

# The Grand Chapter of Texas

## Order of the Eastern Star

126th Session



August 28—30, 2008  
InterContinental Dallas Hotel  
Addison, Texas

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*Worthy Grand Matron*

**Mr. Jerry Trees**  
*Worthy Grand Patron*

2007—2008

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Extends Fraternal Greetings and  
Welcomes You to the  
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*Grand Secretary*

## **The Musical Journey 2007—2008**

*“Music is the Window to the Soul;  
The Cross is the Door to Heaven.”*

### **Theme**

*“It is in dreaming the greatest dreams  
and seeking the highest goals  
That we build the brightest tomorrows.”*

### **Emblems**

*The Piano and the Cross*

### **Flowers**

*White Magnolia and the Pink Gladiola*

### **Colors**

*Pink, Purple, Black, and White*

### **Scripture**

*“For I am your Lord God, who takes you by the right hand,  
and says to you, Do not fear I will help you,  
I will be near you.”  
Isaiah 41:13*

### **Honor Station**

*Electa*



**Mrs. Joyce Gilbert**

*Worthy Grand Matron  
Grand Chapter of Texas  
Order of the Eastern Star*



**Mr. Jerry Trees**  
*Worthy Grand Patron*  
*Grand Chapter of Texas*  
*Order of the Eastern Star*



**Mrs. Barbara Benton**  
*Most Worthy Grand Matron  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma*



**Mr. William E. “Bill” Owen**

*Most Worthy Grand Patron  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma*



**Mrs. Rennie Ofton**

*Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas*





**Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane**  
*Right Worthy Grand Secretary, pro tem*  
*General Grand Chapter and*  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*



**Mrs. Betty Benham**  
*Charter, Chairman  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



**Mrs. Betty Y. Friend**  
*Eastern Star Journal  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



**Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield**  
*Payroll, Chairman  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



**Mrs. Jane Gregory**  
*Registration  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



**Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker**  
*Visionquest  
General Grand Chapter 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*



**Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Bane**  
*Headquarters Administrator  
General Grand Chapter*



**Mrs. Wanda P. Brown**  
*Friend of a Feather  
General Grand Chapter*



**Mrs. Phyllis J. Macon**  
*First Vice President  
International Grand Representatives Association  
General Grand Chapter*

## **DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS AND 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

General Grand Chapter Ambassadors

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  
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Installed Grand Officers and Officers in  
Grand Chapters of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Special Appointees of General Grand Chapter

International Grand Representatives Association's Elected Officers

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

Distinguished Members of all Appendant Bodies

Distinguished Members and Leaders of the  
Fraternal Youth Organizations

Distinguished Civic Leaders and Guests

## HONORED MEMBERS

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron 2007-2008  
Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron  
Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, pro tem  
Mrs. Betty Benham, Charter, Chairman  
Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Eastern Star Journal  
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Payroll, Chairman  
Mrs. Jane Gregory, Registration  
Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, Visionquest

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus	Mr. Murray Watson
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Mrs. Beulah Speer	Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
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Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland	Mr. Jack Guy
Mrs. Alma Carter	Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Mr. Nelson Campbell
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Mrs. Sharon Fentress	
Mrs. Doris Jean Hester	
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler	
Mrs. Nancy Brown	
Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	

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Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Bane, Headquarters Administrator  
Mrs. Wanda P. Brown, Friend of a Feather  
Mrs. Phyllis J. Macon, First Vice President,  
International Grand Representatives Association

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS  
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT



Mrs. Joyce Nicklas  
Associate Grand Matron



Mr. Ray Hertenberger  
Associate Grand Patron



Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner  
Grand Secretary



Mrs. Betty Prater  
Grand Treasurer



Mrs. Bess Caldwell  
Grand Conductress



Mrs. Mary Ruth White  
Associate Grand Conductress



Mrs. Lesa Smith  
Grand Chaplain



Mrs. Sandra Zipp  
Grand Marshal



Mrs. Barbara Trayler  
Grand Organist

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS  
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT



Mrs. Rita Lytle  
Grand Adah



Mrs. Sula Reilly  
Grand Ruth



Mrs. Janell Trees  
Grand Esther



Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth  
Grand Martha



Mrs. Anita Brown  
Grand Electa



Mrs. Joyce Ball  
Grand Warder



Mr. Warren C. Huckabee  
Grand Sentinel



Mrs. Opal Farley  
Fraternal Correspondent

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mrs. Mickie Campbell  
Chairman



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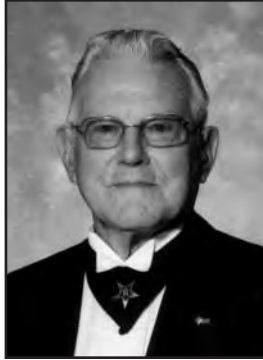
Mr. Gary Steele  
Member, District 1



Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.  
Member, District 1



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mr. A.L. Casparis  
Member, District 2



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Member, District 2



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Member, District 3



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Member, District 4



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Member, District 5

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District 3



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District 4



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District 5



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Grand Examiner At Large

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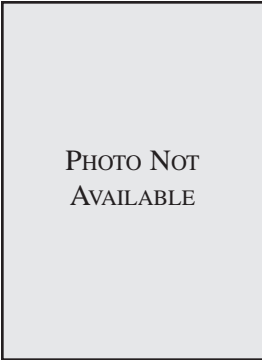


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Mr. R.M. "Dick" Roth  
Security Co-Chairman



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Exhibits and Vendors  
Chairman



Mrs. Alfred Bell  
Services Division  
Chairman



Mrs. Carolyn Bell  
Services Division  
Co-Chairman

## ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE



Mrs. Jane Clabaugh  
Social Division  
Chairman



Mrs. Tonya Foster  
Social Division  
Co-Chairman



Mrs. Delores Curry  
Ticket Co-Chairman



Mrs. Ethel Powell  
Systems Division  
Chairman



Mrs. Mary Ann Ivy  
Celebration Banquet  
Chairman



Mr. Jerrel Jones  
Courtesy Cars/Campers  
Chairman



Mrs. Maud Ann Smith  
Distinguished Guests  
Chairman



Mrs. Ona Calvo  
Distinguished Guests  
Co-Chairman



Mr. Bill Wyatt  
Distinguished Ushers  
Chairman

## ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE



Mrs. Anita Durden  
Ditty Bags  
Chairman



Mr. Paul Garner  
Election and Equipment  
Chairman



Mr. Jerry Owens  
Electrical/PA  
Chairman



Mr. Allen Tuell  
Electrical/PA  
Co-Chairman



Mrs. Junell Nichols  
First Aid Chairman



Mrs. Pat Washington  
General Banquet  
Chairman



Mrs. Joan Humphries  
General Banquet  
Co-Chairman



Mrs. Linda Johnston  
General Banquet  
Co-Chairman



Mrs. Phyllis Macon  
Grand Representatives  
Breakfast Chairman

## ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE



Mrs. Phyllis Wilson  
Hospitality Chairman



Mr. Don Lawrence  
Housing Chairman



Mrs. Bobbye Dyer  
Housing Co-Chairman



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Information, Lost/Found  
Chairman



Mrs. Nancy McGee  
Information, Lost/Found  
Co-Chairman



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Labyrinth/Paraphernalia  
Chairman



Mrs. Sue Briwa  
Labyrinth/Paraphernalia  
Co-Chairman



Mr. Dale Redfearn  
Public Relations/Comm.  
Chairman



Miss Marti Atkerson  
Signs Chairman

## ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

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Mrs. Jana Lubbers  
Special Needs  
Chairman



Mr. John Fowler  
Special Needs  
Co-Chairman



Mrs. Pat Pettit  
Stage Pages  
Chairman



Mrs. Mary Choate  
Steno Chairman



Mrs. Patricia Kettle  
TMRC Residents  
Chairman



Mr. Cleo Ellison  
Video/Pictures Session  
Chairman



Mrs. Ophelia Ellison  
Video/Pictures Session  
Co-Chairman



Mr. Jim Turner  
Videos/Pictures  
Social Function Chairman



# CEREMONIAL OPENING

Thursday Afternoon Session  
August 28, 2008

## ***“BLESSED ASSURANCE”***

11:30 A.M. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Kathleen R. Yancey  
*Singing with the Saints Grand Choir*

12:00 noon Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Rennie Ofton  
*Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas*

Assisting Grand Marshal

Mrs. Beulah Speer  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*

## ***Processional of Distinguished Members and Guests***

Assisting Grand Organist

Mrs. Syble T. Yost  
*Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron*

12:30 P.M.

Presentation of Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards,  
Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Chapter Sweetheart, and  
Grand Chapter Moms

Grand Chapter Moms

Mrs. Martha Alloto  
Mrs. Ruth Starke

Grand Chapter Sweetheart

Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas  
Escorted by Mr. Floyd Green*

Board of Grand Examiners

Dr. Linda J. Puckett, District 1  
*Escorted by Mr. John Puckett*

Mrs. Cindy G. Echols, District 2  
*Escorted by Mr. Tommy Echols*

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, District 3  
*Escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht*

Mrs. Christine Armstrong, District 4  
*Escorted by Mr. Billy Losack*

Mrs. Brenda Smith Costello, District 5  
*Escorted by Mr. Michael Fitzgerald*

Mrs. Susan Bigham, At Large  
*Escorted by Mr. Larry Bigham*

Board of Directors

Mrs. Mickie Campbell, Chairman  
*Escorted by Mr. Robert Squires*

Ms. Lori M. Goldman, Vice-Chairman  
*Escorted by Mr. Dwayne Maserang*

Miss Diane Davidson, Secretary  
*Escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock*

Mr. Gary E. Steele, District 1  
*Escorted by Mrs. LeJean Steele*

Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., District 1  
*Escorted by Mrs. Marty Drescher*

Mr. A. L. Casparis, District 2  
*Escorted by Mrs. Nell Casparis*

Mrs. Karen Kidd, District 2  
*Escorted by Mr. Horton Kidd*

Mrs. Lorraine Williams, District 3  
*Escorted by Mr. Jimmy Williams*

Mrs. Terri Rozell, District 4  
*Escorted by Mr. Walter Bartlett*

Mrs. Kathy Teele, District 5  
*Escorted by Mr. Claude Lindley*

Fraternal Correspondent

Mrs. Opal Farley  
*Escorted by Mr. Carrol Macon*

Grand Sentinel

Mr. Warren C. Huckabee  
*Escorted by Dr. Anna Huckabee*

Grand Warder

Mrs. Joyce Ball  
*Escorted by Mr. Larry Ball*

Grand Electa

Mrs. Anita M. Brown  
*Escorted by Mr. Jim Huston*

Grand Martha	Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth <i>Escorted by Dr. Garth Cline</i>
Grand Esther	Mrs. Janell Trees <i>Escorted by Mr. Jay Trees</i>
Grand Ruth	Mrs. Sula Reilly <i>Escorted by Mr. Damon Holley</i>
Grand Adah	Mrs. Rita A. Lytle <i>Escorted by Mr. Toby Lytle</i>
Grand Organist	Mrs. Barbara Trayler <i>Escorted by Mr. Harold Trayler</i>
Grand Marshal	Mrs. Sandra Zipp <i>Escorted by Mr. Ronald Zipp</i>
Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Lesa Smith <i>Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith</i>
Associate Grand Conductress	Mrs. Mary Ruth White <i>Escorted by Mr. Joseph F. White</i>
Grand Conductress	Mrs. Bess Caldwell <i>Escorted by Mr. Al Caldwell</i>
Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Betty Prater <i>Escorted by Mr. Donald Prater</i>
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner <i>Escorted by Mr. George Drenner</i>
Associate Grand Patron	Mr. Ray Hertenberger <i>Escorted by Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger</i>
Associate Grand Matron	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas <i>Escorted by Mr. David Nicklas</i>
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Jerry Trees <i>Escorted by Mrs. Janlen Trees Waclawczyk</i>
Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert <i>Escorted by Mr. Jimmy Gilbert</i>

## THE MUSIC OF OUR FRIENDSHIP

There is a rhythm when friends talk  
A back and forth, a give and take,  
Crescendos of laughter,  
Nothing phony, nothing fake.

There's a melody to friends' voices  
Tones of comfort and of care  
Of sincerity and honesty  
And secrets meant to share.

There's harmony in our friendship  
A blend of attitudes and views  
An acceptance of each other  
And support we'll never lose.

There's music to our friendship  
A joyous song from year to year,  
And the music of our friendship  
Is a treasure I hold dear.



*“The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;*

*The Lord make His face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee;*

*The Lord lift up his countenance  
upon thee, and give thee peace.”*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

## ***Presentations***

The Holy Bible	Mrs. Freda Combest <i>Aunt of the Worthy Grand Matron</i>
Bible Marker	Mrs. Janlen Waclawczyk <i>Daughter of the Worthy Grand Patron</i>
Square and Compasses	Mr. Billy Combest <i>Uncle of the Worthy Grand Matron</i>
A Special Rose	Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green <i>Past Grand Matron</i> <i>Escorted by Mr. Floyd Green</i>

## ***Flags***

United States	Mr. C. Brett Vestal <i>Major Keys Committee, District 1 Chairman</i>
Canada	Mr. Frederick W. Clarke <i>Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron</i> <i>General Grand Chapter and</i> <i>Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia</i> <i>and Prince Edward Island and</i> <i>Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia</i>
Texas	Mr. Ed Warner <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
Oklahoma	Mr. Nelson Campbell <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
Christian	Mr. Jerry L. Martin <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
Eastern Star	Mr. John Creel <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>

1:00 P.M. Call to Order

Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*

Mr. Billy H. Combest  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Invocation/Song: “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir  
*Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Section 6*

Welcome to Addison

Mr. Stanley Seeley  
*Executive Committee Chairman*

### ***Presentations and Greetings***

Proclamation from the Office of the Governor

Mr. Kenneth Gregory  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Board of Trustees

M. D. Anderson Hospital

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

Mr. Glenn Gregory  
*Roy Stanley Chapter No. 1086*

Shriners Burn Center in Galveston

Brooke Army Medical Warrior and Family Support Center

East Texas Angel Network

Mr. Neal McCoy

Greetings

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell  
*Supreme Deputy, International Order of Rainbow for Girls*  
Miss Allison Linder  
*Grand Worthy Advisor*

Greetings

Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, Jr.  
*State Executive Officer, International Order of DeMolay*  
Mr. Paul Canales  
*State Master Councilor*

Greetings

Honorable Thomas F. Griffin  
*Most Worshipful Grand Master*  
*Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.*

Partial Report of the Credentials Committee

Ms. Acey Guile  
*Credentials Committee Chairman*

“Joyous Notes” Drill

Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages  
Directed by Mrs. Sandra Zipp  
*Grand Marshal*

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

Precision Drill

Directed by Mr. Bill Wyatt  
*Distinguished Ushers Chairman*

**RITUALISTIC CEREMONIAL OPENING**

Installed Grand Officers

Opening Ode: “*Blessed Assurance*”

Grand Choir and Assembly  
Directed by Mrs. Juanita B. Gregory  
*Grand Choir Director*

Flag Presentation

Mrs. Sandra Zipp  
*Grand Marshal*

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Jerry Trees  
*Worthy Grand Patron*

The National Anthem

Led by Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir  
*Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Section 6*

Song: “*O Canada*”

Grand Choir and Assembly

Filling Vacancies on Committees

**FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS**

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron  
Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons  
Elective and Appointive Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter  
General Grand Chapter Committee Members  
Ambassadors for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy  
Grand Patron and a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron  
Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand  
Patron and a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron

Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron  
 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 and Elected Boards of Other Grand Jurisdictions  
 Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron  
 Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron  
 International Grand Representatives Association’s Elected Officers  
 Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions  
 Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in  
 Other Grand Jurisdictions  
 Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas  
 Grand Committee Members and Appointments of  
 Other Grand Jurisdictions  
 Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of Appendant Bodies  
 Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations

Welcome and Greetings

Mrs. Rennie Ofton  
*Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron  
 General Grand Chapter and  
 Past Grand Matron of Texas*

Response to Welcome

Mrs. Cheryl Martin  
*Worthy Grand Matron  
 Grand Chapter of Oklahoma*

Greetings—Other Grand Jurisdictions

Mrs. Juanita Wilkerson  
*Worthy Grand Matron  
 Grand Chapter of Louisiana*

*“And now abideth, faith, hope, charity, these three;  
 but the greatest of these is charity.”  
 Corinthians 13:13*



Song: *"I'll Fly Away"*

Grand Choir and Assembly  
Directed by Mrs. Juanita B. Gregory  
*Grand Choir Director*

Benediction

Mr. Kenneth Gregory  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Bess Caldwell  
*Grand Conductress*

***Session Called from Labor to Rest***

Grand Representatives Drill and Program

Mrs. Opal Farley  
*Fraternal Correspondent*

**The Friday Morning Session will begin at 8:30 A.M.**

**Please join us this evening for the  
"Time of Celebration" Dinner  
7:00 P.M.  
Garden Court, First Floor**



**Friday Morning Session**  
**August 29, 2008**  
**“ANGELS IN FLIGHT”**

8:00 A.M. PowerPoint Presentation Mrs. Rosemary Swetland  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*

8:30 A.M. Call to Order Mrs. Alma Carter  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. John Creel  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

“Joyous Notes” Drill Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages  
Directed by Mrs. Sandra Zipp  
*Grand Marshal*

***Entrance of Installed Grand Officers***

Invocation Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*

Song: “The Three Crosses” Mrs. Caron I. Joseph  
*Grand Soloists Committee, District 5*

***Session Called from Rest to Labor***

Reports:

Parliamentarian	Mrs. Jean Staples
Credentials	Ms. Acey Guile, Chairman
Chapters Under Dispensation	Mr. Duane L. “Buddy” Baker, Chairman <i>Visionquest Committee</i> <i>General Grand Chapter and</i> <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Jerry Trees
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Betty Prater
Board of Directors	Mrs. Mickie Campbell, Chairman
Jurisprudence	Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland, Chairman <i>Past Grand Matron of Texas</i>
Grievances and Appeals	Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Chairman <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
By-Laws	Mrs. Laura Sharp, Chairman

Benediction Mrs. Sharon Fentress  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*

Closing of the Holy Bible Mrs. Bess Caldwell  
*Grand Conductress*

**Session Called from Labor to Rest  
Until 1:30 P.M.**

**Please join us for  
Our Grand Line Officers' Luncheons**

**Friday Afternoon Session  
August 29, 2008  
“ANGELS AMONG US”**

1:15 P.M. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder  
*Grand Representative of Washington in Texas*

1:30 P.M. Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend  
*Eastern Star Journal Committee  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. H. Lee Stallings  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

“Joyous Notes” Drill

Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages  
Directed by Mrs. Sandra Zipp  
*Grand Marshal*

***Entrance of Installed Grand Officers***

Invocation/Song: “*He Raised Me Up*”

Mrs. Susie Chapman  
*Grand Soloists Committee, District 2*

***Session Called From Rest to Labor***

Recognition and Presentation

Fifty-year Members

Residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Reports, continued:

Adoption of the Fraternal Correspondent's Report  
Deputies of Grand Chapter  
Board of Grand Examiners  
Educational Fund

Mrs. Dorothy J. McLendon, Chairman

Purposes and Policies	Mr. Henry S. Martin, Chairman <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
International Headquarters	Mrs. Virginia Keasling, Chairman
OES Endowment	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan, Chairman <i>Past Grand Matron of Texas</i>
Titles, Deeds and Properties	Mr. Larry Hart, Chairman
Museum	Mrs. Mildred Blair, Chairman
Webmaster	Mr. Jack York, Chairman
Financial Investment	Mr. Reese L. Harrison, Jr., Chairman
Texas Cardinals	Mr. Jerry L. Martin, Chairman <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>

Song: <i>“Amazing Grace”</i>	Mrs. Priscilla V. Locke <i>Grand Soloists Committee, District 3</i>
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Benediction	Mrs. Elsie Paladino <i>Past Grand Matron of Texas</i>
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Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Bess Caldwell <i>Grand Conductress</i>
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**Session Called from Labor to Rest  
Until 7:30 P.M.**

**Please plan to attend our  
Humanitarian, ESTARL, and Memorial programs  
this evening**

*“The language of the world is music”*

**Friday Evening Session**  
**August 29, 2008**  
**“MAJESTY”**

7:00 P.M. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Michelle Stegman  
*Deputy Grand Matron, District 1, Section 9*

7:30 P.M. Call to Order

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. Garland W. Rattan  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

“Joyous Notes” Drill

Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages  
Directed by Mrs. Sandra Zipp  
*Grand Marshal*

Song: “Majesty”

Mrs. Kay Drescher  
*Grand Soloists Committee, District 1*

***Programs for the Evening***

*Humanitarian*

*ESTARL*

*Memorial*

# *"Symphony Among the Angels"*

## *Humanitarian Program*



### ***Others, Lord***

*What can I do for others Lord?  
You gave us your word,  
And I try to do all that I've heard.  
People are different here and there,  
Sometimes you just don't think it's fair.  
If you each live each day with your heart,  
Then God's Spirit in you will never depart.  
Always think of others day to day,  
It is surely God's only way.  
He knows our spirits and our mind,  
He knows if we are gentle or kind.  
And I can tell you He will always see,  
What we are and what we will be.  
So it doesn't matter where you go,  
Just remember always to be fit for yourself to know.*

*Sharon London*

## Humanitarian Program

Angels Among Us

Mrs. Sharon London  
*Humanitarian Committee General Chairman*

### *The Magic of Music*

M	Melodies	Benevolent Aid
U	Unity	Youth
S	Souls	T.M.R.C. Activities
I	What can "I" do?	ESTARL
C	Constant	Educational Fund

Presentation of One Hundred Percent Humanitarian Chapters  
Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons,  
Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons  
"Angelic Footsteps" Drill  
Directed by Mrs. Sandra Zipp, Grand Marshal

### *Humanitarian Committee, District Chairmen*

District 1	Mrs. Barbara E. Zihlman
District 2	Mrs. Mary Bond
District 3	Mrs. Patsy Hewlett
District 4	Mrs. Genevieve Orr
District 5	Mrs. Kerry Woods

# "Symphony to Heaven"

## ESTARL Service and Awards



Mrs. Joyce Gilbert  
*Worthy Grand Matron*

Mrs. Marian Von Heeder  
*ESTARL General Chairman*

Mr. Jerry Trees  
*Worthy Grand Patron*



# ESTARL Recipient Chaplain Steven Rindahl in Iraq



Chaplain Steven Rindahl at Post Chapel with his bodyguard, Sgt. Lina



Serving Communion at a Combat Outpost in Iraq on Easter morning



Prayer before going on a mission



Chaplain Steven Rindahl sitting on one of Saddam's palace thrones with his bodyguard, Sgt. Lina

Musical Prelude	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland <i>Past Grand Matron of Texas</i>
Welcome	Mrs. Marian Von Heeder <i>General Chairman</i>
ESTARL Committee	Mrs. Joyce Smith, District 1 Mrs. Donna Swindle, District 2 Mrs. Marie Sutton, District 3 Mrs. Jean Hodson, District 4 Mrs. Vicki Smith, District 5
Invocation	Mr. Kyle Emory, Recipient, District 3
Musical Selection	Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir <i>Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Section 6</i>
Accompaniment	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland <i>Past Grand Matron of Texas</i>
Scripture Reading	Mr. Adam Shafer, Recipient, District 4
Message	Mr. Joseph Palermo, Recipient, District 3
Musical Selection	Miss Rebecca Jill Clark, Recipient, District 1
Offertory Prayer	Mr. Ryan Dennis, Recipient, District 2
Offertory Music	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland <i>Past Grand Matron of Texas</i>

### **ESTARL LOVE OFFERING**

Greetings and Presentation of Awards	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert <i>Worthy Grand Matron</i> Mr. Jerry Trees <i>Worthy Grand Patron</i>
Response from Recipients	Miss Linda Baumheckel, Recipient, District 5
Benediction: “ <i>The Lord’s Prayer</i> ”	Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir <i>Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Section 6</i>
Accompaniment	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland <i>Past Grand Matron of Texas</i>

*“Ribbon of Life”  
Memorial Program*



*Mrs. Joyce Gilbert  
Worthy Grand Matron*

*Mr. Jerry Trees  
Worthy Grand Patron*

*Mrs. Lesa Smith  
Grand Chaplain*

Musical Prelude Mrs. Rosemary Swetland  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*

Precision Drill Directed by Mr. Bill Wyatt  
*Distinguished Ushers Chairman*

***Entrance of the Installed Grand Officers***

Invocation Mr. Jerry Trees  
*Worthy Grand Patron*

Solo: “Remember Me” Mrs. Lesa Smith  
*Grand Chaplain*

Tribute Presentation Mrs. Betty Benham  
*GGCCM and Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
*Ceremonial Marshal*

Tribute to General Grand Chapter Mrs. Rennie Ofton  
*Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and*  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*

Light of Fidelity Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. Billy H. Combest  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Tribute to Past Grand Matron Mrs. Betty Y. Friend  
*GGCCM and Past Grand Matron of Texas*

Light of Constancy Mrs. Alma Carter  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.  
*Board of Directors, District 1*

Tribute to Past Grand Patron Mrs. Elise Hammack  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*

Light of Loyalty Mrs. Elsie Paladino  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. H. Lee Stallings  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Tribute to Subordinate Chapters Mrs. Wanda Fairchild  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*

Light of Faith

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. Jerry L. Martin  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Tribute to the United States Military

Mr. Leland Benefield  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Light of Love

Mrs. Naomi Wolfe  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker  
*GGCCM and Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Report of the Grand Chaplain

Mrs. Lesa Smith  
*Grand Chaplain*

Solo: “*He Grew the Tree*”

Mrs. Lesa Smith  
*Grand Chaplain*  
Miss Rose Ann Lowry  
*Keyboard Players, District 3 Chairman*

Ribbon of Fidelity

Mrs. Nancy Brown  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. Nelson Campbell  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Ribbon of Constancy

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. Donny Broughton  
*Past Grand Master of Texas*

Ribbon of Loyalty

Mrs. Jane Gregory  
*GGCCM and Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. Richard Ochs  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Ribbon of Faith

Mrs. Beulah Speer  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. John Creel  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

Ribbon of Love

Mrs. Sharon Fentress  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. Ed Warner  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

“ <i>Ribbon of Life</i> ” Memorial Drill	Installed Grand Officers
Opening of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Bess Caldwell <i>Grand Conductress</i>
Draping of the Altar	Mrs. Bess Caldwell <i>Grand Conductress</i> Mrs. Mary Ruth White <i>Associate Grand Conductress</i> Mrs. Lesa Smith <i>Grand Chaplain</i>
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Bess Caldwell <i>Grand Conductress</i>
Presentation of the United States Flags	Mr. Henry S. Martin <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i> Mr. Bill Rhyan <i>Past Grand Patron of Arizona</i>
Flag Ceremony	Lone Star Color Guard
Benediction: “ <i>Amazing Grace</i> ”	

