES.

a. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** Said Board shall supervise all the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter, consider all requests for appropriations and report thereon, with their recommendations, to Grand Chapter, and shall have such other powers and prerogatives, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Constitution or by law consistent with this Constitution. A detailed report of all funds expended, including the Contingency Funds, shall be made to the Grand Chapter at each Session.

## b. O.E.S. HOME ENDOWMENT FUND, AND THE POWERS OF THE BOARD WITH REFERENCE THERETO:

- (1) The O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund shall consist of the present funds credited to that account on the records of the Grand Chapter and all bequests, devises, and donations of stocks, bonds, securities, liens on real and personal property, interest in both real and personal property, or any other property made specifically to said funds from any source.
- (2) The Principal of this O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund shall not be spent, but shall be kept invested under the supervision of the Board of <u>Grand Trustees</u>, in interest bearing securities, subject to the following limitations and restrictions.
- (a) In any Bank or Trust Company of Texas, on Commercial Time Deposit, provided that not more than \$100,000.00 shall be placed with any one Bank or Trust Company and provided, that such Bank and Trust Company shall have assets totaling \$100,000.00 or more.
  - (b) In United States Government or Agency Bonds.
- (c) In School Bonds, City, County or Municipal Bonds; all Bonds shall be rated not less than "A" by Moody/Standard & Poor.
- (d) In Time Certificates in any Savings and Loan Association or other Corporations that carry government insurance or security equal to that furnished to National Banks and in sums not to exceed the amount so insured.
  - (e) To invest in selected Stocks on the Dow Jones listing with the New York or

American Stock Exchanges, and/or Corporate Bonds, in an amount not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total Endowment Fund based on Market Value. Stocks should have a minimum average quality ranking of at least "A-" as defined by Standard and Poor or Value Line.

- (f) Each Bank, Trust Company, and Savings and Loan Association with which this fund is invested shall, in addition to its own responsibility, give such security for such investment as the Board of Grand <u>Trustees</u> of the Grand Chapter may require.
- (3) Endowment Fund Interest. No part of the O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund, except interest rising from investments thereof, shall be used for any purpose whatsoever, unless specifically authorized by this Grand Chapter. The Endowment Fund shall be invested and re-invested from time to time under the direct control and supervision of the Board of Grand <u>Trustees</u>, subject to the limitations set out in Paragraph (2) above.
- (4) The interest on the O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund, if needed, may be added to the O.E.S. Home Operational Fund only and appropriated by this Grand Chapter only for the maintenance of the O.E.S. Home. If not needed for that purpose, or if appropriated and not used in the year for which it was appropriated, such interest, or the unused portion, shall be added to the O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund and cannot thereafter be divested therefrom.
- c. TRUST AGREEMENT. The Board of Grand <u>Trustees</u> is hereby authorized to enter into a Trust Agreement with a Bank or Trust Company, for management of the O.E.S. Home Endowment Funds; to establish a fund to be operated and maintained exclusively as a "Pooled Income Fund" within the meaning of Section 642(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder; and to establish "Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust" within the meaning of Section 664(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder; and to establish "Charitable Remainder Unitrust" within the meaning of Section 664(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder, under said Board's supervision if, in their opinion, they think same to be advisable and feasible.

## C. BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

**SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION OF BENEVOLENCES.** The Benevolences of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the following:

- a. O.E.S. Home at Arlington
- b. Benevolent Fund
- c. Such other undertakings as shall, from time to time, be authorized by the Grand Chapter, provided that no new benevolent undertaking requiring special assessments upon Subordinate Chapters for its support shall ever be authorized by the Grand Chapter, except by amendment to this Constitution in the manner hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION OF BOARD, HOW ELECTED, AND TENURE. There shall be a <u>Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences</u> consisting of <u>five</u> members, <u>one</u> from each of the O.E.S. Districts of Texas, such members holding office for a term of five years, respectively, <u>one</u> retiring and her or his successor selected each year. Members of such Board shall be elected by Grand Chapter. No elected

member shall be eligible to succeed herself or himself as a member of the said <u>Board</u> of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

SECTION 3. OFFICERS. Said Board shall have such officers as may be prescribed by law, which officers shall be elected annually, immediately after Grand Chapter elections.

#### SECTION 4. DUTIES.

a. Benevolences. Said Board of <u>Grand Chapter Benevolences</u> shall have the management and control of the O.E.S. Home and of the administration of the Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund, and such other benevolent undertakings not assigned to some other administrative agency, subject to such rules, regulations and restrictions as may be provided in this Constitution or by law; and shall have such other powers and prerogatives and perform such other duties as may be provided by law, consistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws.

## b. Regulations Regarding O.E.S. Home and O.E.S. Home Fund.

- (1) Such Board of <u>Grand Chapter Benevolences</u> shall maintain and operate the O.E.S. Home and administer the funds appropriated by the Grand Chapter from time to time for its upkeep, support and maintenance; provided that no repairs or improvements to the property of the Home requiring an expenditure in excess of \$10,000.00 shall ever be made, except with the consent of the Grand Chapter, and the approval of an appropriation therefor by the Grand Chapter.
- (2) Said Board of <u>Grand Chapter Benevolences</u> is further empowered to make all necessary rules, other than those expressed in this Constitution or By-Laws for the government of the O.E.S. Home, the admission of members, the appointment and employment of Superintendents, Matrons and other necessary employees, and shall have the right to suspend or discharge the same; provided, applicants who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star in this Grand Jurisdiction shall have first consideration.
- (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 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.

### c. Regulations Regarding Benevolent Fund.

(1) Appropriations. The Grand Chapter shall annually make such appropriations out of its Benevolent Fund for the purpose for which it may be used as the needs may demand and the condition of such Benevolent Fund will permit.

- (2) How Administered. Such appropriations shall be administered by the Board of <u>Grand Chapter Benevolences</u> under such rules, regulations and restrictions as the Grand Chapter may prescribe; provided that the use of such funds shall be limited to the care of deserving and needy members of Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, and their orphans or dependent children.
- d. Annual Report and Recommendations. Said Board of <u>Grand Chapter Benevolences</u> shall make a detailed report to Grand Chapter of the affairs under its control, including a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements, and such recommendations as it deems essential to the welfare of the work committed to its care, <u>and shall, ninety days before the convening of Grand Chapter, submit to the Board of Grand Trustees of the Grand Chapter, for its consideration <u>and recommendation</u>, a proposed budget for the coming year, both for the O.E.S. Home and for the Benevolent Fund.</u>

## D. BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS Renumber FROM "D" TO "C"

TO BE SUBSTITUTED AND AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE VII. BOARDS OF GRAND CHAPTER, COMPOSITION, DUTIES, AND PREROGATIVES.

#### B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION AND TENURE. There shall be a Board of **Directors** of the Grand Chapter, **consisting of ten members**, **two** from each of the five O.E.S. Districts of Texas, and holding office for a term of five years, respectively, **two** retiring and her or his successor being elected each year. No elected member shall be eligible to succeed herself or himself as a member of said **Board of Directors**, No one District shall elect more than one member at a time, unless it would be necessary to fill an unexpired term.

SECTION 2. BY WHOM ELECTED. Members of the Board of <u>Directors</u> shall be elected by Grand Chapter.

#### SECTION 3. OFFICERS.

a. A Chairman, <u>Vice-Chairman</u>, <u>Secretary</u>, and such other officers as the Board may desire shall be elected annually by the members of the Board immediately following the election of the members on said Board at that Session of Grand Chapter. The first year, the Chairman shall be from one of the previous Boards, and the Vice-Chairman from the other previous Board. Thereafter, the Board may elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as they feel necessary. However, none of the three elected officers of the Board shall be from the same District.

b. The Chairman shall not vote on matters before the Board except to decide a question or break a tie.

SECTION 4. COMMITTEES. The Chairman shall, immediately after the election of officers, appoint Committees as defined in the Code of Laws, who shall have primary oversight in their area of responsibility.

#### SECTION 5. DUTIES.

a. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. Said Board shall supervise all the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter, consider all requests for appropriations and report thereon, with their recommendations, to Grand Chapter, and shall have such other powers and prerogatives, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Constitution or by law consistent with this Constitution. A detailed report of all funds expended, including the Contingency Funds, shall be made to the Grand Chapter at each Session.

## b. O.E.S. HOME ENDOWMENT FUND, AND THE POWERS OF THE BOARD WITH REFERENCE THERETO.

- (1) The O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund shall consist of the present funds credited to that account on the records of the Grand Chapter and all bequests, devises, and donations of stocks, bonds, securities, liens on real and personal property, interest in both real and personal property, or any other property made specifically to said funds from any source.
- (2) The Principal of this O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund shall not be spent, but shall be kept invested under the supervision of the Board of <u>Directors</u>, in interest bearing securities, subject to the following limitations and restrictions.
  - (a) In any Bank or Trust Company of Texas, on Commercial Time Deposit, provided that not more than \$100,000.00 shall be placed with any one Bank or Trust Company, and provided, that such Bank and Trust Company shall have assets totaling \$100,000.00 or more.
  - (b) In United States Government or Agency Bonds.
  - (c) In School Bonds, City, County or Municipal Bonds. All Bonds shall be rated not less than "A" by Moody/Standard & Poor.
  - (d) In Time Certificates in any Savings and Loan Association or other Corporations that carry government insurance or security equal to that furnished to National Banks and in sums not to exceed the amount so insured.
  - (e) To invest in selected Stocks on the Dow Jones listing with the New York or American Stock Exchanges, and/or Corporate Bonds, in an amount not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total Endowment Fund based on Market Value. Stocks should have a minimum average quality ranking of at least "A-" as defined by Standard and Poor or Value Line.
  - (f) Each Bank, Trust Company, and Savings and Loan Association with which this fund is invested shall, in addition to its own responsibility, give such security for such investment as the Board of <u>Directors</u> of the Grand Chapter may require.
- (3) Endowment Fund Interest. No part of the 0. E. S. Home Endowment Fund, except interest rising from investments thereof, shall be used for any purpose whatsoever, unless specifically authorized by this Grand Chapter. The Endowment Fund shall be invested and reinvested from time -to time under the direct control and supervision of the Board of <u>Directors</u>, subject to the limitations set out in Paragraph (2) above.

- (4) The interest on the O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund, if needed, may be added to the O.E.S. Home Operational Fund only and <u>as</u> appropriated by this Grand Chapter only for the maintenance of the O.E.S. Home. If not needed for that purpose, or if appropriated and not used in the year for which it was appropriated, such interest, or the unused portion, shall be added to the 0. E. S. Home Endowment fund and cannot thereafter be divested therefrom.
- (5) In the event of dissolution of the Eastern Star Home of Texas, the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, shall select one or more charitable organizations, and shall convey the assets remaining, if any, after payment of debts to such charitable organizations which qualify under I.R.S. Code Section 501 (c)(3). First preference shall be given to the Home for Aged Masons (Masonic Retirement Center) and/or the Masonic Home and School.
- c. TRUST AGREEMENT. The Board of <u>Directors</u> is hereby authorized to enter into a Trust Agreement with a Bank or Trust Company, for management of the O.E.S. Home Endowment Funds, to establish a fund to be operated and maintained exclusively as a "Pooled Income Fund" within the meaning of Section 642(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder, and to establish "Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust" within the meaning of Section 664(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder, and to establish "Charitable Remainder Unitrust" within the meaning of Section 664(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder, under said Board's supervision if, in their opinion, they think same to be advisable and feasible.
- d.  ${\bf BENEVOLENCES.}$  The Benevolences of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the following:
  - (1) The Eastern Star Home of Texas at Arlington.
  - (2) Benevolent Fund
- (3) Such other undertakings as shall, from time to time, be authorized by the Grand Chapter, provided that no new benevolent undertaking requiring special assessments upon Subordinate Chapters for support shall ever be authorized by the Grand Chapter, except by amendment to this Constitution in the manner hereinafter provided.
- (4) The **Board of Directors** shall have the management and control of the O.E.S. Home and of the administration of the Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund, and such other benevolent undertakings not assigned to some other administrative agency; subject to such rules, regulations and restrictions as may be provided in this Constitution or by law, and shall have such other powers and prerogatives and perform such other duties as may be provided by law, consistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws.
- e. Regulations Regarding O.E.S. Home and O.E.S. Home Fund. The Board of Directors shall maintain and operate, the O.E.S. Home, administer the appropriated funds, make the necessary rules for government and admission of members, and appoint and employ Superintendent/Administrators, and other necessary employees in accordance with the rules set forth in the Constitution and Code of Laws. Only persons of the following classes shall be admitted:

- (1) No person shall be eligible to admission to said Home except 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 <u>Directors</u>,
- (2) <u>If Constitutional Amendment No. 1 passes on the second reading,</u> it will be placed here.)

## f. Regulations Regarding Benevolent Fund.

- (1) Appropriations. The Grand Chapter shall annually make such appropriations out of its Benevolent Fund for the purpose for which it may be used as the needs may demand and the condition of such Benevolent Fund will permit.
- (2) How Administered. Such appropriations shall be administered by the Board of <u>Directors</u>, under such rules, regulations and restrictions as the Grand Chapter may prescribe; provided that the use of such funds shall be limited to the care of deserving and needy members of Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, and their orphans or dependent children.
- g. Annual Report and Recommendations. The Board of <u>Directors</u> shall make a detailed report to Grand Chapter of the <u>Benevolences</u> under its control, including a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements, and such recommendations as it deem essential to the welfare of the work committed to its care. This Board shall submit a proposed <u>Benevolent</u> budget for the coming year, including the O.E.S. Home, the Benevolent Fund, and <u>the care of the O.E.S. residents in the Masonic Retirement Center.</u>
  - C. BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS.
    NO CHANGE EXCEPT TO BE RENUMBER FROM "D" TO "C".

#### SUBMITTED BY:

Joe. E. Jeffers Henry S. Martin H. Lee Stallings Lallah Mae Vollus Alma Carter Rosemary T. Swetland Yvonne Brownfield Wanda Fairchild Molly Goodpasture Kenneth R. Gregory Rennie Ofton Alma Lynn Bane Effie Mae Davis Betty P. Benham Jane Gregory Betty Friend Lena Maye Cook Charles Morris

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, they find this in proper order. A yes vote would combine the two boards. A no board would continue to operate with two boards as they are serving now. Are there any questions? We'll have the Chapter Representatives vote first with their green cards. All in favor, for – I'm sorry. We don't have to vote Chapter Representatives.

Everybody with your blue cards. For, raise them. Those opposed, we'd continue to operate as two. All those opposed. Motion carried.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## AMENDMENT NO. 6

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: We move on to amendment number 6, advance report, page 93, Constitution, Article 10, pages 44-45. This is regarding changing the time of Grand Chapter Session from October to August, commencing in 2005. It is also a constitutional amendment and will require two years to be adopted.

Currently, Grand Chapter sessions are held on the fourth Thursday in October. The fiscal year ends on October 31st. A yes vote, Grand Chapter sessions would be held on the first Thursday in August; the fiscal year would end on August 31st. This would not start until the current lady Line Officers have had their sessions. It would begin with the lady elected as Associate Grand Conductress on Saturday. A no vote, Grand Chapter would continue to be in October. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 6 reads as follows.)

## AMENDMENT NO. 6

WHEREAS, our Subordinate and Grand Chapter installations are months apart; and instructions from Worthy Grand Matrons are received months after Subordinate Chapter installations, and that within the whole of General Grand Chapter sixteen states meet in October, and three in August.

This change will allow our Subordinate Chapter Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and other officers to comply with one set of interpretations and work more closely with their Grand Chapter leader.

The following amendments are proposed to the CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE X, Grand Chapter Sessions and Matters Related Thereto. (p. 44 - 45)

### WHICH NOW READS:

SECTION 1. STATED SESSIONS. The Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided, shall meet in one Stated Session each year, the Ceremonial opening beginning at 1:00 o'clock P.M., on the <u>fourth Thursday in October</u>, at such place as the Grand Chapter may select.

## BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 1. STATED SESSIONS. The Grand Chapter, except as hereinafter provided, shall meet in one Stated Session each year, the Ceremonial opening beginning at 1:00 o'clock P.M., on the <u>first Thursday in August</u>, at such place as the Grand Chapter may select <u>COMMENCING</u> with the 2005 Session.

#### WHICH NOW READS:

SECTION 3. FISCAL YEAR. The Fiscal Year of Grand Chapter shall consist of

twelve (12) months, beginning <u>November first and closing the following October thirty-first</u> of each year, regardless of the time of Grand Chapter Session.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 3. FISCAL YEAR. The Fiscal Year of Grand Chapter shall consist of twelve (12) months, beginning **September first and closing the following August thirty-first** of each year, regardless of the time of Grand Chapter Session commencing with 2005 Session.

#### SUBMITTED BY:

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Tom Everitt Maxine Nance Mary Nell Ramsey Elmo Rose Alma Lynn Bane Rennie Ofton Effie Mae Davis Jane Gregory Charles Morris Betty P. Benham Kenneth Gregory Billy Combest Grace Stovall Marjorie Errington Haynes Buddy Baker Jo Ann Snow Harold Trammell

Jimmie Lee McMahon Leah Hayes Robert Brownfield Howard Porter Lena Maye Cook Lallah Mae Vollus Vernice Baker Betty Friend Beulah Speer Yvonne Brownfield Jaine McGinty Doris Fena Sue Meadows Dorothy Kinsinger Raul Garcia Betty Prater Doris J. Hester Patsy Washington

Nelson Campbell Billie Wilk Frances Burbank Stephen Ireland Bettie Porter Coweta, Engel Jan Haag H. Lee Stallings Diane Davidson Pat Turner Fran Norrick Hazel Nesmith Sydney Nesmith Cliff Teer Dorothy Prestwick **Betty Carter** Ann Kelly

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, this is regarding changes for our Grand Chapter session from October to August, commencing 2005. It is a constitutional amendment and requires two years to be adopted. Currently, our Grand Chapter sessions are held on the fourth Thursday in October; the fiscal year ends on October 31st. A yes vote, Grand Chapter sessions would be held on the first Thursday in August; the fiscal year would end on August 31st. This would not start until the current lady Line Officers have had their sessions. It would begin with the lady elected as Associate Grand Conductress on Saturday. A no vote, Grand Chapter would continue to be in October. Are there any questions?

Hearing none, we will vote with our cards. All in favor, for. Thank you. All those opposed. Motion carried.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## AMENDMENTS NOS. 7, 8 and 9

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Sisters and Brothers, in your advance report, please refer to pages 94, 95 and 96. Amendments 7, 8 and 9, and all the rest of these amendments are to the Code of Laws, and if passed will become effective immediately at the close of this Grand Chapter session. Article 17, page 58, Article 149, page 104

and Article 256, page 156. We recommend combining amendments number 7, 8 and 9 to save time. All three of these are regarding removing the word "standing" from the committees of Grand Chapter. If one article is changed, all three must be changed. If one is defeated, all three must be defeated. If there is no objection, we will proceed in this manner.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we're combining amendments 7, 8 and 9 to save time. All three are regarding removing the word "standing" from the committees of Grand Chapter. If one article is changed, all three must be changed. If one is defeated, all three must be defeated. If there's no objection, we'll proceed in this manner.

I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? We'll vote by the usual voting sign with our cards. All for. Thank you. All against. Motion carried.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. First, there is a typo error in amendment number 8 on page 95. The last full line of the page, please delete the word "standing." Do you see that at the bottom of page 95? It says "the Respective Standing Committee named." Please remove "standing." This should read "under the Respective Committee named."

Currently, Committees referred to in the Code of Laws are known as Standing Committees of Grand Chapter. Other Committees are Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. A yes vote would delete the word "standing," and these Committees would be known as Committees of Grand Chapter and Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. The proponents state this would simplify introductions. Amen! A no vote, these would continue to be called Standing Committees of Grand Chapter and Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of these amendments?

[Amendments Nos. 7, 8 and 9 read as follows.]

## AMENDMENT NO. 7

WHEREAS, the membership does not fully understand the usage of the Introduction Category of "Standing Committees of Grand Chapter".

WHEREAS, the delineation of the categories of "Standing Committees of Grand Chapter" and "Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron" is cumbersome, and

WHEREAS, simplification of the introduction process is desired.

We, the undersigned, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Code of Laws, Chapter 4, Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers. A. Worthy Grand Matron, Article 17. Appoint Committees. (p. 58)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 17. APPOINT COMMITTEES. After her installation and before the close of the Annual Session, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the members of the following <u>Standing Committees of Grand Chapter</u> and Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron in number and for terms as indicated to-wit:

u. Such other <u>Standing Committees of Grand Chapter</u> in such number, for such purpose and for such terms, as may have been authorized by Grand Chapter. The total number of appointees for Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session, Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements, such other <u>Standing Committees of Grand Chapter</u> in such number, for such purpose and for such terms, as may have been authorized by Grand Chapter.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 17. APPOINT COMMITTEES. After her installation and before the close of the Annual Session, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the members of the following <u>Committees of Grand Chapter</u> and Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron in number and for terms as indicated to-wit:

u. Such other <u>Committees of Grand Chapter</u> in such number, for such purpose and for such terms, as may have been authorized by Grand Chapter. The total number of appointees for Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session, Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements, such other <u>Committees of Grand Chapter</u> in such number, for such purpose and for such terms as may have been authorized by Grand Chapter.

#### SUBMITTED BY:

Alma Bane Henry Martin Kenneth R. Gregory
Jane Gregory Effie Mae Davis Rennie Ofton
Betty P. Benham Charles Morris Rosemary Swetland
H. Lee Stallings

#### AMENDMENT NO. 8

WHEREAS the membership does not fully understand the usage of the introduction Category of "Standing Committees of Grand Chapter."

WHEREAS the delineation of the categories of "Standing Committees of Grand Chapter" and "Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron" is cumbersome, and

WHEREAS, simplification of the introduction process is desired.

We the undersigned respectfully propose the following amendment to the Code of Laws, Chapter 10, Standing Committees of Grand Chapter (p. 104).

#### WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 149. WHO ELIGIBLE. Any member of the Grand Chapter not specifically prohibited by the Constitution or laws governing Grand Chapter shall be eligible to appointment on any **Standing Committee of Grand Chapter.** 

ARTICLE 150. DUTIES. The <u>Standing Committees of Grand Chapter</u> shall perform such duties as may be designated by Grand Chapter from time to time, including those hereinafter specifically set forth under the <u>Respective Standing Committees</u> named.

ARTICLE 151. MILEAGE. Members of Standing Committees of Grand

Chapter shall not be entitled to mileage to Grand Chapter.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 149. WHO ELIGIBLE. Any member of the Grand Chapter not specifically prohibited by the Constitution or laws governing Grand Chapter shall be eligible to appointment on any <u>Standing Committee of Grand Chapter</u>.

ARTICLE 150. DUTIES. The <u>Standing Committees of Grand Chapter</u> shall perform such duties as may be designated by Grand Chapter from time to time, including those hereinafter specifically set forth under <u>the Respective Standing Committee</u> named.

ARTICLE 15 1. MILEAGE. Members of <u>Standing Committees of Grand Chapter</u> shall not be entitled to mileage to Grand Chapter.

### SUBMITTED BY:

Alma Bane	Henry Martin	Yvonne Brownfield
Kenneth R. Gregory	Jane Gregory	Effie Mae Davis
Rennie Ofton	Betty P. Benham	Charles Morris
Rosemary T. Swetland	Betty Friend	H. Lee Stallings

## AMENDMENT NO. 9

WHEREAS the membership does not fully understand the usage of the introduction category of "Standing Committees of Grand Chapter."

WHEREAS the delineation of the categories of "Standing Committees of Grand Chapter" and "Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron" is cumbersome, and

WHEREAS simplification of the introduction process is desired.

We the undersigned respectfully propose the following amendment to the Code of Laws, Chapter 10, OPENING OF A CHAPTER. Article 256. Introductions (p. 165-166).

#### WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 256. INTRODUCTIONS.

f. All Deputies of Grand Chapter, <u>all Standing Committees of Grand Chapter</u> and all Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron may be presented back of Esther's Station. They shall be presented in the following order:

## (2) All Standing Committees of Grand Chapter,

- (a) Fraternal Correspondent
- (b) Remaining <u>Standing Committees</u> (No rank in balance of committees.)

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

- ARTICLE 256, INTRODUCTIONS.

f. All Deputies of Grand Chapter, all <u>Committees of Grand Chapter</u> and all Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron may be presented back of Esther's Station. They shall be presented in the following order:

## (2) All Committees of Grand Chapter

- (a) Fraternal Correspondent
- (b) Remaining **Committees** (No rank in balance of committees)

## SUBMITTED BY:

Alma Bane Henry Martin Kenneth R. Gregory
Jane Gregory Effie Mae Davis Rennie Ofton
Betty P. Benham Rosemary T. Swetland H. Lee Stallings
Betty Friend

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second. All in favor, raise your blue cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

Sisters and Brothers, I know you're getting really nervous about the time, but we're going to continue on with our business until we get the election. We can't break for lunch until we get the results. Is that all right with you? We're just going to continue on with the amendments.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

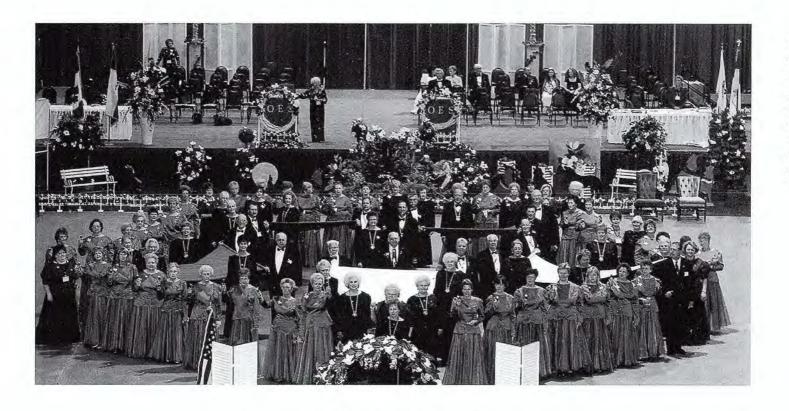
## AMENDMENT NO. 10

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Now, Sisters and Brothers, we will keep reminding you from time to time that we, the Jurisprudence Committee, are only the messengers.

Let's consider amendment number 10. You will find it in the advance report on page 97. It is Article 256 in your Constitution and Code of Laws on pages 165 and 166. Now, this amendment pertains to the order in which introductions will be made in the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. Let me insert right here that you have passed amendments number 7, 8 and 9, and the word "standing" will be deleted in subparagraph G of this proposed law.

Currently, special appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron will be introduced as she directs during her three-year term. If adopted, these introductions would not be changed every three years. Texas law would be specific to introduce the special appointments of General Grand Chapter after the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, if entitled to be presented at the altar. All other special appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron would be introduced after the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards and before the Grand Representatives.

The proponents state, "We should not be subject to the Most Worthy Grand Matron's changes every three years." A yes vote will specify the way introductions will be done in Texas law. A no vote will allow each Most Worthy Grand Matron to make changes in introductions every three years. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?



OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER "FROM HIS LIGHT" Drill by Grand Officers, Boards and Pages



Naomi Wolfe **Worthy Grand Matron** 



Jimmie Lee McMahon **Associate Grand Matron** Harold C. McMahon, Escort



Buddy Duane Baker Worthy Grand Patron Belinda Summers, Escort



**Harold Trammell Associate Grand Patron** Lucia Trammell, Escort



Marjorie Errington Haynes Grand Secretary Larry Bigham, Escort



Sharon Fentress Grand Conductress James Fentress, Escort



Betty Prater Grand Treasurer James Stewart, Escort



Doris Hester Associate Grand Conductress Johnny Hester, Escort



Nannette Gwaltney Grand Chaplain George Gwaltney, Escort



Laura Sharp Richard Sharp, Escort



Marilynn M. Lee Grand Organist Bryan Lee, Escort



Lorrie Faith Owens Grand Adah Charles Mortris, Escort



Joyce Martin Grand Ruth Bob Steele, Escort



Judy Baker Grand Esther Vernon Fowler, Escort



Juanita Gregory Grand Martha Kenneth Gregory, Escort



Mildred Love Grand Electa Robert "Bobby" Love, Escort



Fran Johnson Grand Warder Richard Ochs, Escort



Marjorie Faircloth Fraternal Correspondent Stephen Orlando, Escort



Blain Koenning Grand Sentinel Dena Koenning, Escort



Edna Goettee Grand Chapter Mom Preston Haynes, Escort



NAOMI'S INSTALLATION Doug, Pattie, Chris and Megan.



MEMORIAL PROGRAM L/R: Buddy "Duane" Baker, WGP, Nannette Gwaltney, Grand Chaplain, Naomi Wolfe, WGM.





Elza Smith, Nova Guynn and Beverly Smith



Doris Hester, Nova Guynn, Mary Nan Anderson and Sharon Fentress.



Doris Hester, Judy Baker and Sharon Fentress.



INTRODUCTIONS L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester; Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and a Past Grand



INTRODUCTIONS

General Grand Chapter Committees: L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester: Granville Busey, Ritual Committee, Grand Teasurer and Past Grand Patron of Tennessee; Joe Stroud, Registration Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Teasurer. Granville Grand Gr



INTRODUCTIONS

L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester; Jacob Aucoin, Worthy Grand Patron of Mississippi; Sandra Calhoun, Worthy Grand Matron of Mississippi; Virginia Jenkins, Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana; Pat Brothers, Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas, Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress.



INTRODUCTIONS

L-R: Associate Grand Conductrees, Doris Heater; Haskell Clark, Personal Aid to Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Tennessee; Julio L. Morales, Ambassador for Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Peggy Caldwell, Past Grand Matron of Virginia; Elizabeth Bordeaux, Past Grand Matron of Vermont; Bonnie Poindester, Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary of Tennessee; Jean R. Love, Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary of Tennessee; Jean R. Love, Past Grand Matron of Maryland; Sharon Fentrees, Grand Conductress.



INTRODUCTIONS

L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester; Past Grand Patrons of Texas- H. Lee Stallings, Henry Martin, Billy Combest, Charles Morris, Leland G. Benefield, Garland Rattan, 0. D. Christian. Past Grand Matrons of Rexas-Betty Y. Friend, Alma Lyan Bane, Yvonne Brownfield, Alma Carter, Rosemary Swetland, Virginia Lyan Green, Jane Gregory, Effic Mac Davis, Betty F. Benbam, Beulah Speer, Elise Hammack, Mary Brown, Joyce Roberts, Patricia Major Neinast, Mildred Sharpe, Molly Goodpasture, Lallah Mae Vollus; Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress.



#### INTRODUCTIONS

L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester; Installed Grand Officers of Other Jurisdictions: Virginia - E. A. Viereck, Jr., Associate Grand Patron; Rhonda B. King, Associate Grand Matron; New Hampshire - Estelle "Dusty" Decatur, Grand Electa; Mississippi-Maric Cagle, Elected Trustee-OES Relief Fund; Nina Aucion, Grand Martha, Jackie M. Massey, Grand Esther; Wanda McCulloch, Grand Ruth; Betty Shirley, Grand Adah; Boots Owens, Grand Organist; Helen Wright, Grand Chaplain; Clarence E. Tipton, Grand Sentinel; Louisiana - Jane Wiggins, Grand Electa; Darlene Lennard, Grand Ruth; Linda Shaw, Grand Adah; Audrey L. Barker, Associate Grand Conductress; James Pemeaux, Associate Grand Patron; Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress.



#### INTRODUCTIONS

L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester; Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron: Dan Hill, Personal Aide to Most Worthy Grand Patron; Barbara Hill, Angels in Disguise; Mary Horton Beach, Angels in Disguise; Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress.



#### INTRODUCTIONS

L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester; Committee Appointments of Other Jurisdictions; West Virginia - John Coffee, Distinguished Guests Reception; Margie Coffee, Special Sister of the Evergreen Family. Mississippi - Alice Tipton-Page to Grand Sentinel; Naomi Lewis, Grand Choir Director; Jo Ann Herrin, Chairman ESTARL; Peggy Randall, Page to Grand Chapter Mom; Nettie Ponder, Grand Chapter Mom. Louisiana - Norma Lee, Sessions, General Banquet; Eleanor Wentworth, Personal Page to the Worthy Grand Matron; Helen Wallace, Page to Worthy Grand Matron; Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress.



INTRODUCTIONS

L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester: Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron to Mexico and Central America; Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron to Mexico; Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress.



#### INTRODUCTIONS

L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester; Grand Representative of Other Jurisdictions in Texas: Larry Bigham, Wyoming; Margie Daniel Curry, Wisconsin; Helen Reynolds, West Virginis; Betty Capps Martin, Virginis; David Oullette, Vermont; Trey Smith, Utah; Patricia Stallings, Tennessee; Helen Fugua, South Dakota; Gladys Carroll Knight, Saskatchewan; Betty Jones, Rhode Island; Opal Martin, Quebec; "Chet" Pitts, Oregon; JoAnn Baker, Oklahoma; Edith Marshall, Ohio; Christolene Dickson, Nova Scotia and Price Edward Island; Bill Bane, North Dakota; Gene Lowe, New York; Patsy Wilson, New Hampshire; Mickey Brown, Nevadac, Christine Armstrong, Nebraska; Hank Knepp, Montana; Doris Huckabee, Missouri; Ruby Casto, Mississippi; Sigourney Pate, Minnesota; Beulah Warner, Massachusetts; Nova Guynn, Maryland; Robert Wolfe, Manitoba; Nancy Hale, Manier, Karen Wright, Louisiana; Opal Smith, Kentucky; Joyce Ball, Iowa; Rowene Glee, Indiana; Dorothy Nicholson, Illinois; Mary Nan Anderson, Georgia; Betty Steele, Florida; Aggie Smith, Delaware; Doris Wyont, Connecticut; Billie Branch, Colorado; Sarah Valkus Coursey, California; Lee Ellis, British Columbia & Yukon; Donny Broughton, Australia; Jessie Freeman, Arkansas; Judith K. Goldman, Arizona; Charles R. Snow, Alberta.



#### INTRODUCTIONS

L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester; R. W. David B. Dibrell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.& A.M.; Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress.



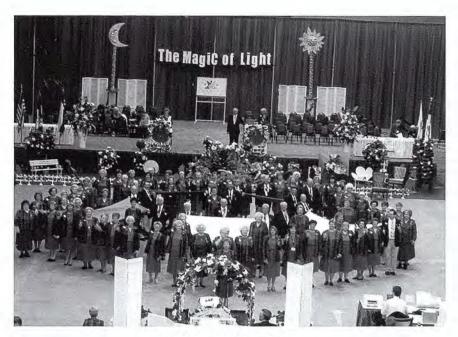
#### INTRODUCTIONS

L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester; Leaders of Appendent Bodies: Don McCarver, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M.; Mike Nanny, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M.; Tom Turner, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas; Sharon Fentress, Grand Conductress.



#### INTRODUCTIONS

L-R: Associate Grand Conductress, Doris Hester; Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations: Donna Warren, Jurisdictional Guardian/Supreme Deputy, International Order of Job's Daughters; Sarah Sartin, Jurisdictional Senior Princess, International Order of Job's Daughters; Iffinay Thornton, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas-International Order of Rainbow for Girls: Marlene Dibrell. Supreme Deputy, International Order of Rainbow of Girls; Sharon Fentress, Grand



FROM HIS LIGHT DRILL GRAND OFFICERS AND PAGES



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EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE: L/R - Naomi Wolfe, WGM; Sylvia Garcia, Dist. V; Betty Scott, Dist. I; Frances Burbank, Vice Chairman, Board of Grand Trustees; Diane Davidson, General Chairman, Dist. III; Buddy Duane Baker, WGP.



LANTERNS OF FAITH COMMITTEE: L/R - Naomi Wolfe, WGM; J.C. Gilmore, Ed Warner, Jerry Martin, Charles W. Baine, General Chairman; Buddy Duane Baker, WGP.



SPRING FLING COMMITTEE: L/R - Naomi Wolfe, WGM; Pam Lakey, Charlotte Beall, Laura Geyer, Co-Chairman; Jeff Geyer, Chairman; Buddy Duane Baker, WGP.



BULLETIN COMMITTEE: L/R – Naomi Wolfe, WGM; Ola Mae Davis, General Chairman; Mary Calvert, Chairman, Dist. I; Buddy Duane Baker, WGP.



OES HOME SUPERINTENDENT: L/R - Naomi Wolfe, WGM; Frances Kito, Superintendent of OES Home; Buddy Duane Baker, WGP.



CANDLE LIGHTERS COMMITTEE: L/R - Naomi Wolfe, WGM; Andrew Scott, Dist. I; John Clark, Dist. V; Wayne Gattis, Dist. I; General Co-Chairman; Tom Warner, Dist. IV, General Chairman; Buddy Duane Baker, WGP.



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TEXAS CARDINALS, OFFICERS



SECRETARY TO GRAND LINE OFFICERS AND BOARDS L/R: Naomi Wolfe, WGM; Betty Carter, WGM; Carolyn L. Bell, AGM; Imma Ceat Alexander, AGP; Wanda Faye Gilmore, Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences; Belinda Summers, WGP and Buddy Duane Baker, WGP.



MUSEUM COMMITTEE: L/R - Naomi Wolfe, WGM; Martha Grissom, Dist. III; Velmma White, Dist. I; Marijo King, Dist. III; Cathy A. Edison, Dist. V; Buddy Duane Baker, WGP.



Naomi Wolfe, WGM and Buddy Duane Baker, WGP, at General Banquet.



Naomi Wolfe, WGM; Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and Buddy Duane Baker, WGP, at Reception for Distinguished Guest.



Out of State Distinguished Guest at Reception: Joye Denny, ESTARL Committee and PGM of Louisiana; Jacob Aucoin, WGP, Mississippi and his lovely wife; Dr. Geraldine Roberts, Cancer Committee and PGM of Mississippi; Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and PGM of Texas; Sandra Calhoun, WGM of Mississippi and Virginia Jenkins, WGM of Louisiana.



Hostess for Distinguished Guest Reception: Abigail Freeman, Susan Bigham, Edna Jefferies, Mary Brown and Benita Bassett.



Grand Officers Banquet: L/R – Bob White, Naomi Wolfe, WGM; Richard Sharp, Laura Sharp, Buddy Baker, WGP; Judy Baker, and Juanita Gregory.



DEPUTIES LUNCHEON: L/R - Naomi Wolfe, WGM; Edna Jefferies, Buddy Duane Baker, WGP; Judy Baker, Betty Carter, Ali Freeman, Susan Bigham, Mary Brown, and Benita Bassett.



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2001 - 2002 L/R - Doris Hester, Grand Conductress; Jimmie Lee McMahon, Worthy Grand Matron; Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Matron; and Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Conductress.



Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron cheeks out part of the decorations in the Grand East. That wolf looks real.





Happy smiles as the now Junior Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron receive welcome home from their spouses.



Laura Sharp, Grand Marshal walks proud as she presents the flag of our country.



Mrs. Leona Huffines and the late Paul Huffines, Past Grand Patron of Texas, presented this Vase to the International Temple in honor of Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

EMBLEM PRESENTATION - INSTALLATION - OCTOBER 7, 2000



ALMA CARTER PGM & RICHARD OCHS, PGP, STATION OF ADAH



YVONNE BROWNFIELD, PGM & KENNETH GREGORY, PGP, STATION OF RUTH



ALMA BANE PGM & HENRY MARTIN, PGP, STATION OF ESTHER



MOLLY GOODPASTURE, PGM & GLENN WHITAKER, PGP, STATION OF MARTHA



BEULAH SPEER, PGM & WAYNE JONES, PGP, STATION OF ELECTA



INSTALLATION OCTOBER 7, 2000 NAOMI WOLFE, WORTHY GRAND MATRON



INSTALLATION OCTOBER 7, 2000 BUDDY "DUANE" BAKER, WORTHY GRAND PATRON



GRAND OFFICER'S BANQUET L/R: Marjorie Haynes, Betty Prater, Lorrie Owens, Jerry Owens, George Gwaltney, Nannette Gwaltney, Marjorie Faircloth, Kenneth Gregory.



L/R - 1st Row: Doris Hester, Johnny Hester, Sharon Fentress, Cheryl Albrecht, 2nd Row: Harold "Mac" McMahon, Jimmie Lee McMahon, Lucia Trammell, Harold Trammell.



L/R – 1st Row: Marilyn Lee, Blaining Koenning, Fran Johnson, 2nd Row: Joyce Martin, Esther Haynes, Preston Haynes, Edna Goettee, Mildred Love.



GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S BREAKFAST

L/R: Frances Atkinson, Dorothy Nicholson, Helen Fuqua, Marjorie Faircloth, Robert "Bob" Wolfe, Naomi Wolfe, WGM, Shirley Meerscheidt, Buddy "Duane" Baker, WGP, Fleeta Fannett, Dorothy Cleveland, Gail Smith, Marilyn Knowlton.



DEPUTIES LUNCHEON

L/R 1st row: Buddy Baker, WGP, Naomi Wolfe, WGM, Smitty Jones, Marie Adamson, Rita Mars, 2nd Row: Sandra Perdue, Grand Examiner-at-Large, Ethel Powell, Lavell Ford, Leta Glass, Abi Freeman, DDGM, Patti Hicks, Mary Tomlinson, Joyce Gilbert, Grand Examiner, District I.



L/R 1st row: Joyce Scott, June Hukill, Naomi Wolfe, WGM, Buddy Baker, WGP; L/R 2nd row: Kimi Kidd, Grand Examiner, Dist. II; Betty Carter, Traveling Sec.; Bettie Craig, Anna Wright, Debra Ford, Susan Bigan, DDGM, Dist. II; Cindy Nichols, Janet Stephens, Mae Naylor.



L/R 1st row: Buddy Baker, WGP, Naomi Wolfe, WGM, Odessa "Dee" Blue, Mary Dutton, Lyndel Campbell. 2nd row standing: Jettie Ferren, Greta Hecker, Edna Jefferies, DDGM, District III, Nancy Brown, Grand Examiner, District III.



L/R 1st row: Buddy Baker, WGP, Mary Brown, DDGM, Dist. IV, Jeanette Cooper, Linda Henderson, Janice Stinson, Jean Crosby, Naomi Wolfe, WGM. L/R 2nd row: Vi Griffin, Grand Examiner, Dist. IV; Irene Dickens, Melanie Rayner, Regina Garner, Iris Strong, Suellen Abbott, Betty Carter, Traveling Secretary.



L/R 1st row: Doris Nell Urbaneck, Shirley Hainline, Vivian Kight, Charlotte Dana, Naomi Wolfe, WGM, Buddy Baker, WGP. L/R 2nd row: Mary Frances Caid, Patricia Spivey, Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek, Grand Examiner, Dist. V, Yvonne Smith, Benita Bassett, DGM, Dist. V.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 10 reads as follows.]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 10

In 1998, Texas added introductions of Special Appointees of General Grand Chapter to our laws, as the Most Worthy Grand Matron directs during her Triennium.

Each Most Worthy Grand Matron has different ideas on how and when these introductions should be done, and this is subject to change every three years.

In Texas, we need to be consistent with our introductions and not subject to these changes.

We need to give proper recognition to any person serving as Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matron, or Past Grand Patron, and who is <u>entitled to be introduced at the Altar.</u> We also need to give proper recognition to all <u>Installed</u> Grand Officers and Elected Boards in the West before the Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron.

While these Special Appointees and designations serve an important function to General Grand Chapter and the Most Worthy Grand Matron, it is felt these introductions should be after those at the Altar and the Grand Chapter Officers currently installed.

We therefore propose the following amendment to the Code of Laws, Article 256. INTRODUCTIONS (page 165-166):

#### WHICH NOW READS:

#### ARTICLE 256. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. (2) General Grand Chapter Officers
- (e) Introductions of special appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron will be accomplished as she directs during her Triennium.
- $(3) Worthy {\it Grand Matrons} \ and \ Worthy {\it Grand Patrons} \ of \ other {\it Grand Jurisdictions} \ together.$
- $\mbox{(4)}$  All Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions together.
  - (5) All Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas together.
- b. The Deputy Grand Matron, when visiting a Chapter Officially, shall be presented behind Esther's Station, conducted to the East along the North marching line, introduced, and given a hearty welcome, immediately after the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions and all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons have been presented and introduced.

(Continued from Page 312)

- c. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., when present, is presented at the Altar, welcomed, escorted to the East and introduced.
  - d. All Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards.
  - e. Grand Representatives.
- f. All Deputies of Grand Chapter, all Standing Committees of Grand Chapter and all Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron may be presented back of Esther's Station. They shall be presented in the following order:

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

- a. (2) General Grand Chapter Officers
- (e) Introduction of special appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron who are also entitled to be presented at the Altar.
  - (3) NO CHANGE
  - (4) NO CHANGE
  - (5) NO CHANGE
  - b. NO CHANGE
  - c. NO CHANGE
  - d. NO CHANGE
- e. <u>Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron who are not otherwise entitled to be presented at the Altar.</u>
  - f. Grand Representatives
- g. All Deputies, all Standing Committees of Grand Chapter and all Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron may be presented back of Esther's Station. They shall be presented in the following order: (NO CHANGE TO (1); (2); OR (3))
  - h. Visiting Matrons and Patrons renumber to h.
  - i. Newly affiliated members renumber to i.

Submitted by:

Alma Lynn Bane Buddy Baker Beulah Speer
Patricia Neinast Lallah Mae Vollus Naomi Wolfe
Katherine Duncan H. Lee Stallings Joe E. Jeffers

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the current appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron will be introduced as she directs during her three-year term. If adopted, these introductions would not be changed every three years. Texas law would be specific to introduce special appointments of the General Grand Chapter after the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, if entitled to be present at the altar. All other appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron would be introduced after the Installed Officers and Elected Boards

and before Grand Representatives. A yes vote will specify the way introductions will be done in our Texas law. A no vote would allow each Most Worthy Grand Matron to make changes in introductions every three years. Do I have any discussion? Yes.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: I'm Rennie Ofton, Past Matron of Harlandale Chapter #750. I speak in opposition of this because Texas has just received the honor of having Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron appointed. These Deputies are official members of General Grand Chapter, just as Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are. They serve 26 hours a day because they have to represent the Most Worthy Grand Matron. They are members of General Grand Chapter. They have a vote in General Grand Chapter, and as they go with the Most Worthy Grand Matron to her Chapters, they have to do all the preparing, the plans. But when they make official visits on their own, they are presented at the altar, escorted through the Labyrnith and given Grand Honors as they are in her stead.

I think as General Grand Chapter members, they should be introduced immediately following the Past Grand Matrons. They can't help it if they've never been a Past Grand Matron. In fact, no Past Grand Matron would be a Deputy. It's too much work. I've found that out.

So I would like to say that the Most Worthy Grand Matron is asking for recognition of the importance of the Deputies, and it's very important that we listen perhaps to some suggestions. And this is one of her suggestions, that they receive the honor which befits their title and their efforts. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Buddy, I would ask, Worthy Grand Patron, for you to assume the gavel.

As we talk about our introductions, Sisters and Brothers, we are the State of Texas. I went to the triennium at General Grand Chapter this year, and the Most Worthy Grand Matron stated that whatever we had in our Constitution and Code of Laws, that we could follow. Therefore, wherever we had our introductions, we could introduce them at that point. Certainly, I do not feel introducing the Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, we've taken any dishonor away from them when they're introduced after the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards. Our Installed Grand Officers have served as Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Examiners, and they've run many years to be elected as Associate Grand Conductress and move up in the line.

I'm so sorry that these Deputies have not had that opportunity. Maybe later on in their life they will, but they are not Texas Officers. They're from General Grand Chapter. I speak for us to please - I speak for this amendment, that we may stay standard in what we do. We are Texas Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Is there any other discussion? Hearing none, we will now vote. We'll vote with the usual sign. If you're for this amendment, raise your blue card. Down, please. Against this amendment, blue card. Passed. Carried.

Sisters and Brothers, let's vote one more time. That was closer than what I thought it was. All in favor, please stand at this time. Hold your card up as you're standing. Okay. Please sit. All those against this amendment, please stand. Thank you. Sit down. The amendment passed.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### AMENDMENT NO. 11

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Sisters and Brothers, let's go to amendment number 11. You will find this in your advance report on page 98. It pertains to Article 152, page 115, and Article 17, page 59. This is regarding establishing a Webmaster Committee for Grand Chapter. It would be composed of three to five members. Their duties would be to develop and maintain a Web site for Grand Chapter. Funds would be budgeted by the Board of Grand Trustees. A yes vote would authorize this Committee and a Web site. A no vote, we would not have a Web site.

Do you have any questions regarding the format or the legality of this proposed amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 11 reads as follows.]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 11

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Texas, General Grand Chapter, other Grand Jurisdictions, and other Fraternal Organizations currently have Websites.

WHEREAS the Grand Chapter of Texas would benefit from a Website.

WHEREAS a central source of information developed and maintained by a Webmaster Committee would be available to the membership of our Order, and

WHEREAS the Website could serve as a positive information source to future members of our Order.

We the undersigned propose the following amendment to the Code of Laws, Chapter 10 (Standing) Committees of Grand Chapter (p. 115)

#### ADDITION OF:

#### WEBMASTER COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 152-U. The Webmaster Committee shall be composed of three to five members, under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Grand Secretary and the Board of Grand Trustees. The Webmaster Committee shall develop and maintain a Website for the Grand Chapter of Texas. The funds necessary for the Website shall be budgeted by the Grand Trustees.

AND

ARTICLE 17. APPOINT COMMITTEES (p. 59)

ADD:

# u. Webmaster Committee. It shall be composed of three to five members (Article 152-U.)

#### Renumber paragraph u. to v.

#### Renumber paragraph v. to w.

SUBMITTED BY:

Alma Bane Greta Bane Hecker Yvonne Brownfield Kenneth R. Gregory Jane Gregory Effie Mae Davis Rennie Ofton Betty P. Benham Charles Morris Rosemary T. Swetland H. Lee Stallings Betty Friend Henry Martin

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: A yes vote would authorize this Committee and a Website. A no vote, we would not have a Web site. Is there any discussion?

All those in favor, lift your blue cards. Those opposed, please raise your cards. Motion carried.

Sisters and Brothers, I know that you're getting nervous about the luncheons. We've taken care of that. They're moving them to 12:30.

I recognize Sister Elise.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### AMENDMENT NO. 12

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Sisters and Brothers, this is in your advance annual report on page 99. This is Article 37, page 63. This is regarding limiting the mileage on the Grand Chapter vehicle to 30,000 miles per year. Currently, the only guideline for the Worthy Grand Matron in the use of this vehicle is the Board of Grand Trustees must approve or disapprove the vehicle when she desires to take it out of state. The proponents state that a limit of 30,000 miles would increase the safety and reliability for the next Worthy Grand Matron and also increase the trade-in value after the second year.

A yes vote on this, Sisters and Brothers, would provide a 30,000 mile guideline for the Worthy Grand Matron. A no vote would leave the law as it is with no guidelines. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

[Amendment No. 12 reads as follows.]

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 12**

WHEREAS, it is desirable to have a safer, more reliable vehicle available for the second Worthy Grand Matron's use, and WHEREAS, it is necessary with our decreasing funds to maximize the trade-in value of the Grand Chapter vehicle with a lower mileage.

ARTICLE 37. MOTOR VEHICLE (p. 63)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 37. MOTOR VEHICLE. The Board of Grand Trustees is authorized to provide a new motor vehicle for the use of the Worthy Grand Matron. The vehicle shall be maintained under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees.

- a. It shall be fully covered by insurance protecting the Grand Chapter of Texas from loss by fire, collision and theft and from claims for personal injury and property damage.
- b. The cost of operation of said vehicle, including gasoline, oil, tires, maintenance and repairs, insurance and taxes, shall be borne by the Grand Chapter. Said vehicle shall be kept in the possession of and under the exclusive personal jurisdiction of the Worthy Grand Matron.
- c. It shall not be taken outside of the State of Texas without the express consent of a majority of the Board of Grand Trustees.
- d. The District Deputy, Grand Examiner and Secretary shall travel in the vehicle furnished by the Grand Chapter.

#### BE AMENDED BY ADDING:

c. Every effort shall be made to limit the mileage to no more than 30,000 miles by each Worthy Grand Matron in order to increase the safety, reliability, and trade-in value.

SUBMITTED BY:

Pat Washington Jerre Lucas

Marjorie Errington

Robert Brownfield Yvonne Brownfield

 $\textbf{ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON:} \ \ \text{Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Harold Trammell} - \\$ 

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Harold.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Harold Trammell, a Past Patron of North Richland Hills Chapter #1040. 1 want to talk against this proposal. It seems like – I went to the NADA book, among other things, and according – that's the same book that almost all banks and lending institutions use for cars. It seems like there's a \$950 hit for driving between fifty and 60,000 miles in two years, and for every 5,000 miles after that, there's \$275. That's not a major hit.

But, more importantly, it seems like that's almost impossible for a Worthy Grand Matron to do in just 30,000 miles. She's here to represent the State of Texas. It's the least we can do to furnish her a car and not have her limited by 30,000 miles. Sisters and Brothers, we've gone through some of the past, and there have been Worthy Grand Matrons that have put 59,000 miles in one year. The average over the last twenty years has been 44,000. 1 don't think we can justify limiting the mileage to 30,000 miles. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Harold. I recognize Brother Harry Cunningham in the East.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers, I for one highly oppose this amendment. If we're going to furnish the Worthy Grand Matron a van, we furnish it. If we're not, we pay mileage. You never know — been there, done it. You never know what is going to come up in a year's time. Believe me, 30,000 miles in the State of Texas won't cover the water. I drove 90,000 miles in '98 as Grand Master. Of course, that was my problem, but I oppose this a thousand percent. We furnish her a van at her disposal. Let's stay with it. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Joe, I recognize you in the South.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: I'm Joe Jeffers, a Past Patron of Alvin Chapter #15 and Friendswood Chapter #1131. I oppose this amendment, based on the fact that in 1989 and 1990, I drove 87,000 miles in the State of Texas just for Eastern Star business and no other purpose. I know that 30,000 miles won't get a Worthy Grand Matron around the corner. I oppose this and would urge your support in opposing it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Joe. Sisters and Brothers, you've heard this discussion. Is there any more discussion?

We'll now vote by the usual voting sign. For, raise your blue card. Those who oppose this raise your blue card. Sisters and Brothers, the motion was defeated. Thank you.

Sister Elise.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### AMENDMENT NO. 13

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: This is in your advance annual report on page 100. It is Article 70, page 69. This is regarding the salary for the Grand Secretary. Currently, the Grand Secretary receives \$12,000 per year. If this amendment is adopted, the Grand Secretary would receive \$14,500 per year. The proponents state she has not received a salary increase since 1989, that she has a variety of important duties, including the supervision of a staff in the office. She must also work with the Board of Grand Trustees and the auditors. A yes vote would increase the Grand Secretary's salary to \$14,500 per year. If you vote against it, her salary would remain as we now know it, \$12,000. Are there any questions?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 13 reads as follows.]

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 13**

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter Secretary, upon being elected and installed becomes the recipient of one of the most important offices with a Grand Chapter.

WHEREAS, this office demands competency and thoroughness in the performance of duties entailed.

WHEREAS, among those duties are the collection of funds due Grand Chapter, the custody of papers, books, records, correspondence and financial dealings between this office, the Subordinate Chapters, and other jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, due to the magnitude of requirements of this office, the Grand Secretary must also supervise staff required to perform duties of entire office in a systematic schedule, not only working with the Board of Grand Trustees, but Auditors as well.

WHEREAS, the Grand Secretary has not received a salary increase since October, 1989, and only a member with additional income could "afford" this responsibility,

Thus, the following amendment is proposed:

Code of Laws. E. GRAND SECRETARY, ARTICLE 70. (p. 69)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 70. SALARY. The Grand Secretary shall receive, as full compensation for her services, **Twelve Thousand Dollars** (\$12,000.00) per year.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 70. SALARY. The Grand Secretary shall receive, as full compensation for her services, <u>Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$14,500,00)</u> per year.

#### SUBMITTED BY:

Tom Everitt Frances Burbank Diana Davidson Stan Prestwick Betty Prater Nelson R. Campbell Jerre Lucas Elmo Rose Pat Turner Kenneth Gregory Charles Morris Betty Porter Ann Kelly Vernice Baker Dorothy Prestwick Howard Porter Sue Meadow Naomi McDaniel Buddy Baker Yvonne Brownfield Jane Gregory Maxine Nance Dorothy Kinsinger Robert Brownfield Leah Haves June McGinty Stephen Ireland Alma Lynn Bane Patsy Washington Grace Stovall

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the motion has been made and seconded of amendment number 13. A yes raises the Grand Secretary's salary to \$14,500. A no vote, her salary would remain the same. All in favor for a yes vote, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed please raise your cards. This amendment passed. Thank you.

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: Sisters and Brothers, I have good news. Number 14, Article 69, number of Proceedings, has been withdrawn. We will go to number 15.

### JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### AMENDMENT NO. 15

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: Advance report, page 105, Article 135, page 99. This is regarding the movement of Leander Chapter #73 from District 5, Section 6 to District 3, Section 8. The proponents state that the congested traffic in Austin makes it more difficult to be active in their district and section. A yes vote, Leander Chapter #73 would be moved to District 3, Section 8. A no vote would leave Leander Chapter in District 5.

Questions regarding format or legality of the amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 15 reads as follows.]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 15

WHEREAS, Leander Chapter No. 73 is in District 5, Section 6, but would like to be in District 3, Section 8.

WHEREAS, Leander Chapter No. 73 is in Williamson County (Part); and some of the Chapters in District 3, Section 8, are also in Williamson County (Part).

WHEREAS, the ages of the membership are growing older and because of the congested traffic in Austin, members of Leander Chapter No. 73 feel that they could be more active in their District and Sections' Schools of Instruction, Fraternal Visits, and other Special Events if moved to a District and Section of smaller populated towns.

THEREFORE, the members of Leander Chapter No. 73 of District Five, Section Six, petition Grand Chapter for approval to be placed in District Three, Section Eight.

All Chapters within the District have been notified of this proposal.

ARTICLE 89. DIVISION. This Grand Chapter shall be divided into five Districts of ten Sections each, numbered and composed of Counties and Chapters as follows:

#### WHICH NOW READS:

#### DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE - SOUTHWESTERN

ARTICLE 135 - SECTION SIX. (p. 99)

#### **ARTICLE 135 - SECTION SIX**

County	Chapter N	To.	City
Caldwell	. Lockhart21	10	Lockhart
	Luling 15		
Comal	. Canyon Lake 110	03	Canyon Lake
	New Braunfels 77	71	New Braunfels
Guadalupe (Part)	. Seguin 58	55	Seguin
Hays	. Dripping Springs 86	60	Dripping Springs
	San Marcos 27	76	San Marcos
	Wimberley 113	30	Wimberley
Travis	. Austin 30	04	Austin
	Creedmoor 67	77	Austin
	Fidelis 96	63	Austin
	Travis 47	72	Austin
Williamson (Part)	. Leander 7	73	Leander

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

NO CHANGE: EXCEPT DELETE

County Chapter No. City

AND

#### WHICH NOW READS:

# DISTRICT NUMBER THREE - CENTRAL

# ARTICLE 117 - SECTION EIGHT (p. 91)

#### **ARTICLE 117 - SECTION EIGHT**

County	Chapter	No.	City
Bell	Belton	589	Belton
	Killeen	490	Killeen
	Vashti	32	Temple
Falls (Part)	Lott	594	Lott
Williamson (Part)	Hadassah	188	Georgetown
	Round Rock	316	Round Rock
	Taylor	578	Taylor

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

# NO CHANGE EXCEPT ADD:

County

Chapter

No. City

Williamson (Part) ...... Leander ...... 73 Leander

SUBMITTED BY:

Lester Garner Shirley Vaughn C. O. Jones Rosa Lee Jones Richard Vaughn Sharon Butler Theo Arms Billy McCarcill

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this amendment. Is there any discussion?

Dan Walters

If not, let's vote with our blue cards. A yes vote would allow Leander Chapter to move to District 3, Section 8. A no vote would leave them in District 5. For. Thank you. Against, please raise your blue cards. Motion carried. Thank you.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### AMENDMENT NO. 16

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: Amendment number 16 synopsis, advance report page 104, Article 163, page 121. This is regarding excluding some specific funds from the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects, which have 25 percent of the money raised going into the General Fund for administrative expenses. Currently, 25 percent of all money raised by the Grand Chapter goes into the General Fund for administrative expenses. A yes vote would exclude funds raised for the Home Endowment Fund, the Home Renovation Fund and the Endowed Membership Fund from having the 25 percent deducted. A no vote would leave these funds subject to the 25 percent reduction for administrative expenses.

I hope I didn't mess that up for you by not reading it correctly. I'm sorry. Questions regarding format or legality of this amendment?

Hearing none, Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 16 reads as follows.]

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 16**

WHEREAS The General Fund needed additional revenue to operate the ongoing expenses of Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter Session, supplies to Grand Officers, committees, and Subordinate Chapters, printing, etc. Grand Chapter voted to allow 25% of all money raised by this Grand Chapter to be given to the General Fund for administrative purposes.

WHEREAS many questions have arisen regarding this amendment, we propose the following:

ARTICLE 163.a (6) THE GENERAL FUND (p. 121)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

#### ARTICLE 163. THE GENERAL FUND

- a. The General Fund shall consist of:
- (6) Twenty-five per cent of all money raised by this Grand Chapter to the General Fund for administrative expenses.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 163, THE GENERAL FUND

- a. The General Fund shall consist of:
- (6) Twenty-five per cent of all money raised by this Grand Chapter <u>from</u> the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds to the General Fund for administrative expenses. <u>This shall not include the following Restricted funds: The Home Endowment Fund, the Home Renovation Fund, and the Endowed Membership Fund.</u>

SUBMITTED BY:

Patsy Washington Leah Hayes Frances Burbank Jerre Lucas

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: There has been an amendment to the amendment presented to the Jurisprudence Committee, but it will have to be presented by those who signed it. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Esther Haynes.

MRS. ESTHER HAYNES: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Esther Haynes, Past Matron of Seabrook Chapter #1096, affiliated with Andral Vann Chapter and Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter. I would like to submit an amendment to the proposed amendment 16 affecting Article 163 of the General Fund, to add the ESTARL Fund and the Educational Funds, so it will then read: Twenty-five percent of all money raised by this Grand Chapter from the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds to the General Fund for administrative expenses. This shall not include the following Restricted funds: The Home Endowment Fund, the Home Renovation Fund, the Endowed Membership Fund, the ESTARL Fund and the Educational Funds. This has been signed by three.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have an amendment to the amendment. The only difference in the amendments would be they would be adding the ESTARL Fund and the Educational Funds. Is there any discussion?

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister.

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: I'm Gladys Pickett, Past Matron of James Ladd

Burgess #983. I had prepared a similar amendment to the amendment, having provided copies to everyone. I forgot about the Educational Fund. I included the Eastern Star Home Funds. This lady and I need to get together I think and make our motion one and the same so that all of the funds could be included in one amendment. We need to have the Eastern Star Home Funds. We need the Educational Funds, and we need ESTARL included in that.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: We need them in writing.

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: You have them in writing. I've given them to the Grand Secretary.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: But if you wish to withdraw one or something, we need your concurrence.

MRS. ESTHER HAYNES: May we just add her proposal to mine?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** There's no disagreement with the amendment to the amendment to add the OES Funds. If you want to agree to add that, then we can just go with the amendment to the amendment.

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: To add the Eastern Star Home Funds?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes. In other words, you would add it to her list.

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: To add it to her list.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Add it to the amendment, please.

MRS. GLADYS PICKETT: Yes, ma'am.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** All right. Now, Sisters and Brothers, listen very carefully – let me, say something before I tell you about this. Thank you for staying with us this morning.

What it would do, it says, "This shall not include the following restricted funds." In other words, 25 percent of all monies raised by the Grand Chapter from the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds go to the General Fund for administrative expenses. This shall not include the restricted funds: the Home Endowment Fund, the Home Renovation Fund, the Endowed Membership Fund, and all we're going to do is add these three others: ESTARL, Educational and OES Home. Are there any questions? Do I have any discussion? Hearing none, we're going to vote first on the amendment to the amendment, and that would be the adding of these three funds. Does everybody understand? All those in favor of adding these three to the funds for the first amendment please raise your blue cards. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Now those opposed, would you raise your blue cards. Thank you. The amendment to the amendment passed.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Matron -

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: I'm sorry. I had already presented - the one

we have just adopted is fine. I had already presented another amendment to the Jurisprudence Committee, which they already have. I'm Frances Burbank, Past Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter #835.

The things that I was changing was rather than the 25 percent of the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds, I was changing that figure to 35 percent.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That has nothing to do with this. We're adding these funds – these three different – the Educational, ESTARL and OES Home. Not to have any money taken out. You want to change a fee, so that's another amendment. Please, if you would let us continue with this.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: I thought we just passed -

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** No. You can present your -- this has already been voted on, this portion of it, Frances. You can present your portion when we get through with this amendment. Okay?

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: I'm sorry. I thought we had already adopted the -

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No, we have not. We've only done the amendment to the amendment. Thank you.

All right. Sisters and Brothers, you have approved the amendment to the amendment to add these three funds. Now, we need to vote for the amendment. If you are for just this, then you would vote yes. You've already voted yes on the other, so for this – to make the other right, you would vote no on this. Am I right?

No. Wait. Tell me.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: We're voting on the amendment to add to the original motion at this time. That's all you're voting on, to add those three Committees.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We've already done that.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: You've done that. All right.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Another bump! Just a minute.

[Pause.]

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Members, there's a little confusion here, and I've asked the concurrence of your Worthy Grand Matron. Now, you have passed to add these. We have not taken the vote on the motion -- on the amendment as amended. But if we consider the other amendment, by striking out the 25 and inserting the 35, that is not going to change keeping those three Committees on the original. Do you understand?

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Now I will present an amendment to what you have already voted and what is already there, that we simply change the amount that will go to the General Fund from Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds, but not from any of these restricted funds – change

the amount from 25 percent to 35 percent. That's the amendment that I am presenting – the amendment to the amendment at this time.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. A secondary amendment will be to change the current 25 percent of all monies raised by the Grand Chapter goes to the General Fund for administrative expenses, change the 25 percent to 35 percent. Is there any discussion?

Sisters and Brothers, we'll vote by the usual voting sign with our blue cards. All for changing the 25 -raising it from 25 percent to 35 percent of all the funds that's made by the Worthy Grand Matron – all those for that, please raise your blue cards. All those against, please raise your blue card. This secondary amendment was defeated.