**The Saturday Morning Session will begin at 8:30 A.M.**

**Following the Memorial Program  
all participants are requested to remain for the  
Rehearsal of the 2008-2009 Installation of Grand Officers**

# IN MEMORIAM



**DR. O.D. CHRISTIAN**

*Worthy Grand Patron*

*1975 – 1976*

*Died August 8, 2007*

**IN MEMORIAM**



**MRS. NANCY BAILEY ALLEN**

*Worthy Grand Matron*

*1967 – 1968*

*Died October 19, 2007*



*In Memoriam*



**MRS. MILDRED SHARPE**

*Past Grand Matron*

*1966-1967*

Died August 10, 2008

**Saturday Morning Session**  
**August 30, 2008**  
**“HOW GREAT THOU ART”**

8:00 A.M.. Musical Prelude A Joyful Noise for J & J

8:30 A.M.. Call to Order Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane  
*Right Worthy Grand Secretary, pro tem*  
*General Grand Chapter and*  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*  
Mr. Henry S. Martin  
*Past Grand Patron of Texas*

“Joyous Notes” Drill Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages  
Directed by Mrs. Sandra Zipp  
*Grand Marshal*

Precision Drill Directed by Mr. Bill Wyatt  
*Distinguished Ushers Chairman*

***Entrance of Installed Grand Officers***

Opening of the Holy Bible Mrs. Bess Caldwell  
*Grand Conductress*

Invocation Mrs. Betty Benham  
*Charter, Chairman*  
*General Grand Chapter and*  
*Past Grand Matron of Texas*

Special Music: “How Great Thou Art” Grand Choir

***Session Called From Rest to Labor***

Business Session continued with reports:

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Humanitarian, ESTARL, and Grand Chaplain’s reports  
Final Credentials Report Ms. Acey Guile, Chairman  
Final Registration Report Mrs. Shirley Jones, Chairman

Appointment of Election Judge, Table Judges and Tellers

**All Candidates and the persons nominating them  
are to be seated in the Grand East.**

10:00 A.M.	Election of Officers
Song: <i>“He Touched Me”</i>	Mrs. Betty King <i>Grand Soloists Committee, District 4</i>
Appreciation and Recognition of Executive and Arrangements Committees for 2007-2008	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert <i>Worthy Grand Matron</i>
Recognition and Presentations	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert <i>Worthy Grand Matron</i>
Invitation to the 2008-2009 Grand Chapter Session	Mrs. Donna Hill Pope
Special Music: <i>“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”</i>	Mrs. Becky Austin <i>Deputy Grand Matron, District 1, Section 8</i>
Election Results	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert <i>Worthy Grand Matron</i>
Benediction	Mrs. Jane Gregory <i>Registration Committee General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas</i>
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Bess Caldwell <i>Grand Conductress</i>

**Session Called From Labor to Rest  
Until 6:00 P.M. Saturday Evening**

**Please join us for the 2008-2009  
Installation of Grand Officers**

**Processional of Distinguished Guests will begin at 6:00 P.M.**

## INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS PERSONAL PAGES AND SECRETARIES

Worthy Grand Matron—Mrs. Joyce Gilbert

Mrs. Syble T. Yost  
Mrs. Ann Wyatt  
Mrs. Alma York  
Mrs. Donna Herrington  
Mrs. Doris Wagner  
Mrs. Glenda Story

Worthy Grand Patron—Mr. Jerry Trees

Mr. Ben Clegg  
Mr. George A. Gwaltney  
Mr. Clarence L. Thompson

Associate Grand Matron—Mrs. Joyce Nicklas

Miss Abi Freeman  
Mrs. Lillian “Sissy” Furrrie  
Mrs. Edna E. Jefferies  
Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer  
Mrs. Sue D. Shoemaker  
Dr. Leslie Keilberg

Associate Grand Patron—Mr. Ray Hertenberger

Mrs. LaTricia Hertenberger  
Mr. Ehren Hertgenberger  
Mr. Burley Jones  
Mr. Paul Lowe  
Mr. Paul Romine

Grand Secretary—Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner

Mrs. Loretta Lindley  
Mrs. Marlene Scholari

Grand Treasurer—Mrs. Betty Prater

Mrs. Sybil V. Davis  
Mrs. Margie B. Stewart  
Mrs. Jean Vestal

Grand Conductress—Mrs. Bess Caldwell

Mrs. Audri Rowell  
Mrs. Mary Calvert  
Mrs. Vi Griffin  
Mrs. Iris Lowe  
Mrs. Chris Puckett  
Mrs. Jean Thomas

Associate Grand Conductress—Mrs. Mary Ruth White

Mrs. Eva G. Hicks  
Mrs. Frances Atkinson  
Mrs. Joan Groth  
Mrs. Joyce Shanks

Grand Chaplain—Mrs. Lesa Smith	Mrs. Laura Geyer Ms. Jerre Miller Mrs. Donna Noe
Grand Marshal—Mrs. Saundra Zipp	Mrs. Billie Collie Mrs. Marty Drescher Mrs. Kitty Welch Mrs. Simone Lamldin Mrs. Karen Wright
Grand Organist—Mrs. Barbara Trayler	Mrs. Jeannine Atkerson Mrs. Kay Hale Mrs. Flora Maserang
Grand Adah—Mrs. Rita A. Lytle	Mrs. Mary Nan Anderson Mrs. Martha Lytle Bettis Mrs. Martha B. Derbonne
Grand Ruth—Mrs. Sula Reilly	Mrs. Sandra Adams Ms. Nicole Holley Mrs. Lisa M. Pekar Mrs. Linda L. Turner
Grand Esther—Mrs. Janell Trees	Mrs. Barbara Cunningham Mrs. Sue Pettinos Mrs. Terri Reynolds Mrs. Janlen Waclawczyk
Grand Martha—Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth	Mrs. Mary Helen Bagley Mrs. Mary Ann Collins Mrs. Pam Johnson Mrs. Sue Norwood
Grand Electa—Mrs. Anita M. Brown	Mrs. Barbara Hampton Mrs. Dolores Hartley Mrs. Treaca Huston Mrs. Linda Jackson
Grand Warder—Mrs. Joyce Ball	Mrs. Billie Glover Mrs. Janice Richardson Mrs. Barbara Wickham Mrs. Jerre Lucas
Grand Sentinel—Mr. Warren C. Huckabee	Mr. D. W. “Mike” Hall Mr. Steve Koehn Mr. Robert R. Schier Col. John P. Thomas, Retired

## **ASSISTING GRAND WARDERS AND ASSISTING GRAND SENTINELS**

Anyone not on the following list who wishes to serve as an  
Assisting Grand Warder or Assisting Grand Sentinel,  
you are most welcome.

Please report to the Chairman  
for your assignment.

Please do not leave your station unattended.

THANK YOU!

### **ASSISTING GRAND WARDERS**

Barbara Wickham, Chairman

Elaine Batchelor	Catherine Dunn
Billie Glover	Phyllis Jameson
Emily Johnson	Omega Johnson
James Kelley	Janice Kelley
Sibie Knapek	Jenna Lewis
Jerre Lucas	Lisa Martin
Judy Massey	Mary Pike
Norma Russell	Joann Squyers
Ann Stuart	Maggie Uzzell
Tony Uzzell	

### **ASSISTING GRAND SENTINELS**

Steve Koehn, Chairman

D. W. "Mike" Hall	Harry Jameson
Robert R. Schier	Col. John P. Thomas, Retired

**GRAND CHOIR MEMBERS 2008**  
**Mrs. Juanita B. Gregory, Grand Choir Director**  
**Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron**

**Grand Soloists**

Kay Drescher, District 1  
Priscilla V. Locke, District 3  
Caron I. Joseph, District 5

Susie Chapman, District 2  
Betty King, District 4

**Grand Choir**  
***“Singing with the Saints”***

Martha Jones, General Chairman  
Kenneth Jones, Co-Chairman

Mary Alberts  
Carolyn Black  
Patsy Duke  
Lucy Fournier  
Geraldine Graves  
Preston Haynes  
Jean Hobbs  
Melissa Hudman  
Kim Lacy  
Maury Lupini  
Carolyn Orum  
Sara Rozean  
John Turner  
Ivan Wallace  
Joanne Word

Patricia Alexander  
Judy Brown  
Nancy Jo Estill  
Marie Frederick  
William Groth  
Regina Hedgcoth  
Michelle Holmes  
Terri Hugo  
Nancy LaFosse  
Sue Lupini  
Patricia Price  
Joyce Schneider  
Jonnie Turner  
Edyth Walsh  
Kathleen Yancey

Colleen Asaro  
Jeanette Cooper  
Joyce Fields  
Laverne Gattis  
Esther Haynes  
Bruce Hobbs  
Pat Holt  
Linda Koch  
Deborah Land  
Barbara McNair  
Jimmie Raybon  
John Searson  
Jean Waidelich  
Janice Warner  
Kenneth Yancey



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Stanley Seeley	Chairman
Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw	Co-Chairman
Mrs. Sarah Valkus Coursey	Treasurer
Mrs. Lorrie Owens	Auditor

## ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jo Ann Storie	Chairman
Mr. Jack C. Beall	Co-Chairman
Mrs. Linda N. Carney	Secretary and Ticket Chairman
Mr. Joe R. Zihlman	Security Chairman
Mr. R. M. "Dick" Roth	Security Co-Chairman
Mrs. Karen Louton	Exhibits and Vendors Chairman
Mr. Alfred Bell	Services Division Chairman
Mrs. Carolyn Bell	Services Division Co-Chairman
Mrs. Jane Clabaugh	Social Division Chairman
Mrs. Tonya Foster	Social Division Co-Chairman
Mrs. Delores Curry	Ticket Co-Chairman
Mrs. Ethel Powell	Systems Division Chairman
Mrs. Mary Ann Ivy	Celebration Banquet Chairman
Mrs. Martha Williams	Celebration Banquet Co-Chairman
Mr. Jerrel Jones	Courtesy Cars and Campers Chairman
Mrs. Maud Ann Smith	Distinguished Guests Chairman
Mrs. Ona Calvo	Distinguished Guests Co-Chairman
Mr. Bill Wyatt	Distinguished Ushers Chairman
Mrs. Anita Durden	Ditty Bags Chairman
Mr. Paul Garner	Election and Equipment Chairman
Mr. Jerry Owens	Electrical/PA Chairman
Mr. Allen Tuell	Electrical/PA Co-Chairman
Mrs. Junell Nichols	First Aid Chairman
Mrs. Pat Washington	General Banquet Chairman
Mrs. Joan Humphries	General Banquet Co-Chairman
Mrs. Linda Johnston	General Banquet Co-Chairman
Mrs. Phyllis Macon	Grand Representatives Breakfast Chairman
Mrs. Phyllis Wilson	Hospitality Chairman
Mr. Don Lawrence	Housing Chairman
Mrs. Bobbye Dyer	Housing Co-Chairman
Mrs. Ann Blanton	Information, Lost and Found Chairman
Mrs. Nancy McGee	Information, Lost and Found Co-Chairman
Mr. Wayne Gaddis	Labyrinth and Paraphernalia Chairman
Mrs. Sue Briwa	Labyrinth and Paraphernalia Co-Chairman



Mr. Dale Redfearn	Public Relations and Communications Chairman
Miss Marti Atkerson	Signs Chairman
Mrs. Jana Lubbers	Special Needs Chairman
Mr. John Fowler	Special Needs Co-Chairman
Mrs. Pat Pettit	Stage Pages Chairman
Ms. Mary Choate	Steno Chairman
Mrs. Patricia Kettle	TMRC Residents Chairman
Mr. Cleo Ellison	Video and Pictures Session Chairman
Mrs. Ophelia Ellison	Video and Pictures Session Co-Chairman
Mr. Jim Turner	Videos and Pictures Social Events Chairman

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Acey Guile, Chairman  
Mrs. Ginger L. Boyd, Co-Chairman  
Mrs. Barbara Wood, Co-Chairman

Mrs. Marceline Crenshaw	Mrs. Gayle Doyle
Mrs. Melba Jean Hanna	Mr. N. W. "Butch" Hanna
Mrs. Brenda Honea	Mr. James Honea
Mrs. Barbara Ochs	Mr. Jim Pierce
Mrs. Mary Nell Ramsey	Mrs. LaJuan Rudd
Mrs. Mary Spell	Mrs. Lee Stark
Mr. Mike Stark	Mrs. Brenda Terrell

## **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Shirley Jones, Chairman  
Mrs. Sherrie Fowler, Co-Chairman

Mrs. Ann Bailleaux	Mrs. Barbara Eierdam
Mr. George Eierdam	Mr. Joe Gilmore
Mrs. Wanda J. Gilmore	Mrs. Barbara Grant-Scott
Mrs. Dorothy High	Mrs. Suzanne Kirby
Mrs. Theresa Madison	Miss Kathy Ross
Mrs. Juanita Sharp	Mrs. Bonnie Varnell
Mrs. Jeanne Williamson	

## GENERAL INFORMATION

NO CREDENTIALS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER 9:00 AM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2008. (Code of Laws, Article 2, page 51: The Credentials Committee shall convene not later than 8:00 o'clock on the election morning for the registration of late-comers, but registration of voting delegates shall close at 9:00 o'clock on election morning.)

Ballots are not transferable, and, if lost, will not be replaced. Sign your Ballot envelope immediately and keep it in your care at all times.

A valid Receipt for Dues or Demit, Registration Badge, and Ballot (Saturday for voting delegates) are required for admittance to closed Grand Chapter Sessions.

Registration Fees are non-refundable.

**DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS:** All General Grand Chapter Officers and appointees, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are invited to sit in sections designated for Distinguished Members during all Sessions of Grand Chapter.

**ASSISTING GRAND WARDERS, ASSISTING GRAND SENTINELS, GRAND PAGES AND DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS** will please be on duty thirty minutes before each Session. Please assist in proving Grand Chapter.

**GRAND CHOIR** members will please be in place thirty minutes before sessions.

**REPORTS:** All reports must be brief, concise, relevant, and limited to two to three minutes. Reports must be double spaced, and three copies given to the Grand Secretary after adoption.

**CHAIRMEN:** Please be readily available until your report has been given. You may be called upon to give your report at any time during the daytime sessions on Friday or Saturday. The General Chairman will introduce the Co-Chairman and District Chairmen, and a picture of all will be made with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

### OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Session: Mr. Cleo Ellison, 4025 Field St., Fort Worth, TX 76117

Special Events: Mr. James W. "Jim" Turner, 805 Via Barcelona, Mesquite, TX 75150

### Schedule:

Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards with escorts during Opening.

Installed Grand Officers and Pages during Thursday session.

Installed Grand Officers and Pages following Friday afternoon session.

Note: For individual pictures, schedule with an Official Photographer.

**FIRST AID:** A First Aid Room will be available near the Grand Chapter room. The First Aid Committee will be on duty during all Sessions.

**HUMANITARIAN DRILL:** All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons of Chapters participating in the Humanitarian Program for 2007-2008 are invited to participate in the Humanitarian Drill on Friday evening. Ladies, please wear a long dress and gentlemen, please wear a dark suit or tux.

**PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS:** The Grand Examiner At Large will open the Examining Room on Thursday afternoon from 1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Friday from 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. Saturday from 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Location: Mayfair Room, first floor.

**PROJECT ITEMS:** Merchandise for 2007-2008, 2008-2009, Texas Cardinals and Youth Organizations are located in the lobby on the second floor.

**GRAND CHAPTER SUPPLIES:** Supplies will be available inside the Grand Chapter room on the second floor.

**VENDORS:** The Exhibits are located on the first and second floors. Hours are: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; and Saturday, 8:00 A.M. – noon. Vendors offer a variety of items: jewelry, formals, badges, Eastern Star supplies, Masonic jewelry, cosmetics, and many other items.

**FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS:** All members who attained their 50th year this year will be recognized on Friday afternoon. Please be seated in the designated area.

**RESIDENTS OF TMRC:** All members will be recognized on Friday afternoon. Please be seated in the designated area.

**SAFETY:** For your safety, please walk in groups going to and from the hotels and parking lots. If you need assistance, please speak with a member of the Arrangements Committee Security.

## **PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR GRAND CHAPTER**

In accordance with Code of Laws, Article 157,  
Pages 110-112 and the following:

1. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the adopted parliamentary authority and the rules found therein shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
2. The Credentials Committee, immediately after the Ritualistic Opening of Grand Chapter, shall report the number of delegates registered. The report of this committee will determine if a quorum is present. Immediately prior to holding the election at the Saturday morning session, the Credentials Committee shall make a final report of those entitled to vote and the total number of votes.
3. In order to enter the Grand Chapter meeting room for all business sessions, delegates shall wear the official badge issued by the Registration Committee and must also show a current dues card or demit. On Saturday morning, delegates also must 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:
  - a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron
  - b. One copy to the Grand Secretary
  - c. One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.
5. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction (or members holding the proxy of the Worthy Matron and /or Worthy Patron) are entitled to speak, make motions, debate or vote.
6. In order to obtain the floor, the following procedure will be used:
  - a. Proceed to the nearest microphone
  - b. Address the Presiding Officer
  - c. Wait for recognition from the Presiding Officer before speaking
  - d. State name, title, Chapter name and number; then proceed to make a motion or participate in debate.
7. All motions must be seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer before debate can begin.

8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment, then the original motion as amended.

9. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. The three-minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection.

10. A majority vote shall determine all questions, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called. Voting Delegates will hold up the pink 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:

- a. Reconsider
- b. Refer to a committee
- c. Call for the order of the day
- d. Division of the question
- e. Previous question \*
- f. Lay on the table
- g. To call off
- h. To proceed to close

\*A member wishing to close debate shall proceed to a microphone; wait to be recognized; address the Presiding Officer; state your name, title, Chapter name and number; and then make the following motion: “*I move the previous question.*” Simply 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:

- a. One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron
- b. One copy to the Grand Secretary
- c. 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 by the member making the nomination as follows:
  - a. Go to a microphone and address the Presiding Officer.
  - b. Wait for recognition.
  - c. State your name, title, Chapter name and number.
  - d. Give the name and Chapter of the member being nominated and the office for which this nomination is made.
19. Nominations do not require a second.
20. The election results will be announced by the Presiding Officer.
21. No tape recorders (except official recordings) are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.
22. No food or drinks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.



**126th “Symphony Among the Angels”  
Grand Chapter of Texas Session, O.E.S.  
August 28 – 30, 2008**

InterContinental Dallas Hotel  
15201 Dallas Parkway, Addison, TX 75001  
972-386-6000

***MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008***

**9:00 A.M.**     **MOVE IN:** Executive, Arrangements, Credentials, Registration Committees and Grand Secretary’s staff move in hotel.

***TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2008***

**9:00 A.M.**     **MOVE IN:** Exhibitors move in hotel.

**9:00 A.M.**     **ARRANGEMENTS SET UP:** All Arrangements, Credentials, and Registration Committee members and Grand Secretary’s office personnel set up for Grand Chapter Session.

**Noon –**         **HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:**  
**4:00 P.M.**     Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Phyllis Wilson. Location: Addison Hospitality Room, Third Floor.

**7:00 P.M.**     **“MAGNIFICENT MELODIES” INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS BANQUET:** Chairman: Mrs. Saundra Zipp. Location: LeGala, First Floor.

***WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2008***

**8:00 A.M. –**     **EXHIBITS OPEN:**  
**6:00 P.M.**     Location: First and Second Floors.

**8:00 A.M.**     **ARRANGEMENTS SET UP:** All Arrangements Committee Members set up for Grand Chapter Session.

**9:00 A.M.**     **“THE PRIDE AWAITS” RECEPTION:**  
**11:00 A.M.**     Honoring Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Associate Grand Matron and the 2008 Installed Grand Officers. Hosted by Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Associate Grand Patron. Location: Addison Event Center, 14775 Midway Rd., Ste. B. (By Invitation Only)

**10:00 A.M.**     **CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION OPEN:**  
Credentials Chairman: Ms. Acey Guile. Registration Chairman: Mrs. Shirley Jones. Location: Hamilton, Second Floor.

- 10:00 A.M. PAST GRANDS OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING:  
Chairman: Mr. Henry Martin, PGP.  
Location: LeGala, First Floor. (This group only)
- 10:00 A.M. – HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:**  
**4:00 P.M.** Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Phyllis Wilson. Location: Addison Hospitality Room, Third Floor.
- Noon** **“HEAVENLY MELODIES” PAST GRAND MATRONS & PAST GRAND PATRONS LUNCHEON:**  
Honoring General Grand Chapter Elected Officers and Committee Members, and Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Invited are Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions. Chairman: Mr. Henry Martin, PGP. Location: Garden Court III, First Floor. (This group only, their spouses and traveling companions)
- Noon** **“THIS JUST MIGHT BE THE BEST...”**  
**2007-2008 DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER LUNCHEON:**  
Honoring Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Deputies of Grand Chapter. Invited are: The Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, Humanitarian Committee, Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Soloists, Grand Chapter Moms and Traveling Secretaries to WGM and WGP. Chairman: Mrs. Ann Wyatt. Location: Lalique II, Second Floor.
- 1:30 P.M.** **DRILL PRACTICE:** Mrs. Sandra Zipp, Grand Marshal.  
Location: Crystal Ballroom, Second Floor.
- 2:00 P.M.** **PAST APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS (PAGO) RECEPTION:**  
Chairman: Lorrie Owens. Location: LeGala, First Floor.
- 5:00 P.M. – RECEPTION FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:**  
**6:00 P.M.** 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 Board Members. Hosted by the WGM and WGP. (Open to this group only) (Formal Wear.) Hostesses: District Deputy Grand Matrons. Location: LeGala, First Floor.
- 6:30 P.M. – “GOLDEN SYMPHONIES AROUND THE WORLD”**  
**10:00 P.M. GENERAL BANQUET:**  
Honoring Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Rennie Oton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Mr. Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Alma Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, pro tem; Mrs. Betty Benham, Charter, Chairman; Mrs. Betty Friend, Eastern Star Journal; Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Payroll, Chairman; Mrs. Jane Gregory, Registration; Mr. Duane



“Buddy” Baker, Visionquest; and Mr. Tommy Griffin, Most Worshipful Grand Master, A.F.&A.M. (Open to Membership) (Formal Wear) Chairman: Mrs. Pat Washington. Location: Garden Court I, II and III, First Floor.

**The CANDIDATES RECEPTION will follow the General Banquet.**

**10:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M. Location: LeGala, First Floor.**

*THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2008*

**7:00 A.M. “MUSICAL KEYS” GRAND WARDER/GRAND SENTINEL BREAKFAST:** Honoring Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Grand Warder and the Grand Sentinel. Chairman: Mrs. Joyce Ball. Location: LeGala, First Floor. (Open to the membership with a special invitation to all Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels)

**8:30 A.M. “SOUNDS OF FRIENDSHIP” GRAND REPRESENTATIVES’ BREAKFAST:** Honoring Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Phyllis Macon. Location: Garden Court I and II, First Floor. (Open to Present and Former Grand Representatives, Fraternal Correspondent, spouses and traveling companions)

**9:00 A.M. – CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION OPEN:**

**5:00 P.M.** Credentials Chairman: Ms. Acey Guile. Registration Chairman: Mrs. Shirley Jones. Location: Hamilton, Second Floor.

**9:30 A.M. “TOUCHING THE FUTURE ALUMNI REUNION” 2006-2007 GRAND FAMILY BRUNCH:**

Honoring Mrs. Geraldine Dusek, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron. Invited are: The Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, Deputies, Humanitarian Committee, Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Soloists, Grand Chapter Sweetheart and Traveling Secretaries. Chairman: Mrs. Melissa Hudman. Location: Lalique I, Second Floor.

**8:00 A.M. – EXHIBITS OPEN:**

**6:00 P.M.** Location: First and Second Floors

**9:00 A.M. – HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:**

**Noon** Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Phyllis Wilson. Location: Addison Hospitality Room, Third Floor.

**126th SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS**  
**Crystal Ballroom, Second Floor**  
**11:30 A.M. INFORMAL OPENING CEREMONIES (Formal Wear)**  
**1:00 P.M. FORMAL OPENING**

**Call to Order**  
**Welcomes and Greetings**  
**Ritualistic Opening**  
**Introductions of Distinguished Guests**  
**Greetings**  
**Session Called from Labor to Rest**  
**Grand Representatives Program and Drill**

**1:30 P.M. – THE EXAMINATION ROOM WILL BE OPEN:**  
**4:00 P.M.** Chairman: Mrs. Susan Bigham. Location: Mayfair, First Floor.

**7:00 P.M. “TIME OF CELEBRATION” DINNER:**  
Honoring Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Mary Ann Ivy. Location: Garden Court I and II, First Floor. (Open to the Membership) (Attire: Informal)

***FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2008***

**6:30 A.M. “WE’LL SING IN THE SUNSHINE” BREAKFAST:** Honoring Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Elected Boards and Committees. Chairman: Mr. Gary Steele. Location: Lalique I, Second Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**6:30 A.M. “MUSICAL NOTES” BREAKFAST:** Honoring Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary. Hosted by the Secretaries’ Association of Texas. Annual meeting to be held with election of Officers for Association. Chairman: Mr. Jack Beall. Location: Lalique II, Second Floor. (Open to present and past Secretaries, Treasurers and traveling companions)

**Friday Morning Session (Daytime Wear)**

**8:00 A.M. Power Point Presentation**

**8:30 A.M. Call to Order**

**8:00 A.M. – HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:**  
**10:00 A.M.** Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Phyllis Wilson. Location: Addison Hospitality Room, Third Floor.

**8:00 A.M. – CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION OPEN:**  
**5:00 P.M.** Credentials Chairman: Ms. Acey Guile. Registration Chairman: Mrs. Shirley Jones. Location: Hamilton, Second Floor.

**8:00 A.M. – EXHIBITS OPEN:** Location: First and Second Floors.

**6:00 P.M.**

**The Examination Room will be open at the following times:**

**9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

**Location: Mayfair, First Floor**

**Noon**      **“UP, UP, AND AWAY” LUNCHEON:** Honoring Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Shelley Walker. Location: Lalique I and II, Second Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**Noon**      **“VALLEY OF THE LAMBS” LUNCHEON:** Honoring Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Associate Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Betty Hancock. Location: Garden Court I and II, First Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**Noon**      **“BLUEBONNETS AND TEXAS LADIES” LUNCHEON:** Honoring Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Marty Drescher. Location: Garden Court III, First Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**Noon**      **“IN THE GARDEN WITH TREASURED FRIENDS” LUNCHEON:** Honoring Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Associate Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Sandra Thurman; assisted by District 1, Section 5 Associate Conductresses. Location: LeGala, First Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**Friday Afternoon Session (Daytime Wear)**

**1:15 P.M. Musical Prelude**

**1:30 P.M. Session Called from Rest to Labor**

**Recognition and Presentation of Fifty-Year Members and  
TMRC Residents**

**5:30 P.M.**      **“ANGELS AMONG THE STARS” DISTRICT I BANQUET:**  
Honoring Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; and Mrs. Wanda Brown, Friend of a Feather. Special Members: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District I. Chairman: Mrs. Ann Wyatt. Location: Malachite, First Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**5:30 P.M.**      **“THE WAY OF THE CROSS LEADS HOME” DISTRICT II BANQUET:** Honoring: Mrs. Betty Benham, Charter, Chairman; and Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Grand Conductress. Special Members: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District II. Chairman: Mrs. Alma York. Location: LeGala, First Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**5:30 P.M. “MUSICAL MEMORIES” DISTRICT III BANQUET:**  
Honoring Mrs. Alma Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, pro tem; Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Payroll, Chairman; Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker, Visionquest; Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Associate Grand Matron; and Dr. Charles W. “Bill” Bane, Headquarters Administrator. Special Members: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District III. Chairman: Mrs. Donna Herrington. Location: Garden Court I and II, First Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**5:30 P.M. “MELODY OF ANGELS” DISTRICT IV BANQUET:**  
Honoring: Mrs. Jane Gregory, Registration; Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Associate Grand Patron; and Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Associate Grand Conductress. Special Members: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District IV. Chairman: Mrs. Doris Wagner. Location: Garden Court III, First Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**5:30 P.M. “HARMONY AMIDST THE CACTI” DISTRICT V BANQUET:**  
Honoring: Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Mrs. Betty Friend, Eastern Star Journal; Mrs. Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the MWGM in Mexico; Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the MWGP in Mexico and Central America; Special guests: Mr. Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Mrs. Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Special Members: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District V. Chairman: Mrs. Glenda Story. Location: Lalique I and II, Second Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**Friday Evening Session  
(OPEN SESSION) (Formal Wear)**

**7:00 P.M. Musical Prelude**

**7:30 P.M. Humanitarian, ESTARL, and Memorial programs**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2008**

**6:30 A.M. “AN AWAKENING OF THE LAMBS AND SHEPHERDS” BREAK-FAST:**  
Honoring Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Associate Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Charlotte Beall. Location: Garden Court I and II, First Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**7:00 A.M. – CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION OPEN:**

**9:00 A.M.** Credentials Chairman: Ms. Acey Guile. Registration Chairman: Mrs. Shirley Jones. Location: Hamilton, Second Floor.

**8:00 A.M. – THE EXAMINATION ROOM WILL BE OPEN:**  
**9:00 A.M.** Chairman: Mrs. Susan Bigham. Location: Mayfair, First Floor.

**8:00 A.M. – EXHIBITS OPEN:**  
**Noon** Location: First and Second Floors. Exhibitors move out Saturday afternoon by 5:00 P.M.

**Saturday Morning Session (Daytime Wear)**

**8:00 A.M. Musical Prelude**

**8:30 A.M. Call to Order**

**10:00 A.M. Election of Officers**

**SATURDAY EVENING**

**(New Formal Wear)**

**6:00 P.M. OPEN INSTALLATION OF 2008-2009 GRAND OFFICERS**

***SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008***

***(New Daytime Wear)***

**8:00 A.M. “AND SO THE JOURNEY BEGINS” BREAKFAST:**  
Honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Marlene Scholari. Location: Garden Court I, II and III, First Floor. (Open to the Membership)

**10:00 A.M. DEPUTIES MEETING:**  
Location: Lalique I, Second Floor.

## 2008 GRAND CHAPTER MUSICAL SELECTIONS

### The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see,  
by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed  
at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched,  
were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare,  
the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night  
that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say, does that star-spangled  
banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free,  
and the home of the brave?

*Frances Scott Key*

### 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  
For the 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.

### The Eyes of Texas are Upon You

The eyes of Texas are upon you  
All the live long day!  
The eyes of Texas are upon you,  
You cannot get away!  
Do not think you can escape them  
From night till early in the morn.  
The eyes of Texas are upon you  
Till Gabriel blows his horn.

### O Canada!

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

### God Bless America

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

### Texas, Our Texas

Texas, our Texas! All hail the mighty state.  
Texas, our Texas! So wonderful, so great!  
Boldest and grandest,  
Withstanding, every test.  
O Empirewide and glorious,  
You stand supremely blest.  
God bless you Texas!  
And keep you brave and strong.  
That you may grow in  
power and worth,  
Throughout the ages long.

## 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 thru-out the universe displayed!  
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.

## In My Heart There Rings a Melody

I have a song that Jesus gave me,  
It was sent from heaven above,  
There never was a sweeter melody,  
Tis a melody of love.  
In my heart there rings a melody,  
There rings a melody with  
Heaven's harmony  
In my heart there rings a melody;  
There rings a melody of love.  
Twill be my endless theme in glory,  
With the angels I will sing;  
Twill be a song with glorious harmony,  
When the courts of heaven ring.

## Let Me Call You Sweetheart

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

## Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!  
When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

## I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,  
I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's 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.  
Just a few more weary days and then,  
I'll fly away;  
To a land where joys shall never end,  
I'll fly away.

## Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
The Bible tells me so.

## **It's A Small World**

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

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

I'd like to build the world a home,  
And furnish it with love.  
Grow apple trees and honey bees  
And snow white turtle doves.  
I'd like to teach the world to sing  
In perfect harmony.  
I'd like to hold it in my arms  
And keep it company.  
I'd like to see the world for once  
All standing hand in hand.  
And hear them echo through the hills  
For peace throughout the land.

## **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, wash'd in His blood.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

## **Precious Memories**

Precious memories, unseen angels  
Sent from somewhere to my soul  
How they linger, ever near me  
And the sacred scenes unfold.  
Precious memories, how they linger  
How they ever flood my soul  
In the stillness of the midnight  
Precious, sacred scenes unfold.  
Precious father, loving mother  
Fly across the lonely years  
And old home scenes of my childhood  
In fond memory appear.  
In the stillness of the midnight  
Echoes from the past I hear  
Old-time singing, gladness bringing  
From that lovely land somewhere.  
I remember mother praying  
Father, too, on bended knee  
Sun is sinking, shadows falling  
But their prayers still follow me.  
As I travel on life's pathway  
Know not what the years may hold  
As I ponder hope grows fonder  
Precious memories flood my soul.

## **My Rainbow**

God placed a rainbow way up in the sky,  
A beautiful symbol so true.  
Its lovely colors of heavenly hue,  
Send showers of blessings anew.  
My Rainbow,  
I cannot tell what you mean to me.  
With your lessons of faith,  
hope and charity.  
If I could pattern my life,  
on your great service and love,  
the pot of gold I'm sure to find above.  
My Rainbow,  
symbol of promises ever true,  
inspire me to live just as you.



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### **Calendar and Checkbook Cover: "MUSIC IN TIME"**

This committee will have available a calendar for the period of August 1, 2007, through December 31, 2008, and a matching checkbook cover. These items will be available for a donation of \$5 each. Special events and Schools of Instruction will be listed in the calendar and it will be an excellent tool for planning activities throughout the year. The matching checkbook cover is a delightful new addition. The net proceeds will be applied to the "Celebration of the Past" event to be held at Grand Chapter with any remaining funds going to the General Fund.

### **Cancer Awareness**

This committee will bring to the attention of the membership cancer awareness. You are asked to distribute literature on the signs to look for, tests to take, and encourage the membership to wear pink ribbons. We will have available pink totes and cancer pins for a donation of \$5 for one and get the other free as long as the quantity lasts. When either item is depleted, the other item will continue to be available for a donation of \$5. The net proceeds go into the Cancer Research Fund.

### **Concert: "MUSIC AMONG THE STARS"**

A fun-filled musical day is planned for April 26, 2008. The members of this committee will promote the Concert and assist as needed. The day time activities will be held on the grounds of TMRC under a big tent and the evening activities will be at the Fielder Road Baptist Church's Metro Center. Tickets of \$30 each will be available for the evening activities. The profits will benefit Cancer Research, Dallas Scottish Rite Hospital, and the Galveston Shriners Burn Hospital.

### **Credit Card: "SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS"**

Members of this committee are to encourage the membership to join Eastern Star in our credit card endeavor as this is a great way of helping our organization. The committee members will have applications available for the membership.

### **Endowed Membership Stamp: "TRUST AND OBEY"**

The members of this committee will promote the Endowed Membership program and encourage the Chapters to have available the stamps and booklets. These stamps make a wonderful gift. The net proceeds will be placed in the Endowed Membership Fund.

### **Exchange Visit: TEXAS-LOUISIANA**

This committee will coordinate an Exchange Visit to be held between the Grand Jurisdictions of Texas and Louisiana. This event is planned for the weekend of April 18-19, 2008. Activities include a banquet in Marshall, Texas, on April 18, and a luncheon in Bossier City, Louisiana on April 19. Hotel accommodations will be in Marshall with only one night's lodging being needed.

### **Exchange Visit: TEXAS-NEW MEXICO-OKLAHOMA**

This committee will coordinate an Exchange Visit to be held between the Grand Jurisdictions of Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. This event is planned for the weekend of March 7-9, 2008. The Grand Jurisdiction of New Mexico will be the host for all functions.

### **Founder's Day: "REAP THE HARVEST"**

This committee is responsible for encouraging Founder's Day activities in each Chapter. Also, the committee will contact each Chapter requesting they be 100% in Founder's Day donations by giving fifty cents per member on the Chapter's roll as of May 31, 2007. These donations go into the General Fund.

### **Grand Choir: "SINGING WITH THE SAINTS"**

The members of the Grand Choir Committee will produce melodies of the soul to fill the air with joy at Grand Chapter and all members are encouraged to make an effort to be in attendance. The marches written for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will be available from this committee for a donation of \$5 each. The net proceeds will go into the Youth Groups Fund. The Grand Soloists will assist the Grand Choir Director and Committee as needed.

### **Heroes**

A very special and honored committee has been appointed this year by your Worthy Grand Matron. The members of this committee were selected because of their outstanding service and dedication to our Order. It is desired that each Hero be honored by their Chapter during the year either at a called or special meeting. The Worthy Matron will plan this event and will coordinate a convenient time for it to be held.

### **Historian: "MEMORIES OF MUSICAL DREAMS"**

These members will encourage the membership to purchase or update the Historical Highlights book covering Grand Chapter history. The book will be available for a donation of \$25 each and the updates are \$2 per additional page. These may be purchased from the Grand Secretary's Office. The committee members should encourage the Chapters to collect and document all important history.

### **Huntington's Research: "HONORING VIRGINIA LYNN GREEN, PGM"**

Huntington's is a rare neurological disorder affecting up to eight people per 100,000. At this time, there is no cure and continued research is needed. This committee has the responsibility of encouraging awareness of Huntington's Disease and donations for research. The membership will be given the opportunity to donate \$1 or more for a button pin. The net proceeds will go into the Huntington's Disease Research Fund at UT Southwestern Medical Center in the account name of the Grand Chapter of Texas, OES, and in honor of Mrs. Virginia Green, PGM.

### **Masonic Relations: “MAJOR KEYS”**

This committee of our Masonic Brothers is asked to support our Ladies in every effort, and to serve and keep peace and harmony in our chapters. They should also encourage their Masonic Brothers to become a part of “Our Beautiful Eastern Star.”

### **Membership: “BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES”**

“One for one; everyone reaches one!” The goal is for each member to strive to bring in at least one new quality member into our Order. The members of this committee are responsible for promoting membership and visitation. As you go to Church and to other functions, let people know you are a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Let them know we are a benevolent organization and work hard to assist one another.

### **Onward Christian Soldiers**

This committee is to promote awareness and encourage the membership to provide funds and or needed items to veterans in Texas VA facilities, current military personnel who have been wounded such as those in Landstuhl Hospital in Germany or in Texas Military facilities; and to assist as may be needed in the event of a disaster in Texas such as hurricane Rita, or other areas of disaster relief as deemed appropriate. The membership can enhance the quality of life of those in need and those who have given so much to keep our Country free.

### **Proficiency: “COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS”**

Members of this committee will be available to assist the Grand Examiners and encourage the membership to study the Ritual, Constitution and Code of Laws, taking pride in their work. Small study groups will be encouraged and led or assisted by members of this committee. The “COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS” stickers will be available for a donation of \$1 each with the net proceeds benefiting Huntington’s Disease Research.

### **Publicity: “I’LL TELL THE WORLD”**

Committee members are to encourage the Chapters to put articles of interest in the local newspapers and, if possible, in the Official Bulletin. We must make ourselves known in our communities. One good way to do this is to have a dinner or hold an open meeting whereby the Chapter recognizes an outstanding person in the community that is not a member of the Eastern Star or of any of the Masonic bodies.

### **Special Needs Children: “YES, JESUS LOVES ME”**

The members of this committee will seek the help of the membership to make items such as bibs, lap throws, stuffed animals, puppets, games, puzzles, etc., for children in the Dallas Scottish Rite Hospital and the Galveston Shriners Burn Center. By doing such as this, we will brighten the days of our precious children who have special needs. A record of all donations should be maintained.

### **Texas Cardinals: “THE SONG OF A CARDINAL”**

The time is close when we will celebrate Sister Rennie Oton’s election to the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron! This committee will assist Texas Cardinals at Schools of Instruction and other events with items which are being offered by Texas Cardinals. Donations from such items go directly to the Texas Cardinals.

### **Time and Talent: “KEYBOARD PLAYERS”**

The Time and Talent Committee will continue as in the past to have parties for our Sisters and Brothers in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The plan is to host five parties, one hosted by each District. The General Chairman of this committee will work closely with the members of each District in providing the leadership needed. The parties will be in celebration of Christmas, Valentine, Easter, Mother’s Day and July 4th. The committee will be offering two lovely angel pins, one in gold color and one in silver, for a donation of \$10 each. The net proceeds will benefit the T.M.R.C. Residents’ Activities.

### **Yearbook: “MUSICAL JOURNEY”**

Committee members will be responsible for making available the 2007-2008 yearbooks at chapter meetings, Schools of Instructions, and other events. The yearbook will be offered for a donation of \$10 each. After all expenses are paid, the balance will go into the General Fund. The General Chairman may pick up a supply of the yearbooks toward the end of Grand Chapter.

### **Youth of Today and Tomorrow: “RHYTHM MOVERS”**

The members of the committee will encourage the support of our youth of today who will be our leaders of tomorrow. The committee will have available a hot air balloon pin for a donation of \$10 each. This pin will also be the fun emblem of the year. The net proceeds will go into the Youth Groups Fund for the Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay.

### **Onward Christian Soldiers Project**

A special part of this project is to provide assistance to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. LRMC is the largest American hospital outside of the United States where severely injured active duty military are sent by medivac, often times with essentially nothing.

They can use any of the following items:

- Phone cards
- New black duffle bags
- New clothing in M, L, XL; in grey, black or tan:
  - Long/short sleeve T-shirts – no designs
  - Sweats – pants/tops
  - Men’s and women’s fall/winter jackets
  - Men’s ankle socks

Care packages may be sent to:

- Landstuhl Regional Medical Center
- Attn: MCEUH-Ch/Chaplain’s Office
- CMR 402
- APO, AE 09180

Note: The PO will require a completed customs form.

Please maintain a record of items sent and report this to your OCS District Chairman.

Monetary donations will continue to be accepted during the year to support LMRC, VA facilities in Texas, and Texas Disasters, etc. The pins and forms will be available at the Schools of Instruction by the WGM’s Secretary. Available is the \$50 purple/piano pin, \$75 pink/cross pin, \$100 purple, pink and mauve/note pin; or, all three pins for a donation of \$150. Make checks payable to: *Grand Chapter of Texas, OES’* and present your check and completed form to the WGM’s Secretary.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who so freely protect us!

Joyce Gilbert

Worthy Grand Matron





## **PROGRAM**

**Master of Ceremonies** Mrs. Pat Washington  
Arrangements Committee, Decorations, General Chairman

**Invocation** Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron

**Welcome** Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron

**Response** Mrs. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron

## **DINNER**

### **Introductions**

Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron

### **Program**

Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron

### **Greetings**

Mr. Tommy F. Griffin, Most Worshipful Grand Master

### **Greetings from Past Grand Patrons**

Mr. Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron

### **Greetings from Past Grand Matrons**

Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron



**Tribute to General Grand Chapter Committees**  
by Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron

Mrs. Betty Benham, Charter Committee, Chairman  
Mrs. Jane Gregory, Registration Committee  
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Payroll Committee, Chairman  
Mrs. Betty Friend, Eastern Star Journal Committee  
Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, Visionquest Committee  
Mrs. Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico  
Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico  
Mrs. Wanda P. Brown, Friend of a Feather

**Response to Tribute**

Mrs. Betty Benham  
Charter Committee, Chairman

**Tribute to Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary-Pro-Tem  
and Dr. Charles W. Bane, Headquarters Administrator**  
by Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron

**Response to Tribute**

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane  
Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro-Tem

**Tribute to Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron**  
by Mrs. Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron

**Response to Tribute**

Mrs. Rennie Ofton  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron

**Greetings**

Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron

**Greetings**

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron

**Benediction**

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron

I want to **THANK** the following people for their hard work and contributions in making this banquet a success.

**Mrs. Rosemary Swetland** for the beautiful music prior to the banquet.

**Mrs. Michelle Stegman** for the beautiful music during dinner.

**Mr. Jim Huston** for making the musical head table drape.

All of the Arrangements Decorating Committee, especially my Co-Chairmen, **Mrs. Joan Humphrey** and **Mrs. Lin Johnston**, and many other who worked on the decorations and setting up the banquet room.

**Mrs. Sandra Power** for making the unique programs and place cards.

Most of all, **thanks** to my husband, **Delton**, who lived among the decorations, gave of his time to do whatever I needed, and never complained when I spent a little too much on decorations.

*Mrs. Pat Washington*  
Chairman, General Banquet

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Please be seated as the processional will start in just a minute.

A symphony must have someone who can master the sound. Only the ones who have the gift of being able to make the symphony live can perform it with perfection. In Eastern Star we have great symphonies around the world that are being performed with talent and pride. Let the symphony begin.

We will now have the processional. Mr. Tommy F. Griffin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, escorted by his wife Vi, Grand Page to the Grand Conductress. Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico. Mr. Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, escorted by his wife Margaret, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia. Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro Tem and Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by her husband Dr. Charles W. Bane, General Grand Chapter Headquarters Administrator. Mrs. Robbie White, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, escorted by Brother Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Mr. Buddy Baker, General Grand Chapter Visionquest Committee, escorted by his Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron of Texas. Mrs. Jane Gregory, General Grand Chapter Registration Committee, escorted by Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, General Grand Chapter Payroll Committee. Mrs. Betty Friend, General Grand Chapter Eastern Star Journal Committee, escorted by her husband Jack. Mrs. Betty Benham, General Grand Chapter Charter Committee Chairman, escorted by her husband Farris, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron of Texas, escorted by his wife Janell, Grand Esther. Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by her husband Jimmy, Escort of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Thank you, Sister Rosemary, for the beautiful music. We will hear more of this at a later time.

Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron of Texas, will give our invocation.

**MR. NELSON CAMPBELL:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Would everybody just stay seated and take the hand of the one next to you. My Worthy Grand Matron taught me that the Lord listens to us whether we're standing or seated, so let's be seated.

Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we just thank You, Lord, for the opportunity we have to be here, for bringing us safely to this place. We thank You for our fraternity and these Brothers and Sisters and the fellowship we've had here together today so far, and we know that we're going to have ahead. Lord, we just pray You would be with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they complete their tenure this week. Guide them and direct them. May all we do and say be pleasing in Your sight. Now, Lord, we just pray that this meeting thus begun in order, may be conducted in peace and closed in harmony. Now we thank You for the food that has been prepared for us and pray You bless it to the nourishment of our bodies and our bodies to Your service. In Christ's Name we pray, amen.

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Our welcome will be given by Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**MR. JOHN CREEL:** Good evening. Welcome to our "Golden Symphonies Around the World" banquet. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter, Worthy Grand Matrons, 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, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, Grand Chapter Officers and Elected Board Members, Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Representatives, my Sisters and Brothers all: Howdy and welcome to Addison.

One of our Board members bet me that I would give a long, long welcome. So to collect on that bet, I'll leave it at "Howdy!" I hope you have a great evening. See y'all later.

All kidding aside, on behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we take

pride in welcoming you to our home away from home and extend Texas hospitality to all who came from all corners of this great nation of ours. If there's anything we Texans can do for you, please let your desires be known and we'll surely consider it. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** The response to the welcome will be given by Mrs. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron.

**MRS. ELISE HAMMACK:** Thank you, Mrs. Pat Washington; and thank you for inviting me to do this this evening on behalf of the guests.

John Creel so beautifully established protocol, didn't he, that I will not have to. Thank you very much. It is so good to be here this evening and to be invited to speak on behalf of all of you. My, my, what an honor. I don't think I've had one like this in a long time. Pat, thank you for this privilege. On behalf of your guests, we want to say that we can see that much, much planning went into this. You have made good plans; you have decorated so beautifully; your programs are so beautiful. Think of all the work; look at those little worlds on your program, they are so intricate. This group — whoever you had, Pat — you all have done an excellent job of making us feel good and making this banquet one that we will long remember. Now Rennie has told us over and over: Remember your Texas pride. We're so pleased that we have so many guests as we have. In Texas we're going to treat you so many ways you're going to like some of them, and you know that.

From your guests this evening to this Banquet Committee, we want to say thank you for this beautiful execution of the General Banquet honoring these fine, fine members of our own. It is good to be here. We all want to have an opportunity to hug everybody and kiss everybody here this evening. Thank you very much for this time. Sisters and Brothers, have a good evening. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Please put your tickets in the envelope that has the table number on it, and then put it back in the stand so we'll be sure to get all of them. We will have some ladies come around and start getting them.

At this time we will be served dinner, and we will be blessed with beautiful music performed by Mrs. Michelle Stegman, Deputy Grand Matron, District 1, Section 9. She is from our section, and she is very talented. We appreciate her very much. Thank you, Michelle.

[Dinner served.]

We will now start the rest of our program. If you haven't finished eating, just go right ahead. I noticed that one Past Grand Patron was on his second dessert, but that's okay. At this time, Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron of Texas, will make the introductions.

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Thank you, Sister Pat, the Master of Ceremonies of this beautiful banquet. Let me tell you how honored I am that you invited me to do the introductions. I really think what happened is I drew the short straw.

It is an honor and a pleasure to welcome each one of you here tonight. I cannot express to you enough how much you have added to this evening and how delighted we are to have each and every one of you here in Texas for our Grand Chapter session. You have certainly added much brilliance. I know our Worthy Grand Matron is so proud to look out across this room and to see this ten pages of introductions!

Our Worthy Grand Matron this year has been very much into the musical thing. She is quite accomplished in that. As you notice, there are baby grand pianos on the table. So it is usually magnificent music, as she said. But, you know, sometimes I'm known to do things a little differently. So tonight I may poke a little fun at some music that is not too magnificent. We will try to expedite these introductions, but we want you to know that certainly we are so thrilled to have you.

The first introduction of the evening — you know, laughter is the sweetest music that ever greeted the human ear. Our honorees for the evening are our first introduction, and they are Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Jimmy Gilbert, her Grand Escort; Brother Jerry L.

Trees, our Worthy Grand Patron, and Sister Janell Trees, Grand Esther and his lovely wife; Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and his wife Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro Tem and Past Grand Matron of Texas; her husband, Dr. Bill Bane, International Headquarters Administrator; Betty Benham, Chairman of the Charter Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and her husband, Farris Benham, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons; Betty Friend, Eastern Star Journal Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and her husband Jack Friend, Grand Representative of Wyoming in Texas; Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman, Payroll Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and her husband Robert, Grand Escort; Jane Gregory, Registration Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Buddy Baker, Visionquest Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas; and Brother Tommy Griffin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and his lovely wife Vi, the first lady of Masonry and Grand Page to the Grand Conductress. Would you help me with greeting this group of honorees? [applause]

A person is in quite a predicament when he has to face the music with his nose to the grindstone and his back to the wall. That's especially for you, Bobbie. I figure you're next.

We have these wonderful General Grand Chapter Officers with us tonight. Barbara White, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of West Virginia; Liz Pullam Johnson, Worthy Grand Marshal and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Susan L. Thomas, Worthy Grand Adah and Past Grand Matron of New Hampshire; Virginia George, Worthy Grand Martha and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico, and her husband Carroll George, Grand Representative of Bolivia in New Mexico; Audrey Well, Worthy Grand Warder and Past Grand Matron of North Dakota. Help me welcome this group. [applause]

We also have an Ambassador of General Grand Chapter with us tonight. Margaret Hull, Ambassador to Scotland and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma, and her husband Donald, Past Grand Patron of California. Help me greet them also. [applause]

We have a number of our General Grand Chapter Committee Members present. And, you know, an unsung hero is a guy who knows he cannot sing and doesn't! We have this group that we're very proud to have with us. Maxine Tolliver, Charter Committee and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Audrey Cleland, Education Committee and Past Grand Matron of Florida; Diane Peters, ESTARL Committee and Past Grand Matron of Arkansas; Owen Major, Finance Committee and Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma; Maryann Shenefelt, Heart Committee and Past Grand Matron of Wyoming; Tom Dixon, Ritual Committee and Past Grand Patron of Arkansas, and his wife Maryann, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas; Robert Penniur, Chairman of the Shriners Hospital Committee and Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania, and his wife Merrill, Grand Escort; Audrey Barker, Visionquest Committee and Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, and her husband George, Associate Grand Patron of Louisiana. Would you help me welcome this group. [applause]

If we have skipped anyone in our list of introductions, please don't hesitate to interrupt me and let me pick those up.