All right. Now we're back to the first amendment. Currently, 25 percent of all monies raised by the Grand Chapter goes to the General Fund for administrative fees. A yes vote would exclude funds raised for the Home Endowment – that's the one that we added the three to. A no vote would leave it like it is. So a yes vote means they wouldn't take money out of these funds, and a no vote means that it stays like it is.

VOICES: We can't hear.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. I'm sorry. A yes vote would exclude funds raised for the Home Endowment Fund, the Home Renovation Fund, Endowment Fund and the ESTARL, Education and OES Fund. A no vote would leave the funds subject to 25 percent reduction from the administrative fees.

All right. I've asked for discussion. I do not have any. All in favor, yes, on this amendment, please raise your blue cards —

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: There's somebody at the mike.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Jerre.

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jerre Lucas, a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. Sisters and Brothers, I would like for you to turn to page 55. There are about eight thousand numbers here, and I would like to refer you to the bottom number on the right column and see that this number is in parentheses. This is a \$58,000 deficit budget. I don't know the status of each of your Chapters. My Chapter has indicated to me they don't want another dues raise. So please think about how – how are we going to run Grand Chapter? Everything that raises any money, our hands are being tied. Where is it going to come from? What do you want to cut out? Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Sister Jerre. The Worthy Grand Matron has called for the vote, so we must proceed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, all for this amendment, please raise your blue card. Those against.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to present you one more amendment, and then we're going to get some answers as to why we're here —

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Wait. We need to declare this. Let's do that one more time  $-\$ 

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: This is amendment number 17 -

VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The vote -- we need number 16. Let's go back. Can you hear me? A yes vote would exclude funds raised for the Home Endowment, Home Renovation, Endowed Membership Fund, the ESTARL, Educational and OES Home. In other words, when you give your money to any one of those funds, they cannot take money away from that that you have given for. That would be your yes vote. The no vote would leave the funds that we've named here subject to a 25 percent administration expense. Now does everybody understand this?

All right. Let's try one more time. All in favor, for a yes vote which excludes the funds from this 25 percent, please raise your cards. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Those opposed to this, please raise your cards. Sisters and Brothers, the motion carried.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: We're going to do number 17, and then I am going to check with the people at the computer.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### AMENDMENT NO. 17

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: This is regarding the endowed membership stamp allowing a refund of the \$10 purchase price. Currently, once a stamp is purchased, there will be no refund. A yes vote would allow a refund of a \$10 purchase price. A no vote would prohibit the refund of a \$10 purchase price. Can you imagine what this would be if we gathered up stamps and asked for refunds?

Are there any questions regarding the format of this amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 17 reads as follows.]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 17

WHEREAS, the Endowed Membership Stamp is purchased at the price of \$10.00 and has a face value of \$10.00, the sentence concerning "no refund" should be deleted.

ARTICLE 204.e. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP (2) (b.) (p. 143)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

(2) PRICE:

(b) By purchase of \$10.00 special perforated Endowed membership stamps to be placed in 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.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

#### (2) PRICE

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SUBMITTED BY:

Marjorie Errington Haynes

Coweta Engel

Jan Haag

Cheryl McGee Billie Wilk

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action of this Grand Chapter. Do we have any discussion?

MR. JOHN CREEL: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize John.

MR. JOHN CREEL: I am John Creel, Worthy Patron of Plano #703. I am opposed to this. The stamp that you have purchased was used to endow – or with the idea of endowing. If you start pulling this out, you're going to jeopardize the program. You're causing the secretaries undue work, and you're not faithfully supporting the endowment program. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Marjorie in the East.

GRAND SECRETARY: I am Marjorie Errington Haynes, Past Matron of Panhandle Chapter #760. I want to have a clarification on this. We are a nonprofit organization. We have to abide by the nonprofit rules, and our auditors keep us in line on that. They say under a nonprofit status that we have to refund any money that is not used. I am anticipating these people bought these endowed stamps to help their endowed membership, and I don't feel like we're going to have very many stamps come back for their \$10 refund. The only ones that we might anticipate having is someone passed away, and in cleaning up their home they found one or

two stamps and they bring them in to us and ask us, you know, about these stamps. This is the only reason.

It will cause more bookkeeping, but we will take care of that. I know the newly elected Grand Secretary will take care of that. It is just something in order to be in compliance that we had to amend our amendment.

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the gentleman.

MR. DWAIN MASSERANG: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Dwain Masserang, Past Patron of A. E. Shirley Chapter #986. I would like to speak in opposition of this amendment. I think that as we purchase those stamps, they can be transferred to other members of the Order to be used. I think that if something is working like this has this year, we shouldn't be changing anything about it. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to speak in opposition of this amendment. It's a plan – and I spoke to the auditors myself personally, and they didn't seem to have a problem with it, simply because we talked about it being like a bearer's bond, that whoever has the stamp it belongs to, and they can do with it what they want. If they need money from it, then they can sell their stamp to someone else. We do not want to jeopardize this program.

Sisters and Brothers, for your information with the stamp program we have sold over \$100,000 worth of stamps toward the endowed membership program this year. And we just cannot let this fail. Thank you.

#### WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Is there any other discussion?

MR. ROBERT WOLFE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Bob Wolfe, Past Patron of Andral Vann Chapter. I rise in opposition to this amendment. It would cost – the cost of bookkeeping, cutting checks would be astronomical. if you remember the S&H Green Stamps that you collected years ago, you collected them in your little book and then you went down to a store and traded them in for something. This you can trade in for an endowed membership when you get the \$500. I ask you to defeat this amendment, period.

#### WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you. Is there any other discussion?

Hearing no more discussions, we will now vote. All of those in favor of this amendment, please raise your blue voting card. Those opposed to this amendment, please. Defeated.

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your patience. You could have taken a whip and rushed us, but we couldn't rush the machine. It worked very diligently. The report came out right the first time, so thank you for your patience. And bless the little machine!

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, this is what we've been waiting on. Have your pencils ready. Number of ballots: 4 Ballot C not properly marked, was rejected; 7 improper ballots, D, was rejected. There were 406 no votes, 1,021 yes votes for a total of 1,438 ballots processed. So resolution 1 has passed.

Let's go to lunch. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from labor to rest, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged. Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruption.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Do you want these same tellers to report back, and if so, at what time, please?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes. As soon as they can eat and come back. Let's resume at two. We will be proceeding with legislation.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

I now call this Grand Chapter from labor to rest until 2 p.m.

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# FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION October 19, 2001 "Sharing the Light" Session

2:00 p.m. Musical Prelude	
-	District 4 Chairman, Let's Make Music Committee
2:15 p.m. Call to Order	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
	Past Grand Matron

Mr. Henry Martin Past Grand Patron

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Sisters and Brothers, I am very pleased to have the privilege of opening this Friday afternoon "Sharing the Light" Session with my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin. And no crutches!

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe, for this honor. We have enjoyed the prelude by Mrs. Susie Smith, District 4 Chairman, Let's Make Music Committee. Music always lifts the soul and sometimes causes a little toe-tapping. Let's show her our appreciation. [applause]

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we extend a special word of appreciation to all of the Sisters and Brothers who have planned and labored that we might enjoy our 119th Session in Houston and for the refreshing social events. Brother Henry S. Martin, thank you for being in the East with me again for this opening. I invite you to greet the membership.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Sister Alma Lynn Bane. It is a pleasure to share this podium with you. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we have been friends for many years. I thank you for this honor. It is a distinct pleasure to be asked to open this "Sharing the Light" Session of this Grand Chapter with the Worthy Grand Matron with whom I served, Sister Alma Lynn Bane. Thank you.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Sisters and Brothers, this has been a very challenging time in the lives of all Americans, a time in which many of us have seen patriotism at its zenith, love for our Sisters and Brothers at its height. At this time I would ask that we have a moment of silent reflection and prayer for our many heroes and those that have given of their lives at this time in our nation. Please bow with me.

I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege and honor to present Sister Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in extending them Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Buddy Baker, we are proud of your service to our Order this past year, and we appreciate you and your family for the sacrifices you have made in the performance of your duties as our Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe, my special friend and very caring fraternal sister, each day of this past year I have prayed for you and your safe travels and good health. It is my pleasure and with much thanks that I present to you the Eastern Star emblem of leadership, the gavel, with which you will preside at this session.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. I invite the Officers to take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to bring this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You will ascertain and report if all present are members of this Order and legally entitled to be here.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of

this Grand Chapter and legally entitled to be with us. [The Grand Chapter was proved.] Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order and entitled to be with us.

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

God has expressed perfect love to all creations and has called us to give praises to Thy Holy Name in worship and in love. I now invite Sister Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron, to bring our invocation. Sister Beulah, thank you for seeking God's direction for us this day.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I commend you for your excellent year of dedicated and loving service to our Order. Now would you please bow your heads as we talk to our God.

Our Heavenly Father, we give Thee praise for this day and Thy presence with us, which gives us peace in our hearts. As we enter into the session, grant that the tasks we may perform always be pleasing to Thee as we each remember our Obligation. Let us be ever mindful of Your constant goodness and mercy to us. May we count our blessings each day and realize just how fortunate we are to live in this great nation and the many freedoms we enjoy. We thank Thee for the wonderful fellowship of friends that makes our lives so beautiful and meaningful and for our Order which gives untold joy to our lives.

Dear God, we ask You to give our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron wisdom and strength equal to their task as they continue to preside over this beautiful session. Help us to show thoughtfulness and kindness one to each other as You constantly show us by forgiving our many shortcomings and sins.

Dear God, please give the ladies of the Eastern Star Home comfort at this time of their dismay, their sorrow and their disappointment. Please help them continue to hold fast to their faith, that only God holds their hand and only He directs the future of us all. May they rest in the assurance that our Scriptures have told us, "In my Father's house are many mansions." I know that each one of these fine Christian Eastern Star ladies will surely receive their reward in an eternal mansion far more precious than man's gold. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Beulah.

All Chapter Representatives, would you please raise your green card. We need to have a quorum. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers; we do have a quorum.

We now invite our ladies from our Eastern Star Home to sing.

MR. BILL CREWS: Worthy Grand Matron, before the ladies sing, I would like to tell you that these ladies are very precious to me. They have recently lost their director because of illness, and they called me and asked me to direct them during the singing at Grand Chapter. I felt it an honor to do this for them. They have beautiful voices and I want you to listen to them. ["What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by ladies of the OES Home.)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my special Sisters from our OES Home. You blessed my life for many years as I came, and I love you. Thank you.

Sister Alma, thank you for opening the "Sharing the Light" Session for us. When our lives of service blend harmoniously with others in this great Order of the Eastern Star that we so proudly and joyfully serve, it will cause us to elevate our images, thereby making us shining examples of love and service into the world. You have done that for many years. I remember the year I won the election for Grand Examiner, District 4. At that breakfast on Sunday morning, you came by my table and invited Bob and me to join you and Bill where all the other Grand Examiners were sitting. I knew you before then, but that morning I knew I had found a special friend. Thank you for that special friendship.

Brother Henry, we are proud to call you a Brother, a fine example of Eastern Star. Someone once said that certain Stars in the heavens never vary from their true course. Your work in our Order indicates the fact that you can be depended upon to stay on track. Thank you for being with us this afternoon.

I am sure that our Worthy Grand Patron would like to bring some remarks.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Thank you, Sister Alma and Brother Henry, for extending us the honor of opening this Friday afternoon session of Grand Chapter. I shall never forget your year in the East. I was honored to serve as your Arrangements Chairman and equally honored to be one of your Gallant Gentlemen.

Sister Beulah, thank you for those beautiful words. They give us strength.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. We'll now call our session from rest to labor. Brother Murray went home sick, and I would ask Sister Alma Lynn to take Murray's place at the tables to assist as Election Judge.

I now invite Gene Lowe to come and bring the International Temple report.

# REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE COMMITTEE

MR. GENE LOWE: Good afternoon all.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand patron, my Sisters and Brothers all:

I have been both proud and honored to serve as the International Temple Chairman for 2000-2001. What makes this Committee such an enjoyment to serve on is the opportunity to be in direct contact with so many of our Chapters. For this opportunity I thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Naomi Wolfe.

157 Chapters have donated a total of \$1,740.00. A list of the Chapters and their donations is attached. All donations received after August 6, 2001, were forwarded to my successor, Mrs. Donna Reed, and are not included in these totals.

Janell and I, while in Washington D.C. this year, were privileged to visit our International Temple.

As one of the responsibilities of this appointment, I was prepared to present the slide program of our International Temple; however, I received no requests to do so.

The slides, projector and paraphernalia have been returned to the Grand Secretary's Office.

I wish to thank the Grand Secretay and her staff for all their help this past year.

Fraternally submitted, Gene Lowe International Temple Chairman

CHAPTER	NAME	AMOUNT RECEIVED
1	DALLAS	5.00
3	RADIANT/SAN ANTONIO	1.00
. 5	PARIS	10.00
10	SAN ANGELO	2.00
15	ALVIN	7.00
18	LEAKEY	12.00
24	KERRVILLE	6.00
30	ABILENE	4.00
35	TEXAS	6.00
49	ADAH	5.00
71	BEAUMONT	7.00
74	BRAZORIA	1.00
79	RUSK	6.00
80	WINTERS	5.00
87	NORMANGEE	1.00
144	BRENHAM	3.00
151	ALANTA	11.00
155	LULING	3.00
160	WINNIE	10.00
170	QUINLAN	1.00
171	GLEN ROSE	8.00
186	TRINTY	8.00
188	HADASSAH	8.00
191	SAN SABA	4.00
200	BOERNE	9.00
204	DEL RIO	2.00
210	LOCKHART	3.00
211	BORDER	2.00
214	ORANGE	4.00
216	LLANO	2.00
220	VEIASCO	3.00
222	BRYAN	7.00
228	MONTGOMERY	8.00
233	DAYTON	5.00
240	HUNTSVILLE	6.00
244	HARMONY	3.00
245	SOMERVILLE	45.00
249	ARLINGTON	21.00
252	AVERY	20.00

CHAPTER	NAME	AMOUNT RECEIVED
253	MIDLAND	8.00
257	JOHN GILLESPIE	2.00
262	PORT ARTHUR	1.00
264	RICHLAND SPRINGS	5.00
280	EASTLAND	4,00
291	JASPER	8.00
298	SILSBEE	32.00
309	NAVASOTA	18.00
311	FRANKLIN	6.00
356	MARSHALL	3.00
368	CUSHING	8.00
381	PITTSBURG	1.00
382	LUFKIN	16.00
385	HOUSTON	4.00
395	PALESTINE	7.00
415	HUMBLE	17.00
425	BURNET	6.00
435	MARBLE FALLS	2.00
443	GORMAN	5.00
454	MINEOLA	3.00
461	CISCO	16.00
462	WOODVILLE	5.00
479	ROCKPORT	9.00
490	KILLEEN	3.00
500	THROCKMORTON	4.00
510	HEMPSTEAD	2.00
527	MISSION	4.00
591	MORAN	3.00
599	WAXAHACHIE	30.00
607	CREEDMOOR	3.00
616	BEXAR	4.00
621	LEAGUE CITY	55.00
626	TEXAS CITY	18.00
627	JEFFERSON	8,00
634	LIBERTY	2.00
641	HARLINGEN	76.00
643	BANDERA	8.00
651	NORTH SIDE	10.00
652	BROOKSHIRE	10.00
653	DUMAS	2.00
667	CANTON	18.00
677	PORT NECHES	10.00
683	LA PORTE	2.00
687	FARMERS BRANCH	4.00
693	DELEON	6.00
695	QUITMAN	8.00
700	NEW BOSTON	2.00
700 703	PLANO	7.00
705 705	WEST COLUMBIA	77.00
706	MAGNOLIA	3.00
700 711	PASADENA	8.00
711 726	SAN JUAN	7.00
728	BETHLEHEM	2.00
140	TATATTATATAT	2.00

CHAPTER	NAME	AMOUNT RECEIVED
732	LA FERIA	2.00
741	ANDRAL VANN	26.00
771	NEW BRAUNFELS	5.00
772	WESLACO	9.00
777	IRVING	6.00
787	AMARILLO	13.00
810	GROESBECK	8.00
817	PROSPECT HILL	3.00
834	RIVERSIDE	2.00
835	SOUTH FORT WORTH	8.00
838	TOMBALL	6.00
856	${ t BLUEBELL}$	18.00
857	CELINA	4.00
860	DRIPPING SPRINGS	3.00
873	SWEENY	8.00
874	MATHIS	5.00
884	GALENA PARK	2.00
887	MESQUITE	6.00
898	FREEDOM	3.00
903	JOAQUIN	1.00
908	HAWKINS	11.00
920	MELROSE	18.00
921	RICHARDSON	2.00
935	LEWISVILLE	25.00
953	GROVES	10.00
955	EAST HOUSTON	12.00
975	ROSE GARDEN	2.00
979	LA MARQUE	8.00
983	JAMES L. BURGESS	4.00
991	YSLETA	7.00
995	HALLSVILLE	4.00
1003	SHEPHERD	4.00
1009	LAKE JACKSON	110.00
1017	WILLIS	91.00
1025	PILOT POINT	10.00
1031	HOOKS	2.00
1047	WALLER	3.00
1051	DALHART	10.00
1065	PEARLAND	25.00
1070	COPPERAS COVE	8.00
1075	HIGHLAND HILLS	1.00
1079	NEDERLAND	5.00
1080	OAK FOREST	3.00
1082	UNIVERSITY	6.00
1088	ALDINE	2.00
1095	ARCHIVES	10.00
1099	HURST	6.00
1100	WALLACE HUGHSTON	3.00
1103	CANYON LAKE	8.00
1104	VALLEY HI	43.00
1105	SPRING	9.00
1107	SUGARLAND	4.00
1114	GUN BARREL CITY	2.00

CHAPTER	NAME	AMOUNT RECEIVED
1115	AMISTAD	3.00
1123	GAINESVILLE	9.00
1124	LORENA	5.00
1125	CROWLEY	14.00
1129	WOLFE CITY	6.00
1131	FRIENDSWOOD	8.00
1132	BALCH SPRINGS	3.00
1134	SHALLOWWATER	2.00
1135	NEWBORN	12.00
1136	THE COLONY	5.00
1139	LIVINGSTON	165.00
1141	KLEIN	20.00
	TOTAL	\$1,740.00

MR. GENE LOWE: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second to adopt the report of the International Temple. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote with our blue cards. All those in favor to adopt the report. All those opposed. Motion carried.

Brother Gene, never forget there is a light behind every shadow. There can be no shadows unless a light is winding somewhere. Thank you for your support of our International Temple this year. I appreciate it very much.

Sisters and Brothers, we are going to get started right away back into our business. I want you to know that we checked with our balloting this morning and found out — I think he had about 1400 sheets to go through the machine. Although we got kind of nervous and thought that it took a long time, 1400 is a lot of sheets to go through a machine. As I checked with Paul, he said that it took from, the time the ballots were dumped on the table back there until he had finished the printout, it took one hour. We're going to get started right away so as we ballot, we'll get those back there and know that it will take a little over an hour. We'll go on with the other amendments and reports. Thank you all so very much for your patience.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

# RESOLUTION NO. 2

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Good evening, Worthy Grand Matron and my Sisters and Brothers. I know you ate very well, but please stay awake on us.

Resolution— now we're going back two-and-a-half hours when I tried to do this before. Resolution Number 2, you'll find it in your advance report on page 63. I hear some pages, so I'm going to wait a moment. We don't want to lose you. Page 63. This is regarding having a Long Range Planning Committee for the Eastern Star Home and surrounding property. Now, please change that to Long Range Planning Task Force. It will be composed of 16 members, including Past Grands, Corporate Board, Purposes and Policies Committee, the Board of Benevolences and Trustees

and five members at large. If approved, the Committee will develop a long range plan to include assessment of current operations, review of alternative uses, possibility of renovating the Home for other uses, the administrative offices and building, the viability of continuing to operate the Home and disposing of the property, a review of options and tax implications on the 501(c) (3) and 501(c) (8) funds, a recommendation as to the best use of our Home and property. A copy of the long range plan is to be provided to Chapters at least 90 days before the next Grand Chapter. The long range plan is to be presented to this membership, as I said, at the next Grand Chapter in 2002. Are there any questions?

[Resolution No. 2 reads as follows.]

# RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, decisions regarding the future of the Home by the Grand Chapter of Texas are both necessary and of vital importance; and

WHEREAS, any decision regarding the O.E.S. Home and surrounding property should be made based on sound and accurate information, including the various options available, the costs, and the benefits to be gained by the Grand Chapter of Texas, and

WHEREAS, any decisions made by the Grand Chapter of Texas regarding the O.E.S. Home and surrounding property should be made by an informed membership who have been provided complete and accurate information pertaining to such decisions, and

WHEREAS, the development of that information should be accomplished by a Committee representing the leadership and membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

#### WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING:

A Long Range Planning Committee for the Texas O.E.S. Home shall be formed to prepare a long range plan for the future of the O.E.S. Home and surrounding property.

The Committee shall consist of sixteen members:

- (a) Three representatives from the combined ten active members who comprise the Boards of Grand Chapter Benevolences and Trustees,
- (b) One representative from the Purposes and Policies Committee
- (c) Two members of the Corporate Board,
- (d) Five members from the Past Grands Association Special Home Committee, and
- (e) Five members who are not Past Grands (one from each District) from the membership at-large.

The selection of the individual Committee members shall be as follows:

(a) The members of the Boards of Grand Chapter Benevolences and

Grand Trustees shall together appoint three Committee members from their combined active membership,

- (b) The Purposes and Policies Committee shall select one of their members,
- (c) The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall represent the Corporate Board,
- (d) The Past Grand Association Special Home Committee shall appoint five of its members, one from each District,
- (e) The WGM from Grand Chapter year 2000-2001 shall appoint one at-large member from District 2.
- (f) The WGM from Grand Chapter year 2000-2001 shall appoint one at-large member from District 4,
- (g) The AGM from Grand Chapter year 2000-2001 shall appoint one at-large member from District 1,
- (h) The GC from Grand Chapter year 2000-2001 shall appoint one at-large member from District 3,
- (i) The AGC from Grand Chapter year 2000-2001 shall appoint one at-large member from District 5.

The Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall be selected by the combined membership of the Committee at the first meeting.

The Committee will develop a long range plan, which should address the following:

- (1) An assessment of the Home's current operations with suggested improvements.
- (2) A review of the alternative uses for the O.E.S. Home and land.
- (3) The possibility of renovating the O.E.S. Home for other uses.
- (4) The Grand Chapter administrative offices and current Administrative building.

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- (5) The viability of continuing to operate the O.E.S. Home versus the benefits gained by disposing of the property and assets.
- (6) A complete review of the options and tax implications for the funds currently in the 5.01C3 and 5.01C8 accounts, and
- (7) A recommendation as to the highest and best use of the O.E.S. Home and property for the benefit of the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

The Committee is to complete the Long Range Plan by June 30, 2002, and a copy of the Long Range Plan is to be provided to each Subordinate Chapter for their review and consideration at least 90 days prior to the 2002 Grand Chapter Session.

The Long Range Plan is to be presented to the membership at the 2002 Grand Chapter Session.

Absolutely no funds are to be expended on the home or property except for routine emergency maintenance essential to be performed. No renovations, improvements, or rebuilding is to be performed by any person(s) until such time as a long range plan is approved by the Grand Chapter of Texas.

This Committee may utilize other knowledgeable experts as they see fit.

This Resolution shall remain open until such time as this Grand Chapter should make a decision regarding the O.E.S. Home at Arlington.

#### SUBMITTED BY:

Betty P. Benham Yvonne Brownfield Alma Carter Betty Y. Friend Henry S. Martin H. Lee Stallings Effie Mae Davis Eunice Connell Leland Benefield Harry Cunningham Billy H. Combest Alma Lvnn Bane Lallah Mae Vollus Joe E. Jeffers Garland Rattan Katherine Poulis

Virginia Lynn Green Kenneth Gregory Rennie Ofton Katherine Harbour Glenn Whitaker Jane Gregory Rosemary T. Swetland

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: We do have a couple of amendments which I'll ask to be presented at this time.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Brother Harry. The first amendment is amendment to resolution number 2. This amendment would replace the word "Committee" in all places with the word "Task Force." The word "Committee" shall be replaced in all places with the word "Task Force." In addition, the following would be added, and I will read this. "The Grand Line Officers of 2000- 2001, the Purposes and Policies Committee, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association, the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences shall make their appointments to the Task Force and furnish the names to the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Purposes and Policies no later than November 15th, 2001. The Chairman of Purposes and Policies shall call an organizational meeting no later than December 15th, 2001. And at the organizational meeting the members of the Task Force present shall elect a chairman."

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: We further have an amendment to the amendment which will be presented also. Now in your resolution, look at the first page, paragraph 3 (c), where it says the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall represent the Corporate Board. That's the amendment that's taking place right now.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: This amendment to resolution 2, paragraph 3(c) be amended to read, "The Associate Grand Patron of 2001-2002 and the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress shall represent the Corporate Board." This is in lieu of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Does everybody understand what the first amendment to the amendment is?

VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: If you want it read, hold your card up. This is serious business, and I want everybody to understand what they're talking about.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The first amendment that was first presented to the amendment is, the word "Task Force" be substituted for the word "Committee" in all places that the word "Committee" appears in the resolution, and to add the following: "The Grand Line Officers of 2000-2001, the Purposes and Policies Committee, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association, the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences shall make their appointments to the Task Force and furnish the names to the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Purposes and Policies no later than November 15th, 2001. The Chairman of Purposes and Policies shall call an organizational meeting no later than December 15th, 2001. At the organizational meeting the members of the Task Force present shall elect a chairman."

May I take the liberty? What this does, Sisters and Brothers, is put a time limit – this is a very important proposal to create this task force. We cannot have – it's so important that they have to get busy if they're going to do anything. They can't wait until next June or July to meet and to decide what they're going to do. This puts a time frame for them to operate.

Are there questions?

MRS. KATHERINE CLARK: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Katherine Clark, Worthy Matron from Liberty Chapter. I would like to say that Brother Henry promised us last year — and I believe we voted on it — to do a study by a university. He was going to report back to this Grand Chapter, so long range plans — committees have been appointed since Amarillo Grand Chapter. And to date I believe our membership has not heard anything from a long range planning committee. I think it does our membership a disservice when we sit up here and vote for a long range plan, and then we never hear from them again. So I'd like for Brother Henry to give us a long range plan from the university that he said last year was forthcoming. Thank you.

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Katherine.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Sister Katherine, I'm glad to report on this. We did have a study the year that Sister Alma and I were in the Grand East. We commissioned a study from the University of Dallas, the Graduate School of Business, to conduct a study regarding developing a strategic plan for the future of the Eastern Star Home. That study was conducted. The graduate students and the professor in charge visited the Eastern Star Home on a couple of occasions.

Those people met with members of the Corporate Board. I believe every one of the members of the Corporate Board were in those meetings. Ultimately, the study was developed and given to us. That study was shared with the Corporate Board at that time. The contents of the study resulted in a number of options being presented to us.

Now, this was a strategic plan. And because it was a strategic plan, there were no recommendations whatsoever as to what we would do with the Eastern Star Home. What they did was to give us several pages of options, various uses for the Home, various ways in which we might improve this aspect of the Home operations or that aspect. With each of those options, they gave us pros and cons to consider

and said, if, for instance, you do this option, then this is the downside, this is the upside. You must consider and weigh all of these pros and cons.

Now, that, of course, did not give us any solid hard core recommendations to move. And so that strategic plan that was developed and was shared with a number of the membership is a groundwork and can provide a basis for this further long range plan, to take those recommendations as a foundation and expand upon them. In this long range plan, there may be additional options that we will uncover or that this task force will uncover and be able to offer to this membership.

But in answer to your question, Sister Katherine, that study was done. It was completed. It was shared with a number of the membership, particularly the Corporate Board. It was considered, and it has been used as a foundation as we've considered some of these measures – that the legislation is being presented today. But it doesn't give us any specific recommendations, and that's what the task force in resolution 2 will provide to this Grand Chapter. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Henry. Are you ready for the amendment to the amendment? All right. That's taking out "Committee" and replacing it with "Task Force." The Associate Grand Patron and the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress will be on this.

We need to vote on this one first. We're going to add the following: The Grand Line Officers of 2000-2001, the Purposes and Policies Committee, the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons Association, the Board of Grand Trustees, the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences to be added to this. Are there any questions on it? If not, we'll ballot by our ballots. All for, please raise your blue card. The amendment to the amendment. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Now, the second amendment to the amendment is on your sheets, changing Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to the Associate Grand Patron that will be elected this year and the Associate Grand Conductress that will be elected this year. Is there any question?

Sisters and Brothers, so that there's no confusion about yeses and noes and fors and againsts, anybody that has a question, if you will go to the Associate Grand Matron's mike and ask your question. I'll try to see you. It has been kind of bad to have those mikes back in the corners because it's difficult to see with people walking back and forth. So if you have a question, if you'll go to that mike. It's for a question. It's not for you to tell me whether you're for or against something. It is a question.

Okay. Thank you. Before I go any further, you all need to be very careful going up and down the stairs. We've had one of the ladies fall and hurt herself really bad. She fell backwards. So please be careful when you're traveling the stairs.

Are you ready for the question? All those in favor, for, raise your blue card. This is amendment number 2. Those against, please raise your card. Motion carried.

Now we're ready for the amendment. Is there any question? Hearing none, we'll vote for amendment 2. All those for, raise your blue card. Thank you. Those against this resolution, raise your card. The resolution carried.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Sisters and Brothers, another bump in the road.

Would you help me smooth it out? Do you understand that you just voted on one amendment to the amendment and then the second amendment to the amendment? That's what you voted on. You did not vote on the resolution itself. Is that what you understand?

Okay. We're sorry. The Worthy Grand Matron -

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Sisters and Brothers, I would like for you to take out of your packet ballot number D, resolution 2, long range plan for OES Home. Please mark within your little block, and mark it well. The ballot is now open. I would invite the Personal Pages to please assist in picking the boxes up and taking them around. If you will take them to the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels they can ballot at the door. If you're balloting, do not set in section 110, 111 and 112 or 210, 211 and 212. That is for nonvoting delegates, so please move to another portion so we can pick up your ballot. We will not be picking up ballots in those three sections.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Worthy Grand Matron, would you please direct the Assistant Warders and Sentinels not to allow people to enter or retire while we're taking the ballot.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, no one is supposed to enter or leave while we're in a ballot. So please do not let people come and go.

If you would go to the steno pool and to the Registration and Credentials desk and let them know when we're casting a ballot, so that they might vote. I would appreciate you doing that at this time. If someone would go. We need to make sure everyone has an opportunity to vote.

So everyone knows, I appointed the judges this morning. I asked Sister Rennie Ofton to serve as the ballot judge, Brother Kenneth Gregory, Brother Richard Ochs, Brother Murray Watson who got sick and went home and I appointed Alma Lynn Bane in his place, and Sister Wanda Fairchild to serve as assistants. So they're going to be back there checking and making sure that everything is going just right. So don't you all worry about it. We've got a good crew back there. Thank you so much.

Sisters and Brothers, has everybody balloted who is entitled to do so and who wants to? I now declare the ballot closed. You will empty your ballots on the tables.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## AMENDMENT NO. 18

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Sisters and Brothers, I refer to page 105, amendment number 18 in your advance report. Page 105, amendment number 18. This refers to Article 204.e(4) (b) on page 143 of the Code of Law. Is everybody there?

This is regarding a member who has an endowed membership in two Chapters, and one of the Chapters demises after the member's death. Currently, our law states,

"Interest for an endowed members goes into the General Fund when a Chapter demises. If a member is still alive, the member can have the endowed membership transferred to another Chapter." There is no provision for transfer of the endowed membership of a dual member who is deceased if one of the Chapters should demise. A yes vote on this amendment would allow the remaining Chapter of a deceased endowed member to request the interest be paid to this Chapter if the other Chapter demises. A no vote, this interest would go into the General Fund. Are there any questions regarding the format and legality of this amendment?

Hearing none, Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 18 reads as follows.]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 18

WHEREAS, the number of Dual Members in our Order has been steadily increasing.

WHEREAS, there is no definitive wording to tell what happens to the interest of an Endowed Member who has Endowed Membership in two Chapters.

WHEREAS, if either the Parent or Dual Chapter demises, there is no provision for the interest of the Endowed Member to be sent to the remaining Chapter.

We therefore propose the following amendment to the Code of Laws, Chapter 4, ARTICLE 204.e. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP (4) (b) (p. 143)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

- (4) EFFECT IF CHAPTER CONSOLIDATES OR DEMISES
- (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. The Endowed Member subsequently becomes a member of another Texas Chapter by affiliation, the Endowed Membership will be transferred to the Chapter by written request, accompanied by \$3.00 Fee, by the Endowed Member or by the Secretary of their Chapter.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

- (4) EFFECT IF CHAPTER CONSOLIDATES OR DEMISES:
- (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 is a member of another Chapter, or subsequently becomes a member of another Texas Chapter by affiliation, the Endowed Membership will be transferred to the Chapter by written request, accompanied by \$3.00 Fee, by the Endowed Member or by the Secretary of their Chapter. If a member of a Parent Chapter and a Dual Chapter dies, the interest will be transferred to the Parent Chapter if the Dual Chapter demises, by written request, accompanied by \$3.00 Fee by the

Chapter Secretary; or to the Dual Chapter if the Parent Chapter demises, by written request, accompanied by \$3.00 Fee by the Chapter Secretary.

SUBMITTED BY:

Betty J. Garrett Fay Stockwell Sharon Hinkie Dorothy Landes

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: This amendment is in proper order. We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on this? Hearing none, we'll vote with our cards. All those in favor, raise your blue card. Those opposed, raise the blue card. Motion carried.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 19**

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Sisters and Brothers, let's go now to amendment number 19. You'll find this in your advance report, page 106. It concerns Articles 216, 202.g, 204.d(3), 218.a(3), on page 150 of your Code of Laws. This is regarding four changes to our Code of Laws to conform with changes to the Ritual made at General Grand Chapter in the year 2000. The change to the Ritual is the requirement of three black cubes to reject a petitioner instead of a unanimous ballot. Since this was a change to the Ritual, no action is required by this assembly. Our law already provides for this type of housekeeping. The Grand Secretary will make the necessary or proper corrections to the Code of Laws. Do you have any questions regarding the format or the legality?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 19 reads as follows.]

#### AMENDMENT NO. 19

WHEREAS our Code of Laws need to be changed to reflect the changes to the Ritual approved at the 2000 General Grand Chapter Assembly, we propose the following Amendment.

ARTICLE 216. RESULTS NECESSARY (p. 150)

# WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 216. RESULTS NECESSARY. <u>One black cube</u> rejects a Petitioner for Degrees, Affiliation by Demit, Affiliation by Transfer, Dual Membership, and Waiver of Jurisdiction. In any case, only the secretary notifies the petitioner.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 216. RESULTS NECESSARY. Three black cubes rejects a Petitioner for Degrees, Affiliation by Demit, Affiliation by Transfer, Dual Membership, and Waiver of Jurisdiction. If no more than two black cubes appear, the ballot is considered clear. If three black cubes appear, a second and final ballot is ordered. In any case, only the Secretary notifies the petitioner.

#### AND

ARTICLE 202. INVESTIGATING Committee (p. 137)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 202. INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

g. To be granted, all petitions must have an unanimous ballot.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 202. INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

g. To be granted, all petitions must <u>receive a clear ballot as defined by the</u> Code of Laws, Article 216.

#### AND

ARTICLE 204.d.(3)(c). DUAL MEMBERSHIP (p. 141)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 204.d. (3) PROCEDURE FOR AFFILIATION AS DUAL MEMBER

(c) Applications with proper accompaniments shall be received at a Stated Meeting, recommended by 2 members of petitioned Chapter, referred to an Investigating Committee, lie over for 4 weeks, and, after report of Investigating Committee who MUST have seen the Receipt for Dues, shall be balloted upon and receive an unanimous ballot for election.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 204.d. (3) PROCEDURE FOR AFFILIATION AS DUAL MEMBER.

(c) Applications with proper accompaniments shall be received at a Stated Meeting, recommended by 2 members of petitioned Chapter, referred to an Investigating Committee; lie over for 4 weeks, and, after report of Investigating Committee who MUST have seen the Receipt for Dues, shall be balloted upon and <u>for election</u> must receive a clear ballot as defined in the Code of Laws, Article 216.

#### AND

ARTICLE 218. HOW CONDUCTED a. (3). (p. 151)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

a. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

(3) No discussion of a petitioner shall be allowed in open Chapter. If only one black cube appears in a ballot that requires a unanimous ballot, the Presiding Officer shall not declare the result. The ballot shall be destroyed, and the Presiding Officer shall order a second, final ballot.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

#### a. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

(3) No discussion of a petitioner shall be allowed in open Chapter. If **there** are no more than three black cubes appearing in a ballot box that requires a clear ballot, the Presiding Officer shall not declare the result. The ballot shall be destroyed, and the Presiding Officer shall order a second, final ballot.

#### SUBMITTED BY:

Marjorie Errington Haynes Neva Mae Evans Cherry Lola Wallace Billie Wilk Ivan Wallace Coweta N. Engel

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, do you have any question or is there any discussion on the amendment number 19?

Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual sign. For, raise your blue card. Thank you. Against, raise your blue card. Opposed I mean. Motion carried.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

# **AMENDMENT NO. 20**

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: Amendment number 20, synopsis, advance report, page 108, Article 218.e, page 151. This is regarding clarification of the wording when a written protest has been received by the Worthy Matron on a petitioner. This was also a change to the Ritual requiring three black cubes instead of a unanimous ballot. We should have proper wording to agree with the Ritual. If a written protest has been received and the member filing it is not present, it will only require two additional black cubes to reject the petitioner. Again, this is housekeeping and does not require a vote by this membership. Worthy Grand Matron, since this is a Ritualistic change, no vote is required by this assembly. The Grand Secretary will make the appropriate change.

[Amendment No. 20 reads as follows.]

## AMENDMENT NO. 20

**WHEREAS** clarification is needed when a written protest has been received, we propose the following amendment to Chapter 7. The Ballot.

ARTICLE 218. HOW CONDUCTED. e. (p. 151)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

e. If such protest has been filed, the Worthy Matron shall proceed with the

ballot. In case the ballot is clear, she shall announce the protest, unless the protesting member is present, in which event the protest shall not be announced. In case the ballot is not clear, no mention shall be made of the protest.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

e. If such protest has been filed, the Worthy Matron shall proceed with the ballot. In case the ballot is clear, still having received two black cubes, she shall destroy the ballot and take a second and final ballot. If the ballot still contains two black cubes, she shall announce the protest, which has the effect of one black cube and the petition is denied. If the protesting member is present, the protest shall not be announced. In case the ballot is not clear, no mention shall be made of the protest.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marjorie Errington Haynes Neva Mae Evans Cherry Lola Wallace Billie Wilk Ivan Wallace Coweta N. Engel

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Garland. No vote is required on amendment 20.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## **AMENDMENT NO. 21**

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Amendment number 21 is in your advance report on page 108. This refers to Article 217.b(2) and (3), page 150, and Article 204.a(8), page 139, of the Code of Laws. This is regarding changing the length of time a rejected petitioner must wait to resubmit a petition. General Grand Chapter allowed the change in the length of time for rejection of the degrees in 2000. Length of time for rejection for affiliation has been allowable for many years. It is Grand Chapter's choice, if we desire to make this change to our laws. Currently, a petitioner rejected for the degrees must wait three months after the first rejection, six months, then one year following subsequent rejection. A petitioner rejected for affiliation must wait three months from the date of each rejection to resubmit a petition. It adopted, both petitioners for degrees and petitioners for affiliation could resubmit a petition in two months after each rejection.

A yes vote would allow a petition of all classes to be resubmitted in two months. A no vote would leave the law as it currently reads. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 21 reads as follows.]

# **AMENDMENT NO. 21**

WHEREAS, a Resolution was adopted at the 43rd Assembly of General Grand

Chapter in Detroit, Michigan, in November 2000, to reduce the time from six (6) months to two (2) months which a rejected petitioner must wait before a petition can again be submitted:

Therefore, we present the following amendment to:

Code of Laws, Chapter 7, The Ballot, ARTICLE 217.b. REJECTION (p. 150)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 217. THE LIMIT ON RESULTS OF BALLOT

- b. REJECTION
- (1) The fees for degrees shall be immediately returned to a petitioner who has been rejected.
- (2) A petitioner for degrees, having been rejected, can be proposed again in the same Chapter three (3) months after the first rejection, six (6) months after the second, and one (1) year after subsequent rejection.
- (3) A candidate for Affiliation by Demit, Affiliation by Transfer, or Dual Membership, rejected in a Chapter, shall have her/his Demit or Receipt for Dues returned, and the Chapter shall have no Jurisdiction over such candidate. She/he may apply, at once, to any other Chapter in the State which has been visited by the applicant within the preceding twelve months, but may not apply again for Affiliation by Demit, Affiliation by Transfer or Dual Membership into rejecting Chapter until after three (3) months from the date of each rejection.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 217, THE LIMIT ON RESULTS OF BALLOT

- b. REJECTION
- (1) The fees for degrees shall be immediately returned to a petitioner who has been rejected.
- (2) A petitioner for degrees, having been rejected, can be proposed again in the same Chapter two (2) months after rejection.
- (3) A candidate for Affiliation by Demit, Affiliation by Transfer or Dual Membership, rejected in a Chapter shall have her/his Demit or Receipt for Dues returned, and the Chapter shall have no jurisdiction over such candidate. She/He may apply, at once, to any other Chapter in the State which has been visited by the applicant within the preceding twelve months, but may not apply again for Affiliation by Demit, Affiliation by Transfer or Dual Membership in the rejecting Chapter until after two (2) months from the date of rejection.

#### AND

ARTICLE 204.a.(8) (p. 139)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

## ARTICLE 204, PETITIONS FOR AFFILIATION

- a. GENERAL PROVISIONS COVERING EACH PETITION FOR AFFILIATION
- (8) TIME LIMIT ON REJECTION FOR AFFILIATION. A rejected Petitioner for Affiliation cannot repetition the rejecting Chapter for Affiliation for a period of **three months** from the date of rejection, but they may immediately petition any other Chapter in the Sate of Texas. A rejected petitioner for affiliation shall have her/his Demit or Receipt for Dues returned immediately.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

#### ARTICLE 204. PETITIONS FOR AFFILIATION

- a. GENERAL PROVISIONS COVERING EACH PETITION FOR AFFILIATION
- (8) TIME LIMIT ON REJECTION FOR AFFILIATION. A rejected Petitioner for Affiliation cannot repetition the rejecting Chapter for Affiliation for a period of <u>two months</u> from the date of rejection, but they may immediately petition any other Chapter in the State of Texas. A rejected petitioner for affiliation shall have her/his Demit or Receipt for Dues returned immediately.

#### SUBMITTED BY:

Kenneth R. Gregory Rosemary T. Swetland	Rennie Ofton Betty P. Benham	Billy H. Combest Yvonne Brownfield
Effie Mae Davis	Alma Lynn Bane	Henry A. Martin
Jane Gregory	Betty Friend	H. Lee Stallings
Katharina Dungan		

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?

Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual sign. For, raise your blue cards. Thank you. Opposing, raise your blue cards. Motion carried.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sisters and Brothers, you had better stay on your toes when you get up here. I must remind you that amendments 22, 23 and 24 were withdrawn, as we notified you this morning. We go to number 25.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### AMENDMENT NO. 25

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: This is in your advance report on page number 112. This refers to Article 204.d(5), page 142 in your Code of Laws. This is regarding notification to the other Chapter if a Dual Member is suspended for nonpayment of dues or expelled in either a Dual or a Parent Chapter. Currently, the law does not give

specific instruction to the Chapter Secretary to notify the other Chapter if a member is suspended or expelled. A yes vote requires the Chapter Secretary to notify the other Chapter regarding action concerning the Dual Member. A no vote will leave the law without specific instructions. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Someone has a question in the West.

MRS. LINDA STEIN: Yes, ma'am, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Linda Stein, Past Matron of Bandera Chapter 643, presently Worthy Matron of Medina Chapter 988. My question is if on the dual membership and on the – to the Parent Chapter, why isn't it going to affect both Chapters? If you choose to join both and you don't pay your dues for two years and you're suspended, you've made that promise. You have the opportunity to demit if you want to leave your Dual Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm not understanding your question.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Linda, restate your question, please, ma'am.

MRS. LINDA STEIN: My question is, if you have joined a Dual Chapter and you have not paid your dues in one of the two Chapters, you've made that commitment; you have the opportunity to demit. So why isn't it equal on both sides? You can demit and get out of one, but instead of being suspended in just one Chapter, why doesn't it affect both Chapters, because you made that commitment when you joined the second one?

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: May I address that question? That is another law in our Code of Laws. That doesn't pertain. This is just the notification, the Chapter Secretary notifying the other Chapter if a member is expelled or suspended from the Chapter. This particular amendment doesn't address your question. Perhaps if you'd like to come a little bit later to the Jurisprudence table, we'll try to assist you.

MRS. LINDA STEIN: Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: They're giving specific instructions now for the Secretary of the Chapters to notify the other Chapter. And that's very important.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 25 reads as follows.]

# **AMENDMENT NO. 25**

WHEREAS the Chapter 4, Affiliation, Article 204, section d. Dual Membership does not address notification of parent chapter when dual member is suspended for nonpayment of dues:

CHAPTER 4. ARTICLE 204d. DUAL MEMBERSHIP (p. 142)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

(5) SUSPENSION. A Dual Member suspended or expelled after trial in one of the Chapters would have the same effect in both Chapters. A Dual Member suspended for 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.

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

(5) SUSPENSION. A Dual Member suspended or expelled after trial in one of the Chapters would have the same effect in both Chapters. The Secretary of the Chapter from which the member was suspended or expelled would notify the other Chapter under the seal of the Chapter. A Dual Member suspended for nonpayment of dues in the Parent Chapter would have the same effect in the Dual Chapter. The Secretary of the Parent Chapter would notify the Dual Chapter under the seal of the Parent Chapter. If suspended from the Dual Chapter for nonpayment of dues, then the suspension would NOT affect the Parent Chapter. The Secretary of the Dual Chapter would notify the Parent Chapter of such suspension under the seal of the Dual Chapter.

SUBMITTED BY:

Betty J. Garrett

Sharon Hinkie

Fay Stockwell

Dorothy Landes

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, is there any discussion? We'll vote by the usual sign. Raise your blue cards if you're for it. Thank you. Those against, raise your blue cards. Motion carried.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### AMENDMENT NO. 26

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: Synopsis, amendment number 26, advance report, page 112, Flag Ceremony, page 220. This regards adding wording to our Flag Ceremony to include a Brother as Marshal, and the Worthy Patron, if he is presiding. Currently, a Sister or a Brother may hold the office of Marshal. The Flag Ceremony simply does not address the change in the wording for a Brother. If adopted, the word "Brother" would be added, and the Worthy Grand Patron could preside if the Worthy Matron desires. A yes vote would change the wording to reflect the Worthy Patron or a Sister or a Brother. A no vote will leave the wording as it currently is.

Questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

Hearing none, Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 26 reads as follows.]

# **AMENDMENT NO. 26**

WHEREAS, the Worthy Matron may INVITE the Worthy Patron to preside at anytime during a meeting other than the Opening and Closing Ceremony.

WHEREAS, the designation of Worthy Matron or WM signifies a Sister may participate in a portion of Ritualistic or Code of Laws ceremonies.

WHEREAS, the Marshal may be a Brother, and

WHEREAS, the Worthy Matron may wish to INVITE the Worthy Patron to preside during the FLAG CEREMONY.

We, the undersigned, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Code of Laws.

Forms and Ceremonies. (p. 220)
 Division VI, Appendix Giving Forms and Ceremonies.

#### WHICH NOW READS:

FLAG CEREMONY - Presentation of the Flag

W.M. <u>"Sister</u> Marshal, you will present the flag of our country. (The Marshal will march <u>west</u>, then <u>north</u> to the station of the A.P. where the Flag has been previously placed. The A.P. will have the Flag in readiness for the Marshal. The Marshal marches East, by entering the Labyrinth between Esther and Martha, pausing at the Altar for a moment, then marches directly to the East and places the Flag in the standard at the right of the W.M. and on a level with her. The W.P. may assist in the placing of the Flag in the standard.

RETIRING OF FLAG (Just preceding the closing ceremony)

W.M. - "Sister Marshal, you will retire the Flag."

(The <u>W.M.</u> calls up the Chapter when the Marshal approaches the Flag and seats them when it has been returned to a place in the West.)

#### BE AMENDED TO READ:

FLAG CEREMONY - Presentation of the Flag

W.M.  ${\bf \acute{or}~W.P.}~~\underline{\mbox{``Sister/Brother}}$  Marshal, you will present the flag of our country."

(The Marshal will march <u>West</u>, then <u>North</u> to the station of the A.P. where the Flag has been previously placed. The A.P. will have the Flag in readiness for the Marshal. The Marshal marches East by entering the Labyrinth between Esther and Martha, pausing at the Altar for a moment, then marches directly to the East and places the Flag in the standard at the right of the W.M. and on a level with her. The W.P. may assist in the placing of the Flag in the standard.)

RETIRING OF FLAG (Just preceding the closing ceremony)

W.M. or W.P. "Sister/Brother Marshal, you will retire the Flag".

(The <u>W.M./W.P.</u> calls up the Chapter when the Marshal approaches the Flag and seats them when it has been returned to a place in the West.

SUBMITTED BY:

Alma Bane Kenneth R. Gregory Henry Martin Jane Gregory Yvonne Brownfield Effie Mae Davis

Rennie Ofton H. Lee Stallings Betty P. Benham Betty Friend Rosemary T. Swetland

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I have a motion and second. Do we have any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual sign. Raise your blue card if you're for this. Opposed, same. Motion carried.

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## **AMENDMENT NO. 27**

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Sisters and Brothers, this one is a piece of cake. Advance report, page 114. This has to do with forms. It's the form of the endowed membership. This is regarding Form No. 143-S, and to clarify the application for endowed membership. Currently, the form does not specify that the application and payment are to be sent to the Grand Secretary with only a copy going to the Endowed Membership Committee. If adopted, the form includes check and stamps as the method of payment, and specifies that it shall be sent to the Grand Secretary with a copy to the Endowed Membership Committee. The proponents state there is confusion concerning the form as currently printed. A yes vote will change the form. A no vote will leave the form as it currently is. Are there questions?

I don't believe there are. Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

(Amendment No. 27 reads as follows.)

## AMENDMENT NO. 27

WHEREAS there is confusion concerning the "Endowed Membership Application Form", Form 143-S, with the belief that it may be used only by the Endowed Membership Committee, and

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{WHEREAS}}$  a more specific individual purchase order form will clarify the purchase procedure,

Therefore, the Endowed Membership Form No. 143-S be amended for the use of individual members and Subordinate Chapter Secretaries.

FORMS (p. 208a)

#### WHICH NOW READS:

#### **FORM 143-S**

# 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 Grand Chapter Records)
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.
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Endowed Membership Committee
District Section
BE AMENDED TO READ:
FORM 143-S

Order of the Eastern Star of Texas

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/PURCHASE FORM (To be used by Subordinate Chapter Secretaries and/or Individual Members)

Please check one of the following:

Endowed Membershi	p for		
Endowed Membershi	ip in Honor o	of	
Endowed Membershi	ip in Memory	y of Deceased Member	
Cost of	f Endowed M	lembership is \$500.00	
PAYMENT ENCLOSED:	Check	\$	
	Stamps	\$	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	
Name of Endowed Membe	(As it a	ppears on Grand Cha	apter Records)
Chapter Address		NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.	
City and Zip			
	Chapter 1	Name and Number	·
	Secretar	<b>y</b>	1 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1
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	Name of	Purchaser	
Application and payment send a copy of this comple Membership Committee.			-
	Endowed	Membership Commit	tee
	District _	Section	
SUBMITTED BY: Marjorie Errington H Cheryl McGee Jerre Lucas	aynes	Coweta Engel Billie Wilk	Jan Haag Nelson Campbell

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, with this amendment being in proper form, is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual sign with our cards. All those in favor, please raise your blue card. Those opposed. Motion carried.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Elsie.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I want to especially again thank this membership for their courtesy, their attention and for staying in this Grand Chapter room. We have completed all of the amendments and resolutions that we can address at this

time. We have to wait, depending on the outcome of the vote on resolution number 2, before we can proceed with any further amendments or resolutions. Now, I know that you're going to remain with us. I'm sure the Worthy Grand Matron has reports that need to be done at this time, and she can proceed with that. But, remember, we still have business to complete. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time I'll call for the reports from the Grand Examiners.

# REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT 1

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the opportunity of giving this beautiful report to the membership.

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 compassion for our beautiful Order and the support of this Grand Examiner truly brings Music to my Soul.

It is my pleasure to present the Report of the Grand Examiner District 1.

# CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

TOTALS BY SECTION	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{'s}$	$\mathbf{B's}$
Section 1	59	1
Section 2	90	
Section 3	56	1
Section 4	102	2
Section 5	103	
Section 6	70	
Section 7	66	
Section 8	75	
Section 9	91	
Section 10	104	
Total "A" Certificates ea	<u>816</u>	
Total "B" Certificates earned were		
Grand Total of Certifica	<u>820</u>	

This Grand Examiner was pleased to issue 32 Certificates of Proficiency to members taking their test 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.

Sister Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron: How pleased I was to travel through District 1 with you. Your generous love has been an encouragement to the membership of Texas. Thank you for this Special Gift. Your loving support of me is greatly appreciated.

Brother Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you for the many miles that you have traveled across the State of Texas. Your love and service to the membership of this Grand Chapter was felt through out the State. Thank you for your love and support.

Sister Abigail Freeman, District Deputy Grand Matron: Your smile is contagious and I loved to hear you laugh. Thank you for every courtesy extended to me.

Deputy Grand Matrons of District One: Thank you so much for the outstanding District One Schools of Instructions. Your loving kindness is deeply appreciated. I look forward to seeing each of you this next year.

Betty Carter, Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron: Betty you are a Wonderful Christian Lady. Thank you for your love and guidance.

To my five Co-Workers: You are very special to me. Thank you for your words of encouragement and for being by my side this year. Every time I called you were always so kind and ready to help. You are truly my Blessings.

To the Membership of District One and the Membership of Texas: Thank you for allowing me the great privilege of serving on the Board of Grand Examiners thank you for all the honorary memberships, your many many courtesies and most of all the gift of Love. May God Bless you and Keep you safe as we continue to strive to serve our Heavenly Father.

"Music is The Window to the Soul The Cross is the Door to Heaven.

> Fraternally, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert Board of Grand Examiner District 1 Grand Chapter of Texas

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 Joyce.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my honor to serve in this position. Thank you to the membership of Texas for allowing me this prvilege. I appreciate the support of the members of Odessa #447,

Cora Posey #1072 and all of Texas. Thank you to the members of District Two for making this report possible.

The schools of District Two were enjoyable for all. The ten Deputy Grand Matrons provided a comfortable place for each Examining Room. The members who came were excited and eager to share their knowledge of our beautiful Order. I appreciate each member who assisted in the examining rooms. The members of District Two worked hard thus allowing me to present the following report:

	"A" Certificates	"B" Certificates	Total
Section One	24	0	24
Section Two	49	0	49
Section Three	34	0	34
Section Four	49	0	49
Section Five	22	0	22
Section Six	50	0	50
Section Seven	53	0	53
Section Eight	76	0	76
Section Nine	32	0	32
Section Ten	51	0	51
TOTAL	455	0	455

"A" Certificates	455
"B" Certificates	0
Total Certificates Earned	455

21 "First Timers" earned "A" certificates. \$183.00 was donated for Proficiency Stickers and \$130.00 was received in donations to sign the shirt, which was auctioned to benefit the Eastern Star Home.

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 Kidd, Grand Examiner District 2.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

"I trust a mighty beacon to guide me day and night.

I need not fear the waves that roar, for Jesus is my light."

Words are inadequate to express my gratitude to the membership of Texas for the privilege of serving these five years on the Board of Grand Examiners. I thank you for placing your trust in me.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe, it was an honor to travel with you through District III, and I sincerely thank you for your many courtesies.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Buddy Baker, District III is so proud to call you ours. You made us very proud this year.

To Sister Edna Jefferies, District Deputy Grand Matron, your sense of humor, combined with your thoughtfulness, made traveling together a real pleasure.

To the ten wonderful Deputy Grand Matrons of District III, I thank you for the excellent Examining Room arrangements and for every courtesy afforded me.

To Sister Betty Carter, Traveling Secretary, it was a joy rooming with you. Each of you has a special place in my heart.

To my co-workers, I have so many wonderful memories of the time we have served together. I wish each of you the very best as you continue to serve Grand Chapter.

To the members of Castleberry Chapter No. 1028, my husband, Gayle, and my family, it is only with your support and encouragement that I have traveled this way, and I appreciate your unconditional love.

District III is made up of the most caring members, and my life has been touched by your generosity. A special "Thank You" to each of you who made this report possible by taking your examinations and by your assistance during the Schools of Instruction.

It was my pleasure to serve in the Examining Room at Spring Fling and to give examinations at the Associate Grand Matron's conference with her Deputies.

It is with great pride in the membership that I present the following report for District III:

SECTIONS	"A" Certificates	"B" Certificates
Section 1	259	0
Section 2	74	0
Section 3	44	0
Section 4	35	0
Section 5	34	0
Section 6	74	0
Section 7	53	0
Section 8	67	0
Section 9	70	0
Section 10	71	0
TOTALS	788	0

"Nothing in life that is worthy is ever too hard to achieve If we have the courage to try it and faith in our hearts to believe." May you be surrounded by God's love.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Brown Board of Grand Examiners District III

It is my pleasure to recognize my friend and co-worker, Sister Vi Griffin, Grand Examiner of District IV.

# REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT 4

MRS. VI GRIFFIN: Thank you, Sister Nancy.

It is my privilege to present this, my first report as Grand Examiner of District Four. I am honored to serve you in this office. Thank you for your confidence and trust.

This report is the result of the untiring efforts of the membership of District Four who have, Worthy Grand Matron, accepted THE CHALLENGE and many other dedicated Sisters and Brothers. I want to especially thank those who were so willing to assist me in so many ways and recognize those in the subordinate chapters who took their valuable time to prepare their members for the Proficiency Examination. Your work is evident in this report.

I am pleased to present the following report for District Four for the 2000-2001 Grand Chapter Year:

#### CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY ISSUED

TOTALS BY SECTION	$\mathbf{A}$	В
Section 1	111	
Section 2	152	
Section 3	75	
Section 4	205	
Section 5	272	
Section 6	89	
Section 7	115	
Section 8	51	
Section 9	72	
Section 10	145	1

Total number of A Certificates issued were 1287.

Total number of B Certificates earned was 1.

Total number of Certificates issued were 1288.

There are 76 who earned an A Certificate for the first time.

A detailed report by Chapter is on file in the Grand Secretary's office. Each

Chapter has been forwarded a list of their members earning Certificates of Proficiency.

 $820\ \mathrm{Proficiency}\ \mathrm{Stickers}\ \mathrm{were}\ \mathrm{sold}\ \mathrm{and}\ \$820.00\ \mathrm{forwarded}\ \mathrm{to}\ \mathrm{the}\ \mathrm{Grand}\ \mathrm{Secretary}.$ 

I was delighted to join my co-workers in the "Autograph Shirt" special project. \$340.00 was remitted to the Grand Secretary's office and the shirt was sold at the Spring Fling Auction.

Sisters and Brothers, I sincerely appreciate your affording me this place of service and I am grateful for each deed of kindness and each courtesy shown to the Office of Grand Examiner and to me.

Respectfully submitted, Vi Griffin, Grand Examiner District Four

I am now pleased to present to you the Grand Examiner of District 5, Sister Gerry Dusek.

# REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT 5

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: Thank you, Sister Vi.

It is with pride that I submit this report as your Grand Examiner for District 5. 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 5 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 5.

Section 1 - 92 A Certificates, 1 B Certificate

Section 2 - 23 A Certificates, 0 B Certificates

Section 3 - 77 A Certificates, 0 B Certificates

Section 4 - 37 A Certificates, 0 B Certificates

Section 5 - 25 A Certificates, 0 B Certificates

Section 6 - 113 A Certificates, 0 B Certificates

Section 7 - 161 A Certificates, 0 B Certificates

Section 8 - 76 A Certificates, 0 B Certificates

Section 9 - 67 A Certificates, 0 B Certificates

Section 10 - 64 A Certificates, 0 B Certificates

Total A Certificates Earned: 735

Total B Certificates Earned: 1 for a grand total of 736.

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.

Respectfully submitted, Gerry Dusek, Grand Examiner District 5

I am pleased to present Sister Sandra Perdue, my co-worker and Grand Examiner at Large.

# REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE

MRS. SANDRA PERDUE: Thank you, Sister Gerry.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, my dear Sisters and Brothers:

With a deep appreciation for the wonderful membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, I would like to say thank you for allowing me to serve this year as your Grand Examiner at Large. Every experience I have had, whether big or small, has been positive and inspiring. I appreciate each and everyone of you for all you have done for our Order and for your continued love and support. Without YOU, it would not have been possible for me to serve in this place of honor and I do appreciate it.

To our Sister Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Buddy Baker, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to say a very special thank you. Your year of service is drawing rapidly to a close, and I know you will reflect for many years to come on all the things that you have accomplished.

To each of the Grand Examiners, I would like to say thank you for your assistance. You are all great ladies and I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with you.

Thank you to each of you that have assisted me in the Examining Room or plan to assist later in the Grand Chapter Session. You are very much appreciated. If any "A" Certificate holders would like to come by to help, it would be great. It is my hope that I will have enough people to assist that no one will miss too much of the business that will transpire.

Due to the illness of Sister Nancy Brown, Grand Examiner of District Three, I was called upon to be present and conduct examinations at the Killeen School of Instruction in District Three, Section 8. Although it was unfortunate that Sister Nancy was ill, I did enjoy the opportunity to serve. A list of those earning proficiency certificates was forwarded to Sister Nancy Brown following that School and was included in her report.

Prior to this Grand Chapter Session, it was my privilege to give examinations to those persons unable to attend a School of Instruction during the year. Three "A" Certificates were earned, all from District One, and the names were forwarded to

Sister Joyce Gilbert, Grand Examiner of District One and included in her report.

I would like to submit the following report of Proficiency Certificates earned at this Grand Chapter Session:

District One	
"A" Certificates	7
"B" Certificates	
District Two	
"A" Certificates	0
"B" Certificates	
District Three	
"A" Certificates	3
"B" Certificates	
District Four	
"A" Certificates	13
"B" Certificates	
District Five	
"A" Certificates	0
"B" Certificates	

Total certificates issued at this Grand Chapter Session 23.

I would like to invite each of you that have not earned a Proficiency Certificate for this Grand Chapter year, to come see me. We are will be open all day Friday and for a short time on Saturday prior to the Elections.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Perdue, Board of Grand Examiners Grand Examiner At Large, Grand Chapter of Texas O.E.S.

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There has been a motion and a second to adopt the Grand Examiners' reports. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual card. All those for, please raise your blue card. Those opposed, the same. Motion carried.

To these Grand Examiners, how proud I have been to be able to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. I've known all of you for a long, long time. You did an absolutely beautiful job this year as Grand Examiners. You are so proficient in your work. Thank you so very, very much.

I invite the "Just Say It" Committee to bring your report. If you like what I've been saying all along for this week, I've been using that "Just Say It" book.

# REPORT OF JUST SAY IT COMMITTEE

MRS. CINDY NEWBURY: Thank you.

I am Cindy Newbury, General Chairman of the "Just Say It" Committee for the 2000-2001 year. I would like to introduce the District Chairman who assisted me.

District 1 - Shirley New

District 2 - Jo Dennis

District 3 - Sussie Furrie

District 4 – Vicki Hertenberger

District 5 - Billye Carrington

Please thank these ladies and their committee members that worked so hard.

Our Committee had the pleasure of selling the wonderful collection of Wit, Wisdom, and Words of Welcome titled "Just Say It". As of October 5th, 2001, we were able to collect \$16,592.00. This was a well received book and sold and is still selling well.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for the honor of serving as the General Chairperson.

I move that this report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Newbury, General Chairman Just Say It Committee

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and second to adopt the report. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue card. Those opposed, the same. Motion carried.

Cindy, how can I say thank you for the job you and your Committee have done. It has been an exciting Committee. I met with you all at the beginning when you were packing books to mail out. Now I must say the book is great, and everyone needs one. You have done a terrific job. Thank you.

Texas Heavenly D'Lights.

# REPORT OF THE TEXAS HEAVENLY D'LIGHTS COOKBOOK COMMITTEE

MRS. LUCIA TRAMMELL: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers all:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter in the preparation and sale of **another** Cookbook for the benefit of our beloved order. The success of this project for Grand Chapter is to the credit of the untiring efforts of my chairmen. They are:

Jean Hodson,	Gen. Co-Chairman
Erma Brookshire,	District I Chairman
Jack York,	District II Chairman
Joyce Nicklas,	District III Chairman
Karen Watt,	District IV Chairman
Malyna Jameson Miller	District V Chairman

My appreciation goes to this great membership of Texas for the submission of recipes for this cookbook, as well as the countless members who came to our Eastern Star Home in Arlington to assist with putting the Cookbooks together for distribution. I would also like to add that some of our Residents of our Eastern Star Home in Arlington came to help with putting the Cookbooks together as well. You know who you are, and I say "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart.