We have Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions with us. The first thing a child learns when he gets a drum is that he'll never get another one. These Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Juanita Wilkinson, Louisiana; Cheryl Martin, Oklahoma; Mert Messler, Worthy Grand Patron, Louisiana, and his wife Dora, Grand Esther of Louisiana; John Ryland, Worthy Grand Patron of Oklahoma, and his wife Shirley, Grand Escort. Thank you, and would you help me welcome this group. [applause]

The reason some parents want their children to play the piano instead of the violin is that it's harder to lose a piano. We have a number of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other

Grand Jurisdictions with us tonight, and we'd like to have you also welcome them. Past Grand Matrons: Yvonne Lawrence, Alabama, and her husband Joe Lawrence, Grand Escort; Barbara Gadberry Swift, Arkansas; Nancy Lindsey, Arkansas; Glenda Peyton, Arkansas; Dr. Nita Wallace, Arkansas; Beverly Newton, Florida; Alice Peters, Florida; Charlene Williams, Georgia; Terri Castay, Louisiana, and Grand Secretary of Louisiana; Joy Denney, Louisiana, and her husband Buck Denney, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Linda Lamkin, Louisiana, and her husband Edwin Lamkin, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Elizabeth Roach, Louisiana; Pauline Yockey, Kansas, and her husband Wendell Yockey, Grand Representative of Texas in Kansas; Betty Robertson, New Mexico, and Grand Treasurer of New Mexico; Elizabeth Bordeaux, Vermont; Betty Conley, Virginia; Brenda Jones, Virginia, and her husband Bob Jones, Grand Escort; Rhonda King, Virginia; Beverly Hoss, Washington; Patsy R. Nelson, West Virginia. Past Grand Patrons: John Stewart, Alabama, and his wife Barbara Stewart, Grand Escort; Ira Payne, Arkansas, and his wife Mavis Payne, Grand Representative of Scotland in Arkansas. I believe that's the whole crew, and we thank you so much for being here. Would you help me welcome this group. [applause]

There is plenty of heavenly music for those who are tuned in, and this group is definitely tuned in. These are the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. We'll start with the Past Grand Matrons: Elise Hammack, Elsie Paladino, Effie Mae Davis, Wanda Fairchild, Rosemary Swetland, Alma Carter, Naomi Wolfe, Jimmie Lee McMahon, myself, Doris Hester, Karen Morgenthaler, Nancy Brown and Nancy's husband Gayle, her Grand Escort, and Gerry Dusek. Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Lee H. Stallings and his wife Pat, Grand Escort; Ed Warner and his wife Beulah, Grand Escort; Jerry L. Martin and his wife Betty, Arrangements and Distinguished Guests; Nelson Campbell and his wife Georgia, Grand Escort; John Creel and his wife Kathy, Grand Representative of Brazil in Texas. We have two special ones here with us tonight who are widows of two of our Past Grand Patrons. We have Barbara Cunningham, widow of Brother Harry Cunningham, and she is a Grand Page to Grand Esther; and Edna Goette, widow of Brother James Goette; and she is a Grand Representative of Illinois in Texas. Please join me in welcoming this group to their home state. [applause]

I forgot to tell my Past Grand Patrons when I did this, that marriage brings music into a man's life. He learns to play second fiddle. We have Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions, and they are: Barbara Akmuller, Grand Secretary in New Mexico; Myra Ramsey, Grand Conductress, Louisiana; Leatrice Massey, Grand Conductress, Oklahoma; Beverly Boyett, Associate Grand Conductress, Oklahoma; Betty Wade, Grand Chaplain, Louisiana; Gail Porch, Grand Chaplain, Oklahoma; Kathy Stegall, Grand Lecturer, Oklahoma, and her husband Gerald, Grand Escort; Cynthia Reynolds, Grand Marshal, Oklahoma; Maxine Hellickson, Grand Organist, Oklahoma; Connie Han, Grand Adah, Louisiana; Bonnie Gainey, Grand Adah, Oklahoma; Dean Watt, Grand Ruth, Oklahoma; Doris Davis Minor, Grand Esther, Oklahoma; Rhea Pottman, Grand Martha, Arkansas; Yvonne Lee, Grand Martha, Louisiana; Julianne Jones, Grand Martha, New Mexico, and her husband Robert, Grand Representative of Manitoba in New Mexico; Wanda Murchison, Grand Martha, Oklahoma, and her husband Shannon; Betty Jo Morgan, Grand Electa, Louisiana; Twila McLain, Grand Electa, Oklahoma; Phyllis Hagan, Grand Warder, Oklahoma; Darla Summers, Grand Chapter Mom of Oklahoma. I believe this completes this group. Please join me in welcoming them. [applause]

We have the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of Texas. Sister Joyce Nicklas, Associate Grand Matron; David Nicklas, Grand Escort; Ray Hertenberger, Associate Grand Patron; Vicki Hertenberger, Grand Escort; Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary; James Kirkpatrick, her escort; Bess Caldwell, Grand Conductress; Al Caldwell, Grand Escort; Mary Ruth White, Associate Grand Conductress; Joe White, her husband, Grand Escort; Lesa Smith, Grand Chaplain, and her husband Trey Smith, Grand Escort; Sandra Zipp, Grand Marshal, and her husband Ron Zipp, Grand Representative of Australia in Texas; Barbara Trayler, Grand Organist; Rita Lytle, Grand Adah, and her husband Toby, Grand Escort; Sula Reilly, Grand Ruth; Wanda Hollingsworth, Grand Martha, and her escort Garth Klein; Joyce Ball, Grand Warder; Warren Huckabee, Grand Sentinel. From our Board of Directors: Mickie Campbell, District 4, Chairman; Diane Davidson, District 3,

Secretary; Arthur Drescher, District 1, and his wife Marty, Grand Page to Grand Marshal; Lorraine Williams, District 3, and her husband Jimmy, Escort. From the Board of Grand Examiners: Linda J. Puckett, Grand Examiner, District 1; Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Examiner, District 3; Brenda Smith Costello, Grand Examiner, District 5; Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner at Large. Please join me in welcoming this group.

We have Special Committees of General Grand Chapter with us. We have Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and Prayer Warrior in Texas; we have Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America; Thelma Burgess, Friend of a Feather, Oklahoma; Mary Thompson, President of the International Grand Representatives Association, and Gene Lynch her escort; Phyllis Macon, First Vice President of the International Grand Representatives Association and Deputy Grand Matron of District 1, Section 5; Vicki Rapp, Chairman of Transportation, General Grand Chapter, and Escort to Grand Sentinel of Oklahoma. Let's give this group a welcome. [applause]

We have Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions with us tonight: George Lane, Grand Representative of California in Nevada, and his wife Cheryl, Grand Representative of Texas in Nevada; Linda Lunsford, Grand Representative of Tennessee in Oklahoma; Shirley Jean Dunn, Grand Representative of Virginia in Oklahoma. Thank you. [applause]

We have Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions: Faye Hood, Alabama; Maxine Richey, Arkansas; Betty Walker, California; Candace Trapp, Indiana; Norma Cagle, Louisiana, and her husband Gene, Worthy Patron in Louisiana; William White, Michigan, and his wife Vickie, Worthy Matron in Michigan; Les Taylor, North Carolina; Elizabeth Gibbs, Ohio, and her husband Kent, Past Patron in Ohio; Jenny Dryer Dow, Washington; Tanya Barkley, West Virginia. Help me to welcome this group. [applause]

A scientist claims that rock music is beneficial in some cases of deafness, but then deafness is also beneficial in some cases of rock music. We have our Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Reba Fox, Alberta; Monica Monk, Florida; Wilma Peacock, Maryland; Cleo Lemon, North Dakota, and her husband Charles, Major Keys; Anna Lewis, Ohio; Geneva Dye, Scotland; Betty Scott, Virginia. That concludes this group, and we thank you. [applause]

You are going to be shocked to know that that concludes the list of introductions. Sisters and Brothers, remember that the teakettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing. So always continue to sing, Sisters and Brothers. I thank you for your assistance. [applause]

I forgot one introduction at the head table who has not been formally introduced. That is Sister Pat Washington who is the Chairman of this lovely banquet tonight. Let's give her a welcome. [applause] Thank you.

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** I wanted to tell you, Sharon: You did get the short straw, but there were no long ones!

You will notice by the introductions that there was a mixture of different titles at different places in the chapter room. I hope that you have made new friends from other places.

Our program tonight will be presented by Mrs. Rosemary Swetland. This is a command performance. When Sister Joyce asked me to be Chairman of this banquet, she had only two stipulations: First, that all the program would be Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons; second, that I would ask Sister Rosemary to do the program. Worthy Grand Matron, I have carried out these stipulations, and I think they all did good. Sister Rosemary Swetland.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you for this honor, Worthy Grand Matron. You know how much it means to me to be able to share my love of music that Father God has given me, so I hope that you will be pleased in the selections I have done. The program that I will do tonight will not be very long, and it will move right on straight through. I want to thank Ethel Powell. God bless you, my dear. The music that I'm going to be doing is from my latest CD that is now in Dallas being recorded. It is going to have ocean sounds behind it. So tonight as I play, you're going to hear



the ocean as if you were there. Now just a couple of comments about that. I play therapeutically, so please feel free to rest, let your dinner move on down two more inches. Drift off if you need to, but no snoring. That does distract us. I'm going to take you through a couple of classics, one from Mozart that you will recognize as "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," one from Johannes Brahms, his "Lullaby for Children." I'm going to take you to England and let you hear "The Water Is Wide," and then I'm going to bring you back and let you hear an old gospel that everybody loves, "Amazing Grace." And then when I'm finished, I will move you into the contemporary period of a movie theme, which I think you'll enjoy, "The Chariots of Fire." So I hope you enjoy this presentation. Just sit back and relax.

[Program by Mrs. Rosemary Swetland.]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Thank you, Sister Rosemary, so much. And, thank you, Sister Joyce, for making that stipulation.

We will now have greetings from Mr. Tommy F. Griffin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

**MR. TOMMY F. GRIFFIN:** Thank you, Pat. I want to give a special thanks to Brother John Creel for establishing protocol. And if Elise will accept a real big kiss — I'm going to meet with her afterwards — for acknowledging that protocol.

It's great to be with you tonight. I see all these guys dressed up in their fancy attire and the ladies in their evening gowns. We have traversed this state from Ochiltee Lodge in Perryton, Texas, way up in the Panhandle, all the way down to Brownsville and the Rio Grande Valley, from El Paso to Orange, from Quanah to Uvalde, from Longview and every place in between. Each one of our areas dresses just a little bit differently. Some of the lodges are in tuxedos; some of our Eastern Stars meet with the gentlemen in their tuxedos and the ladies in their gowns. But some of our lodges do good to have a coat and tie on at times, and some of them wear boots and blue jeans, like my little lodge. And some of them get down and they wear overalls. No matter what we're dressed in, we all sit and kneel at an altar in one of those lodges or one of our Eastern Star chapters — most of the time they are our lodges. We take on certain obligations, and we put our hands on that Holy Bible, which is the great light in Masonry. We derive our beliefs and our feelings from the great light that shines on that altar. So long as it shines upon that altar, so long as it gives us the beneficent influence in our fraternities that we enjoy, so long will Free Masonry and Eastern Star live and benefit mankind forever. It's a great joy to be a Mason; it's a privilege and a joy to be an Eastern Star. Thank God for our fraternities, and thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings tonight. Thank God for each of you, but more especially thank you for your support of our constituent lodges in Texas. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** We will now have greetings from our Past Grand Patrons by Mr. Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**MR. ED WARNER:** Thank you, Sister Pat. I hope after I sit down that you're still happy that you called on me to do this.

Sisters and Brothers, it's great to be here tonight. It's great to see each one of you. I want our Past Grand Patrons to stand with me as I bring greetings for the Past Grand Patrons. They told me when I first started up the line and was Associate Patron and then Worthy Patron, to stand up to be seen, speak up to be heard and sit down to be appreciated. Well, Sisters and Brothers, I offer greetings tonight from all our Worthy Grand Patrons and myself. [applause]

I want to say one other thing about Eastern Star. Eastern Star is kind of like fishing — and I'm sure everybody here fishes a little or has fished and likes to fish. You know, a person that fishes, they'll put out all the effort they can to go fishing to catch fish. Expense doesn't mean anything to them. You just spend any amount of money you want to go fishing. And in the end you get such a large number of dreams per fish. Well, in Eastern Star it's the same way, you know. You get a lot of dreams, love, handshakes, people that remember you and you remember them for something they

did. For all the love and the friendship from all of our Sisters and Brothers, we're grateful. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Thank you, Brother Ed.

We will now have greetings from the Past Grand Matrons by Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**MRS. NANCY BROWN:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: I'm delighted to be able to bring greetings this evening for the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. This has been such a lovely evening. We all know that our Worthy Grand Matron is a lover of music. She has shared her talent playing the piano and singing for us many times. We've been so blessed this evening with wonderful music provided at our piano. I got to thinking about the word "symphony." As beautiful as the piano is, it's even magnified in beauty when those other instruments are added to the piano. And in the same way, each of your being here with us has added to our symphony this evening. The fact that you have come to share with us has made the music of the evening even more special.

Would the Past Grand Matrons of Texas stand, please. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, our prayer for each of you, as we go into the business session of Grand Chapter, is that every part of Grand Chapter will flow just like a beautiful symphony, and our prayers will be with you. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Thank you, Nancy. If each of the honorees will look under their bread, there's a little bit more bread, but a different kind. It is appreciation for the work that you do for Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter.

We will now have a tribute to our General Grand Chapter Committees and Appointees by Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**MRS. ELSIE PALADINO:** Thank you, Sister Pat. It is with Texas pride that I perform this very pleasant duty.

When Sister Barbara Benton was preparing for her term of service as Most Worthy Grand Matron, she was confronted with many difficult decisions. She sought those who were willing to invest their time and talents and with steadfastness reach beyond to a higher ground of service. Being our neighbor, she was no stranger to Texas and has attended our Grand Chapter many, many times. She was personally acquainted with many of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Perhaps this accounts for the reason the duties entrusted to each of them seems to be the perfect place of service. Perhaps she knew each one. And, Sisters and Brothers, she chose well. Texas is grateful for this generous recognition given to our State of Texas. The eight appointments to whom we pay tribute this evening are an important channel of harmony as they interact with their Committees and members, as they continue to convey the principles of our Order between our Grand Jurisdictions.

It is my special honor to pay tribute to these who have dedicated and devoted themselves to this purpose. Throughout this Grand Chapter year, we have been thrilled with the sound of music, and you have witnessed a beautiful rendition of that this evening. I believe our hearts beat in rhythmic response to the lovely thoughts expressed through song, perhaps putting a smile on your face or reflecting an awareness of a time in memory, a special song has just crossed your mind. I thought our honorees may just favor such a song, so I asked each one what their very favorite song was. Sister Rosemary Swetland is going to assist me this evening, and I appreciate her doing that. It was not exactly a command performance, but as she walked in the room she said she'd do it.

I was not surprised when Sister Betty Benham responded with "You Will Never Walk Alone."

Sister Betty presided over "The Radiant Light from Within" session of Grand Chapter with Brother Joe Jeffers in 1990. Her message included, "Within each of us is a hidden beauty of our own. With God's help, you may face the future honestly, and may we form our attitudes and ideals lovingly, remembering that our point of view will always depend upon our viewpoint from within." Through times of distress and times of achievement, she knows she never walks alone. Always the

light of her faith shines from her heart. That light reflects both her spiritual and her physical beauty.

There was never a name so appropriate for someone than Sister Betty Friend. I am sure that each of our lives has been enriched by her kindness. You may think that Sister Betty spends a lot of time lounging in her gazebo and listening to her favorite song, "Day Star."

She really doesn't do that, but she would like to. Since she presided over "The Seasons of Starlight" session with Brother Lee Stallings, leading us through the turn of the century, she continues to have the same enthusiasm, love and unselfish sharing of herself to be with the membership. Being a retired English teacher, she is very aware of the importance of communication, so by sharing information through the Eastern Star Journal, we can provide and improve and strengthen our Order. In doing so, our hearts will be better tuned to the teachings of the one whose star we follow.

A very positive response was received from Sister Yvonne Brownfield, and it was "You Are My Sunshine."

I know that you will agree with me that she is a ray of sunshine. She not only presided over "The Friendship Is Constant" session with Brother Kenneth Gregory in 1998, she planted seeds for the future as she labored in the fields of our Order, constant in her endeavors to bring peace and harmony to the membership. If you listened when she asked, "Can you hear me," you may realize that the genius of communication is the ability to both be totally honest and totally kind at the same time. I understand now that the halls of TMRC totally rock, because that's where they reside. She should be on the payroll there because she continually extols the virtues of being a part of TMRC now. Welcome to the future, Sister Yvonne.

Sister Jane will tell you that "The Impossible Dream" can come true.

Early in life, Sister Jane formed a pattern of service to others. As a nurse her beliefs reinforced that for all things there is a season. One of those seasons was serving as Worthy Grand Matron of Texas. She presided over "The Time for All Things" session in 1992 with Brother Glenn Whitaker. She exemplified that idea through the words she left with us, "If you continue to walk an extra mile and help some friend you know, if you will share your lot with them when theirs is running low, and if you will say a kindly word and see a stranger smile, if you will do but one of these, your life will be worthwhile." I would think that the Registration time for General Grand Chapter would be one of those moments in time that will be a very rewarding season for Sister Jane.

When I asked this tall Texan what his favorite song was, he said "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes."

My thought was there must a story here. Maybe it defines a sentimental moment in his life. Perhaps this tall Texan's vision was impaired when he saw Judy. And you know what? I think sometimes she still has him in a daze. He joined Sister Naomi Wolfe in presiding over "The Magic of Light" session in 2001, and we learned to appreciate his great sense of humor at that time. Having the privilege of attending a presentation, you realize his vision is clear about the future of our Order. His ideas, if implemented, will not only help us retain our present members, but will help us to present an image that will encourage new members to join us in rising to the challenge of increasing our vision for the future, built on love for each other that truly binds our hearts in Christian love.

Since we live pretty close to "South of the Border"...

This couple has given of their time and talents not only to General Grand Chapter, but to their subordinate chapters and the Grand Chapter of Texas. They are genuine ambassadors of good will. Their generosity knows no borders, nor language no barriers. When it comes to their love and service of the Order of the Eastern Star, their service and generosity is a testimony of their belief in extending our Order by helping to organize chapters in other countries, making membership accessible to those eligible who would seek the benefits of an organization dedicated to truth and loving kindness.

Sister Wanda Brown could not be with us this evening, but I would maybe think that her favorite song would be "Friends Are Friends Forever."

We would certainly wish her well and regret that she cannot be with us, but she is a special

friend of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

As we honor you this evening, we speak your names with pride and want you to remember that wherever your journey through the labyrinth of life takes you, that we will always love you. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Thank you, Sister Elsie, for such a beautiful and unique tribute.

The response to that tribute will be given by Mrs. Betty Benham, General Grand Chapter Charter Committee Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** Thank you, Sister Pat, for the honor and privilege and for such a beautiful banquet this evening.

Distinguished Head Table, Sisters and Brothers: I didn't have time to wipe the tears out of my eyes for the wonderful program that you just gave. Sister Elsie, Sister Rosemary, would you please stand. This membership of Texas reveres and admires these two ladies, and we appreciate the honor you just gave us. Sister Elsie, thank you. Every word that you recited to us, we send back to you with our love. Sister Rosemary, what can we say for those beautiful, talented fingers. And also the song. Now, some of you do not remember that Sister Rosemary was one of my Grand Soloists. Thank you for the beautiful tribute.

We are pleased this evening to stand in honor of those who have come to honor us. I ask this question: Have you ever looked at a map of the world? Have you ever looked at a map of your state? Of course you have. And from that map comes fifty states that compose the United States. Well, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owens, are not only traveling that United States, but they are traveling the Eastern Star world bringing fraternal love and spreading the joy of belonging to a fraternal organization such as ours. We have a beautiful delegation from Oklahoma this evening. Please send our love and appreciation when you see those two.

They say Texans don't brag, but let's look at Texas just for a second. If you can picture the Panhandle of Texas, which is way up in Amarillo where I am from, to the Gulf Coast, and if you can think of the Red River to the Rio Grande, Sisters and Brothers, there's more miles between those areas than some of you have traveled to be with us tonight. But these Texans have traveled from these various areas just to come and say welcome to you. We hope that our Texas welcome will always be in your heart and that you will remember that we gave it to you Texas style. We know that every good leader needs those who will represent them when they cannot travel the distance to be in attendance at the meetings. The privilege and the honor is not only to Texas, but also to we who were chosen to represent them. I am honored to be the one to respond from each one of the General Grand Chapter Committee Members. As we have traveled the Grand Jurisdictions, we have been honored so beautifully by the reception from each of you. You certainly have written your names upon our hearts. We were so beautifully entertained, and we regard you with high esteem.

Our Order was founded on the solid foundation of truth and the lessons being Scriptural, that we were born with a desire — I believe every Eastern Star member was — to serve others and to be a blessing to society in all its walks of life, to comfort, to encourage and to assist the neighbor in each community, each state, each province and each country around the world where our Star shines.

I would ask that our General Grand Chapter Committee Members please stand with me. We express our gratitude to those who have welcomed us with open arms, and tonight we are proud to be home, in our home state. You have made us proud, and there's no place like home. We are more appreciative than words can express for your honoring us tonight. You have made us proud to serve you and to represent Texas in this General Grand triennium. You never seem to run out of love for us, and in return we thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and the tremendous Sisters and Brothers for the honor you have bestowed upon us in Texas. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Thank you, Sister Betty.

Next we have a tribute to Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro Tem, and Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Bane, Headquarters Administrator.

**MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD:** It is a great honor and privilege to pay tribute to Sister Alma Lynn Bane. Thank you, Pat Washington, Master of Ceremonies. We have had some beautiful tributes, some gorgeous music, but believe you me, you don't want to hear either one from me!

A great honor came to Texas when our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Barbara Benton, appointed you as Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro-Tem.

Your life reflects a special capacity for service and unlimited devotion to duty.

Alma, please stand with me. This will not be long because we have matching knees.

Alma is returning to Texas for her Grand Chapter. We are honored to welcome her as Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro-Tem of General Grand Chapter for the first time.

Before going to Washington, DC, she was our *Cameo Lady* who served in 1998-1999 with Brother Henry Martin as Worthy Grand Patron and this year's Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert was Grand Organist at the 117th Session *The Tapestry of Love and Service* in Waco.

You are a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and daughter with a deep spiritual faith, a lady of courage and strength of character and a true friend.

I was the first to call her Associate Grand Conductress at my session in 1995 when she was elected to the Grand Line.

Being raised in a Masonic family, Alma learned at an early age the importance of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith, Love, and Service.

Alma has given many years of service to Eastern Star, Rainbow and her professional career.

Now on a personal note, Alma and I go way back to when we had a committee called Transportation and Mileage Committee. When she was District Deputy and I was Grand Examiner. I asked her how many were on the committee, which was 5. Alma said 3 – that was all she ever saw at the table, and the next year the committee was discontinued.

Another time while traveling with Doris Efird, Worthy Grand Matron, and Harry Cunningham, Worthy Grand Patron, in 1988-89, we loved to stop and shop and Brother Harry said "Ladies, the van is full and we could only buy shoe bows" But there was always time to stop at Dairy Queen for Hot Dogs.

Alma was grand Examiner and I was Grand Conductress for Sister Virginia Lynn Green and Bill had some heart problems and I was asked by the Worthy Grand Matron to do the rendition of the secret work the next morning. I thought she was teasing until Alma handed me her corsage. (Yes, I made a mistake and was corrected by the Worthy Grand Matron.)

Bill, please stand with us.

Dr. Bill Bane, Headquarters Administrator, is a great part of this team with Alma, sharing, working and loving together.

Bill is a Past Master of James H. Lockwood Lodge #1343 in Waco and served as District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Texas in 2000. He is also a Past Patron of Waco Chapter #7 and Stephenville Chapter #801.

Bill is a third generation Eastern Star.

Bill is a highly educated man with many degrees and initials that I don't understand. He is a kind and gentle man who is always thoughtful of others.

Alma has given us many quotes:

Yesterday is the past. It is filled with our memories.

Tomorrow is the future. It is filled with our dreams.

Today is a gift. It is filled with opportunities. That is why it is called the present.

Alma, I wish you many opportunities and best wishes and don't forget to keep Bill's shirts ironed. I love you.

Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Thank you, Sister Wanda Fairchild. We will now have a response to the tribute by Sister Alma Lynn Bane.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Thank you, Sister Pat. Before I forget, I want to say a heartfelt and very humble thank you to Sister Pat Washington and her Committee for this beautiful, beautiful event this evening. Things like this don't just happen. They're planned for, they're prepared for,

and all of the hiccups and the speedbumps go away when a group like this comes together for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. I want to say a thank you to Sister Pat and her crew for everything you've done.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I want to say to you: Your Arrangements Committee, your Housing Committee, everything has been done to make us feel special. From the moment we walked in the door after the flight from Washington, D.C. for me — Bill had been here already a week — we felt like home again, and we were just looking forward to greeting our Sisters and Brothers, but they got to us first with all the hugs. I just want to say thank you for all the planning and preparation I know that you did, and the teamwork that is going on.

Sister Wanda, when you contacted me several months ago and told me you would be bringing this tribute, I was elated, I was happy and then I got nervous. I don't think there's anybody else in this room who has as much good information on me that could have been shared tonight. But you did good, girl! I appreciate it; I love you, and thank you for the beautiful words not only for me, but for my husband, my special one. Thank you.

I've heard it said many times by many speakers that they look out at a banquet like this, and they say, "If only you could see yourselves." It is true; you are a beautiful picture. I encourage each of you, if you don't already know the people at your table, before you leave this evening, get to know them. Just know that this event will never be duplicated again. It is a once-in-a-lifetime memory. It's memories of these events, the fellowship we have, the new friends we make, that puts those new threads in the tapestry of our lives.

Last year about this time Bill and I thought we knew what was in store for us for about the next five or six years — he had just gotten tenure at the university and been elected to the Board, and I knew that my place would be in the kitchen fixing the meals for the Board meetings — until I received a phone call on September 16th that changed our destiny and changed our lives. It took us about three weeks to make that decision and to accept the opportunity of love and service in just a little bit different format.

In the great orchestra of life, each of us in this Order has a part to play. To make a symphony perfect and complete, it takes every musician on the stage faithfully performing that portion of the composition that has been written for them. In life, not many of us are chosen for solo parts, but we can be a faithful, dependable part of the accompaniment for a successful performance. The responsibilities of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary are many, and they are very heavy at times. But it is not a load that is borne individually. There is an individual in every Jurisdiction who's assisting me, your Grand Secretary, and in the subordinate chapters their secretaries. Let there be many notes of enthusiasm; it keeps the tempo lively and interesting. Life around us is happier and pleasant to share. Let there be many notes of determination, a firm resolve to stay on track with all of our relationships. Others around us must be aware of our values in life and all that we stand for.

Our telephone is the telephone of Eastern Star. It rings 24/7. It may be a call from a granddaughter whose grandmother has passed away, and she just discovered that she was Eastern Star and wanted an Eastern Star funeral and she does not know where to turn, but she did know how to Google the words "Eastern Star." Bill and I have been able to help them.

Let there be many notes of friendliness. There are so many who need a friend to share happy or sad times, someone who has the time to listen and help in our daily journey. Many times the doorbell rings. It is an Eastern Star who is in Washington, D.C. They remembered that there was a place there that was special; they found it. We open the door, bring them in, and we share with them the place we call home.

Let there be many notes of caring and concern. Many need others to truly care about them and their problems, take time to remove the stumbling blocks and turn them into stepping stones.

I invite you to take this journey with us. If you do not subscribe to the Journal, please do. I look forward to having an article in there in each issue that I can share with you the things that are happening at your International Headquarters. I am always — always — either just an e-mail or a tele-

phone call away. My heart is here in Texas, but my feet are in Washington, D.C. for a time. We have been transplanted again, but it is the Lord that has given us service for our Order, to use our talents and our love. I thank you, the membership of Texas and our guests, for being here this evening and for honoring us. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Thank you, Sister Alma Lynn.

Our tribute to Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, will be given by Mrs. Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**MRS. DORIS HESTER:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Sister Pat Washington. What a delight it was to receive a call from her to bring a tribute to Texas' own special lady.

To this Distinguished Head Table and the Distinguished Members and Guests that we have this evening, we are delighted to have you here with us. It is a privilege to bring a tribute to someone who is so special to each one of us. You know, there are a lot of special ladies throughout the world, and I want to see if you recognize some little something that I might say about someone. "Howdy, I'm so glad to be here." Have you heard that one? Sure you have, if you've listened to the Grand Ol' Opry. Then have you watched movies and someone said, "Come on up and see me sometime"? Mae West.

Well, then you know today we have the lady who said, "I want to be your next President." I can handle that. You've been hearing that for some time. And then you hear from the other lady who says, "Well, my husband could be a better President." We watch TV, and we see all these things. But, you know, there's one special lady, and we really want to say a "special lady." When you talk to Redbirds across the State of Texas, you hear many things about this special Redbird. The story begins about this special lady on August 31st a few years ago when this bouncing baby girl named Rennie Jean Freeman arrived on a special holiday that you know as our Founder's birthday, Dr. Rob Morris. It wasn't the same year, though; it was a few years later. Well, you know when you want to find out something, ask an Eastern Star. Or if you want the word to get out about someone, just tell another Eastern Star. I'm sure before the night's over — or tomorrow — it will be across the United States. So just tell an Eastern Star if you want the message to get out.

Well, this young girl as she grew up became a special daddy's girl. She was the son that he wanted. She was the typical — I guess you would say — tomboy. She loved to do things like tomboys would — or the regular son: hunting, climbing trees. And of course you hear her say a lot of times she's out on a limb and she doesn't want to be by herself. But she had a way of doing all these things.

And another thing that she liked as a young girl was catching rabbits. I told you, Rennie, you can pay me now or later. Do you want me to stop? Anyway, she loved to catch rabbits. And the way she did was to send her little doggy through this loop and to come out in a sack at the end. Well, one day she got more than she bargained for. Besides the little puppy, the skunk came along too.

As she went into teenage-hood, she loved to do many things, like swimming all summer. And by the end of summer, that blonde hair was kind of the swimming pool chlorine green. But everybody said it looked real good with the cap that she had dyed pink.

Anyway, many wonderful things happened in school and the activities that she had. And then along came this young man, a tall, lanky fellow, the neighbor's son that she met. That was the end of a lot of these things. Cupid stepped in. That was Mr. Paul Ofton. They were married in 1946, a long, happy marriage. To that marriage came a bouncing baby girl in 1948, and that was Laura Lynn. Most of you, if you've had anything to do with Paul's Trophy Shop, know that's Rennie Ofton's daughter doing that business. She worked at Kelly Air Force Base as secretary to many of the commanders and to the general. Then she decided that since the generals were getting younger than she was, she would just retire.

Oh, yes, and there's another thing that I heard, and I should have asked Sister Rosemary to play this. I understand that Sister Mary Alberts, the Grand Organist, loved to play the "Beer Barrel Polka," and you know whose feet tapped up and down. That's right. Sister Rennie's.

The things that happened as she started her Eastern Star life: She was initiated into Harlandale Chapter in San Antonio where she still is a member. She served many places in Grand Chapter, as a Deputy Grand Matron in District 5, Section 7; District Deputy Grand Matron; our Grand Examiner at Large; our Grand Examiner of District 5; and she was elected to start in line as Associate Grand Conductress in 1975, and on to the East as Worthy Grand Matron in 1978-79. She also became a 50-year member in April of 2005.

In all of this going on, the big thing really got started then, when all the Redbirds flew around with Sister Rennie. There are many gold cards in this room that say, "I'm a charter member" or "I'm a sustaining member in the Texas Cardinals, Inc." All of these dedicated members have been a fantastic support to Sister Rennie as she's working her way to Oklahoma to be the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter.

Sister Rennie, you have given much to Texas. Texas is extremely proud of all of your accomplishments that you have given to our Grand Chapter. She's a dedicated mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother and has been so active in her church, and trying to work all of this around in all of these areas. She has traveled from one end of Texas to the other. Sister Rennie and I have said that if we could get it together, since I was mistaken at times for her and she for me, that we both could have been elected much sooner if we could have pretended we were the other one wherever we were. In Tennessee at Grand Chapter we arrived on Saturday, Rennie came in on Sunday. Saturday evening they started playing, "The Eyes of Texas," "The Yellow Rose of Texas," and all kinds of things for us Texitans that were there. Sunday when Rennie arrived, she said, "What did you do last night?" I said, "What do you mean?" She said, "Well, everybody wanted to know. They saw me, but they didn't get to talk to me." I had a wonderful time, Rennie. But we were behaving.

All of us Texitans are really extremely proud of this super fantastic lady. To you, Sister Rennie, we pledge our dedication, our support; and all you have to do is to holler "Ole" or "I need your help," and most of us will all be there. So to you at this time, a moment for you. You're at your best when you're yourself. Don't ever think you don't measure up because you do. Don't ever worry that you're not enough because you are. And please don't ever, ever wish you were more like someone else because the world would lose someone truly special. Rennie, you are truly special. We love you and we appreciate you. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Thank you, Sister Doris. At this time we will hear from Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, to respond to the tribute.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

Head Table and all the tables, you are wonderful. I would reiterate a lot of the things that they have said about how great everything has been done, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for our comfort and for getting ready for the days ahead. We're looking forward to them, and I know that we are going to enjoy ourselves.

I have a great big room, and it's beautiful and I thank you. But it has got a bed in there that's five feet high. In trying to get in, I've tried to crawl in the top and it was too slippery. So I thought, well, I'd back in, and I slipped off again. But you know what, I've been watching the Olympics, so I found a broom. Tonight I'm going to see if I can pole vault and get in. But I do love that room. It's great. I'm going to conquer that bed.

Pat, it's wonderful what you and your devoted people have done for this evening. I know with your heartaches at home that it has been a task. We only wish the best to you and Delton. Thank you.

And, Doris, you know, you did better than I thought you would. I should have paid her, but at least it was pretty good. I thank you. She has been a true friend for so many years. We've traveled together, and she did know an awful lot of things she could have told. I appreciate that you didn't do that.

I'm happy to be with our Texas General Grand Chapter family. You know, I've been in this office for a while, and we've had a good General Grand Chapter family every year. Sylvia and Raul



— I think they've been in 12 years and starting their 15th year with me, so we've watched them all come and go, but we've been pretty steady. We've enjoyed each one of them, and this group is just the same. It's always fun, and they always put forth their best effort for Texas.

To our Most Worshipful Grand Master Tommy, we appreciate so much your support of the Order of the Eastern Star. You are involved in many of the things that we do, and I'm always proud to tell other Jurisdictions our Most Worshipful Grand Master is not only a member of our Order, he is an active participant. We thank you so much for that. I'm so glad you're here tonight.

The musical program from Miss Rosie was just beautiful. You know, we often hear about the master's touch. Well, tonight I think we heard beautiful music guided by our God through a master's hand. Thank you so much, Rosie, for the beautiful program.

To each of you who have come to join us, you just make it wonderful. Many of you are from other Jurisdictions. I said there were only 12, and I found out we had 13. I had missed one; I don't count so good. That wasn't my strong forte in school. But thank you so much for being here. It wouldn't have been any fun if we had had a party and you didn't come. So thank you very, very much for all your warm greetings to each of us. We hope you're getting — as they say in Spanish “de ja mente” — it means “the same to you.” So we hope that as you have been here today and for the rest of the week that you certainly will enjoy yourselves.

So to each of you, I'm just overwhelmed about where I am. You have put me here, and I'm trying my best to represent you. But the love that you have shown gives me strength every day. I hope that I will be able to contribute as much to the Order as you have contributed to my life. I'm most grateful for each one of you.

When I was a little kid, we had a song that we used to sing lots of times. My dad would sing it when we were driving along the highway, probably to shut us up, I don't know. But anyhow he would sing, “Ta rah boom de ay.” Has anybody ever heard that before? Good!

Well, all I can say is “Ta rah boom de ay, what a great day.” May God bless all of you, and I extend to you my heartfelt thanks for a wonderful evening. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Brother Fred, would you like to give us greetings, please.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. It's a pleasure to be back in the great State of Texas and be with Sister Rennie. I congratulate all of the participants who did the tributes and all those who received those tributes.

I'm not feeling really good right now. I have a bad cold and last night I didn't think I was going to get here. So I'm just going to leave you with this little message. It's not what we eat, but what we digest that makes us strong; not what we gain, but what we have that makes us rich; not what we read, but what we remember that makes us learn; not what we profess, but what we practice that makes us good Eastern Stars. I know there are good Eastern Stars in the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** We will now have greetings from our own Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Jerry Trees.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

Distinguished Head Table, my Sisters and Brothers: What a privilege and a pleasure it is to have each one of you to be here as our guest in Texas. We hope that all of our visitors have a wonderful visit here. We say welcome and we hope that you will enjoy your stay. If there's anything that we can do here in Texas, just ask.

I want to congratulate the Chairman of this banquet that has provided for this beautiful banquet that we've had tonight. What outstanding decorations we had, especially the fire bush.

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Everybody doesn't get a red hot welcome.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** All right. That's a red hot welcome from Texas, the Chairman said. But thank y'all for everything that you did for us at this beautiful banquet tonight.

Sisters and Brothers, as I have had the opportunity to walk among you, it seems like everyone is enjoying themselves. I truly thank you that you came to join us. This year as I have traveled over the State of Texas to the different schools and fraternal visits that we've had, it has been such a pleasure to be among the membership and to receive your love. It's just quite humbling to be there with you at all your wonderful things.

Eastern Star is such a fantastic fraternal organization. The charitable work that we do is outstanding, and it helps so many people. Eastern Star is a wonderful, wonderful organization that anyone should be proud to be a member of.

I have a little story that I want to share with you. There was a man who went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber worked, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said, "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that," asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, would there be suffering or pain?" The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument.

The barber finished his job, and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dark hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barbershop again. He said to the barber, "You know what? Barbers don't exist." "How can you say that," asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber, and I just worked on you." "No," the customer explained, "barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty, long hair and untrimmed beards like the man outside."

"Ah, but barbers do exist. That's what happens when people do not come to me."

"Exactly," affirmed the customer. "That's the point. God, too, does exist. That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's one of the reasons why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

Sisters and Brothers, always remember: God is always there for us to go to.

I've enjoyed the night with each and everyone of you. I look forward to our Grand Chapter session, and I hope that you enjoy that, too. Thank you very much. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Thank you, Brother Jerry.

Thank you, Sister Joyce, for asking me to chair this banquet. Sometime it has been very frustrating, but it has been a wonderful experience. I hope our Committee has met your expectations.

The symphony is almost over. The master usually performs last, and so it is with our banquet tonight. Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, will bring greetings.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Good evening. Are you having a good time?

I know it has all been exciting. I tell you, I look out at you, and you are so beautiful. The colors are just magnificent. Don't you love the red? It is beautiful. I thank you, all of our very, very special guests that have come from many states to be with us this night and this week for our Grand Chapter, "Symphony Among the Angels." I don't know if you believe in angels or not, but I do. I believe that God made special ones that we can't see all the time, but we can feel their presence. Sometimes we can just feel the brush of their wings across us. They're there to protect us; they're there to heal us; they're there to put the joy of the Lord in our hearts. I have truly felt the presence of those very special angels at this banquet tonight.

And, yes, Sister Pat, you have done a tremendous job. Everything is beautiful. How do you like the records on your table? Do you remember when we had them like that? Yeah. And then on the Head Table and Reserved Tables, she has our names on the CDs. Isn't that clever? Thank you. Outstanding. Outstanding job.

I also want to say a thank you to all of the ones that have participated at this Head Table. We

have enjoyed all of your kind words in honor of our special, special guests tonight. They are indeed special, and we are indeed proud of our General Grand Chapter Committee Members and our General Grand Chapter Officer and our Pro Tem Secretary. You are super, super, super. We are very proud of you this night.

From the welcome, to our introductions, to the very, very special program — Sister Rosemary means a great deal to me. When I first met her, she was one of the most beautiful ladies that I had ever seen and walked a walk that I believe we all that know the Lord should walk. Her music is a talent from God, and we thank you so much for sharing that with us tonight. You are truly, truly a special angel.

The greetings of our Most Worshipful Grand Master — Brother Tommy, it is a joy to have you with us tonight. We admire we, we respect you and we thank you for sharing your talents with the Masonic Family and always with Eastern Star. Thank you. And it's a wonderful time to have your special one with you, Sister Vi.

Our greetings from our Past Grand Patrons and from our Past Grand Matrons, we appreciate those and have been very excited to see you in action again. I was hoping Brother Nelson would sing for us tonight, but I guess that's going to be another time.

The ones of you who are from out of state and are here tonight, you've missed a musical year, for you would have heard your Worthy Grand Patron play the tambourine, and our Past Grand Patron always singing "I'll Fly Away" for us. Tomorrow night you're probably going to hear a little bit of that if you will come to the banquet tomorrow night on our celebration of the past.

I want to say one thing and then I'm going to sit down because I know the hour is getting late and you are tired. But I want to talk to you just a little bit about a grasshopper and a giant. In the Old Testament it tells us about God sending His messengers over to a land that they had never possessed and did not know. He sent five over to check out the land, to see if they would be able to go over. Well, the spies came back, and they said, "Oh, no. We cannot go over into that land for there are giants that are so big and so tall and so strong that we would never be able to conquer them for we are but grasshoppers in their sight."

Well, Caleb and Joshua went over, and they came back and they said, "Oh, yes, we can conquer that land. There are giants, and we do look like grasshoppers, but we have one thing that they do not have. That is, we serve a mighty God. And as long as He is on our side, we can conquer, we can be successful in all the things that we strive to do."

Now, I don't know if you feel like a grasshopper tonight or you feel like a giant. But I can tell you in the eyes of the Eastern Star, we're not going to be grasshoppers; we are going to be giants and we are going to accomplish all that we have set forth for many years through a man called Rob Morris. We are winning this battle. God is on our side. And if He is for us, who can be against us? Sisters and Brothers, be excited about the organization that you belong to, for it is one of the best in the world. Don't be negative about things that are happening for the Devil loves to see us negative, for it gets us down and it makes us unsure of what we are about. But keep the positive attitude that we will overcome, we will possess all that God intends for us to do and to be. As I look out at you tonight, what a thrill comes into my heart for I know that the angels that God has provided for us are here this night. The goals and the dreams that each one of you possess in your hearts for Eastern Star will be accomplished if you rely on the great giant that we have in our life, and that's Jesus Christ.

I thank you for being here. You have made this night so very, very special. I have three of my co-workers here tonight, and I just have to introduce them to you for they are so very special in my life. Sister Mary Ann Dixon from Arkansas, Sister Cheryl Martin from Oklahoma and Sister Juanita Wilkinson from Louisiana. Many years ago — three, in fact, four — we got acquainted at Multi-State. We also had Mary Owens from New Mexico that we bonded with so very much, but we've lost Sister Mary and we do miss her so much. I thank you girls. Y'all are so special. Thank you for being here with us tonight, for you have truly made this night special for me. I love you.

Be ready for in the morning. We are beginning Grand Chapter. We've been here three days, and I feel like I'm in the middle of getting ready for Grand Chapter. We are excited. We're going to do some things a little differently, and we're going to have fun the whole time we are here. I ask that you be ready. Be there at 11:30 for a very, very special presentation, and we will get Grand Chapter started and get the business and all of the informal things going. You're going to hear some reports that are going to thrill your hearts for they have thrilled this Worthy Grand Patron and my heart this year.

I thank you and I look forward to in the morning being with you again. I love you, and may God bless our America and may He continue to bless the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, I have an absent mind. I tell my husband that I'm not absentminded, it's just so full. But, anyway, there are those with us tonight that are going to allow their names to be placed this week in nomination for special service to the Order of the Eastern Star. I want you to meet them. After this banquet there will be a Candidates Reception upstairs in the foyer outside of our Grand Chapter room. Would all of those who are allowing your names to be placed in nomination please stand.

I wish for each one of you that the dreams that you have in your heart will be fulfilled. I thank you for offering your service to this beautiful Order. May God bless you. [applause]

**MRS. PAT WASHINGTON:** Our symphony will end. I hope that you have enjoyed the "Golden Symphonies Around the World" banquet. Our benediction will be given by Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON:** Sisters and Brothers, this has been a beautiful evening. Please join hands with those that are sitting beside you, and let's go to the Lord in prayer for our evening.

Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we pause with humble hearts at the close of this wonderful "Golden Symphonies Around the World" banquet to acknowledge and give You thanks for all our blessings that we enjoy from day to day. Be with us in the silence of the evening and at the breaking of the dawn. May Your wisdom and power surround the lives of our leaders, giving them the ability to lead and to direct this Grand Chapter session so that their plans and dreams may be accomplished. Now as we go our separate ways, we pray that You will watch over our leaders and that You will sustain us by Your love, strengthen us by Your power and lead us by Your spirit. We shall be ever careful and always thankful and give You praise and glory. In Jesus' Name we pray, amen.



“*Symphony Among the Angels*” announced the banner behind the stage in the Crystal Ballroom of the InterContinental Hotel, Addison, Texas. Standing on a trellis twined with magnolias was a lighted metallic angel blowing a horn.

Stones covered the front of the stage which was draped with greenery and wisteria. A waterfall and pool had been created stage right. In the center of the stage front was a small round tea table and two chairs flanked by boy and girl angels. Stage left was a three-step staircase with three angels. Magnolia leaves and ferns outlined the paved area in front of the stage.

In the West were three grand pianos on floor level and a cross draped with royal purple prominently displayed in the back.

The Star Point pedestals, as well as the stations for the Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Matron, were small grand pianos. Chairs were black arm chairs.

The Altar and Kneeling Bench were draped with white quilted cloth.

Lady Officers’ formal wear was a light pink floor-length skirt with a fitted long-sleeved jacket with pearls on the collar and cuffs. Personal Pages wore purple skirts, blouses and jackets with white lace down the jacket front. Gentlemen Officers wore black tuxedos.

Daytime dresses for Lady Grand Officers were black street-length skirts and fitted jackets with gold trim on shoulders and cuffs. Gentlemen Officers wore purple jackets, black slacks, white shirts and ties with a keyboard pattern.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

### “Blessed Assurance” Session

**August 28, 2008**

11:30 a.m. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Kathleen R. Yancey  
Singing with the Saints Grand Choir

12:00 noon Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Rennie Ofton  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Assisting Grand Marshal

Mrs. Beulah Speer  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Distinguished Members, what a pleasure is mine today. It is my honor to preside over the opening of the 126th annual session, “*Symphony Among the Angels*,” of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you so very much, Worthy Grand Matron, for this honor to Harlandale Chapter #750 and me. Welcome, Sisters, Brothers and Friends to this 126th session of Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

I am pleased to introduce the Assisting Grand Marshal for this afternoon, Sister Beulah Speer. Sister Beulah was serving as Acting Worthy Grand Matron at the time that our Worthy Grand Matron’s chapter, Princeton Chapter #1126, was instituted, and was Worthy Grand Matron for the constituting. So it is a very special honor that Sister Beulah is serving as our Assisting Grand Marshal. Thank you, Sister Beulah.

We have had very special music for the prelude this afternoon. Please join me in expressing our sincere appreciation for the blessings of the beautiful music our talented and unselfish musicians have rendered for us. Thank you so very much.

At this time we will have the Processional of our Distinguished Members and Guests. Would you please give your attention as they are presented.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Officers, Ambassadors and Committee Members to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Visiting Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, along with the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our very own esteemed and beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and Officers of the Grand Lodge to the East. I'm sorry, there was a Past Grand Master in there that I did not see.

While they are lining up, we have a Past Grand Matron, Sister Alice Peters from Florida. Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort her to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Leaders of the Appendant Bodies and Fraternal Youth Groups and the Representatives of the City of Addison to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East.

I believe that's all, Assisting Grand Marshal. Thank you very much. Let's tell her how much she is appreciated. [applause]

Our Worthy Grand Matron appointed two Grand Chapter Moms this year: Mrs. Martha Alloto and Mrs. Ruth Starke. We regret that one Grand Chapter Mom, Mrs. Martha Alloto, could not be with us for this Grand Chapter session. And as many of you know, Mrs. Ruth Starke passed away recently. She truly was a "mom" to so many members in the East Texas area.

We will now have the presentation of our Grand Chapter Sweetheart. It is indeed a privilege to present one so very special to the Grand Chapter of Texas, as well as our Worthy Grand Matron. Our Grand Chapter Sweetheart, Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron, escorted by her husband, Mr. Floyd Green. Sister Joyce was honored to serve as Worthy Matron in 1992-1993 with Sister Virginia and Brother Garland Rattan. Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron. [applause]

We will now present the Boards of our Grand Chapter. Our Board of Grand Examiners is composed of six members elected annually. The 2007-2008 members are: Dr. Linda Jay Puckett, District 1, escorted by Mr. John Puckett; Mrs. Cindy Echols, District 2, escorted by Mr. Tommy Echols; Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, District 3, escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht; Mrs. Christine Armstrong, District 4, escorted by Mr. Leon Yost; Mrs. Brenda Smith Costello, District 5, escorted by Mr. Michael Fitzgerald; Mrs. Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner At Large, escorted by Mr. Larry Bigham.

Our Board of Directors is composed of ten members. It is now my honor to present them. Mrs. Mickie Campbell, Chairman, District 4, escorted by Mr. Robert Squires; Mrs. Lori Goldman, Vice Chairman, District 5, escorted by Mr. Dwayne Maserang; Miss Diane Davidson, Secretary, District 3, escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock; Mr. Gary Steele, District 1, escorted by Mrs. LeJean Steele; Mr. Art Drescher, District 1, escorted by Mrs. Marty Drescher; Mr. A.L. Casparis, District 2, escorted by Mrs. Nell Casparis; Mrs. Karen Kidd, District 2, escorted by Mr. Horton Kidd; Mrs. Lorraine Williams, District 3, escorted by Mr. Jimmy Williams; Mrs. Terri Rozzell, District 4, escorted by Mr. Burley Jones; Mrs. Kathy Teele, District 5, escorted by Mr. Claude Lindley.

Sisters and Brothers, now it is my pleasure to present the Texas Installed Grand Officers and the Fraternal Correspondent.

Taking us to far-away places through her excellent reports of other Grand Jurisdictions is our Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Opal Farley, escorted by Mr. Carrol Macon. We depend upon this gentleman for our protection and security from interruption, our Grand Sentinel, Mr. Warren Huckabee, escorted by Dr. Anna Huckabee. Laboring always for peace and harmony is our Grand Warder, Mrs. Joyce Ball, escorted by Mr. Larry Ball. Through her fervency and zeal, this lady is a witness of truth and love: Grand Electa, Mrs. Anita Brown, escorted by Mr. Jim Huston. Portraying her Christian convictions and a hope of immortal life: Grand Martha, Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth, escorted by Mr. C. Garth Cline. Through her queenly virtue and devotion, she has found much favor among the members of this Grand Chapter: Grand Esther, Mrs. Janell Trees, escorted by Mr. Ben Clegg. Reflecting the responsibility of obedience, we have reaped the harvest of her labor: Grand Ruth, Mrs. Sula Reilly, escorted by Mr. Damon Holley. Always faithful to the demands of right and duty, she too has displayed heroic conduct: Grand Adah, Mrs. Rita Lytle, escorted by Mr. Toby Lytle. This lady has left lasting impressions with melodies to remember: Grand Organist, Mrs. Barbara Trayler, escorted by Mr. Gayle Brown. Marching forth with courtesy and purpose, she brings honor to her station: Grand Marshal, Mrs. Sandra Zipp, escorted by Mr. Ronald Zipp. Through faith in the divine creator, she is a doer of His Word: Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Lesa Smith, escorted by Mr. Trey Smith. Looking happily toward a delightful journey, our Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Mary Ruth White, escorted by Mr. Joe White. The entrance doors of tomorrow will soon open to the touch of her hand, and the clock is ticking: Grand Conductress, Mrs. Bess Caldwell, escorted by Mr. Al Caldwell. Much is entrusted regarding prompt and discreet action to the duties of her office: Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner, escorted by Mr. James Kirkpatrick. Preparing to meet the challenges of tomorrow and to make them a reality: Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Ray Hertenberger, escorted by Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger. Planning her year, always in search of God's plan, our Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, escorted by Mr. David Nicklas. Living his life in the tried and true principles of our Order, he commands the love and respect of this membership: Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Jerry Trees, escorted by Mrs. Janlen Trees Waclawczyk. Her worth cannot be measured in words; with an open-hearted mind her fraternal spirit has prevailed and brought much credit to her and honor to the Grand Chapter of Texas: Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, escorted by Mr. Glenn Whitaker.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, what a wonderful year you have conducted for the Grand Chapter of Texas. You have been great. You have fostered programs to excite the membership. You have led the Grand Chapter in raising a tremendous amount of money for charitable contributions for humanity. Most of all, you have brought God's love to our members daily. We ask His blessings in kind for you both always.

To each of you in this Grand Family, I trust that this will be a memory commemorating the love and devotion of your service.

At this time we will have our altar presentations. Our special guests have been welcomed and presented in the East. In order that our chapter room may be complete, we will now have these special presentations. We regret that some of our scheduled presenters were unable to be here today, but our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are proud to have the following participants. The Family Bible will be presented by Mrs. Freda Combest, aunt of the Worthy Grand Matron. The Bible Marker will be presented by Mrs. Janlen Waclawczyk, daughter of our Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Esther. The Square and Compasses will be presented by Mr. Billy H. Combest, Past Grand Patron and uncle of our Worthy Grand Matron.

How honored we are to have Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron, escorted by her husband Floyd, place a Special Red Rose on the altar. This rose was used by Sister Virginia in 1992-93 and presented to Sister Joyce at her Grand Conductress banquet.

Our flags are a symbol of love, religion, family, dedication, patriotism and freedom. All of these are the foundation on which our fraternal families are based. It is with much gratitude to those who have gone before to secure these rights and privileges that we present these flags so dear to the hearts of us all.

The United States flag is presented by Mr. C. Brett Vestal, Masonic Relations “Major Keys” Committee, District 1 Chairman.

The Canadian flag will be presented by Mr. Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

The Texas flag will be presented by Mr. Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The Oklahoma flag will be presented by Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Though our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron are not here, we are honoring their Grand Jurisdiction.