Furthermore, I feel that I must give a special "Loving Thank You" to those who spent countless hours at their computers preparing the different sections of the Cookbooks. They were: Erma Brookshire, Jack York, Joyce Nicklas, Karen Watt, Mildred Harvey, and Harold Trammell. The financial report is as follows:

#### RECEIPTS

2024 Cookbooks @ \$15 each	\$30,360
Postage Receipts	\$ 2,460

# TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$32,820

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Office Max Binders	8/1/00	\$2,819.20
Sunpak Boxes	8/4/00	\$ 228,50
Global Group Print	8/17/00	10,323.00
Office Max Binders	8/27/00	1,151.59
Postage Mailing	9/18/00	981.59
Postage Pick-up Fee	9/18/00	8.25
Postage Mailing	9/25/00	2.43
	10/12/00	30.64
	10/13/00	2.48
	10/16/00	2.48
	10/23/00	4.96
U-Haul/Gas to GrChap	11/02/00	276.90
Postage Mailing	11/06/00	7.44
	11/13/00	2.48
	11/21/00	4.96
	11/21/00	3.83
	11/28/00	17.36
	11/28/00	3.83
	12/11/00	2.48
	12/21/00	2.48
	01/03/01	3.83
	01/23/01	2.65

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$15,883.36

TEXAS HEAVENLY D'LIGHTS NET PROFIT

\$16,36.64

Respectfully Submitted, Lucia Trammell Texas Heavenly D'Lights General Chairman 2000 -2001

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report and that this written report be included in the proceedings as submitted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and second to adopt the Texas Heavenly D'Lights Committee report. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor raise your blue cards. All those opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Lucia, you accepted to chair this Committee before you knew that Harold was going to be Mr. X. You completed your job with all the money turned in before assuming your new position as Grand Escort to the Associate Grand Patron. Thank, you, Lucia and your Committee, for a beautiful job well done.

I recognize the Endowed Membership Stamp Committee.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm sorry for the delay, but we've taken money up till a few minutes ago, continually, and had it retyped so it's a little easier to read. I apologize for the delay.

At this time I do want to request under Robert's Rules of Order a personal privilege to speak on another issue after I give the report, if I may, please, ma'am.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You may.

# REPORT OF THE ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP COMMITTEE

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, protocol having been established, Sisters and Brothers. I, Richard Ochs, General Chairman of the Endowed Membership Stamp Committee, have the personal privilege of introducing the District Chairmen and Co-Chairmen and to report to you their respective district's accomplishments under this new program. Considerable mailing and insurance costs resulted to some members because of stamp accountability. They and their section representatives throughout the state were the workers who made available to you the membership and Chapters, the Endowed Membership Stamps. If you haven't started a book yet, begin one for yourself and a friend or relative.

I congratulate and thank those Chapters who chose to buy books or sheets of stamps to have them readily and easily available for you the membership when you or your Chapter desired to express special thanks or congratulations as a gift or special courtesy, or just add to your personal book. If your Chapter DID NOT purchase stamps to have them readily on hand at each meeting, I encourage you to

make a motion at your next meeting to have your chapter to include some as routine supplies maintained by the Chapter Secretary or Treasurer or special appointee or Chapter representative.

It is up to you and me to assure the continuity and a perpetual Endowed Membership Stamp Program. Many of us will occasionally have 10 to 20 dollars to purchase a stamp or two, but seldom have 500 dollars in our pocket or checking account to use for full endowment. If we don't participate, it won't be done.

District I Chairman, Henry Martin, and Co-Chairman, Joe White, and District I section representatives per report attached hereto states they sold 1,753 stamps and 156 books totaling \$17,686.00 for District 1. He also reported delivering an additional \$1,000.00 for two complete Endowed Memberships. Thanks, District 1.

District II Chairman, Dwayne Maserang, and the District II section representatives sold 380 stamps and 44 books totaling \$3,844.00. Thanks, District II.

District III Chairman, Robert Brownfield, and the District III section representatives sold 2,367 stamps and 297 books, totaling \$23,967. Thanks, District III. Brother Jesse Carden, District III, Section 1, purchased from the Grand Secretary and sold 410 stamps and 50 books for a total of \$4,150.00 and two \$500.00 cash endowments, bringing District III totals to \$29,117.

District IV Chairman, Kenneth Gregory, Co-Chairman Toby Lytle, and District IV section representatives sold 4,159 stamps and 345 books after leaving San Antonio totaling \$41,935.00. Last year at Grand Chapter, Toby Lytle, District IV Co-Chairman, manned a table in the convention entrance foyer. He and his helpers sold 210 stamps and 212 books for a total of \$2,312.00 before leaving San Antonio, bringing the group total for District IV to \$44,247. Thank you Toby, and thank you District IV.

District V Chairman, Bill Curry, and the District V section representatives sold 500 stamps and 50 books totaling \$5,050. Thanks, District V.

Henry, Joe, Dwayne, Robert, Kenneth, Toby, and Bill, please join me in saying THANKS to all members who helped with the Endowed Membership Stamp Program this year. Worthy Grand Matron, our grand totals were 9,808 stamps and 1,152 books plus four \$500.00 cash endowments for a total of \$101,232. A supplemental final report will follow.

I've got to go to the Grand Secretary's office, and we've got to turn over some things. I look forward to my visit there and following up with the report. Thank you all.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for affording us the opportunity to participate in this new program. Thank you very much, gentlemen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Richard and to this special Committee, you were just a little bit skeptical when we talked about this program in the beginning, weren't you, Richard? What do you think about it now?

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Hallellujah!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To you and your Committee, how can I ever

say thank you enough for making this program a success. Know I love every one of you. Would you step to the front and let's have a picture. Do you realize this is an all guy committee?

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Now, Worthy Grand Matron, may I go ahead with the personal privilege statement that you okayed?

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Richard Ochs, Worthy Patron of Panhandle Chapter #760. I'm going to read what I was doing instead of adlibbing. Texas OES does have a contract with Texas Masonic Retirement Center for clinical care of our ladies. Texas Masonic Retirement Center/Independent Living, has reported no space per their own board minutes in the months of June and August. No OES Home lady who is able to live without clinic care should ever be put in a clinic until they physically require it, and not for our convenience. A more earnest effort by us is appropriate before throwing out our 75-year-old Home operation. Why? I only have time for a couple of reasons at this time.

First, because there has not been any in-depth study other than the Dallas thing that was discussed or proposal of alternatives provided to us in advance to study detailing positives and negatives as to what happens to the property and Home. Second, the proponents of resolutions 1 and 2 say vacate it. Has any solicitation, appraisal of value or buyer potential been done? I think the vacating property proposal would lead to boarding up windows and doors which will encourage vandalism and major destruction.

501(c)(3) and (8) are under very major problems – Do you want me to stop totally or – let me finish? May I?

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How much more have you got?

MR.RICHARD OCHS: May I please say something about 501(c)(3) and (c)(8)? We have \$8 million in endowment funds. Look at your Bulletin from last year and audit. Talk to an attorney, including Murray Watson. There are some questions where we stand. I definitely did not, but with what has transpired, reconsideration of the motion is in order from somebody who voted in favor of it. I did not obviously, but I encourage somebody who has got some moxie to come request a reconsideration of the motion.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have the voting results on resolution 2. Number of ballots: there were 4 Ballot D not properly marked, they were rejected. There were 5 improper ballots, Ballot E, that was rejected. There were 239 no votes and 1,059 yes votes for a total of 1,307 ballots processed.

I recognize Sister Elsie.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, as I told you, amendment numbers 1 and 2 we had not acted on. We had not acted on resolution 3 and 4. Sisters and Brothers, the result of the ballot we have just heard determines the disposition of resolutions number 3 and 4. Number 3 will be referred to – this is not totally gone. It will be referred to that Committee, and they will consider what portions of that

and what is feasible and report back, as they said, to this Grand Chapter. Four also pertains to the Home. That also will be referred to that Committee. Then all of that will be referred to the Purposes and Policies Committee to be presented to this Grand Chapter.

[Resolutions 3 and 4 read as follows.]

# **RESOLUTION NO. 3**

WHEREAS, successful organizations establish goals and objectives, and

WHEREAS, successful organizations, both commercial and nonprofit, define those goals and objectives by compiling a written document that sets forth desired accomplishments within specific time frames, and

WHEREAS, continuity is necessary in the realization of long term goals, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas has never formally drafted a plan setting forth the short or long term goals for the Eastern Star Home, and

WHEREAS, a written document is necessary in all situations and especially where the leadership of the organization changes annually.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Master Plan for the Eastern Star Home of Texas be adopted and implemented.

# SUBMITTED BY:

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Naomi Wolfe	Buddy Baker	Jimmie Lee McMahon
Harold Trammell	Betty Prater	Sharon Fentress
Doris J. Hester	Maxine Nance	Lewis A. Mathison
Jo Ann Snow	Stephen Ireland	

## EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS

1201 East Division Arlington Texas 76011

# MASTER PLAN Overview

#### STATEMENT OF WORK

This document is intended to:

- Assist the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas in understanding the OES Home of Texas Philanthropy. "Only an informed membership can make good decisions".
- 2. Provide continuity of operation and plans. This will allow real savings in the operation and renovation of the Home by reducing false starts, incomplete projects, etc.
- 3. Be a guideline for future leaders of the Grand Chapter of Texas. This is not meant to limit the discretionary power of the WGM or governing boards or Grand Chapter to decide issues but is intended to provide guidelines and direction.

- 4. This is presented as a 5 year working plan. This means that it is always subject to change as issues arise that are not anticipated.
- 5. Provide security and continuity of care for the residents of our Home. There is room for improvement in this area. This is possibly the most important aspect of this document.

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This document shall not be limited to the above functional areas of the operation of the OES Home facility in Texas.

# RATIONALE

For years, the operation and condition of the OES Home and the expectations of the membership have not realized. The "Home" is causing much division among the membership.

#### WHY?

To a great extent the lack of a defined "GOAL".

All corporations have "Long Range Plans" and communities have "Master Plans".

Where is our "Plan"? After all, we are operating a million dollar Philanthropy.

This document is an attempt to set forth a working plan for operation of our OES Home.

Please note: This plan does not consider the option of closing or moving our facility. If this is to be considered please look somewhere else because the premise of this document is -

"Our OES Home is worth saving".

#### MISSION STATEMENT

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The Texas Eastern Star Home is a continuing care facility dedicated to providing care and support services to elderly members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

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It is a place where members of shared values can live their lives with dignity and an independent spirit in a homelike atmosphere supplemented by a socially satisfying environment.

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Our goal is to assist residents in maintaining a feeling of home, while providing a safe and secure environment.

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We honor our commitment to encourage each resident to strive for self-sufficiency, personal growth, an understanding of the interests of others, and respect for self.

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Our home is dedicated to providing social surroundings with stimulating activities in an environment that is also well suited to the care of individuals with special needs.

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As a not-for-profit organization, we will strive to operate on a sound financial basis, investing our endowment with the goal of providing economic stability for our current and future residents. We will do all that is financially possible to provide our residents with the peace of mind that comes from economic security during their senior years.

#### VII

We encourage membership support of our home but also actively seek philanthropic support from individuals as well as public and private entities. The members of the Order share a belief and dedication in giving to our members and our friends.

#### PLAN for SUCCESS

In order to make any plans to reach a goal, you must first be clear as to what is the goal and that it is attainable. To aid in this process the following discussion is provided:

#### **CARE CHOICES** (Definitions)

Under state and federal guidelines there are definitions used to define the requirements for different levels of services for the elderly.

Independent Living. Functionally and socially independent.

A broad range of housing options such as residential homes, apartments, condominiums, townhouses; are available. General Requirements range from no services at all to environmental security to coordination of services such as transportation, activities, and housekeeping.

Retirement Community. Commonly called Unassisted Living. Generally the same as above. For functionally and socially independent persons that do not require 24 hour protective oversight. Integrated housing and other services such as meals are provided.

Assisted Living. This is for persons that are functionally and/or socially impaired and require 24-hour protective oversight. The General requirements for housing are as above but also provides assistance for daily living, such as dressing, hygiene, meal preparation, medication monitoring.

Nursing Facility. The requirements are the same as above and also provide 24 hour nursing supervision, psychosocial and rehabilitation services.

Assessment criteria have also been established to define what area best fits an individual.

#### TEXAS OES HOME PHILANTHROPY

The Grand Chapter of Texas established the OES Home to address the areas that are currently defined from *Retirement Community* to *Nursing Facility* for our senior OES ladies. Over the years the fundamental goals have not changed. (see Mission Statement)

In recent years, Grand Chapter has streamlined (eliminating *Nursing* care and limited *Assisted Living* care) in the Home itself and also allowed for expansion (fee for service) of the scope of operation of the Home. All of this has been done to provide a more secure financial footing for the operation of the Home and a better environment for the residents.

With the approval of Grand Chapter of the "Fee for Service" plan the Home can (waiting IRS approval) provide an additional care option to include apartments on a pay as you go basis. The fee for services arrangement should relieve some of the financial pressure when it is implemented. The prime concern is improving the condition of the apartments to induce occupancy.

This section is inserted into this document to demonstrate the rational and validity of the goals presented in the following sections.

#### TEXAS OES HOME STUDY

The Following was summarized from 'a study commissioned by the Corporate Board 1998-1999. The "stars" indicate items that have been approved by Grand Chapter. The arrows indicate items that should be considered.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN-OES HOME prepared by

Robert B. Lynch Associate Professor, and Strategic Management Task Force From the Graduate School of Management, University of Dallas

#### COMPETITIVE STRATEGIES

#### A. CRUCIAL

- Prepare and institute an overall marketing plan for the home, which is designed to increase the number of residents and philanthropic gifts
- Recruit a task force to develop a financial plan for the home and to optimize returns from the home's endowment
- Develop an operating plan for the home. ..perform cost analysis of facility improvements and preventive maintenance
  - Survey the Order's members (Texas) to determine their priorities and desires in selecting a retirement facility
  - Consider recruiting and admitting Eastern Star members from outside of Texas to the home
- ★ Consider the possibility of outsourcing Infirmary care ... determine actual cost of providing this care

#### B. SIGNIFICANT TO THE MISSION

- Capitalize on the "fraternity" aspects in marketing
- Promote the high degree of social activities available to residents
- Offer care for a monthly rate to compete with other types of facilities
- Consider offering some larger rooms with baths ... such as are now available in the Infirmary section
  - Utilize residents to promote the home in local chapters
- ★ Begin working with a local bank to offer an Eastern Star affiliated credit card for all members ... purchases will contribute to the home

#### C. IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE

• Study the feasibility of constructing cottages on the home's vacant land

- ★ Examine the possibility of renting parts of the building for meetings /conferences
  - · Consider offering Adult Day Care services in the facility
- Examine the possibility of issuing Bonds to members to fund improvements

THESE COMPETITIVE STRATEGIES should  $\underline{now}$  be integrated into a FUNCTIONAL PLAN for

- marketing.
- operations
- finance.

The functional plan will then lead to a set of objectives, which will drive the home's Tactical or MASTER PLAN.

#### THE COLORADO MODEL

In 1986 Colorado found its self in much the same condition we seem to be facing. We must keep in mind that financially and physically Colorado Grand Chapter is less than 1/5th our size. For reference they had less than 2 million in their endowment fund.

They were just able to pay their bills, and the home was in need of a lot of repair and renovation. Today, however they are in good financial condition and they did NOT close their home. Their home houses 32 ladies with room for 38, they have 58 cottages in a "village" they call "Star Vista Village" with only I vacancy and plans to build a 5-acre apartment complex open to the general population later this year.

#### How Did They Do This?

- 1. Commissioned a study to develop a new nursing home facility and discovered this is not where they wanted to go.
- 2. Developed a  $\underline{\text{LONG RANGE}}$  or  $\underline{\text{MASTER PLAN}}$  for development of the home and  $\underline{\text{STUCK TO IT!!!!!}}.$
- 3. Set up an  $\underline{independent}$  development board under the 501C3 corporation to insure that the Long Range Plan was implemented.
  - 4. Developed a financial plan that improved return on their investments.
  - 5. Eliminated their infirmary.
  - 6. Limited entry into the home under "Life Care" plans.
  - 7. Fee for Service plans were implemented.
- 8. Issued bonds to pay for renovation and start the cottage development program.

#### Things they discovered along the way

- 1. The requirements of 501C3 required them to advertise to the general population for services. They now have about 3% non Masonic residents.
  - 2. Insurance for physical damage is mandatory.
- $3. \;\;$  Cottage financing was initially not set up with enough financial safety net for the corporation.
  - 4. Code compliance is never ending Must hire competent staff.
  - 5. Need for an intermediate level of care services between the cottages and the home.

#### COMPARISON DISCUSSION and SUMMARY

The Colorado model has proved to be successful because they "took the time to not just study the issues but published the findings and presented a plan for all of the members of their Grand Chapter to review". "When the plan was adapted, it was followed" (John Harington – past board president).

The funding for the changes made by Colorado OES involved some risk but were "...straight forward financially sound commitments".

Careful review of the Texas OES Home study shows a remarkable similarity in it's recommendations to the actual plan carried out by Colorado OES. Note that the items proceeded with an arrow have a direct relationship to the Colorado model. This is the cases where theory and practice seem to agree and mesh very closely. One possible conclusion is that following the recommendations has a very high probability of success.

#### OVERVIEW of EXISTING FACILITIES

#### Description of OES Home Facilities

The OES Home facilities are located at 1201 East Division Street, Arlington, Texas 76011. The Home presently consists of three separate buildings situated on 28.59 acres of land.

The main building is a multiple story brick/concrete building with a stand up third floor attic and a large basement. There is a single story infirmary attached to this building. The main or central portion of the building has a peaked slate roof over a concrete deck. The main building has two wings on each side of the main building. They have a flat built up roofing system with parapet walls. This is covered with a roofing retrofit, (a metal sloped roof).

The central section of the building was constructed in 1923. It now has about 100,000 square feet. In 1930 the flagpole was erected. In 1931 the first two wings were constructed, including a new kitchen and dining room. Additional rooms were finished in 1945. The Infirmary was built in 1954. In 1966 the East wing addition was completed.

A basement is under the central part of the bldg. and continues under the dining room. This area was once used as a storage area for the foodstuffs used by the kitchen.

There is an old walk-in cooler and an area that contained a boiler that has long been removed.

There is also a sub-basement that once contained an old coal fired boiler. This space is presently unusable because of the many dead pipe and electrical ends. It is also the entrance to a stand-up walk through tunnel to the Plant building. This tunnel houses all the major piping from and to the Plant.

The second building in this compound is the Maintenance Building. This is a twostory brick facility. The ground floor is used for some maintenance activities and the parking of maintenance equipment. The second floor was once a two apartment complex. At the rear of the building is a carport, (shed type) with a storage room of about 250 square feet at the back of the carport, which was constructed during the 1960s.

The third building is the "Plant". It houses the main electrical distribution system for the entire complex and the chilled water cooling system and two boilers, one installed in the 1950s and the other in 1990. These boilers provide the hot water used to heat the Home and the hot domestic water also used in the Home

The Grand Chapter offices and the apartment for the Grand Secretary are also located on these properties.

#### **Operation**

The Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences is in charge of the operation of the Eastern Star Home. A Superintendent has responsibility for the daily operations. Under her/his supervision are the Maintenance Supervisor, Food Service Manager, and House-keeping Supervisor. As their titles indicate, the Maintenance Supervisor is in charge of any maintenance personnel and is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the premises and equipment. The Food Service Manager has the responsibility of providing for the dietary needs of the residents and supervising the kitchen employees. The Housekeeping Supervisor is in charge of scheduling cleaning and housekeeping tasks and supervising the housekeepers.

#### Regulatory Requirements

The Eastern Star Home is an independent living facility and as such is not subject to any federal or state requirements.

#### Fire Safety and Environmental

#### Fire Prevention

The Fire Marshal of the City of Arlington performs annual safety inspections. The inspections are on a surprise basis so that there can be no special preparation before hand. On the last inspection report the fire Marshal found no reportable deficiencies. The residents have regular fire drills to ensure that in the event of a fire, each person knows how and where to exit the building for maximum safety and speed.

#### Asbestos abatement

Asbestos contamination is a concern for environmental and health reasons. We are fortunate in that we do not have asbestos in the building itself Samples have been taken from walls in various areas and been tested by a certified laboratory in Austin, Texas. The

reports from the laboratory certified that there is no asbestos in the samples tested. However, there is friable asbestos in the boiler room on HVAC pipe elbows and in insulation around the water pipes the attic. These pipes are part of the chill water system to cool and heat the building. To be in compliance with governmental regulations, the asbestos must be either removed or encapsulated using approved encapsulation materials and methods. We propose to encapsulate the areas that contain asbestos. The estimated cost to accomplish this is approximately \$750. The funds for this project should come from the Renovation Fund.

#### **GOALS**

#### **MAINTENANCE**

Regular scheduled maintenance is an important aspect of the upkeep and preservation of any facility, including the physical plant and equipment. As we are all aware, because of the scarcity of funds, much of the regular maintenance of our beautiful Home has been neglected over the years. However, the buildings are structurally sound. We propose the following actions to bring the facilities up to standard and improve the interior and exterior appearance. We also propose that maintenance and repairs be documented and kept in a permanent file.

#### **Building**

- 1. Due to the complex roofing and retrofit system on our Home, we will continue to repair roofing where practical and replace roofing where damage is too extensive to repair. Recent repairs to the roofing in three areas have been completed and there have been no leaks in those areas since completion. However, there are other areas in the in the main building that do leak and repairs will be made to correct the problems. Set up a regular inspection schedule and do, or have done, routine maintenance on both the slate and metal roofs. Currently, the roof over the ramp leading to the Garden Rooms (old infirmary) has a design flaw that allows water to flow under the roof, which has resulted in a leak almost since the addition was built.
- 2. Replace deteriorating wooden areas on the exterior of the building. Clean the brick, repair mortar, and seal the brick surface on the buildings. Set up a cycle for painting the exterior of buildings and maintaining the brick, in order to prohibit the growth of mold and eliminate water leakage into the walls.
- 3. Set up a schedule for improving and maintaining the interior. Ways of accomplishing this includes but is not limited to employing proper cleaning methods, repairing and repainting damaged surfaces, stretching loose carpet and/or replacing flooring that could present a hazard to the residents, regular maintenance of the plumbing and electrical system.
- 4. Currently the wiring is adequate to support the needs of the Home; however there are dead electrical and telephone wiring that needs to be identified and removed.
- 5. Engage a qualified individual to inspect the piping and make recommendations, which will be considered and implemented in order of priority.

#### Grounds

1. Perform an annual inspection of the fencing and make needed repairs. The

Grand Secretary's entrance needs a remote controlled gate to complete perimeter fence security.

2. Perform an inspection of the roads and walkways at least semiannually and make repairs and additions as required.

#### Equipment

1. Set up a schedule for regular maintenance of all equipment. This includes but is not limited to the air conditioning system, boilers, elevators, kitchen and housekeeping equipment, lawn equipment and sprinkler system.

#### Priorities and Initial Goals (First Year)

- I. Repair roof leaks estimated cost \$40,000.
- 2. Define and itemize all routine maintenance procedures, schedules and tasks.
- 3. Asbestos abatement estimated cost \$750.
- 4. Clean and seal brick and mortar estimated cost \$50,000.
- 5. Repair newest boiler Estimated cost \$2,000.
- 6. Repair plumbing as recommended cost not determined. No emergency repairs anticipated.
  - 7. Install a remote controlled gate for the Grand Secretary's drive.

In keeping with the spirit of this document the goals for succeeding years will be determined at the end of each year.

#### HOME RENOVATION

#### Summary

The original concept was to gut and rebuild entire wings of the home to provide larger and better facilities for the residents. The funding never met the goal to allow construction to begin and some of the funds have been spent on other necessary items. The goal was sound but maybe too ambitious at the time. Not proceeding may have proved to be a good choice as a plumbing problem has led to a solution that can provide much the same benefit at a greatly reduced cost. Couple that with the additional care option of "fee for service" apartments and the remainder of the renovation fund should more than cover the requirements for this program. There are two parts to this proposal:

- 1. Convert a number of one room living suites into two room suites by combining two one room suites into a two room suite and add a toilet.
  - 2. Renovate a number of existing apartments.

#### Consolidation of two small rooms into one medium size apartment

This project is divided into three Phases. This will create a larger living space, which is much more conducive to a home environment than that which now exists. These

apartments will contain a toilet. The occupant will not need to prepare to leave their room and progress down a hall and into a public rest room at all hours of the day or night.

There are several rooms that have bathrooms. These could become available if required. Three (3) of these rooms are designated as guestrooms and six (6) other rooms are occupied by the different Grand Officers and/or Board members. A total of nine (9) of these rooms could be made ready. This does not include the (apartments occupied by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron and Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

For the purpose of this Master Plan the main building of this facility is divided into five specific areas. They are as follows: Area # 1, Main Central Section (MCS); Area # 2, West Wing (WW); Area 4 3, Far West Wing (FWW); Area # 4, East Wing, (EW); and Area #5, Far East Wing (FWW).

#### Scope of work

Renovate by converting two rooms into one in each of the above areas. Between the rooms in two areas is a space composed of two closets, one opening into each room, and a chest of drawers and washbasin in each room. Two other areas could be expanded to include three living areas each around a central living area with access to a large

#### Description of work

- (1) Open a passage between the two rooms by either making an opening or removing the back wall from one of the closets to make a hall between the two rooms as applicable.
- (2) Remodel cubicles that contain the washbasins and chests of drawers to contain a toilet and washbasin, which would open into the bedroom.
- (3) Paint all surfaces using the appropriate paint base for the ceiling, walls, and woodwork or trim.
- (4) Install flooring using carpet in the bedroom and composition floor tile in the toilet area, closet, hallway, and living room.



By combining rooms, approximately forty expanded, more comfortable living facilities could be provided for our residents. The estimated cost per unit is from \$4,400 to \$6,000 depending upon how much of the work can be done by volunteers and employees.

#### Renovation of the Garden Rooms

Of lessor priority but equal importance is the inclusion of the renovation of the Garden Rooms in the Master Plan. These rooms will be combined into apartments as occupancy requirements dictate.

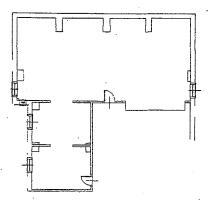
#### **Museum Expansion**

In addition to the renovation of the residents' living quarters, the museum needs to be enlarged in order to properly display the objects that tell of the history of our beloved Order and the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Currently, there is not enough space to:

- 1. Display to the best advantage the articles that are in the museum.
- 2. To include article now located in other areas of the Home that should be classified as museum items.
  - 3. To increase our collection of historically significant objects.
- $4.\,\mathrm{Room}$  for more than a very few people to enjoy looking at the displays at the same time.

It is proposed to do this by making an opening between the museum and the adjoining room and another opening between that room and the room to the South of it. The door of the middle room, opening into the hall, would be sealed. This would leave two doors to facilitate the flow of traffic when there are groups of people desiring to visit the museum. The walls, ceiling, woodwork, and floor would be finished with materials complementary to those in the existing museum.

This renovation would increase the area of the museum from 750 square feet to 1,000 square feet. The estimated cost to accomplish this is between \$4,000 and \$10,000.



#### Priorities and Initial Goals (First Year)

- 1. Convert at least 10 one room units into 2 room units estimated cost \$36,000.
- 2. Renovate 4 apartments -estimated cost \$10,000.
- 3. Renovate the Museum -estimated cost \$10,000.

Succeeding year's goals will be set at the end of the year. The goal is to provide renovated rooms for all residents of the Home and provide Fee for Service apartments to meet the needs as required.

#### Star Heritage Village

Developing a village of small one and two bedroom cottages completes the range of care for a *Retirement Community*. This also broadens the care options for our OES members. This would now give couples options that would add much to the fraternal flavor of our order and provide additional security for our retired and elderly members. It has been demonstrated that development of such a community can also provide financial support for operation of the rest of the Home.

#### How would the "village" operate?

If the operation is modeled after Colorado and several other states the 501C3 corporation forms a Village Association. The Association operates in two ways.

- 1. A prospective tenant pays a "entrance fee" to join the Association. This fee affords the tenant the right to live in a home. A buyout schedule determines the monies returned to the tenant or heirs upon termination of the membership in the Association. A monthly maintenance fee is charged for the upkeep of the property and insurance.
  - 2. The prospective tenant rents the home on a monthly basis.

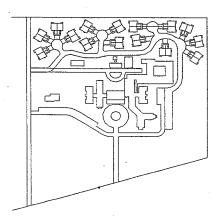
At no time or under any condition is the title or ownership of the land or a home at risk.

#### Location

Approximately 50% of the land on which the OES Home sits have not been utilized for over 50 years. The land behind the existing facility (North) is a prime location for a development like this because it already has a security fence and gate, utilities are located here reducing the cost of construction and presentation of the home to public view is not compromised.

#### Scope of Development

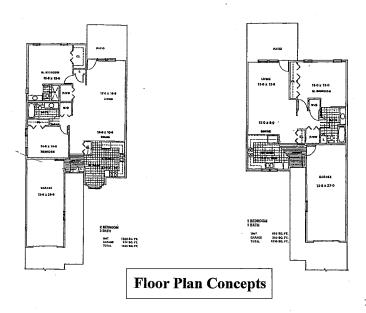
As presently envisioned, the development would consist of between 30 and 50 home sites on 6 to 7 acres behind and to the right of the existing facility. The homes would be in a duplex configuration with an attached one-car garage. To provide privacy, plants and trees will be added around the perimeter.



#### Concept Plat Layout

This concept sketch demonstrates a possible plat layout. The reason for the nonuniform arrangement of the homes is to provide a leisurely neighborhood feeling and more privacy than in most comparable developments. This arrangement also provides ample space for gardens. The use of cul-de-sacs reduces the road requirements and gives a more open feeling to the development. Tying the road to the "Garden rooms" parking provides emergency access as required and more resident and visitor parking. Varying the facade and color of the homes also adds to the environment.

The following floor plans demonstrate how these homes could be designed. Note that the layouts shown are designed to be in a duplex format but provide more privacy than the more traditional rectangular duplex design.



Some of the features and amenities would be:

#### **FEATURES**

- Large Spacious Rooms
- Large Closets
- Oversized Garages
- Central Heat & Air Conditioning
- Full Carpeting & Non Slip Floors
- Full Kitchens
- Refrigerator, Range, Dishwasher & Garbage Disposal
- Washer & Drier Connections
- Pre-Wired for Telephone and Cable
- Sound Resistant Construction
- Window Coverings

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#### **AMENITIES**

- Gated Community
- 24-hour Emergency Service
- Comprehensive Interior & Exterior Maintenance
- · Seasonal Landscape, Drive and Walk Maintenance
- Scheduled Transportation
- Small Pets Allowed
- · Regular Housekeeping
- Garden Plots Available
- Beauty Shop
- Work-out Facilities
- Craft Activities
- Guest Rooms Available
- Guest Parking
- Personal & Flat Laundry Service Available
- Meal Service Available

This is only a partial list of Amenities that could be offered.

This proposal is designed to provide information, to create interest, and solicit help and suggestions. This program must stand on it's own. The goal is to provide a more complete retirement community and at the same time provide financial support for the operation of the Home.

#### How do we do this?

The answer has several parts.

- Commitment
- The membership of OES in Texas must agree to support this project. This, as with other things that have, been tried before, cannot succeed unless the membership is supportive.
- Physical Plan how and when do we build what
   This plan must be in place to facilitate any action. The scope of the initial project,
   both in physical and monetary terms must be well defined.
- Financial Plan

As with all of our actions, the financial aspects create the most problems and disagreements. This project will be no different. The cost structure and return on investment (ROI) for the project must meet the expectations of the membership.

Organization

The Corporate Board shall oversee the initial planing and operation and appoint and/or hire the necessary help.

What is needed (listed in sequence).

1. Locate and contract with a registered civil engineer and registered architect to develop the plat and home plans. A "General Contractor" or 'Developer' could also accomplish this.

This will provide budgetary numbers for infrastructure (utilities and roads) and a good estimate of the project cost.

- Get budgetary bids on construction.
   This will further define the project cost.
- 3. Determine the scope of the initial project. How many homes to start.

All of the above will determine the financial requirements of the project.

To aid in understanding the magnitude of this project the following cost guidelines have been culled from various sources.

- Platting and design (item 1 above).

  The cost for the plat services and all city approvals is in the \$6,000-\$10,000 range.
- The plans for the homes are between \$5000-\$7000.

If this portion of the work can be donated the cost can be about \$2,500 for all city approvals.

- Construction (item 2 above)
- The infrastructure cost are hard to estimate but because the utilities are nearby the cost should not exceed \$10,000 for an initial project or \$100,000 for the complete project
- The cost of the road and one cul-de-sac using asphalt with concrete curbs is \$200-\$300 per foot. This equates to \$260,000-\$400,000. If the road were to be shorter and provide an exit along the back fence, the cost could easily be cut in half for a four unit initial development
- Landscaping, irrigation and other amenities should not exceed \$10K per unit.
- The cost of a duplex home of moderate quality is \$50-\$70 per square foot. For a
  one and two bedroom duplex home with 1000 and 1600 square feet respectfully
  the cost would be \$130,000-\$190,000.
- Initial project size
   A good initial project would be 4 units (8 homes). This is a good compromise that allows the infrastructure costs to be amortized over a quantity of homes.

Using the above estimates the cost of the initial project would be \$700,000 to \$1,000,000. A home would cost \$88,000 to \$125,000.

#### Financial considerations

The financial issues are many and daunting. It is unlikely that this project can be financed without incurring some debt initially. The ROI however can be very good if the correct structure is adopted. The ability to eliminate the tax burden, be more competitive than for profit organizations and provide the fraternal amenities have proven to offer a better deal to tenants. This is the reason these ventures have succeeded. In the Colorado model, they could not build the units fast enough to satisfy the need.

One approach is to use our endowment fund as leverage to obtain prime interest loans to finance construction.

Another and better avenue to explore is the use of OES bonds. This allows us to use other peoples money and has (and is) working in several other jurisdictions. If this is used, the structure must not allow or penalize early redemption to afford protection for the OES.

#### Summary

This is not a task to be entered into without extensive planning and the full support of Grand Chapter. It is hoped that the information presented in this document has sufficiently enlightened the OES membership of Texas to insure success of this endeavor.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, a Texas nonprofit corporation, has as its charity the operation of the home for retired Eastern Star members, which is located at 1201 East Division, Arlington, Texas, and is known as the "Eastern Star Home of Texas", and

WHEREAS, the land was purchased in 1923 and 1924 and construction begun on the main facilities with the Eastern Star home becoming operational on April 25, 1925, and having operated continuously until the present time, and

WHEREAS, the exterior of the building has remained unchanged since its construction, and

WHEREAS, the architectural style is unique to the era in which it was constructed, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to preserve our historical structures for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Star Home is historically significant to the City of Arlington because of its age and architecture,

#### WE THE UNDERSIGNED PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING:

That the Landmark Committee of Arlington, Texas, be granted the authority to apply for an historical landmark for the Eastern Star Home based on the age and architecture of the building.

SUBMITTED BY:

Jimmie Lee McMahon Kathryn Clark Harold Trammell J. W. Clark Sharon Fentress Jo Ann Snow

Edna B. Cowsert

Wanda F. Gilmore

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Worthy Grand Matron, I have been told that you did not declare the resolution passed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Rennie. I now declare resolution 2 passed. I apologize. Thank you.

Sister Jimmie, you have an announcement. I'd invite you to do that at this time.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: For those of you who have ordered outfits or daywear or evening wear, the Diamond Company has those upstairs on the second floor. If you have not picked those up, would you please do so. They were going to leave around 6:30. They will make arrangements for any changes that need to be made to those. I appreciate that, Worthy Grand Matron..

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Sisters and Brothers, can you follow me just for a minute? Resolutions 3 and 4 will be referred to the Task Force Committee. This is our report, this is our recommendation. We ask you to allow us to refer those to that Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee moves the adoption of the report that allows us to refer resolutions 3 and 4 to the Task Force Committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There is a motion and a second on the floor to refer resolution 3 and resolution 4 to the Task Force. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote with our blue cards. All in favor, for, please raise your card. Thank you. Those opposed, please raise your card. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. That motion carried.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Now we have amendment number 2 that also pertains to the Eastern Star Home. I know that you read that and you're familiar with it. We can't act on it now that resolution number 2 has been passed. So the Jurisprudence Committee moves that amendment number 2 be referred to the Task Force Committee for consideration.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, I have a motion and a second on the floor that the amendment number 2 be referred to the Task Force. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by our blue cards. All for. Opposed. Motion carried.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Millie, I recognize you.

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 2**

**WHEREAS** we should begin to close out our O.E.S. Home, by not accepting any more residents into the Home.

**WHEREAS** we **CANNOT AFFORD** our Home any longer with the yearly loss of our Membership (average of 7.42% per year over the last six years). The per capita tax is less per year for the Home operations.

WHEREAS we have over \$8 million dollars in our Endowment Fund which could be used to take care of our Ladies for the rest of their fives.

**WHEREAS** it is costing approximately \$1-1/2 Million a year to take care of only 32 ladies. There are 18 ladies in the TMRC and 14 in the O.E.S. Home, which is very costly to operate.

WHEREAS we can take our time to sell our O.E.S. Home and place our ladies

wherever it is best for each of them. (THE TMRC FIRST). Our Endowment Fund could pay for their care. They are our obligation for their lifetime.

WHEREAS we have an obligation to our ladies in the O.E.S. Home, but we must not forget that we also have.

An **OBLIGATION TO OUR MEMBERSHIP.** Let us be sensible about this and use our Endowment Fund to give us some time and relief from the financial burden of the O.E.S. Home.

WHEREAS it will cost a fortune to restore, or renovate the Home, we could safely say that it would cost Millions of Dollars.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Article VII, Boards of Grand Chapter, Composition, Duties and Prerogatives; C. Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, Section 4 Duties; b. Regulations Regarding O.E.S. Home and O.E.S. Home Fund (2): (p. 42).

#### WHICH NOW READS:

(2) Said Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences is further empowered to make all necessary rules, other than those expressed in this Constitution or By-Laws for the government of the O.E.S. Home, the admission of members, the appointment and employment of Superintendents, Matrons and other necessary employees, and shall have the right to suspend or discharge the same; provided, applicants who are members of the Order of the Eastern Star in this Grand Jurisdiction shall have first consideration.

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#### SUBMITTED BY:

Darlene Ward
Kathleen H. Cudd
Sonja M. von Gonten
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Jean Stacey
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Jack E. Whiteside
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Charlie Ipes

Paulette Whitcomb
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Ernest A. Johnson
Lareda Joslin
Millie Johnson
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Barbara Davis
Hella Schneider
Joyce Lynne Townsend
Linda V. Johnson
Vivian Kelly
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Cathy Bate
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Andy Johnson
Christie Nan Hardie
Mary Cates
Eddie O. Reed
Leonard O. Schneider
Eunice Goodson
Patricia Neinast
Charles Morris

#### JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENT NO. 1

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: We would like to report on amendment number 1. We could not report until we had the action or the results of this ballot on the resolution number 2. The amendment number 1, Worthy Grand Matron, is on 82 of the advance report. And if I might just give the synopsis, it concerns our Constitution. It is due for the second reading. You passed it at last Grand Chapter.

If you remember now this is a Constitutional amendment. It concerns Article 7, the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, section 4, Duties, b(3), page 43. This amendment is related to regulations of the Home under the duties of the Benevolent Board. It is a Constitutional change, and as I said was passed on the first reading. A favorable vote is required by both the membership and the Chapter Representatives for this to become law at the end of this Grand Chapter session. It eliminates the taking in of orphan children. It adds the following members, allowing members in other Grand Jurisdictions to be admitted to the Home under the fee-for-services plan, provided they meet other necessary requirements. A yes vote allows us to take in members from other Grand Jurisdictions. A no vote, we would accept residents from Texas only. Do you have any questions regarding the format or the legality of this amendment?

[Amendment No. 1 reads as follows.]

#### 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, <u>Page 43</u>, <u>SECTION 41,Q)</u>, (OF ARTICLE VII.C.)

#### 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 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:

- (a) NO CHANGE
- (b) <u>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.</u>

#### SUBMITTED BY:

Betty Capps	Wanda Faye Gilmore	H. Lee Stallings
Maxine Nance	Naomi Wolfe	Sharon Fentress
Norma Graham	Buddy Baker	Patricia Neinast
Lewis Mathison	Jimmie Lee McMahon	Charles Morris
Tom Everitt	Betty Y. Friend	

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion on the floor –

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Worthy Grand Matron, it is in proper order and ready for this Grand Chapter to act upon. However, we do have an amendment to this amendment.

MRS. JOYCE CHAMPION: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the lady in the West.

MRS. JOYCE CHAMPION: I am Joyce Champion, Past Matron of Gilmer Chapter #355. I wish to make an amendment to the amendment number 1. Add to the end of the sentence, after words, "necessary requirements," "and if provisions for housing and care are adopted by this Grand Chapter."

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. We have those in the East. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we first have an amendment to the amendment. That is to add under the amendment to be read – (b) – we would add, "and if provisions for housing and care are adopted by Grand Chapter." Do we have any discussion?

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Sisters and Brothers, there has been a question, do we have a quorum.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: This is what I'm trying to do right now. Would those that are Chapter Representatives please stand and hold your cards up. Thank

you, Representatives, for staying with us. Yes, we do have a quorum. Thank you.

Now are you ready for the question? All those for the amendment to the amendment – "and if provisions for housing and care are adopted by this Grand Chapter" – all those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed, raise your cards. Motion carried.

Now we're going to vote on this as amended. We don't bring in orphan children, and we bring members from Subordinate Chapters from other Grand Jurisdictions. Do we have any discussion?

Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual voting sign. The amendment as amended. Would you please hold your blue cards up, for. Thank you. Those opposed, would you hold your blue cards up. Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, we're not sure on this vote. So those that are voting for the amendment as amended, would you please stand with your blue cards. Thank you. Those that are opposed to this amendment as amended, please stand. Sisters and Brothers, the amendment failed. Thank you.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee – would you please come forward – we want to thank you, the Worthy Grand Patron, the Parliamentarian and Sister Katherine Duncan who has acted as our secretary, we join in thanking you and this membership. Without your attention and the discussions and everything, it would not have been possible to have completed the amount of legislation that this Grand Chapter has completed today. We thank you, and this completes our duties for the moment. We will have a final report tomorrow afternoon. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: For this Jurisprudence Committee, may I say thank you, thank you, thank you. Know how very much I love you. I know how much work you've had to do. You've put up with me for a whole year. That was a job in itself. Know how much I love each one of you. Thank you for your wisdom, your knowledge, your support in every way. How can I say more? Thank you so very much.

Brother Buddy, would you like to say something?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: To Sister Elsie and her Jurisprudence Committee, I commend you for a beautiful, well done job. If it hadn't been for all of your hard work and diligent study of these, we would not have been able to complete this amount of legislation in a day. Words are not adequate to express our appreciation for a beautiful job.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we will have the drill tonight. We will wear formal wear. Because you have been so good, we're going to close this thing down and let you leave just a little bit early. The session opens at 6:45.

I would like to dismiss the tellers and the judges.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: May we thank Brother Paul Garner? He did all of this with his little machine, and it was great. And I thank the tellers. Thank you very much, and we'll see you in the morning.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Let me let everyone know. You saw Brother

Paul Garner stand up. We initiated him just this past Tuesday to make sure we had him in this Grand Chapter room. Thank you, Paul. You did a good job.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter from labor to rest.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to bring this Grand Chapter session from labor to rest, and you are directed to permit no interruptions. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Leland, would you bring our benediction.

MR. LELAND BENEFIELD: Our Father, thank You for being with us through our session this afternoon. In times like these, we need Your presence more than ever. We ask Your blessings on the remainder of our Grand Chapter. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

To this membership, I say thank you. I now declare this Grand Chapter Session from labor to rest till 6:45 this evening.

# FRIDAY EVENING SESSION October 19, 2001 "Special Light Memories!" Session

> Mr. Kenneth Gregory Registration Committee General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I now call this Friday night session to order. It is with pleasure that we are with you tonight for the "Special Light Memories!" Session. Syble Yost I think at one time earlier was playing her melodies, and we appreciate her. Psalm 119:105 tells us, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my path." Sisters, Brothers and Friends, tonight as we witness this inspirational time with one another and our ESTARL recipients are recognized, let us vow to send them back to their studies or into the world with our prayers for continued faith and hope as they light the path for all mankind.

Then as we give our final tribute and honor to those from within our ranks who are with us no more, let us continue with their legacy, which is to light the way for our fellowman, giving all whom we come in contact with an opportunity to experience truth, hope and charity in an honest and loving manner. It is a distinct pleasure to have our General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Patron who served by my side in 1997-98, Brother Kenneth Gregory, assisting me in calling this session to order. Brother Kenneth.

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank you for allowing me this great honor by inviting me to join with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, in calling to order this "Special Light Memories!" Session of Grand Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron, I have memories of the 115th Session of Grand Chapter in Dallas when you were elected and installed as Associate Grand Conductress, and also the breakfast the next morning when the wolves began to howl and they have been howling for four years. Worthy Grand Matron, District 4 is proud of you.

Worthy Grand Patron, I remember when I was serving as Chairman of Arrangements Committee for Grand Chapter in Beaumont in 1998. You came to me and said, "I want to follow every step you take." I also remember the Grand Chapter in Waco in 1999 when you said, "Kenneth, you didn't tell me everything." Little did you know that those steps would lead you to the Grand East in this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we appreciate your dedicated service to Grand Chapter this past year. I know that your memories of this year will continue to bring you much joy and satisfaction in the years to come. Thank you.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I invite the Grand Officers to enter for the "From His Light" Drill under the direction of our Grand Marshal, Sister Laura Sharp. [Drill performed to much applause.]

I invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, behold your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and let's salute them with Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is a pleasure to open this session for you and the Worthy Grand Patron. I proudly present you your gavel.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The Officers will assume their stations and prepare for our session tonight.

Thank you, Sister Yvonne, for opening the "Special Light Memories!" Session. It was my pleasure to serve as your Associate Grand Conductress. Your leadership and love for our Order truly set an example for each of your officers. You've touched my life in such a very special way.

Brother Kenneth, as the years pass, we realize more fully each day that life's greatest wealth is true friendship. Loyal to our Order, you are a shining light, serving with willing hands. We appreciate all that you do for our Order, and thank you for being such a special friend.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I wish to express my appreciation to Sister Yvonne and Brother Kenneth for opening this Friday evening session of Grand Chapter. As you already know, I was a Reaper for you in '97-'98, and I want you to know how much I admire the both of you. Thank you for your love and friendship.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It becomes us to acknowledge with grateful hearts the beautiful blessings from Him Whose Star in the East is our greatest inspiration. Sister Rosemary Swetland, I invite you to bring our invocation.

#### MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: May we pray.

Loving and caring Father God, we, your children, call upon You at this hour to join us as our Fraternity celebrates the rewards of patient industry gained by the giving of our ESTARL Scholarships and the talents of its recipients. Then we petition You to remain near us for a moment of remembrance of the lives of the faithful who served before us and have now earned their heavenly reward.

Father, may each word and deed presented this night be acceptable in Your sight, and to Your honor and glory.

Forgive us, Father, wherein we have failed You and hurt others, and we humbly say thank You for loving each of us just as we are at this moment in our lives.

We seek your comfort and protection upon our Order, its leaders, our world and its leaders. We trust and believe that You are in control of all things.

May we continue to walk in loving-kindness one toward the other, so that the light of our Order may reflect honor to Him whose Star we follow.

We pray this simple prayer in the name of Him who was, who is, and who will be forever. AMEN.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Rosemary, thank you for bringing such beautiful words for us this evening.

At this time we'll have special music by Sister Fran Childers, Let's Make Music Committee. [applause following "Surely the Presence"] Someone once said that the joy you bring to others is what service is all about. Sister Fran, you have brought joy in our hearts with your lovely voice. Thank you for sharing your God-given talent with us this evening.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I too want to say, Sister Fran, how beautiful your God-given talents are and thank you for sharing them with us. You are a beautiful person.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** At this time it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce Sister Donna Douglas, General Chairman of our ESTARL Committee. I invite you to bring your program.

## JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD ESTARL Service and Awards Ceremony

MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters Brother and Friends All:

It is a pleasure, to welcome, you this evening to "JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" ESTARL Service and Awards Ceremony.

Today more than over we need to share the message that Jesus Is The Light Of The World. He is our only hope in a world darkened by despair, turmoil and fear. We are not the source of God's light we merely reflect the light that lives within us. Jesus Christ is the true light and God's desire is to fill each of us with His light. It is then that God's light can displace the darkness of the world and we can shine as a brilliant testimony of His presence in our life.

There is an urgency to spread the gospel and by your donations annually to the ESTARL fund, we are able to tighten the financial burdens for those who are seeking to share God's word.

To serve on the ESTARL Committee during this year of service has been most rewarding.

I am pleased to introduce those who have served on the committee this year. Carolyn Martin - District 1 - Could not be with us this evening.

Betty Unlaub - District 2

Ann Blanks - District -3

Jacalyn DeLange - District 4

Janell Trees - District 5

These ladies have spent many hours reviewing applications, communicating with the applicants and we have each been in prayer that God would direct our every decision.

I invite them to call the roll of scholarship recipients from their respective District. As you hear the names of the students be reminded that one does not choose the ministry. God chooses them for His ultimate, purpose. Those students are truly one of God's great gifts of love to a broken and hurting world.

#### MRS. BETTY UNLAUB: District 1 recipients.

#### DISTRICT 1

Kenneth Broom Teague #408 Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary Leslie Conn Dallas #1 Perkins School of Theology Jeremy Landon Derilke Decatur #443 Howard Payne University Michael Goodman Forney-Terrell #557 New Orleans Theological Seminary Alicia Ann Harker Lancaster #943 Brite Divinity School at TCU Leslie Ann Irwin Frisco #93 Perkins School of Theology Jean J. Libbey Dallas #1 Perkins School of Theology Farmers Branch #687 Phillip Moye Dallas Theology Seminary Carole Ann O'Neil Farmers Branch #687 Perkins School of Theology James Page Aurora #799 Dallas Theological Seminary Aaron Patterson Richardson #921 Perkins School of Theology

James Pritchard	Forney-Terrell #557	East Texas Baptist University
Julia Shelton	Roy Stanley #1086	Perkins School of Theology
Stephanie Toon	Eustace #1062	Perkins School of Theology
Linda Sue White	Loval #648	Brite Divinity at TCU

Vic Vaughn Tennessee Colony #102 Southwestern Baptist Theological Sem.

#### MRS. BETTY UNLAUB: Those recipients from District 2 are the following:

Jeremy Ayers	Queen Esther #833	Duke University
Christopher Barnett	Friendship #1008	University of North Texas
Austin Bingham	Hereford #312	Liberty University
Hillary Coombes	Burkburnett #665	Wayland Baptist University
Lori Dockery	Colorado #58	Southwestern Baptist Theological Sem.
Andrea Flores	Dumas #633	Hardin Simmons University
Rebecca Jean Henson	Amarillo #787	Brite Divinity at TCU

#### MRS. ANN BLANKS: The recipients from District 3 are:

#### DISTRICT 3

Timothy Dean	Polytechnic #420	Brite Divinity at TCU
Gayle Morton	Lometa #871	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Matthew Alan Rosine	South Fort Worth #835	Brite Divinity at TCU
Michael Dave Rowe	Jacksboro #340	Brite Divinity at TCU
Craig Eugene Wills	Mansfield #876	Brite Divinity at TCU

#### MRS. JACALYN DeLANGE: From District 4:

#### DISTRICT 4

Rhonda K. Boehm	Oak Forest #1080	Perkins School of Theology
Stacy Thomas Bryan, Jr.	Nacogdoches #428	Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary
William Denham, III	Wisteria #823	Perkins School of Theology
Holly Kristen Ebel	Brenham #144	Perkins School of Theology
Trey G. Garland, III	Houston #385	University of the South
Susan Kennard	Conroe #710	Virginia Theological Seminary
Aaron Luke Young	Friendswood #1131	George Truitt Theological SemBaylor

#### MRS. JANELL TREES: And from District 5:

#### DISTRICT 5

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Nathan Wade Davis	Kenedy #36	Southwest Texas State University
Barbara Dyke	Bexar #616	Austin Presbyterian Theological Sem.
Jesus Elizondo	New Braunfels #771	Dallas Theological Seminary
John Fluth	Kingsville 3325	Perkins School of Theology
Linda Cummings Grant	Austin #304	Harvard Divinity School
Jonathan David Greer	Adah #49	Baylor University
Sheila Marie Griffith	Port Lavaca #373	University of Virginia
Molly Huntington Hallman	Concho #826	San Francisco Theological Seminary
Matthew R. Homeyer	Kenedy #36	Baylor University
Joyce Lynn Koester	Wimberely #1130	Lutheran Seminary of the Southwest
Danielle Moore	Austin #304	Lutheran Seminary of the Southwest
Connie W. Perry	Creedmoor #607	Austin Presbyterian Theological Sem.
James Rush	Uvalde #297	Southwestern Theological Seminary
John Millard Spicer	Fiedlis #964	Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest

- MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: Sheila Griffith, a District 5, recipient from the University of Virginia, will voice our invocation. Let us stand as we go to the Lord in prayer and remain standing for our medley of music.
- MS. SHEILA GRIFFITH: Let us pray. Our Father, we come before You tonight humbly. In a time of worldwide crisis, we ask Your blessing on our nation, on our leaders, on our soldiers, on our diplomats. Lord, we ask Your blessing on us as ministers of the Gospel that now more than ever in a time of fear and anxiety that we can spread the peace of the Word in our world. Lord, we ask that You will touch us and that You will make us receptacles filled with Your love and then shining Your light so that Jesus can truly be seen all over the world to be the light of the world. We ask that You'll bless us in this as we seek to follow after You. We ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: I present to you Andrea Flores, a District 2 recipient from Hardin-Simmons University, who will lead us in a medley of music accompanied by our Grand Organist, Sister Marilynn Lee. Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father. [Singing of "There Is a Name I Love to Hear" and "Jesus Saves."]

You may be seated. Holly Ebel from Perkins School of Theology and a District 4 recipient will present our Scripture reading this evening.

- MS. HOLLY EBEL: The first Scripture is from John 8:12, "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have light of life." The second reading is from John 12:44-46. "Then Jesus cried out, 'When a man believes in Me, he does not believe in Me alone, but in the one who sent Me. When he looks at Me, he sees the one who sent Me. I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness."
- MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: It is a joy to have Aaron Luke Young, a District 4 recipient and a student at George Truitt Seminary, to share the message this evening, "Jesus Is the Light of the World."
- **REV. AARON YOUNG:** By way of introduction, my name is Rev. Aaron Young. I'm the pastor of Primela Baptist Church. I'm a student at George W. Truitt Seminary. I'd like to thank the Eastern Star for the opportunity to preach God's Word. I'd like to thank the ESTARL Scholarship Committee for giving me the scholarship to help my studies and to Ms. Jacalyn DeLange of District 4 to give me this opportunity to preach and bring God's Word.

I'd like to thank my PaPaw who's not here, but he's a good Mason, and my Nana who's not here. She also was in Eastern Star. She's with Jesus right now, but I know she's listening. I'd also like to thank my mother and father who also are involved and my sister Sara for following in their footsteps.

They told me to preach a short message, and I was wondering if that was anything to do with my stature. I'll try to do a good job.

As I was thinking of the theme of the sermon, "Jesus is the light of the world," I'd like to ask you all a question. I want you all to think back and remember that first time or the most special time that you've ever seen a sunset. I'm sure each and every one of you have experienced that. When that sun goes down and the sun disappears,

there's no light. Where I pastor in Primela, Texas, it's out in the middle of the country and when that sun goes down and the starry night sky is left there, you can barely see your own hand in front of your face.

Light is a very, very powerful thing. The definition of light, according to Britannica Encyclopedia, is it makes vision possible. It enlightens or informs. It is illuminating while darkness is defined as the void of light. It is rising from or showing evil traits or desires.

Well, being a Baptist pastor, I have to make three points. My first point is that Jesus is the light of the world through the Old Testament. In Genesis 1 the first creation from Jesus Christ was light itself. He separated light from darkness and called it good. In Exodus He led the Israelites out of Egypt with a pillar of fire by night. In Samuel he turned the darkness into light. In Job's time of suffering the Lord was his very abode of light. In David's time of distress, he cries out for the light of the Lord's face to shine upon him and upon hit people. His commands give light to our eyes and joy to our hearts. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 27 says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Psalm 89, "Blessed are those who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord." In Isaiah He was the light of light. In Ezekiel He is the light that reveals His call. In Micah He is the Lord of light. Jesus is the light of the world found throughout the entire Old Testament.

My second point that I'd like to make quickly is that Jesus is the light of the world through the New Testament. John 1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was with God." He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made that have been made. In Him was light and that light was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. Jesus Christ was the only person ever born of a virgin, the only person not marred by sin, the only person that lived a perfect life. While He walked amongst us, He said, "Whoever lives by the truth comes into that light so that it may be seen plainly that what He has done has been done through God." Jesus professed of Himself, as was read in the Scripture, that I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. The other Scripture that was read is, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." Jesus Christ came as the light, the one who is called to make vision possible, the one called to enlighten or inform, to illuminate our life. He is called to dispel the darkness and to cast it away. That very thing that is devoid of light, He casts that off.

A man named Deitrich Bonhoffer who was a professor, pastor and theologian during the Nazi regime of Germany; eventually gave his life in a Nazi concentration camp for the cause of Christianity, preached on the passage, Matthew 5:14, where Jesus says, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise Your Father in heaven."

He had this to say to his congregation in light of these verses. "You are the light, not that you should be the light, but that you are light that is seen. To bear the cross of Jesus Christ, the cross that is the peculiar light that shines, and in which all good deeds can be seen, this is the ultimate sharing of light from Christ, His death

on the cross. His light illuminated the entire world at that very moment in time, forgiving all of mankind of their sins if we but receive. Then he rose again in three short days so that we might receive that salvation. It is this gospel that we are called to preach: the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ."

I have a little niece, Alexis, that's about three-and-a- half years old. She loves to sing the song, "This Little Light of Mine." And when she gets to the part -- she doesn't know all the words quite yet, she's learning them. But when she gets to the part of where you are supposed to put it under a bushel, she goes, "No," real loud because she knows – even as a little child she knows that the light of Jesus Christ is something that we are not to hide.

Paul says in Romans 13, "Let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." 2 Corinthians, God made his light to shine in our heart. Ephesians, Live as children of light. Peter says, "You are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness and into that wonderful light."

Jesus came as a light into our world. He has called us Christians to be a holy nation, a royal priesthood called to share that light with the world, which brings me to my third and final point, that Jesus is not only the light of the Old Testament, not only the light of the New Testament, but Jesus is the light of the world through us.

Anne Graham Lotz, who is Billy Graham's daughter, was interviewed following the tragedy of September 11th. Bryan Gumbel asked her, why didn't God stop this or do something about this horrible tragedy. Anne Graham Lotz replied, "For years we have told God that we didn't want Him in our schools, that we didn't want Him in our government and we didn't want Him in our finances. God was being a perfect gentleman and doing just what we asked Him to do." We need to make up our minds. Do we want God or do we not want Him? We cannot just ask Him in when disaster strikes.

This fellowship of the Eastern Star has a high, worthy calling to be that light, to be the light in the world, to be that beacon. During this time of crisis and distress, we have a wonderful opportunity as Christians and as believers to share that light. I John 1 says, "God is light. In Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him, yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth." But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us all from sin.

In conclusion, I would like to say, let us not allow the evil, all-consuming darkness to devour our world, but let us be beacons of light, to walk in the light, to exude the light of Christ and to dispel this darkness, to bring the world to know the all-powerful, never-failing, unshakeable truth that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: Thank you, Aaron, for sharing that powerful message with us this evening. Andrea Flores, accompanied by Matt Biem, both from Hardin-Simmons University, will present our special music this evening. I know that you are in for a treat. Andrea.

MS. ANDREA FLORES: The song I'm about to sing is entitled "On My Knees." It describes what it is like to truly be a warrior of light, to be a warrior on our knees.

[applause following song]

MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: What a blessing! Thank you, Andrea, and we'll look forward to hearing you sing again later.

Barbara Dykes, a student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a District 5 recipient, will read our offertory Scripture and voice our prayer of thanksgiving.

MS. BARBARA DYKES: Good evening. I chose Scripture today that would help us to be in an attitude of prayer of how the light of Christ can be shared to the multitudes. I'll be reading Luke 9:12-17. "And the day began to decline, and the twelve came and said to Him, 'Lord, send the multitude away that they may go into the surrounding villages and the countryside and find lodging and get something to eat, for here we are in a desolate place. But He said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' And they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people,' for there were about five thousand men. And He said to the disciples, 'Have them recline to eat in groups of about fifty each. And they did so and had them all recline. And He, took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up into the heaven, He blessed them and broke them and kept giving them to the disciples to set before the multitude. And they all ate and were satisfied, and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up and twelve baskets were full."

Let us pray. Gracious Lord, we come to You in an air of thanksgiving, for a time of celebration, a time to lift up Your Name, Lord, that You may be glorified. We ask blessings on these gifts, that You be glorified, and as You broke the loaves and fed the multitudes, that this offering be lifted up and glorify You, Lord, that it will touch the hearts of multitudes, that they will come to know and see You as the light in their life, that they will know Your love and find Your forgiving grace, that they may walk with You as their Lord and Savior. We thank You, Lord, for being with us here tonight and for the assurance that You will bless these offerings, and You will be glorified, that new multitudes will continue to hear Your Word. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: Let us be reminded that the value of a donation is not determined by its amount, but by the spirit in which it is given. When we invest what God has given to us in His work, He will provide us with even more to give. This is the unexpected result of giving. As you bless others, you yourself are blessed.

We invite the Personal Pages and their assistants to pick up the offering boxes on the tables. When you have collected the offering, please return your box to the same table. As we take the ESTARL love offering this evening, we will enjoy special music by Andrea Flores, accompanied by Matt Biem. [applause following songs]

Thank you for your donations this evening. Let's show Andrea and Matt again how much we appreciate their music. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, because of your generous donations this year to ESTARL we are pleased to report that all 49 applicants each received a \$1,000 scholarship. We will have money to carry forward for next year's ESTARL program. Through your donations we collected, \$33,194.50 and bequests directed to ESTARL totaled \$38,981.28 for a total amount of \$72,175.78 donated to ESTARL this year. A final, report will be submitted in the morning.

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At this time I invite our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to present the scholarship awards to these outstanding students in religious leadership.

From District 1 Deron Patterson	Richardson #921	Perkins School of Theology
<u>District 2</u> Andrea Flores	Dumas #633	Hardin Simmons University
<u>District 3</u> Craig Eugene Wills	Mansfield #876	Brite Divinity at TCU
<u>District 4</u> Rhonda K. Boehm Holly Ebel	, Oak Forest #1080 Brenham #144	Perkins School of Theology Perkins School of Theology
Richard Johnson accepting of Susan Kennard Aaron Luke Young	on behalf of his sister: Conroe #710 Friendswood #1131	Virginia Theological Seminary George Truitt Theological Seminary-Baylor
<u>District 5</u> Barbara Dyke	Bexar #616	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Sheila Griffith	Port Lavaca #373	University of Virginia

We'll now have greetings from our Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Sister Donna. I tell you what, I'm so filled full of love and I'm so awe-inspired with this group that is here, the messages that they brought. How can this world be in the shape it is with beautiful people like this? [applause] I guarantee you, it's going to be straightened out. With this small number here, as small as their voice, but as strong as their convictions are, it's contagious. They'll get two, those two will get four, and you keep going. In a week, just think how many we'll have. So I do want to just thank you for sharing your God-given gifts that He bestowed upon you. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Donna, for giving us the opportunity to share this beautiful evening. I'd like to say thank you to you and your Committee for all that you've done. I know how much work it was. I came by to visit with you for just a little bit while you were working. I know how serious that you took this responsibility. Each one on your Committee has done a beautiful job. The awards that this money goes to, we can see this evening with the beautiful talent that's here. Thank each one of the students for being here, and thanks for a lovely program. [applause]

MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: Craig Wills, a student from Brite Divinity and a District 3 recipient, will share words of appreciation on behalf of the scholarship recipients.

MR. CRAIG WILLS: Howdy! I went to Texas A&M, so that's how we talk.

It is my honor to be here tonight to speak on behalf of all of this year's

recipients of the ESTARL. For those who could not be here, I know they send their regrets with their thanks. I would like to thank you first of all, the members who are so generous in giving, that allows this award to be. I would like to thank Donna and the ESTARL Committee for their work. I would especially like to thank Ann Blanks for putting me on the spot – I mean, for asking me to do this. And I have a special thank you to my sponsor from the Mansfield Chapter, my mother-in-law, Marilyn Smith. Thank you very much. [applause]

I was told to keep this short, sweet and to the point which means you won't be hearing a second sermon tonight. [applause] Exactly!

This is supposed to be about appreciation, but I think that's not a strong enough word. I'd like to explain what I mean by that. This year's recipients come from a wide variety of backgrounds. Some of us are young and some of us are not so young; some of us have families, some are single; some of us have walked away from a very rewarding career to do this, some are still in school and never left, and some are still doing those jobs. We come from a number of different denominations, but we all share one thing in common. We have all been called by God, called to do God's work in a world that is sorely in need.

Some would make us heroes for walking away from those jobs or for choosing not to take a nice job offer and do this, but we're not. Donna put it very well. You don't choose this job. God chooses you, and you simply respond. We have stepped out in faith to do that. But I want to put in perspective what this award does for us while we're in school, because a religious education is not cheap. A \$1,000 award for most of the students I know that have received this is equivalent to about 100 hours of work at a low-paying job that most of them are employed in while they study. That's 100 hours that they don't have to try to pay the bills, but can focus on academics, focus on their spiritual life and focus on being a better leader in God's church.

In a day and age when you can go to an eight-hour seminar and become an instant expert on something, 100 hours of study and prayer can do a lot to make us better leaders. We owe that to you and your generosity for giving us that opportunity.

I want to just wrap it up -- I did say I'd keep it short -- by saying that by empowering us and sponsoring us to do God's work, you are our partners in ministry. When we're out there proclaiming the gospel, you're right there with us because you have allowed us to get there. For that I not only thank you, but I thank God for people like you. So may God continue to bless the Eastern Star for all they do. And on behalf of all this year's recipients, again thank you very much. [applause]

MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: Deron Patterson, a District 1 recipient and student at Perkins School of Theology, will offer our closing prayer.

MR. DERON PATTERSON: Thank you very much. Before I read this benediction from the United Methodist Book of Worship, I just want to say myself how appreciative I am of this great organization. If I can just real quickly add that it's so fitting to be here receiving this scholarship because when I grew up in a nominal Christian family, there was only one person who read and prayed with me about the Lord, and that was my paternal grandmother. So when I look out here, I just see so many Christian women and men planting seeds that who knows but one day they will blossom. So I really thank you for this.

Now hear this benediction. Let us remember Jesus who though he was rich,

yet for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us, who was content to be subject to his parents, the child of a poor couple's home, who lived for thirty years the common life, earning his living with his own hands and declining no humble task, who the people heard gladly for he understood their ways, may this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus. Let us remember Jesus who believed in people and never despaired in them, who through all disappointment never lost heart, who disregarded his own comfort and convenience and thought first of others, needs, and though he suffered long was always kind, who when he was reviled uttered no harsh word in return, and when he suffered did not threaten retaliation, who humbled himself and carried obedience to the point of death, even death on the cross, wherefore God has highly exalted him.

Let us unite in prayer that Christ may dwell in our hearts. O Christ, our only savior, so come to dwell in us that we may go forth with the light of your hope in our lives and with your faith and love in our hearts. Amen.

MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: This concludes our ESTARL program this evening. To the membership, thank you for making it possible. And to our recipients, thank you so much for coming this evening to share your talents with us. May God bless each of you. [applause]

 $\mbox{\bf WORTHY GRAND MATRON:}\ \mbox{If you all would come across the front, we'd like to have your picture.}$ 

Sister Grand Chaplain, I now call on you to come and bring your report.

### "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE INTO THE HEAVENS" MEMORIAL PROGRAM

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and Sisters and Brothers:

It is with a humble heart I submit the following report and express my gratefulness for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter as Grand Chaplain this year. Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Grand Chaplain and for the honor you have bestowed upon my Chapter, Schertz Chapter #911. Also, I want to express my gratitude to you and the other Grand Officers for my husband's beautiful initiation held at the San Antonio School of Instruction. The duties of Grand Chaplain are varied, but I assure you, all are a labor of love. I filled my station as Grand Chaplain for the constituting of Mt. Belvieu Chapter #1142. During this year I have sent 245 cards to the members of Texas and/or their families for cheer, get well or sympathy. Donations were made on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and installed Grand Floor Officers to ESTARL, in memory of Sister Doris Efird, Brother Gene Belk, Brother Herb Arnold, Brother Paul Ofton and Orville Baker. In memory of Sister Becky Koening, wife of our Grand Sentinel a donation was sent to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. The Installed Grand Floor Officers also made a donation to the wheel chair

ramp at the church where Brother Blain Koening's father was a member, in his memory. Also a donation was made to the Harold Todd Scholarship Fund in memory of Sister Katherine Poulis. I mailed 89 expressions of sympathy to other Grand Jurisdictions. During this year our Lord called home Forty-four Past Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions and forty-two Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. One installed Grand Floor Officer; Grand Electa, one Grand Secretary Emeritus and one Grand Treasurer Emeritus are now resting in the heavens' light. We were also sadden by the death of William George, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter. Texas lost one General Grand Chapter Committee member, Sister Doris Efird. One Past Grand Matron, Sister Katherine Poulis and two Past Grand Patrons, Brothers Gene Belk and Herb Arnold. Our Subordinate Chapters grieve the loss of 2,118 members.

Let this not be a time of sadness but one of rejoice for the lives of these special loved ones. In the beauty of God universe, the sunset has come and our friends have stepped into God's tomorrow. We continue to give thanks for each of them and pray that our Lord will embrace their families with His love and give them peace.

Fraternally submitted, Nannette Gwaltney, Grand Chaplain

I now invite the Grand Floor Officers, Personal Pages and Grand Escorts, under the direction of Mrs. Laura Sharp, Grand Marshal, to present the "Let Your Light Shine into the Heavens" formation while the Grand Choir sings "This Little Light of Mine," followed by the lighting of the cross and the Grand Duet singing of "I Believe in the Old Rugged Cross."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Will the Officers assume their stations.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: With reverence we open this "Let Your Light Shine into the Heavens" Memorial Service and dedicate it to our beloved members who have served so faithfully in promoting the great moral principles of our beautiful Order. These loved ones have fulfilled their destiny and have taken their places in the ranks of eternity. We know that the good works that they accomplished here are our precious memories of them and that heaven surely is a brighter place because they are there.

Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, will give the dedication of this memorial service. Sister Patricia Major Neinast, Past Grand Matron, will carry the Light of Love and Dedication of this program.

 ${\bf MRS.}$  ELISE HAMMACK: This was written by Sister Nanette Gwaltney, our Grand Chaplain.

This "Let Your Light Shine into the Heavens" Memorial Service is lovingly dedicated to these loved ones: Brother William E. "Bill" George, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter, Sister Doris Efird, Heart Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Katherine Poulis, Past Grand Matron, Brother Gene Belk, Past Grand Patron, Brother Herbert L. Arnold, Past Grand Patron, Brother Paul Ofton, husband of our Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Rebecca Koenning, wife of our Grand Sentinel

and Mr. Orville Baker, father of our Worthy Grand Patron.

Faith tells us that all "who followed His Star in the East" have gone to that beautiful heaven above where there are no tears, no partings, no suffering nor any sorrow, and where their light will continue to shine with undiminished luster.

Brother William E. George, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron served the General Grand Chapter from 1976 to 1979. He was a dedicated Mason and Eastern Star, serving both organizations for 50 years. Brother George was an active civic leader in Little Rock, Arkansas. He died at the age of 88 on September 27, 2001. He is survived by two nephews and a niece. Brother George left his mark on Eastern Star, Masonry and the state of Arkansas as a man who made a difference. His light will shine in the minds and souls of the membership of General Grand Chapter.

Sister Doris Efird, Heart Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas was a 55 year member of our Order. She was a member of Wedgwood Chapter No. 756, where she served as Worthy Matron in 1963-64. She served Grand Chapter in many positions with honor and dignity. In 1988-89, Sister Doris served as Worthy Grand Matron in Texas. Sister Doris was appointed to the Heart Committee of General Grand Chapter in November of 2000, where she was serving at the time of her death.

Her light will continue to shine in the hearts of the membership of Texas.

Sister Katherine Poulis, Past Grand Matron, served the Order of the Eastern Star for 57 years. She served as Worthy Matron of her chapter in 1948. Sister Katherine's "Sunshine Crusade" Session was held in San Antonio, November 2-5, 1959. Her dedication to the Order is the legacy she leaves to this membership. At the time of her death, September 14, 2001, Sister Katherine was serving as District Five Member of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Sister Katherine's light will continue to shine in every cause that faces this Grand Chapter.

Brother Gene Belk, Past Grand Patron, was called home on April 29, 2001. He was a member of Bethlehem Chapter #728, where he served as Worthy Patron nine times. In 1982-83, Brother Gene served as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Lois Bell, Worthy Grand Matron. He left his footprints on the hearts of those he touched. Now the "Man from Bethlehem" is home with our Lord.

Brother Gene's light continues to shine in belief of the promise of tomorrow.

Brother Herbert L. Arnold, Past Grand Patron, was a charter member of Richland Hills Lodge No. 1348. He was a charter member of Richland Hills Eastern Star Chapter No. 1040. He was a faithful and dedicated Master Mason and Eastern Star member. He served with Sister Nancy Bailey Allen, Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother Herbert's light continues to shine in each one who believes in the Art of our Lord's creation.

Brother Paul Ofton, husband of our Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress was a dedicated member of our Order for 46 years. He was a life member and an endowed member of Harlandale Chapter No. 750, where he served as Worthy Patron four times. We remember Paul as the quiet, caring, and supportive man who

loved Eastern Star, loved his wife, Sister Rennie and loved his family. He was wind beneath Sister Rennie's wings and he was our very good friend.

Brother Paul's light continues to shine through the lives of those who loved him.

Sister Rebecca Koenning, wife our Grand Sentinel, was a very active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, as well as the Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters. She served as Worthy Matron of Garden Oaks Chapter No. 987 and served in leadership positions in the other youth organizations.

Sister Becky's light will continue to shine in the lives of the youth and her family.

Mr. Orville Baker, died March 28, 2001. Most of us did not know this man personally, but we do know his son, Brother Buddy Baker. Mr. Baker was Master Mason and was Worshipful Master of Mart Lodge #636 in 1950. He raised a gentlemen who now serves as our Worthy Grand Patron. So, he did touch our lives and we have been blessed.

Mr. Baker's light continues to shine through the love and dedication of his son, our Worthy Grand Patron.

Many new stars, lost to us here, are now shining in God's Heaven. We extend our deepest sympathy to those whose loved ones have gone to be with the Lord.

The Light of God's star beams love from Electa and from those to whom we dedicate this memorial program.

The love we shared with those we have lost, is not gone, not forgotten, but stored in our hearts forever.

[Musical selection by Mr. Robert L. and Mrs. Amy Beth Batton, Grand Duet.]

GRAND CHAPLAIN: During this past year our Heavenly Father called home those serving in General Grand Chapter: Mr. William E. George, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Arkansas, and Mrs. Doris Effird, Heart Committee and a Past Grand matron of Texas. In memory of our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and our General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Brother Harry Cunningham, Fraternal Relations Committee/General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, will carry the Light of Fidelity and Service. From the First Epistle of John, Chapter 1, verse 5, we are told: "And this is the message we have heard from him and announced to you, God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all."

Brother William George, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, was a 50-year member of Big Rock Masonic Lodge and was a 33rd Degree Mason. He served as Worthy Patron of Jewel Chapter #362 and as Worthy Grand Patron of Arkansas. We remember him this evening for his service to General Grand Chapter as Most Worthy Grand Patron from 1976 to 1979.

Sister Doris Efird was born November 21st, 1925. Each day was a challenge to Doris. She met that challenge with pride and success. Doris Efird served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1988-89 with Brother Harry Cunningham as her Worthy Grand

Patron. She honored this Grand Chapter in her service to our beautiful Order. At the time of her death, March 8, 2001, Sister Doris was serving on the Heart Committee for General Grand Chapter. To have known Sister Doris Efird was to love her, gentle in manner, soft spoken, devoted Christian and a friend to all.

We share the memory of loved ones gone. We know that they passed from mortal sight, but with our faithful trust in the promised Word, we know they now serve within God's Holy Light.

The light of God's Star was shown in the life of Adah and exemplified in the life of our General Grand Chapter Committee Member.

The gates of the eternal city opened and welcomed home one Past Grand Matron and two Past Grand Patrons of Grand Chapter of Texas. We pause now to pay tribute to our deceased leaders. The Light of Faith and Trust will be carried by Sister Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron, in memory of Sister Katherine Poulis, Brother Gene Belk and Brother Herb Arnold, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patrons of Texas.

Reading from the First Epistle of John, Chapter 1, verse 7, "We walk in the light as He Himself is in the light. We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sins." We remember Sister Katherine Poulis as a strong, dedicated leader, not only in Eastern Star but in her professional nursing field. She was a faithful friend, a confidente, a crusader for what was right. When Katherine Poulis spoke, the membership of Texas listened. Katherine will be remembered as the champion of the membership. What a friend we had in Katherine Poulis. And now our friend is with our Eternal Friend.

Brother Gene Belk, kind and fun-loving, was a dedicated member of Bethlehem Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas. His wit and charm as Worthy Grand Patron left a lasting impression on this membership. He was also a faithful member of Jacques DeMolay Lodge where he served as Worshipful Master. He was a friend to all who knew him.

Brother Herb Arnold, a strong, gentle leader, left his mark on this Grand Chapter. He served on the Board of Benevolences and as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee before being elected to serve as Associate Grand Patron. Brother Herb Arnold was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Shrine. He served as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Nancy. Bailey Allen. Brother Herb Arnold was a special man.

The reflections of our Star in their lives will light the way today for those of us who are left behind. The day is done, the sun has set, yet light still tints the sky. Our hearts stand still in reverence for God is passing by. In the beauty of God's universe, the sunset has come and our members have stepped into God's tomorrow to see the sunrise of the everlasting light. The light of God's Star exhibits faith and trust from the life of Martha and our Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patrons.

No man is an island unto himself. Every man is a part of the whole, a part of the main. Many of our Chapters in Texas have been touched by sorrow. Sister Nancy Bailey Allen will carry the Light of Constancy and Friendship in honor of the members of Subordinate Chapters of Texas who have gone to be with our Lord.

In Chapter 8, verse 12 of the Gospel of John we read, "Again therefore Jesus

spoke to them saying, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." We reverently pay tribute to our departed Sisters and Brothers whose hands of love and friendship guided and served our Subordinate Chapters. As our loved ones have left us, we know now because they cared, shared and loved, we have the strength to carry the light into the future. One of the greatest gifts of life is a constant friend. These special ones have left their footprints upon our hearts. Their lights will continue to shine through the dedicated members of the Subordinate Chapters. The light of God's Star reflects constancy and friendship from the life of Ruth and the members of our Subordinate Chapters.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling. Come home, come home. The gates opened and our Sisters and Brothers of other Grand Jurisdictions stepped into God's tomorrow to see the sunrise and light. Their passing has saddened our hearts greatly. The Light of Loyalty and Honor will be presented by Brother Richard Ochs, Heart Committee/General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, in memory of our special friends from other Grand Jurisdictions.

From the book of Isaiah, Chapter 2, verse 5, we read: "Come, House of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord." In this solemn memorial service, we pause to pay tribute to our departed Sisters and Brothers of other Grand Jurisdictions. We extend our sincere sympathy to their Grand Chapters and to their loved ones left behind, with the hope that the great lessons taught in our beautiful Order will lighten our burdens of sorrow. It is their loyalty and honor that lights another star in the heavens. Their light will continue to shine in each Grand Jurisdiction across the world. The light of God's Star directed loyalty and honor from Esther's life and from the lives of the Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions.

In the wake of our nation's turmoil, we pause to light the candles of remembrance and peace. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will assist me. On September 11th, 2001, our nation was scarred by the attack of terrorists. Tonight we remember those whose lives were cut short because of these acts of violence. We remember those families who have lost loved ones. In Psalms, Chapter 43, verse 3, we read: "Oh, send out Thy light and Thy truth. Let them lead me. Let them bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy tabernacle."

May the bonds of our family and friendships that cements us as one nation under God dispel whatever feelings of loneliness and grief we bear. May we remember these special loved ones with fondness, love and joy.

Worthy Grand Matron, will you light the candle of remembrance.

As members of the Order of the Eastern Star, let us promise that the light of right and duty, the light of constancy, loyalty, faith and love will serve as beacons for our country and our fellowman. The light of those Americans who were killed and injured will shine across this nation in remembrance of freedom. The peace of the world has been threatened by the terrorist attack on the United States. Now is the time we must stand united, pray for peace and give thanks for our freedom.

In Psalms we read from Chapter 27, verse 1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation. Who shall I fear? The Lord is my strength and my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?"

Worthy Grand Patron, will you please light the candle of peace.

Sisters and Brothers, join me in this pledge to our nation. Repeat after me. I promise that my light will shine so that peace and harmony will prevail, and the labors of our nation will be a light that will not fail.

Dear Lord, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. That is our prayer this evening. The light of the United States of America will shine as a symbol of strength, a signal that we are one nation under God, indivisible.

Our Grand Duet will lead us in song. (Applause following musical selections by Grand Duet.)

From the Word of the Everlasting Light, those we love must some day pass beyond our present sight, must leave us and the world we know without their radiant light. But we know, like a candle, their lovely light will shine to brighten up another place more perfect, more divine. And in the realm of heaven when they shine so warm and bright, our loved ones live forever in God's eternal light.

Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Chaplain, you will drape our Holy Altar.

[Prayer given at this time was inaudible.]

(Lord's Prayer Benediction by Mrs. Esther and Mr. Preston Haynes, Grand Pages.]

What a beautiful program this evening! How God has truly blessed our lives.

At this time I would invite Sister Lallah Mae Vollus to come and make a presentation to the Grand Chapter of Texas as a tribute to a very special person.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for including this short presentation in your evening program. We've just completed two beautiful presentations to us: the presentation of the lives of those who served us and our tribute to them and then the presentation of our gifts to those who will go forth spreading the light of our Star.

Throughout the lifetime of our Brother and friend, Past Grand Patron Paul Huffines, he and his special wife, Sister Leona, experienced the joy of worldwide travel. In those faraway places they purchased many beautiful and expensive artifacts. As we all know, Paul's life revolved around his church and Eastern Star friends. Before his home-going, he knew that Texas' beloved member was on the road that would lead her to worldwide leadership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Sister Leona desired to make a presentation of a beautiful piece as a tribute to Sister Rennie Ofton. She asked me to arrange for the presentation, and our Worthy Grand Matron was gracious to include it in tonight's program.

Worthy Grand Matron, will you conduct Sister Rennie to the mike.

Sister Rennie, Sister Leona had planned to be with us tonight but is unable physically to make the trip. Paul and Leona loved you and Sister Naomi very deeply, and they wanted this presentation to come to you in her administration. Rennie, when you were Worthy Grand Matron, we traveled with you and Paul and fifty other

Texas Stars to those cold, frozen parts of your, Paul's heritage. We had snow fights in the land that knows no darkness in the summer months. As a tribute to you, Paul and Leona would like to present to our National Shrine in Washington, D.C., through the Grand Chapter of Texas this vase. They have a pair of them. Leona is keeping one, and she wants this to go as a tribute to you to our National Museum.

Worthy Grand Matron, the gift comes to the Grand Chapter of Texas first and the plaque will be – when it gets to its Washington home – "To a friend, with love as she makes her journey." And then as God unfolds the days and the months and the years and you reach the station of leadership, the plaque will be changed, at Leona's request, "In honor of the Most Worthy Grand Matron through the Grand Chapter of Texas from Paul and Leona Huffines."

I know that the Worthy Grand Matron would like to speak.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Rennie, when you've been installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron, the plaque will be changed to read, "In honor of Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, this piece is being placed by the Grand Chapter of Texas Friends and Paul and Leona Huffines." I would like for you to know that Lallah Mae and I did discuss the fact to bring the vase, and we thought it would be much safer to bring the picture!

Lallah Mae, thank you for inviting me to have a special part in this presentation. It will be a special memory for me, but it is a part of the history not only of our Grand Chapter, but will be for Rennie as she is moving on her quest as the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Rennie, I invite you to speak at this time.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: This vase is a beautiful vase. I am overwhelmed with this kindness that has been extended. I'm sorry that Sister Leona could not be here tonight, but Sister Lallah Mae, I can think of no lovelier or special pro tem. I thank you so much for the presentation.

Thank you, Sister Naomi, for making room on the program for something like this. Many honors seem to come my way when I am not really sure exactly which way I'm going. But I know that Sister Leona and Brother Paul were among the first to encourage and support as I headed on this trail that I'm now traveling. They were kind friends, and I always loved them and enjoyed being with them. How proud I will be to see this vase in the Eastern Star Temple with the name of Texas on it. The Grand Chapter of Texas is a noble Grand Chapter, and I am indeed humbly grateful to be a part of it and to be representing you in General Grand Chapter.

Each time that I see this, I will not only remember the love and the kindness of Leona and Brother Paul, but I also will remember the love, kindness and support of my beloved Grand Chapter of Texas.

Sisters and Brothers, would you help me give Sister Leona a big thank you in absentia for doing such a kind and thoughtful deed for our Grand Chapter and for me. [applause]

Worthy Grand Matron, again I say thank you so much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Forgiveness is where we encounter God's goodness face to face and heart to heart. Sister Jane, thank you for bringing our benediction for this evening.

MRS. JANE GREGORY: I ask that you clasp the hand of the one next to you, bow your heads and let us go to God in prayer.

As we bring to a close this Friday night "Special Light Memories!" Session of our Grand Chapter, we turn to Thee, our Heavenly Father, weary from a day of labor. We once again seek Thy presence, knowing that from Thee comes our strength and our success in our work. May we be ever faithful to our high calling in this fraternal organization. And dear God, give us the vision to see that our patriotic service is an attribute to You and to country. Within the walls of this room, we come to do faithfully and well that to which we pledged ourselves. We ask Thy blessings on our land, our people, our flag and for all it means to a free people. Humbly we bring our petitions to Thy throne. Amen,

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

I'm really glad we decided to have these two programs on this night, a program by themselves. Hasn't it been a lovely and wonderful evening? [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, I would like to announce that all participants are requested to remain for the rehearsal for the 2001-2002 Installation of the Grand Officers here in the arena.

You are cordially invited to attend the Candidates' Reception after this session. It will be in the Grand Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel.

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your attendance in being here this evening. I now declare this Grand Chapter Session from labor to rest till in the morning. We're going to start right on time.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION October 20, 2001 "Let Your Light Shine" Session

> Mr. Richard Ochs Heart Committee, GGC and Past Grand Patron of Texas

**DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** It is a pleasure to open this Saturday morning "Let Your Light Shine" Session. At this time we are to have special Music by Mr. Neal Cooper. [applause following song]

Thank you so very much for sharing that beautiful talent with us this morning. You have lifted our hearts to start this Grand Chapter Session this morning. Thank you and know how much I love you. And now let everybody say amen. It was beautiful. We will now have the beautiful drill. "From His Light," by our lovely Grand Marshal, Mrs. Laura Sharp. [Installed Grand Officers and Pages Drill done to much applause.]

- MR. RICHARD OCHS: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [Worthy Grand Matron presented white magnolias by the Grand Conductress and the Worthy Grand Patron presented white mums by the Associate Grand Conductress before going to the East.]
- DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: Sisters and Brothers, behold our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron and salute them with Grand Honors.
- **WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Officers will assume their stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.
- **DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it's such an honor this morning to greet you on behalf of the assembly of the Grand Chapter of Texas, to say to you how much we appreciate the dignity that you and our Worthy Grand Patron have shown us this year, the love and the patience that you have generated among your membership. We ask that this session this morning be dedicated to you and Brother Baker with our love, knowing that you are going to have the best day of your life.
- MR. RICHARD OCHS: Sister Effie Mae Davis, it is a personal privilege to participate in this session welcoming and opening this morning. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, by so honoring me with an invitation to assist Sister Effie Mae in this honor. Thank you. Thank you.
- WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Effie Mae and Brother Richard, you admonished us to think positively this morning, and we in our deliberations for this day and this session will keep this uppermost in our hearts. For the special friendships that we have enjoyed through the years, for your encouragement and wise counsel, for being just Effie Mae and Richard and for calling to order this Saturday morning session, "Let Your Light Shine" Session, thank you so very much.

I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to give remarks.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. And thank you, Sister Effie Mae and Brother Richard, for calling this Saturday morning session to order. And, yes, I was a Silver Concho in '90-'91 and a Windwalker in '96-'97. I've been called so many names Judy had to write them all down for me.

At this time, if I may, I would dearly love to thank Brother Neal Cooper for that beautiful song. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the

Grand Sentinel that we are about to bring this Grand Session from rest to labor and he is to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to engage in opening this Grand Chapter Session, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

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

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You will ascertain 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 this assembly. [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 open our Holy Bible.

Faith is that mysterious thing that turns an average person into an outstanding individual with the faith that our Sister Lallah Mae has. She will bring us the invocation.

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: Heavenly Father, we have admitted numerous times in the hours of sharing in this beautiful session that You do give to us one hour, one day, one year at a time. As we come to the closing moments of the labors of Your beloved children, we thank You for their dedication. We thank You for Thy love and guidance of them, for this Order is an instrument of Your will. O Father, as they walk from us, may we never forget the sacrifices and the dedication of their service. And as we enter into the selection of new leaders, we beseech Thy presence with them. They can be strong only through Your guidance. Direct them and know always that any accomplishment that comes from the service of Your children is the expression of their love, their dedication and our will to follow the steps of Him whose Star we follow, and then to You will be all of the praise and the glory. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Lallah Mae, thank you for lifting our hearts to the Lord this morning.

I now call the "Let Your Light Shine" Session from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are duly open for the transaction of business.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We'll now continue with our reports. Sister Grand Chaplain, would you come to the East, please.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the Grand Chaplain's report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the report from the Grand Chaplain for our memorial program. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you, Nannette. Everything was absolutely lovely. I could not have asked for one thing to have been changed. I knew that you were going to do a superb job. Thank you so much for serving as my Grand Chaplain.

Would those that will be giving reports today please come to the East. While we are waiting for the Credentials Committee chairman to come in, I'd like to announce one more time, so that we're ready right at ten o'clock to talk about our ballot, I have asked Sister Rennie Ofton to serve as the ballot judge. I have asked Kenneth Gregory, Richard Ochs, Alma Lynn Bane and Wanda Fairchild to be her assistants. I have asked five of the Deputies from each district to serve as tellers. Do we have all the tellers in place?

Do we have the machine, everything in place? We need the pencils, whoever has them. Sister Rennie, I would invite you to the West or to the East for you to explain about our ballot. Sisters and Brothers, now this is very important and we want to do them right the first time. If you ballot, you want it to be counted, so listen very carefully to what Sister Rennie has to tell us.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, the ballots that you have need to be marked very carefully. We will be bringing number two pencils around to you, and you must use those number two pencils. You must fill in the circle that you want. No Xs or a check mark. The machine does not like to play tic-tac-toe, so you need to fill in the complete circle. Please do not fold them. It will just clog up the machine. And when we pick them up, they will be brought down to these tables. They will be separated. Paul Garner and his machine did all of this within a little over an hour yesterday, and it goes very quickly, if you will help us. Paul, is there anything else I need to tell them?

Listen carefully on the ballot to be used. We lost about 20 some-odd ballots yesterday because some of them used the wrong ballot, some of them didn't mark them correctly. So if you will just listen to what ballot we're using, mark it carefully. Paul and his machine will get us through that election as quickly as possible. Do you have any questions?

Thank you very much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Rennie. While we're talking about that, now everything is ready for the balloting, isn't it, back there? Brother Paul, would you stand up? Sisters and Brothers, I'd like for you to give a special thank you to this young man. We initiated him just Tuesday of this week, so he would be here to take care of this. How privileged we are! [applause] He has donated his time, energy, effort, the machine and everything. We're not out any expense. I appreciate you, Brother Paul, and all the work that you're doing for us. Thank you. His wife said I did something she hadn't been able to do in 22 years!

GRAND SENTINEL: Worthy Grand Matron, if you could also remind the people that sections 208, 209, 210, 211, 111, 110, 109 and 108 are for nonvoting

delegates. If they're in those areas, they need to move forward to the sides. Those are nonvoting areas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nonvoting delegates are there. Please stay to the sides because we do not have that many pages and all to do this. I'd appreciate it. Whoever is in charge of the doors, each entrance, Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel, would you check and make sure that someone is at every door. We're going to do all of this so that it will all be taken care of ahead of time so at ten o'clock we can start that very minute.

Okay. I invite the Credentials Chairman to please come and bring her report. Oh, you don't do it until ten? Sister Sherry – and I know Mark's out there – I want to say to each one of you how honored and privileged I was when you accepted these appointments. Sara Coursey from Dallas said, "Naomi, I'll just tell you one thing that might help you." "When you choose your chairmen of Credentials and Registration, you want to choose those that would be compatible." I thought ah-ha, I can handle that! And how honored we are with the job that you've done. They had these things ready for you in three hours. They've been working and having their Chapter come in and work as a Committee. Thank you so very much. Know how much we love you for the job that you've done this week. Thank you.

Sister Donna, are you here? I'll invite you to bring the report for ESTARL.

MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

As stated last evening, we received \$33,194.50 in donations to the ESTARL fund this year as a part of the Humanitarian Program. Another \$38,981.28 was funded into ESTARL by bequests.

Last evening we received a generous love offering in the amount of \$3200.44, during our ESTARL program.

This brings our total amount of money collected: \$75,376.22. Forty-nine scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$1,000.00 each, which leaves a balance of \$26,376.22 to carry forward for next year's ESTARL program.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Douglas General Chairman, ESTARL

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P. O. Box 2247 Austin, TX 78768 MRS. DONNA DOUGLAS: Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of our ESTARL chairman. I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by our blue cards. All those for the report. All those opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Donna. You all have done such a beautiful job.

I invite Sister Anna Bell England to come and bring her report. This is such a fun report, and we need that along the way today.

### REPORT OF THE HUGS COMMITTEE

MRS. ANNA BELL ENGLAND: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the honor and privilege to serve as General Chairman of the Hugs Committee for the year 2000-2001. It has been a rewarding committee. My 44 committee members and I have really enjoyed hugging everyone we came into contact with this year. We have always hugged, but with this special committee, you made it a special honor for huggers. Most of the members of this committee are all in their senior years and most were not able to do as much as we used to do. But being on this committee, we were able to enjoy hugging the membership and especially all the men folks.

Our committee has given over 20,000 hug cards, three 15 pound bags of candy kisses and an estimated 20,000 hugs.

If anyone has missed a hug or candy kiss from our committee this year, we will be hugging till our appointment ends and will continue afterwards. We urge you all to continue greeting our beautiful membership with hugs and candy kisses.

Worthy Grand Matron, my life has been deeply enriched by your affording me this appointment - for now I can brag, I have  $44~{\rm girls}$  whom I have learned to love and appreciate on this committee.

Respectfully submitted, Anna Bell England General Chairman Hugs Committee 2000-2001

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Anna Bell.

I think before we go any further, we need to know if we have a quorum. All Chapter Representatives here today, would you please hold up your green cards. Thank you. We do have a quorum.

I invite Sue Irwin to come and bring her report.

## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS COMMITTEE

MRS. SUE IRWIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for inviting us to serve on this Committee. Will the members of this committee please stand?

This year our Historical Highlights book was offered for a donation of \$25 each. As of September 1, 2001, we have received a donation of \$100.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing us to inform the membership of the history of our previous Grand Chapter Sessions with this Historical Highlight book.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Irwin, General Chairman Historical Highlights Committee

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There has been a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Historical Highlights Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, please, raise your blue card. Thank you. Opposed, same. Motion carried.

Sister Sue, sometimes I do not think the membership realizes just what's in our Historical Highlights, that it's a brief report of the years for each Past Grand Matron and Patron. You and your Committee have worked very hard to show these books around. Thanks to each of you.

I invite our Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

MRS. MAXINE NANCE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

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 a pleasure to greet you and present this advanced annual report of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

Following the election of officers at Grand Chapter in San Antonio, a meeting of the Board was called for the purpose of welcoming Jo Ann Snow, our newly elected Board member for District 3, and electing the following Board Officers:

Maxine Nance	•	Chairman	District 5
Norma. Graham		Vice Chairman	District 2
Lewis Mathison		Secretary	District 1
Tom Everitt		Treasurer	District 4
Jo Ann Snow		Member	District 3

There were 13 meetings held plus telephone and e-mail conferences. Board members made additional visits to the home.

During the year, we were pleased to have Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, and members in attendance at several of our meetings. We sincerely appreciate the support of these members and the interest they have shown in the function of the Board and the operation of the Eastern Star Home.

As approved by Grand Chapter, the ladies in the infirmary were transferred to the Clinic at The Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC). Due to the age of our residents and the infirmities that come with age, during the year many more ladies than originally thought have had to be moved to the Clinic. Those residents, now residing there, appear to be well satisfied with the facilities and the care they receive.

Frances Kito, a member of Richland Hills Chapter in Fort Worth, was hired as Superintendent of the Home in December. Her care and concern for the residents has been evident in the manner she has performed her duties. Phillip Ammuri was hired as Maintenance Supervisor and Benny Ross as Food Service Manager.

In February, Norma Graham Vice Chairman, resigned due to ill health and the illness of her husband, Ray. Norma had been a faithful member of the Board and we were sorry that circumstances necessitated her resignation. Upon acceptance of Norma's resignation, the Board voted for the current Board members to advance one office. The Worthy Grand Matron appointed Steve Ireland to the Board for the remainder of the year.

Whenever possible, we have met with the Board of Grand Trustees. Although we could not always meet at the same time, the lines of communication were always open.

This year we have endeavored to provide a cheerful, homelike atmosphere for our residents, provide them with the best possible care, and keep the lines of communication open between the Boards, staff, residents, and members.

A first time event for the Home was hosting the Associate Grand Matron's Deputies' conference in April. The conference was such a success that one District Deputy had her follow up meeting with the Deputies at the Home.

To provide our residents with the type of Home they can be comfortable in and to preserve our heritage, emphasis has been placed on maintenance and repair of the facilities and equipment. There is still much to be done. However, we are confident that with the continued support of the members of the Order, who have been so generous in donating both time and money, we can once again have a Home of which we can all be proud.

Because of the number of residents that reside in the Clinic of the TMRC and the tremendous increase in utilities it has been impossible to stay within the adopted budget for the year. Expenses that were controllable were monitored and kept within approved limits.

Monthly benevolent aid has been given to 17 members in 16 chapters during the year. Emergency or temporary aid was given to 10 members in other chapters.

There are currently 33 residents in the Home, 16 at the Home itself and 17 in the Clinic at the TMRC. We were saddened by the death of 2 of our residents. During the year the Board has acted upon all of the requests and applications that were submitted.

Applications for residency	7
Entered the Home	3
On 90 day period	1
Withdrawn	1
Rejections	0
Pending	2

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for your dedication to the Home. The cooperation, advice and support you have given to this Board and your interest and willingness to share our problems have been a source of strength during the year. To the Board of Grand Trustees, we thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and assistance in every problem we have encountered. We appreciate the support of the Corporate Board, and the assistance of the Grand Secretary's staff. We also thank our appointed secretary, Mrs. Wanda Gilmore, for her outstanding service to the Board.

We thank the membership for affording us this opportunity of service and entrusting us with responsibility of tending to the affairs of the Home.

Fraternally submitted,
Mrs. Maxine Nance, Chairman
Mr. Lewis Mathison, Vice Chairman
Mr. Tom Everitt, Secretary

Mrs. Jo Ann Snow, Treasurer Mr. Steve Ireland, Member

### THE BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES Budget for 2000-2001

		1998-99 <u>Budget</u>	1998-99 <u>Actual</u>	1999-2000 <u>Budget</u>	1999-2000 <u>Actual</u>	2000-2001 <u>Budget</u>	6/30/01 <u>Actual</u>	2001-2002 <u>Budget</u>
	RECEIPTS:	402.000	501 206	400.000	/ar 201	475 200	454 107	454 107
1 2	Dues Interest	493,000 12,000	501,306 19,033	499,000 12,000	475,381 31,845	475,380 18,500	454,197 23,964	454,197 30,000
3	Dividends	12,000	19,055	15,000	31,043	10,500	25,904	50,000
4	Oil & gas	6,000	14,483	7,000	23,645	27,000	22,917	30,000
5	Bequests & gifts	30,000	51,652	30,000	61,957	45,000	47,077	45,000
6	Home member receipts	20,000	28,981	3,000	86,156	70,000	420	30,000
7	Ladies'pensions	480,000	418,467	370,000	370,174	325,000	239,647	365,000
8	Real estate sales	30,000	13,719	1,000	<b>0</b> , 1,	1,000	2,000	2,000
9	Special funds	30,000	21,883	30,000	6,282	•	10,209	30,000
10	Humanitarian	30,000		30,000	14,849	26,000	9,832	10,000
11	Endowment Fund Inter. & div.	417,000	323,613	368,000	349,128	350,000	313,200	410,000
12	Other receipts	10,000	15,521	10,000	26,929	15,000	_17,620	_50,000
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>1,558,000</u>	<u>1,408,667</u>	<u>1.375,000</u>	1,446,346	1,352,880	1,141,083	1,456,197
	EXPENDITURES: Salaries:							
14	Superintendent	33,300	26,056	42,000	42,399	42,400	21,236	22,000
15	Director of Nurses	33,300	33,300	35,000	32,065	5,800	2,111	22,000
16	Resident nurse	23,920	24,093	25,000	24,687	25,000	11,222	20,000
17	Records clerk	15,600	2,398	15,600	2,686	7,500	1,417	,
18	Food manager		-	-,	· -	-	•	
19	Bookkeeper	15,600	15,486	16,400	16,394	17,000	6,072	
20	Activity Director	16,640	7,600	16,640	13,121	2,500	-	
21	Matrons	57,200	50,731	51,800	55,469	58,000	36,974	60,000
22	Housekeeping	34,320	30,724	30,700	28,306	32,000	21,429	35,000
23	Kitchen	173,000	125,219	152,000	88,946	107,420	56,246	90,000
24	Maintenance	50,330	45,722	65,000	47,020	45,000	20,158	35,000
25	Infirmary	<u>256,880</u>	245,921	<u>275,000</u>	229,135	<u>42,500</u>		
	TOTAL SALARIES	710,090	607,260	725,140	580,228	385,120	176,865	262,000
26	Payroll taxes	61,400	65,109	59,960	45,854	25,033	14,659	25,000
	Insurance:							•
27	Property/casualty/liability	76,550		43,500	68,448	60,000	28,575	40,000
28	Workers' Compensation	, -,,,,,		17,500	19,958	11,000	9,186	15,000
29	Ladies Medical	46,250		20,000	6,767	1,000	5,542	7,000
	TOTAL INSURANCE	122,800	98,076	81,000	96,173	72,000	43,303	62,000
30	Housekeeping Supplies	16,000	23,530 .	27,000	9,630	14,000	2,562	3,000
31	Subscriptions	800	1,173	940	747	750	474	500
	Doctors & Hospitals:							
32	Dental	14,500	3,847	7,500	6,203	3,500	3,998	5,000
33	Medical doctors	40,000	18,696	25,000	14,930	12,000	672	6,000
34	X-Rays & labs	4,000	1,940	2,000	1,114	600	2,975	500
35	Ambulance service	5,200	2,960	4,800	1,988	` 750	720	800
36	Hospitals & day surgery	<u>15,000</u>	<u>4,962</u>	<u>7,500</u>	240	<u>750</u>	1,251	1,000
	TOTAL DOCTORS/HOSP.	78,700	32,405	46,800	24,475	17,600	9,616	13,300
	Medical Supplies:							
37	Rx Medicine	100,000	78,280	68,000	34,796	20,000	8,703	12,000
38	Non-Rx Medicine		2,845	2,800	4,431	2,500	789	1,000
39	Infirmary housekeeping supplie		14.000	0.0/0	10.005		4 400	1 700
40	Patient care supplies	17,000	14,090	2,840	<u> 18,905</u>		1,190	1,500
	TOTAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES	117,000	95,215	73,640	58,132	22,500	10,682	14,500

		1998-99 <u>Budget</u>	1998-99 <u>Actual</u>	1999-2000 <u>Budget</u>	1999-2000 <u>Actual</u>	2000-2001 <u>Budget</u>	6/30/01 <u>Actual</u>	2001-2002 <u>Budget</u>
,,	Kitchen Expense:					<b>/</b>		
41 42	Food	135,000	120,705	100,500	80,808	45,398	38,675	55,000
42	Supplies	5,000	<u>3,252</u>	4,000	2,820	4,000	1,143	2,000
	TOTAL KITCHEN	140,000	123,957	104,500	83,628	49,398	39,818	57,000
	Utilities:							
43	Electrical	66,000	66,754	57,000	69,510	40,000	52,596	75,000
44	Gas	34,000	19,683	28,500	20,958	25,000	30,899	41,000
45	Telephone	12,500	12,573	12,000	11,448	8,000	6,718	9,000
46	Trash pickup	3,200	3,602	3,200	4,425	4,200	2,184	3,000
47	Water	24,000	16,655	18,000	20,626	<u>15.00</u>	13,540	18,000
	TOTAL UTILITIES	139,700	119,267	118,700	126,967	92,200	105,937	146,000
,_	Laundry:							•
48	Linen service	5,500	4,591	5,000	2,611	850	189	
49	Dry Gleaning	500	522	600	377	<u>600</u>	85	300
	TOTAL LAUNDRY	6,000	5,113	5,600	2,988	1,450	274	300
	Office Expense:		,					
50	Postage	1,100		800	496	800	199	400
51	Office supplies	3,000	2,110	2,400	2,512	2,000	266	1,000
52	Advertising (local paper)	800	<u>4,784</u>	1,000	11,320	1,000	1,312	1,000
	TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE	4,900	6,894	4,200	14,328	3,800	1,777	2,400
	Contract Services:							
53	Legal/Audit		3,412	15,000	24,075	45,000	58,893	40,000
54	Payments to Masonic Home for L	adies				474,240	489,843	713,000
55	Dietitian			-	100	500	-	
56	Medical personnel/ agency pool			5,000	33,463	4,000	4,183	
57	Payroll processing	<u>4,000</u>	1,432	<u>1,600</u>	-2,457	1,167	1,034	1,700
	TOTAL CONTRACT SERVICES	4,000	4,844	21,600	60,095	524,907	553,953	754,700
	Administrative Expense:							
58	Administrator conference/CEU	800	10/6	800	125	300	-	500
59 60	Licenses In-service	700 1,000	1,246	950 500	718	750	-	
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	TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.	2,500	1,246	2,250	843	1,050		500
	<u>Vehicle Expense:</u>							
61	Fuel	3,000	1918	2,000	2436	2,000	1,120	2,000
62	Maintenance & repair	6,000	1272	3,000	1086	3,000	925	1,500
63	Licenses	400	333	<u>400</u>	<u>758</u>	<u>350</u>	163	300
	TOTAL VEHICLE EXPENSE	9,400	3,523	. 5,400	4,280	5,350	2,208	3,800
<i>(</i> )	Contract Maintenance Service				( * / 0	/ =00	0 40/	£ 000
64	Elevator	3,900	1,915	4,500	6,142	4,500	3,706	5,000
65 66	Office machines/equipment Fire alarms	1,525 3,000	1,232 203	1,525 1,800	1,377 740	1,500 1,500	707 195	1,000 250
67	Pest control	3,200	3,122	3,120	3,120	3,000	2,340	3,300
68	Lawn maintenance				14,958	28,800	19,327	28,800
	TOTAL CONTR. MAINT.	11,625	6,472	10,945	26,337	39,300	26,275	38,350
69	MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS PROP. & EQUIP.	38,585	34,939	22,500	46,226	42,580	18,081	25,000

		1998-99 <u>Budget</u>	1998-99 <u>Actual</u>	1999-2000 <u>Budget</u>	1999-2000 <u>Actual</u>	2000-2001 <u>Budget</u>	6/30/01 <u>Actual</u>	2001-2002 <u>Budget</u>
	Other Operating Expense:							
70	Equipment & furnishings	4,000		5,000	10,305	2,500	2,803	2,500
71	Funeral expense	7,000	5,438	8,000	11,259	8,493	2,617	6,000
72	Ladies special days/needs		2,896	4,000	1103	2,000	1,089	2,000
73	Allowance to Ladies @ \$60	36,000	35,120	30,000	20,540	24,000	17,790	25,500
74	Contingency fund	10,000		10,000		10,000	·	5,000
75	Board of Directors expense	6,000	729	6,000	789	6,000	860	4,000
76	Ceramics therapy expense			325	439	350		,
77	Beauty supplies			500	416	500	69	200
78	Expense on acquired property				1277		151	
79	Miscellaneous	1,000		1,000	5,831	2,000	5.834	<u>2,647</u>
	TOTAL OTHER OPERATING	64,000	44,183	<u>64,825</u>	51,959	_55,843	_31,213	47,847
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,527,500	1,273,196	1,375,000	1,231,890	1,352,880	1,037,697	1,456,197

### BENEVOLENT AID REPORT

Beginning Balance July 31, 2000 Receipts:		\$ 77,338.71
Per Capita	\$40,076.25	
Interest earned	206.50	\$ 40,282.75
Disbursements:		
Benevolent Aid		(62,063.24)
Balance July 31, 2001		<u>\$ 55,558.22</u>

16 members in 15 chapters were receiving aid at July 31, 2001.

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND CHAPTER BENEVOLENCES

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other distinguished guests, my Sisters and Brothers: It is my pleasure to present this supplemental report of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences.

Before I present this final report, I want to introduce the other Board members and our appointed secretary.

Lewis Mathison T.H. (Tom) Everitt Jo Ann Snow Steve Ireland Wanda Fay Gilmore

Vice-Chairman, District I Secretary, District IV Treasurer, District III Member, District II Appointed Secretary, District I Since the filing of our advanced report, there has been good news and bad news. The air conditioning, roof leaks, and turnover in personnel continue to present the most challenging situations. We have hired another part-time nurse; so that we have a nurse on duty six days a week. The small air conditioner has been repaired; the painting of the parlors and entrance has been completed; and we continue to have requests for applications to enter the Home. We have had 5 additional requests since the advance report was presented.

We have received the determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service approving our application to accept members of the Order on a "Fee for Services" basis.

This week we received a refund check from The Texas Masonic Retirement Center for \$40,846.16 as an adjustment to charges for the period ending June 30, 2001. We also have a credit for \$15,139.52 for the months of July, August, and September 2001, which will be applied to the October fees.

Words are inadequate to express my appreciation to the Board members with whom I have served during the five years of my tenure. For their dedication to this Grand Chapter, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Eastern Star Home, I am deeply grateful. Sister Wanda Gilmore, your dedicated service to this Board as our appointed secretary has lightened our load. Thank you for all your hard work, for your support, and your friendship.

To my sisters living in the Home and those now in the clinic at the Masonic Retirement Center, you have become my extended family and enriched my life. I love each of you.

The Board appreciates the members who volunteer their time and talent to our Eastern Star Home. Whether you're cleaning out closets, painting or providing entertainment for the residents, you provide a needed service. Thank you.

The Board appreciates the support given through the years by the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. To the Board of Grand Trustees, thank you for your cooperation during the past five years. A special thank you to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for all the support and assistance you have given this Board, and for the privilege of serving with you.

To you, the membership, my profound gratitude for electing me to serve on this Board and to represent you. It is an honor I will always treasure.

This completes the report of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star for the year 2000-2001.

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

Fraternally submitted, Maxine Nance, Chairman

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual voting sign, with the cards. Those in favor, please raise your blue card. Those opposed, same. Motion carried.

Thank you, each for the work that you do for our Order. I know that it has been a hectic year. When things go wrong and repairs need to be done, it always makes it a little hectic. Thank you so much for giving of your love and time to this Order. Let's give them a warm thank you. [applause],

I invite Anita Westermann, Membership/visitation, to please come and give her report.

## REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP/VISITATION COMMITTEE

MRS. ANITA WESTERMANN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

To the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Thank you for allowing this committee to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas this year.

Our focus for this committee was locating our members who had moved away from their local chapter. Under the work of the District Chairmen the secretary of each Chapter was contacted and asked to compile a list of members who no longer lived in their jurisdiction. Secretaries across the state are to be commended for providing this committee with this information.

We were amazed at the hundreds of members who no longer live in their chapter jurisdiction.

Enclosed is a list of those members.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Westermann General Chairman Membership/Visitation

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second to adopt the report of the Educational Fund Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor please raise your blue card. Thank you. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Diane, we never know how far-reaching something we may think, say or do will affect the lives of millions tomorrow. Thank you and your Committee for all the work you have done this year. Many students have received scholarships from your work. I do appreciate what you have done as a committee together. Thank you.

General Grand Chapter Special Projects Committee. Brother Ray Hertenberger, I recognize you to bring this report.

# REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

MR. RAY HERTENBERGER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee for the Grand Chapter of Texas. I want to thank the Membership for their generous support for the General Grand Chapter Special Projects. These included the Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Heart Foundation and Angels for ESTARL. This is an ongoing project through this General Grand Chapter triennium due to the nature of General Grand Chapter. We appreciate your continuing support of our General Grand Chapter Committee members.

Respectfully submitted by Ray Hertenberger General Chairman General Grand Chapter Special Projects Committee

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and second that we accept the report from Brother Ray Hertenberger on the Committee for General Grand Chapter Special Projects. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote with the cards. All in favor, for. Thank you. Opposed. Motion carried.

Brother Ray, it was a brand new Committee and it was done after our Grand Chapter. Thank you for picking up and running with it.

I now call for the Committee for the Lanterns of Faith. Dr. Charles Bane and his Committee.

### REPORT OF THE LANTERNS OF FAITH COMMITTEE

**DR. CHARLES BANE:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for allowing us to serve Grand Chapter on your special committee, Lanterns of Faith. It has been a great honor to serve you and the Grand Chapter this year. I would like to introduce those who have served as chairmen with me. Dr. Bilsing is home with eye surgery, I believe. Ed Warner is District Chairman of District 1. Gayle Brown is doing security work for Lockheed-Martin in Fort Worth. I have not seen Keith. And Jerry Martin, our District 5 chairman.

May I invite the Lanterns of Faith Committee to please stand for recognition. It has been a pleasure to serve with you this year. Thank you very much.

The purpose of this Committee was to collect donations to buy and install lights along the drive at the Eastern Star Home in Arlington. This we did. Through the efforts of our Worthy Grand Matron and the Committee Members, we collected a total of \$33,145. As a result, there are now 12 lights in front of the Home. The cost of the lights was \$7,332; the cost of their installation, \$13,700. The total cost of the lights was \$21,032 or \$1,752.67 each.

I would like to thank each of the Committee Members for a job well done, and those who contributed to the project.

Although it was not part of the project, we have also set up a little booth outside to collect money for the World Trade Center Relief Funds. As a result, we have collected \$242.57, which I am now going to present to the Worthy Grand Matron and allow her to send it to the relief fund of her choice. Thank you very much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Bill, and for your Committee. [applause] As you drive into the entrance of our Eastern Star Home now, it's lighted, no matter what time you drive in. It not only helps everyone that comes at night, it helps those that come and go on shift work to know that it's safe to come in and out, and it gives much protection. Thank you all for a job well done.

Did we vote on this? No. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard a motion and a second to adopt the report of Lanterns of Faith. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, you'll raise your blue cards if you're in favor. Thank you. Those opposed. Motion carried.

I invite Sister Betty Benham to bring her report on the Exchange visit.

# REPORT OF THE EXCHANGE VISIT

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Yes, we did have a foot-stomping good time in Amarillo, Texas. Stars and Stripes Forever Deep in the Heart of Texas was the theme of the Texas/New Mexico Exchange Visit held in Amarillo on Friday, March 9, 2001. A banquet honoring Sister Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, Worthy Grand Patron, of Texas, and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of New Mexico was held in Amarillo.

A delightful evening of fun and friendship and fellowship was held in the Amarillo Civic Center. The Big Texan Opry performed and entertained for 165 members from both states. Cowboy boots – strange that cowboy boots would be used – were filled with bluebonnets made by the members of our Chapter and Committee who had painted each pine cone to represent the bluebonnets of Texas. The little plastic pull tabs off of Coke can containers were used and formed into red Indian paintbrushes to fit in to go for the decorations and to adorn the tables. Each centerpiece held Texas and New Mexico flags.

A cowboy poet breakfast was held on Saturday morning at the Big Texan

Restaurant with local poets entertaining. Some of the entertainers were boys and girls from what we have known as the Cal Farley Boys' Ranch west of Amarillo.

On Saturday our journey took us to Clovis, New Mexico, to enjoy a fraternal visit of their Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and watch the New Mexico Officers perform an initiation. Following the meeting, we attended and enjoyed their banquet before returning to Texas.

A good time was had by all. Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for this special appointment and for honoring me to work with the membership, and especially my entertainment exchange visit committee, which we're few in number today, but I never – without my co-chairman, Sister Shirley Rattan, and those others that were on the Committee that could not be here.

Al Martin, Marcia Bennett, Virginia Logston, Ed Mackley, Faye Mullinax, Ruby Lee Mackley, Dana Mullinax and Ferris Benham. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Phillips Benham Texas/New Mexico Exchange Visit

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and second to adopt the report of the Exchange Visit. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, please raise your blue card. Those opposed. Thank you. Motion carried.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Betty, you and your Committee did a tremendous job. God does promise He will bless us if we are genuinely, creative and keep moving ahead in faith. Everyone had a terrific time, and we have wonderful memories. Thanks for a great weekend from you and your Committee.

Sister Frances, do you have a Home report? I invite Sister Frances Kito, OES Home Superintendent, to bring her report.

## REPORT OF THE OES HOME SUPERINTENDENT

MRS. FRANCES KITO: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers:

I assumed the position of Superintendent shortly after Grand Chapter 2000 and it has been the most rewarding job I have ever held. Every day is different – some good – some not so good but (and I emphasize but) I would not change a day! We currently have 15 residents in the retirement home and 17 in TMRC so that there are 32 personalities. I love, admire and respect each and every one of them.

This past year, 12 applications have been submitted – 3 were withdrawn; 1 was ineligible. We have had three to move in. However, one had to withdraw due to health

reasons; one will complete her 90 days this week and we have 5 pending.

The oldest resident in the retirement home is 97 and she is like the ever-ready battery – she just keeps going and going and going. Our oldest resident in TMRC celebrated her 101st birthday in July, 2001. She, too, is still going and attended the celebration held in Fort Worth for all-area centurions.

Although our residents are "retired," they have not retired. Their activities this past year included: Planting flowers around the circular drive and in pots across the front porch; They met in the dining room to shell a half bushel of black-eyed peas; A lot of winter evenings were spent shelling pecans from our own trees (of course, they have enjoyed many homemade goodies). Labor day weekend, pears were peeled and pear preserves were made (these too, came from trees on the property); Skirting was made for the layatories in bathrooms as needed with matching curtains (by the way, materials used were donated by you); They assisted in selection for the window coverings for the newly redecorated parlors (we do hope many of you had the opportunity to see the slide presentation earlier this week which included this area); They sew, knit and do ceramics. Each day except Sundays, they meet outside the dining room for a sing-a-long and Monday thru Friday, they exercise for 20 minutes. The big screen TV acquired a few years ago by your generosity is enjoyed daily and many evenings our Singing Stars continue to entertain in and around Arlington. In November, they will be performing for the VSA Arts of Arlington. Each Tuesday, depending on the number of shoppers, the van or bus is put on automatic pilot and they are off to Wal-Mart for a morning of shopping and/or visiting with new friends made in the coffee shop. By the way, I was only kidding about the autopilot - we really do use a driver! Sunday School and church services are held on Sunday in our chapel with prayer meetings on Wednesday.

The Home was privileged to have the Associate Grand Matron's Deputies Conference over the weekend last spring. Some of them, it was their first visit to the Home. The ladies were delighted to have the opportunity to show them around but more especially, to get acquainted. They hope the weekend was enjoyed by them as much as they were enjoyed!

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron hosted special parties for Thanksgiving – Christmas – Valentine – Easter and Mother's Day. We extend a very special thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as well as the members of the Time and Talent Committee for their hard work and dedication.

This wonderful group you see behind me are the eight Sunshine Girls attending Grand Chapter this year:

Peggy Sue Allen - Anahuac #649, District 4

Edna Cowsert - Junction #497, District 5

Eunice Estridge - Throckmorton #500, District 3

Ann Frerking – Odessa #447, District 2, who by the way, became a 70 year member of the Eastern Star in September!

Irma Dee Grounds - Arlington #249, District 3

Lois Pate – Waxahachie #599, District 1

Billie Probst – Edwin J. Kiest #959, District 1

Leona Rascoe - Arlington #249, District 3

To you, the membership – on behalf of all the residents, "Thank you" for your love and support. Your special remembrances throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

Over the years, we have weathered bad times and I am convinced that by continuing to work together, we can and will continue to make our Home beautiful and comfortable for years to come.

Respectfully submitted, Frances Kito Superintendent

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard a motion and second to adopt the report of Sister Frances Kito, Superintendent of our OES Home. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, those in favor please raise your blue cards. Thank you. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Frances, thank you so much for all that you do for our ladies in our Home. We appreciate it so very much.

Titles, Deeds & Properties.

# REPORT OF THE TITLES, DEEDS & PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

MRS. ALMA YORK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers.

It is with pleasure that I present the appointed members of this committee:

Mrs. Bonnie Mathison from District 1, Mr. Bobby L. Cummings from District 3, Mr. Joseph H. White from District 4, and Mr. D. A. Morris, Jr. from District 5.

We received two requests from the Grand Secretary's office during our year of service requesting we make the necessary inquiries regarding properties owned by Grand Chapter in Throckmorton, Texas in District 3 and in Lumberton, Texas in District 4. Our committee reports and recommendations to the Board of Grand Trustees are attached to this report for permanent record. We as a committee, continue to recommend that all property owned by Grand Chapter be properly titled so proper notice can be received from taxing authorities and any interested parties. Ad valorem taxes should be paid to prevent the accumulation of penalties and interest and the loss of property donated to Grand Chapter due to sheriff sale for non-payment of taxes.

Worthy Grand Matron, we express our appreciation to you. Our appreciation for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter to the best of our abilities on the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Alma York, Chairman, District 2

Mrs. Bonnie Mathison, District I Mr. Bobby L. Cummings, District 3 Mr. Joseph F. White, District 4 Mr. D.A. Morris, District 5

August 8, 2001

Mrs. Marjorie Errington Grand Secretary Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. 1111 E. Division Arlington, Texas 76011

RE: Property in Hardin County, Texas

Thank you for the copy of your letter of July 23, 2001 to Mrs. Alma York, Chairman of Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee.

Review was made as requested and the offer of \$500 per acre is less than half the appraised value of \$1,200 per acre and should be rejected. Hardin County Appraisal District lists as follows:

Account #0001360003550000000, OWNER Peggy Suenell Allen, 1540 Keith Road, Lumberton, TX 77657. Legal description AB 136 CHOATE PARCEL 136-5-E. Hardin County Tax Assessor shows address of 140 Covington, Lumberton, TX. Taxes, penalties, and interest are currently \$2,590.94 and will increase September 1, 2001. Taxes are unpaid for five or more years.

Mineral rights should be retained. Minerals usually are taxed when extracted, but land is taxed annually. Of course, cash from sales improve endowment balances. Local brokers in Beaumont and Lumberton should be able to establish a market value and maybe a buyer.

It is recommended all property of Grand Chapter be properly titled so that proper notice will be received from taxing authorities and any interested parties.

Please furnish a copy of this report to the Board of Grand Trustees for their meeting scheduled for August 10, 2001. Thank your for this opportunity to be of service.

Fraternally, Joseph F. White, District 4 Member Titles, Deeds and Properties

cc: Mrs. Alma York, Chairman Titles, Deeds and Properties April 23, 2001

Mrs. Marjorie Haynes Grand Secretary 1111 E. Division Arlington, TX 76011

Re: Appraisal of Property, Lot No. 7, Block 15 of the Original Town of Throckmorton,
Throckmorton County, Texas

Dear Marjorie:

I have made the necessary inquiries concerning the above property. The property is in very bad shape, and in need of being torn down. The people who were evicted left a very trashed piece of property which is an eyesore to the neighborhood. The current tax valuation of the property is \$7,860.

The property is 1,440 square feet with two porches, one on the front and one on the side. It is brick with central heat and air, one bath, and asphalt shingles. There is also a 24 square foot storage building on the property. Inquiries concerning the interior of the property can be addressed to Sheriff John Riley 940/849-3431 who evicted the former residents.

Market values inquiries of property in Throckmorton, or listing of the property for sale can be made through Carol Andrews of Andrews Realty at 940/849-2661.

Fraternally,
Alma York
Chairman, Titles, Deeds and Properties

cc: Mr. Bobby L. Cummings, District 3

I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to accept the report of the Titles, Deeds & Properties. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, you'll vote with your blue cards. For, in favor. Thank you. Opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Alma, thank you for bringing joy to our hearts for the work and the things that you do.

I would invite our Grand Representative of New Jersey to please meet the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress in the West. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Grand Representative at the altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: I have the pleasure to present Sister Susan Sloan, Grand Representative of Texas in New Jersey, Order of the Eastern Star.

· WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits, and certainly you have come this way and made many deposits of your friendship with our membership. Thank you so very much for being here.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort

her to the East. Sisters and Brothers, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce Sister Susan Sloan, Grand Representative of Texas in New Jersey. You will join me in extending Grand Honors.

Thank you so much. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will remain in the East.

I call Tom Warner to bring the report of the Candle Lighters.

# REPORT OF THE CANDLE LIGHTERS COMMITTEE

MR. TOM WARNER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Naomi, on behalf of all members this Committee, I want to thank for allowing us to serve as members of the Candle Lighters Committee this year.

The Co-Chairmen and District Chairmen serving with me this year are, Wayne Gaddis and Sonny Wise, General Co-Chairmen; District Chairmen are: District 1, Andrew Scott; District 2, Carl Unlaub; District 3, Henry Manaso; District 4, John Clark and District 5, Paul Kirk.

In November of last year, Brother Wayne Gattis and myself met with the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolence and the Superintendent of the Home, to offer the services of this committee as might be for maintenance and repairs at the Home.

During the year we were able to do some work on renovating the apartment over the kitchen, which was designated as the "Wolf Den" and other minor maintenance projects.

One of our members, Sister Shirley Everett is to be commended for the many hours she spends operating the Hair Salon and attending to other needs of the ladies in the Home. Thank you sister Shirley for your love and dedication.

Respectively submitted, Tom Warner, General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Candle Lighters. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by our sign with blue cards. For. Thank you. Against. Motion carried.

(Singing by Grand Choir of "He Touched Me."]

Thank you, Grand Choir. We needed that. [applause]

I invite Mrs. Annette Curry to bring her report on Home Endowment.

## REPORT OF THE HOME ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

MRS. ANNETTE CURRY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Home Endowment Fund Committee, Thank You for the honor of serving on this Committee.

At this time may I present and introduce the District Chairmen.

District 1: Marlene Dibrell

District 2: Joyce Fields, who was unable to be here

District 3: Ann Wallace

District 4: Beverly Gordon, unable to be here because of family illness

District 5: Geneva Dye.

We submit the following report of the Home Endowment Fund:

TOTALS:	\$74,567.30	<b>\$4,306.45</b>	\$70,260.85
Fund Raising Letter	\$10,970.34	\$3,478.51	\$ 7,491.83
First USA Credit Card	\$ 4,396.41	\$1.75	\$ 4,394.66
No Dress/No Blazer	\$27,290.00	\$ 826.19(Pins)	\$26,463.81
Humanitarian	\$31,910.55	-0-	\$31,910.55
	$\mathbf{Revenue}$	Expenses	Net Revenue

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

Respectfully submitted, Annette Curry, General Chairman Home Endowment Fund Committee

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Annette. Do you want to tell them what our net revenue was for Home Endowment one more time because I don't think they heard because they didn't clap?

MRS. ANNETTE CURRY: \$70,260.85. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Annette, for you and your Committee: He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own. Sister Annette, you and your Committee have done, an excellent job. Thank you for all that you do for our Order.

Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the motion and second to adopt the report of the Home Endowment. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, raise your blue card. Thank you. Those opposed. Thank you. Motion carried.

At this time I'd like to call for Sherry Dieckmann to bring our Credentials report.

# FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MRS. SHERRY DIECKMANN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is with great pleasure that I and my Committee who I'd like to introduce at this time – Doreen Carden, Kathy Crews, Ruth Naron, Robert H. Parke, Bob Steele, Mary Spell, Loriane Williams — bring this final report from the Credentials Committee. We'd like to thank you at this time for giving us this appointment. We have had the best time out there working with the membership. We have the greatest membership in the world, and we have, enjoyed working with each one of you and giving you your credentials. Thank you so much.

TO: Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron

From: The 2000-2001 Credentials Committee

We the Credentials Committee make the following final report for Grand Chapter 2001:

Number of Votes	${f Ballots}$	Total Votes
1	1580	1580
2	366	732
3	108	324
Grand Total		2,636

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Dieckmann, General Chairman
Doreen Carden
Kathy Crews
Ruth Naron
Robert H. Parke
Bob Steele - Houston
Mary Spell
Loriane Williams

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this report. We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Credentials Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote. All in favor, raise your blue card. Thank you. Opposed, same. Motion carried.

Sister Sherry, thank you and that Committee. You've done a great job.

MRS. SHERRY DIECKMANN: We'd like to give you a little gift from the Credentials Committee, you and Buddy.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. It says, "Naomi Wolfe, Almost Past Grand Matron." While I'm looking at this, I want to tell you, Sisters and Brothers, that we were real fortunate to get the lanyards this year. They've all been donated to us. They're very expensive if you go to buy them. At the end of our session, which will be this afternoon, or sometime before you leave, there's going to be boxes out there — we really don't need these to wear around our necks all the time. If you'd just take the bottom off with your dues card and everything, and if you would just put them in the boxes, I know that Jimmie would be thrilled to death not to have to buy these next year. They're real hard to come by even with donations. I appreciate that very much.

Thank you. I love this.

I invite Sister Mae Bruce to come and bring the report on Time and Talent. Sisters and Brothers, thank you for being patient and being quiet. We're moving along. You just can't believe how few reports are left. After we ballot, we'll start with our budget for the Trustee Board, but I'm going to keep quiet so we can get one more report in now. We're going to be through at noon!

## REPORT OF THE TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE

MRS. MAE McRAE BRUCE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, and members: It is with pleasure that I present the report for the Time and Talent Committee. The five district chairman were responsible for special events at the Home, as well as to our ladies who have moved to the Masonic Infirmary, during this past year.

District 2 Chairman, Ms Bette Stevens, made sure that a Thanksgiving party was held. By the ladies request, it was a Pizza Party!

District 3 Chairman, Ms Frances Kito, was responsible for the Christmas Party, which was a full-blown, beautiful party. The Grand Line Officers were there to give their special presence to the occasion. Gifts were exchanged between the ladies and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. A special musical program was presented and enjoyed by everyone. Of course, there were tables filled with holiday treats.

District 5 Chairman, Mrs. Patsy Cates, arranged a Heart-filled Valentine Party for the ladies in both residences. There were candy hearts, cookie hearts, paper hearts. Cupid was there sharing hugs with all the ladies, and many, many valentines were shared.

District I Chairman, Ms Diana Lee Ray, arranged the Easter Party. She and her assistants provided a wonderful array of spring colors and refreshments for the ladies.

District 4 Chairman, Mrs. Shirley Bilsing, arranged food and music for the Mothers Day party. Ladies always enjoy the music, and the treats were enjoyed by all.

Each of these chairmen provided duplicate parties for our two locations. They held the parties in the Home first, then moved everything over to the Masonic Infirmary. The ladies in both places cherished the occasions.

With the Committee's distribution of the Wolf stickers, we have received a total of \$1,560.00 donations for this year.

Worthy Grand Matron, I sincerely thank you for this opportunity to serve you and Grand Chapter this year. Serving your term has been an honor. This appointment has widened my circle of friends in the Order of Eastern Star, therefore it has been a wonderful experience.

Respectfully submitted, Mae McRae Bruce General Chairman, Time & Talent Committee

#### **District Donations:**

District I	\$319
District II	270
District III	-0-
District IV	472
District V	499

Total \$1,560

I move this report be accepted.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I have a motion and a second to accept this report for the Time and Talent. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor raise your blue card. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

Sister Mae, the highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it. The ladies at our Eastern Star Home have enjoyed every social function prepared for them by this Committee. Thank you so very much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Rennie, it is ten o'clock.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: We are ready, Worthy Grand Matron, and I believe your Pages are ready. While ago we gave them 34 boxes to send out the pencils and we only got 31 back. Does anybody have any of our boxes?