The Christian flag is being presented by Mr. Jerry L. Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The Eastern Star flag is being presented by Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, at this time it is indeed my pleasure to present Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Billy H. Combest, Past Grand Patron, to call this Thursday afternoon ceremonial opening “Blessed Assurance” session to order. Sister Rosemary.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, our precious Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter and our own beloved Past Grand Matron of Texas. What a beautiful beginning for our 126th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Rennie, you have filled our hearts this morning with the joy of music and the blessed assurance that Father God is watching us from a distance.

The distinct honor has been given to me by our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert, to welcome each one of you here to our opening ceremony. My heart is especially blessed on this day in being asked to join my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Billy H. Combest, in calling to order this “Blessed Assurance” session. Brother Billy, it doesn’t seem possible that it has been 13 years since you and I served this membership as a wonderful team in 1995-1996. During that time, Brother Billy, we had Sister Joyce Gilbert as our Deputy Grand Matron of District 1, Section 2; and now today we greet her as the Worthy Grand Matron of Texas. I am sure that your heart is filled with joy, since Joyce is your beloved niece. So I invite you at this time to greet our wonderful membership.

**MR. BILLY COMBEST:** It is an honor to be here. I’m kind of stuck for words because I thought giving greetings, if I could go to one-liners it would save time, but I knew I couldn’t convey what I meant to say in a one-liner, and I can’t use enough time to say what I mean to say to each and everyone of you that’s here. I know you’re loved by everybody, and especially by me and Rosemary as we’ve worked with most of you over the years — in the last 13 years. I think this 13th year is our lucky year, I’ll tell you. At least we survived this long. That’s one thing about it.

But welcome to you. I wouldn’t be standing in this place if my niece wasn’t key to the influence, but I appreciate her letting me be in this place. Thank you very much. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you, Brother Billy. And it is indeed now my pleasure to call this Thursday afternoon ceremonial opening, “Blessed Assurance” session, to order.

Sister Rennie Ofton, I invite you to preside.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** We are going to have a very special presentation of the invocation by Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir, accompanied by Sister Rosemary. They wouldn’t move the piano up here for her, so she has to go back there. Let us all be prayerful as she sings “The Lord’s Prayer.”

Thank you, Sister Marjorie and Sister Rosie. We felt the love of God in this room and know that we are communicating with Him in our hearts. Thank you so much.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** One who is probably breathing a great sigh of relief that this day has finally arrived will welcome us to this Grand Chapter session. We have had every courtesy met, and now we want to show our appreciation for the many, many hours of labor by Mr. Stanley Seeley, Chairman of the Executive Committee. Brother Stan, you’ll now address this assembly.



**MR. STANLEY SEELEY:** Thank you, Past Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters, Brothers and guests: On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Arrangements Committee and the members of District 1, it is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to Addison, Texas, for the 126th session, “Symphony Among the Angels,” Grand Chapter of Texas. We hope you have a very pleasant stay, and if you should have any problems, please don’t hesitate to ask any of the Sisters and Brothers that you’ll see in the purple jackets for assistance. We sincerely hope that you will take this opportunity to meet and greet old friends and hopefully to make new ones. When it comes time to vote, we pray that you’ll listen to your heart and vote for the best of our beautiful Order.

I believe there are some members of the hotel staff in the room. Michele Geller-Randel, National Sales Manager, and Christi Barron, Director of Conference Planning, would they please stand. Also, would the other members of the Executive Committee and Arrangements Committee please stand. They have worked many hours getting this Grand Chapter organized and will continue to work throughout this Grand Chapter session. Would you please help me in showing them our appreciation for the work they have done. [applause] Thank you.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you, Brother Stan. I know that we are proud to be in attendance at this 126th Grand Chapter session, and we certainly are enjoying all of your hospitality in this beautiful hotel.

Now we have an outstanding professional team that has assisted with many details and who has been so instrumental in the success of our activities for this session in HelmsBriscoe. I am most pleased now to introduce to you Ms. Barbara Van Hollenbeck, Regional Director of HelmsBriscoe. Barbara has certainly prided herself in providing the utmost in customer service, and I invite you to greet this assembly at this time, Barbara.

**MS. BARBARA VAN HOLLENBECK:** Good morning to all of you. It was a few short years ago — 2004 — when Joyce Gilbert talked to Henry Martin and said, “I think I could use some support in arranging my conference. Joyce Gilbert then called our company — myself, Rene McKinney, and our vice president, Patti Pallasio, who work for HelmsBriscoe, a site selection organization. We met with Joyce and we said, “What is your main concern?” “My main concern is my members. I want my members to be able to come to an event and not have to be bothered with bleachers, not have to be bothered with going up and down so many stairs and have everything underneath one roof.”

So we at HelmsBriscoe put our heads together and said, “Joyce, we are going to find you a venue where everybody can be under one roof and be so comfortable.” We came to the InterContinental Hotel, after going to many other venues. We walked into this beautiful ballroom with Joyce Gilbert. And in 2004 she had told us that her colors were going to be pink. Well, we looked up at the ceiling, and we said, “Joyce, this is your home. This is where you belong. These beautiful chandeliers that are pink are going to make your conference so beautiful for all your ladies when they are all dressed up.”

I think when you go to plan one of these conferences, there’s only one word that you really need and that is the support that you’re going to get from everyone and the support that you’re going to get from the hotel that you’re going to be staying at. And the one word that you really need to recognize is the word “trust.” Joyce Gilbert had to trust in HelmsBriscoe, that we were going to find her a venue that would be comfortable for her people. We had to trust the InterContinental Hotel that they were going to meet every single one of your needs, and I hope they are. [applause]

Joyce then had to trust in her staff: Willie Mae, who to me is probably one of the most organized ladies I have ever met in my entire life. [applause] And then Joyce had to trust in her Committee Members, the Stan Seeleys of this world, the Dons of this world who had to make sure every one of your reservations were going smoothly. And then most of all, we had to trust in God that you were all going to be coming here in attendance so that you can continue to do the beautiful work that you do for all the fabulous charities that you are involved in.

I once told Joyce Gilbert, when Katrina hit that I was in my office watching CNN, and all of a

sudden I heard, “And the ladies of the Eastern Star are going to be helping us out here in New Orleans during Katrina.” I was never so proud in my entire life to have a client like the Order of the Eastern Star as I was that day. Your charitable work that you do is just amazing to all of us. I want you to have a fabulous conference here at a fabulous hotel that wants to give you the utmost respect that you deserve in being here. And I want you to continue doing all the fabulous work that you do. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** You know, Sisters and Brothers, I’m kind of like Brother Billy Combest. We can laugh and carry on, but there are some times when our hearts are very full. My heart is very full today. Such a beautiful day and such a beautiful room, such a wonderful membership of Texas and this wonderful Worthy Grand Matron.

Sisters and Brothers, it’s now my privilege to introduce to you Ms. Christi Barron, Director of Conference Planning at this beautiful facility, the InterContinental Dallas Hotel. Ms. Barron, will you come and bring us greetings.

**MS. CHRISTI BARRON:** Good afternoon everybody. I want to give you a big, big welcome to the town of Addison and of course the InterContinental Hotel. I’ve had the pleasure of working with Stan Seeley and all of the Committee here for the last several years. And, yes, in 2004 — it has been a long road coming, but everybody has worked very hard. And, hopefully, all of you in this room are having a great time this week. I’ll be seeing you around all the way until Sunday when you depart the hotel. So, please, do not hesitate to let any of us know if there’s anything that we can do for you. Again, we are very excited to have all of you here. Have a great day and have a great event. We will see you throughout the week. Thank you very much. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Sisters and Brothers, we are honored to have with us the Honorable Joe Chow, Mayor of Addison. He serves on many boards and has proven outstanding leadership for this wonderful city. I’m pleased to introduce to you Honorable Joe Chow. I invite you to greet this assembly.

**HONORABLE JOE CHOW:** Thank you so much. It’s a great honor to be here this afternoon. Thank you for inviting me to be here. On behalf of the entire Addison City Council, I want to officially extend my deepest welcome to all of you, to this Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. This organization is characterized by courage, knowledge, loyalty and devoted service.

When I was invited, I asked my secretary — I said, “What does Eastern Star do?” She said, “Joe, it’s similar to man’s Mason.” When I walked in, I said, “It’s much prettier. You are much prettier than just the Masons and also kinder than Masons.” Is that right?

Addison has contributed a lot of money to different charitable organizations, which is non-profit, and we are very glad to have you here today. As Mayor of Addison, I never forget to promote for the city. As you all know, Addison is known as the Restaurant City. We have 175 restaurants. A lot of those restaurants are within your walking distance, within five or ten minutes. Feel safe just walking around. I always advise people to take advantage of a small city. You can walk ever so safely.

I have good advice to the residents, too. I tell them, I said, “You know what? Before calling 911, make sure you put on your clothes first.” So you know what I’m talking about. It’s a wonderful city. I wish you have a successful meeting and also wonderful stay.

This is the hotel I love most because I had my wedding here for 750 people about two-and-a-half years ago. I’m standing on the same stage. So when I come back to this room, I always feel extremely happy. So I hope again you have a wonderful stay. Thank you very much. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Such enthusiasm! It’s contagious.

Sisters and Brothers, it’s now my pleasure to present Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron, to bring us greetings from the Office of the Governor of the great State of Texas. Brother Kenneth.

**MR. KENNETH GREGORY:** Thank you, Sister Rosemary. And thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honor of reading this proclamation from the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas.

“As Governor of Texas, it is my honor to welcome you all to the 126th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Texas’ foundation of strength has always been sustained and fostered by the diligent dedication and determination of its people. The qualities of neighborliness, compassion and generosity, qualities your organization’s members possess in abundance, contribute to the unique and irrepressible spirit of Texas. The Grand Chapter of Texas has touched many lives through its outreach programs and service in communities across the Lone Star State and beyond. I commend your love of community and your dedication to service to your fellowman. You contribute grandly to the great state we call home. First Lady Anita Perry joins me in sending best wishes for a successful and enjoyable session.” It’s signed Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** The Order of the Eastern Star is most appreciative of all the work by the Board of Trustees in behalf of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. At this time I invite Mr. James Roy Elliott, Director of the Board of Trustees for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, to please come forward for a presentation from our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Elliott.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, how very, very honored and proud we are to have Brother Elliott with us today from the Board of our TMRC. Each member here knows how much we love what the TMRC does for our beautiful, beautiful ladies and how much we appreciate all the kindness, the courtesy and the love that you give to them. I believe for the first time we’re going to present you with a \$5,000 check, which is just a small token of our appreciation for all that you have done.

Brother Jerry, would you like to say something?

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sir, we appreciate everything that you do for the Home and your support. We’re extra specially glad to have you here today.

**MR. JAMES ELLIOTT:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Visitors and Guests, Brothers and Sisters: It’s a pleasure to be here to accept this gift on behalf of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. If you haven’t been there lately, we’ve got a lot going on out there. We’ve got a new four-story \$9 million facility going up. They started drilling an oil well out there — a gas well. It’s kind of busy out there right now. We’re proud to have our association with the Eastern Star and the ladies that reside at the Retirement Center. The Board is very attentive to the residents of that Center, and we’re there to ensure that everything runs just real right. We’ve got a lot of things on the horizon. We’re very happy. The Grand Master has a Family Day out there on October 11th. If you have not been to see all the changes and to tour that facility, please come out.

Again, on behalf of the Board of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, we thank you very much for this generous donation. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** This year our Worthy Grand Matron chose to have several projects to benefit children. This afternoon we are honored with the presence of representatives from these organizations. The first we would invite is Mr. Bill Alexander from M.D. Anderson Hospital so that our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron might make this presentation. Mr. Alexander.

**MR. BILL ALEXANDER:** Good afternoon. Thank you very much for your support of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. I got a call maybe a month ago from Mrs. Gilbert here, and it was such an honor to be recognized as one of the institutions that has been able to eliminate cancer in Texas, in this country and around the world. We have a mission of doing that, as the comprehensive cancer center for the State of Texas.

If you’re ever in Houston, I would be glad to give you a tour so you can see the facility. We have 17,000 employees who are all there for one reason and one reason only, and that is to eliminate cancer. Thank you very, very much from the faculty, staff and, most importantly, the patients of the institution. Thank you very much. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Mr. Alexander, there is a lady here that is going to present

this check on behalf of the Worthy Grand Patron and I. It's going to be in honor of her mother and all of our membership that has been in your hospital and have been treated and have gotten well and come home. Jimmie Lee.

**MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers and Friends All: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honor and the privilege of being the one to present to M.D. Anderson. It was created in 1941. The hospital is the number one hospital for the fight of cancer. The cancer center sees more than 84,000 people a year. Cancer has touched the lives of many of our sisters and brothers, and M.D. Anderson has been there to help. Their great research has saved the lives of many of our sisters and brothers.

The "Music Among the Stars" Concert Committee General Chairman Pat Turner and her wonderful Committee made it possible for me to be able to present in behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the great membership of Texas a check for \$7500. We know that your research makes a difference. If we had the people in this room to stand that cancer has touched, it would be overwhelming. Cancer is the number one killer, and it's because of what you do that makes these people — and so many of those have fought cancer and have won because of M.D. Anderson.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. But thank you more than that for what you do. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Another worthwhile project our Worthy Grand Matron has had this year was to benefit the children of Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. I invite our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to come forward now and join Mr. Glenn Gregory from the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas to make a wonderful presentation. Mr. Gregory.

All right. Worthy Grand Matron, I know you'll want to go ahead and bring the greetings.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I guess he has gotten lost. But just to let this membership be aware of the contribution that we're making to the Scottish Rite Hospital, it's in the amount of \$7500. How much I appreciate all that you did to make this check possible. We will see that Scottish Rite gets this money. [applause]

Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We do thank you for your support of our project. We are so proud of the Scottish Rite Hospitals and what they do for our young people. We thank you for all that you have done to help us. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Sisters and Brothers, I hope your hearts are being richly blessed by the wonderful benevolent contributions that we're making on behalf of this year.

Another charitable project of our Worthy Grand Matron has been the Shriners Burn Center in Galveston. Representing this hospital is Mr. John Rodriguez, Past Potentate. Mr. Rodriguez, are you in the room with us?

Worthy Grand Matron, I know you'll at least want to let the membership know what we've done. I do not see Mr. Rodriguez.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Well, we have two lost. They may just be running a little bit late. Mr. Rodriguez was very pleased when we talked with him. There was another gentleman that wanted to come to receive this check, but he decided, since he was a Past Potentate, that he would love to be here to receive this. So I know something has probably happened to slow him down. If he comes in in a little while, we will present this \$7500 check to the Shriners Burn Center. I know most of you have been through this, and what an amazing facility, along with our Scottish Rite, that takes care of our children.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** It's always a pleasure to have a project to support our youth and our children. We thank you again for your support for this special project. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** One endeavor the membership of Texas has put their heart and soul into this year was the Committee of Onward Christian Soldiers. I want to invite our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the podium to join Sergeant Joe Washam, United

States Army, Retired, to receive a contribution on behalf of the Brooke Army Medical Center. Sergeant Washam, are you in the room?

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Brother Joe, our Onward Christian Soldiers Committee this year has done many things to help raise funds for, first, the Landstuhl Hospital in Germany and then also another part of this Onward Christian Soldiers was a donation to Brooke Army Medical Warrior and Support Center. We are so proud of what they do, taking care of the families and our wounded warriors that are there. We are pleased to make this presentation of \$11,000 to Brooke Army Medical Warrior and Support Center. [applause]

**SERGEANT JOE WASHAM:** Thank y'all very much. I really appreciate the Order of the Eastern Star for doing this for the Warrior and Family Assistance Center. It was at one time the Soldier and Family Assistance Center. But for myself, as mentioned before, I'm no longer in the military anymore. I was a sergeant in the US Army and I served in Iraq. I was severely injured over four years ago. A building explosion due to enemy activity left me severely burned, third-degree burns over forty percent of my body. I went through Landstuhl. I was unconscious the whole time so I don't remember any of it. I was unconscious for two weeks, and I woke up in Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. From there I started the road to recovery that took twenty months. In January of 2006 I was finally released from the military.

During the time there I had to learn how to walk again, feed myself, dress myself. Having my family there with me, my friends, but also the Warrior and Family Assistance Center played such a huge part. They were able to connect with the public, with organizations such as yourself, who want to come in and help the wounded warriors and the family members too, because a lot of you, I'm sure, have children and grandchildren who served — and a lot of you I'm sure also served too. And having that family support is a huge deal for these wounded warriors.

So again I just want to thank all of you for this donation on behalf of the Warrior and Family Assistance Center down at BAMC. Have a great day. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have one other presentation to be made to this wonderful gentleman here. It comes from the cruise that we took back in April. The cruise line gave us a free trip, but instead of the trip we decided we'd take that money and present it to them where they could use it in whatever area they wanted to. Sister Nannette Gwaltney who was our tour director is going to present this check.

**MRS. NANNETTE GWALTNEY:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Joe, our honored guest today: When the Worthy Grand Matron told me of Landstuhl Hospital, I can't help but tell you how special that is to me, because my only child was born at Landstuhl Hospital quite a few years ago now. My husband, Brother George, is a 29-year veteran and served at Brooke Army Medical Center. So it is indeed an honor for us to be able to participate in this program.

Because Carnival Cruise Line is such a large corporation, they do a lot of charitable work. I spoke with them and asked them on behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron if instead of giving us a berth, which they call a bed on a cruise ship, would they give us the money so that we could in turn donate this to our Wounded Warrior Support Center. One of the vice presidents of Carnival Cruise Line said to me, "Nannette, we'll do whatever we can do to help the soldiers of our country."

So add \$511 to the \$11,000 check, and that will bring that total up to \$11,511. We're so pleased to have had a very small part of this event. We had a lot of fun on our cruise. This was not meant to be a moneymaking project, but because of the generosity of Carnival Cruise Line and the membership participating in the cruise, we're very honored that we can give you this check also. [applause]

**SERGEANT JOE WASHAM:** Thank you very much. And thank Carnival also.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Does that not touch your heart? [applause]

Better late than never, we are delighted now to recognize Mr. Glenn Gregory with the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas. Mr. Gregory. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Mr. Gregory, we thank you for coming and are delighted to

be able to present you this check of \$7500 to the Scottish Rite Hospital. Thank you for taking care of our children and making them well. We do muchly appreciate and love and will support you in all that we can. Would you like to say a few words?

**MR. GLENN GREGORY:** Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Brothers and Sisters: It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to appear before you all today to accept this check. As you well know, the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children has been treating children since 1921. Since that date, we have helped over 180,000 children. [applause] Not once has a bill been presented to a family, the parents or guardians, kin folks, insurance companies, governmental agencies, for medical services rendered. It is an unusual place. For those of you who have had the good fortune to be there as a guest, the lunch and tour, you know it's unusual. I would like to extend to each and every person in this room right now — if you've never been to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, you have my personal invitation or invite. Just please give me a call ahead of time. I would be honored to be your personal greeter, tour guide and lunch host.

Again, thank you so very, very much. We love you; we love you and we love you some more. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Another project this year has been the East Texas Angel Network, which is committed to the enhancement of the lives of children who are living with terminal or life-threatening diseases. The Network provides financial assistance for medical treatments and related costs to children and their families in order to enhance the quality of life for those children who face challenges of diseases and serious illnesses.

I'm going to invite Patsy Williams, Executive Director — and it says “and mother-in-law of Neal McCoy.” I believe I have that right. We hope you will bring us greetings and receive your contribution.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Before you speak, may we present you with a check? You may talk longer! This is from the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Texas. They had special projects to earn money just for this one thing, that you could make a wish come true for your children. They earned and raised \$10,000 to go to you. We hope it will help you. [applause]

Brother Jerry.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, Ivory Angels and Harmonizers, what a fantastic job that you did on this project this year. We thank you from the bottom of our heart for helping us with this project and to help this worthwhile organization. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. PATSY WILLIAMS:** Thank you so much. I did want to clarify the fact that I am not Neal McCoy, but I will speak for him because I do that often, being his mother-in-law. I can't tell you how much we appreciate this. We are an organization — we've been there 14 years. Neal and Melinda felt there was a need there in our community, in the East Texas area, to help families who were dealing with children who had life-threatening or very critical illnesses. They saw so many places where people were just falling through the cracks and needed this help.

The first child we helped was one that came to Children's Hospital in Dallas, and we gave the parents a check one afternoon just for expenses to come to Dallas. The father stood there in my driveway where we presented the check and cried. And later I found out, after the little boy had passed away, that when we gave them that check to drive to Dallas, they had \$80 in their checking account, nothing to pay rent with, nothing to buy gas with. That's why he was in tears. But that family said — when we give them a few hundred dollars a month to help with expenses — secondary expenses around the house — for us it's a few hundred dollars. For them it's a lifeline. We are so proud of the organization because in the fourteen years we've been in existence, we've raised over \$5 million. All of that money goes directly to the families. We have been able to hold our expenses for producing our concert and our golf tournament and our sponsors dinner that we have every year, we've been able to hold the cost of our office supplies, equipment and everything — all our expenses we've held below 12 percent each year, so everything goes back to the families. I want you to know your money is going to help some families who are dealing with some real problems.

Thank you. I appreciate everything that you do for your communities and for ours now. Thank you again. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** We honor our youth, our hope for a brighter tomorrow. Through ritual work, charity projects and fun activities, these youth groups give their members the ability to build self confidence, discover and enhance their talents and develop leadership skills. Sisters and Brothers, we must unite in promoting the best interests for our youth because they will fill our ranks. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are pleased to make a special presentation at this time.

Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, accompanied by Miss Allison Linder, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. They will be here for the presentation and address.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You've heard many times, Sisters and Brothers, that the youth is our future. Every day that becomes a truer statement. As we have traveled Texas this year, we have found many Rainbow that have joined our Order. You can always, always pick them out because they are so great in their work. We wish that we would get many more of you. But Brother Jerry and this membership and I want to present you with this check. We know that it will be used wisely.

Brother Jerry.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** What a special organization this is. Being able to work with these young ladies — indirectly, this organization is maybe responsible for me standing here today. They are wonderful. Sister Marlene does a fantastic job with the girls. We know we're going to have another fabulous year this year with Sister Allison leading us. Thank you for being here with us today. [applause]

**MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

Texas Rainbow is honored to be invited to bring brief greetings this afternoon and to have this opportunity to express sincere appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for your constant support to Rainbow this year. Your presence at our activities and your many kind words have encouraged and lifted our girls to greater heights.

For those of you from out of state, or who may not be aware, let me tell you, proudly, that in Texas we have 55 active assemblies and four more new ones in the process of organization.

Our 900 girls join me in expressing appreciation to the many Eastern Star members and members of the Masonic family who give time, and talent, and certainly, monetarily to our girls and our assemblies. Your sponsorship and your enthusiasm make our work possible.

In Rainbow, our goals include helping each girl become the very best person she can be. We teach what matters most – leadership, confidence, and citizenship. Rainbow uses fun events and challenging workshops to empower girls to be the best daughter, sister, friend, or student they can be. You might think of Rainbow as a global sorority, where a girl learns that she can make a difference and become a better person.

Quite simply, "Rainbow Gets Girls Ready for Life." The constant help received from Eastern Star and Masonic families is necessary for our growth and progress. We are blessed by your interest in our girls.

Through you, we can continue to dream, believe, inspire, learn and grow through the Masonic and Eastern Star teachings, which are our Rainbow teachings. It is with pleasure now that I present to you our beautiful Grand Worthy Advisor, Miss Allison Linder, who will bring greetings on behalf of Texas Grand Assembly. Before I do that, may I just say that Allison presented her petition to Eastern Star within the last couple of weeks. So we're proud of this also. [applause]

**MISS ALLISON LINDER:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests and Eastern Stars of Texas:

The hums of the heavens have been ringing in my ears, due to the great anticipation and excitement I have in being here for the 126th “*Symphony Among the Angels*” Grand Chapter.

I would like to extend a most sincere thank you to our Guardian Angels of Rainbow, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Mr. Jerry Trees, and Mrs. Joyce Nicklas for bringing us such beautiful words at our Grand Assembly session in Waco. Your songs of inspiration were greatly appreciated and will fly with our spirits as we embark on our 2008-2009 year, A Rainbow Rendezvous, “All Roads Lead to Rome.”

The Order of the Eastern Star and The International Order of the Rainbow for girls share a similar bond to that of a mother and daughter. As a daughter is the product of her mother, a Rainbow girl is the product of the wonderful Eastern Stars who sponsor and guide her through her early years of life.

Congratulations, Mrs. Gilbert, on a year filled with beautiful songs and heavenly service. Texas Rainbow truly appreciates the heart felt words you made every effort possible in delivering to our girls at Grand Assembly.

Also, Mrs. Nicklas, good luck on your upcoming year. May it be one filled with Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Tonight has been just as beautiful as the ladies sitting in front of me. Thank you for inviting Texas Rainbow to be with you tonight and we look forward to “Rendezvousing” with all of you throughout the year to come.

Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** My goodness! She didn’t have a thing in front of her.

Representing the Order of DeMolay are Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, State Executive Director of DeMolay, and Mr. Paul Canales, State Master Councilor, International Order of DeMolay. I know the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are pleased to make a presentation to this group.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Brother Weldon and Brother Chance, we do appreciate y’all being here. We had some projects this year that we were especially proud to have for our youth. The youth of our state are becoming more common in our Eastern Star and in our Masonic Lodges. We thank y’all for being here and for everything that you do. We’d like to make this little presentation to you — a donation with our thanks for what y’all do. [applause]

**MR. WELDON CLAMPITTE:** Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: First of all, this is not Paul Canales on my left. Paul Canales is our current State Master Councilor. He had a class in San Antonio, got out this morning and tried his best to get here. I just called him on the phone and told him to turn around and go back home, because he has another class tomorrow morning. He was going to come here and go back, give you a few words and come back tomorrow to be with you for the rest of the session. Dedication like that is what I really like in our DeMolay boys today.

Texas DeMolay is making great strides, and in great part it’s because of the Masons and the ladies of the Eastern Star. I have many members of Eastern Star who are advisors in DeMolay. Some of them actually run the chapter, if you can believe that.

But, anyway, we appreciate what you do, we appreciate what this Grand Chapter of Eastern Star does for the youth. Let me tell you: Our youth are listening to what you say and watching what you do.

On my left is Chance Chapman, last year’s State Master Councilor. He is not only a Mason — he’s a York Rite Mason and member of Nederland Chapter of the Eastern Star. I don’t know how many years his lineage goes back in the Eastern Star, but he’s a seventh generation Mason. I’d like to present to you now Chance Chapman, our Junior Past State Master Councilor. [applause]

**MR. CHANCE CHAPMAN:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished East, Members, Visitors and my Brothers and Sisters all: It is an extreme honor for me to be here today to bring you greetings on behalf of Paul Alexander Canales, State Master Councilor, and all the DeMolays of Texas. As Dad Clampitte said, Brother Canales



started his first semester of college this week at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and that is why he cannot be here today. He will be here later this week to represent DeMolay.