Which ballot do you want them to start on, Worthy Grand Matron? Do not mark your ballots until the Worthy Grand Matron tells you which one, to use.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do you not think we need to have them nominated and all that first?

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Yes. But pencils are flying, and I didn't want them to mark anything yet.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, don't mark anything on your ballots. Let's don't mess them up. I found mine! That's the reason why I was so nervous. I couldn't find it. Does everybody have your credentials? We're all ready. All right.

I didn't put this in my book. Sisters and Brothers, we're now ready for our election. Do we have all those that are going to be nominated and all those who's going to do the nominations, are they here in the East? All right.

At this time it is my distinct pleasure — I'm sorry. I'm Naomi Wolfe, Past Matron of Hurst Chapter 1099, Dual Member and Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter 741, and it's my distinct honor and privilege to nominate Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon for Worthy Grand Matron. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we'll elect by acclamation. All in favor, please say aye. Those opposed.

Sister Jimmie, do you accept this position?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, my dear, sweet friend, it is with a humble heart and great gratitude to the membership of Texas, I say yes. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Buddy Baker, Past Patron of Mart Chapter 109. Would I be out of order if I nominated myself? No. It is my honor to nominate Brother Harold Trammell for the office of Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a nomination for Brother Harold Trammell for Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction for the ensuing year. Is there any other nomination? Hearing none, we'll vote by acclamation. All in favor say aye. Those opposed.

Brother Harold, do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I gratefully accept. And, Buddy, I know I have some big shoes and a long stride to keep up with. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Nominations are now in order for Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jimmie Lee McMahon, a Past Matron of Duncanville #1014. It is my honor to nominate Sharon Fentress for the office of Associate Grand Matron, a Past Matron of Crescent #820.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Are there any other nomination? Are there any other nomination? Sisters and Brothers, we'll vote by acclamation. All those for, say aye. Opposed.

Sister Sharon Fentress, do you accept?

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS**: Worthy Grand Matron, from the very depths of my heart, I thank you for your vote of confidence and I very gratefully accept. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Nominations are now in order for the Associate Grand Patron.

MR. LARRY TIDWELL: I'm Larry Tidwell. I'm the present Worthy Patron of

Longview Chapter #610. It is mỹ honor and distinct pleasure to place in nomination the name of Ed Warner, a Past Patron of Longview Chapter for the office of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have the nomination of Ed Warner for the office of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year. Are there any other nomination? Brother Ed, would you come stand by me. Are there any other nomination? Hearing none, we'll vote by acclamation. All those in favor, say aye. Those opposed.

Sisters and Brothers, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you Brother Ed Warner whom you have just elected to serve as your Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year. Let's welcome him and say thank you. [applause] Now, do you accept?

MR. ED WARNER: Worthy Grand Matron, I humbly accept with grateful appreciation and love to all. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now in order for the office of Grand Secretary.

MRS. LAURA LONGERBONE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Laura Longerbone. I am a Past Matron of Ridglea Chapter #999 and current Worthy Matron of Crowley Chapter #1125. It is with great pleasure that I nominate Sister Charlene Littlewood, Past Matron of Ridglea Chapter #999 and current Associate Matron of Crowley Chapter 1125, for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing Grand Chapter year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Do we have other nominations?

MRS. MILDRED BLAIR: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Mildred Blair, Past Matron of Plano Chapter #703. It is a pleasure to place in nomination Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Matron of Plano Chapter #703, for the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Are there any other nomination? Hearing none, I would invite Sister Charlene and Sister Alma to come to the East for introduction. It is my distinct pleasure to introduce to you Sister Charlene Littlewood and Sister Alma Carter. Thank you so very much.

[applause]

If you'll look on your official ballot, down at the bottom in the right-hand corner it has Ballot A. Everybody pull out and make sure that down in this little corner it has A on it. They're not going to take it if it has any other thing on it. So let's make sure we have A. We didn't use about the Associate Grand Patron. Now let's drop down where it says Grand Secretary. You will mark one of those little squares. Sisters and Brothers you use the number two pencil and you mark in the little square very carefully. Don't scribble. It will not accept Xs; it will not accept checks; it will not accept scribbles. Remember when we were about four or five and we were being taught how to color. We want to color inside the little lines.

Are we all done? Very good. Nominations are now in order for the Grand Treasurer.

MRS. LINDA HARGIS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Linda Hargis, Worthy Matron of Edwin J. Keist Chapter #959. It is my 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: Sisters and Brothers, we have a nomination for Sister Betty Prater as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Do we have other nominations? Do we have other nominations? Hearing none, we'll vote by acclamation. All in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no.

Sister Betty, do you want to accept this?

**GRAND TREASURER:** Thank you, Worthy 'Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, I gratefully and humbly thank you for this honor. (applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. We are now ready for nominations for the office of Grand Conductress.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sharon Fentress, a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820. It would be my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Doris Jean Hester, a Past Matron of Beeville Chapter #422, for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Do we have other nomination? Do we have other nomination? Sisters and Brothers, we're voting on Sister Doris Hester for the office of Grand Conductress. We will vote by acclamation. All those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no.

Sister Doris, do you want to accept this office?

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you. Yes, my Sisters and Brothers, thank you very much for the opportunity of serving Grand Chapter in this position. I humbly accept and with your prayers will continue to go forward. Thank you. (applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Doris. Before we go any further, Sister Grand Warder and Brother Grand Sentinel, are our doors all secure?

GRAND SENTINEL: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Blain. Nominations are now in order for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

MRS. DIANE WILSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Diane Wilson, a Past Matron of The Colony Chapter #1136. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Sister Lorrie Faith-Owens, a Past Matron of The Colony Chapter #1136, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have other nominations?

MR. JOHN ELKINGTON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am John Elkington, a Past Patron of Pearland Chapter #1065. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Karen Morgenthaler, a Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have other nominations?

MRS. GINGER BIRD: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ginger Bird, Worthy Matron of Castleberry Chapter #1028. It is my honor to place into nomination the name of Nancy Brown, Past Matron, Castleberry Chapter #1028, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, let's go back just a few minutes in time. May I declare the ballot open. And now let's fast forward to just right now. Would that be okay? Would you all accept that? I need the vote of the membership, please. [applause] Thank you. We didn't want to do that over, did we?

I invite those nominees to please come forward so we can introduce you. Before we do that, I guess I had better ask: Are there any other nomination? Any other nomination? Thank you.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you Sister Lorrie Faith-Owens, Sister Karen Morgenthaler and Sister Nancy Brown. Thank you, ladies, for today. [applause]

Now, Sisters and Brothers, let's go down on our Ballot A where it says Associate Grand Conductress. On the left-hand side of the name you will mark one square.

If you have done all of that, let's move on to the Board of Grand Trustees, District 1. Do we have nominations?

MRS. LISA WEST: I am Lisa West, a Past Matron of Atlanta Chapter #151. As you can, see, I'm not Sister Abi's mother, Sister Jessie Freeman. She was ill this morning and could not be with us. It is my distinct honor and pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Abigail Freeman, a Past Matron of New Boston Chapter #700. I place her name for the Board of Grand Trustees for District 1. Thank you.

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Do we have other nominations?

MRS. TAVA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Tava Smith, Ferris Chapter #508, Worthy Matron. It is my honor and pleasure to place the name of Brother Jack Beall, Past Patron of Ferris Chapter, Ferris, Texas, for the office of the Board of Grand Trustees, District 1. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have other nominations? Do we have other nominations? Hearing none, I would invite Sister Abigail Freeman and Brother Jack Beall to come up front so I might introduce them to you.

It is my honor and privilege to introduce to you this morning Sister Abigail Freeman and Brother Jack Beall who have been nominated for the Board of Grand Trustees, District 1. Thank you so much. [applause]

Now, Sisters and Brothers, we go down to the next little block where it says Board of Grand Trustees, District 1, and you'll mark in one of those little squares to the left of the names.

We're now ready for nominations for the Board of Grand Chapter Benevo-

lences, District 2. Sisters and Brothers, it is with much regret that I must tell you that Steve Ireland has withdrawn his name for this position under circumstances that are beyond what he can control. Therefore, he will not be placing his name in nomination. So please know that his name isn't here for that.

MRS. JOYCE BALL: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joyce Ball, a Past Matron of Friendship Chapter #1008 in Odessa, Texas. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of A. L. Casparis, Past Patron of Odessa Chapter 447, for the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences for the extension of this term of one year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Are there any other nomination? Are there any other nomination? Hearing none, I would invite Brother A. L. Casparis to come to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Mr. A. L. Casparis. Thank you so much. [applause] Since we have only one nominee, we'll vote by acclamation. All those in favor for Mr. A. L. Casparis – now this is for the unfinished term where Sister Norma Graham had to resign because of health problems. So this will be a one-year term. All those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, no.

Brother A. L. Casparis, do you accept this?

MR. A. L. CASPARIS: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I'll be glad to accept.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so very much. [applause]

Nominations are now in order for the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 5.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Rennie Of ton, Worthy Matron, Harlandale Chapter #750. It is with pleasure that I nominate Brother Raul Garcia for member of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 5.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Do we have any other nominations? Do we have any other nomination? Brother Raul, would you come forth and let's introduce you.

Sisters and Brothers, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you Brother Raul Garcia who has just been nominated for the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. Are there any other nomination? Hearing none, we'll vote by acclamation. All those for, say aye. Opposed. Motion carried. Brother Raul, will you accept this appointment?

MR. RAUL GARCIA: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a great deal of gratitude and pride that I accept. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Nominations are now in order for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3.

MRS. CAROL DOTY: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Carol Doty, a Past Matron of Vashti Chapter #32 in Temple. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I place in nomination the name of Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Matron and Past Matron of Vashti Chapter #32, for the office of Grand Examiner, District 3, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have other nominations? Do we have other nominations?

MR. DAVID NICKLAUS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am David Nicklaus, Past Patron of Graford Chapter #905. It is my pleasure to place in nomination Sister Joyce Nicklaus, Past Matron of Graford 905, for the office of Grand Examiner, District 3, for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Do we have other nominations? Do we have other nominations?

Hearing none, I would invite these two young ladies to come forth to be introduced. Sisters, and Brothers, I would like to introduce to you Sister Jayne Yenger and Sister Joyce Nicklaus. Thank you all so much. (applause]

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Worthy Grand Matron, we need to nominate the Grand Examiners from every district.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. We'll do that. If you'll mark your ballot for Grand Examiner, District 3.

Nominations are now in order for the Grand Examiner, District 1.

MRS. SYBLE YOST: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Syble Yost, Worthy Matron of Princeton Chapter #1126. It is indeed my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Mrs. Joyce Gilbert for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Do I have other nominations? Hearing none, we'll vote by acclamation. All those in favor to elect Joyce Gilbert, Grand Examiner, District 1, please say aye. Those opposed. Thank you.

Sister Joyce, do you want to accept for this next year?

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you. And, yes, it is with a very humble heart that I say thank you. I will do the best job I know how. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Nominations are now in order for Grand Examiner of District 2.

MR. HORTON KIDD: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Horton Kidd, Past Patron, Odessa Chapter #447 and Friendship Chapter #1008. I wish to put in nomination the name of Kimi Kidd, Past Matron, Odessa #447 and Cora Posey #1072, for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do I have other nominations? Do I have other nominations?

Hearing none, we'll vote by acclamation. All those for, say aye. Those opposed.

Sister Kimi, do you accept?

MISS KIMI KIDD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Yes, I'm very honored

to serve in this position. I'm very grateful to the membership of Texas for allowing me to do so. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Examiner, District 4.

MRS. MARGIE THANES: Good morning. I'm Margie Thanes, Worthy Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649. It is with pleasure that I place in nomination the name of Sister Vi Griffin, a Past Matron of Anahuac #649, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, for the ensuing year. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Do we have other nominations? Do we have other nominations? Hearing none, we'll vote by acclamation. All for, say aye. Those opposed, no.

You have just now elected Sister Vi Griffin for Grand Examiner of District 4. Sister Vi, do you accept?

MRS. VI GRIFFIN: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept this honor, and I look forward to serving the membership of District 4 and this state for another year. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now in order for the Grand Examiner of District 5.

MRS. DOROTHY HARE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Dorothy Hare of Harlingen Chapter #641. I am very pleased to place in nomination the name of Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek, a member of Harlingen Chapter #641, for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, for the coming year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there any other nomination? Is there any other nomination? Hearing none, we'll vote by acclamation. All for, aye. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Gerry, do you accept this nomination?

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: Worthy Grand Matron, yes, I humbly accept; and it is an honor and I will be pleased to serve the membership of District 5 for the ensuing year. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, by acclamation you have now elected to serve for the ensuing year Worthy Grand Matron, Jimmie Lee McMahon; Harold Trammell, Worthy Grand Patron; Sharon Fentress, Associate Grand Matron; Ed Warner, Associate Grand Patron; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; for the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 5, Raul Garcia; A. L. Casparis for the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, District 2, for the expiring term of one year; Joyce Gilbert for District 1, Grand Examiner; Kimi Kidd, Grand Examiner for District 2; Vi Griffin for Grand Examiner, District 4; and Gerry Dusek for Grand Examiner, District 5.

And we need a Grand Examiner at Large. Nominations are now open for Grand Examiner at Large. This is the only thing I didn't write down!

MRS. MARY CHOATE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Mary Choate, Worthy

Matron of Grand Prairie Chapter #219. It is with pleasure that I would like to place the name of Sandra Perdue from Grand Prairie Chapter #219 for Grand Examiner at Large for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Do we have other nominations? Do we have other nominations?

Hearing none, we're about to elect Sandra Perdue Grand Examiner at Large. We'll vote by acclamation. All those for, say aye. Those against, say no. Motion carried. You have just elected Sandra Perdue for Grand Examiner at Large for the ensuing year.

Sisters and Brothers, I think that that covers everybody that we have for the election.

Sandra, do you accept? Too bad, we've done it!

MRS. SANDRA PERDUE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. With very – it's tough up here, isn't it? With a very humble heart, I say thank you to the membership of this great State of Texas for electing me one more time. I will gratefully serve you. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now declare the ballot closed. Pages, would you go get the boxes and pick up the ballots. Do not fold them, mangle them.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Worthy Grand Matron, I will tell you that today the count will be a little slower. The computer guru says that there is a larger number of ballots, so don't be nervous if we go over the hour. But the machine can only work so fast.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay, guys, everybody check your watches so we don't get nervous about this. It's twenty minutes to eleven. Let's not worry about this till twelve o'clock. Is that a deal? Don't look. We're going to go on with the reports. This is going to work out just fine.

I apologize. I didn't write this down, and I'm one of those that has to write everything down to make sure I don't miss anything. But that's all right. We got them all elected anyway.

Before I do anything else, where is Sister Nancy Allen?

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Worthy Grand Matron, if you would remind the Warders and Sentinels that no one is supposed to be coming in and out of the Grand Chapter room.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Blain. Everybody remember, no one is supposed to come and go out of the Grand Chapter room at this time.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Worthy Grand Matron, if you have people in the steno pool or anyone working, we need to have them come to a door so they may ballot because we do not want the ballot boxes going out of the assembly room.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I would invite the Deputies that are sitting

up in the stands, would you come down — a couple of you — and go out — those that are sitting outside, to have them come to the door to be able to cast their ballots. Anybody that's out there selling books or doing whatever, ask them to come to the door to cast their ballot. We have a first aid room. Please reach those.

All right. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Sister Nancy Bailey Allen at the altar for introduction. If there is anyone else who has not been introduced, I would invite you to go to the West so that we might do that.

#### GRAND CONDUCTRESS: [introduction was inaudible]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Nancy, when you're young, friends are taken for granted. When we're old, we know what it means to have them. Thank you for being such a special friend to me and to this membership of the State of Texas. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort this lovely Past Grand Matron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce, to you Sister Nancy Bailey Allen, Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in extending to her Grand Honors.

Sister Nancy, we invite you to remain in the East. All of her things are in the back. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she's going to go back. Thank you.

Let's sing "Happy Birthday" to Sister Betty Prater. Today is her birthday.

Sisters and Brothers, have all balloted that desires to ballot? Are all the ballots in? Is anyone holding a ballot that needs to be picked up? If so, raise it so we can see where you are. Have we met the membership at the doors to make sure that everybody has had their ballot picked up?

Sisters and Brothers, we've declared this ballot closed. Would the Pages please dump the ballots on the tables that are set up for you. Turn them upside down and make sure everything is out of them. There will be someone there that will be taking the boxes for you to make sure that they're all out.

Let's get back to reports so we can get through. At this time I'd like to invite Sister Jane Gregory to come and give her report.

### REPORT OF THE TELEPHONE/TELEGRAPH COMMITTEE

MRS. JANE GREGORY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We have had no further correspondence from any of the Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons other than those who have already received their letter and their credentials. Thank you so much for this appointment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Jane, for bringing that

report. Sisters and Brothers, you've got a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, if you're in favor, raise your blue cards. Those opposed. Thank you. The motion carried.

We're going to move on the reports, Sisters and Brothers, because if we get them all done, we'll just have an election that we have to deal with. We might just get out of here earlier. Okay? Let's do the Registration.

### REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

MR. MARK DIECKMANN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

TO: Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron

From: The 2000-2001 Registration Committee

We the Registration Committee make the following final report for Grand Chapter 2001:

Registered members of Texas Chapters: 2709

Registered members of Other Grand Jurisdictions: 127

Total registered: 2835

Members of the Eastern Star Home: 8

Members of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center: 10

Total monies collected: \$28,180

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Dieckmann, General Chairman
Linda Guy District 1
Karen Kidd District 2
Sherry Thompson District 3
Lori Goldman District 5

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard our Registration report. I have a motion and a second. All those in favor to accept it, please raise your blue card. Thank you. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Brother Mark, you and your Committee have done a tremendous job. To each one of you, thank you for all the work. I know that you all have had to come early and start early. Thank you and God bless you for all that you do for our Order.

While we're waiting, Sister Priscilla Lock, I would invite you to come and speak at this time.

MRS. PRISCILLA LOCK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Priscilla Lock, Past Matron of Glen Rose Chapter #171. I would like to invite all the

diabetics that are in here to stand. I'm an insulin-dependent diabetic on a pump. If you're a diabetic, would you please stand up. Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to thank you on behalf on all of us for encouraging everyone to bring food that we can eat during your official visits to our district. Thank you so much.

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Priscilla.

Is the Trustee Board ready to start their report?

I recognize Bob Steele, General Chairman, Founder's Day.

### REPORT OF THE FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE

MR. BOB STEELE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers:

The Founder's Day events of August 3-4, 2001 seemed to be enjoyed by all those participating.

Friday evening we had a hamburger supper with ice cream, and a bake sale, followed by a presentation of the International Temple Committee, all in the airconditioned OES Home.

Saturday was a very busy day and all activities were held at the air-conditioned Arlington Community Center. Chapter tables were permitted and set up, the bake sale and ice cream stands opened, along with our own garage sale, comprised of items donated for Founder's Day. We served hot dogs, chili dogs, chips and soda from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

We were entertained by the German band of the Hella Shrine of Dallas from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Our barbecue dinner started at 6:00 p.m. and, when all diners were served, Emcee Trey Smith, who moved the acts smoothly, and was always entertaining, started the show. The show consisted of the following:

Zena Wilson
Preston and Esther Haynes
Peggy Sue Allan
Rainbow pledges
Joyce Gilbert
Our Grand Duet, Robert and Amy Batton
Ladies of the Home
A surprise (WGM & WGP)

Our dinner brought in \$5,380.00. We sold 269 tickets and fed 228 people. The caterer was Coulters Bar-B-Que of Arlington, who did a superb job.

An airline voucher was donated to the committee by the Board of Grand Trustees and put up for auction. The final bid was by Cheryl Albreicht for \$475.00. Cheryl's check to Founder's Day was in the amount of \$500.00.

Our miscellaneous projects brought in \$2,783.30 and after expenses we netted \$1,812.97. Altogether the dinner, show and miscellaneous net earnings totaled \$4,329.17.

Total chapter donations to be 100% Founder's Day were \$10,135.80, for a grand total of \$14,464,971.

The General Co-Chairman, Lavona Owens, the District Chairmen, Hardy and Betty Crow from District 1; A. M. Crowder from District 2; Bill Prague from District 3; Gerry and Bill Strurtz from District 4; and Jerry Trees from District 5 and committee members are to be congratulated for their many and successful endeavors.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Steele General Chairman

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this report. We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of Founder's Day. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. Thank you. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Bob, I want to say thank you for a job well done. You guys did good! The dinner theater is one I shall always remember. The entertainment was outstanding and just a little different. Everyone, had a great time. Thanks to each of you.

I call for the Spring Fling.

### REPORT OF THE SPRING FLING COMMITTEE

MR. JEFF GEYER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers:

I am Jeff Geyer, Chairman of Spring Fling. I am pleased to bring this report. Many many thanks to those who helped make Spring Fling a success this year. We are sorry that the Banquet had to be cancelled due to lack of participation but the other activities were able to profit \$7419.01. On Friday night, we had a Spaghetti Dinner. On Saturday, we had many fraternal booths. For lunch, we sold Beans with Cornbread and more Spaghetti.

To all the workers:

To the District Chairman: I would like to say "Thank You."

To those that were on the committee and to the many that were not – we could not have had such a wonderful weekend without your help. Thanks so much!!!

To all those who brought and bought the Silent and Live Auction Items: Every item was unique. The baskets all looked fantastic. Thank you for your time, effort, and money that was spent.

To the Ladies of the Home: We hope that you were able to enjoy the many visitors and activities of the weekend. Thank you for allowing us to make use of your home.

Thank you to the Administrator and her staff. You were fantastic to let us come in and cook. Thank you for everything that you did to help us during the weekend.

Fraternally submitted,
Jeff Geyer, Chairman
Laura Geyer, Co-Chairman
Charlotte Beall, District I
Judith Cook Fowler, District 2
Jimmie Williams, District 3
Daniel Bowden, District 4
Pam Lakey, District 4 Co-Chairman
David Wolfe, District 5

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, let's be a little quieter because there are people in the room who would like to hear some of these reports. So if you could just be a little quieter, we'd appreciate it.

Sisters and Brothers, we've had the report of the Spring Fling Committee report. I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, you'll vote in favor by lifting your blue card. Thank you. Opposed, the same. Motion carried.

Brother Jeff, thank you guys for a job well done. We had so much fun. I don't know about you, but I'm going to have many memories from a good time. Thank you.

I recognize Sister Ola Mae Davis, Bulletin Committee.

### REPORT OF THE BULLETIN COMMITTEE

MRS. OLA MAE DAVIS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

It has been a pleasure working with my co-workers on the Bulletin Committee this year. It is my pleasure to introduce the District Chairmen.

District One, Mrs. Mary Calvert

District Two, Mrs. Glenna Myatt, who could not be with us.

District Three, Mrs. Marilyn Smith

District Four, Mrs. Marie Brown

District Five, Mrs. Dorothy Haga

Thank each of you for your work and all that worked on this committee.

There were two ladies who did an outstanding job, Mrs. Bonita McElroy in District One, sold six new bulletins and renewed eight. Shirley Hadley in District Four sold twenty-one new bulletins and renewed fourteen. If others need to be recognized for a great job, I am sorry because I did not get any information on the reports.

The total of New and Renewals
The Monies Received \$48,930.00
Miscellaneous \$618.00
Total Monies \$49,548.00

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this appointment. I will take this opportunity to thank the Grand Secretary's Office for their help, as most of the information went directly to their office.

Respectfully submitted by, Ola Mae Davis, General Chairman Bulletin Committee

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor please raise your blue card. Opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Ola Mae, to you and your Committee for reaching out to the membership by sale of our Bulletin. The Bulletin keeps the membership informed of what is taking place at our Home and the travels of our Grand Chapter Line. Thank you so much.

I invite Sister Barbara Gregory to bring her report on "Make It Happen."

### REPORT OF THE "MAKE IT HAPPEN" COMMITTEE

MRS. BARBARA GREGORY: I bring this report for our General Chairman, Fran Williams for the "Make It Happen" Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers.

It is with pleasure that I bring to you the report of the "Make It Happen" Committee. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me the privilege of serving as General Chairman of this committee.

I regret that time does not permit me to introduce the entire committee, but I would like to recognize the District Chairmen.

District I Carol Brown
District II Tanya Meadows
District III Gay Cockran

District IV Barbara Gregory District V Perry Steele My special appreciation to Carol Brown and Barbara Gregory and Wanda Barrington a member of District III Committee for their untiring efforts and their assistance to me.

My report is as follows:

	Pins Sold	${f Amount}$
District I	65	325.00
District II	0	0
District III	63	315.00
District IV	147	735.00
District V	84	420.00
Sold at Grand Chapter	102	510.00
Total Sold	461	\$2305.00

221 Pins returned - 314 Not returned

I move the adoption of this report

Respectfully submitted, Frances Williams Make It Happen Committee General Chairman

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue card. Opposed., Motion carried. Thank you.

I invite Marvolyn Province to bring her report.

# REPORT OF THE TRI STATE MEET COMMITTEE

MRS. MARVOLYN PROVINCE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers:

334 members of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas Eastern Star met in Hot Springs, Arkansas at the Velda Rose Hotel/Spa for the "Friendship Festival," on the weekend of August 24, 25 and 26, 2001. This number included 155 members from Texas.

Our weekend began with a dinner on Friday evening and as entertainment, a race between the Worthy Grand Patrons of the three states. Texas Worthy Grand Patron was the winner.

Saturday morning, we enjoyed a cruise around Lake Hamilton on the Belle of Hot Springs riverboat. Saturday afternoon was free for rest, to visit in the hospitality room or to enjoy the city.

Saturday evening concluded our fantastic weekend with a "Friends are For-

ever" banquet and a skit "A Womanless Wedding," starring members from all three states.

The members from Arkansas, with Sue Stone as chairman, coordinated all functions, and it was a complete success.

Members of the Tri-State Meet Committee from Texas are: Diane Wilson, Willie Mae Shaw, Phyllis Macon, Pat Pettit, Jimmie Britt, Sandra Tedford, Kathy Creel and Wanda Brown. We must not forget the help of Betty Scott and Mary Ruth White who organized the bus trips. I served as Chairman, and wish to thank this hard-working committee.

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

Respectfully submitted, Marvolyn Province Chairman, Tri-State Meet Committee

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to, adopt the report of the Tri State Meet Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor raise your blue card. Thank you. All opposed, the same. Thank you. Motion carried.

Marvolyn and Committee, the visit at Hot Springs, Arkansas, was fabulous. We were all glad to see our Worthy Grand Patron be the winner of the horse race. The friendships made we will cherish and will linger in our minds and hearts forever. Did you know that friends are the chocolate chip in the cookie of life? A special thanks to each of you on this Committee. I hope everybody had a wonderful time. Thank you so much.

I invite Henry Martin to bring a report on the Cardinals.

# REPORT OF THE TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.

MR. HENRY MARȚIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Before I start this report, would all the members of the Texas Cardinals that are in the arena just stand where you are, please. All Texas Cardinals. Doesn't this look great? Thank you so much.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards, my Sisters and Brothers all:

I am pleased to provide this report regarding the Texas Cardinals, Inc, during the 2000-2001 Grand Chapter year. The Texas Cardinals organization, and indeed the entire state of Texas, is excited that our Sister Rennie Ofton, who was elected as Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress at the General Grand Chapter Session held in Detroit last year, will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron in 2009 and her General Grand Chapter Session will be held in Texas in 2012. The purpose of

the Texas Cardinals is to plan and prepare for General Grand Chapter 2012.

Last year, Sister Wanda Fairchild, as the Cardinals Chairman, presented this report to the 2000 Grand Chapter Session, held in San Antonio. We certainly want to express our appreciation for all of the efforts made by Sister Wanda and all of those in Cardinal leadership positions in the past, as they laid the excellent groundwork on which we are moving forward today.

In January 2001, a new corps of officers was elected at the annual meeting held in San Antonio. At that time, the following officers were elected:

Chairman - Henry S. Martin Vice Chairman - Willie Mae Shaw Sec/Treas - Eva G. Hicks

Liaison Officers elected included:
Phyllis Macon - District 1
Alma York - District 2
Jayne Yenger - District 3
Gail Smith - District 4
Gay Carnes - District 5

The financial goal for the organization by 2012 was stated as \$250,000, up from the original goal of \$100,000. This was due to the expected inflation that will occur during the next eleven years, with price increases expected in the areas of facility (convention center) leasing, hotel rates, food prices, decorating, etc.

A restructured organization was established to more effectively carry out the goals of the organization. To this end, District Membership Chairmen were appointed to lead the membership drive in each District. Those appointed were:

Billy Combest, Past Grand Patron - District One Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron - District Two Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron - District Three Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron - District Four Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron - District Five

Lee Stalling, Past Grand Patron accepted appointment as Finance Committee Chairman.

Alma Lynn Bane was appointed as Coordinator for Texas activities at General Grand Chapter 2003.

Janell Trees was appointed as Membership Secretary.

The success that I will report to you in the remainder of this report is due to the enthusiasm and hard work of these officers.

To assist in spreading the word about the Texas Cardinals, the purpose of the organization and membership requirements, a standard brochure was developed that provided information and explanations, along with a membership application. These were distributed in all Districts and have been made available to individuals, chapters, groups such as Past Matrons/Past Patrons associations, non-OES individuals and groups, and out-of state OES individuals and groups. The brochure has proved to be effective in communicating key information regarding the Cardinals.

It was felt that more Cardinals activity throughout the state would be beneficial, and to that end, District quarterly meetings were begun. The District Three meeting was held at the OES Home; during Spring Fling 2001 and a District Four meeting was held in Houston in September. We will hold meetings in Districts One and Two in the future.

The Liaison Officers have enlisted the help of many others in their Districts, and we have people making bows and give-away items, and doing other things to promote the Cardinals.

A Site Selection Committee for General Grand Chapter 2012 was appointed and met with the Convention and Visitors Bureaus of several cities regarding the possibility of holding General Grand Chapter 2012 in their city. After the presentations were conducted, it was the unanimous recommendation of the Committee that Fort Worth be selected as the site for General Grand Chapter 2012. As a result of that decision, I contacted the city of Fort Worth and informed them of the selection. After this Grand Chapter Session, we will begin the contract negotiation and preparation process with the Convention Center and the major hotels. To our surprise, we were informed that General Grand Chapter 2012 will be the largest convention the city of Fort Worth has ever had. I think it is an understatement to say that the officials of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the convention center, major hotels, and cultural and entertainment facilities are very excited.

An important part of our activities between now and 2012 will be the Texas Booth at the three upcoming General Grand Chapters. We must have a booth with membership information, give-aways, and sale items at Portland, Oregon in 2003, Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2006, and Tulsa, Oklahoma in 2009. When Sister Rennie selects a man to make the trip to the General Grand Chapter East with her, his state will become a partner with us and will share our Booth at the three upcoming General Grand Chapter's. Contact has already been made with officials in Portland, as a preliminary to the planning for the Texas booth and other Texas-sponsored activities while in Portland.

Due to the excellent work of our membership chairmen and liaison officers, our membership, as October 1, 2001 now stands at 329 sustaining members, which includes 108 Chapters. Ninety-six of these Chapters have become sustaining members since the January meeting in San Antonio. We have 47 Group members, and 951 individual members, a total of 1,327 members.

Due to the hard work of many people, the sale of items has been dramatic. This year, we have sold the following:

554 pins	\$2,770
1,772 scarves	8,756
511 suncatchers	2,555
119 Bows	595
475 Ties	4,750

Misc. items, including Christmas decorations, conchos, Avon pins, etc.,

For a total 1.207

This is a total of more than \$20,600.

As of September 30, 2001 the Texas Cardinals, Inc. have liquid assets of \$83,626.75. That does not include the value of the sale items that we currently have

in inventory. The funds consist of the following:

\$77,548.75 in a money market account at San Antonio Credit Union 6,078.00 in the National Equity Trust-OTC Growth Trust

YTD, revenue has grown more than \$20,000 or 101% and that has resulted in 60% growth in our SACU account. Memberships and dues have grown \$8,550, which is 139%. Sale of items has grown by \$9,846 (89%) and donations have increased by a remarkable 751%. This growth seems to indicate the focus on memberships, dues, and the sale of goods is the correct approach to increasing the assets of the Texas Cardinals. If these results can be repeated over the next 5 or 6 years, the Texas Cardinals can expect to achieve its long-term financial goal of \$250,000.

The one area that has shown a decline is the investment in the National Equity Trust; however, during this time of poor stock market performance, our financial advisors recommend that we hold this investment until market conditions improve. It is also recommended that we take a portion of the funds in the SACU account and put them into a longer term CD, which could pay us 6% to 6.5%. We will be evaluating these recommendations.

Sisters and Brothers, Cardinals enthusiasm and excitement is building. But we need your help. We are committed to having the most successful General Grand Chapter Session ever, which is only normal for Texas, and we want each and every Eastern Star in Texas to be a part of it. Let me encourage you to join the Cardinals, and become involved in our activities.

This report is respectfully submitted, Henry S. Martin, Chairman Texas Cardinals, Inc.

#### TEXAS CARDINALS, INC. P.O. Box 96530 Houston, Texas 77213

#### FINANCIAL REPORT November 1, 2000 thru July 31, 2001

#### SAN ANTONIO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

BEGINNING BALANCE, November 1, 2000

\$ 48,532.56

#### RECEIPTS:

Memberships and Dues	\$10,545.00
Donations	385.00
Sale of Various Items	13,101.00
Percentage on Purses from PM & PP Assoc	SA 74.51
Memorial For Paul Ofton and Doris Efird	896.00
Gift Honoring Yvonne Brownfield	524.04
Love Gift from Banquet in Detroit	269.15
Dividends from Money Market Account	2,025.04
Total Receipts	

27,819.74

Sub total

\$ 76,352.30

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Postage	\$	78.57
Newsletter Postage		135.22
Paper and Printing - Cardinal Brochure		140.96
Bank Charge for Checks		8.90
Purchase of Items for Sale	5	,174.70
City of Detroit - Storage Room		20.00
Chips and Freight for Texas Reception		
in Detroit		130.24

Total Disbursements

\$5.688.59

Balance as of July 31, 2001

**\$70,663.71** 

#### PAYNE WEBBER ACCOUNT:

Value as of July 31, 2001

\$6,260.50

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the report of the Cardinals. We have a motion and a second to adopt this report. All in favor, raise your blue card. Thank you. Those opposed, please raise your card. The motion has carried.

Brother Henry and this Committee for Cardinals, how excited we are and we know that all this is in good hands, and we're just going to be chirping along. Thank you so much.

Sister Ann, would you come and bring your report on Proficiency.

### REPORT OF THE PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE

MRS. ANN BAILLEAUX: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Will the Proficiency Committee members please stand. We want to thank you for choosing us to be on this Committee this year.

The Proficiency Committee assisted the Grand Examiners at the Schools of Instruction by selling Proficiency stickers for \$1.00 each.

District One	\$ 500.75
District Two	\$ 183.00
District Three	\$ 235.00
District Four	\$ 820.00
District Five	Unavailable

Total reports to me

\$1,738.75

Submitted by, Ann Bailleaux Proficiency Co-Chairman 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 Proficiency Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your blue card. Those opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you for all the work you've done for Proficiency. I know the Grand Examiners have been so excited with your work because you were in the examining room helping them help us. Thank you, Sister Ann.

At this time, Sisters and Brothers, how honored we are to be able to recognize the 50-year members, that have acquired 50-year memberships in this past year. I would invite them to be escorted to the East. I'm going to let us stay seated so we can, see them all. Sister Grand Marshal, will you lead that processional. While they're getting ready, I'd invite the Lights of Love Committee, Mrs. JoAnne Parisher, to bring her report.

### REPORT OF THE LIGHTS OF LOVE COMMITTEE

MRS. JO ANNE PARISHER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

The purpose of the "Lights of Love Committee" is for Texas Eastern Star members to serve others in their community. We have encouraged our members to give of their time in hospitals, nursing homes, food pantries, food drives, meals on wheels programs, community service projects and our local project, M. D. Anderson Handicraft.

Serving with me as District Chairmen are:

Mrs. Sula Reilly, District 1

Mrs. Charlene Smith, District 3

Mrs. Grace Talley, District 4

Mrs. Frances Hayes, District 5

Mrs. Karen Cook, District 4, General Co-Chairman

Members in all districts are working very diligently as they represent the Order of the Eastern Star in their community. Each community has it's own special project and each project is important to that community. Your community appreciates the good work you are doing.

This year O.E.S. members serving as volunteers at M. D. Anderson Cancer Hospital have given almost 35,000 hours.

Producing over 41,000 handicraft kits to be distributed to patients and their family members. Local Eastern Star members will raise \$45,000 this year alone to fund this program.

I am proud to acknowledge the efforts of those Chapters reporting time and monies donated to their communities:

TOTAL	120,072 HOURS
DİSTRICT 5	43,968
DISTRICT 4	489148
DISTRICT 3 .	27,956
DISTRICT 2	NOT REPORTING
DISTRICT I	NOT REPORTING

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Parisher General Chairman "Lights of Love" Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I appreciate the opportunity to serve as General Chairman of the Lights of Love committee. I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second on the floor, for the Lights of Love Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote with our blue cards. For. Against. Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Joanne, for a beautiful job well done this year. It's a wonderful report. Thank you.

May I have the Secretaries report from Betty Carter.

# REPORT OF THE TRAVELING SECRETARY TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

MRS. BETTY CARTER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and Other Distinguished Members:

It is my pleasure to introduce Mrs. Belinda Summers, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Carolyn L. Bell, Secretary to Associate Grand Matron; Mrs. Tonna Ceat Alexander, Secretary to the Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. June Marie Bates, Secretary to the Grand Conductress; Mrs. Nell Smith, Secretary to Associate Grand Conductress; Mrs. Linda N. Carney, Secretary to Board of Grand Trustees and Mrs. Wanda Faye Gilmore, Secretary to the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. You have willingly given of your time and talents to Grand Chapter and we thank you.

I have had the honor to travel the State of Texas with our Worthy Grand Matron, the ""Worthy Grand" Husband, the Worthy Grand Patron and his wife, Grand Esther, the District Deputy Grand Matrons, and the Grand Examiners. My duties were to write letters to each Chapter Secretary and Deputy Grand Matron after their Section's School of Instruction thanking them for a job well done and other instructions from the Worthy Grand Matron. My duties, also, included sending thank you, sympathy, get well, and in appreciation cards. Also, with the assistance of Mrs. Judy Baker and Mr. Robert Wolfe, I sold supplies from the office of the Grand Secretary, and fund raising items from General Grand Chapter and the Special Committees of Grand Chapter.

A highlight of my year was getting to know the Grand Line, the Boards and the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, especially our members who reside in the Eastern Star Home.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for asking us to be part of your Grand family. We appreciate your caring, love, hard work, and vision for the future welfare of our beautiful Order.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Carter
Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You've heard the report of the Traveling Secretaries. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote. In favor, please raise your blue card. Thank you. Opposed, same. Thank you. Motion carried.

To each of these Secretaries, you've done a tremendous job. And to Betty, know how much I love you. I had the opportunity to get much better acquainted with her, and it has been a wonderful experience that we'll remember forever. We'll remain friends forever.

I invite the Museum Committee to bring their report.

### REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

MRS. CATHY EIDSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:

My name is Cathy Eidson, Museum Chairman, 2000-2001. It is my pleasure to introduce my co-workers and faithful sisters who I am eternally grateful to, for being at the Museum and when I couldn't be there.

Marijo King Velma White Martha Grissom

It is my honor to give the report on the Museum!

Contents of the Museum were inventoried during the weekends of Spring Fling and Founder's Day. Copies of the complete inventory went to the 2002

Chairman and the OES Home office along with a floppy disk which should make it easier next year as the 29-pages will not have to be retyped.

The members of the committee acted as hostesses during those two weekends and welcomed members to view the Museum.

The items donated this year were as follows:

2 Rituals -1956 copyright

1 Ritual-1986 copyright

1 New Jersey Ritual-1937 copyright

1 OES Seal

Memory Book Of Poems, Dallas Chapter #1, 1917-1918

Seagull made of coins for Marcella Curry,

Past Grand Matron, donated by Bill Curry

Picture of Hallie Anglin, Past Grand Matron,

with ladies of the OES Home - 1942-1943

1998 and 1999 Grand Chapter Proceedings

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Eidson, Chairman

Mary V. Dennis, Co-Chairman

Ruth Fitts

Marijo King

Velma White

Martha Grissom

I move the adoption of this Museum Report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much. I appreciate the work that you've done in our museum, and I know that it's just going to increase and grow. That's a hard job to do away from that area. You all have done such a good job. Thank you for accepting those appointments, and I love you.

Sisters and Brothers, you have heard a motion and a second to accept the Museum report. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, please raise your blue cards. Those opposed, same. Motion carried. Thank you.

Patricia Predgo, I invite you to bring the Endowed Membership report.

### REPORT OF THE ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MRS. PATRICIA PREDGO: Good morning. Are we having fun?

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers.

On behalf of all the members of this committee it has been our distinct pleasure to work for you and for our Grand Chapter on this committee. The endowed membership program I believe to be of extreme importance to the future survival of our beloved fraternity.

As we continue to see a marked decrease in the number of members and the number of chapters across the state of Texas, it becomes increasingly important that we find new ways to supplement our income if we hope to maintain the benevolent reputation that Eastern Star has built up over the years as well as having the money needed to conduct the on going business of our chapters.

I for one believe that the loss of our ability to continue with benevolent activities because of the loss of revenue is a direct relationship to our ongoing loss of membership. Unless we find new ways to supplement our income we cannot hope to survive.

The endowed membership program is one such way that we can increase our revenues without placing an increased burden on our declining membership. While it is true that it will take a number of years before we see any real benefit from this effort, as with all programs, we have to start somewhere.

The endowed membership program came into being a number of years back. Up until this year, we have not pushed this program as strongly as the Masons have with their endowed membership program. The results being that we are far behind them. But, we are now starting to move forward with this effort.

Sisters and Brothers, consider that as of November 1st, 2000, we had only 2,212 endowed members throughout the various chapters of Texas. This year alone, thanks to the hard work of the members of this committee, by October 12th, 2001, we have added 544 new endowed members. That by itself is a substantial increase for this one year alone. But when you take into account the many members that have started collecting stamps with the intention of purchasing their endowments on the installment plan. We can easily see that this program is beginning to gain momentum. That is a very impressive sign for the future financial stability for our chapters and for our Order. I truly believe that at least with this one program, we are moving in the right direction. I strongly encourage each member of our beautiful Order that has the ability to purchase an endowed membership to do so. I encourage each of you to consider purchasing endowed memberships in honor of loved one's and as memorials for deceased, long standing members of our Order. We have the ability to turn our fraternity around. We have the ability to really make a difference and it is a relatively painless way for us to make that difference.

Each endowed membership a chapter has makes that chapter financially stronger. This is an income the chapter can rely upon. The dues of any member can be taken away from a chapter through a variety of ways. The income from endowed members cannot. It can increase or decrease according to the declines and advances in the economy, but it cannot be stopped. This will help chapters as they plan their annual budgets for each year.

Sisters and Brothers, many chapters are getting on the bandwagon. My own Chapter in Belton has already purchased one endowed membership in honor of a member that has over fifty years of service to our Chapter. We are currently working on four additional members. We will soon be purchasing an endowed membership as a memorial for a deceased member. We also have three that are intended to honor members that have supported the Chapter over many years. It is up to each Chapter to look at this program as it will benefit their Chapter and make their own decisions. I sincerely hope that every Chapter will soon realize the benefit to their Chapter and will want to begin using this program to the benefit of their Chapter and to the benefit of our Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of every member of the Endowed Membership Committee, I want to express our love and appreciation to you for allowing us to serve our Grand Chapter this year on this committee. We are deeply grateful.

> Respectfully submitted by, Mrs. Patricia A. Predgo, General Chairman, Endowed Membership Committee

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Pat, thank you. Isn't this a rewarding Committee to be on, knowing that this endowed membership is going to not only assist a member from not paying the dues, but it's going to assist the Chapter with money coming in every year. I truly believe that one day this is going to keep our Subordinate Chapters alive. Thank you for all the work that you've done. Sisters and Brothers, let's show her how much we appreciate her work on this. [applause]

Do we have any discussion on this report? Hearing none, we'll vote. All those in favor, raise your blue cards. Thank you. I All opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Grand Marshal, I invite you to bring our 50-year members to the East. How proud I am that we have one here today that is a 70-year member this year. Thank you. [applause as 50-year members go to the East]

We have these 50-year members Blanche Robinson, Ona McGoughy, Nellie Rhene McIntyre, Tommie Cochran, Neta Cain, Sybil Davis, Alma Carter, Marie Ballentine, Louise Morrison, Joyce Martin, Joyce Evans. Sisters and Brothers, don't they look beautiful? [applause]

We have one 70-year which is Ann Fricke from our OES Home.

Count these members and multiply it by 50, and then add 70 on to that. That's how many years of membership that we have standing on this stage. You look beautiful. Let's welcome them here today. [applause] Thank you so much for coming and let us share with you the acknowledgment of your 50-year membership. We love you.

[50-year certificates issued during 2001-2002 Grand Chapter year follows.]

#### 50 YEAR CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING 2001 -2002 GRAND CHAPTER YEAR

SMITHVILLE	39	EVANS		JOYCE
BEAUMONT	71	WRIGHT	MRS.	SAMMIE Q.
BEAUMONT	71	ODOM	MRS.	CLARA
LUBBOCK	76	HOLMES	MRS.	FAE
LUBBOCK	76	GOOLSBY		BERNIE O.
LUBBOCK	76	GOOLSBY	MRS.	GENEVA
LUBBOCK	76	SINIARD	MRS.	JACQUELINE
LUBBOCK	76	RISINGER	MRS.	RUTH
LUBBOCK	76	WILLIAMS	MRS.	MARIE
RUSK/ALTO	79	SHERMAN	MRS.	GLADYS

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PETROUA	84	TRENT		MYRTLE
PETROLIA	84	GLASSFORD		
PETROLIA	84	LAUGHON		FLOREINE
BELLE MOON	90	STEWART		LUCILE
BELLE MOON	90	WILSON		DOROTHYLEE
TENNESSEE COLONY	102	PERRY		EARLINE
TENNESSEE COLONY	102	WOLVERTON		
CANYON CITY	105	HOTCHKISS		
CANYON CITY	105	WELDERT		JONNIE
BROWNWOOD	116	LUCAS		HAZEL
BROWNWOOD	116	RENDLEMEN		
CORSICANA	118	PILLANS	MRS.	VERNON
CORSICANA	118	EIDSON	MRS.	PAULINE
CORSICANA	118	GRIFFIN	MRS.	SAMMIE
CORSICANA	118	FLOVAN	MRS.	WILMA
PLEASANTON	133	BENHAM	MRS.	MARY ROSE
ELDORADO	140	WADE	MRS.	ELIZABETH
BRENHAM	144	$\operatorname{GALL}$	MRS.	ANNIE
BRENHAM	144	BATES	MRS.	RUTH
BUFFALO	157	MCKINNEY	MRS.	JUNE
BUFFALO	157	STEVENS	MRS.	KATHRYN
VIOLET	158	MAURER	MRS.	LUELLA
VIOLET	158	MAURER		ALFRED R.
VIOLET	158	MATLOCK	MRS.	VERA
VIOLET	158	ALLBRIGHT		JACQUELINE
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LA FERIA	732	DICKSON		H. H
LA FERIA	732	HIMMEL	MRS.	JOAN
LA FERIA	732	HIMMEL		KEITH
ALBANY	733	NEWMAN	MRS.	BETTYE
ALAMO HEIGHTS	734	MOORE	MRS.	BETTY SUE
ALAMO HEIGHTS	734	BURTON	MRS.	MARIE E.
ALAMO HEIGHTS	734	BURTON		JACK E.

CARTHAGE	747	GREGORIE		MAYBELL HARVEY
.CARTHAGE	747	OATES		PAULINE
HARLANDALE	750	ANGSTADT		BILLY
HARLANDALE	750	DANIELS		RUBY
WEDGEWOOD	756	ENGLISH		HELEN
WEDGEWOOD	756	FORD		ETHEL
WEDGEWOOD	756	$ ext{TUNNELL}$	MRS.	BETTY LOU
WEDGEWOOD	756	WAKEFIELD		LUCILLE
WEDGEWOOD	756	WHITMAN	MRS.	CHRISTINE
PANHANDLE	760	WHEELER	MRS.	LELA
PANHANDLE	760	WHEELER		JOE
HILLSBORO	769	REED	MRS.	VERNON
HILLSBORO	<i>7</i> 69	$_{ m REED}$		HOMAN Y.
HILLSBORO	769	PFYL	MRS.	NELLE
NEW BRAUNFELS	771	SARVEY	MR.	MERYL
NEW BRAUNFELS	771	PIPKIN	MRS.	BOBBIE
WESLACO	772	HORNOR	MRS.	ANNA
WESLACO	772	VERSER		KATHRYN
WESLACO	772	RODOSEVICE		
IRVING	777	FLETCHER		LINDEL
IRVING	777	WILLIAMS		ANNETTE
IRVING	777	PARSONS		FRANCES
IRVING	777	FRAZIER		MARVIS
	787			MILDRED
AMARILLO		WOMACK		
AMARILLO	787	MOK	MKS.	VICTORIA KIANG
AMARILLO	787	WALTON	3.fDG	BILLIE
AMARILLO	787	FOX		LOUISE
COCKRELL HILL FLORA	794	MULLER		BONNIE
COCKRELL HILL FLORA	794	MCKIDDY		HELEN
COCKRELL HILL FLORA	794	RICHARDSON		
COCKRELL HILL FLORA	794	SMITH	MRS.	DOROTHY
COCKRELL HILL FLORA	794	WARNICK		JAMES
COCKRELL HILL FLORA	794	SUBLETT	MRS.	HAZEL
COCKRELL HILL FLORA	794	LYNCH	MRS.	BIRDIE ALICE
COCKRELL HILL FLORA	794	ANDERSON	MRS.	IRENE
LEVELLAND	797	THOMMAN	MRS.	ROBERTA
GOOSECREEK	798	WOOTEN	MRS.	DAISY MAE
GOOSECREEK	798	VAUGHN	MRS.	MILDRED
GOOSECREEK	798	LEMON	MRS.	ARTHUR MAE
AURORA	799	POWER	MRS.	VERA AVIS
AURORA	799	FLOWERS	MRS.	EARLINE
STEPHENVILLE	801	WELCH		MARY KATHLEEN
STEPHENVILIE	801	TAYLOR		AMA LEE
STEPHENVILLE	801	LOUTHERBA		
STEPHENVILLE	801			MORRAINE
STEPHENVILLE	801	MCINROE	MRS	MARY
GROESBECK	810	GANT		VIDA
GROESBECK	810	SAIN	MR.	FRED
BORGER	811	FOWLER	MRS.	LILLIAN
BORGER	811	SHORES		MARGARET
PROSPECT	817	CASEY	MRS.	'SYBL GRACE
GLADEWATER	831	ADAMS		IMA JO
GLADEWATER	831	ERWIN		LOUISE
				BILLYE RUTH
RIVERSIDE	834	MORROW	MRS.	DIULIE WOLD

RIVERSIDE	834	MORROW		H. A.
AZLE	834	LAWSON		CLARA BESS
AZLE	834	MCDONALD		BESSIE
RIVERSIDE	834	SCOTT	MRS.	RACHEL
RIVERSIDE	834	FARR		MAXINE
RIVERSIDE	834	BLOCKER		ZELLA MAE
RIVERSIDE	834	MCMAHON	MRS.	PEGGY
SOUTH FT. WORTH	835	HARRIS	MRS.	NELLIE RHEA
TOMBALL	838	REYNOLDS	MRS.	CLAUDIA
TOMBALL	838	SWINNEY	MRS.	HELEN
TOMBALL	838	UNCHURCH	MRS.	LESSIE
CENTENNIAL	842	CLIFTON	MRS.	IRENE
CENTENNIAL	842	OVERTON	MRS.	LUDE
KERMIT	845	MANGUM	MRS.	LILLER
KERMIT	846	HUNTER	MRS.	PEGGY
ANDREWS	849	ROWE	MRS.	HAZEL
BONHAM	852	CUMMINGS		LESTA
BONHAM	852	CROSS		MARJORIE JO
BONHAM	852	OLDHAM		PHYNETTA
LOVEFIELD	875	BROOKS		URUSLA
LOVEFIELD	875	OTTON		BARBARA B.
LOVEFIELD	875	SILK		HELEN
LOVEFIELD	875	BOHART		MATTYE LOU
JOHN L. DEGRAZIER	881	MATHEWS	MIN.	DEAN
LAPORTE	883	HAMMETT	MOG	FRANCES
BLUEBONNET BUCKNER	888	DAVENPORT		
BLUE BONNET BUCKNER	888	WEBBER		MARGARETTE K
	897	JACKSON		JOAN
BOYD				MARION
BOYD	897	EASON		IMOGENE
GRAFORD	905	BRIDGES		
GRAFORDD	905	MURRY		VIVIAN L.
DAINGRFIELD	906	OWENS		JEWEL
DAINGERFIELD	906	BUIE		DOTTIE
NAPLES	907	FALLS		DOROTHY
NAPLES	907	FLETCHER	MRS.	CELIA JOE
GOLDTHWAITE	909	MAYS		JEAN
VIDOR	914	DENBY		JOHNNIE
VIDOR	914	WILLIAMS		EUNICE M.,
VIDOR	914	WILLEY		WINNIE S.
VIDOR	914	NEELY		MILDRED
SOUTH HOUSTON	915	GARTMAN		MARTHA
SOUTH HOUSTON	915	NORMAN		EULAHA
SOUTH HOUSTON	915	HAIR		ELIZABETH
MELROSE	920	JACKOWSKI		DOROTHY
MELROSE	920	DACY	MRS.	OPAL
MELROSE	920	CARWILE		ELOISE
ROSEWYN	927	LEE	MRS.	RUBY I.
ROSEWYN	927	FIVECOATE	MRS.	NAOMI
ROSEWYN	927	GEORGE	MRS.	MERNIE KATHRYN
WALTER BALDWIN	929	SHERRELL	MRS.	VIRGINIA
WALTER BALDWIN	929	WATSON		GLADYS
WHITNEY	930	MCKINZIE	MRS.	BILLIE
WHITNEY	930	CHITTY		GAY
LANCASTER	943	FIELDS	MRS.	TOMMIE

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LANCASTER	943	FIELDS		GEORGE
MIKE H. THOMAS	951	PRITCH		CLORINE G.
MIKE H. THOMAS	951	STEWART		EVELYN
MIKE H. THOMAS-OAK C		HANKS		ZAIDA
MIKE H. THOMAS-OAK C				DOROTHY
MIKE H. THOMAS-OAK C		BURKHALTE		MRS. CLEVA
MIKE H. THOMAS-OAK C		BURKHALTE		$\operatorname{HOWARD}$
MIKE H. THOMAS-OAK C				
MIKE H. THOMAS-OAK C		LEWIS	MRS.	MARIE F.
MIKE H. THOMAS-OAK C		$\mathbf{FIFE}$		NORMA H.
GRAVES	953	FAWVOR	MRS.	JENNIE BELLE
GROVES	953	MCBROOM		DELBERT
GROVES	953	FARRIS	MRS.	NAOMA
GROVES	953	WILLIAMS	MRS.	COLLEEN
CHANNELVIEW	954	BALENTINE	MRS.	MARIE
EAST HOUSTON	955	${f TEEL}$	MRS.	DOROTHY
EDWIN J. KIEST	959	SNIDER	MRS.	DORIS
EDWIN J. KIEST	959	PRINCE	MRS.	GLYNDA
ASHLAND	961	CARROLL	MRS.	NAOMI M.
FIDELIS	963	BOULDIN		~ELIZABETH
WINNSBORO	967	LESTER	MRS.	BARBARA
BULLARD	972	NEELEY		HELEN
BULLARD	972	STEPHENS		KATIEDELL
BULLARD	972	CLARK	MRS.	LOUISE
BULLARD	972	HAYDEN		JONNIE
ROSE GARDEN	975	ANDERSON		VIRGINIA
ROSE GARDEN	975	BALDRIDGE		FRIEDA
ROSE GARDEN	975	CATES		MILDRED
ROSE GARDEN	975	MURAD		RUBY
ROSE GARDEN	975	MCFARLAND		
CALDWELL	976	BARTAY		HAZEL
CALDWELL	976	WILLIAMS		HENRIETTA
CALDWELL	976	DOUGLASS		MARGARET
CALDWELL	976	JONES		MARJORIE
CALDWELL	976	PHILP		ELOISE
CALDWELL	976	SHAW		IDORIS
WYLIE	977	WARD		HELEN
WYLIE	977	STEWART		HELEN
WYLIE	977	KRUSE		ELIZABETH
WYLIE	977	WATSON		GLORIA
LAMARQUE	979	BELL		TILLIE
LAMARQUE	979	SCOTT		EDA BELLE
LAMARQUE	979 979	NEAGLE		IRENE
LAMARQUE	979	NEAGLE	WIILD.	CHESTER
LAMARQUE	979	BALLINGER	MRS	WILMA ·
LAMARQUE	979	CROW		LOUISE
LAMARQUE	979	GRESHAM		FRANCES
LAMARQUE	979 979	PASCHETAG	MRS.	BYRDA ELAINE
BELLMEAD	980	CRANFILL		GERALDINE
BELLMEAD	980	STALLINGS	MRS.	DOROTHY
BELLMEAD	980	EVERETT	MRS.	EDNA
BELLMEAD	980	BOONE	MRS.	DOROTHY
BELLMEAD	980	REGEN	MRS.	NAOMI
BELLMEAD	980	LOVELESS	MRS.	MARGUERITE
TATATATATA	900		MITING.	MANGORMIE

BELLMEAD	980	BOONE		W. C
BELLMEAD	980	GILLIAM	MRS.	LUCILLE
BELLMEAD	980	MARTIN		NIATTHYS
HALTOM CITY	982	CURRY		FAYE
GARDEN OAKS	984	BEAN		BURLENE
GARDEN OAKS	984	HALE		BOBBIE NELL
GARDEN OAKS	984	MEGGINSON	MRS.	MARY MIMS
GARDEN OAKS	984	TOMLINSON		
GARDEN OAKS	984	TOUCHTON		JUDITH L.
SPRING BRANCH	984	SAMS	MRS.	ELSSIE MAE
A.E. SHIRLEY	986	SHARP		SIDNEY
A.E. SHIRLEY	986	SHARP	MRS.	ZADA
GARDEN OAKS	987	HALL MRS	S. ONI	EATA ETHERIDGE
GARDEN OAKS	987	TEETE	MRS.	MIMI ,
GARDEN OAKS	987	MILLER	MRS.	LOUISE
GARDEN OAKS	987 -	MILLER	MR.	RICHARD
RULE	989	PATTERSON	MR.	JAMES
RULE	989	WHITE	MRS.	JUNE
RULE	989	WHITE	MRS.	WINIFRED
YSLETA	991	FRANKLON		BEVERLY ANN
YSLETA	991	NELSON	MRS.	AILEENE
YSLETA	991	HADDAD		EMMA KLINK
YSLETA	991	WRIGHT		BARBARA KELLY
HALLSVILLE	995	MARTIN		BILLIE
HALLSVILLE	995	FORD		ALMEDA
HALLSVILLE	995	HICKEY	1,1110,01	N. H.
RIDGLEA	999	KIMBALL	MRS.	
RIDGLEA	999	HALL		CHARLOTTE
RIDGLEA	999	COOK		NOBLE
RIDGLEA	999	GILMORE		MARJORIE
RIDGLEA	999	MONCRIEF		KUGGA
RIDGLEA	999	DANIELS		SAMMIE JO
CENTERVILLE	1002	STEWART		EARLENE
GATESVILLE	1002	LEONARD	MIIIO.	RAYMOND
GATESVILLE	1005	SWARTZ	MRS	DOROTHYLEE
GATESVILLE	1005	BUNNELL		RUBY MAE
GATESVILLE	1005	SMITH	WIIW.	HOMER
COVINGTON	1003	TRIBBLE	MDC	MILDRED
COVINGTON	1007	WISEMAN		BEATRICE
COVINGTON	1007	HOLLOWAY		ALLENE
FRIENDSHIP	1007	BROCK		NEELY SUE
FRIENDSHIP		ARNOLD		JEANNE
FRIENDSHIP	1008 1008	AUSTIN		DORIS E.
FRIENDSHIP		AUSTIN	MINO.	W. M.
	1008		TATED CI	
FRIENDSHIP	1008	JOHNSTON		GERTRUDE
LAKE JACKSOON	1009	MORRISON		LOUISE COLEEN DD.
RIVER OAKS RIVER OAKS	1013	HOWARD		
	1013	FITZGERALD		
DUNCANVILLE	1014	WHITT		ROXJE
DUNCANVILLE	1014	TUFTS		MARY ANN
WILLIS	1017	FREY		DORIS
BELLAIRE	1021	LATHAM		MARY SUE
BELLAIRE	1021	KIRKLAND		PHYLLIS
BELLAIRE	1021	LEAVELL	MKS.	MARY V.

BELLAIRE	1021	YEAKEY	MRS.	HELEN J.
PILOT POINT	1025	SSHEEDER		BETTY
HOOKS	1031	BRAY		OMA
GROVETON	1035	JONES	MRS.	OREL
RICHLAND HILLS	1040	ANDREWS		WM. LEE, JR.
MILLSAP	1042	LEACH	MR.	SHIRLEY C.
WALLER	1047	HALCROW		VERSIA
WALLER	1.047	ROHRER		PEARL
WALLER	1047	SEYMOUR	MRS.	HELEN
BRONTE	1048	LEE		ROYCE
NORMA D. ALLEN	1050	HYDER	MRS.	THELMA
NORMA D. ALLEN	1050	JONES		RAYMOND
NORMA D. ALLEN	1050	YAW		VESPER
NORMA D. ALLEN	1050	NICHOLSON	MRS.	GLADYS
NORMA D. ALLEN	1050	ARCHER	MRS.	ELAINE LEE
DALHART	1051	ARNOLD	MRS.	GLADYS
DALHART	1051	m JUDD		ARTHUR
DALHART	1051	RIFFE	MRS.	MARY
NORTH SHORE	1058	ORR	MRS.	MAX DEEN
NEDERLAND	1079	FARRAN	MRS.	NELL
UNIVERSITY	1082	SANDER	MRS.	BEULA
UNIVERSITY	1082	TAYLOR	MRS.	MARY E.
ROY STANLEY	1086	CHESSER	MRS.	EARLYNE
ALDINE	1088	SMITH	MRS.	MATTIE LOU
NEW CANEY	1093	RAINS	MRS.	MUZETT
ARCHIVES	1095	GAGE	MRS.	LILLIAN
HURST	1099	MARTIN	MRS.	JOYCE
CANYON LAKE	1103	DAVIS	MRS.	MADIE
CANYON LAKE	1103	POLHEMUS	MRS.	SERLINE
PORTLAND	1108	GRIFFITH	MRS.	ANNETTE
LAKE WORTH	1109	SQUIRES	MRS.	FAYE
EVADALE	1111	HARRIS	MRS.	JOYCE
LEAH ELLIOTT	1119	DICKERSON	MRS.	JOY FAYE
LORENA	1124	CAREY	MRS.	BESSIE
LORENA	1124	CROCKER		EVELYN
CROWLEY	1125	SMITH	MRS.	LAVENIA A.
NEWBERN	1135	CRENSHAW	MRS.	MARCELENE
LIVINGSTON	1139	RASBERRY	MRS.	
WEBB	1140	DAVIS		JERRY D.
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**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I invite Sister Dorothy Cleveland, Let's Make Music General Chairman, to bring her report.

# REPORT OF THE LET'S MAKE MUSIC COMMITTEE

MRS. DOROTHY CLEVELAND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

The following is report of the "Let's Make Music" Committee 2000-2001. I should like to introduce the District Chairman.

Michael Patterson., District I
Nell Casperis, District II
Colleen Hagensen, District III
Susan Smith,, District IV
Paul C. Zappe, III, District V
Marian "Boots" Draper, Co-Chairman District V

Our project was musical note lapel pins.

Total collected by the "Let's Make Music" Committee was \$3,393.00, this included donations to the committee.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for a most challenging year.

Worthy Grand Matron I Move the adoption of this report

Fraternally, Dorothy Cleveland, General Chairman, 2000-2001

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the motion and a second to adopt the report of Let's Make Music. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote. All in favor, raise your blue card. Those opposed, same sign. Thank you. Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Dorothy.

MRS. DOROTHY CLEVELAND: Worthy Grand Matron, I'd like to tell the membership that Mr. Zappe sold 50 pins at this session.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. If Sister Donna Douglas is in the room, would you please come to the East.

At this time I would invite Sister Pat Washington to start with her Trustee report.

### REPORT NO. 1 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

It is my pleasure and privilege to introduce the other members of the Board of Grand Trustees:

From District 3 - Mrs. Frances Burbank, Vice-Chairman

From District 2 – Mrs. Leah Hayes, Secretary From District 5 – Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Senior Member From District 4 – Mr. Nelson Campbell, Junior Member

These members have worked together this year for what we believe to be the good of our beautiful Order, and formed friendships that will forever be special. Thank you Board Members for the support you have given me this year.

Our first meeting was on October 7, 2000, immediately after the election of our new board member. Our next four meetings were held at the School of Instructions in Texarkana, Lubbock, San Antonio, and Fort Worth. Our April meeting was held in Houston at the School of Instructions. The other five meetings were held in the board room of the Administration Office in Arlington. It was our endeavor to bring the meetings to the schools this year to encourage members to attend the meetings.

In addition to these meetings I attended the Purposes and Policies Committee meeting in Fort Worth when the Associate Grand Matron presented her projects for 2001-2002; and one meeting of the Texas Cardinals, Inc. I attended a portion of General Grand Chapter in Detroit, Michigan and assisted Sister Reba Fox in decorating for the Sunday Afternoon Tea given for Sister Rennie Ofton.

It has been our privilege to meet on various occasions with the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. We appreciate the cooperation this Board has given us throughout the year. This Board is to be commended for the many hours they contribute to our Order. They have been there working even when they did not have a board meeting.

We have been privileged to have our line officers at our meetings and have welcomed their input during the year.

Our Grand Secretary, Sister Marjorie Errington-Haynes, and our Grand Treasurer, Sister Betty Prater has been a tremendous help to us by bringing us the necessary information to make decisions affecting Grand Chapter. Sister Majorie and Sister Betty, we appreciate you very much. I want to thank our appointed secretary, Sister Linda Carney, who has served the Board well this year by providing excellent minutes of our meetings. We received the following bequests and gifts:

#### EASTERN STAR HOME ENDOWMENT AND HOME FUND:

- 1. Bill and Mabelle Lewis Trust \$48,085.46
- 2. Dill Trust \$8,029.10.
- 3. Estate of Hildegard E. Strey \$16,500
- 4. Estate of Milam Edward Linville, Jr. \$24,500
- 5. Thelma R. Kyle Trust \$5,000
- 6. Estate of Linid E. Roberts \$75,000
- 7. Estate of Isaac J. Ricks \$1,062.53
- 8. Bradford Estate \$9,540.42

#### ESTARL:

1. Estate of Rubye Hopkins Meador - \$38,981.28

#### GENERAL FUND:

- 1. Bank One Leo Potishman Foundation \$5,000
- 2. Bank One Leo Potishman Foundation in honor of the Grand Secretary, \$2,500.

We are very grateful for each of these generous gifts.

A lawsuit, Demetris Hamilton vs. Eastern Star Home, was settled for \$20,000 plus legal fees of \$12,508.01. The amount of \$32,508.01 was taken from the CD that was set up in 1997 to be available for any Workmen's Compensation claims that might arise when the Home was operating with the Alternative Workmen's Compensation Plan.

A foreclosure was made on property held in Throckmorton County. The property was sold for \$4,000.

The foundation of the Administration Building has moved, causing some cracks in the walls. We received three bids for repairing the building. Brother Harold Trammell, Associate Grand Patron, advised us to wait on fixing the building as these estimates were too far apart. The immediate Past Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend gave the General Fund \$20,000 from her undesignated funds toward making these repairs. Those funds have been put in a CD until such time as the building is repaired. In addition to these funds Sister Betty Friend donated the new carpet for the Administration Building from her undesignated funds. We appreciate this generosity. No other maintenance was made except for normal repairs.

In July the Board purchased a 2001 Ford Van for the use of the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 Worthy Grand Matrons for \$24,120.81. This included sales tax and title. On September 6, 2001, the 1999 Chevrolet Van was wrecked. We received \$11,041 from the insurance company and sold the salvage for \$1,650, which made a difference of \$11,429.81 for the new van. We appreciate the Worthy Grand Matron using her personal car since the September 6 accident.

Our Vice-Chairman will present a deficit General Fund Budget today. We would have had a deficit budget for the past two years except for the generosity of Mizpah #2 Chapter and our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe. We are grateful to Mizpah #2 for the \$58,000 donated to the General Fund in 1999 and to Sister Naomi for giving \$33,466 from her special projects this year and \$17,497 for the 25% from her other special projects.

Our Secretary will present the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. The Board of Grand Trustees did not approve this budget as we felt the budgeted interest was too high and some of the expenses were too low in relation to today's economy.

It has been necessary to use the interest from the Endowment Fund for the past several years. If we do not transfer it to the Holding Trust which will be transferred to the Home Operating Fund, we would be without funds in the months prior to receiving the per capita.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we appreciate every courtesy you have extended us this year and especially for the funds that you directed to the General Fund. We hope that you will have time to rest and enjoy your families through the coming months.

To the membership of Texas: Thank you for having elected me to serve in this position for the last five years. It has been a challenge this last five years and especially this year as Chairman. I have learned so much about the operation of Grand Chapter. I have given my best these five years and I appreciate your prayers and the many words of encouragement, There will be many challenges for the Boards during the next few years, but I know they will be up to the challenge. Please know that these members serve our beautiful Order by giving their expertise, their time and the expenses they incur and deserve the support of the members.

Thank you for this wonderful experience in my Eastern Star service. It is my prayer that our Order will grow in the coming years. May God bless each of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy R. Washington, Chairman
Frances Burbank, Vice-Chairman
Leah Hayes, Secretary
Jerre Lucas, Member
Nelson Campbell, Member

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 1.

Thank you.

Sister Frances Burbank will present Report No. 2

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Grand Trustees, Report No. 1. Is there any discussion? I recognize Brother Toby Lytle, Spring Chapter.

MR. TOBY LYTLE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Toby Lytle, a Past Patron of Spring Chapter #1105. I have a question concerning the report of the Board of Grand Trustees. On this report that they are offering at this time and asking for approval, is this their final report that we will have at this Grand Chapter?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** No. Sister Pat, this is just – they're going to do it in phases, one, two, three, four – I guess – and five. This is a portion of that report.

MR. TOBY LYTLE: Well, my question then – I want to make sure that the membership of this Grand Chapter understands that when they accept the report of the Board of Grand Trustees, they have accepted the budget.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: No, this is only accepting my report. There will be nine other reports except mine, and each report will be voted on separately.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you.

MR. TOBY LYTLE: With that question, when do we find out what the total

is? Do we have to add each one up?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Did you present part of the budget?

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: No. Sister Frances Burbank, our vice chairman, will present the Report No. 2, which is the budget. It will be presented as soon as this is finished.

MR. TOBY LYTLE: Well, the question I have – I just want to make sure that this Grand Chapter understands that when they do accept these reports, they are accepting the budget.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: No. When you accept this report, it does not accept the budget.

MR. TOBY LYTLE: All right. So on Report No. 2 is when your budget is being offered?

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Yes.

MR. TOBY LYTLE: Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any other discussion, any questions that you might want to ask? If not, we have a motion and a second to accept the first portion of the Board of Grand Trustees' report. All in favor, raise your blue card. Thank you. Those opposed, same sign. Motion carried for the first portion of the report of the Grand Trustees. Thank you, Sister Pat.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Thank you. Now Sister Frances Burbank will give Report No. 2.

### REPORT NO. 2 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you, Sister Pat.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: We, the Board of Grand Trustees, present for your consideration and approval the proposed budget for the General Fund for the Grand Chapter year 2001-2002. The details of this budget can be found on pages 53, 54 and 55 of the Advance Annual Report.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES GRAND CHAPTER – GENERAL FUND PROPOSED BUDGET 2001-2002

		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD THRU	PROPOSED
		1998-99	1998-99	1999-00	1999-00	2000-01	6/30/01	2001-02
3	REVENUE GENERAL FUND							
4	Balance on Hand	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 56,500.00	\$ -	\$ 25,240.00	\$ 13,439.80	\$ 13,440.00
	Administrative Fees Specia	1						
5	Funds	_	_	-	13,959.87	3i6,638.00	28,154.35	36,630.00
6	Administration Fees on	/ (00.00		z /00 00	17 050 50	( (00 00	( = ( / 00	0.000.00
-	Endowed Memberships	4,600.00	24.042.00	5,400.00	17,250.53	6,600.00	6,564.89	8,000.00
7 8	Administrative Other Total Administration Fees	24,600.00	24,843.00 24,843.00	61,900.00	31,210.40	43,238.00	34,719.24	44,630.00
9	GC Vendor Sales	20,000.00	10,395.00	10,000.00	51,210.40	12,000.00	34,/17.24	44,050.00
10	Total GC Vendor Sales	20,000.00	10,395.00	10,000.00	_	12,000.00		_
11	Gifts & Donations		62,305.00	-	2,146.00	2,000.00	1,006.65	2,000.00
12	<b>Total Gifts &amp; Donations</b>	_	62,305.00	_	2,146.00	2,000.00	1,006.65	2,000.00
13	Savings/Checking	2,500.00	2,002.00	2,000.00	3,541.61	1,900.00	1,319.66	1,500.00
14	Bonds & Securities	-	290.00	(290.00)	92.47	-	0.73	_
15	CD	_	_	1,710.00	2,319.89	7,400.00	4,840.60	500.00
16	Gain/Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	_		-
17	Total Interest	2,500.00	2,292.00	3,420.00	5,953.97	9,300.00	6,160.99	2,000.00
18	Dues/Per Capita	101,500.00	102,828.00	102,800.00	139,795.82	97,872.00	93,511.25	93,500.00
19	Refunds & Adjustments	-	-	-	187.00	_	_	-
20	Total Dues/Per Capita	101,500.00	102,828.00	102,800.00	139,982.82	97,872.00	93,511.25	93,500.00
21 22	Bequest, Wills, Grants Total Bequest, Wills, Gran	-	2,796.00 2,796.00	-		-	13,410.69	-
23	Registration Fees	35,000.00	35,510.00	30,000.00	29,740.00	25,000.00	13,410.69	30,000.00
24	Total Registration Fees	35,000.00	35,510.00	30,000.00	29,740.00 29,740.00	25,000.00 25,000.00		30,000.00
25	Sale of Materials	33,000.00	33,510.00	30,000.00	29,740.00	25,000.00		30,000.00
26	Advanced Report Announcem	ents 2.000.00	2,300.00	2,000.00	3,647.47	2,200.00	_	2,200.00
27	Bulletin Articles	-	33,041.00	_,000000	28,749.00	25,000.00	19,610.00	25,000.00
28	Bulletin Subscriptions	80,000.00	50,705.00	80,000.00	44,446.00	45,000.00	27,665.00	40,000.00
29	Constitutions/Revisions	· –	15,522.00	· · –	14,480.99	13,000.00	10,423.00	13,000.00
30	Directories	-	2,578.00	_	1,465.91	500.00	616.50	700.00
31	Dispensations	1,300.00	1,079.00	1,000.00	1,499.48	1,000.00	909.44	1,000.00
32	Dues Cards	_	7,041.00	_	7,349.24	6,500.00	7,046.93	6,500.00
33	GC Session Summary	2,500.00	2,198.00	2,000.00	(792.18)	2,000.00	140.00	2,000.00
34	GGC Supplies	_	41,313.00	_	35,481.75	40,000.00	20,546.66	30,000.00
35	Historical Highlights	_	(819.00)		1,113.50	400.00	75.00	200.00
36	Instructions	\$ -	\$ 7,641.00	\$ -	\$ 2,495.56		\$ 864.00	,
37	Postage	_	4,585.00	-	5,185.11	5,100.00	3,162.47	5,000.00
38	Proceedings	1,000.00	2,039.00	1,000.00	1,392.00	500.00	68.00	500.00
39 40	Return Labels Supplies	85,000.00	19,530.00	74,500.00	4,247.50 14,904.05	5,000.00 16,800.00	330.50	17 000 00
41	Total Sale of Materials	171,800.00	189,050.00		**	164,600.00	10,472.60 <b>101,930.10</b>	17,000.00
42	WGM Designated Funds	20,450.00	13,039.00	15,600.00	4,501.70	20,000.00	38,981.28	12,000.00
44	Miscellaneous	20, 2,0.00	15,057.00	17,000.00	1,501.70	20,000.00	30,701.20	12,000.00
45	Miscellaneous Income	2,000.00	_	2,000.00	14,034.16	1,000.00	439.45	_
46	Scholarship income	_	_	_	1,070.00	_	200.00	1,000.00
47	Interest from Endowed							
	Membership	_	_	-	137.16	_	_	5,000.00
48	GC Session Misc. Income	-	_	_	71,554.38	10,000.00	20,199.80	10,000.00
49	Total Miscellaneous	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	86,795.70	11,000.00	20,839.25	16,000.00
50	TOTAL REVENUE	377,850.00	443,058.00	324,320.00	465,995.997	410,250.00	310,559.45	361,670.00
51	Expensions or							
52	EXPENSES GENERAL FUND							
53 54	Grand Officers & Committ	ees 3,500.00	7,000.00	3,500.00		2 500 00	2 500 00	2 500 00
5 <del>4</del> 55	Worthy Grand Matron Worthy Grand Patron	1,600.00	3,200.00	1,600.00	_	3,500.00 1,600.00	3,500.00 1,600.00	3,500.00 1,600.00
56	Associate Grand Matron	2,200.00	4,400.00	2,200.00	_	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
57	Associate Grand Patron	400.00	800.00	400.00	_	400.00	400.00	400.00
58	Grand Conductress	400.00	800.00	400.00	_	400.00	400.00	400.00
59	Associate Grand Conductress	400.00	800.00	400.00	_	400.00	400.00	400.00

		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD THRU	PROPOSED
		<u> 1998-99</u>	<u> 1998-99</u>	<u> 1999-00</u>	1999-00	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>6/30/01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>
60G	rand Secretary Expense							
	Allowance	2,000.00	1,833.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
61	Grand Treasurer Expense	_		_				
	Allowance	600.00	1,203.00	600.00	_	600.00	600.00	600.00
62	Postage Reimbursement	650.00	514.00	(136.00)	_	1,000.00	_	1,000.00
63	TOTAL Grand Officers/Com.	11,750.00	20,550.00	10,964.00	2,000.00	12,100.00	11,100.00	12,100.00
64	Grand Chapter Session							
65	Session	20,000.00	1,030.00	20,000.00	58,038.64	20,000.00	50.00	20,750.00
66	Invitations & Postage	_	-	-	200.91	750.00	_	750.00
67	Advanced Reports (4000)	7,000.00	13,326.00	7,000.00	7,539.00	7,000.00	_	7,000.00
68	Ballots/Voting Cards	1,500.00	944.00	1,000.00	68.61	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
69	Entertaining Visiting Grand							
	Officers	1,000.00	162.00	1,000.00	367.42	1,000.00	_	1,000.00
70	GGC Officer Expenses	500.00	622.00	500.00	· <u>-</u>	500.00	_	1,000.00
71	Grand Warder/Sentinel Book	200.00	80.00	100.00	50.00	200.00	_	200.00
72	Installation Program	2,000.00	900.00	1,000.00	2,963.00	1,000.00	_	1,000.00
73	11081111	100.00	,,,,,,,	100.00	_,,,,,,,,,	-	_	
74	Official Reporter for Grand	100.00		100.00				
/ 1	Chapter Chapter	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
75	Registration Forms & Postage	1,000.00	2,566.00	1,000.00	663.00	1,200.00	801.00	1,200.00
76	Session Book/Memorial	6,000.00	11,702.00	6,000.00	5,604.00	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
77	Session Insurance	1,700.00	1,733.00	1,700.00	1,734.15	1,700.00	-	1,800.00
78	TOTAL Grand Chapter	/		/		/		//
	Session	43,500.00	35,565.00	41,900.00	82,228.73	42,850.00	3,351.00	44,200.00
79	GGC Expenses	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
80	GGC Per Capita	_	_	_	_	_	_	5,400.00
81	TOTAL GGC Expenses	-	_	-	_	_	_	5,400.00
82	Jewels							
83	Past Grand Matron	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	_	750.00
84		450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	_	450.00
85	Total Jewels	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	_	1,200.00
86	Insurance	_,	_,			-,		,
87	Grand Chapter Vehicle	2,000.00	1,963.00	2,000.00	2,424.00	2,000.00	_	2,500.00
88	Director's Liability	2,000.00	3,220.00	-	4,693.88	12,000.00	_	12,000.00
89	Director & Madnity		(3,731.00)		1,073.00	12,000.00		12,000.00
90	GC Fidelity Bond/Insurance	\$ 400.00	1	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
91	oc ridenty bond/montance	φ 300.00	\$ — 858.00	φ 400.00	φ	φ –	φ —	φ —
	Dida/Danagal/Harbralla	2 500 00		2 500 00	1 470 21	4 400 00	1 007 00	4 500 00
92	Bldg/Personal/Umbrella	3,500.00	2,713.00	3,500.00	1,470.21	4,400.00	1,987.00	4,500.00
93	Workman's Comp	600.00	432.00	600.00	1,281.28	500.00	-	1,300.00
94	TOTAL Insurance	6,500.00	5,455.00	6,500.00	9,869.37	18,900.00	1,987.00	20,300.00
95	Grand Chapter Automobile/							
96	Acquisition Fund	3,450.00	7,643.33	9,000.00	_	9,000.00	_	9,000.00
97	Auto-Fuel	3,000.00	1,906.69	4,000.00	2,525.96	4,000.00	2,003.20	4,000.00
98	Auto-License	-	115.27	100.00	217.63	100.00	_	120.00
99	Auto-Repair/Maintenance	_	1,159.85	1,000.00	333.92	1,000.00	479.92	500.00
100	TOTAL Auto Expense	6,450.00	10,825.14	14,100.00	3,077.51	14,100.00	2,483.12	13,620.00
101	Operating Expense							
102	Audit	17,000.00	20,625.00	10,000.00	16,350.00	10,000.00	15,760.00	10,000.00
103	Service Charge	_	(12.00)	_	8.50	_	43.55	_
104	Copy Machine	_	(2,290.00)	_	_	3,100.00	· <u>-</u>	_
	NSF Charges	_	327.00	_	(86.00)	-	(85.00)	_
	Trust Fees		42.00	_	239.42	_	326.05	_
	Computer/Data Processing	500.00	5,415.00	500.00	(45.01)	_	520.05	_
	Depreciation Expense	_	J, 125.00	_	15,137.07	_	_	_
	GGC Resale Supplies (Includes				19,197107			
10)	Dues Cards)	15,000.00	37,249.00	20,000.00	32,985.45	15,000.00	20,223.94	25,000.00
110	Janitorial Services	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
	Legal Services	5,000.00	1,760.00	5,000.00	397.43	5,000.00	1,522.41	2,000.00
	•					8,000.00		
	Office/Printing Supplies Subscriptions	3,500.00	7,807.00	4,500.00	7,741.06	0,000.00	4,934.51	8,000.00
		_	12.00	_	36.00	600.00	202 60	600.00
	Disposal and Water	0 500 00	528.00	0 500 00	564.78	600.00	393.68	600.00
	Electric	8,500.00	6,682.00	8,500.00	6,196.70	8,500.00	4,107.86	8,500.00
110	Gas	_	533.00	_	430.37	500.00	1,284.02	1,500.00

	,	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD THRU	PROPOSED
	•	1998-99	1998-99	1999-00	1999-00	2000-01	6/30/01	2001-02
117	Telephone	3,000.00	3,538.00	3,000.00	3,913.50	3,500.00	2,536.79	3,500.00
	Total Operating Expense	55,000.00	84,716.00	54,000.00	86,369.27	56,700.00	52,547.81	
	Payroll	,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,	,	,-	,-	,
	Grand Secretary Salary	12,000.00	9,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00
	Grand Treasurer Salary	3,900.00	650.00	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00	2,600.00	3,900.00
	Office Salaries	63,000.00	67,664.00	66,000.00	60,585.04	66,000.00	44,505.63	68,000.00
	Payroll Taxes	6,000.00	_	_	7,539.77	6,300.00	7,027.92	8,500.00
	Total Payroll & Taxes	84,900.00	83,672.00	88,200.00	84,024.81	88,200.00	62,133.55	· .
	Postage		-,		•	,	,	
	Annual Proceedings	_	1,020.00	_	1,122.00	2,200.00	2,403.33	2,500.00
	Postage/Bulletins	10,000.00	11,077.00	10,000.00	5,750.00	10,000.00	11.75	-
	Bulletins/Petty Cash	, _	38.00	, <u> </u>	58,32	50.00	23.07	50.00
	Postage Meter (Forms, Suppl	ies	•					•
•	Printed Items, etc.)	15,000.00	15,173.00	15,000.00	12,453.39	15,000.00	90.00	15,000.00
130	Postage Permit/Mailing	800.00	1,645.00	500.00	5,600.00	500.00	4,931.75	500.00
	Postage	_	, -	_	(3.00)	_	37.23	_
	Total Postage	25,800.00	28,953.00	25,500.00	24,980.71	27,750.00	7,497.13	18,050.00
	Printing	-,-	7	-,-	,,		.,,,	, -
	Annual Chapter Reports	2,000.00	2,224.00	2,000.00	1,836.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Annual Proceedings	27,000.00	24,231.00	25,000.00	24,788.94	25,000.00	25,828.00	25,000.00
	Proceedings Photos		600.00	_	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
	Bulletins	65,000.00	67,850.00	65,000.00	62,606.75	61,000.00	39,739.55	65,000.00
	Instituting/Constituting/	-,	., -	-,	,	,	,	-,
•	50 Year/ Grand Rep.	2,500.00	_	2,500.00	115.00	1,000.00	141.00	1,500.00
139	Compilations	300.00	390.00	100.00	112.00	100.00		100.00
	Constitutions/Revisions	2,000.00	12,208.00	2,000.00	7,900.00	2,000.00	12,421.00	8,000.00
	Deputy Books	2,700.00	2,314.00	2,700.00	2,299.76	2,700.00	_	2,700.00
	Directories	5,000.00	5,279.00	5,000.00	5,097.00	5,300.00	_	5,300.00
	GC Committee Forms/Supplies		2,-7,	,,,,,,,,,,,	2,027	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		3,000
	Memorials	2,500.00	1,193.00	2,500.00	5,717.14	2,500.00	1,724.00	2,500.00
144	GC Session Summary	650.,00	(515.00)	500.00	135.00	500.00		500.00
	Historical Highlights	-	3,613.00	_	222.00	150.00	_	2,500.00
	Instructions to Subordinate		5,025.00			2,0100		_,,,,,,,,,
	Chapters	1,000.00			2,143.00	2,000.00	_	2,000.00
147	Printing for Resale Items	10,000.00	12,431.00	10,000.00	2,588.68	10,000.00	5,601.82	7,500.00
	Stationary/Envelopes	2,000.00	3,233.00	2,000.00	2,639.00	3,000.00	2,687.00	3,000.00
	WGM Interpretations	1,000.00	5,255.00	3,000.00	_,055,000	3,000.00	_,00,.00	2,000.00
	Total Printing	122,650.00	135,051.00		118.800.27	120,850.00	90.742.37	130,200.00
	Repair/Maintenance	22,00000	200,002.00	, <i>p</i> = = = =	110,000,	120,050,00	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	200,20000
	Bldg. Maintenance/Repair	4,000.00	6,343.00	4,000.00	7,029.50	4,000.00	946.20	2,000.00
	Equipment Maintenance	,		-	487.08		165.08	200.00
	Hardware/Lumber Supplies	_	_	_	-	_	17.97	
	Plumbing Maintenance	_	_	_	_	_	180.00	500.00
	Equipment Lease/Replacemen	nt 7,500.00	12,704.00	7,500.00	7,857.32	5,000.00	7,044.57	8,500.00
	Pest Control Service	_		_	270.00	400.00	240.00	400.00
	Total Repair/Maintenance	11,500.00	19,047.00	11,500.00	15,643.90	9,400.00	8,593.82	11,600.00
	Benevolences/Gifts	,,,		,-	-7	-,	,	•
	Scholarships Given	_	15,477.00	_	36,175.00	_	250.00	_
	Total Benevolences/Gifts		15,477.00	_	36,175.00	-	250.00	_
	Other Expenses							
163	Capital Improvement	4,000.00	_	4,000.00	_	4,000.00	_	4,000.00
164	GGC - Texas Luncheon	600.00	(375.00)	600.00	500.00	600.00	_	_
	MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	16,779.00	500.00	_	451.00	280.89	500.00
166	GC CONTINGENCY	3,000.00	_	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
167	Endowed Memberships	500.00	_	500.00	_	500.00	3.00	
168	Supplies	-		-	-	_	49.73	_
	Insurance Reimbursements	_	_	_	_	-	79.75	_
170	Total Other Expenses	8,600.00	16,404.00	10,600.00	500.00	10,551.00	413.37	9,500.00
171								
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	377,850.00	456,915.14	386,764.00	464,869.57	402,601.00	241,099.17	419,670.00
173			_					
174	NET RESULTS	_	(13,857.14)(	62,444.00)	1,126.40	7,649.00	69,460.28 (	58,000.00)

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: I'm not going to read every item. I hope that you've had the opportunity to look over it. I'm just going to read the subheadings, but, certainly, it's your opportunity to ask any questions that you would like when I've finished.

Under the revenue for the General Fund, because of the fact that we are presenting a deficit budget, we have worked on this since we have been at Grand Chapter. I am going to make some corrections at this time. Because of the sale of the van that had been driven these past two years, we can add \$3,000 to our balance on hand. So that figure will be \$16,440.

There are a number of items in there that are listed, the gifts and donations, the dues and per capita that goes to the General Fund, the registration fees from Grand Chapter. The total revenue, by adding the \$3,000, will now be \$364,670.

The expenses for the General Fund, under Grand Officers and Committees, that total is \$12,100. On line 68, Ballots/Voting Cards, we have reduced that amount from \$1.000 to \$500.

Then if you come down, our Total Grand Chapter Session then will be the 44,200 less the \$500.

The total for the jewels is \$1,200.

Total Insurance, \$20,300. Total Automobile Expense, \$13,620.00. Total Operating Expense, \$61,100.

VOICE: Back up.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Do you want me to back up? How far? All right.

We added \$3,000 at the very beginning to our balance on hand. That's line number 4.

**VOICE:** What page?

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Well, it was page 53 of the advance annual report. We're on 53, 54 and 55.

We have Total Gifts and Donations, line 12, \$2,000. Line 17, Total Interest, \$2,000. Line 20, Total Dues/Per Capita, \$93,500. There's no change. The Total Registration Fees on line 24, \$30,000. Line 41, the Total Sale of Materials, \$148,100. Line 42 from Worthy Grand Matron Designated Funds, \$12,000.

Line 50, which is the Total Revenue, is now \$364,670, because of the \$3,000 that we added to it.

Then on line 52 you have Expenses to the General Fund. On 53 you have Grand Officers and Committees. And the total under line 63 is \$12.100.

Line 68 for Ballots/Voting Cards, we reduced that amount. As listed, it was \$1,000. We reduced it to \$500.

On line 78 then you have the Total Grand Chapter Session, \$44,200.

On line 85 you have Total for Jewels for Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, \$1,200. On line 94, Total Insurance is \$20,300. On line 100, the Total Automobile Expense is \$13,620. On further down under Total Operating Expense --we're talking about several things there. We have the audit, copy machines; we have trust fees; we have the computer. You have subscriptions; you have your utilities, telephone. Your Total Operating Expense is \$61,100.

Under Payroll, if you will remember, the Grand Secretary's salary was increased from 12,000 to 14,500, so we have had to make that change on line 120. So the Total Payroll and Taxes on line 124 will now be \$94,900.

Coming further down the page, on item 132, you have Total Postage, \$18,050. Line 135, we had listed \$25,000 for the Annual Proceedings. We have reduced that to \$24,000. Line 138 under – a lot of this includes forms that are not sold, they are furnished, like forms for the instituting and constituting of Chapters, forms for 50-year members, Grand Representatives. We had listed \$1,500. We are reducing that to \$500.

I'm not reading every item that is on this.

Item 145, Historical Highlights, we had allowed \$2,500. We are reducing that to \$1,000. Line 126, Instructions to Subordinate Chapters, we had listed \$2,000. We are changing that to \$1,000. Line 149, Worthy Grand Matron's Interpretations, listed is \$2,000. We are changing that to \$1,000.

Line 156, Equipment, Lease /Replacement, we had listed \$8,500. We have reduced that to 8,000. Line 163, Capital Improvement, we had included \$4,000 in case it was needed. We are eliminating that item, and we will list zero.

Our Worthy Grand Matron just told me that when we reduce some of this printing, we may have to get a new printer. But, hopefully, we'll be able to — we're simply trying to adjust the budget to live within the anticipated income. It's going to be very, very difficult. We had hoped to get a little bit of an increase from the 25 to the 35 percent yesterday, but we're going to do the best we can.

Sisters and Brothers, the Total Expenditures now on line 172 are \$411,670. That is now showing a deficit of \$47,000.

Please understand that we will do everything in our power to stay within this budget. And when you don't have any extra money coming in sometimes, we have no choice. You do this in your household.

We are going at this time to make a motion. Worthy Grand Matron, there is a fund used for each Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects. Over a number of years, some monies have been left and accumulated in that fund and it has drawn interest. Now there is not a wealth of money here, but at this time, Worthy Grand Matron, I move that \$40,000 be transferred from previous Worthy Grand Matrons, Special Projects/Undesignated Funds, to the General Fund to help cover the shortfall in the 2001-2002 budget.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, you have two choices. Either we go into this with, a deficit budget, or we are allowed to transfer \$40,000 and we will still have a \$7,000 deficit. Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we be allowed to transfer \$40,000 from the previous Worthy Grand Matrons' Special Projects/Undesignated Funds to the General Fund.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: What is the total amount in the fund?

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: The total amount of the fund, I believe, is a little over \$68,000.

The reason that we're not asking for all of it – I heard someone mention move the whole thing –  $\,$ 

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I can answer that. Because there has to be money there to purchase the items of the Associate Grand Matron's projects.

She has to order those prior to her time being installed to have them ready to be sold at the Grand Chapter and to turn over to the Committees that are going to be working. It's very difficult to raise that money prior to the time of those purchases. Is that a good enough answer?

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: It is. And may I say one other thing in connection with that? Our Associate Grand Matron has already pretty well concluded everything she's going to use for her year. There is always some money that is used to finance them, and it's paid back. Some of that that she will be paying back will come back into that fund. There will be one other motion to move \$20,000 possibly into the Benevolent Aid Fund, but that will come up later. It's up to you to vote on it at that particular time, but we would never — like our Worthy Grand Matron said, we would never deplete that fund for that reason.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** All right. Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion on the floor, and it is to remove \$40,000 from this fund that has accumulated undesignated funds of Past Grand Matrons with their projects. This \$40,000 would be moved into the General Fund for the operating of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I have a motion and a second. Do I have any discussion?

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Sharon Fentress in the South.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron., I just have one question. I noticed in the budget for the Grand Chapter sessions, there is a zero for the income from vendor sales. Are we not expecting – I know we normally get a refund from the Grand Chapter sessions because of the vendor sales. Are we not anticipating any or did I just miss that?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No, you probably didn't. I will be more than glad to explain. Bart Henderson, if you'll come and give me good figures. When we leased or rented well, leased for this building when I was Associate Grand Conductress, the cost of the building without one chair in it, one curtain, one stage, one platform, was \$5,000 a day. Last year sometime they increased it another \$500, making it \$5,500 a day without anything in here.

In the last few weeks that we have met with Reliant Arena, they have raised prices. I had told the Board in the beginning that we weren't for sure that we would be able to have enough vendors. I know that the money has increased along the way. So we have no idea what it's going to cost. Because we have chairs on the floor, they increased that. We have to have a fire marshal here every hour that this building is

open, which is two or three thousand dollars. They will no longer allow us to use our own nurses and all that we've always had for first aid. Therefore, we're paying for nurses on shift work to be in here, which is three or four thousand dollars. They no longer allow us to use uniformed officers for the security at the doors. We can have them outside. We are required to hire four uniformed officers, two security for the front and two at the back. All this has added up to over \$12,000, not counting the difference that they now have increased with the lighting and such.

So that was above and beyond anything that we had planned. I had told the Trustee Board last year when we set our budget – in July of last – no, not last – yeah, of last year – year before last, that we probably would not come out with more than about \$12,000 with the vendors. So, therefore, with another \$12,000 expense, that has created an overwhelming burden on us for this year. That was why we were encouraging everybody so much to be able to move our Grand Chapter into August where we could at least go to some of the colleges and use a building like we did in Beaumont and in Waco, because we can no longer afford this building.

We could have gone to something smaller had we known that we would be -- say 3,000 membership - under that. But at the time that we leased this building they were having over 3,000 in the Grand Chapter sessions. So we had to lease accordingly.

I apologize to you all. But the expense was nothing that we had control over. We suffered much pain arguing and discussing and whatever, trying to get them to bring it down. As a matter of fact, I have a sister-in-law that works here part time. They never allowed us to - they never met us even halfway on this.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Well, Worthy Grand Matron, I realize our Grand Chapter session is not a money making project.

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** So I certainly can understand that. We try to keep it within the reach of the membership to attend.

I have one other question, if I could. That is, would this money only be transferred and be used if and when there was a shortfall, because I know on occasion we have been fortunate enough to receive bequests or have something else come up that gave to that fund. Would these funds only be used I know they have been accumulated a very long time.

They have been sort of a backup fund. I'm going to be very careful what I title this because we do – you know, we're like any other organization. We do have things come up that we don't expect. Those funds being undesignated, we can use those. I just hate to see them depleted to that extent in one year.

So I guess my question is: Would that money only be, transferred if it is necessary to meet the necessary expenses of the General Fund?

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Sister Sharon, yes, only if the funds are needed. And that means we don't have to do that right now; we don't have to do it when we get back to Arlington or have our Grand Secretary do that. We will watch it very carefully, and if you need to check with us, you certainly can -- you know that - or attend our meetings, and we will be extremely careful.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Thank you, Sister Frances. Of course I know that, and you know I regularly attend your meetings whenever I can. Thank you.

#### MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: You're welcome.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Is there any other discussion? Sisters and Brothers, not having any other discussion. All those in favor of this report, please raise your blue cards – I'm sorry, not for the report. Wipe that out. Let's go back.

All in favor of moving \$40,000 from this account into the General Fund, if it is deemed necessary through the year, would you please raise your blue card. Thank you. Those opposed, same. This motion carried.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 2 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to adopt Report No. 2 of the Board of Grand Trustees. Now that report is the budget. Is there any discussion?

I recognize the gentleman in the Northwest.

- MR. RICHARD HANCOCK: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. I just have one question. I'm Richard Hancock, Past Patron from Marlin #286. The \$3,000 that you added as income, does that mean that we sold our two-year-old van for \$3,000?
- MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Well, actually there was an accident in the van. The insurance company has paid for that accident, and then, we sold the van without having it renovated.
- MR. RICHARD HANCOCK: Yes, that's what I wanted to make sure of. We did receive income from the insurance company on that accident in addition to the \$3,000.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Frances, tell them how much you got off the insurance.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: We received \$11,041. I believe our chairman gave that in her report a few minutes ago. We had \$11,041 from the insurance company. Then we sold the van without having it repaired, but the funds were used – much of the funds were used to purchase the new van, which has already been purchased. Does that make it clear?

MR. RICHARD HANCOCK: Yes, it does. Thank you very much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Is there any other discussion? Hearing none, we will vote with our blue cards. Those for accepting part two of the Trustees report, which would be the budget, please raise your cards. Thank you. Those opposed, same. Motion carried.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Leah Hayes will present Report No. 3 of the Board of Grand Trustees.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: While Sister Yvonne is coming to the podium, Sister Donna Douglas, would you please step up here with me. It is with much pleasure that I present to you this check for your report, which the money was taken up the other night in the love offering. Thank you so much. [applause]

I recognize Sister Yvonne Brownfield.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My Sisters and Brothers, since yesterday's proceedings on the changes some of the expenditures that we'll be facing, our Associate Grand Matron has graciously given me an addendum, more or less – or some changes to her Purposes and Policies proposal.

I shall read from this. "Since the ladies of the Home will be moving from the OES Home and the doors will not be needed, all the monies donated to this fund will go to the Endowment Fund, or anyone so requesting to the Grand Secretary's office may request their money be refunded, since it is not used for the purpose donated." This explains about the doors that you approved yesterday in the Purposes and Policy report. If you donated money for the doors, that money will go to the Endowment Fund unless you would like to request a refund. You would direct that request to the Grand Secretary's office.

The Humanitarian Program, which is entitled "The Melody of Love," she will change and – first, let me explain. Her designations for these funds spelled out the name R-O-S-E. I wonder why that! The first letter, of course, is the R. That was designated as Renovation Fund. The second was the Order of the Eastern Star Fund. The third is the S, and that was funding Home Endowment. And ESTARL – well, I guess the last one is ESTARL, I'm sorry. I got my tongue twisted good.

So the S and the E will remain as she had stated. However, this has caused us to have to change the R and the O. So what she is going to designate the funds that were titled Renovation – she's going to change that to read "Realize the Dreams of the Future," which those funds will go into the Educational Fund. The second letter, which again is the O – that designates Order of the Eastern Star. She has graciously agreed to designate that for the General Fund.

Now because Humanitarian is — like the Worthy Grand Matron said while ago, you must do this ahead of time. All of this material has been printed and been distributed to the persons involved, as well as the Chapters. So I will read what she has here. This will change and need to be reprinted and mailed to the Chapters, to Deputy Grand Matrons, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Committees, of course, at the expense of Grand Chapter and it should be done fairly quick.

Now the third change is the Spring Celebration 2002, she would like to designate all monies from that to go to the Educational Fund. Now, Sister Jimmie Lee, is that about what you've got?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Yes, ma'am. The only other change that you did not mention is the fact that we had a fund for the Time and Talent. That will go to TMRC for the ladies and their residents to have parties to show our members how much we love them. Even though they reside at the TMRC, they are still ours. And the gifts that will be incurred for their special events, including all of their residents.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Sister Jimmie. Now does anybody want me to explain any more of what I've just read? I'll "splain" it to you one more time if I need to while it's still fresh! After I walk off this stage, I won't remember it. And I have shown this to three other members of the appointed Purposes and Policies.

So without further ado, Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this amended report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to amend a report, which requires a two-thirds vote of this Grand Chapter Session. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor to amend this report, please raise your blue cards. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. All those opposed, raise your blue cards. This motion has been adopted.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Invitation Committee of Sister Jimmie for 2001-2002, we need for you to come to the East.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Worthy Grand Matron, could I say on behalf of the Board of Grand Trustees, thank you, Sister Jimmie Lee, for this change in your funds. I know that this new board will use it in the best way that they possibly can. Thank you again for giving us that.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: To the Board of Grand Trustees, I know that each of you works very, very hard to do the things that you have to do with the minimum amount of money that you receive. I know that you will use it to unite this organization, that it will be used for the betterment of all of us. Thank you.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: It surely will.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I'm going to take just a minute and call Bill Wyatt to come and bring his report on Sharing the Light.

# REPORT OF THE SHARING THE LIGHT COMMITTEE

MR. BILL WYATT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members: I'd like to recognize my General Co-Chairman, Ann Wyatt, and my District Chairmen: District 1 - Marshall Harris; District 2 - Bill Dormady and his Co-Chairman - Susan Dormady; District 3 - Laverne Hadley; District 4 - David Westerman; and District 5 - Skip Smith.

Being the first year for this program, we had a slow year. This program was a joint venture with the Masonic Lodges with the "Take Time to Read" program structured through the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. I am confident that this program will only prosper in the future. We had positive responses from everywhere in the state, but just not the actions right now. When our membership learns of the importance of working with our children, because they will be our

future leaders, taking time to sit and read with the elderly or lonely or just taking time to put up a poster then there will be no end to this program and the benefits from it.

I want to thank each chapter or individual that took a role in the "Take Time to Read" program and also to thank each committee member for their work done on the program. Each chapter, committee member or individual, thank you, for your donations. I know your time and money only goes to a worthwhile cause.

Respectfully submitted by: Bill Wyatt, General Chairman Ann Wyatt, General Co-Chairman

I want to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter this year and for the Committee. I move that this report be accepted.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to accept the report of Sharing the Light. Do we have any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote. All those in favor, raise your blue cards. Those opposed, same. Motion carried.

Thank you, Bill and Ann, for a job well done. We love you.

Okay. We have the Executive and Arrangements Committee for the year 2001-2002. Are you all in the East? Would you come here?

#### ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: The red coats have landed!

VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is my pleasure to invite the people to come to Dallas. But at this time I would like to introduce the members of the Executive Committee for 2001-2002: our General Co-Chairman, Jerry Kirby; our Treasurer, Ed Pickett; our Secretary, Betty Scott; our Auditor, Lois Blevins; our Chairman of Arrangements, Brother Wayne Gaddis.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Members: [Theme from "Dallas" played. Skit between Little Tex and Big Tex (voice) in which invitation was given to attend Grand Chapter in Dallas, Texas, on November 7, 8 and 9, 2002.)

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We accept your invitation, and we'll be there. Thank you so much.

Thank you, Executive and Arrangements Committee of 2002 and our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect. What a wonderful invitation you have done this day. I thought maybe everybody needed to stand up and have a good time for just a minute. Thank you so much.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing us to make the invitation at this time. Let my Arrangements, the Associate Grand Patron and myself say how much we have enjoyed being in Houston, Texas, with you and Brother Buddy at the helm of this fine ship. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Now, Sisters and Brothers, I want to thank each one of you for everything that you have done to make this Grand Chapter a beautiful success. You have stayed with us to do the business of Grand Chapter. Know I appreciate that. We need to have a quorum always in here when we conduct business. I have an election. I'll share it with you if you will commit, to me that you're going to stay so we can finish our Grand Chapter business. Will you do that? [applause] All right. Thank you.

At this time I'll go through and read them, and then I'll invite them to come to the front part of the stage to introduce them. For Grand Secretary, there were 2415 ballots. We needed 1208 to elect. We have Charlene Littlewood at 1123; Alma Carter with 1292. For Associate Grand Conductress, we had 2414 ballots that, were cast for this position. We needed 1208 for an election. We have 157 for Lorrie Faith-Owens; we have 1251 for Karen Morgenthaler; we have 1006 for Nancy Brown. For the Board of Grand Trustees, District 1, we had 2396 ballots cast. We needed 1199 for election. We have 977 for Abigail Freeman, 1419 for Jack Beall. For Board of Grand Examiners, District 3, we had 2398 ballots cast. We needed 1200 to elect. We have 1025 for Jayne Yenger; 1373 for Joyce Nicklaus. 28 ballots were rejected due to improper ballot on B.

I would invite those that have been elected to serve in these positions to please come to the East so we may introduce you. We'd like to congratulate you for the years of service that you've given and for those that you're going to continue to give.

For the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3, Joyce Nicklaus; Jack Beall, Board of Grand Trustees, District 1; Karen Morgenthaler as our Associate Grand Conductress; Alma Carter for our new Grand Secretary. Sisters and Brothers, let's greet each one and say congratulations. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, before they speak may I say something or thank them or congratulate them? Congratulations to all four of you. But Sister Karen, before anybody gets a chance I want to put my name in now!

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Worthy Grand Matron, you need to officially declare the election, please.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now declare the election complete. The election judge and their assistants are dismissed. Thank you for a job well done. Sisters and Brothers, let's tell them what a good job they've done. [applause] I would dismiss the tellers. Last, but not least, Brother Paul Garner, thank you for a beautiful job this day. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, while we're getting everybody lined up and whatever, there has been a lot of questions on — we passed resolution number 1 on moving the ladies to the Masonic Retirement Center. The wording in it was "as space is available." Well, gentlemen, I'm standing on the square right now. Space is available right now. It may not be next week. If we need to, we could probably move immediately. But as it says there, it says "as space is available," which it is right now; if it's not, it might be thirty days, thirty weeks or what have you.

But now let me put you a little more at ease. I got my heart a little bit hardened back up – or softened back up, however you want to say it. Let me assure you that they are not some phantom rooms in that building down the street. They are regular rooms. Each room has a private bathroom. The worst – the worst case, which will be, I think, two, three or four rooms – I'm not sure right now, I'm going to go next week and visit and look around so I will be a hundred percent sure – but there are a few

rooms where there will be – two ladies will have to use one shower. That is the worst thing that could happen; they'd have to have two ladies with one shower. So I know there's some heavy hearts on both sides, whether you were for this or against this. I know there were heavy hearts.

But, dear ladies, we love you. I'm going to see you next week there at the Home. Please it is not as bad as the rumors that have been flying. I have heard some there, and I was crying a minute ago until I went and got some information from the correct person. So, please, while we passed resolution number 1, we'll move — it does say that we'll move the ladies as space is available, and it is available. Regular rooms. And they are not going as infirmed patients. They are going in as regular residents. They have the run of the house like the rest of the residents do. So at least if your heart is heavy, feel good about that end of it. It's going to work, ladies and gentlemen. So thank you. And if that's not so — any of this is not so, I told you I was on the square. We will make it right. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, be sure and return your pencils when you leave.

We'll invite Sister Leah Hayes to bring your report. We still have a little business, guys. Be patient.

Since they've already lined up, I'll do this now in place of later. My beloved friends and Distinguished Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, how could I say thank you for all that you have given to the Grand Chapter of Texas? I know how many hours that you have worked. I know how many plans have been formulated, and I am very well aware that there is much of which I'm not aware. There is much I could say, but perhaps the simplest would be to express to you a very sincere thank you from the depths of my heart. Thank you for all that you have given in such a loving and unselfish manner.

I could name everybody off and tell each person that has held a Committee, but I will say to you it has been my honor, when you accepted to serve in these positions, you didn't question what you were going to do, you just said, "I'll do it," and you've given a ten-plus. Thank you so very much for accepting these positions.

Sisters and Brothers, tell them how much we thank them. [applause] Thank you.

Deputies, District Deputies, do you want to - they're holding this vase, and it weighs a ton.

VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron, since I was the first beam that was chosen, I get to do the honors. You notice it has a blue bow on it, though? We just want to thank you in front of all this group of people for all the work that you've done for us and the work that you've let us do for you. We've loved it; we've had a good time. We've cried, we've laughed, and we've got a lot more fun in store.

We cannot wait, Sister Jimmie Lee, for just a couple more hours so we can turn the helm over to your new girl because we are ready to get out of here and have fun.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you.

VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron in the West.

### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize -

**VOICE:** We have a small message for you. This is from your angels. Note the halos! (singing of "Happy Trails"]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I love you.

VOICE: We love you too, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Leah, you can bring your report now.

Remember, Sisters and Brothers, stay in this room because we have to have a quorum.

### REPORT NO. 3 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: We've had a nice time here enjoying all the ballots and so forth, but we do have to get back to the business of the money of Grand Chapter. I hate to bring you all down with this, but I do need to give Report No. 3.

We, the Board of Grand Trustees, are pleased to present for your consideration the proposed budget for the OES Home Fund for the Grand Chapter year 2001-2002. This can be found on pages 58, 59 and 60. The Board of Grand Trustees did not approve this budget with the explanation that due to the sharp decrease in interest rates since January 1, 2001, the expected income from interest could be less than the budgeted amount and some of the expenses could be underestimated, but this is the Benevolent Board budget.

Their total revenues expected for the coming Grand Chapter year is \$1,456,197. I will break this down into categories for you. The total salaries will be \$267,000. The total insurance expenditure is \$62,000. The total for doctor and hospital bills, \$13,300. The total kitchen expenses, \$57,000. Utilities, \$146,000. Total laundry, \$300. Total office expense, \$2400. Total contract services, \$754,700. The total administrative expense, \$500. The total vehicle expense is \$3800. The total contract maintenance, \$38,350. Total other operating expenses are \$42,847, for total expenditures of \$1,456,197.

The Board of Grand Benevolences has an amendment to this budget. They state that it is anticipated that when the ladies are moved to TMRC, it will be possible that expenses can be lowered enough at the Home to offset the cost of the ladies at TMRC.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 3.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard Report No. 3 from the Trustee Board. We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor to accept this report, please raise your blue cards. Thank you. All opposed. Motion carried. Thank you, Sister Leah.

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Sister Jerre Lucas will present Report No. 4.

### REPORT NO. 4 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Thank you, Mrs. Leah Hayes.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers.

In compliance with Chapter 5, Article 82 (b) of the Code of Laws for the Government of Grand Chapter of Texas, as found on Page 72: 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, 2000. This Audit Report, as conducted by George, Morgan and Sneed, PC, Certified Public Accounts is printed in its entirety in the Proceedings of October, 2000, the 118th Annual Session, Pages 432 through 514. The following is a summary of that information:

#### AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2000

	REVENUES	EXPENSES	REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES
GENERAL FUND	423,996.00	464,868.00	40,872.00
HOME FUND	1,247,588.00	1,333,327.00	85,739.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	578,970.00	40,758.00	538,212.00
BENEVOLENT FUND	42,546.00	55,167.00	12,621.00
EDUCATION FUND	56,568.00	11,739.00	44,829.00
FANNIE V. WARD FUND	207.00	-0-	207.00
HUMANITARIAN SPECIA	${f L}$		
PROJECTS FUND	286,421.00	174,138.00	112,283.00
HOME RENOVATION			
FUND	29,332.00	<u>35,303.00</u>	5,974.00
TOTALS	2,665,628.00	2,115,302.00	550,328.00

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 4.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to adopt Report No. 4 from the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion?

Why are we in the red in some of those things?

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: I'm pleased that I have a Chairman here that's going to take care of all this stuff.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Worthy Grand Matron, these are just the receipts and disbursements received during the year. It does not mean that we actually spent more than what we had. But at the first of the year in many of these accounts – we had accounts to begin with, and we did not spend more than what we had, but this is just received and disbursements. And then next year it may be just reversed because this is on a cash basis.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm not understanding that.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Okay. With the General Fund this year, we received 423,996 in revenues. Expenses were 464,868. This is in the audit report And it's according to when money comes into us is the way that this is.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are you saying that we're in the red -

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: This is not a bank statement. I mean, this is not a cash disbursement action. This is how much that we would have taken from what we had on hand at the first of the year, and this is what we would have – the difference –

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have money in the bank that covers that red?

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Then why are we in the red?

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: This is as of October 31st, 2000. Let me see how to explain this. Sometimes – this is not an actual checking account. We would have had the money in the bank prior to this. Like, we would have had still some of our per capita money in the bank, but this – if you add the beginning balance of what we had in the bank, add the revenues and less expenses, we would not have had a red figure here. But this is just what actually came in and what went out.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Grand Conductress.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Sister Patsy, could that possibly be the little problem we had where we carried funds over from the Home Fund, and then there were a number of bills that we had to catch up where we got the funds in before the end of the year, but we had to pay the bills in this year, so it made it appear to be deficit spending, when actually the money had already been deposited? Was that part of that?

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Yes, that would be

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Do you remember, Worthy Grand Matron, in that time period when we received – they received some refunds from the Benevolent Board, but we also came up with some unpaid bills that had to be caught up? I believe that's the reason for that.

I know it would be handy if we had that audit report printed where we could look at it and see. It's a little difficult just hearing the figures. Thank you.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: I believe the audit report is in the – it'll be in the Proceedings.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Is there any more discussion?

Hearing none, this is the fourth part of the Board of Grand Trustees' reports. All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Those opposed. Motion carried.

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: Thank you. Sister Sharon, to also explain that, every Chapter gets that audit report. This is report ending October 31, 2000. So that would have been Betty Friend's fiscal year. You have an audit report in the Proceedings.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Pardon me, I did not receive an audit report, but I did receive the Proceedings –

MRS. PAT WASHINGTON: It's in there.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: – I purchased one. But I didn't bring it with me. That's why I'm saying it would be handy – since we're going to hear these reports with the big numbers – to have the Proceedings. I have been in the meetings so know what you're doing.

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Mr. Nelson Campbell will present Report No. 5.

# REPORT NO. 5 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Thank you, Jerre.

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, 2000 through June 20, 2001.

Four Hundred Forty memberships were purchased from November 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 for a total of \$220,000. In accordance with Article 204e (7) (b) Pages 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, 2001, a grand total of 2,652 Endowed Memberships have been purchased, with that dollar amount being \$1,326,000 (One Million Three Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Dollars).

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard Report No. 5 of the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual sign. Blue cards, for. Thank you. Opposed. Motion carried.

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Mrs. Frances Burbank, Vice Chairman, will present Report No. 6.

### REPORT NO. 6 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you, Brother Nelson.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers,

We, the Board of Grand Trustees, are pleased to present the Report of the Scholarship Program for the Grand Chapter year 2000-2001.

How very grateful we are to the members of the Educational Fund Committee, Diane Davidson, Jean Hunt, Jim Rippey, Betty Scott and Sylvia Garcia for their untiring efforts, their cooperation and their dedication in assisting with the selection of the scholarship recipients, and to the Worthy Matrons, Secretaries and many others for presenting certificates and helping to make this a rewarding experience for the students.

We received a total of 310 applications, therefore we regret we were unable to award scholarships to many qualified and deserving students.

#### FUNDS AVAILABLE INCLUDED:

Interest from Mary C. Kennington Fund	
\$34,	,500.00
T. R. and Helen Bramlett Fund	303.42
Interest from Fannie V. Ward Fund	
Interest from Educational Fund	
Total available for distribution	328.08
AWARDS ISSUED:	
From the Fannie V. Ward Fund	
1 scholarship @\$1,000.00	00.00
From the Educational Fund	
21 scholarships at \$1,000.00 each21,0	00.00

(Diane Davidson, Chairman, will give a report on the Educational Fund)

From the Mary C. Kennington Fund:

3 scholarships at \$1,000.00 each to students enrolled in	
Religious Education	3,000.00
1 scholarship @ \$500.00 for a student who lacks	
only one semester	500.00
30 scholarships @ \$1,000.00 each	30,000.00
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55 total scholarships were awarded	•
Balance remaining	1,328.08

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 6.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard Report No. 6. We have a motion and a second that we adopt Report No. 6 from the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual sign. For, your blue cards. Thank you. Those opposed, same sign. Thank you. Motion carried.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you. Sister Leah Hayes will present Report No. 7.

# REPORT NO. 7 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. LEAH HAYES: This is the report of the Benevolent Aid Fund.

Beginning Balance July 31, 2000	\$77,338.71
Disbursements	
Benevolent Aid	\$62,063.24
Balance	\$15,275.47
Per Capita Deposited	\$40,076.25
Interest Accrued	206.50
Balance July 31, 2001	\$55,558.22

Seventeen Members in Sixteen Subordinate Chapters were receiving Benevolent Aid as of July 31, 2001.

Sisters and Brothers we, sincerely thank you for your generous assistance to these Members who are in need.

Worthy Grand Matron, at this time I would like to move that \$20,000 be transferred from the previous Worthy Grand Matrons, Special Projects/Undesignated Funds to the Benevolent Aid Fund to help cover the shortfall in the 2001-2002 budget. This is the amount that was mentioned by Sister Frances previously.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is this another 20,000 out of that fund?

MRS. LEAH HAYES: That's correct. This is the one that Sister Frances mentioned earlier.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: This 20,000 is not out of the fund from undesignated funds from Past Grand Matrons? This is another fund?

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Yes, it is.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Are you putting that in the form of a motion?

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Yes, that was a motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And what fund is this coming out of?

MRS. LEAH HAYES: From the previous Worthy Grand Matrons' Special Projects/Undesignated Funds. This is to go to the Benevolent Aid Fund.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I have a question.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: I have a question. While ago when Frances gave us some indication about the 40,000, she said that there would be an additional 20,000 that might be requested. Is this the same fund?

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Yes, Associate Grand Matron, this is the same fund. This is the \$20,000 that Sister Frances had referred to previously when she made the motion for the \$40,000.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: With the fact that I have given more to the General Fund – how much is in the Benevolent Aid Fund? I was working with –

MRS. LEAH HAYES: The Benevolent Aid Fund had receipts of \$40,282.75, but the disbursements were \$62,063.24.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: We spent it before we had it. But we had that many requests. I know we've had lots that really need the aid.

MRS. LEAH HAYES: The beginning balance for July 2000 was \$77,338.71. The balance as of July 31st, 2001, was down to \$55,558.22, leaving approximately a \$22,000 difference.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. We have a motion on the floor that we transfer \$20,000 from the Undesignated Fund of the Past Grand Matrons and put it in the Benevolent Aid Fund. That's \$20,000. Do we have any other discussion?

Hearing none, all in favor raise your blue card. Thank you. Those opposed. Motion carried.

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 7.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have a motion and a second to adopt Report No. 7 of the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor, raise your blue card. Those opposed. Motion carried.

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Sister Jerre Lucas will present Report No. 8.

# REPORT NO. 8 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Thank you, Leah. This report is also not in the annual report.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My 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 2000-2001.

#### CONTINGENCY FUND

BUDGETED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2000	\$5,000.00
EXPENDITURES	-0-
BUDGETED AMOUNT REMAINING	\$5,000.00

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 8.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Report No. 8. 1 have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote. All in favor, raise your blue cards. Thank you. Those opposed. Thank you. Motion carried.

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Mr. Nelson Campbell will now present Report No. 9, the Home Renovation Fund.

### REPORT NO. 9 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Thank you, Jerre.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with the 113th Annual Session of 1995, Resolution No. 23, Page

177 of the Code of Laws, the Board of Grand Trustees presents the Home Renovation Fund for the period July 1, 2000 through June 20, 2001.

	Checking Account	Trust Account
Account Balances 06-30-2000	\$14,396	\$424,084
Account Balances 06-30-2001	-0-	\$447,189

During this reporting period there were two withdrawals from the Trust Fund for the purpose of Eastern Star Home renovations.

July 31-2000 .	\$9,381 (Flooring for Infirmary)
October 31-2000	\$4,495 (Reimbursement "Labor of Love" Funds)
The Fund Earned	\$22,585

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard Report No. 9 from the Board of Grand Trustees. I have a motion and second on the floor. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote by the usual sign. All those in favor, raise your blue cards. Thank you. Those opposed, same. Thank you. The motion carried.

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

### REPORT NO. 10 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you. In the essence of time, I am not going to read the entire report. I'm going to only make about two statements. This is about the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Funds. These were made possible by the excellent planning of our Worthy Grand Matron and her Committees and the splendid cooperation of our membership this year. I'm simply going to read, if it's agreeable with you, the total amount that was raised through all of our Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects this year. Some went to the Home Endowment, the OES Home Fund, Home Renovation, ESTARL, Endowed Membership. There was a donation to the International Temple Fund. We have contributions to the General Fund and to her Undesignated Fund. The total amount raised – and this, of course, was prior to Grand Chapter, so there will be some additions to this --\$368,711. I thought you'd like to know that. (applause]

[Written Report No. 10 is as follows.]

The additions to the following funds were made possible by the excellent planning of our Worthy Grand Matron and her committees and the splendid cooperation of our membership.

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O.E.S. HOME FUND	í <b>0.</b>
HOME RENOVATION	′8.
ESTARL	0.
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP 120,41	7.
INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE FUND	5.
GENERAL FUND	
UNDESIGNATED FUNDS	8.
DESIGNATED FUNDS	2.
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Fund Raising Letter		\$	\$ -		\$ 10,970,34	\$	3,478.51	\$	7,491.83	\$		\$	7,491.83	\$		<u> </u>		\$	
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Endowed Stamps	\$ 2,412.00	\$ 6,909.00			\$ 119,991.50				119,991.50		•		59,573.00	\$	60,418.50	\$	-		60,418.50
Make It Happen		\$ 220.00	\$ 60	,00	\$ 1,995.00	\$	1,427.80	\$	567.20	\$	141.80	\$	<del>-</del>	\$	425.40			\$	425.40
International Temple		\$ 213.00	\$ -		\$ 1,645.00	\$		\$	1,645.00	s	<u>-</u>	-		\$	1,645.00	\$		\$	1,645.00
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Let's Make Music (Van Fund)	\$ 344,00	\$ -	\$ 924				1,307.18	\$	2,223,82		-	\$	<u> </u>	\$	2,223.82		324.96	\$	1,898.86
Just Say It Booklet	\$ 7,720.00	\$ .408,00	\$ 822	.00	\$ 15,003,00	\$	6,861.44	\$	8,141.56	\$		┝	\$7,933.56	\$	208.00	\$	<u> </u>	\$	208.00
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100% Founder's Day		\$ 1,407,30			\$ 10,066.80		-		10,066.80		159.12		6,771.65	\$	3,136.03		2,357.58		778.45
Proficiency	-	\$ -	\$ 183	.00	\$ 1,968.75	\$	151.65	\$	1,817.10	\$	-	\$	1,300.00	\$	517.10	\$	454.28	\$	62.82
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Melody of Music	\$ 2,560.00			<u>-</u>			5,745.00	\$	535,00			\$	1,500.00	\$	(965,00)		· · ·	\$	(965.00)
Name Badges		\$ -	\$		\$ 3,190.00	\$	140,79	\$	3,049.21	\$	262.30	\$	1,377.99	\$	1,408.92	\$	500,00	\$	908,92
TOTALS	\$95,013.00	\$ 16,410.30	1		\$394,970,90	\$	58,427,58	\$3	336,543,32	\$	1,298.07	\$	272,624.19	\$	97,329.77	\$1	7,497.35	\$	83,249.35

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: I believe this concludes the reports of the Board of Grand Trustees. Thank you very much, membership.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard Report No. 10 from the Board of Grand Trustees. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote with the blue cards. For. Thank you. Against. Motion carried. Thank you.

I now recognize Sister Elsie Paladino who will bring the Final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

# FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This is the Final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Sisters and Brothers, I stand with some of the most knowledgeable members in this Grand Chapter. I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with this Committee. Thank-you, Worthy Grand Matron, for appointing them. We have worked diligently to serve the interest of the membership.

We hope our efforts have met with your approval.

All reports referred have been carefully reviewed. All have been approved with the exception of the Corporate Board minutes of June 30, 2001, which are printed on page 32 and 33 of the advanced report. We find the handling of the expunged minutes to be out of order.

In regards to the action on those minutes:

It was agreed with the parties involved, the Corporate Board and Jurisprudence Committee that these minutes would be expunged and never discussed and never printed.

When seeking parliamentary procedures for expunging the minutes, no mention was made of the document and its contents signed by the parties involved, the Corporate Board and the Jurisprudence Committee.

After receiving incomplete information as to the, procedure, the Grand Secretary's office lined through, rather than expunge (delete), that portion of the minutes as agreed on by the parties involved.

These have been reviewed the proper committees and we direct that no portion of said minutes will appear neither in the proceedings nor in any other form or place.

These decisions have been in compliance with our laws. In accordance with our laws, the Committee has reviewed all matters, including the decisions, irregularities, and rulings of the Worthy Grand Matron, as reported to the Grand Chapter in the Advanced Reports and supplemental reports. We now find all to be satisfactory and approved by this Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we know as you relinquish the gavel and pass on the leadership of Eastern Star in Texas, the Light will not be extinguished. It will always shine in your hearts. May the Light of the One whose Star we follow Guide you in the tomorrows.

Worthy Grand Matron, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, move the adoption of this report.

Signed,
Mildred Sharp
Garland Rattan
Elise Hammack
Harry Cunningham
Elsie Paladino, Chairman

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, raise your blue card. Those opposed. Motion carried.

To my Jurisprudence Committee — and I'm going to call them mine because I really worked them this year — words cannot express how much I love you. I started to say, when we started this yesterday morning, that I was going to call and find out when you were initiated so I could tell the membership how many years of experience that I had gathered together. When someone asked me who was on my Jurisprudence committee and I told them, they said, "Boy, do you have a heavy group." I did, and I loved every bit of it. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your faith, your wisdom, your knowledge and your encouragement and all that you have given to this Grand Chapter and the years that you have served. You have given those to me this year. Thank you and know how much I love each one of you for it.

Brother Buddy, I know you want to say something.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Elsie and your Jurisprudence Committee, y'all have had one tough job this year. Y'all have handled this tough job. Y'all have straightened out this tough job and made it a soft job for your followers. Your guidance and counsel have made this Grand Chapter this year run as smooth as it has and as great as it has. From the top of my head to the highest mountain, thank you so much. We love you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, let's give them a hand for a job well done. (applause]

I would invite Sister Judy Baker to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you present Sister Judy Baker at the Altar.

While they're doing that, we have listened to beautiful music this day and all through our Grand Chapter. I've thanked Bill a number of times and the Choir. Bill, thank you so very much. Sisters and Brothers, let's tell him how much we appreciate him and the job that he has done with our Grand Choir. And, Grand Choir, you have been absolutely fabulous. Thank you for singing when we really needed to have a little music. Know how much I love each one of you for being there and accepting the position that you have. We loved every bit of it. Thank you so much. [applause]

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** (introduction inaudible]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To all to whom these presence may come, greetings. Whereas, the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, seeking to promote the fraternal relations between the Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of our Order promoted, its unity, integrity and strength be protected and its unity and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the afore Grand Chapters to the other, therefore, be it known that as I evidence of our trust and confidence, we, by the present, do constitute and appoint Judy Baker – sweet Judy Baker – Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky near the Grand Chapter of Texas for the purpose aforesaid. In testimony thereof, we have caused the seal of the Grand Chapter to be hereto affixed. Attested and signed by the Grand Secretary at Louisville, Kentucky, this 30th day of May 2001. Grand Secretary, Peggy Black; Worthy Grand Matron, Dixie M. Warren. Congratulations!

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our new Grand Representative in the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is a great honor to present to you Sister Judy Baker, Grand Representative of Texas in Kentucky. You will join with me in extending Grand Honors. I thought we might let Buddy pin the pin on.

 $\mathbf{MRS.}$  JUDY  $\mathbf{BAKER:}$  Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this honor. I love you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: She'll be seated back at her station.

To Him who has kept me every day, to Him who has led me on my way; to Him who has silvered every cloud, to Him with head most reverently bowed, my thanks, O God, to Thee.

To my home Chapters, words so imperfectly express the deepest things we feel that I find myself at a loss to thank sufficiently my Chapters: Hurst Chapter 1099 and Andral Vann Chapter 741. Every courtesy that unfailing love and loyalty could prompt has been given to me over so many years. I shall be grateful for your faith in me, and it has been a joy to share with you the honor of serving as Worthy Grand Matron. The meetings held for my honor and the pleasure will ever stand out in my memory. The many lovely gifts and honorary memberships will be treasured by me as long as life lasts. I thank you most sincerely.

To the Subordinate Chapters and members, I express grateful thanks for the courtesies which you have extended me throughout the year. You have been so loyal. You have cheerfully complied with every request and have been so interested and been so enthusiastic. I truly say that whatever success may have been attained this year belongs to you. It is not possible to mention each of you by name, but I assure you there will always be a special place in my heart for you. Long after the events of this has faded in memory, I shall cherish the recollections of your friendship, your loving gifts and beautiful flowers.

To my Worthy Grand Patron, our association has been marked by perfect harmony which has added pleasure to this year of service. I am grateful for your never-failing loyalty, your kind consideration and ever readiness to assist. You are indeed worthy of your official title, and I shall always be grateful to the Grand Chapter of Texas for electing you to serve with me. I had an added pleasure of having you present at most of the schools and at many meetings. To you and Judy, I want to express my thanks for the freedom and hospitality of your home. May the trail of friendship over which we have traveled through the yesterdays of our service to our Order go through our tomorrows.

To our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, may your years be filled with love and cooperation equal to that which you have given to me. We all wish for you wisdom to guide you, strength and trust for you and grace to bless you in all your undertakings.

To the Grand Treasurer, I appreciate your ability to successfully manage the office you hold. I thank you for your loyalty. I am grateful for your friendship, and with all my heart I am hoping that whatever God may send through the years that lie ahead, your way may be filled with happiness and success.

To the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, it has been my pleasure to work with you during the past year. And for your loyalty and cooperation, I thank you. My best wishes go to you as you journey towards the Grand East.