A year ago I stood before this body to bring greetings on behalf of the Texas DeMolay Association. During that speech, I promised that I would one day join the Order of the Eastern Star. On January 14, 2008, I fulfilled that promise and joined Nederland Chapter #1079. [applause] Thank you.

I ask that you continue to support DeMolay because one day it will pay off. Several DeMolays have become Master Masons and are eligible to become members of this fine organization. If you do not know what DeMolay is or what it stands for, and even if you do, I ask you to please visit our booth outside to get information or even just to visit with the DeMolays. I had a great time serving this past year with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I congratulate both of you and your Grand Officers on a wonderful and successful year. I also want to wish the best of luck to the new Grand Officers who will be installed on Saturday.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of Texas DeMolay Association. I wish you a successful and harmonious session. Thank you again. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** It is indeed a privilege and an honor for me to introduce one who actually needs no introduction, the Honorable Thomas F. Griffin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. Brother Tommy and I have had the privilege through the years of working together to install several officers of subordinate chapters, so it's always an honor and a privilege to stand by his side. Brother Tommy, we welcome you now to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas. [applause]

**MR. TOMMY GRIFFIN:** Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: What a privilege it is for me to bring greetings on behalf of 98,000-plus Master Masons in the State of Texas to you today. Would the Master Masons of Texas please stand. I'm proud of you guys, and I want to recognize you. [applause] Thank you very much.

We have completed 17 conferences across the state, 36 installations this year. We attended the Grand Assembly and Grand Conclave of our youth groups. We're here at the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star; we also have completed four out of six Wardens Retreats. Every weekend so far has been busy. At every one of those venues — being Grand Master and being Worthy Patron of my chapter, I had an opportunity to give the Eastern Star a plug at every one of these events. I've done my best. We have a problem, though. As Masons we are obligated to learn lessons as Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft and Master Masons. Those first lessons are pretty tough. You ladies know what that is all about.

Whenever we go to the conferences, we get feedback from the ladies that are present. We get a tremendous amount of feedback from those who attend the Wardens Retreat. Some of the men are very reluctant to want to join the Order of the Eastern Star because they think they have to memorize something and get up in front of you ladies, as well as the men, and give a proficiency examination, and their wives are in the same mindset. So we are trying to curtail that little problem. Once we get that solved, I think that we'll be in good shape as far as inductees into the Order of the Eastern Star.

It's a great pleasure to bring you greetings. As I've said, we've tried to be good Masons across the state. Every Grand Mason would probably tell you that Masonry is alive and well in Texas. Well, I can tell you that I know it's alive because 55,000 of them have called me on this cell phone since December.

All that aside, it has been a great trip so far. I'm downhill. We have less than a hundred days in office. It has been a pleasure to represent good Masons in our state. Wear your Square and Compasses with pride, and continue to make Masonry a Texas tradition. Thank you very much. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Sisters and Brothers, we do have another guest that is

here with us today, and we certainly want to respect her. We have the honor to have Mrs. Jeanette Rife, Supreme Worthy President, Social Order of the Beauceant, with us today. We invite her to bring greetings to this membership. Mrs. Rife.

**MRS. JEANETTE RIFE:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all: It's really nice to be home and to be back in this Grand Chapter of Texas. I've been away for a while, as you may or may not know. I'm honored to bring greetings on behalf of the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, which I am the Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant of the United States of America. I've been traveling for nine months, and it is definitely good to be home and to be received in my own state of Texas. I am honored to bring greetings at this 126th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, "Symphony Among the Angels."

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the numbers present here today show the love and respect that this State of Texas has for you and this Order. I want to commend you, membership, for your participation. You join and you participate in service-oriented organizations. That's a commodity today because there are so many things that are competing for your time. New members — my daughter is here for the first time — I get emotional — my daughter just joined Eastern Star and this is her first Grand Chapter. I want you to know I am thrilled she is here. [applause] I've been a member since 1961 in Eastern Star. It has been a very vital part of my life.

But new members, your participation allows you to form friendships that will last a lifetime. I applaud this Grand Chapter for its outstanding leadership role that it has played in many of our lives. Service to others is making a difference in someone's life, doing it with a smile, priceless.

Someone asked me last night to tell you what we do in our Order. The Social Order of the Beauceant, which I represent, is a fraternal order for Christian women, whose eligibility for membership is determined by their relationship to a Knight Templar. We're the wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of a Knight Templar. Our purpose is to render aid and hospitality to the Knights Templar and to each other. The Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, was formed in Denver, Colorado, in 1920. There are 90 Beauceant Assemblies in the United States, and 25 of them are in the State of Texas. In 1957 we adopted the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as our official charity. Since then we have donated \$1.5 million to that charity. We have ritualistic robes; they're white satin with a red cross on the left breast. But they are not worn outside the assembly hall. You will recognize us with our uniform, which is the red jacket, the black skirt and normally a white blouse. Would all members of the Social Order of the Beauceant please stand.

I want to personally thank you for your support of this Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Mary Ruth, while you're up, I think I should get my 50-year pin in your year, and I am honored. Thank you. [applause]

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for allowing me to speak this afternoon. I know that you will have a very successful session this week. God bless you all, and God bless Texas. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** At this time I invite our Worthy Grand Matron to say a few words.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** In 2003 President Bush created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to find ways to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our nation. This Council created the President's Service Award Program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstration, commitment and example, inspire others. The award consists of an official President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin, a personalized certificate of achievement, a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States and a letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. I invite our Grand Secretary to please join me, along with Kelly Sue Nyikos, who is a member of Lewisville Chapter, and her son Michael. [applause]

**GRAND SECRETARY:** What a pleasure for me to be able to give this award to this fine young man. He has been volunteering in various areas since the age of seven. He's fifteen now. Those of us who attend the parties at TMRC have watched this young man grow up there. He and his mom spend many hours at TMRC, and they never miss a party. The ladies and the gentlemen there just love them. Michael, I've looked so forward to being able to do this for you. I just think you're the neatest young man.

They not only volunteer at TMRC; they volunteer in many other areas. We all know this young man without his mom could not have done all of this. She doesn't know about this. But, Kelly, I have one for you too. [applause] They're a team.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Kelly is a member of Lewisville Chapter. Kelly has not been Worthy Matron because of things that she can't quite get resolved. But I want you to know as a volunteer, I believe about four or five years ago during the year she quilted a quilt for every member of TMRC. And at Christmas time she presented those. Now, Sisters and Brothers, if that's not commitment and dedication, I don't know what is. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** We are privileged to have a Partial Credentials Report by Mrs. Acey Guile, Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

**MRS. ACEY GUILLE:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Members and Friends of the Grand Chapter of Texas: According to the Grand Secretary, there are 418 chapters in Texas. We have chapter representatives from 351. We need only 105 to be the 25 percent, so you do have a quorum. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you, Sister Acey. We're going to move right along. Have you enjoyed the presentations? [applause]

At this time I'm going to ask that our Grand Chapter Officers retire to the West to prepare for the "Joyous Notes" drill. We will have a short recess while the Arrangements Committee clears the Grand Chapter floor.

We would like to thank everyone who has been with us for this pre-ceremonial opening. We thank them for their time and their presence. We will be opening Grand Chapter, so we must ask at this time that all who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will retire.

[Recess]

Please be seated. We are ready to begin our ceremonial opening.

I have a couple of announcements. Many of you may not be aware, but Sister Betty Prater, our Grand Treasurer of nine years, has buried her husband Don Tuesday. Of course, we understand that after 48 years of marriage, her heart is quite heavy, and this is not the time that she could be with us. The Worthy Grand Matron has invited Sister Yvonne Brownfield, our General Grand Chapter Committee Member and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, to sit in Sister Betty Prater's station for this Grand Chapter session this week. Sister Yvonne, we thank you for doing that on behalf of our beloved Betty Prater.

The other announcement I have is that the Installation practice for the incoming Grand Officers will be tonight immediately following our Celebration Banquet.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I invite the Installed Grand Officers of 2007-2008 and their Personal Pages to enter and perform for you the "Joyous Notes" drill under the direction of Sister Sandra Zipp, our beautiful Grand Marshal.

They are forming a treble clef. For those of us that are in music, that's one of the main signs of music.

Much work goes on behind a beautiful event such as this. We're very appreciative of the Labyrinth Committee who takes down and sets back up so that we might be in order for our opening. We appreciate them. [applause]

You are about to witness what we call the Precision Drill by the Distinguished Ushers. It will

be directed by Mr. Bill Wyatt. This is a special request of the Worthy Grand Matron that her Distinguished Ushers have a special part in this opening. So they will be setting up the remainder of the labyrinth. [Applause following drill.]

You know, Worthy Grand Matron, we just might have started a new tradition in the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, you will witness the traditional opening as has been directed to the subordinate chapters of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

[Ritualistic opening]

Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present to you Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in extending them Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, the hour has arrived for you to resume the labors of this Grand Chapter and set forth on the final journey of being assured that your song has been sung to the best of your ability. Thank you, my precious joy, for every kindness and courtesy that you have extended to me over these years, and especially on this day as I see my Deputy Grand Matron preside over the Grand Chapter of Texas.

I now present to you your gavel of authority which you used when you served as Deputy Grand Matron. Joyce, I know that you will use it in a kind and loving manner. I love you dearly. May Father God look down now and bless you on this day.

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

Let us unite in singing our opening ode, "Blessed Assurance."

I now declare this 126th session of "Symphony Among the Angels" Grand Chapter of Texas, the "Blessed Assurance" session, duly opened for the transaction of business.

Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, the 126th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas is duly opened for the transaction of business.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the flag of our country in the East.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** You will join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, followed by our Patriotic Ode, our National Anthem, and the singing of "O Canada."

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Now wasn't that just an absolutely beautiful opening by our Grand Officers? [applause] We're going to have appointments of Committees at this time. We regret that some of our beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are unable to be in attendance with us in this session. Therefore, I'm asking Sisters Elise Hammack and Wanda Fairchild to serve on the Committee to send greetings to those special ones, letting them know how much this membership misses them.

We also are going to appoint a pro tem for our Grand Treasurer who you all know has lost her husband this week. So Sister Yvonne Brownfield, our General Grand Chapter Committee Member Chairman of Payroll and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, will be sitting and serving as our Grand Treasurer this week. We thank you very, very much.

Before we get into introductions, we need to carry on two businesses. We have already heard that we have a quorum present, so we are going to go ahead and vote on our U.D. chapter since they are present here today. I would turn the floor over to Brother Buddy Baker.

## REPORT OF THE CHAPTERS U.D. COMMITTEE

**MR. BUDDY BAKER:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions and Texas and other Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: It is with pleasure that I present the members of the Chapters Under Dispensation Committee: Wanda Fairchild and Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matrons, and myself, Buddy Baker, Past Grand Patron.

Sister Wanda has been our eyes and ears by regularly attending TMRC Daylight Chapter U.D. meetings. We, the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation, have met, discussed and reviewed the minutes and work of the TMRC Daylight Chapter U.D., which was instituted February 25, 2008, and found their records and ritualistic work to be satisfactory and in good order. They have doubled in membership to 69 by initiation, affiliation and transfers. Since I wrote this, they have initiated six more, making it 75.

They have met every request of this Committee. We, therefore, recommend that TMRC Daylight Chapter U.D. be granted a charter at this Grand Chapter session.

I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Coming from a Committee, we do not need a second. All in favor of granting a charter to our U.D. Chapter, please raise your cards. Thank you.

Would our Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of the U.D. Chapter please stand. You may pick up your credentials. One of the Pages of the Grand Secretary will go to the Credentials desk and tell them that they may pick up their credentials. Their number will be 1145.

We thank you, Brother Buddy, Sister Naomi and Sister Wanda. [applause]

**MR. BUDDY BAKER:** We thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving us the opportunity of service.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** There is one other order of business that we are going to do now so that they may pick up their credentials. I turn the podium over to Sister Nell Drenner.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move that those chapters listed on page 46 in the Advance Report be allowed to pick up their credentials.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have heard the motion. Is there a second?

All in favor of allowing the chapters that turned their annual reports in late to now pick up their credentials, please raise your cards. It passed. Sister Nell, will you send someone out to tell them.

Sister Rosemary Swetland, our Past Grand Matron, and Brother Billy H. Combest, our Past Grand Patron, what a beautiful, beautiful job you did this morning in opening our "Blessed Assurance" session. You have filled my heart with joy and pride, and I love you both very, very much. I knew I would do this! But that's okay, God made tears too. I love you very much. Thank you. [applause]

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to say something?

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Yes. Sister Rosemary Swetland and Brother Billy Combest, it is an honor and a pleasure to have you open this 126th "Symphony Among the Angels" Grand Chapter session. It is a privilege for us to have people of your high caliber perform this duty. Thank you for your many years of service and dedication that you have given to our Order. Thank you for your love and support during this year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, please thank them. [applause]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, we are now ready to do our introductions. Would the Elected and Appointed Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter please stand. Sisters Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Conductress, you will present them at the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor to present the Elected  
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and Installed Officers of General Grand Chapter: Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro Tem and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Sister Barbara White, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia; Sister Liz Pullan Johnson, Worthy Grand Marshal and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Sister Susan Thomas, Worthy Grand Adah and a Past Grand Matron of New Hampshire; Sister Virgie George, Worthy Grand Martha and a Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Sister Audrey Well, Worthy Grand Warder and a Past Grand Matron of North Dakota, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have honored us with your presence. May we honor you with a warm welcome and good wishes for a most pleasant week. May God bless you and keep you in your years of service in the General Grand Chapter. May the future always bring life's finest things to you, which must include lots of music and laughter.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, before we give them Grand Honors, I neglected to ask our Worthy Grand Patron to greet them. Don't let me forget again, Brother Jerry.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** It is indeed a special privilege to welcome you on behalf of the members of this Grand Jurisdiction. The splendid service you have given to this Order is indicated by your title. Your devotion to duty has earned our sincere admiration.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you will salute our Distinguished Guests with Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, we are honored with the presence of Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter. You will present them at the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting this General Grand Chapter Ambassador of the Most Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Margaret Hull, Scotland and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; and these Committee Members of the General Grand Chapter: Charter Chairman, Sister Betty Phillips Benham, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Charter Committee, Sister Maxine Tolliver, and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Eastern Star Journal, Sister Betty Y. Friend, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Education Committee, Sister Audrey Cleland, and a Past Grand Matron of Florida; ESTARL, Sister Diane Peters, and a Past Grand Matron of Arkansas; ESTARL, Sister Irene Spenhome, and a Past Grand Matron of British Columbia and Yukon; Finance Committee, Brother Owen H. Majors, Chairman, and a Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma; Heart, Sister Maryann Shenfeldt, and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming; Payroll Committee, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Pin Chairman, Sister Margie Jo McConnell, and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Registration, Sister Jane Gregory, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Ritual, Brother Tom Dixon, and a Past Grand Patron of Arkansas; Shrine Hospital Chairman, Brother Robert C. Penner, and a Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania; Unfinished Business Committee, Sister Elizabeth Ann Cooley, and a Past Grand Matron of Arkansas; Sister Monique Mize, Visionquest Coordinator, and a Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary of Georgia; Visionquest, Sister Carol Anderson, and a Past Grand Matron of Arkansas; Visionquest, Sister Audrey L. Barker, and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Visionquest, Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You are indeed the workers of our General Grand Chapter, and we know that you do your work well. It is a special privilege and honor to say welcome to you today. We are so happy that our Most Worthy Grand Matron chose you as her Committee Member and rejoice in the honor that came to you. May your hearts be full of music and harmony as you continue to serve our beautiful General Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to greet this group.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** It is a great pleasure for us that you have chosen to spend this week with us. To our Texas Jurisdiction members of General Grand Chapter Committees, we are so proud of you. Thank all of you for bringing your friendship to our Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter to the East.

It is with much pride and joy that I present these Ambassadors and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter. You will salute them with Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

We are honored with the presence of Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions at the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor to present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Worthy Grand Matrons: Sisters Billie Bradfield, Arizona; Maryann Dixon, Arkansas; Juanita Wilkinson, Louisiana; Cheryl Martin, Oklahoma. Worthy Grand Patrons: Brothers Mert Messler, Louisiana; John Ryland, Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** As we have traveled the path of our Star, it is friends like you who made our musical journey so very pleasant. Your smiles were warm with a friendly glow. You were so thoughtful in all of the things that you do. I cannot express to you the love that I have learned to share with you. Music is said to be the speech of angels, and you are truly angels as you continue to serve your state and to bring sweet music to the Order of the Eastern Star. I love you.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress — after our Worthy Grand Patron has greeted them, we will bring you to the East.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** My Sisters and Brothers, it is a pleasure to welcome you who are the leaders of other Jurisdictions. We appreciate you taking the time to share with us. We hope our paths will cross many times in the future.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions in the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it's with much pride and a whole lot of joy that I present these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will salute them with Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

We are honored with the presence of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Associate Grand Conductress and 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, I have the honor to present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Yvonne Lawrence, Alabama; Barbara Gadberrry Swift, Arkansas; Nancy Lindsey, Arkansas; Glenda Payton, Arkansas; Dr. Metz Wallace, Arkansas; Beverly Newton, Florida; Alice Peters, Florida; Charlene Williams, Florida; Laura Ann Livingston, Georgia; Pauline Yockey, Kansas; Terri C. Castay, Louisiana and the Grand Secretary of Louisiana; Joy Denney, Louisiana; Linda Lamkin, Louisiana; Elizabeth Roach, Louisiana; Betty Robertson, New Mexico and Grand Treasurer; Margaret Clark, Grand Escort to the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and a Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Elizabeth Bordeaux, Vermont; Brenda Jones, Virginia; Verna Bernick, Virginia; Beverly Haver, Washington; Patsy R. Nelson, West Virginia; Brothers John Stewart, Alabama; Ira Payne,

Arkansas; Donald A. Hull, California; J.R. "Buck" Denney, Louisiana; Edward Lamkin, Louisiana; James Pateral, Massachusetts; E.A. Berdick, Jr., Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I thank you so much for allowing us the privilege of having you here with us today. I thank you so much for coming so far, so many of you, and I hope you're just having a splendid time. Music produces a kind of pleasure which nature cannot do without. Your being here brings music not only to us, but to all that your life touches.

Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** To this special group, I am happy to extend to you a very special welcome. I am pleased that you have come to be with us during this Grand Chapter session. We hope you enjoy yourself and have a pleasant stay.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, I present to you the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions. Would you please salute them with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

We are so honored today with the presence of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our beautiful Past Grand Matrons and our handsome Past Grand Patrons behind the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor to present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Past Grand Matrons: Sisters Elise Hammack, Beulah Speer, Elsie Paladino, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Wanda Fairchild, Rosemary Sweland, Alma Carter, Naomi Wolfe, Jimmie Lee McMahan, Sharon Fentress, Doris Hester, Karen Morgenthaler, Nancy Brown, Gerry Dusek. Past Grand Patrons: Brothers Glenn Whitaker, Leland Benefield, Billy Combest, Richard Ochs, Kenneth Gregory, Henry Martin, Lee Stallings, Ed Warner, Jerry Martin, Nelson Campbell, John Creel, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I've often wondered what it would be like to stand in this position as Worthy Grand Matron and look out at our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Well, I will tell you the words that I have are not good enough or beautiful enough to say to you what a tremendous past you have given to us. You have made everything possible for the future that is coming before us. You have made the music in my heart. Every time I see you, you have words of encouragement and love. I want you to know you're just the most beautiful things I've ever seen in my life. While they're standing there, Sisters and Brothers, would you please show them how much we love them. [applause]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East, after our Worthy Grand Patron greets them. I don't know what's wrong with me today, Jerry.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There are many times we as members assume things. Sometimes we forget to express to special people how we feel about them. Today we would like to express to you our sincere love for the many years of service you have devoted to our Texas Jurisdiction. You are important and we depend on you for your wise counsel. Thank you for coming to be with us.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Now, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with an overwhelming heart that I present to you the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Please join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, our Texas own will stay in the East.

While the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are finding a place to sit, questions have been asked about the monitors on each side of our room. Sisters and Brothers, you are not being filmed as a movie. This is just pictures that's being projected up on the screen for your enjoyment, that you may see things that's going on that maybe in the back you can't see. But, no, we're not



going to be in a movie.

We're honored with the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present him at the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor of presenting Brother Thomas F. Griffin, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Thomas, your presence brings much dignity and significance to our "Symphony Among the Angels" session. We look for protection and support from our Masonic Brothers. What a blessing we find in their strength and their love to help us in so many ways. You are most welcome, and how very proud we are of you.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Most Worshipful Grand Master to the East.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, our Worthy Grand Patron would love to greet you.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Most Worshipful Grand Master, your enthusiasm and spirited belief in the destiny of Masonry has added a luster to this year. Your presence as Grand Master of Masons in Texas gives a certain dignity and significance to our session. Thank you for being with us.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. You will give him a hearty welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, our Worshipful Grand Master will remain in the East.

We are honored with the presence of Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present them in back of Esther's station.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Carol Robertson, Associate Grand Matron, Arkansas; Rhea Parkman, Grand Martha, Arkansas; Nettie Lou Hillisp, Grand Ruth, Arizona; Annette Hammond, Associate Grand Matron, Georgia; Beverly Cline, Grand Conductress, Georgia; Mary Howe, Associate Grand Matron; Brother George W. Barker, Associate Grand Patron, Louisiana; Sisters Myra Ramsey, Grand Conductress, Louisiana; Betty Wade, Grand Chaplain, Louisiana; Connie Han, Grand Adah, Louisiana; Dora Messler, Grand Esther, Louisiana; Betty Jo Morgan, Grand Electa, Louisiana; Robin Pate, Grand Adah, Massachusetts; Barbara Akmuller, Grand Secretary, New Mexico; Juliann Sherman, Grand Martha, New Mexico; LaCos Massey, Grand Conductress, Oklahoma; Beverly Boyett, Associate Grand Conductress, Oklahoma; Kathy Stegall, Grand Lecturer, Oklahoma; Cynthia Reynolds, Grand Marshal, Oklahoma; Maxine Helson, Grand Organist, Oklahoma; Bonnie Gainey, Grand Adah, Oklahoma; Deana Watts, Grand Ruth, Oklahoma; Doris Minor, Grand Esther, Oklahoma; Wanda Murchant, Grand Martha, Oklahoma; Twila Milane, Grand Electa, Oklahoma; Liz Hagan, Grand Warder, Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We are mindful of the fact that you have traveled many miles to be with us today. With all musicians, the notes on the page are the same. The secret is in the pauses and how we handle them. Today we pause with all the warmth we have to thank you for coming and visiting with us today.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you want to address these Distinguished Guests.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We extend a very warm and friendly greeting to you. May our gift of love be yours because your gift of friendship is already here and has been presented to us here today. Texas welcomes you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present these Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will give them a big Texas welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and the Elected Officers of the International Grand Representatives Association in back of Esther's station.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico; Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America; Brother Charles Bane, Headquarters Administrator; Sister Nancy Parker, Souvenir Book Chairman, Oklahoma; Sister Rojean Weir, Friend of a Feather, Kansas; Sister Thelma Burgess, Friend of a Feather, Oklahoma, and a Personal Page to the Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma. Elected Officers of the International Grand Representatives Association: Sister Mary Thompson, President; Sister Phyllis Macon, Vice President, Texas; Sister Sharon Murchant, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Grand Escort to Martha and Tri-Line, Oklahoma; Sister Vicki Ropp, General Grand Chapter Escort to the Grand Sentinel in Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is an honor to welcome you to this session of "Symphony Among the Angels." You truly add the very special angel that we need. We wish for you a note of happiness for the joy we feel for you as you have come our way.

Worthy Grand Patron, will you greet these, please.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I welcome you and most sincerely extend to you a sincere hand of friendship. We wish for you a wonderful stay that brings only pleasure and holds joy for all the things that you do for others.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present these Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and Elected Officers of the International Grand Representatives Association of General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will extend to them a very hearty welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

We are honored with the presence of Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions at the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure to present the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions: Sister Faye Hood, Alabama; Brother Leonard Renman, British Columbia; Sisters Linda Richmond, British Columbia; Betty Walker, California; Candace Trapp, Indiana; Linda Yockey, Texas in Kansas; Brother Warren L. Miller, Kentucky; Sister Norma Cagle, Texas in Louisiana; Brother Bill White, Michigan; Sisters Paula Howell, Missouri; Elaine Missham, New Jersey; Sherry Lane, Nevada; Lisa Taylor, North Carolina; Brother James Parker, Texas in Oklahoma; Sister Elizabeth Gibbs, Ohio; Brothers Gerald C. Power, Oregon; Wayne Rochell, Rhode Island; Sister Linda Rudy, Tennessee; Brother Ronnie Balgum, Texas in Arizona; Sisters Kathy Parker, Virginia; Gina Dowell, Washington; Cheryl Buttrick, Wisconsin; Tanya Barker, West Virginia; Ruth Ann Anderson, Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We extend to you a very special welcome as the Grand Representative carrying our Texas greetings back to your respective Jurisdictions. We wish for you a note of happiness for the joy that we feel as you have come our way.

Worthy Grand Patron, will you greet these.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We are very proud to welcome you to our Grand Chapter. Our thanks go out to you for your dedication and contributions to this beautiful Order. We hope your visit

is pleasant and you will visit us again.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Distinguished Guests to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I present these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. You will salute them with Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

We are also pleased with the presence of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be presented at the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Sharon Glover, South Carolina in Alabama; Mavis Payne, Scotland in Arkansas; Brothers Ralph Berry, Pennsylvania in Georgia; George Lane, California in Nevada; Robert S. Sherman, Manitoba in New Mexico; Sisters Maryellen Tidwell, Maine in Oklahoma; Janice Kerr, Missouri in Oklahoma; Linda Lankford, Tennessee in Oklahoma; Shirley Jean Dunn, Virginia in Oklahoma; Carol George, Bolivia in New Mexico.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We welcome you to Texas. May the joy of our music remain with you all the days of your life.