To the Appointed Grand Officers, I selected you because you exemplified the qualifications necessary to the position you hold. I hope your offices brought real pleasure to you and that our friendship will endure long after our term of office is over. I shall always claim you as my own and remember your kindness and thoughtfulness.

To all the Grand Officers, Boards and Committees, I have told you many times through the year how much I appreciate the work you are doing. Now I thank you for your loyalty, cooperation and the service which you have rendered to this Grand Chapter.

To the Grand Representatives, you have represented the State of Texas with much dignity and grace. It was my privilege to present these commissions to you. I hope that you have had much pleasure on your visit to the state or country you were assigned.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, it is with a deeper sense of appreciation that I acknowledge the support and loyalty many of you have given me in abundant measure, and I shall be happy soon to be a member of your splendid group.

To the Pages and Assistant Sentinel, every assignment has been given careful consideration. I am truly grateful for your untiring service during this Grand Chapter Session.

Again, to my Arrangement Committee and Executive Committee, I want to express my appreciation for the interest and enthusiasm to make this Grand Chapter session one to be remembered. Nothing has been done by an individual that is too small to warrant praise. For performing the many duties required to make this session a success and your kindness to me, I will always be grateful. Thank you for the love you have given to me.

My deepest debt of gratitude is to the one who has sacrificed most that I might give my best. My heart is filled with love for all the sacrifices that you have

made, for your patience, for your understanding and for your silent service of love. Bob, I shall always appreciate your unfailing patience, help and encouragement that I might complete this year of service and discharge to the best of my ability the obligation which I have assumed. Any success that has come to me during the past is as much yours as mine.

I do want to say to my Deputies and District Deputies, God truly blessed my life with each one of you. It's so rewarding to know that I had 55 special blessings for this past year, and they have been wonderful. They served in every way possible. When we came into their sections, they made everything just super good. Thank you so much and know how much I love you.

It is with mixed feelings of pleasure and regret that at the end of my year of service as Worthy Grand Matron, I return to you the great honor you conferred upon me by trusting to me the duties of this office. With gratitude for the confidence you had in me, I accepted this high honor, realizing my limitations and seeing its responsibilities. I have relied upon our Lord and upon the loyal support of every member of this Grand Jurisdiction. I am indeed grateful to you for this year with its wonderful experiences, privileges and opportunities. It has taught me many valuable lessons, broadened my view of life, enlarged my vision of service, enriched my friendships and made me more tolerant of the shortcomings of others. It has been my desire to instill into the hearts and minds of the membership the responsibilities of being a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and that we must live more truly the teachings of our Order and strive for a closer adherence to our sacred Obligation.

I have given my best this year, and if I have been able to accomplish even a little of this purpose, then my service has not been in vain. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. [applause and standing ovation]

Sisters and Brothers, for the benediction affirming a gift of love from our Heavenly Father above, I am happy to present our very special, loving Past Grand Patron, Brother Charles Morris. Thank you, Brother Charles.

MR. CHARLES MORRIS: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, as we bow our heads, we humbly thank You for watching over us during our deliberations. Thank You for everlasting love, concern and compassion for each one of us. Bless the leaders of our Order, and thank You for giving them safe travel over the past year. Be with our leaders for the coming year. Guide and direct them and give them that added strength that can come only from knowing and loving You.

Father, we ask that You would be with our nation in these troubled times. Give our leaders the strength and courage to perform their duties in a way that would be pleasing to You. Dismiss us now with Your love. Watch over us safely to our destination. Walk by our side as we go the pathway of life together. In Your Holy Name I pray, Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

When we close today, would the Installed Grand Officers please give your badges to the Grand Secretary.

I now declare this Grand Chapter brought from labor to rest until five o'clock this evening. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. We love you.

# WRITTEN REPORT OF THE MELODY OF MUSIC COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished members, my sisters and brothers, the following is a report of the Melody of Music Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter in this capacity. My co-workers are:

District I	Elizabeth Grayson
District II	Evelyn Berry
District III	Helen Sanderford
District IV	Leatha Adams
District V	Judy Hatten

Our committee sold the Worthy Grand Matron's music. The majority of music sold at last year's Grand Chapter.

District 1	\$ 360.00
District 11	\$ 350.00
District III	\$ 960.00
District IV	\$ 790.00
District V	\$ 490.00
Grand Chapter Sales	<u>\$2,540.00</u>
Total Sales	\$5,490,00

I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully Submitted, Gladys Bruce Cox General Chairman

### WRITTEN REPORT OF THE LIGHTING THE PATH TO THE FUTURE COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members It is with pride and pleasure that I bring this report to the floor of Grand Chapter. Our Committee, Lighting the Path to the Future, has been comprised of a member in each section who has either served as an educator or one who has a deep love and respect for higher education. Your committee members were charged with the responsibility to take to our chapters and their membership a message concerning the availability of scholarship funds. The Estral and Education Committees have specific guidelines as outlined in our Constitution. We were to be the liaisons between the Chapters and those Standing Committees to encourage the membership to bring prospective applicants to the attention of the appropriate committee. Now at the conclusion of our year it appears we have experienced great success in carrying your message to our membership.

As we face a decline in our membership, it is apparent that we must do things in our communities that will bring our Order to light and let our Star shine. One way is to assist future leaders with outstanding educational opportunities. Sister Naomi, you recognized that avenue and set in motion a plan to attract interest to our beloved organization. Hopefully, through our scholarships we will see family members as recipients of these scholarships and stir within them a desire to join Eastern Star. Or, perhaps, attract someone who would look for those Masonic links so they could join our Order.

Through our presentations, we were able to inform the membership of the guidelines for our scholarships and, I am proud to report, this committee distributed over 300 applications. Just like you, we have been anxious to hear the reports of the ESTARL Committee and Education Committee and to learn of the fruits of our labor.

Again, as Chairman of your Committee, Lighting the Path to the Future, we thank you for this opportunity to serve you and the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Respectfully submitted, Millie McCarver

# WRITTEN REPORT OF THE MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy, Grand Patron, distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers.

I obtained congratulatory letters from President Clinton and Governor Bush for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I have requested senate resolutions for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and these are soon to be delivered.

I worked with the Grand Lodge Webmaster to establish a 'presence' for 'Community Outreach' for Grand Chapter's Home Page on the Internet, featuring scholarship beneficiaries, ESTARL and charitable services statewide.

I encourage the 2001-2002 Development and Marketing Committee to concentrate on community service projects of the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Patron, thus creating greater public awareness of our benevolent Order.

I move for the adoption of this report.

Respectfully Submitted, Gerry Isaacs Chairman

# WRITTEN REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron.

This was a committee of two this year, the other being my husband Max who is here somewhere.

Our Grand Chapter was saddened at the loss of four Past Grands:

Mrs. Katherine Poulis, Worthy Grand Matron 1958-1959.

Mrs. Doris M. Efird, Worthy Grand Matron, 1988-1989.

Mr. Herbert L. Arnold, Worthy Grand Patron, 1967-1968.

Mr. Gene Belk, Worthy Grand Patron, 1982-1983.

They will be remembered always for their leadership and love of our Order. We had others related to the Grand Family:

Mr. Paul Ofton, husband of Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

Mrs. Becky Koenning, wife of our Grand Sentinel, Mr. Blain Koenning.

Mr. Orville Baker, father of Mr. Buddy Baker Worthy Grand Patron.

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

Respectfully submitted, Wanda and Max Fairchild



Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron make their last walk to the Grand East.





The 120<sup>th</sup> Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas October 20, 2001 Houston, Texas

# THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

#### **Presents**

The One Hundred and Twentieth Installation of Grand Officers

# "Melody of Roses"



2001-2002

Reliant Arena Houston, Texas

October 20, 2001 5:30 P.M.

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon Worthy Grand Matron

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Mr. Harold Trammell Worthy Grand Patron

### HONORED GUESTS

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, 2000-2001

Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members:

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Chairman Membership Committee Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Shriner's Hospital Committee Mr. Richard Ochs, Heart Committee Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Registration Committee Mr. Harry Cunningham, Fraternal Relations Committee

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# Past Grand Matrons of Texas

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus
Mrs. Eunice Connell
Mrs. Katherine Poulis
Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe
Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen
Mrs. Frances Key Herrin
Mrs. Katherine Harbour
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast

Mrs. Joyce Roberts Mrs. Mary Brown Mrs. Lena Mae Cook Mrs. Elise Hammack

· Mrs. Lois Bell

Mrs. Beulah Speer

Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham

Dr. Effie Mae Davis Mrs. Jane Gregory

Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland

Mrs. Alma Carter

Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane Mrs. Betty Y. Friend Mrs. Naomi Wolfe

### Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Mr. Richard T. Porter

Dr. O. D. Christian

Mr. Murray Watson Mr. T. L. "Duke" Weaver

Mr. Wayne P. Jones

Mr. B. F. Hutson

Mr. Joe E. Jeffers

Mr. Graham Childress

Mr. Glen Whitaker

Mr. Garland Rattan

Mr. Leland G. Benefield

Mr. Charles Morris

Mr. Billy H. Combest

Mr. Henry S. Martin

Mr. H. Lee Stallings

Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker

### DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Visiting General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worth 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 Organization Leaders

### SPECIAL GUESTS

Worthy Grand Matron's Family

Worthy Grand Matron's Chapter Duncanville Chapter No. 1014

Worthy Grand Patron's Family

Worthy Grand Patron's Parent Chapter North Fort Worth No. 684

Worthy Grand Patron's Dual Chapter Richland Hills No. 1040

NOTE to all Honored, Distinguished and Special Guests

All Honored, Distinguished and Special Guests are to be seated in the WEST prior to the Installation in designated areas to assist the Processional Marshal.

# INSTALLATION PROGRAM 5:30 P.M.

Musical Selections Mrs. Amy Beth Batton,

Chairman Dist. IV Sounds of Music

Master of Ceremonies Mrs, Elsie Paladino,

GGC Shriner's Hospital Committee

Processional Marshal Mrs. Betty Benham, PGM

Presentation of Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Naomi Wolfe and Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker

Call to Order Mrs. Naomi Wolfe

Worthy Grand Matron

Presentation of Honored Guests, Mrs. Elsie Paladino,

Distinguished Guests, and GGC Shriner's Hospital Committee

Special Guests

Presentation of Elected Boards Mrs. Elsie Paladino,

GGC Shriner's Hospital Committee

Board of Grand Examiners
Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences

Board of Grand Trustees

# PRESENTATION OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2001-2002

Grand Chapter Mom Mrs. Dortha Burnett

Escorted by Mr. Leslie & Mr. Richard Burnett

Fraternal Correspondent Mrs. Mary Ruth White

Escorted by Mr. Joseph F. White

Grand Sentinel Mr. John Creel

Escorted by Mrs. Kathy Creel

Grand Warder Mrs. Odessa "'Dee,"' Blue

Escorted by Mr. Rodney K. Blue

Escorted by Mrs. Melodie Trammell Hrabak

Grand Electa  Escorted by Mr. Roland D. Webster, P. P. Blackfoot, Idaho	Mrs. Mary Nell Ramsey
Grand Martha Escorted by Mr. Fred Larson	Mrs. Shirley Meerscheidt
Grand Esther  Escorted by Mr. Bruce Allen Hrabak, Sr.	Mrs. Lucia Trammell
Grand Ruth  Escorted by Mr. William M. "Bill" Murphy	Mrs, Faye Murphy
Grand Adah Escorted by Mr. James A. Gibbons	Mrs. Betty Lee Gibbons
Grand Organist  Escorted by Mr. Billy H. Combest, PGP	Mrs. Syble T. Yost
Grand Marshal Escorted by Mr. Kenneth Herridge	Mrs. Janice Herridge
Grand Chaplain Escorted by Mrs. Betty Capps Martin	Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Associate Grand Conductress  Escorted by Mr. Tom Morgenthaler	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress  Escorted by Mr. Johnny L., Hester	Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Grand Treasurer Escorted by Mr. James B. Stewart	Mrs. Betty Prater
Grand Secretary  Escorted by Mr. Henry Martin, PGP	Mrs. Alma Carter
Associate Grand Patron  Escorted by Mrs. Beulah Warner	Mr. Ed Warner
Associate Grand Matron  Escorted by Mr. Jim Fentress	Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Harold L. Trammell

Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Jimmie I Escorted by Mr. Harold C. McMahon

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon

Presentation of the Holy Bible

Mr. James Henry Clark, Uncle to Worthy Grand Matron and Brother to Grand Adah

Presentation of the Square

Mr. Harold C. McMahon, Grand Escort to the Worthy Grand Matron

Presentation of the Compasses

Mr. James A. Gibbons, Grand Escort to Grand Adah

Presentation of the Rose
Presentation of Angel Cherub
Presentation of Bible Marker

Jessica Hrabak Bruce Hrabak, Jr. Bradley Hrabak

Grandchildren of WGP and Grand Esther

Bible Dedication

Mr. Jerry N. Kirby, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas

**Emblem Presentation Program** 

Mrs. Jane Gregory, PGM

Adah

Mrs. Joyce Roberts, PGM Escorted by O. D Christian, PGP

Ruth

Mrs. Mary Brown, PGM Escorted by Mr. Harry Cunningham, GGC Fraternal Relations Committee

Esther

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild,
GGC Chairman Membership Committee

Escorted by Mr. Charles Morris, PGP

Martha

Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, PGM Escorted by Mr. Henry Martin, PGP

Electa

Mrs. Betty Friend, PGM Escorted by Mr. H. Lee Stallings, PGP

FLAG PRESENTATION

United States Flag

Mr. Kenneth Gregory, GGC- Registration Texas Flag Mr. Brooks Speer,
Grand Escort to PGM

Canadian Fiag Right Worshipful Farris Benham,
Past Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Texas, A. F. & A.M.

Eastern Star Flag Mr. Garland Rattan, PGP

Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Leland G. Benefield, PGP

The National Anthem Mrs. Melissa Simonton,
Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. I, Sect. IV

Retiring of Grand Officers to be Installed

Christian Flag

Opening of the Holy Bible Mrs. Sharon Fentress,
Grand Conductress

Invocation Mr. Joe E. Jeffers, PGP

Presentation of Installing Grand Officer Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Shriner's Hospital Committee

### INSTALLING GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS:

Installing General Grand Chapter Officer

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress

Mr. Billy H. Combest, PGP

Assisting Installing GGC Officer Mr. Henry Martin, PGP
Assisting Installing GGC Officer Mr. Harry G. Cunningham, PGP
Installing Worthy Grand Marshal Mrs. Beulah Speer, PGM
Installing Worthy Grand Chaplain Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, PGM
Installing Worthy Grand Organist Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland, PGM

Installing Worthy Grand Secretary Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, PGM

# INSTALLATION OF THE 2001-2002 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, Grand Conductress

**GREETINGS:** 

Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM

Most Worshipful David B. Dibrell, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy of Texas

Rainbow Drill and Presentation

Miss Tiffany Thornton, Grand Worthy Advisor

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation of Jewels:

Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel

Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, PGM Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, PGP

Junior Past Grand Matron's Jewel Junior Past Grand Patron's Jewel Mr. Robert Wolfe, PP Mrs. Judy Baker, PM

# PRESENTATION OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S YEAR

Dedication of Worthy Grand Patron Dedication of Worthy Grand Matron The Theme and Watchwords The Emblems and Symbols The Colors The Scripture The Flower Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, PGM Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham, PGM Mrs. Lena Mae Cook, PGM Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, PGM Mr. Richard Ochs, PGP Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, PGM Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith, PGM Dedication to Loving Rosebuds & Handy Lads

Dedication and Presentation of Music Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, PGM

"March of the Roses" Played and Composed by

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert,

Grand Examiner, District I

Presentation of the Humanitarian Program Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, PGM

"Melody of Love"'

Solo "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow-" Mrs. Betty King,

Grand Soloist of District IV

Address of the Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Harold Trammell

Solo "The Rose" , Mrs. Betty King,

Grand Soloist of District IV

Address of the Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon

"Follow the Rose" Drill Mrs. Janice Herridge

**Grand Marshal** 

Presenting the

**Grand Representatives** 

Deputies of Grand Chapter

Standing Committees

Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron

Loving Rosebuds and Handy Lads

BENEDICTION

Right Worshipful Michael D. Nanny Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

## **RECESS**

To our Visitors: We are so happy that you could be with us tonight for Installation Ceremony. Thank you for sharing your time with us. We invite you to retire at this time so we may close our 2001 Grand Chapter Session.

CALL FROM REST TO LABOR	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon,
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Worthy Grand Matron

Proving the Grand Chapter Mrs. Sharon Fentress,

Associate Grand Matron

Opening of the Bible Mrs. Doris Jean Hester,

**Grand Conductress** 

Good of the Order Presentation

Board of Grand Trustees Mrs. Frances Burbanks,

Chairman

Announcements Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon,

Worthy Grand Matron

Retiring of Flag Mrs. Janice Herridge,

Grand Marshal

Ritualistic Closing of Grand Chapter

Closing Ode "Evening Prayer"

### SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Installation Chairman Mr. Trey Smith,

Grand Representative of Utah in Texas

Special Acknowledgment 2001-2002 Arrangements Committee

Decorations Mrs. JoAnn Storie, Chairman

Altar Cloth Mrs. Pam Lakey and Friends

of District IV, Section 2

Holy Bible Mr. Harold C. McMahon,

Grand Escort to the Worthy Grand Matron

Bible Cover Mrs. Bobbie Paul,

P.M. Canton No. 667

Program Cover Mrs. Barbara E. Hopkins,
Grand Page to the Grand Marshal

Star Point Pedestals

Pat and Andy Penn & Family, Members of Duncanville No. 1014

Chapter Paraphernalia

**GRAND CHAPTER** 

Installation Banner

Mr. Carroll Macon,

Mesquite No. 887

Installation Pictures

Mr. Cleo Ellison

Installation Video

Mr. Allen Truell

Grand Chapter Formals and Daytime Suits

Diamond Formal Wear by Mike Benet Formals Lou Ann Thompson Gayla Davis

"Rambling Rose" Traveling Plaque

Susie & Donny Broughton
District DGM District I

Grand Representative of Australia in Texas

Constant Love and Support

Family, Friends & Members of District I, Section V

Special Gratitude
For All Their Assistance & Support

The Executive & Arrangement Committees for the Year 2000-2001

# WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SCHEDULE

October 27, 2001 October 28, 2001	Fraternal Visit, Duncanville Chapter #1014 Bastrop Chapter #64 -100th Birthday
October 30, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 2, Section 5
November 1, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 2, Section 6
November 3, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 2, Section 4
November 6, 20011	School and Fraternal Visit, District 2, Section 10
November 8, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 2, Section 9
November 10, 2001	Fraternal Visit, Richland Hills #1040
November 13, 2001.	School and Fraternal Visit, District 2, Section 8
November 1.5, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 2, Section 3
November 17, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 2, Section 2
November 20, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 2, Section I
November 26-30, 2001	Branson Trip
December 1, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 2, Section 7
December 3, 2001	Fraternal Visit, District 3, Section 2
December 4, 2001	School , District 3, Section 2
December 5-7, 2001	Arkansas Grand Chapter
December 6-8, 2001	Grand Lodge of Texas
December 9, 2001	Medina Chapter #988, 50th Birthday
December 11, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 3, Section 4
December 13, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 3, Section 5
December 14, 2001	Banquet Waco, District 3, Section 9
December 15, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 3, Section 9
December 16, 2001	Christmas Brunch honoring Rennie Ofton from 4:00-6:00 p.m., District 3, Section 1
December 16, 2001	'OES Home Christmas Party
December 18, 2001	School and Fraternal Visit, District 3, Section 3
December 20, 2001	Fraternal Visit, Everman Chapter #624

A complete calendar of activities will be listed in the OFFICIAL BULLETIN each month and members of "The Calendars of Time Committee" will have calendars for your convenience.

November 26-30, 2001

August 14-17, 2002, Casper, WY

Branson, Arkansas Trip

Grand Chapter of Wyoming

### TRAVEL PROGRAM FOR 2001-2002

December 5-6, 2001 Arkansas Grand Chapter Grand Lodge of Texas December 6-8, 2001 Waco, TX February 15-16, 2002, Texas-Louisiana Exchange Beaumont, TX / Lake Charles, LA Grand Chapter of Louisiana March 25-27, 2002, Alexandria, LA Youth Weekend Greer Family Camp April 26-27, 2002, Bruceville, TX **Grand Assembly** June 20-23, 2002, Beaumont, TX Texas-Oklahoma Exchange June 28-29, 2002, Gainesville, TX 8 State Exchange July 26-28, 2002, Dallas, Texas Texas-Arkansas Exchange August 9-10, 2002, Texarkana

Grand Chapter of New Mexico October 16-18, 2002,
Albuquerque, NM

Grand Chapter of Alabama October 19-21, 2002,
Birmingham, AL

Grand Chapter of Oklahoma October 22-23, 2002, Guthrie, OK Grand Chapter of Texas November 5-9, 2002, Dallas, TX

## **CLOSING ODE**

If I have wounded any soul today,
If I have caused on foot to go astray,
If I have walked in my own willful way,
Dear Lord, forgive!





# Unfolding the Rosebud

It is only a tiny rosebud, A flower of GOD's design; But I cannot unfold the petals With these clumsy hands of mine. The secret of unfolding flowers Is not known to such as |. GOD opens this flower so sweetly, When in my hands they fade and die. If | cannot unfold a rosebud, This flower of GOD's design, Then how can I think I have wisdom To unfold this life of mine? So I'll trust in Him for His leading Each moment of every day. I will look to him for His guidance Each step of the pilgrim way. The pathway that lies before me, Only my heavenly Father knows. I'll trust Him to unfold the moments, Just as He unfolds the rose.



MELODY OF ROSES proclaimed the theme on the blue curtains behind the East. Splashes of red were evident everywhere in the Grand Chapter room, particularly in the many red roses throughout. A large gold column was in the front of the curtains along with two arches covered with red roses. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron podiums were each covered with a picture of red roses. Also very prominent in the decorations were cherubs. It front of the stage was a fountain surrounded by ferns and red roses and cherubs in all manner of poses. Star Point pedestals were glossy, pine with cherubs on the bottom. Setting around the Grand Chapter room were small columns with cherubs perched on top. Back of the Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Matron stations were arches covered with red roses. In the northwest and southwest corners of the Grand Chapter room were square lattices draped with red chiffon and adorned with touches of greenery. The Altar cloth was gold lame held in place by sheaves of roses and cherubs at each corner. Wreaths decorated with red roses adorned the arena wall.

Lady Officer dresses were red with touches of gold on the long sleeves, bodice and full chiffon skirt.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Good evening, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. Welcome to the 120th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Installation of Officers. Let us at this time express our appreciation for the beautiful musical selections that we have been enjoying by Mrs. Amy Beth Batton. [applause] We do appreciate this young couple so very much.

Through the thoughtfulness of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, it is my privilege to begin this "Melody of Roses" Installation. So let's begin. We have often heard that when one door closes in life, another one opens. I believe this to be true. One door is closing this evening, bringing an end to the 119th "The Magic of Light" Session. Life is about change, and a new door is opening. New beginnings will present themselves. New opportunities await us. If we use our imagination for a moment, we can sense the delicate fragrance of roses wafting their perfume into this gathering. Can't you feel it tickling your senses? We believe roses mean love. Let the perfume of love fill our hearts as we are about to witness a new beginning.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. My Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to present Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron, and she was escorted by her husband, Brother Bob Wolfe, Grand Representative to Manitoba; and Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by his lovely wife, Mrs. Judy Baker, Grand Representative of Kentucky in Texas. You will join me in extending them Grand Honors. [Grand Honors given.]

There is magic during the Grand Chapter time in Texas. There is excitement in the air as we reflect momentarily upon the past. You two have given much of yourselves, and I wish for you peace, happiness and time to view the stars in the heavens. Worthy Grand Matron, I proudly present you the gavel that you may call this session to order.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I now call this Grand Chapter Session order for the purpose of installation.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present all

the Installed and Appointed General Grand Chapter Members to the East. Sisters and Brothers, you will greet these special guests. [applause)

Assisting Grand Marshal, I believe we have a Past Grand Matron of another Grand Jurisdiction. You will escort her to the East. Sisters and Brothers, let's greet this Distinguished Guest, and we are pleased to have her. [applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, we look to the future with its possibilities, but we hold onto the past with much pride. At this time you will present Texas' own beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East. Aren't they handsome and beautiful, and we love them very much. Let's tell them. [applause] They will be seated in the East.

We are aware of the fact that our Order could not exist were it not for the noble Masonic fraternity. We are indeed honored by the presence of the most distinguished Mason in Texas. Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Most Worshipful David B. Dibrell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, escorted by his lovely wife, Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Faith and Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Sisters and Brothers, I know that you want to welcome this Distinguished Member. [applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Installed Floor Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. We are always happy to have guests from out of state. I know that sometimes they come and think we do it a little different than they do, but we're so pleased always. Let's greet these guests.

There is a specific purpose for these next guests to perform. As members of the three elected boards, they're always looking for better ways: and better opportunities to serve our Order. It is now my pleasure to introduce the Board of Grand Trustees. It is my pleasure to present Sister Frances Burbank, Chairman, Board of Grand Trustees; Sister Leah Hayes, Vice Chairman; Sister Jerre Lucas, Secretary; Brother Nelson Campbell, Member; and Brother Jack Beall, Member. Let's greet these hard working members. [applause]

We have another very hard working board, the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. They will be introduced at this time. It is my pleasure to present the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences: Brother Lewis Mathison, Chairman; Brother Tom Everitt, Vice Chairman; Brother A. L. Casparis, Secretary; Sister Jo Ann Snow, Treasurer; and Brother Raul Garcia, Member. Let's tell them how much we appreciate all that they do. [applause]

We have another very important elected board, and we want to be really nice to them because they examine us. Would the Board of Grand Examiners please come forward. I am proud to present the Board of Grand Examiners: Sister Joyce Gilbert, District 1; Sister Kimi Kidd, District 2; Sister Joyce Nicklas, District 3; Sister Vi Griffin, District 4; Sister Geraldine Dusek, District 5; and Sister Sandra Perdue, Grand Examiner-at-Large. Thank you, ladies. We appreciate you.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the leaders of our youth organizations and our Masonic dignitary at this time. How honored we are with this very distinguished group. The youth is our tomorrow, is our future. Right Worshipful Mike Nanny is also the future in Grand Lodge. I understand that we have a very distinguished DeMolay adult leader. Let's greet them and tell them how happy we are that they are sharing this time with us. (applause]

I know that you are as anxious as I to greet those who will serve as Officers of this Grand Chapter for the year 2001-2002. If they're ready, proudly do I present to this assembly: Grand Chapter Mom, Mrs. Dortha Burnett, escorted by Mr. Leslie and Mr. Richard Burnett; Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Mary Ruth White, escorted by Mr. Joseph F. White; Grand Sentinel, Mr. John Creel, escorted by Mrs. Kathy Creel; Grand Warder, Mrs. Odessa, "Dee" Blue, escorted by Mr. Rodney K. Blue; Grand Electa, Mrs. Mary Nell Ramsey, escorted by Mr. Roland D. Webster; Grand Martha, Mrs. Shirley Meerscheidt, escorted by Mr. Fred Larson; Grand Esther, Mrs. Lucia Trammell, escorted by Mr. Bruce Allen Hrabak; Grand Ruth, Mrs. Fave Murphy, escorted by William M. "Bill" Murphy; Grand Adah, Mrs. Betty Lee Gibbons, escorted by Mr. James A. Gibbons; Grand. Organist, Mrs. Syble T. Yost, escorted by Mr. Billy H. Combest; Grand Marshal, Mrs. Janice Herridge, escorted by Mr. Kenneth Herridge; Grand Chaplain, Mr. Jerry L. Martin, escorted by Mrs. Betty Capps Martin; Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, escorted by Mr. Tom Morgenthaler; Grand Conductress, Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, escorted by Mr. Johnny L. Hester; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Betty Prater, escorted by Mr. James B. Stewart; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Alma Carter, escorted by Mr. Henry Martin; Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Ed Warner, escorted by Mrs. Beulah Warner; Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Fentress, escorted by Mr. Jim Fentress; Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Harold Trammell, escorted by Mrs. Melodie Trammell Hrabak. I think your attention needs to be on the East as the Worthy Grand Matron, Jimmie Lee McMahon, escorted by Mr. Harold C. McMahon emerge from the Gold Column.

They are seated on the sidelines so they can better observe the pre-installation program. The memory of this installation will be more precious because it is shared by devoted family, devoted children and grandchildren who will participate in the presentation of the Bible and the Square and Compasses, the Rose, Angel Cherub and the Bible marker.

The Holy Bible, our most treasured and sacred emblem, is our true source of spiritual strength and wisdom. The Bible is presented by Mr. James Henry Clark, Uncle to the Worthy Grand Matron and Brother to Grand Adah.

We are related by the dearest ties to our Masonic Brothers hearts are open wide to their great fraternity. We in Texas are privileged to be allowed to place these sacred and meaningful emblems to our Masonic Brothers on our Bible. The Square will be presented by Mr. Harold C. McMahon, husband and Grand Escort to the Worthy Grand Matron. The symbolic Compasses are presented by Mr. James A. Gibbons, husband and Grand Escort to Grand Adah.

The red rose symbolizes the Worthy Grand Matron's fervency and devotion to our beautiful Order and reminds us that love cements the bonds of brotherhood. Her plans and events of the year will unfold as the rose unfolds. The rose is presented by Jessica Hrabak.

The angel cherub has a beautiful childlike face, teaching us to respect and cherish innocence and trust. The angel cherub will be presented by Bruce Hrabak.

We renew our faith, and strength from the Scriptures. The Bible marker made by the loving hands of Bobbie Paul will mark the Scriptures that are sacred to our Order. It is presented by Brother Hrabak.

These precious two children are the grandchildren and the son-in-law of the Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Esther.

Realizing the significance of God's Word in your lives, the light that guides our work, we are sustained by the Holy Scriptures. The dedication of the Bible will be given by Mr. Jerry Kirby, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas.

MR. JERRY KIRBY: My Sisters and Brothers, at this time, this most auspicious of occasions, I'd like to impress upon your minds in the most lasting and substantial manner possible that the Bible contains the mind of God the spirit of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy.

It is the pilgrim's staff, the traveler's map, the pilot's compass, the Eastern Star's light and the Christian's charter. Through it heaven is opened, paradise restored and the gates of hell disclosed. The Messiah is its subject, our good its design and the glory of God its intent. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. If you will obey its precepts, it will be to you a river of pleasure, a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory. It is furnished you in life to prepare you for the judgment. And as you choose, so shall your destiny be. In prosperity or adversity may you never forget it. Then when death's cold wind shall blow around you, you can drop to sleep with a sweet assurance that when the awakening comes, you will be pronounced a Christian by the Supreme Grand Master of Heaven and Earth who has furnished you this means of salvation and written your destiny between its lines. It will be opened at the judgment and remembered forever.

My Sisters and Brothers, if you will take this grand old book as your ruling guide, enter at the portico of Genesis and walk down the Old Testament's art gallery where there hangs upon the wall the porches of Moses, Abraham, Jacob and Daniel. Then step into the music room of Psalms where you hear many kinds of music coming from different places, from the weeping Jeremiah to the grand impassioned strains of Isaiah. There the great hand of the Holy Spirit sweeps the great keyboard of nature until it seems that every reed and pipe of God's great universe responds to the tuneful songs of David, that sweet singer of Israel.

Then step into the business office of Proverbs and the chapel of Ecclesiastes where the voice of the preacher was heard. Next you come to the conservatory of Charon where the lily of the valley and sweet scented spices will fill and perfume your life. Next you come to the observatory of the prophets where you find a room filled with telescopes of many sizes and shapes and pointed at far off events, but concentrated on the sunlit hills of Judea where that bright morning star will rise for our eternal salvation.

Then you come to the anteroom of the King of Kings where you see a vision of His glory from the standpoint of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Then you come to the construction room where you find the Acts of the Apostles and see the work of the Holy Spirit in the building of the infant church. Next you come to the writing room where Paul, Peter, James and John penned their epistles to the church. And, finally, my Sisters and Brothers, you come to the throne room of Revelation where seated on the throne high and lifted up is the King of Kings. The angel chorus thunders glory and majesty, power and honor be to our God forever and ever. And if you are indeed a Christian, your voice will cry out, "All hail the power of His Name. Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of All." [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Just as God used physical things, symbols and emblems to remind His people of a covenant of truth, we also use emblems to remind us of the beautiful lessons taught in the lives of our distinguished heroines. Sister Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron, will now present the emblem presentation.

MRS. JANE GREGORY: Our founder, Rob Morris, focused our Order around the Altar on which rests the Holy Bible. Surrounding this altar are the five points of our emblematic star represented by our five heroines. All of the ceremonies of the Order of the Eastern Star are woven around the lessons taken from our Bible.

The first point of our star is Adah who is known for her fidelity and loyalty. The emblem is carried by Sister Elizabeth Bardeau, Past Grand Matron of Vermont, escorted by Dr. O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron. Our Biblical reference is found in Judges 11:1-40. She represents the blue ray in our star. The sword and veil united is symbolic of her willingness to give her life so that her father could fulfill a promise made to God.

Ruth is the second point of our star. The emblem is carried by Mrs. Mary Brown, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Harry Cunningham, General Grand Chapter Fraternal Relations Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. This star, of course, is taken from the second chapter of Ruth, one of the most beautiful stories ever written. Her color is yellow, and she is known for her constancy as she left her home and friends to follow Naomi in poverty and into a land of strangers and there to provide for herself and her mother-in-law as a gleaner in the fields. Hence, the emblem is the sheaf of golden grain.

The third point of our star is white. The emblem is carried by Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, General Grand Chapter Committee Chairman of Membership and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Charles Morris, a Past Grand Patron. White is represented by Esther. Her story is in the fifth chapter of the Book of Esther. Loyal and faithful to her high standards, Queen Esther risked the loss of her crown and her life to save her people, from destruction. The symbol of this station is the crown and scepter.

Martha represents the green ray or the fourth ray of our star. This emblem is carried by Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, a Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron. The broken column is the Worthy Grand Matron's own personal emblem given to her by her mother and father, Betty and James Gibbons. Martha shows her unwavering faith and hope of immortality, and her story is found in the 11th chapter of The Gospel of St. John. The emblem of the broken column is to remind us of how uncertain life can be. Even though Martha's heart was heavy over the loss of her brother, her faith in the promises of Jesus never wavered.

Our fifth ray is red. The emblem is carried by Mrs. Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Brother Lee Stallings, a Past Grand Patron. The red ray is represented by the heroine Electa. The Second Epistle of John is our biblical source, telling of her generous and benevolent gifts to the poor. Her love, charity and hospitality is emblemized in the cup.

From the biblical stories of the Fidelity of Adah, the Constancy of Ruth, the Loyalty of Esther, the Faith of Martha and the Love of Electa, Rob Morris built the foundation of our five-pointed star representing the Order of the Eastern Star.

Let us show these lovely ones how beautifully they presented the beloved emblems of our Eastern Star. [applause] Thank you for a dignified presentation.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Sisters and Brothers, the presentation of these flags always brings us to our feet with hearts beating proudly and heads held high with love and respect. Particularly at this time they have added meaning for us as symbols of freedom. The beloved Old Glory, the flag of the United States of America, held aloft by Mr. Kenneth Gregory, General Grand Chapter-Registration.

The Lone Star of Texas proudly carried by Mr. Brooks Speer, Grand Escort to the Past Grand Matron.

The magnificent Canadian Flag presented in honor of our Canadian Sisters and Brothers from our great northern neighbor, Canada, presented by Right Worshipful Farris Benham, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

The Christian Flag represents life and liberty for all who believe in Christ, reverently held aloft by Mr. Billy Combest, Past Grand Patron.

The banner bearing the emblems of our Order, the Eastern Star Flag, the international flag of our Order uniting Eastern Stars worldwide, is proudly presented by Mr. Garland Rattan, Past Grand Patron.

My Sisters and Brothers, all these flags symbolize our great freedom. They represent patriotism in our Stars and Stripes, respect and honor, in the Canadian banner, pride in the freedom purchased by the Lone Star, faith and love in the Christian flag and fellowship in the brotherhood of the Eastern Star symbol. May the symbols of freedom be lifted high and carried proudly by each of us during the days ahead. May our words and actions be centered in all for which we stand. Gentlemen, you will post your flags.

We will now pledge allegiance to the flag of our country. [Pledge given in unison, followed by singing of The National Anthem.]

Sisters and Brothers, let us hide those words in our hearts in the days ahead. We thank Mrs. Melissa Simonton for that beautiful National Anthem.

The Officers to be installed will retire. Sister Grand Conductress, you will assume your station. Sister Grand Conductress, you will open the Holy Bible. (The Holy Bible was opened.)

Prayer is communion between God and man. I call upon our distinguished Past Grand Patron, Mr. Joe Jeffers, to lead us in prayer.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Sisters and Brothers, please hold the hand of the person next to you, and if for some reason you cannot do that, then hold your own hand. Now be mindful that what you hold in your hand was created by Almighty God just a little lower than the angels. Let us pray.

Almighty and Most Merciful God, we truly thank You, for this glorious day, for the opportunity to live in a land where we might freely assemble as sisters and brothers and friends to celebrate the fraternity of the Order of the Eastern Star. We ask Your special blessings upon the Officers of this Grand Chapter. Bless them and may Your loving hand guide their footsteps in every path they may be called upon to tread. Endue them, with wisdom, strength and beauty, wisdom to see the good of the Order of the Eastern Star, strength to uphold Your principles and to work for Your honor, and glory, and beauty to adorn their labors. We ask Your special guidance and care as they travel over this state. Keep them safe, keep them healthy. And, Lord, may all their labors prove to the world that the Order of the Eastern Star works for the glory of Almighty God. These things we ask in Jesus' Holy Name, Amen.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The name of Rennie Ofton is known throughout our Eastern Star world. The Grand Chapter of Texas is enriched indeed by her service. Admired and loved by all, I am proud to present Mrs. Rennie Ofton, who will serve as the Installing General Grand Chapter Officer. She will introduce those who will be assisting her. I proudly present you the gavel. [applause]

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: To our lovely master of ceremonies, Sister Elsie Paladino, I say thank you with a special love in my heart for her. She's very special, too. [applause]

This is a very special evening for many people. Our incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and their corps of Officers have planned for this for many months. They're looking forward to the activities which will unfold during this next year. Their service will write another page in the book of the history of Texas Grand Chapter, and we know that it will be good because they are truly good Eastern Stars. We think that as each person gives of her own talent, of her own thoughts, of the beautiful things that come from their heart, our Order certainly is strengthened. We wish for them the very best as they travel this road of service.

At this time it is my pleasure to introduce those who will be assisting me this evening. The Assisting Installing General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron; Assisting Installing General Grand Chapter Officer, Harry Cunningham, Past Grand Patron; Installing Worthy Grand Marshal, Mrs. Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron; Installing Worthy Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron; Installing Worthy Grand Organist, Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland, Past Grand Matron; Installing Worthy Grand Secretary, Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron. Will you help me welcome them. [applause]

At this time we will declare a recess. It will take us a few minutes to prepare for the ceremony of installation.

[Installation of the 2001-2002 Grand Chapter Officers.]

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

Sisters and Brothers and Friends, it is my great pleasure to introduce to you again Sister Elsie Paladino, a Past Grand Matron of Texas and a General Grand Chapter Committee Member. She is your lovely master of ceremonies this evening.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you. This Order is no part of the ancient order of Freemasonry, but yet we are bound to it by the dearest of human ties and the highest degree of respect. With us tonight is Most Worshipful David Dibrell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to voice greetings from this time-honored fraternity. [applause]

MR. DAVID DIBRELL: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: What a gorgeous sight it is to look out on this beautiful Grand Chapter floor. On behalf of the 140,000 Master Masons of the great State of Texas, I bring you greetings. Behold how good and how great it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. This familiar passage from Psalms 133 is the first scripture that an Entered Apprentice Mason hears when he enters the Masonic fraternity. It signifies the start of a journey, and it reminds each one of us of unity. Unity is the basis for our Masonic fraternity. Each lodge meeting is closed with a scripture that says, "May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us." Unity is on display here this evening.

We're living in very difficult times today in the history of our world. Indeed, the world changed on Tuesday morning, September 11th, 2001, as terrorists attacked New York and Washington, attacks in which many have died, and your life, my life, will never be quite the same from that time. Each one of us are struggling with the sense of horror, the devastation of our nation's symbols, those symbols of security, of financial and military might. It is only natural to be angry, to be fearful and to be frustrated. Of course, we are somber. Our emotions are dark and complex, but we must be united. We must not be intimidated. We must be dedicated and we must continue to epitomize the values of democracy that we are privileged to enjoy in these United States.

So that's why today we talk about unity. We talk about how we can work together as sisters and brothers. The Masonic fraternity is proud of the Eastern Star and everything that you do. We work together to spread the light of Freemasonry throughout our communities. We join together in being happy and in spreading happiness and cooperation. In these troubled times, it is doubly important that we unite and profess our faith in God, as He does provide for our needs. We acknowledge that wealth and honors do not make the man, that they are only temporary and illusionary.

In Masonry we teach, we learn; we learn that it is the internal and not the external qualities that recommend a man to God. We are thankful for this way of Masonic life, dedicated to peace and equality and devotion and fellowship. When we talk about Masons and living Masonry, we are truly talking about teachings that submit, that bind us together in unity and spirit and brotherly love, in relief and truth.

Your challenge as you leave this Grand Chapter is to go back to your Chapters, be a positive influence in the world today, realize that true unity can be achieved if all of us work together as friends and as brothers and sisters. We can make a difference as each person illustrates in his life the virtues and the teachings of this Order and of Freemasonry. Peace and harmony will become an integral part of our lives, and we'll dwell together in unity.

My hope for each one of you is that we may always unite in friendship, serve in love and walk in peace. It's indeed a pleasure to bring you greetings from the Masons of Texas. I welcome you in this new Grand Chapter year. We look forward to working together in peace and harmony. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

Thank you very much. And now to make a special presentation, I call on our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Michael D. Nanny. Brother Nanny.

MR. MICHAEL NANNY: Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master. Worthy Grand Matron, would you be so kind as to join me. Beware of Aggies bearing gifts! It has been about four years ago now that as Grand Junior Steward of our Grand Lodge, I attended a Grand Chapter session and was introduced to a brand new Associate Grand Conductress. Over the years you and Mac have become such special friends to Sherry and I that, we wanted you to have this gift in remembrance of our friendship. [applause]

Worthy Grand Patron, may I have the pleasure of your company. Worthy Grand Patron, as 2002 is going to be a significant year for both of us and as we are both engineers, I think we have quite a bit in common, not only the love for this fraternity, but our service to those who are members of this organization. In that spirit of friendship, Sherry and I would like to present you this gift as a token of our friendship and great esteem. Thank you very much. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: As I told you, before, this lady who will address us next is sincerely appreciated for her unselfish service, not only to Texas, but her achievements in General Grand Chapter that we are so very proud of. I now present Texas' very own Sister Rennie Ofton who will bring us greetings. [applause]

#### MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

Certainly, Sisters and Brothers, the General Grand Chapter is a very important organization in the world of today. We stretch through 57 provinces and jurisdictions and over 115 Chapters throughout the world. We have Chapters in the Philippines, in Germany, in Brazil, in Peru, Bolivia. Throughout the world Eastern Star principles are being taught. The enthusiasm and the desire to become Eastern Star throughout these countries is a model which we could very easily follow. If we only had some of the enthusiasm bottled and sent to us here, it would be amazing. It would be like drinking some kind of energy juice or eating an energy bar.

I returned from South America with a whole new view of their foreign Chapters. They love the Order of the Eastern Star, and we were invited into their foreign countries by our Masonic Grand Lodges. So you see, we have a great responsibility as members of the Order of the Eastern Star; that is, to live our principles and to promulgate these principles to those who perhaps need to be uplifted and who are living in oppressed countries.

We could not even go in to Colombia because of the unrest. As we traveled through there, there were soldiers standing around with firearms, but our Masonic Brothers and the Eastern Stars there took us everywhere we went, and they were not afraid because they had each other, and they did take care of us. So never take lightly your membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Whether you belong to a small Chapter in the State of Texas, or a new Subordinate Chapter in South America, or perhaps in the Philippines where there is also unrest, but our Order has stood fast. All of these places have the very same Ritual we do with the principles which Rob Morris gave us. If we all practice these same ones, surely we shall become the Order which he envisioned and which will be serving humankind.

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Dorothy Dewing, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Harles Creech, are off visiting jurisdictions now, but I'm sure they would want me to give you special greetings tonight. And thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your love and support as I go on this road of service in General Grand

Chapter. Please stay with me. I love you all. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: How very proud we are of our youth organizations in Texas. Certainly they are our leaders of tomorrow. We will have a presentation of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. I invite Mrs. Marlene Dibrell to preside.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Master, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: It is such an honor and a privilege to bring greetings on behalf of the 63 assemblies and more than 1,200 Rainbow Girls in the Grand Assembly of Texas.

Dr. Laura – you all know Dr. Laura on the radio – said on a recent radio program that the youth of today are looking to responsible adults to lead them, to guide them and to show them the way to the future. Our girls are special. Our young women and men are special. We as Eastern Star members and all of Masonry are the responsible adults to whom Dr. Laura could have been referring.

We thank you as individuals; we thank you as our sponsoring body, and certainly we thank this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron who have been so active with their families in Rainbow for so many years. We thank them for their dedication to our Order and for their pledge of service to Rainbow, particularly this Grand Chapter year.

We are working with Rainbow pride in Texas, and it is with pride that I invite the Grand Worthy Advisor, Miss Tiffany Thornton, and our team of Rainbow Girls to enter this General Grand Chapter room. [entrance of Rainbow Girls] Grand Pages, you will please conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Altar.

MISS TIFFANY THORNTON: Many pleasant duties have fallen to me during my association with this Order, but none more pleasant than that which I am privileged to discharge at this time. There comes a time in the affairs of everyone when it seems no one can be depended upon, and we are left to our own resources. But that all-wise and Supreme Being has furnished us a way for our own consolation. Upon reflection you will doubtless remember that among the first things brought to your attention in this Order was a copy of this old Book, which you placed next to your heart and have been taught that it alone is to be the rule and guide to your faith and practice. At each succeeding step in your advancement, you have been reminded that it will guide you to all truth, direct your path to the temple of happiness and point out to you your whole duty to mankind.

And now at this most auspicious hour, surrounded by those who take you as a Sister and you as a Brother, in whose very hearts you have no doubt of the sincere wish for your future happiness, let me impress upon your mind in the most lasting and substantial manner possible that this old Book contains the mind of God, the state of mankind, the way to salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, strength to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the Rainbow Girl's light and the Christian's character.

Through it, heaven is opened, paradise is restored and the gates of hell are disclosed. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. If you obey its precepts, it will be to you a river of pleasure, a mine of wealth and a paradise of glory.

And now on behalf of this Grand Assembly, I have the very distinct honor, as well as the supreme pleasure, of presenting to you these beautiful white Bibles, the gift of this Grand Assembly. May it be a beacon light to direct you through life to that assembly above where all is love, and religion, and nature, and immortality, and fidelity, and patriotism and service. [applause and singing of "My Rainbow"]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Grand Worthy Advisor, I'd like to say at this time how beautiful and how touching. You know how much I love you. I have watched you for a long time, and I am so, so proud you are my counterpart in the Grand Assembly of Texas. You are a lovely, lovely lady, most gracious. I'm very proud that you're my Sister also. On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, we would like to give a little donation to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. We love you and we're proud that you're our future.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the honor of our Girls being here this evening. We honor you and we appreciate being a part of this wonderful celebration. Thank you, Girls. You're beautiful. [applause as Rainbow Girls leave]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: We will now have a presentation of Job's Daughters. This is Miss Desirie Vargas, Jurisdictional Bethel Honor Queen, and she will narrate the flag ceremony. Thank you.

MISS DESIRIE VARGAS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, congratulations. It was a very beautiful ceremony, and I appreciate you allowing us to participate in it. Thank you very much.

To the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, please don't hesitate to call the Job's Daughters of Texas for future participation and assistance. Please excuse us. We have some of the members of the Job's Daughters who are also members of the Rainbow Girls, and they are changing.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: We know they won't be but a few minutes, but in the essence of time we will just fill in and we will have the other youth organization. Doug Van Griner, State Master Councilor, International Order of DeMolay, will bring his greetings at this time.

MR. DOUG VAN GRINER: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Master, Distinguished Guests both past and present, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is my pleasure to bring you greetings of all Texas DeMolays. I thank each and every one of you for your past support and the support you'll give in the future. All of the Masonic youth organizations are currently enjoying a closer relationship with our adult counterparts. On behalf of DeMolay and all the Masonic groups, we thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of Texas DeMolay, I'd like to present you this bouquet of roses and wish you a successful year. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for your presence, but, most of all, thank you for what you do; and that is, that you're planning for the future. You're

building the future because you have started your Masonic career early in life. And I know you will be wonderful in every endeavor that you do.

And on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, we would also like to give the DeMolays a small token of our love and appreciation because you are our future. Thank-you. [applause] [applause as Job's Daughters enter the Grand Chapter room)

MISS DESIRIE VARGAS: This flag is a symbol of patriotism and love of country, an inspiration to men and women fighting for freedom and an emblem of faith and justice. Many have given their lives knowing that freedom under God was more precious than life without honor and liberty. Our flag is a history of courage and a symbol of hope for the future. Our flag was born in independence, a symbol of our ideals, our aspirations and achievements of Americans, and should ever remind us that our forefathers struggled and sacrificed to bequeath to us a free and proud country.

Our bethel flag should remind us also that we must ever strive to honor our heritage, promote brotherhood and extend a hand of friendship and understanding. Woven into the fabric of our flag are threads of faith, honor, courage, liberty, justice and understanding. Let us strive so to live that these same threads are woven into the fabric of our character. The stripes of alternate red and white proclaim the original union of the 13 states of the United States of America. The stars of white on a blue field constitute our national constellation to which a new star has been added with each new state. The stars and stripes signify a union both past and present. The colors of our flag were officially recognized by our forefathers to be white for purity, red for valor and blue for justice, and they have remained throughout the years. Let us have faith that there is goodness in the hearts of men, courage in their deeds and justice in their actions.

Our flag is also a symbol of our country, the United States of America, a land where unity is strength, where peace is dear to every citizen and where there is still opportunity and freedom of choice. When our colorful flag is rippling in the breeze, it is as if it is saying to all of us, "I hold out a promise. Everyone, regardless of his birth, has a shining, golden opportunity, the right to live, to work, to be themselves and to become whatever their hopes, dreams and visions can combine to make them. This is the promise of America."

The American Creed ends with these words, "I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag and to defend against all enemies." Each day we should ask our Creator to keep His protecting hand over us so that we may pass on to those who come after us the heritage of free people. Please join hands and join me in prayer.

Almighty God, it is our prayer that You will continue to keep the United States in Your holy protection. Help us to be obedient to law and order. Teach us to be just, to love mercy and to clothe ourselves with charity, humility and a peace-tempered mind. Help us to follow Your example, for without following in Your footsteps we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant this prayer, we beseech You. Amen.

Worthy Grand Matron, will you please join me. We give to you your flower, the red rose. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: May I say how much we enjoyed that and

how beautiful you are. You really are a princess, but more than that, you are an angel here on earth that our Lord has given to us. We say thank you for what you do and what the future holds for you. On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, we would like to give you a gift for the Job's Daughters of Texas. We thank you for being here. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: According to the tradition of our Grand Chapter, the Worthy Grand Matron is presented with the emblem of our highest office. Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron, will present the Worthy Grand Matron's jewel.

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Sister Jimmie, I have worn this beautiful jewel for a whole year, and it fell off my dress a couple of times. I thought you might have to wear a new one, but I found it and I had it redone for you to make sure that it would be safe in your hands. I know that you'll wear this jewel with dignity, integrity and pride. It gives me great honor to pin it on you this evening. Know how much I love you and I wish you and Harold the most wonderful year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Naomi, our immediate Past Grand Matron, I d like to say, thank you and how honored that I am that you were the one that pinned this on me. I will try my very level best to wear it with the same dignity and the same pride that you and all of the others that have gone before me have worn it. Good luck to you, but you can't leave me now, I just got started. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, Past Grand Patron, will present the Worthy Grand Patron's jewel.

MR. BUDDY BAKER: Brother Harold, Worthy Grand Patron, since you've been obligated, I'll still run your foot race for you. Brother Harold, I know – there's no doubt in my mind – that you will wear this with the dignity and pride that goes with it. You will honor this badge I know. There's no doubt in my mind, like I said. Enjoy the ride that goes with it. It will be the time of your life, and you won't want to give it up either. You will definitely love it. I don't want to worry you, I don't want to scare you. This pin just happens to be 120 years old, Brother Harold. It can't be replaced. I know it has never been lost. It has been maybe misplaced once or twice, but never lost. It looks great.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I know I've got big shoes to fill, but I'll try to the best of my ability to see that I do it right. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Now I know someone is going to be very happy. The Junior Past Grand Matron's jewel will be presented by the proud – now just Grand Husband – but he's also a Grand Representative to Manitoba, Mr. Robert Wolfe.

MR. ROBERT WOLFE: Worthy Grand Wife, may I call you Naomi?

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Yes, please do.

MR. ROBERT WOLFE: Naomi, you may become a Past Grand Matron, but you will never become a Past Grand Wife, and that's the truth. [applause] You have reached the pinnacle of your dreams. I will pin your Past Grand Matron's jewel on.

I am so proud of you and I love you so very much. Naomi, it is time for you to

come home. We have eleven years of laundry that we need to take care of! Do I still have to carry your purse?

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Yes, for a while. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Now I think someone else is going to be very happy also. We will have the Junior Past Grand Patron's jewel presented by his loving wife, Mrs. Judy Baker. She's also a Grand Representative of Kentucky in Texas.

MRS. JUDY BAKER: Was I supposed to buy you a jewel? [laughter] Well, let me explain. I had a little problem. Do you remember that pickup we bought a couple of years ago? They quoted us a price for that pickup, but if we wanted tires and a bumper, we had to pay extra. Well, that pin is still getting the tires and the bumper put on it. I'm supposed to pretend to be pinning a jewel on.

MR. BUDDY BAKER: Does that mean because you've got a new badge and I don't have any, I've got to give you Grand Honors?

MRS. JUDY BAKER: Yeah. You're not getting my jewel. The trailer's packed. Let's go somewhere! [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The Worthy Grand Matron is about to experience one of the greatest joys of her life. Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to preside.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. There are special privileges of being the Worthy Grand Matron, and I am fixing to have one of the greatest privileges I would imagine a person could ever have in her lifetime. I am fixing to ask that the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress perform their first duty for the Worthy Grand Matron. Would Brother James Gibbons please stand. Would Brother William Murphy please stand.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these gentlemen at the Altar. I think I got them!

#### GRAND CONDUCTRESS: [inaudible]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brothers, this you do not know what is fixing to be bestowed upon you, the appointment of Grand Representative. But speaking to the fraternal relations between the Grand Chapter and the Grand Jurisdiction and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of our Order promoted with unity and strength, proclaim this unity and honor, confer upon you the appointment and the receiving and the recipients of the Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Jurisdictions. Now, I will tell you a little secret. My father has been kidding for a long, long time would I give him the Grand Representative from Oak Cliff to Kaufman. This has been done for a long, long time. Daddy, I love you, and you have now been appointed the Grand Representative of the great State of Louisiana to the Grand Chapter of Texas. [applause] Brother William Murphy, you are being appointed the Grand Representative to the great State of Nebraska for the unexpired term of Sister Christine Armstrong who has relinquished that to become another position. To you gentlemen, I love both of you. And to you, we are very proud of the service that you have given to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you please

present our Grand Representatives in the East. Sisters, Brothers and Friends, will you please extend Grand Honors to our new Grand Representatives. [Grand Honors given.] They will remain in the East.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: This is going to be another presentation. Mr. Harold McMahon will have the pleasure of a special presentation at this time. Worthy Grand Matron.

MR. HAROLD McMAHON: Got you this time! Jimmie Lee, James Gibbons, would you please stand again, Betty, and our son Andy, James Henry and Alta. I have something here for you. On your rounds when you go to these schools and things, everything is sometimes not there that needs to be, so this is something that you can put in your briefcase. And then when what needs to be there is not there, you can get in your briefcase and get it out and use it.

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a gavel! Thank you.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, you're not going to get to sit but just for a moment because we have yet another presentation for you. Brother Harry Cunningham will come forward to make this presentation.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, would you join me, please. I have a special presentation, from probably no doubt the number one man in the United States, the president of the United States of America. This document says to each one of you, "Dear Mrs. McMahon and Dear Mr. Trammell: I am delighted to congratulate you on your installation as Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. As you begin your duties, I encourage you to provide positive leadership that will benefit your organization and its members. Your good work and active involvement in your local community represents the spirit of caring that makes our nation great. Laura joins me in sending best wishes for continued success. Sincerely, George W. Bush." This is yours and this is yours.

Also, accompanying that is a card to each one of you. "As our nation copes with the horror of tragedy of the terrorist attack on September 11th, please continue to pray for the families and loved ones of the victims. May God bless them all, and may God bless America." [applause]

Also, we have a nice certificate here from the Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, both very beautiful. "The State of Texas, Governor: To all to whom these presents shall come, greetings. Know you that this certificate is presented to Jimmie Lee McMahon and Harold Trammell. Congratulations on your installation as Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, and Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. The Order of the Eastern Star has touched the lives of Texans through its many outreach programs and services in communities across the Lone Star State. I commend your love of community and service to your fellowman. Your contributions are immeasurable to this great state we call home. Anita joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion. In testimony whereof I have signed my name and caused the seal of the State of Texas to be affixed in the City of Austin, the 15th day of August 2001. Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas." Congratulations to both of you.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: We will now have the presentations of the Worthy Grand Matron's year. The presentations will be made by beloved friends and

distinguished members, each one of whom has given to this Grand Chapter and to every member of the Order in this state a legacy of love, one that will continue to reflect a guiding light upon the pathway of service of those who are walking after them. Each one will not be introduced because you know them well. They will come forward in turn beginning with the dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Sister Elsie. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brothers and Friends: You have witnessed the installation of our Worthy Grand Patron. Those of us within the Order recognize his responsibilities, as well as the scope of his duties. Our Worthy Grand Patron has expressed his desire for all of us to walk hand in hand remembering God's greatness, not just in our lives, but also in our beloved Order.

His special dedication and I shall read it as follows: "This year is lovingly dedicated to our Heavenly Father and Gracious God and to Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, for it is by Your hand of grace and righteousness that I am able to serve you, the membership of Texas.

"To the membership of Texas: Let us humbly walk hand in hand with God for the good of our beloved Order.

"To my beautiful wife, Lucia: How grateful I am that our Heavenly Father blessed me with you. Thank you for all the joy and happiness you have brought into my life. You are indeed my personal angel from God.

"To our daughter, Melodie: Our lives have been made complete with you. Your loving and Christian ways are evident as you share your talents with your family and community.

"To our grandchildren, Bruce, Bradley, Jessica: You have made this papa very proud to call you mine.

"To my parents, Harold Trammell, Sr., and Geneva Trammell: You have blessed me in so many ways, teaching me so many Christian values and lessons. May our Heavenly Father bless you always.

"And to my Dual Chapter Members, Richland Hills Chapter #1040: Thank you for your encouragement and support. I know you will continue to walk with Lucia and me as we prayerfully assume our responsibilities this Grand Chapter year. Handy Lad regards, Harold Trammell, Worthy Grand Patron."

Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: For four years the Worthy Grand Matron who starts out as Associate Grand Conductress studies and wonders how she can thank so many wonderful people for all the wonderful three years leading up to being Worthy Grand Matron. Well, Jimmie Lee McMahon, Worthy Grand Matron, tonight is your night. I am pleased to bring the dedication of her year for 2001-2002.

"This year of service is lovingly and fraternally dedicated to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. It is through their dedication, service and love for our Order that it continues today. May you always be blessed as you continue to serve in so many different ways.

"To the ladies of the Eastern Star Home and to the membership of Texas: Friendship is like a garden of flowers, fine and rare. It cannot reach perfection except through love and care. Then new blossoms with each new day appear, for friendship like a garden, grows in beauty year by year.

"To our Grand Chapter Mom: This year our Grand Chapter Mom will be Dortha "Dot" Burnett. Dortha was chosen because of her many years of love and service to the Eastern Star. She is a friend to all who know her. We are grateful to have such a friend to share our road of love and life. She has had a special influence on each of us and shows kindness, thoughtfulness and love to all who she meets.

"To Lucia Trammell, Grand Esther: Queen Esther had great courage, dedication of purpose, sincere faith and a devotion to the cause of her people. So it is with Lucia, our Grand Esther. Thank you for your dedication to our Order, and a special thank you for your support of Harold and my many travels to the Grand East.

"To Duncanville Chapter #1014: Thank you for your faith in me and for giving your support and love through the years. I appreciate and love each one of you for accepting me just as I am. It is because of your help that I am serving in the Grand East.

"To our Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members: Our Most Worthy Grand Matron observed fine capabilities and qualities in each of you. Texas is proud of you and for the service that you have performed. My wish for each of you is that you will have many rewards and happiness as you continue to serve our beautiful Order. Dear Rennie: Mama Bird, I love you and hope for you a smooth flight on your way to the General Grand Chapter Grand East.

"To our Installed Officers and Elected Boards: Flowers leave their fragrance on the hand that bestows them. These words can become very meaningful to each of us when we realize that some of our influence, our fragrance, if you wish, remain with each of you whose life we touch. As you share with your Sisters and Brothers, something of you will linger like the fragrance of the rose as you travel the journey of life and serve our beautiful Order.

"To our District Deputy Grand Matrons, you were appointed because of your leadership qualities and have responsible positions. We're looking to you for help in fulfilling our greatest desire, which is to have our understanding and happiness, joy and love radiate among all our members. Your year will be extremely busy, but filled with love, learning, laughter and even an occasional tear. You have and will burn the midnight oil studying all of the rules, learning all of the answers so that you will be knowledgeable in every aspect of our ritual and laws. You will go forth armed with knowledge, ready with wisdom and love, then in front of hundreds of people you will stand and tell them what our Order is about for all the best interest. The membership will follow your great leadership because you have such kindness and grace. There will be no problem that you cannot face as my District Deputies and my special friends.

"To my loving Rosebuds, you have planted and are cultivating happiness as you serve this year. I am so pleased and honored that you are my girls and are serving our Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction. [applause]

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers, Friends all: I am very pleased to take part in this installation as the beautiful red rose

unfolds and very honored to present the Theme and Watchwords for the year 2001-2002 for our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, our Precious Rosebud.

 $\it The\,Aim:$  To spread the teaching of our beautiful Order; to walk in the Light of our Savior.

The Motto: "Let us love one another." Let love be your greatest aim in life and in the service to others.

Watchwords: Faith, friendship, hope, kindness and love. In our Bible you will find love 714 times. Let's exercise this word with great emphasis to show each one of our members, and Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron the great love that we do have and that she wants to show for this beautiful Order. Faith, friendship, hope, kindness and love exemplifies our Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa. With all my love, thank you. Lena Maye Cook. (applause]

- MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Sisters and Brothers, each year our Worthy Grand Matron selects certain item's with specific meaning to her and to our membership. The Emblems for the year 2001/2002 are:
- 1. CHERUBS...ANGELS WITH A CHILD-LIKE FACE. We think of angels as millions of spiritual creatures walking the earth unseen, so says Milton.
- 2. THE HOLY BIBLE .... Our Guiding Light.... The Bible is the only source of all Christian truth the only rule for the Christian life; .... the only book that unfolds to us the realities of eternity. Through study of the Scriptures, we experience the meaning of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love and our own character is strengthened as we strive to emulate these virtues.

HONOR STATION: THE HONOR STATION CHOSEN IS ADAH . . . . and in this instance I share with you a few lines of a poem dedicated to the Mother of our Worthy Grand Matron.... Grand Adah . . . . by Roland Reese, Poet Laureate.

She's a wife, a mother, Grandmother, companion and friend; Is as honorable as Adah, And is faithful to the end

When Betty was growing up . . . . She was the "Apple" of her daddy's eye. To those around her now .... The Eastern Star she does exemplify.

To our Worthy Grand Matron she's just "MOM".... With all that's implied in that name. But this year she serves as Grand Adah. An appointment that she can rightfully claim.

We Salute Grand Adah!

THE FLOWER.... No other FLOWER WOULD DO .... THE RED, RED ROSE .... "THE FLOWER OF LOVE."

#### THE ROSE

It is only a tiny rosebud
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.
The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
GOD opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they fade and die.
If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I think I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in Him for His leading Each moment of every day.
I'll look to Him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.
The pathway that lies before me,
Only my Heavenly Father knows.
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments
Just as He unfolds the rose.

Now in the absence of our beloved Past Grand Matron, Mary Katherine Smith, I also shall tell you about the flower.

When no other flower would do, we always knew,

The red, red rose, the flower of love.

Now on the back of your installation program, in case you haven't already read it, you will receive inspiration from a beautiful poem, "Unfolding the Rosebud." I hope if you have not read it, you will do so for you will receive a blessing from the heart of your Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon. [applause]

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Our Worthy Grand Matron's colors are: Blue, the color of the beautiful sky and a symbol of fidelity; gold, a golden hue and a symbol of constancy, teaching faith; white, the color of light, purity and joy, and a symbol of loyalty; green, the color of nature's life and beauty and a symbol of hope and immortality; red, the color of a beautiful rose and a symbol of fervency and the love of Electa. Other selected colors are: Rose, silver and black. [applause]

MRS. LALLAH MAE VOLLUS: The greatest direction that we may find for assistance in the pursuit of the goals of our personal lives or the goals of institutions may come from the Word of God. God in tender indulgence to our different dispositions has strewed the Bible with flowers, dignified it with wonders and enriched it with delight.

Our Worthy Grand Matron was taught by a precious mother to read and study the Bible, to let it be a chart for her life. In planning for her year of service, of service to this great Order, she has chosen to share with us four of her favorite Scriptures that reflect well and might be considered stars to light our pathway in the year's journey together. I quote them for you at this time. From 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity." 1 John 3:7: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God. And everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God." And then another from 1 John 4:11: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another," Proverbs 4:6: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths.

The admonition of these Scriptures may well strengthen our labors and the purposes of our Order: to cement the bonds, of brotherly love and for charitable purposes. [applause]

MRS. PATRICIA NEINAST: Music is the voice of God's protection, even as the gift of courage is God's voice answering. Music is the sound of joy and will play an important role in our loves and in this Grand Chapter year. Where words fail, music speaks. Music is one of the most magnificent and delightful gifts that God has given us. It tells the story of love. It speaks through the sighing wind in the trees. We hear it in the songs of the birds at the break of day. What a magnificent link with our Heavenly Father.

Tonight we hear it from loving hearts. Every program, every endeavor in any field is enhanced and made more meaningful by the inclusion of music in some form. Perhaps the reason is that music has universal appeal. It has been said to be the fourth great need of man's nature. So it is fitting that our newly installed Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jimmie, has wisely included music as an important phase in her work this year. The "March of the Rose" is lovingly written and dedicated to the Worthy Grand Matron by Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Past Matron of Princeton Chapter #112. Our deepest appreciation to this great artist for sharing her talent with us. At this time we will be favored with a rendition of the march.

("March of the Roses" presented by Mrs. Joyce Gilbert.]

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honor of presenting the "Melody of Love" Humanitarian Program for 2001/2002.

 R Realize the Dreams of the Future
 Order of the Eastern Star General Fund
 S Security by funding Home Endowment
 E ESTARL - Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership

A melody of love is a song of sweet memory. The song may be one of love, or one of the hopes for the future, or one of the memories of the past, or one of the plans of the present. We find happiness and blessings within our memories and our hopes for the future. Memories are roses blooming evermore. They are full of fragrant sweetness we have never known before. Like the rose needs care, our Eastern Star Charitable and Benevolent purposes need care each day to cement bonds of good fellowship and brotherly love. The acronym ROSE represents ways in which we can provide for our Eastern Star Melody of Love for 2001-2002.

The first petal of our ROSE is – Realize the Dreams of the Future, and will provide additional resources for the Grand Chapter of Texas Eastern Star Educational Fund. Let us move forward with a song of love for those who are awarded Education Fund Scholarships to enable them to realize their "Dreams of the Future".

The second petal of our ROSE is the Order of the Eastern Star General Fund. The funds required for the day-to-day operation of our Grand Chapter are vital to the well being of Eastern Star in Texas.

The third petal of our ROSE is the Security found in the funding of our Home Endowment program. The Home Endowment Fund is a melody of hope for the future.

The fourth petal of our ROSE is ESTARL. The Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership program is our melody of faith and hope. The world is in constant need of Christian Leadership. The Donations made to ESTARL provide a helping hand to others in their education in religious leadership, and the use of their talents for the Lord.

A Rose bears God's own signature. It is his precious design. Who else could design such perfection in each petal, each leaf, and line? When you touch a fragrant Rose, this thought should come to mind -

### "Roses are a Melody of Love So Devine"

Each Chapter has the opportunity to select how it wishes to distribute its contributions made to the Humanitarian Program. In order to be 100% in the Humanitarian Program, a Chapter must give \$1.00 per member. The Worthy Matron of a Chapter that is 100% in the Humanitarian Program will receive a Participation ribbon. Stars will be awarded for 200%, 300%, 400% and 500% participation in the Humanitarian Program.

Jimmie Lee McMahon Harold Trammell Worthy Grand Matron, 2001-2002 Worthy Grand Patron, 2001-2002

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Dedicated to our Worthy Grand Patron is the song "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" by Mrs. Betty King, Grand Soloist of District 4. We await your tribute in song. [applause following song]

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you have words to share with us at this time. We await your greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, I don't know really where to begin. Wow! is all I can say.

Thank you, Sister Elsie, Master of Ceremonies for this evening. Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, my beautiful Sisters and Brothers: How very humble I feel to be standing tonight before you as a Worthy Grand Patron of Texas. I wish to thank the membership of this Grand Chapter and Sister Jimmie Lee, our Worthy Grand Matron, for the confidence and trust that you have placed in me for this opportunity of service to the membership of Grand Chapter for the coming year. I'm honored to be serving at your side, Sister Jimmie. Now that I have you up, would you come over here. One of the few times I get to tell her what to do!

Sister Jimmie, I know that Mac presented you a gavel. I've been working on this for some time. A good friend in the Fort Worth area named Calvin Harland, Past Patron of South Fort Worth Chapter #835, has made you a gavel that he has put a lot of work into. I think it's quite beautiful. It's made out of rosewood. I want to

give this to you. May you use it like I know you always will, with pride.

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, I wish to thank you for your encouragement and support. Your angel wings have fluttered around me, and I appreciate your continued support.

To our Installing Grand Officers, thank you for the beautiful "Melody of Love" Installation. I am sure that I'm a little bit prejudiced, but I think I'll remember this for the rest of my life. In fact, I'm pretty sure I will.

Sister Yvonne, I want to thank you for the dedication to the Worthy Grand Patron.

And, Most Worshipful Grand Master, David Dibrell, as usual your words mean a lot to this assembly and to this Brother. Thank you for your kind and very meaningful words tonight.

And Worshipful Sir Nanny, I know we will have a lot of challenges this year, but I know that if we take these challenges as opportunities and with the help of the membership of both the Grand Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star, we can accomplish anything that God will grant us to accomplish. Thank you, sir, for your kind words.

Rainbow, I have a daughter that was in Rainbow. I think she's sitting back here. It looks like most of them have already left. But I want to thank them for the Bible presentation. I always love to sing "My Rainbow." I know I'm not a Rainbow exactly, but I do have a Grand Cross, and I think that makes me close enough to be a Rainbow. I do not wear a dress!

Job's Daughters, your flag presentation I think was needed at this time in our life with what has happened in the recent past. It's always nice to see something like that.

And, DeMolay, yes, I was a DeMolay. It is truly what young men need today.

And, Sister Betty King – you are back there – thank you for your beautiful rendition of "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow." Your beautiful voice has touched me. Don't you all agree she has a beautiful voice and she has shared it with us? Thank you.

Now to my family members. Would you please stand as I call your name. My beautiful wife Lucia, your Grand Esther. I've told you many times and I know you still don't believe it – but I love you more than you'll ever know. Our daughter, Melodie Lynn Trammell Hrabak, you know you are the apple of mine and Lucia's eye. And the things you've done with this family is nothing short of miraculous. Bruce Allen Hrabak, Sr., he's a loving husband, and look at these grandkids I've got. A granddaughter – I'm going to start at the bottom – Jessica Lynn – yeah, that's you – she's a little bashful right now; our special grandson, Bradley; hi Bradley; and our oldest grandson could not be here tonight. I know he wanted to be, but he is in high school and he's in the band. They had UIL competition today, so Grandpa takes second seat to that, and he should. If he doesn't participate in that, he doesn't get to participate for the rest of the year. So that I s very important, and he needs to

be participating. Incidentally, they got a one. [applause] Now, I want to thank all of my family for the sacrifices you've made so that Lucia and I may travel this way on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas. You have blessed this papa much more than you'll ever know.

Now, I want to recognize the members of my parent Chapter, North Fort Worth #684. Would you please stand? Worthy Matron, Helen Marsh, and Worthy Patron, Don Cartley. I don't think they're here tonight. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, is here, and Wayne P. Jones, another Past Grand Patron, he could not make it. And the other members of North Fort Worth Chapter, thank you for being here.

Now, would the members of Richland Hills Chapter please stand. Worthy Patron, Darrell Smith, and Worthy Matron, Dee Smith. I'm sorry that Sister Maud Arnold was unable to attend tonight, but she is not physically capable of traveling this kind of distance right now. Please join me in welcoming all of these members. [applause]

I want to add one other group. Would all the members of District 3, Section 1 please stand. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for your support. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, the Order of the Eastern Star is a wonderful organization. And for those who are Christians, we have a firm foundation laid upon God's Word and Scripture. God has promised us that He will never leave us or forsake us for those who are walking hand in hand with God. In the book of Chronicles 4, verses 9 and 10, there is a powerful prayer that has become increasingly popular these past few months. This prayer is the prayer of Jabez. It goes something like this, "Oh, that you would bless me indeed and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain." I want to have my prayer for you this evening. It's very similar. My prayer goes something like this. Oh, that you would bless our Order indeed, and enlarge our territory, that Your mighty hand would be with us in all that we say and do. Keep us from harm and evil and that we may cause no pain to one another.

So tonight, my Sisters and Brothers, I invite you to join hands with Jimmie and I in asking God's hand upon us, to sustain us and to continue the great things that God has begun in our lives. When we ask for God's presence, we also will see the tremendous results that can be explained only as coming from the hand of God. Let us together learn from the past that we may live for today with hope for the future. We know not what the future may hold, but we do know that God holds the future. Let us celebrate the future hand in hand. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, and God bless America. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Our hearts are gladdened by the beauty of song. Mrs. Betty King will dedicate "The Rose" to our Worthy Grand Matron.

[Singing of "The Rose" by Mrs. Betty King.]

Worthy Grand Matron, your heart must be overflowing with pride at this moment, and I'm sure you wish to express those feelings in words of love to this grand assembly.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Elsie. This is a moment of great emotion for me. I am feeling humility, happiness and gratitude for the trust that you have placed in my hand. You have placed your most precious gift. You have

placed your friendship, your support. This I will strive to merit. The honor that you have bestowed upon me fills my heart with great appreciation. Words cannot express the feelings and the emotions that I feel right now and how honored that I am.

Sisters and Brothers and Friends, we live in a challenging age, and how good it is to be alive. What strength of character we must have to face problems squarely and with an open mind as we attempt to arrive at an equitable solution. We do not and cannot always succeed, but the measure of greatness is not the test of accomplishment. True success is the effort made and the knowledge that success will come if we are faithful and do not grow weary. We who have seen His Star in the East have cause to rejoice. We are a happy, a caring and a loving family. We must be united in all our efforts.

Friends, there are a very special group here tonight, and they are the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons. These were our leaders who laid down a strong foundation of the Order. I'd like to say thank you to each of you that participated in the installation. To our Past Grands who are our friends, and, most of all, they are our past. And it is because of what they laid down that we have the present.

Sister Rennie, Mama Bird, thank you for being my friend. I was honored to be a Redbird, and now she is a Loving Rosebud. I think she says she's her own grandmother, but it just shows you how time will turn. And I say thank you for everything.

To the 2001-2002 Arrangements and Executive Committee and all those who had a part in this lovely evening, f or their fast setup and their very swift take-down, I thank you. There is another group that I'd like to say thank you to, and it is the Executive and Arrangements Committee of Sister Naomi Wolfe for all of your help in the endeavors to switch this over from magnolias to roses. I say thank you, and thank you for staying with us and helping.

I have a very special thank you. I'd like to say thank you to the greatest family that a girl could ever have. To a husband who lets me be me and helps me travel the road of Eastern Star. He is always standing back and waiting just to help, letting me be me. And without his patience and his love and his understanding, this night would not have been possible. And for a man that it doesn't matter what it is, just bring him in a hamburger, give him a sandwich, go get this and go get that, he has been there f or me. I say, Mac, thank you for everything; and I love you. [applause]

Our son has come here tonight to support my dream. Andy is a gift from God twice. No one has a greater son and one that is loved any more than mine is. He makes the sun come up and the moon shine in his daddy's and my life. Thank you. [applause]

And that wonderful man that presented the Bible earlier today, Mama's little brother and my uncle, but most of all I call him my big brother. It says James Henry on the program, but his name is "Shenry." Well, "Shenry" is short for James Henry, when I was little and couldn't say one without the other. And he has been "Shenry" for I'm not going to say how many years. Thank you to you and your lovely wife for coming here tonight, and I love you. I do love you so much. [applause]

Every girl should be as lucky as I have been to have a mother like mine. No one will ever know all that she has done for me to make this dream come true. The

miles, the listening ear, the tears of sadness and the, happiness of smiles. And then there is my father. Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Some people call him James, and some people call him Dad, and some people call him PaPa — and that's Nanny and PaPa — but I call him the Professor. Now if you only knew. Sometimes he's called Reverend, too, but we don't go there! But to me he's the smartest man in the world. And I love you. Mom and Dad, thank you for everything that you have ever done for me, but just thank you for being you, and what an example that I have to follow. Thank you. [applause]

Will the members of Duncanville Chapter #1014 please stand. We're a small Chapter, but we're a loving Chapter and we're a proud Chapter. I am very proud to be a member of Duncanville #1014. How much I love each of you. My Worthy Matron is here, Lois; my Worthy Patron is here, my daddy. And, you know, you couldn't ask for a better team. You have always been behind me, beside me and with me. I love each of you.

Would the members of District 1, Section 5 please join them. How proud I am to be a member of the number one district. That's not a lie. District 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. But to be a member of this section, how proud I am of each of you who have stayed with me, been with me, traveled with me and supported me and encouraged me. I love each of you.

And would the members of District 1 please join them. Thank you so much for being there for me, always smiling and saying, "It's going to be okay. There's a day tomorrow, if the Lord will allow. The sun will come up." I thank you for everything you have done to make this night possible, to make this year of service accomplishable. And with your help and your love, we will see November 9th. And I love you for everything that you do for me. Let's show them how much I love them. [applause]

To each of you who had a part in this dream and made a dream a reality, know that I can never say thank you enough for, what you have done for me and what you are going to do for the year of 2001-2002. We have lots of challenges, but we will meet them head on and never look back because we can accomplish anything together. Let us work together in love, harmony, friendship and peace. Let us go forward to a beautiful Order now and let it grow, taking one day at a time, letting our light so shine and our faith in God be our guide. And may we always spread the seeds of kindness, joy and love as we serve together.

Brother Harold, thank you for traveling this road with me. Thank you for your encouragement and your friendship and always saying, "Whatever you want is fine with me." Thank you. He says he has two wives now, so that's okay. But just so far though. Thank you for everything.

And Brother David Dibrell, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brother Mike Nanny, Sister Marlene, thank you for taking time out of your busy, busy lives. I know that there were a hundred other places that you could have been and a lot of other tasks that should be being done right now. But because of the support that our three Orders shall receive together, and the only way we can accomplish what we have set out to be and to do is together, and I thank you for being here. Thank you for being my friend, and thank you for everything you do for your respective Orders. I love calling you my friends. Thank you.

And for the Job's Daughters and the DeMolay, I also say thank you because with every one we will serve together hand in hand for our Lord and Savior and for the Orders that we love so much.

Sisters and Brothers, if I have forgotten anyone to say thank you for what you have done, please forgive. It was not intentional. I say thank you for the music, for the song, for the playing. The flag presentation – Mr. Jerry Kirby, please stand. When I was elected Associate Grand Conductress, I asked you would you do something for me, did I not? And I asked you would you do the Bible presentation. And how proud I am that you said yes, and you showed the membership of Texas first hand what a fine man you are. Thank you. [applause]

Wayne and Alfred and all of the Committees, thank you. Sister Karen, good luck on a journey that you have just started. It is a journey that you will enjoy every moment of until it is your turn to be here. I am so proud of Karen and Sharon and Ed and Doris and Alma and Betty to be the elected Officers for the year 2001.

And to Janet and Jerry and Syble and Betty and Faye, Lucia and Shirley and Mary and Dee and John, thank you for accepting what I asked you to do, and thank you for serving the Grand Chapter of Texas.

And, Mary Ruth, thank you for going on this journey with us. But, most of all, Dortha Burnett – Dot – how much I love you. Thank you for trying to corral the Grand Family of 2001-2002. We will be a handful I promise you.

Sisters and Brothers, make every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope, and look well forward to this day that the Lord has made, to do your best as you go on your way, with love in your hearts for each other and to do your duty with a touch of grace. And may each red rose you see remind you of a faithful friend who loves you. And may each of your days be filled with blue skies and sunshine and many, many hours of happiness. Sisters and Brothers and Friends, we were never promised that. We were promised something much, much greater and something much, much better. We were promised we would never walk alone. Turn to Him, turn to our Savior, and your path shall be directed.

Sisters and Brothers and Friends, thank you for being part of this evening. Thank you for your love and your support and being with us this evening. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Sometimes circumstances are such that we do not always find roses in our path, but I believe that Sister Jimmie Lee will strive to leave them wherever she travels.

When we view a rose, we may see just the distinct shape, color and leaves. But to someone painting the rose, they capture the indistinct areas around and behind the rose. They are just as important because they create a contrast that makes the rose on the canvas come alive. There are many dedicated members around and behind the scene supporting the Worthy Grand Matron this year. They may at times seem obscure. However, they are not only in the painting, they are helping to create the light and shadows that will complete the picture. The picture will be completed by the Grand Representatives, Deputies of Grand Chapter, Standing Committees, Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron and Loving Rosebuds and Handy Lads, directed by Mrs. Janice Herridge, Grand Marshal.

["Follow the Rose" drill.)

GRAND MARSHAL: Worthy Grand Matron, we have formed a rose using your dress colors. With your permission, I would like to invite your Committee

appointments who have been unable to receive their dresses to please come down if you'd like to be in our photograph and join us along the north and south sides of the room.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The lovely deep blue is the Arrangements Committee; emerald green are the Committees of Grand Chapter; black are the Grand Representatives; the gold and red are the Deputy Grand Matrons and the DD's; the gold and silver are the Personal Pages to the Installing Grand Officers, Appointed Grand Chapter Officers and the Grand Chapter Mom; and the rose-colored are the Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. These good looking guys over here in the red coats are the Arrangements, and some of the women in the black jackets are. Those gentlemen have been working all day long. Handy Lads are sprinkled throughout. And to each of you, I say thank you.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: With God as our guide, we let go of what once was, embrace what is now and look forward to what is yet to be. We are honored to have present this evening one of those whose heart is stirred with commitment to the ideals of Freemasonry and high hopes for what is yet to be for him. The benediction will be pronounced by Right Worshipful Michael D. Nanny, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M.

MR. MICHAEL NANNY: Let us unite in prayer. Holy and Merciful Father, as this chorus of love, this melody of this evening is drawing to a close, we lift up our hearts to you in thanksgiving for Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon and her lovely Rosebuds and the work that they will do around this great state in 2002. As these Rosebuds have been put in place, we ask that through Your nourishment and through Your teachings and Your guidance that they blossom to their fullest beauty.

To our Handy Lads, well, Lord, we ask patience, perseverance and dedication to all that they are asked to do.

As we go our separate ways, we ask that You enrich our hearts with the teachings of this gentle fraternity, that this fellowship, this circle of friends may expand its influence, that those with whom we come in contact will know by our words and our actions that love is Your way, and that all other ways are not of Your doing.

Give us traveling grace as we go about our duties in this coming year. Watch over and protect our leaders, and give them your divine inspiration. In all these things and so much more, we ask Your blessing, in Your Holy and Blessed Name, Amen.

 $\mbox{\bf WORTHY}$   $\mbox{\bf GRAND}$   $\mbox{\bf MATRON:}$  Sister Frances Burbank, will you please come to the podium.

If you'll give us just one minute to do one thing we need to take care of, I promise you you will catch the bus. Frances has a presentation that needs to be made. The hour is late, and Arrangements have to get out of this building. If you will let them do that, I promise I'll sound the gavel and we'll go home.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Board of Grand Trustees we are delighted to present to you the keys to the brand new van.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It's red! Thank you, Sister Frances. Thank you to the membership of Texas and to the Board of Grand Trustees for being able to afford to give me a new van. And thank you for everything you do and for each of the things the Trustees do and all their hard work. Thank you, my friend.

Sisters and Brothers, in the essence of time Grand Chapter is now closed.

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# **APPENDIX**

# RECAP ON ELECTIONS

## ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Worthy Grand Matraon	Jimmie Lee McMahon
Worthy Grand Patron	Harold Trammell
Associate Grand Matron	Sharon Fentress
Associate Grand Patron	Ed Warner
Grand Treasurer	Betty Prater
Grand Conductress	Doris Jean Hester
Board of Grand Trustees District II	Leah Hayes
Board of Grand Trustees District III	Frances Burbank
Board of Grand Trustees District IV	Nelson Campbell
Board of Grand Trustees District V	Jerre Lucas
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences District I	Lewis Mathison
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences District II	A. L. Casparis
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences District III	Jo Ann Snow
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences District IV	
Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences District V	Raul Garcia
Board of Grand Examiners District I	Joyce Gilbert
Board of Grand Examiners District II	Kimi Kidd
Board of Grand Examiners District IV	Vi Griffin
Board of Grand Examiners-at-Large	Sandra Perdue

#### 1st Ballot

Grand Secretary Charlene Littlewood Alma Carter	1123 1292	(Elected)
Associate Grand Conductress		
Karen Morganthaler	1251	(Elected)
Nancy Brown	1006	
Lorrie Faith Owens	157	
Board of Grand Trustees, District I		
Abigail Freeman	977	
Jack Beall	1419	(Elected)
Board of Grand Examiners, Distirct IV		
Jayne Yenger	1025	
Joyce Nicklaus	1373	(Elected)

Year	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND TREASURER
1884	†Mrs. E.J. Talbot	†W.L. Holt	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†W.J. Wickham	†R. R. McPhail	†Mrs. A. McGregor
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. Hawkins	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Carr Forest	tJ. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. McGregor
1886	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P.H. Stevens	†Mrs. Sallie Wayde	†D.H. Hightower	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. M. Hightower
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	tJ.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†J.B. Snodgrass	tJ. K. Ashby	tMrs. A. Schwartz
1888	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	#Mrs. Sarah L. Berline
1889	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.W. Ellender	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†T.J. Neely	†Stephen Gould	‡Mrs. M.R. Marsh
1890	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	*Mrs. Jennie Cassill	‡Mrs. M.R. Marsh
1891	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†J.L. Miller	‡J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter
1892	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†J.L. Miller	†Mrs. M. Strehorn	†J.W. Felbaum	‡J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter
1893	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†Tom Murrah	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†D. Ludlow	‡J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	tL.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Kate Birch
1895	†Mrs. Sadie A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph
1896	†Mrs. Kate Birch	tJ.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Ree Alvord
1897	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	tJ.T. Atchinson	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh
1898	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	tN.M. Karnev	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†S.D. Moore	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh
1899	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†W.S. Hoskins	Mrs. A.V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne
1900	†Mrs. Agnes V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne
1901	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. A. Walker	†P.S. Park	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph
1903	†Mrs. Alma M. Walker	†P.S. Park	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1904	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1905	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1906	†Mrs. Mollie E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1907	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†J.H. Anderson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman
1908	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†C.H. Thorn	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle
1909	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†G.W. Glasscock	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson
1910	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson
1911	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen
1912	†Dr. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen
1913	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody
1914	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody
1915	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	, †Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1917	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1918	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1919	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson

\*Demitted

†Deceased

‡Suspended

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1920	†Mrs. Margaret L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1921	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebits	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1922	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebits	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1923	†Mrs. Norton H. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1924	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1925	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1926	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Mrs. LuLu LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1927	†Miss LuLu LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1928	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt, Dan O'Connell	†Miss Cora Posev	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1929	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt, Dan O'Connell	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1930	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1931	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	tW.F. Easterling	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1932	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	tW.F. Easterling	†Mrs. Rose Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Miss Cora Posev	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1933	†Mrs. Rose E. Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Miss Cora Posev	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1934	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Miss Cora Posev	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1935	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Miss Cora Posev	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1936	†Mrs. Florence Read	tM.A. Childers	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1937	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	John Temple Rice	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1938	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Miss Cora Posev	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1939	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1940	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Mrs. Viva Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Miss Cora Posev	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1941	†Mrs. Viva S. Huffman	†Victor Keller	†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	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1944	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker	†E.B. Gauntt	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Miss Cora Posev	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1945	Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Miss Cora Posev	†Miss Blanche Earl
1946	Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1947	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1949	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gauldin	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufner	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1951	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1952	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1953	†Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1954	Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†C.E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1955	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Chas. E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1956	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	Mrs. Jettie Hinton
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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. Fugua	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1959	Mrs, Mary Katharine Smith	†Dr. R.O. Fugua	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1960	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	Mrs, Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1961	†Mrs, Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	†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	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1963	Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	†E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1964	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1965	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1966	Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	H.F. Harrington	Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†Herbert L. Arnold	Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1967	Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1968	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	J.T. Sanders	†Mrs, Sally Matranga	Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1969	†Mrs. Sally Matranga	Richard T. Porter	Mrs. Frances Herrin	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1970	Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	†J. Victor Jones	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1971	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	Mrs. Katherine Harbour	C.A. Bill" Holmes	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1972	Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill" Holmes	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	Paul Huffhines	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1973	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	†Paul Huffhines	Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast	Joseph B. Powell	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	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	O.D. Christian	Mrs. Joyce Roberts	†Perry Smithwick	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1976	Mrs. Joyce Roberts	†Perry Smithwick	Mrs. Mary Brown	Murray Watson, Jr.	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1977	Mrs. Mary M. Brown	Murray Watson, Jr.	Mrs. Rennie Ofton	Thurman L. Weaver	Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1978	Mrs. Rennie Ofton	T.L. Weaver	†Mrs, Kathy Johnston	†Leslie G. Burnett	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1979	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†Leslie G. Burnett	Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Mrs. Louise W. Armstron
1980	Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	Thurman H. Perry	Mrs. Elise Hammack	Oliver B. Chamberlin	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	Mrs. Louise W. Armstron
1981	Mrs. Elise Hammack	†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	†Leonard M. Ellington	Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1986	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†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

\*Demitted

†Deceased

‡Suspended

Year	WORTHY	WORTHY	ASSOCIATE	ASSOCIATE	GRAND	GRAND
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1996	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Claude Ervin	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1997	Mrs. Yyonne Brownfield	Kenneth Gregory	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1998	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	Mrs. Betty Y. Friend	Lee Stallings	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1999	Mrs. Betty Friend	Lee Stallings	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Duane Baker	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Betty Prater
2000	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Duane Baker	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	Harold Trammell	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrss. Betty Prater

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Grand Trustees, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star (the "Grand Chapter") (a nonprofit organization) and the Eastern Star Home of Texas (the Retirement Home) (a nonprofit organization) as of October 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of activities and statements of cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements and the schedules referred to below are the responsibility of the Grand Chapter and the Retirement Home's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and the schedules referred to below on our audits.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

It was not practical for the Grand Chapter to establish controls over special fund-raising activities prior to their initial entry in the accounting records, nor was it practical for us to perform other auditing procedures to satisfy ourselves that all special fund-raising contributions were received and recorded. Accordingly, our examination relating to special fund-raising contributions was limited to the amounts recorded in the accounts.

In our opinion, except for the effect of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to verify whether all special fund-raising contributions were received and recorded in the accounts, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and the Eastern Star Home of Texas as of October 31, 2001 and 2000, and the changes in their net assets and its changes in cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a

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whole. Exhibits 1 through 6 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effect, if any, of the matter discussed in the third preceding paragraph, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Weatherford, Texas January 12, 2002 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, 2001

•		General Fund	_	Home Fund	Endowment Funds	Benevolent Fund
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT						
Bulletin sales	\$	74,654	\$		\$	\$
Dues		101,133		454,198		40,076
Gifts and donations		22,581		126,783	36,199	
Grand Session revenue		162,379				
Home member receipts		•		938		
Investment return		6,573		27,496	443,707	276
Net realized and unrealized gains on the						
sale of investments		(1,621)		2,003	(51,246)	
Other revenue		11,114		54,033	(- · /- · - /	
Pension receipts		,		361,132		
Administrative revenue		41,289		,		
Special funds		23,791				
Supply sales		83,752				
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND	_	00,1.02	_			
OTHER SUPPORT		525,645		1,026,583	428,660	40,352
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EXPENSES						
Compensation and related expenses						
Compensation		80,034		258,976		
Payroll taxes		7,765		21,928		
<b>,</b>	_	87,799	_	280,904		
Administrative fees		,				
Advertising				1,573		
Allowance to home members				23,730		
Auto		5,157		2,910		
Bad debt		.,		3		
Chapter benevolence				-		57,550
Claims & settlement				20,000		01,000
Depreciation		16,481		21,868		
Food		,		61,067		
Funeral				5,217		
Grand officer's examiner's & committee				0,21.		
expenses		18,936		1,350		
Grand Session expense		142,534		1,000		
Past Grand Matron jewels		1,200				
Insurance	•	1,200				
Property and casualty, directors liability						
and vehicles		7,385		51,229		
Accident disability/worker comp/omissions		2,372		9,186		
Ladies medical		2,012		8,317		
Investment trust fees		326		2,419	41,165	
Legal and professional		19,200		39,894	.,,,,,	
Medical		.0,200		00,004		
Dental				6,941		
Doctors				673		
Hospitals & ambulance				0/0		
Nursing care						
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Exhibit 1

Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian/ Special Projects Fund	Endowed Membership Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals
	55,482			452,905		452,905
	52,705			177,074 559,403		177,074 559,403
				18,413	(18,413)	-
						-
	31,194			45,555		45,555
				1,280 15,030	•	1,280 15,030
				15,030		10,000
	57,737	66		125,714		125,714
42,407				65,668		65,668
		1,417,576	467,062	10,460,388 32,935	(32,935)	10,460,388
		15,248	875	113,200	(32,933)	113,200
				· -		•
				136,955		136,955
				186,938		186,938
\$ 42,407	\$ 197,118	\$ 1,432,890	\$ 467,937	\$ 12,391,458	\$ (51,348)	\$ 12,340,110
	<del></del>					
				17,448		17,448
	•			387		387
1	44,273			51,348	(51,348)	-
	116,260			116,260		116,260
		1,432,890		1,443,928		1,443,928
	160,533	1,432,890		1,629,371	(51,348)	1,578,023
	36,585			1,454,880		1,454,880
	30,000		467,937	467,937		467,937
42,407			,	8,839,270		8,839,270
42,407	36,585		467,937	10,762,087		10,762,087
\$ 42,407	<u>\$ 197,118</u>	\$ 1,432,890	\$ 467,937	\$ 12,391,458	\$ (51,348)	\$ 12,340,110

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, 2001

	General Fund	Home Fund	Endowment Funds	Benevolent Fund
Infirmary & TMRC housing		709,524		
Patient care supplies, linens		4,458		
Prescription medication		. 15,141		
X-ray and labs		3,305		
Office supplies	6,654	376		48
Other	8,955	14,349		
Postage	18,938	301		
Printing	131,018	52		
Repairs, maintenance, copier lease	18,561	64,097		
Scholarships	54,000			
Special funds				
Supplies	28,975	137		
Telephone	4,277	9,694		
Utilities	9,852	111,537	·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
TOTAL EXPENSES	582,618	1,470,252	41,165	57,598
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS BEFORE				
TRANSFERS	(56,973)	(443,669)	387,495	(17,246)
Operating transfers in	119,834	419,096	102,832	
Operating transfers out		(27,927)	(395,657)	
NET TRANSFERS	119,834	391,169	(292,825)	
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AFTER				
TRANSFERS	62.861	(52,500)	94,670	(17.246)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	212,075	1,150,366	8,149,299	62,739
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 274,936	\$ 1,097,866	\$_8,243,969	\$ 45,493

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E	Education Fund	Fannie V. Ward Fund	Special Projects Fund	Home Renovation Fund	_	Totals	Eliminations		Adjusted Totals
\$		\$	\$	\$ .	\$	74,654	\$	\$	74,654
			·		•	595,407	•	•	595,407
	70		8,073	4,713		198,419			198,419
						162,379			162,379
						938			938
	24,211	1,630	7,482	16,060		527,437			527,437
	(43,940)					(94,804)			(94,804)
	(,,		3,965			69,112			69,112
			•			361,132			361,132
						41,289			41,289
			275,772			299,563			299,563
	<del></del>				_	83,752		_	83,752
_	(19,659)	1,630	295,292	20,773	_	2,319,278		_	2,319,278
						339,010			339,010
						29,693			29,693
	<del></del>				_	368,703			368,703
			18,821			18,821			18,821
						1,573			1,573
						23,730			23,730
						8,067			8,067
						3	•		3
						57,550			57,550
						20,000			20,000
						38,349			38,349
						61,067			61,067
						5,217			5,217
						20,286			20,286
						142,534			142,534
						1,200			1,200
						-			-
						58,614			58,614
						11,558			11,558
						8,317			8,317
	5,551			1,244		50,705			50,705
	-,			•		59,094			59,094
						•			
						6,941			6,941
						673			673
						-			-
					23	-			-

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

	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	\$ 105,229 35,893	191,185 188,368 590,373		62,739	
Real estate notes receivable Prepaid expenses Accrued interest receivable Inventory	594 11,419	3,609 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			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 215,465	<u>\$ 1,232,155</u>	\$ 8,149,299	\$ 62,739	\$ 636,291
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	<del></del>	30,942			
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,390	81,789			
NET ASSETS Unrestricted Temporarily Restricted	212,075	1,150,366		62,739	
Permanently Restricted			8,149,299		636,291
TOTAL NET ASSETS	212,075	1,150,366	8,149,299	62,739	636,291
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 215,465	\$ 1,232,155	\$ 8,149,299	\$ 62,739	\$ 636,291

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Education Fund	Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian Special Projects Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals
				709,524		709,524
				4,458		4,458
				15,141		15,141
				3,305		3,305
				7,078		7,078
72		155		23,531		23,531
				19,239		19,239
				131,070		131,070
			4,495	87,153		87,153
		66,425		120,425		120,425
		105,861		105,861		105,861
		•		29,112		29,112
		43		14,014		14,014
				121,389		121,389
5,623	-	191,305	5,739	2,354,302	-	2,354,302
(25,282)	1,630	103,987	15,034	(35,024)	-	(35,024)
			15,161	656,923		656,923
(58,115)		(175,224)	.,	(656,923)		(656,923)
(58,115)		(175,224)	15,161			
(83,397)	1,630	(71,237)	30,195	(35,024)	-	(35,024)
636,291	40,777	107,822	437,742	10,797,111		10,797,111
230,201						
\$ 552,894	\$ 42,407	\$ 36,585	\$ 467,937	\$ 10,762,087	<u>\$</u>	\$ 10,762,087

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
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT		_	_	_
Bulletin sales	\$ 73,195	\$	\$	\$
· Dues	105,221	475,381		41,925
Gifts and donations	2,146	309,725	80,625	600
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		(5,000)	99,646	
Other revenue	15,291	50,575		21
Pension receipts		370,174		
Administrative revenue	31,210			•
Special funds	4,502		•	
Supply sales	85,046			
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND				
OTHER SUPPORT	423,996	1,247,588	578,970	42,546
		·		
EXPENSES				
Compensation and related expenses				
Compensation	78,485	580,329		
Payroll taxes	7,540	45,854		
	86,025	626,183		
Advertising		13,114		
Allowance to home members	•	20,540		
Auto	3,078	4,281		
Bad debt	0,0.0	3,166		
Chapter benevolence		0,.00		55,150
Depreciation	15,137	21,484		30,.00
Food	.0,.0.	80,850		
Funeral		11,259		
Grand officer's examiner's & committee		11,200		
expenses	8,495	789		
Grand Session expense	81,095	100		
Past Grand Matron jewels	1,200			
Insurance	1,200			
Property and casualty, directors liability	6,428	64,584		•
Vehicles	2,424	3,864		
Accident disability/worker comp/omissions	2,751	37,549		
Ladies medical	2,701	6,767		
Investment trust fees	239	2,568	40,758	17
Legal and professional	16,747	24,075	40,700	.,
Loss on damaged or sale of equipment	10,747	24,010		
Medical				
Dental		7,419		
		14,989		
Doctors Hospitals & ambulance		2,227		
Nursing care		33,473		
		24,326		
Infirmary housing		24,020		

#### Exhibit 3

Fannie V. Ward Fund	Humanitarian/ Special Projects Fund	Endowed Membership Fund	Home Renovation Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Adjusted Totals
	18,469	4,186		\$ 381,808	\$	\$ 381,808
	127,145			351,406		351,406
				590,373		590,373
				3,609		3,609
	57,229			61,040		61,040
	,			4,491		4,491
				11,733	-	11,733
				_		
			-	18,517		18,517
40,777				129,039		129,039
		1,157,588	433,115	10,167,460		10,167,460
		18,802	4,627	- 112,481		- 112,481
		10,002	4,021	13,002	•	13,002
				161,094		161,094
				151,834		151,834
\$ 40,777	\$ 202,843	<u>\$ 1,180,576</u>	\$ 437,742	\$ 12,157,887	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,157,887</u>
				53,467		53,467
				770		770
				-		•
	95,021			95,021		95,021
		1,180,576		1,211,518	·	1,211,518
	05.004	4 400 570		4 000 770		4 000 770
	95,021	1,180,576		1,360,776		1,360,776
	107,822	•		1,533,002		1,533,002
	•		437,742	437,742		437,742
40,777				8,826,367		8,826,367
						40 -0- 4::
40,777	107,822_		437,742	10,797,111		10,797,111
\$ 40,777	\$ 202,843	\$ 1,180,576	\$ 437,742	\$ 12,157,887	\$	\$ 12,157,887

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		
		,		
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 in Operating transfers out	•	•	(334,962)	(32,057)
NET TRANSFERS	<u>(33,774)</u> 38,495	<u>(107,729)</u> 287,449	(35,106)	(32,057)
NEI IRANSFERS	30,490	207,449	(33,100)	(32,037)
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
			.,010,100	
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 212,075	\$ 1,150,366	\$ 8,149,299	\$ 62,739

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Educ Fu		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
2	3,685	207	5,033	27,056		492,875			492,875
3	2,553			97		127,296			127,296
	2,000		44	4		65,935			65,935
			7-7	•		370,174			370,174
						31,210			31,210
			281,194	1,319		287,015			287,015
			407,10	.,		85,046			85,046
	. 500		000 404	20.000					
5	6,568	207	286,421	29,332		2,665,628	<del></del>		2,665,628
						658,814			658,814
					_	53,394 712,208			53,394 712,208
						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
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						9,284			9,284
						81,095 1,200			81,095 1,200
						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
,	0,000			1,504		40,822			40,822
				-		40,022			40,022
						-			_
						7,419			7,419
						14,989			14,989
						2,227			2,227
						33,473			33,473
						24,326			24,326
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# PROCEEDINGS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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	Data	Date of		Interest	Beginning					Unrealized
Description	Acquired	Maturity		Rate	Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending	Market	Gain Or
ENDOWMENT TRUST - RESTRICTED (Continued)	Acquired	- macunity	-	RAW .	Datance	Additions	Reductions	Balance	Value	(Loss)
Exposition (Neor - Neorico rep (constitute)										
Marketable Equity Securities-		n/a		'n/a						
500 Abbott Labs		06/27/01			. 518		173	345	42,384	42,039
600 American Home Products	06/27/01	*******			0,0	35,198	113	35,198	42,384 33,498	(2,700)
350 American International Group	04/02/01					27,450		27,458	27,510	(2,700)
500 Alcoa Inc	01/04/01					18,956		15,956	16,135	
700 Applied Materials Inc		04/02/01			17,843	10,000	5,352	12,451	23,877	(\$21) 11,386
600 American Express		04/27/01			17,310		11.540	5,770	17,658	11,388
705 AT & T		03/20/01			8,787		8,787	3,110	11,636	11,000
43 Avaya Inc (from Lucent)		01/04/01			195		195			
900 BankAmerica Com		01/04/01			19,789		4,042	15,747	53.091	37,344
350 Bank of filew York	08/20/01	•				15,757		15,757	11,904	(3,853)
300 Boeing Company	********	04/02/01	10/19/01		18,840	14/151	11,775	7,065	9,780	2,715
500 BP Amoca PLC		08/20/01			22,034		5.240	16,784	24,170	7,376
800 Bristol Myers Squibb Co		06/27/05			17,365		6,347	11,018	42,760	31,742
436 DaimlerChrysler Corp		01/04/01			28,391		28,391	11,010	42,100	31,142
1300 Cisco Systems Inc			•		14,042		20,521	14,042	21,998	7,954
350 Coca Cola	10/19/01				11,512	15,575		15,575	16,758	1,183
1400 Citigroup Inc	,				39,095	,-,-,-		39,095	63,728	24,633
400 Duke Energy	04/02/01				35,013	16,136		16,136	15,384	
300 Dean Foods	040201	08/27/01	08/20/01		21,342	10,130	21,342	16,136	15,304	(772)
225 Dynergy	10/19/01	********			21,042	9,858	21,542	9,865	. 8,078	(1,788)
500 El Paso Corp	var-2001	•				32,387		32,387	24,530	
900 Dell Computer Corp	741-0001	94/02/01	10/19/01		26,737	32,301	11,698	15,039	24,530 21,582	(7,857) 6,543
500 EMC Corp	var-2001	PHOLIO	101101		20,731	27,676	11,694			
250 Entergy Corp	10/19/01					9,243		27,976	6,160	(21,516)
300 Exxon Mobil Corp	in that	01/04/01	04/02/01	10/19/01	57,858	9,243	32,143	9,243	9,713	471
350 FNMA	04/02/01	o nowo i	000000	101101	01,636	27,500	32,143	25,715	31,560 28,336	5,645
350 General Dynamics	04/02/01					21,245		27,500		837
1400 General Electric Co	04/02/01	01/04/01				21,245		21,245	28,560	7,315
250 General Milis	10/15/01	01/04/01			53,401	40.700	17,800	35,601	50,974	15,373
250 Electronic Data Sys	06/27/01					10,760		10,760	11,480	720
600 Haliburton Co	06/2//01	04/02/01				15,055		15,055	18,093	1,038
		04/02/01			18,820		7,528	11,292	14,814	3,622
750 Hashro Inc					0					
525 Horne Deport					20,078			20,078	20,071	(7)
1000 Intel Corp					21,391			21,391	24,420	3,029
400 J.P. Morgan Chase	04/02/01					17,040		17,040	14,144	(2,896)
400 International Business Machines	4				5,325			5,325	43,228	37,903
240 Klimberly Clark Corp		04/02/01			10,285			10,285	. 13,322	3,037
516 Lucent Technologies		04/02/01			3,374		3,374			
300 Marsh McLennon	06/27/01					32,436		32,438	29,025	(3,411)
. 800 Mattel Inc	•	01/04/01			21,968		21,568			
500 Mercantile Bankshares Corp					0					
300 Merrill Lynch	05/20/0\$					15,930		15,930	13,113	(2,817)
200 Merck	06/27/01					13,720		13,720	12,762	(958)
250 Morgan Stanley	01/04/01					20,056		20,056	12,230	(7,826)
150 Minnesota Mining	06/27/01					17,565		17,565	15,657	(1,908)
1000 Microsoft Corp					41,438			41,438	58,150	18,712
1200 Motorola Inc.		06/27/01			22,828		22,828			
500 Nortal Network	01/04/01	08/27/01				16,050	18,050			
800 Newell Rubbermald Co		01/04/01			17,480		17,450			
300 Pepsico	01/04/01					14,824		14,824	14,613	(211)
1200 Pfixer Inc					22,183			22,183	50,250	28,097
400 Philip Morris	08/20/01					17,692		17,692	18,720	1,028
500 Pharmacia Corp (formerly Monsanto)					35,420		10,120	25,300	20,260	(5,040)
700 Sara Lee	01/04/01	04/20/01				17,351	17,351	•	•	
500 Sysce Syp	08/20/01					14,075		14,075	12,055	(2,020)
360 Schering Plough Co		04/01/01			19,199		19,193		*****	,=,,
700 Southrust Corp		01/04/01			29,400		25,400			
1320 SBC Comminications, Inc.					7,700		,.00	7,700	50,305	42,605
500 Sun Micro Systems	01/04/01	10/18/01			.,,	14,375	14,375	.,,	,400	
400 Tarpet Corp	08/20/01					15,236		15.238	12,460	(2,776)
400 Taxas Instruments	06/27/01					12,256		12,258	11,195	(1,060)
								10,000	. 1,198	(1,000)

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										Unrealized
Description	Date Acquired	Date of Maturity		Interest Rate	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Market Value	Gain Or
ENDOWMENT TRUST - RESTRICTED (Continued)	Production .		-	- rate		Adolaoita	TOROGEOGIA	DESCRIPCA	Anine	(Loss)
Marketable Equity Securities-										
900 AOL Time Warner Inc		06/27/01			32,970 21,185		6,238	26,732	27,990	1,258
500 Tyco Inc 225 United Parcel	10/19/01				21,185	11,481		21,185 11,491	24,570 11,475	3,405
500 Viacom	var-2001					33,986		33,986	29,208	(16) (4,778)
300 Verizon						14,160		14,150	14,943	783
800 Walmart Stores Inc		06/27/01	06/20/01		40,014		17,149	22,845	41,120	18,255
500 Waste Management Inc						14,705		14,705	12,250	(2,455)
450 Wells Fargo						21,798		21,798	17,775	(4,023)
					754,585	618,557	367,883	1,003,258	1,297,835	~
Marketable Debt Securities						410,007	341,443	1,003,256	1,231,433	254,577
The state of the s										
100,000 National Rural Utility Coop	10/07/98	10/01/02		5.000%	100,000			100,000	102,055	2,055
100,000 Scana Corp Medium Term	10/09/98	01/13/03		6.050%	102,094	1,959		104,053	103,059	(994)
100,000 Warner Lambert Co Nt	10/09/88	01/15/03		5,750%	101,972	1,840		103,812	102,752	(1,060)
180,000 Campbell Soup Co Nt 200,000 Associates Corp North American Nt	10/07/98	10/01/03		4.750% 5.750%	100,395 197,878			100,385	102,584	2,189
100,000 Corestates Cap Corp Sub Nt	10/05/98	10/15/03		5.875%	101,945	1,361	1,426	196,452 103,306	209,61 <b>8</b> 100.000	13,166
100,000 J.C. Penney Inc Nt	10/19/98	11/15/03		6.125%	102,063	1,380	103,443	103,300	100,000	(3,306)
100,000 Sears Roebuck & Co Debs	10/13/18	01/15/04		6.250%	102,919	1,865	100,770	104,784	104,050	(734)
100,000 Bell Atlantic-New Jersey Inc Tel Co Deb	10/19/98	02/01/04		5.875%	102.264	1,417		103,681	104,662	981
100,000 Suntrust Banks Inc	10/09/98	02/15/04		6.125%	103,000	1,881		104,881	105,348	487
100,000 Southern Calif Eldison Co 13t Ref Mig	10/05/98	09/01/04	01/22/01	5.875%	102,970	1,605	104,575			
100,000 Household Financial Corp Sr M	10/05/98	09/25/04		5.875%	101,363	724		102,087	105,156	3,069
200,000 Southwestern Beli Tel: Cont 200,000 General Motors Corp Nt	041910	04/01/05		6,625% 6,250%	202,487	1,459		203,946	213,962	10,016
100,000 Ceneral Motors Corp Nt 100,000 Pacific Gas & Elect Co 1st & Ref Min	05/07/98 10/09/98	05/01/05 10/01/05	01/22/01	5.875%	199,986 103,057	1,285	104,322	199,996	204,962	4,968
100,000 Kallogg Co Nt	10/13/98	10/15/05	9112201	4,875%	99,953	1,200	104,322	99,953	100,732	779
100,000 Dean Witter Discover Co	10/13/98	11/01/05		6,500%	101,849	758		102,605	105,846	3,041
100,000 CitiGroup Inc Nt	10/09/98	12/01/05		6.250%	103,371	1,634		105,005	106,905	1,100
100,000 Ford Motor Credit Co	10/09/98	01/09/06		6.125%	103,773	1,498		105,271	19,813	(5.458)
100,000 BankAmerica Corp Sub Nt	10/09/98	02/15/06		6,200%	103,272	1,273		104,545	105,671	1,128
100,000 Target Corp	04/23/01	04/01/07		5,500%		99,198		99,196	103,423	4,227
75,000 Morill Lynch & Co Inc 100,000 Goca Cola	08/20/01 06/25/01	10/15/08 11/01/08		6.250% 5.750%		76,139 98,757		76,139 98,757	78,305	2,168
100,000 Wells Fargo	03/29/01	02/15/06		6.125%		101,907		101,907	103,891 106,055	5,134 4,148
150,000 Amoco Corp Debs	05/12/99	08/01/07		6.200%	152,340	506		152,846	160,341	7,495
todata tationa daily mana							***************************************		100,541	1,700
					•					
·					2,488,961	398,422	313,768	2,573,617	2,628,990	55,373
U.S. Government Obligations	12/15/92	11/15/01			200 407					
200,000 United States Treasury Notes 200,000 United States Treasury Notes	12/15/92	08/15/02		7.500% 6 6.378%	200,107 : 197,756	\$ 8,831	3,756	208,938 \$ 184,000	200,376 206,812	(0,562)
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	05/17/93	02/15/03		6.250%	201,818	938	3,736	202,756	210,312	12,812 7,656
100,000 United States Treasury Notes	01/07/94	08/15/03		5.750%	99,141			99,141	105,906	6.745
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	12/02/94	11/15/04		7.875%	199,187			199,187	228.062	28,875
50,000 United States Treasury Notes	01/02/96	12/31/00		5,500%	50,211	787		50,998	51,328	330
50,000 United States Treasury Notes	01/02/66	08/15/03		5.750%	50,617			50,617	52,153	2,338
100,000 United States Treasury Notes	09/13/96	02/15/03		6.250%	\$8,901			98,901	105,158	6,255
100,000 United States Treasury Notes	09/13/86	08/15/02	10/01/03	6.375% 6.375%	\$8,422		man r	88,422	103,406	4,984
300,000 United States Treasury Notes 10,000 United States Treasury Notes	09/30/96 05/15/97	09/30/01 05/15/07	10/01/03	6.375% 6.625%	299,568 9,575		299,563	9,975	44 ***	
200,000 United States Treasury Notes 200,000 United States Treasury Notes	05/15/97 04/02/97	05/15/06		8.825% 8.875%	199,438			189,438	11,419 227,876	1,444 28,438
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	04/02/97	05/15/05		6.500%	197,178		1,845	195,313	222,250	26,937
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	09/02/97	02/15/07		6.250%	198,750		1,000	198,750	224,312	25,582
200,000 United States Treasury Notes	01/05/98	08/15/03		5.750%	201,000			201,000	211,812	10,812
300,000 United States Treasury Notes	05/29/00	03/31/02		6.625%	300,234			300,234	305,625	5,391
					2,602,303	10,556	305,129	2,307,670	2,487,605	159,935
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Description ENDOWMENT TRUST - RESTRICTED (Continues)	Date Acquired	Date of Maturity	Interest Rate	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Market Value	Unrealized Gain Or (Lose)
U.S. Government Agencies-									
250,000 Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn 274,086 Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn 257,489 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds 300,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	01/04/01 10/19/98 01/04/01	07/25/04 10/01/03 10/15/13 11/15/02	5.570% 6,000% 6,000% 6,375%	405,871 319,188	256,910 304,922	129,901 58,662	256,910 275,970 260,526 304,922	271,805 283,391 270,128 312,936	14,895 7,421 9,600 8,014
				725,059	561,632	188,563	1,098,328	1,138,258	39,930
Total Endowment Fund - Restricted			\$	7,390,103	3,632,708	3,454,474	7,568,336	8,113,957	545,621
EDUCATIONAL FUND-RESTRICTED									,
Comerica Bank-Ariington Certificate of Deposit (Bramlett) Comerica Bank-Ariington Certificate of Deposit Guaranty Federal Bank Certificate of Deposit	09/01/99 10/04/98 10/16/99	09/01/02 10/04/00 10/16/02	4.850% \$ 5.800% 5.870%	6,262 65,000 17,000	\$	65,000	\$ 6,262 \$ 17,000	5,262 17,000	
Mary C Kennington Scholarship Trust: The One Group Prime Money Market Fund The One Group Mutual Funds Fixed Income The One Group Common and Mutual Fund Equities	05/01/98 05/01/98 06/1/98	Various Various Various	Various Various Various	7,180 275,904 248,971	25,973	5,541 39,629	27,612 236,275 245,971	27,512 241,929 192,251	5,654 (54,720)
Total Educational Fund			•	618,317	\$ 25,973 \$	110,170	\$ 534,120 \$	485,054	(49,066)
FANNIE V. WARD FUND-RESTRICTED Guaranty Federal Bank Comerica Bank-Atlington Certificate of Deposit Comerica Bank-Atlington Certificate of Deposit	07/17/01 11/04/99 08/30/00	07/17/02 07/06/01 02/28/02	4.280% \$ 5.130% 4.750%	5,777 35,000	\$ 5,045 248 \$ 2,383 \$	6,025	\$ 5,045 \$ 37,363 \$	5,045	5,045 37,363
Total Fannie V. Ward Fund			\$	40,777	\$ <u>7,856</u> \$	6,025	\$ <u>42,408</u> \$	42,408	42,408
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND-UNRESTRICTED Guaranty Federal Bank Certificate of Deposit Guaranty Federal Bank Money Market Account	Various 08/12/99	Various n/a	5.920% \$ n/a	78,495 50,650	\$ 3,143 \$ 	79,638	\$ <u>52,705</u>	52,705	
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND-RESTRICTED			•	127,145	\$ <u>5,198</u> \$	79,538	\$ 52,705	52,705	<del></del>
Cash and Equivalents One Group Diversified Equity Fund One Group Equity Income Fund One Group International Equity Index Fund One Group International Equity Index Fund One Group International Equity Index Fund One Group Barge Cap Powler One Group Barge Cap Value Fund One Group Barge Cap Value Fund	r√a	n/a	\$	150,140	\$ 858,888 \$ 95,916	956,017	\$ 54,109 \$ 95,816 88,000 28,558 108,745 102,663 34,576	54,109 76,094 82,496 21,632 82,248 84,875 28,262	(19,622) (5,504) (5,928) (26,499) (17,788) (6,313)
One Group Mid Cap Value Fund 100,000 United States Treasury Notes 100,000 United States Treasury Notes 100,000 United States Treasury Notes 100,000 Federal Nat1 Mortgage Assn	06/11/06 07/01/08 11/15/00 10/04/98	05/31/01 02/15/07 01/31/02 10/06/03	6.500% 6.250% 6.375% 5.280%	\$9,000 100,749 100,000	28,542 100,195	\$9,000	28,642 100,748 100,195 100,000	26,288 112,156 101,031 104,610	(2,354) 11,407 838 4,610

GRAND TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS

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(Continued) Unrealized Date of Interest Beginning Ending Market Gain Or Date Description
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP FUND-RESTRICTED Acquired Maturity Rate Balance Reductions Balance (Loss) 5.800% 100,000 100,000 01/14/99 01/14/04 100,000 Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn 6,000% 95,459 95,459 100,000 Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn 09/06/00 05/15/08 100,000 Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assn 75,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds 03/26/01 06/15/05 5.750% 102,809 102,609 107,219 4,410 10/14/98 10/14/03 5,200% 75,000 75,000 6,000% 100,000 100,000 11/24/98 11/24/06 100,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds 5,760% 49,875 49,875 12/01/05 50,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds 12/01/98 100,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds 06/06/00 01/05/07 6.700% 95,400 96,400 111,938 15,538 02/11/00 02/01/05 7.250% 50,190 50,190 55,327 5,137 50,000 General Electric Capital Corp Notes 06/14/00 90/00/90 6.875% 96,000 \$6,000 109,171 13,171 3,314 1,280 100000 Norwest Corp Notes 5.625% 49,675 49,675 52,989 01/15/04 50,000 Bear Sterns Cos Inc 11/15/99 50,743 50,000 National Rural Util Coop 08/31/01 07/15/04 5,250% 50,743 52,023 61,287 50,000 Merill Lynch & Co,inc Medium Trust Notes 08/31/01 05/16/06 6.130% 51,287 52,689 1,402 08/31/01 02/01/09 5,375% 48,955 48,955 50,000 1,045 50,000 IBM Notes 06/17/08 6.400% 61,459 51,459 52,419 09/06/01 50,000 Household Finance Note 1,475,351 1,439,670 \$ 1,162,488 \$ 1,752,533 \$ 1,417,574 (22,096) Total Endowed Membership Fund Unrealized Ending Gain Or Date of Interest Beginning Maturity Rate Balance Balance Value (Loss) Description HOME RENOVATION FUND-RESTRICTED
Guaranty Federal Trust Account 10,000 35,721 \$5,721 10,000 10,000 423,114 33,942 457,062 457.062 Guaranty Federal Prime Obligation Portfolio Various Various 35,721 \$ 467,062 433,114 \$ \$ \$3,60 467,062 Total Home Renovation Fund 6,480,798 \$ 10,586,578 \$ 6,682,294 \$ 10,788,073 \$ 11,262,533 474,460

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		Fannie V.	Special	Home <sup>*</sup>		•	
E	Education	Ward	Projects	Renovation			Adjusted
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Totals	Eliminations	Totals
_					28,857		28,857
					50,926		- 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)			
	998	207	(82,540)	(26,098)	550,328	-	550,328
	635,293	40,570	190,362	463,840	10,246,783		10,246,783
_						_	
\$	636,291	<b>\$</b> 40,777	\$ 107,822	\$ 437,742	<u>\$ 10,797,111</u>	\$ -	\$ 10,797,111

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS OCTOBER 31, 2001

Description	Data Acquired	Date of Maturity	Interest Rate	Beginning Balance Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Market Value	Unrealized Gain Or (Loss)
GENERAL FUND-UNRESTRICTED								
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 Martest Fund	11/23/99 12/21/99 11/04/99 Various	06/25/03 07/21/01 06/04/01 Various	4.140% 5.390% 6.000% n/a	22,745 9,383 3,705 60	9,149 9,383 3,705 80	13,598	13,596	•
Total General Fund				35,893 \$ 0 \$	22,297 \$	13,598 \$	13,595	0
HOME FUND-UNRESTRICTED	•							
Wells Fargo Securities (Evergreen Adj Rats) Wells Fargo Securities	Various 09/27/00	Various 09/27/01	Various 6.500%	36,000 46,310 39,000 2,574	41,574	82,310	82,310	0
Wells Fargo Securities Govt Money market	Various	Various	4.680%	762	744	18	18	0
Guaranty Federal Bank Certificate of Deposit	05/03/99	05/02/02	3,840%	6,297 38		6,935	6,915	0
Colonial Savings Certificate of Deposit The One Group Treasury Only Money Market Fund	02/14/01 Various	06/14/02 Various	5,320% n/s	105,709 +5,523 590,373 1,134,112	7,393 1,247,411	103,839 477,074	103,839 477,074	0
Total Home Fund		``		778,741 \$ 1,188,557 \$	1,297,122 \$	670,178 \$	670,176	0
ENDOMNIEUT TOURT - DESTRUCTER								

42,295 \$
669,328
59,879
47,693

819,195

12,540 1,732,801

300,000

2,045,341

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52,951 \$ 124,940 59,879 47,693

300,000

585,483

52,951 124,940 60,749 41,985

300,604

581,269

910 (5,708) 604

(4,194)

1,884 \$ 2,277,189

2,279,073

#### ENDOWMENT TRUST - RESTRICTED

	Treasury Only Money Market Fund
The One Group	Treasury Only Money Market Fund
The One Group	Common and Mutual Fund Equities
The One Group	Common and Mutual Fund Equities
The One Grou	Ultra Short Term Bond Mutual Fund

Exhibit 6

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, 2001

	Receipts		Disbursements
Estarl Special Funds	\$ 54,310	\$	
International Temple	1,641		1,645
Prior Year	7,754		6,561
Labor of Love			640
Cookbook	30,607		16,386
Just Say It	16,467		6,861
Dress Buttons	27,340		826
Name Badges	3,190		1,381
Stamp Program			8,059
Proficiency	1,984		1,452
Committee			141
Spring Fling	7,603		116
Let's Make Music	3,557		1,307
Melody of Music	6,440		5,745
Light Moments	7,302		3,538
Time & Talent	1,580		204
Fund Raising Letter	40,544		12,482
Lantern	33,145		22,563
Founders Day Event	10,248		7,742
100% Founders Day	8,441		6,772
Affinity Credit Cards	11,259		12
Make It Happen	2,335		1,428
Time Capsule	25		
•			
Totals	\$ 275,772	\$ ,	105,861

# REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 119TH GRAND CHAPTER SESSION HOUSTON, TEXAS

Naomi Wolfe, Worthy Grand Matron Duane "Buddy" Baker, Worthy Grand Patron

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS		
Grand Chapter Advance	\$20,000.00	
Donations	1,050.00	
Vendors	20,363.00	
Bus Passes	23,108.00	
Car Passes	8,030.00	
Social Functions	62,502.35	
ESTARL Collection	3,200.44	
Lanterns of Faith	250.00	
Hotel Rebate	2,170.00	
Anonymous Donation	5,000.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$145,673.79
DISBURSEMENTS		
Truck Rental	\$ 845.27	•
Sierra Busses	17,700.00	
Registration Badges	1,200.00	
Vendor Refunds	1,678.00	
Freeman Decorations	7,941.85	
Reliant Arena	32,444.48	
Vendor Expense	465.34	
Housing	245.59	
Bus Passes	75.70	
Radisson Hotel	59,317.90	
Piano Rental	500.00	
Installation Expense	500.00	
Carpet Rental	200.00	
ESTARL Transfer	3,200.44	
Bus Passes Expense	90.00	
Electrical	530.00	
Secretarial Supplies	548.37	
Bank Service Charge /Checkbook	80.79	
Donations Expended	250.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$127.813.73</u>
TOTAL GAIN		\$ 17,860.06
AMOUNT REFUNDED TO GRAI	\$ 17,860.06	

H. Bart Henderson, General Chairman Charlene Green, Executive Treasurer Mary Ruth White, Executive Auditor

# WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SPECIAL FUNDS October 31, 2001

HUI	VΓA	N	TA	RI	AN	ſ:

Home Endowment	\$ 32,934.88
Eastern Star Home	\$ 10,631.49
Home Renovation	\$ 4,277.23
ESTARL	\$ 50,000.00
International Temple	\$ 1,645.00
Endowed Stamp Program	\$128,538.50

PROJECT	RECEIPTS	EXPENSE	ADMN FEE	PROFIT
Credit Card Program	\$ 11,258.98	\$ 15.95	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,243.03
Founder's Day	8,314.08	3,725.13	1,071.97	4,588.95
Founder's Day 100%	10,135.80	261.08	2,533.95	9,874.72
Fund Raising Letter	40,403.75	12,322.02	0.00	28,081.73
Just Say It Books	16,467.00	6,861.44	0.00	9,605.56
Lanterns of Faith	33,145.00	1,530.56	7,903.61	23,710.83
Let's Make Music	3,557.00	1,307.18	324.96	1,924.86
Light Moments	7,303.00	3,538.00	0.00	3,765.00
Make It Happen	1,995.00	1,427.80	141.80	425.40
Melody Of Music	6,440.00	5,745.00	0.00	(805.00)
Name Badge	3,190.00	140.79	500.00	2,549.21
No Dress/No Blazer	27,340.0	826.19	0.0	26,513.81
Proficiency	1,983.75	151.65	454.28	1,362.82
Spring Fling 2001	7,602.63	116.12	1,871.63	5,614.88
Texas Heaven D'Light	30,607.00	17,099.29	3,416.93	10,090.78
Time & Talent	1,629.50	203.53	356.49	1,069.48
TOTALS	\$211,372.49	\$55,271.73	\$18,575.62	\$139,616.06

SPECIAL FUND EXPENSES: WOLFE'S DEN \$ 4,562.77
GARAGE APARTMENT REMODEL \$ 9,999.99

LIGHTS IN FRONT OF HOME \$21,332.00

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PIN SALES:

Shrine Hospital \$100.00

TOTAL \$100.00

# ANALYSIS OF 2001 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION HOUSTON, TEXAS OCTOBER 18, 19, 20, 2001

INCOME AND EXPENSES RELATED TO THE 2001 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION:

INCOME:		
Registration Fees	\$28,301.000	
Advance Report Announcements	2,400.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$30,701.00
EXPENSES:		
The Session	\$20,000.00	
Installation	750.00	
Printing:		
Registration, Ballots, Voting Cards	2,758.91	
Advance Annual Report	8,470.00	
Session Programs	6,100.36	
Installation Programs	3,550.00	
Grand Warder/Grand Sentinel Expense	206.59	
Arlington Community Center (Practice)	200.00	
Distinguished Guests	721.46	
Postage re: Pre-Registration and Invitations	461.81	
Liability Insurance	1,786.70	
Official Photographer	600.00	
Delivery Expense of Printed Booklets	602.00	
Official Recorder	2,500.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$48,707.83
TOTAL EXPENSE IN EXCESS OF INCOME		(\$18,006.83)
RETURNED TO GRAND CHAPTER BY 2001		
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		\$17,860.06
NET EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF INCOME		
(2001 GRAND CHAPTER)		(\$ 146.77)

Prepared from the records of the 2001 Grand Chapter Session.

# FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

# TEXAS CARDINALS, INC. P.O. Box 96503 Houston, Texas 77213

# FINANCIAL REPORT November 1, 2000 thru October 31, 2001

## SAN ANTONIO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Beginning Balance, November 1, 2000	\$ 48,532.56	
Receipts		
Memberships and Dues	\$ 18,030.00	
Donations	488.10	
Donations from Christmas Buffet	270.00	
Sale of Items: Pins	3,415.00	
Scarves	13,387.00	
Suncatchers	2,990.00	*
Ties	10,520.00	
Bows	715.00	
Christmas Decorations	1,330.00	
Avon Pins	152.00	
USA Scarves	900.00	
Conchos, Bluebonnets, Hats, Stickers	274.00	
Percentage on Purses form PM & PPm Assoc SA	74.51	
Memorials For Paul Ofton and Doris Efird	906.00	
Gift Honoring Yvonne Brownfield	524.04	
Donation Honoring Effie Mae Davis	877.07	
Love Gift from Banquet in Detroit	269.15	
Dividends from Money Market Account	2,590.24	
Total Receipts		<u>57,712.11</u>
Sub total		\$106,244.67

Paine Webber Investment Account

Total Value as of October 31, 2001

6,063.31

\$99,072.04

<u>Disbursements</u>		
Purchase of CD at Washing Mutual	\$50,000.00	
Postage	112.57	
Newsletter Postage	135.22	
Computer Supplies	47.35	
Paper and Printing - Cardinal Brochure	140.96	
Bank Charge for Checks	8.90	
Bank Service Charge - Lost Statement	2.00	
Insufficient Funds Charge	8.00	
Returned Checks	45.00	
Purchased for Sale: Pins	558.57	
Scarves	4,998.00	
Suncatchers	761.13	
Ties	6,270.00	
City of Detroit - Storage Room	20.00	
Chips and Freight for Texas Reception in Detroit	130.24	
Total Disbursements		63,237.94
Balance as of October 31, 2001	-	<b>\$ 43,006.73</b>
LANCES AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2001		
San Antonio Credit Union Money Market Account		\$43,006.73
Washington Mutual Certificate of Deposit		50,000.00
Washington Mutual Certificate of Deposit		50,000.00

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