Worthy Grand Patron, will you greet these.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I would like to extend the warmest greetings from this Grand Chapter. Your presence has made our Star in the East a little brighter. We hope your stay will be happy.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I present these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions. You will salute them with Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

We are honored with the presence of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of Texas at the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor to present these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. Sisters Reba Fox, Alberta; "Boots" Draper, Arizona; Imogene Hunt, Arkansas; Brother Ron Zipp, Australia; Sisters Kathy Creel, Brazil; Regina Gilbreath, British Columbia and the Yukon; Anita Durden, California; Nelda Robertson, Colorado; Gail Fuller, Delaware; Georgia Ptacek, District of Columbia; Monica Monk, Florida; Phyllis Wilson, Idaho; Edna Goettee, Illinois; Shirley Meerscheidt, Iowa; Betty Unlaub, Kansas; Ruenell Jariel, Kentucky; Janette Fisher, Louisiana; Wylma Peacock, Maryland; Lillian Arrington, Maine; Brother Glen Rowe, Minnesota; Sisters Oma Bush, Missouri; Jerri Standridge, Nebraska; Cleo Lemon, North Dakota; Elizabeth Wise, New Brunswick; Marion Pierce, New Hampshire; Sharon Hill Adams, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Denise McCarthy, Nevada; Leslie Lowry, New York; Anna Lewis, Ohio; Jackie Ackermann, Pennsylvania; June Bell, Quebec; Brother Wayne Huddleston, Rhode Island; Sisters Mary Jo Rosamond, Tennessee; Geneva Dye, Scotland; Betty Scott, Virginia; Pat Archer, West Virginia; Rita Landrum, Wisconsin; Brother Jack W. Friend, Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** To our very own Texas ambassadors, we have marveled at the reports for the year as you so faithfully have represented Texas on this musical journey.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you greet these.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** My Sisters and Brothers, you represent the Grand Chapter of Texas throughout the world of Eastern Star. We appreciate your dedication, and I know you are most deserving of this high honor. We appreciate all you do for our Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas to the East.

This is a wonderful representation. Sisters and Brothers, I present to you our very own Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. You will salute them with Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

We are honored with the presence of Presiding Officers of Appendant Bodies. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Presiding Officers of Appendant Bodies in back of Esther's station.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure to present Sister Jeanette Rife, Supreme Worthy President, Social Order of the Beauceant.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is the same with life as it is with good music. What matters is not its volume or its length, but its quality and ability to live together. We thank you for being with us today.

Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I extend to you a very sincere welcome and encourage you to have a good time while you are here. Hopefully, you will leave with many fond memories of the friends you have made.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort this Distinguished Member to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege to present this Presiding Officer of an Appendant Body, Sister Jeanette Rife. You will greet her with a most hearty welcome. [applause]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will remain in the East.

We are honored with the presence of Distinguished Leaders of the Fraternal Youth Organizations. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present them in back of Esther's station.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Inspector, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; J. Weldon Clampton, Jr., Grand Executive Officer, International Order of DeMolay.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** In this great orchestra of life, each of us in this Order has a part to play. We are grateful to you for your service to our youth organizations, in making a difference in their lives. May the joy of music remain with you all the days of your life.

Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** To each of you, thank you for your presence. We are very pleased and excited to have you at our Grand Chapter. We sincerely appreciate all the service you render in your position of leadership.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Distinguished Members to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege to present the Adult Leaders of our Fraternal Youth Organizations. You will greet them with a loving welcome. [applause]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you have completed your duties. Sisters and Brothers, please express our appreciation to these Sisters for their outstanding performance. [applause]

To everyone who came to join us at this “Blessed Assurance” session of the “Symphony Among the Angels,” we extend to you our warmest welcome. Thank you so very much. To bring greetings from General Grand Chapter is one who has given so many years of service to our great Order. Her graciousness and understanding endears her to everyone. She shares her theme of beautiful redbirds with Eastern Stars around the world and one that Texans are very proud to say, “She is ours.” It is an honor to present Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Rennie, we await your greetings.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sisters, Brothers and Friends All: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of assisting you in welcoming all of these fine people today. It’s my sincere hope that each of you is receiving a double dose of our great Texas hospitality. It’s wonderful to have so many of the General Grand Chapter co-workers here, and I appreciate your coming to Texas.

I extend greetings from our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Barbara Benton, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen. They just finished the Rob Morris Celebration in Mississippi and are now home packing their bags to go for the Official Visit in Germany.

Sisters and Brothers, our membership in General Grand Chapter has dropped to a little over 600,000 as of this date. However, our charitable contributions continue to rise to astronomical figures. At the end of the 2003 triennium, we had approximately 750,000 members and we contributed around \$8 million. At the end of the 2006 triennium, we had approximately 655,000 members, and we gave over \$14 million in charitable gifts. I have just come from Ontario Grand Chapter, and with a membership of around 12,000, the preliminary reporting indicated over \$200,000 given. So now what do these figures tell us? It says that though we may be losing in membership, we are maintaining our love and sense of commitment to service for humanity. Rob Morris gave us the rules a long time ago, and we are moving right along to show the world that we understand him.

Now, one important duty we should assume is to work extra hard on membership. New members, yes. But, please, maintain what we have. Let’s think positively and earnestly in this area of our preservation for the work of our beautiful Order. May God bless each of you always.

My name is Rennie Ofton, and I approve of this message. [applause and laughter]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** To bring our response to the welcome is one who exemplifies dignity, thoughtfulness and poise wherever she goes, and one that I am so pleased to call my friend. Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present to you Sister Cheryl Martin, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. [applause]

**MRS. CHERYL MARTIN:** Good afternoon.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Elected and Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, and Brothers:

Thank you Sister Joyce and Brother Jerry for the honor you bring to the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, in allowing me to respond to Sister Rennie Ofton’s most gracious welcome.

Your guests were overwhelmed by the love we received as we walked in the door today. Old friends were glad to see each other and new friendships were ready to be made. It is this commitment to each other that builds the strong foundation for the Order of the Eastern Star.

The care, love, and understanding, along with the many months of planning and enthusiasm that have gone into preparing for this 126th Session, are evident throughout this Grand Chapter room. We thank you, the Texas membership, for your gracious welcome, friendly smiles, and famous Texas hospitality you always extend to each of us whenever we visit your wonderful state.

There is something about Texas  
That stirs deep within our hearts.  
It’s a special kind of feeling  
That no other place imparts.

Yes, Texas is the “Lone Star” state  
You’re mighty proud to say  
And once you see its beauty,  
You will never want to stray,  
From the mountains to the prairies  
From the ocean to the plain,  
Texas has something for everyone,  
And its spirit will remain.  
God has blessed you with abundance  
And diversity, it’s true,  
With its longhorns and its bluebells,  
We’re so proud to visit you.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we honor you for the service you have rendered to our Order this year. You have been an inspiration first to your own members of Texas, and second to those of us who have had the opportunity to meet and greet you in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of your Distinguished Guests, we wish for you a very successful and harmonious “*Symphony Among The Angels*” Session. True joy comes from giving; you are giving your best to our Order, and we are giving our best wishes and love to you. May your Session be filled with precious moments and treasured memories to last a lifetime. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, my sweet friend.

To bring greetings from other Grand Jurisdictions is one who also exemplifies dignity, thoughtfulness and poise everywhere she goes, and another one that I am so pleased to call my special friend. Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present to you Sister Juanita Wilkinson, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, who will bring greetings.

**MRS. JUANITA WILKINSON:** Good afternoon.

Worthy Grand matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron Most Worthy Grand Patron, PMWGM, PMWGP, General Grand Chapter Elected and Appointed Grand Officers, GGCCM & Ambassadors, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, my Sisters and Brothers:

What a beautiful day. It is great to see so many of our Sisters and Brothers here today. We were greeted with warm hugs, kisses, hand shakes and beautiful decorations. You have made all of your guests feel very welcome. What a wonderful way to start a Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Joyce, WGM & Brother Jerry, WGP, I have enjoyed attending some of your Schools and Fraternal visits this year. The Texas/Louisiana Exchange Visit was one of our highlights this year with Texas and LA members getting to visit and reminisce about good times. One of my fondest memories is “Eight State Exchange” in Shreveport and Texas won the Banner.

Sister Joyce, we have had many good times over the past four years of going up the Line Officer ladder together. You shared the Mr. X Banquet with me and I met Brother Jerry and Sister Janelle. That was the most outstanding event of the year, a beautiful occasion. We have formed a wonderful friendship bond from the many Exchange visits over these years of visiting.

Sister Joyce and Brother Jerry, our wish for you is a very successful and harmonious Grand Chapter Session. Thank you for the wonderful friendship we have.

I would like to leave you with these words of Friends:

Good friends are hard to find,  
But then they’re easy to love!  
Good friends are gifts that last forever  
Like presents from above.

God friends are one in a million,  
They’re always there to share...

They follow the path to your happiness,  
And walk with you all the way there.

Good friends are lives overlapping,  
With joy and laughter and tears,  
Emotions so true that the trust keeps growing  
Through weeks and months and years.

Good friends are hard to find,  
But they're easy to adore,  
And you've been such a good friend to me,  
I could ask for nothing more!

Thank you for allowing me to bring greetings today.  
Sister Cheryl Martin, WGM of OK will join me at this time.

We would like to present a "Love Gift" to each of you from all of your guests here today.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Juanita, for the beautiful greetings.

We will be closing this session shortly. Sister Associate Grand Matron, would you like to make any announcements concerning your Installation practice?

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Yes, ma'am. We will have a practice this evening after our banquet so we won't be so rushed on Friday. All of the Officers to be installed, will you please come?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We will be having the report of our Fraternal Correspondent and Grand Representatives drill immediately upon closing this session and ask that you remain to see the beautiful flag presentation.

We will now have our closing song, "I'll Fly Away."

Brother Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron, we would ask that you voice our benediction.

**MR. KENNETH GREGORY:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East: As we come to the close of this "Blessed Assurance" session, let us recall the assurance of the Founder of our Order when he said, "So long as we keep close to God and His teachings and return frequently to that Great Light for instruction, we may confidently believe that we will come safely to the end of our journey."

May these words of Paul to the Philippians be our prayer. "Always be full of the joy in the Lord. I say it again, rejoice, let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything. Instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now, dear Brothers and Sisters, one final thing: Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right and pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you have learned and received from me, everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you."

Thank you, Father, for the comfort and assurance we find in Your Holy Word. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Kenneth.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this "Blessed Assurance" session from labor to rest, and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, we are about to engage in calling this "Blessed Assurance" session from labor to rest, and you are to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

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

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

I now call this Thursday afternoon “Blessed Assurance” session from labor to rest until 8:30 a.m., Friday morning. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, this Thursday afternoon “Blessed Assurance” session has been called from labor to rest until 8:30 a.m., Friday morning.

Worthy Grand Matron, I have obeyed your command.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Our Arrangements Committee will need to clear the floor for the presentation of our flags. While this is being done, the Grand Representatives and Escorts who will be participating in the “Musical Journey” drill will assemble outside. Sisters and Brothers in the Choir, would you sing for us.

I present Sister Opal Farley who will present our Fraternal Correspondent program and drill. Sister Opal.

### **REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT**

**MRS. OPAL FARLEY:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand East Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

A beautiful privilege has been mine this year to serve as the Fraternal Correspondent and how grateful I am to Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity of service.

I want to express my appreciation to the Grand Representatives for the reports of their travels and to the Grand Marshal, Sister Sandra Zipp, for her assistance with the presentation of the “Musical Journey” drill.

This year has been a wonderful opportunity to learn of differences and yet realize how very similar we re in our efforts to serve this beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. No matter where members of the Order meet, you will find on the Altar the Holy Bible wherein are found the teachings of our Order, meetings always opened and closed with prayer, and the Flag of the country holding a place of honor.

The idea of a Fraternal Correspondent report was formed in 1876 in the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut. Since that time, Grand Jurisdictions have been exchanging ideas and information through their printed proceedings.

Each report received was filled with excitement of travel to another part of God’s beautiful country and an inside look into that state’s own personal ways of welcome, caring for their business, and the monumental difference we make to humanity through our corporate giving and serving. You have already read these in the Official Bulletin, so I’ll not repeat them tonight. However, a few very interesting facts from other jurisdictions include the election of the Grand Sentinel who advances to Associate Grand Patron; one of the Grand Line Officers serving as the Fraternal Correspondent; the Associate Grand Conductress assisting with introductions only if there are men to be introduced; some states allow anyone who is a member to vote at Grand Chapter.

It is evident that the Order of the Eastern Star is a charitable organization. All reports I have received mentioned special projects that yielded large sums of money. Most jurisdictions have a project for Cancer research. Several projects for children’s needs included collecting stuffed animals for ambulance drivers, making blankets or lap pads for hospitals, donating school supplies.

Each Grand Representative is a very important part in bringing together all of the Jurisdictions. Today we pay tribute to you who represent us as ambassadors of friendship around the world.



We are honored to have the Elected Officers of the International Grand Representatives Association - President, Mary Thompson and First Vice President, Phyllis Macon and I invite them to come join me here in the East.

Led by the Grand Marshal, the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas and their counterparts or escorts will now present the "Musical Journey" drill.

[Presentation of "Musical Journey" drill.]

It is my pleasure to call the roll of Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Texas who have served during 2007-2008. We know that some of these were unable to attend this Session and other members are carrying the flags, but we still want to recognize them. Several have the sweet privilege of having their counterparts marching with them. Thank you all for participating:

**ALABAMA** - is called the Cotton State. Sister Jeanie Graham

**ALBERTA** - the westernmost of Canada's three prairie provinces. Sister Reba Fox

**ARIZONA** - the Land of Opportunity. Sister Marian "Boots" Draper

**ARKANSAS** - The Natural State. Sister Jean Hunt

**AUSTRALIA** - the world's leading producer of wool. Brother Ronald Zipp

**BOLIVIA** - 28th largest country has about 1 1/2 times the area of Texas, Sister Sheila Nowell

**BRAZIL** - is the fifth largest country by geographical area. Sister Kathy Creel

**BRITISH COLUMBIA ND THE YUKON** - British Columbia is Canada's only Pacific Coast Province. The Yukon, northernmost corner of Canada, a territory famous for its gold rush in the 1890's. Sister Regina Gilbreath

**CALIFORNIA** - known as the Golden State. Sister Anita Durden

**COLORADO** - called the Centennial State. Sister Nelda Robertson

**CONNECTICUT** - the Constitution State. Brother Jerry Neuenswander

**DELAWARE** - our First State. Sister Gail Fuller

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA** - In 1791 Maryland donated the land to the government in order to establish the District of Columbia. Sister Georgia Ptacek

**FLORIDA** - the Sunshine State. Sister Monica Monk

**GEORGIA** - the Peach State. Sister Jean Hemby

**IDAHO** - the Gem State. Sister Phyllis Wilson

**ILLINOIS** - the Land of Lincoln. Sister Edna Goettee

**INDIANA** - the Home of the Indy Five Hundred. Sister Clela Todd

**IOWA** - the Hawkeye State. Sister Shirley Meerscheidt

**KANSAS** - the Sunflower State. Sister Betty Unlaub

**KENTUCKY** - the Bluegrass State. Sister Ruenell Jarriel

**LOUISIANA** - the Pelican State. Sister Janette Fisher

**MAINE** - the Pine Tree State. Sister Lilian Arrington

**MANTOBA** - famous for its development of Northern Hard Wheat. Sister Marsha Owen

**MARYLAND** - the Old Lime State. Sister Wylma Peacock

**MASSACHUSETTS** - the Bay State. Sister Maud Ann

**MICHIGAN** - the Wolverine State. Sister Blanche Vineyard

**MINNESOTA** - the North Star State. Brother Glen Rowe

**MISSISSIPPI** - the Magnolia State. Sister Patricia Hart

**MISSOURI** - the Show Me State. Sister Oma Bush

**MONTANA** - the Treasure State. Brother Jimmy Williams

**NEBRASKA** - the Cornhusker State. Sister Jerri Standridge

**NEVADA** - the Silver State. Sister Denise McCarthy

**NEW BRUNSWICK** - lies in the southeastern edge of the Canadian Mainland and is washed on three sides by the Atlantic Ocean. Sister Elizabeth Wise

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** - the Granite State. Sister Marion Pierce

**NEW JERSEY** - the Garden State. Sister Eloise Zuspenn

**NEW MEXICO** - the Land of Enchantment. Sister Ali Fae Wright

**NEW YORK** - the Empire State. Sister Leslie Lowry

**NORTH CAROLINA** - the Tar Heel State. Brother Gayle Brown  
**NORTH DAKOTA** - the Peace Garden State. Sister Cleo Lemon  
**NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND** - one of the four original Canadian provinces. The area and population are the smallest of Canada's ten provinces. Sister Sharon Adams.  
**OHIO** - the Buckeye State. Sister Anna Lewis  
**OKLAHOMA** - the Sooner State. Sister Myra Becker  
**ONTARIO** - founded by British loyalists who left the United States to escape prosecution after the Revolutionary War. Brother William "Bill" Crews  
**OREGON** - the Sunset State. Sister Sherry Dieckmann  
**PENNSYLVANIA** - the Keystone State. Sister Jackie Ackermann  
**PUERTO RICO** - became the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in 1952. Sister Gloria Bennett  
**QUEBEC** - the oldest and largest of Canada's ten provinces. Sister June Bell  
**RHODE ISLAND** - the Ocean State. Brother Wayne Huddleston  
**SASKATCHEWAN** - since the mid 1930's has produced more than half of Canada's wheat crop. Sister Jackie Stogner.  
**SCOTLAND** - the northern part of the island of Great Britain is Scotland. Sister Geneva Dye.  
**SOUTH CAROLINA** - the Charleston Museum is the oldest in the United States. Brother Ken Morford.  
**SOUTH DAKOTA** - the Coyote State. Sister Lynn Kearney.  
**TENNESSEE** - the Volunteer State. Sister Mary Jo Rosamond  
**UTAH** - the Beehive State. Sister Marilyn Payne  
**VERMONT** - the Green Mountain State. Sister Bobbi Ann Chamberlin  
**VIRGINIA** - the Mother of Presidents. Sister Betty Scott  
**WASHINGTON** - the Evergreen State. Sister Delphia Von Heeder  
**WEST VIRGINIA** - the Mountain State. Sister Pat Archer  
**WISCONSIN** - the Badger State. Sister Rita Landrum  
**WYOMING** - the Equality State. Brother Jack Friend

What a wonderful sight.

A Grand Representative is a very special appointment given by the Worthy Grand Matron. To be appointed Grand Representative is an honor and acknowledgment of their service to their own Eastern Star Chapter and to their State. They are ambassadors of good will and have a special place in the Order of the Eastern Star. Their work is international and they are a link in a strong and wonderful chain that binds Eastern Stars together all over the world.

It has been my privilege to travel with you through your interesting and well presented reports. You have represented this Grand Jurisdiction with pride and pleasure.

Sisters and Brothers, these Grand Representatives have given a lot of service to this beautiful Order. Let's give them a round of applause.

Grand Marshal, please retire the Grand Representatives from the Grand Chapter floor.

Worthy Grand Matron, while they are exiting the Grand Chapter floor, I want to thank you again for giving me the appointment as Fraternal Correspondent. It has been an honor that I will always treasure.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** As they exit, let's give them a big round of applause. [applause] Thank you, Sister Opal Farley, our Fraternal Correspondent, and Sister Sandra Zipp, our beautiful Grand Marshal. Sisters and Brothers, we look forward to your joining us this evening for the "Time of Celebration" dinner at 7 p.m. in the Garden Court, First Floor. You are dismissed.



**FRIDAY MORNING**  
**“ANGELS IN FLIGHT” SESSION**  
August 29, 2008

8:00 a.m. Power Point Presentation

Mrs. Rosemary Swetland  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Alma Carter  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. John Creel  
Past Grand Patron of Texas

**MRS. ALMA CARTER:** The meeting will please come to order.

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers, and welcome to the Friday morning “Angels in Flight” session of the 126th Grand Chapter.

We have been enjoying the musical Power Point presentation by Sister Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron. Let us show her how much we appreciate her talents and sharing them with the membership. [applause]

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the privilege of allowing Brother John Creel and me to open this session. It is a double pleasure since we are from your section. You have presided over a beautiful year with great dignity. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your session.

Brother John, Past Grand Patron, I know you would like to express your thanks and say good morning to this membership.

**MR. JOHN CREEL:** Thank you, Sister Alma. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all: Good morning. What a special delight it is to have the opportunity to join Past Grand Matron Alma Carter, one that I had the honor of serving as her Worthy Patron as she returned to the East in our home chapter in Plano.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for a spectacular year. Your love and devotion to the membership was reflected in everything you two did this year. I know that the membership loves and adores you for this. I also thank you for allowing me to assist in the opening of this Friday morning session of “Angels in Flight.” For me it is the highlight of this Grand Chapter. Thank you so very much. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA CARTER:** Thank you, Brother John.

Grand Marshal, Sister Sandra Zipp, you will present the “Joyous Notes” drill by the Installed Grand Officers and their Personal Pages.

Membership, let’s show these Grand Officers and Personal Pages how much we enjoyed their beautiful drill. [applause]

I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Sister Joyce and Brother Jerry, our thanks to you are filled with pride and gratitude for an exceptional year. You have led us in the accomplishment of many worthwhile projects. Throughout the entire year, you have brought to this Grand Chapter a sense of dignity.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege and honor to present to you Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, I present to you the gavel and invite you to preside at this “Angels in Flight” session.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron, and Brother John Creel, Past Grand Patron, for extending us the honor of opening our “Angels in Flight” session. Worthy Grand Patron, I’m sure you have greetings for these two.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Sister Alma Carter and Brother John Creel, for calling this “Angels in Flight” session to order. It is always a pleasure to be in your company. We appreciate your dedication to our Order. We admire the patriotism you displayed during your term of office.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, let’s show our appreciation to these two dedicated members. [applause]

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

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this “Angels in Flight” session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this “Angels in Flight” session from rest to labor, 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, your order has been obeyed.

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

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron.

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

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be at this Grand Chapter session.

Worthy Grand Matron, all present are entitled to be at this Grand Chapter session.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

Our invocation this morning will be voiced by Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron.

**MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this privilege. Sisters and Brothers, let us bow our heads and go to our Lord. Almighty God, we come this morning at the opening of the “Angels in Flight” session thanking You for the privilege of gathering together as a fraternal order to conduct the business that concerns the welfare of our Grand Chapter. We thank You for our leaders, our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and ask You to give them wisdom and strength as they conduct the many affairs of Grand Chapter. Place in the hearts of every member present the words of our Obligation and grant to all of us love and loyalty to each other. We would ask Thee to grant us wisdom, strength and courage in our deliberations. Help us to respond to disagreement, anger or disappointment with courtesy, kindness, understanding and fraternal love that we may leave this place with a renewed sense of charity, benevolence, unity and peace and harmony. All these things we humbly ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Jimmie.

This morning we will be blessed with special music by Sister Caron Joseph, Grand Soloist for District 5.

Sisters and Brothers, you have just heard the beautiful voice of Sister Caron Joseph. Sister Caron, know how much I love you and appreciate you for presenting your special talent as we begin this morning.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to give your thanks.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Caron, that was beautiful. That was one of my favorite songs, and with your special talent you have made it come alive this morning. We appreciate all your talents. Thank you very much.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I now declare this “Angels in Flight” session called from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, this “Angels in Flight” session has been called from rest to labor.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. I would ask those who will be presenting their reports to be seated in the East. As a reminder, would all those presenting reports to this Grand Chapter please be sure the Grand Secretary or her Pages have copies of your report as we may not have time to call for all Committee reports. If anyone wants to see any of the reports that will be given today, Sister Nell or her Pages will be delighted to show them to you.

Sisters and Brothers, we will proceed with the business of this Grand Chapter. Those Committees that we’re going to be getting to this morning are our Parliamentary, Credentials, our Worthy Grand Matron’s and Worthy Grand Patron’s reports, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Board of Directors, Jurisprudence, Grievances and Appeals and By-Laws. Be sure you’re ready to come.

Sister Nell has an announcement.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Secretaries or chapter representatives, I urge you to please go back to the far corner and pick up your packets for your chapter. In that packet is your Form 990. Please look at that when you get it home. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, if at any time you do not understand what you are voting on, please let us know and we will do our best to explain more clearly to you so that you totally understand the issues. Our Parliamentary today is Brother Ron Zipp. This is your Grand Chapter and your business. We want to conduct it in the way that it would be better for us. Remember, green cards are for the voting delegates, pink cards are for chapter representatives. Constitutional amendments require delegate approval and chapter representative approval. We cannot conduct our business unless we have 25 percent of the chapter representatives present, so please stay with us.

Another appointment I want to say this morning is we will have a Timekeeper, Sister Ann Wyatt, District Deputy Grand Matron. There are microphones in the West, South, North, and of course you are welcome to use those microphones. There are Arrangement personnel stationed at each microphone to assist you if there is a problem. After you are recognized to speak, please give your name, title and chapter. Thank you.

Now that we have our Parliamentary here, we will ask him to come and explain our rules and regulations. Brother Ron.

**MR. RON ZIPP:** Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: I’d like to call your attention to the Grand Chapter session book pages 58, 59 and 60 that contain the parliamentary rules of procedure for this Grand Chapter. I know that each and every one of you will be very, very pleased to know that I am not going to read each and every one of them for you. However, I would like to point out number 9, which states: “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.” We have a Timekeeper, as has been explained. Time will be called if your debate lasts longer than the three minutes that are permitted.

I would also like to call your attention to number 12.e, which relates to the asterisked portions of the previous question. It states in that particular issue that a member wishing to close the debate shall proceed to the microphone, wait to be recognized, address the Presiding Officer, state your name, your title, your chapter and your chapter number. Then make the following motion, “I move the previous question.” Please note that simply calling out the word “Question” from the audience will not be recognized by the Presiding Officer.

Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to move the adoption of the parliamentary rules of procedure for this Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Do we have a second?

Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard the rules by our Parliamentarian. If in favor of those rules, please raise your green card. Thank you. Thank you, Brother Ron.

Is Sister Acey in the room? If someone will get her, we will have our Credentials report.

We handled our Chapters U.D. yesterday and our chapters that were late with their reports, so that has been taken care of. I’m going to ask Brother Jerry to preside and give you the Worthy Grand Matron’s Supplemental Report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, I now invite you to give your Supplemental Report.

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
MRS. JOYCE GILBERT  
2007 – 2008**

*“Music is the Window to the Soul  
and  
The Cross is the Door to Heaven.”*

You have made my heart sing with your presence at this 126th “**SYMPHONY AMONG THE ANGELS**” Session. It is my pleasure to welcome each of you. This “Musical Journey” has been the most humbling experience in my life. You honor us with your presence and we hope your stay is the most enjoyable ever.

This “Musical Journey” began August 4, 2007, and has been a spectacular adventure. You, the beautiful membership, have exhibited fellowship, love, and harmony everywhere we traveled. You have met many challenges and have found workable solutions. Our Chapters are doing great, and initiating many new members all over the State. Thank you for your hard work! You are the greatest Sisters and Brothers on this earth and are still singing as we humbly meet this day.

*Life is a beautiful song if we sing it together.  
Life is a joyous celebration if you enjoy it.  
Life is a Journey if you live it.*

What a blessing you are to me. I praise my Lord and Savior for placing you in my life. You are “**THE WIND BENEATH MY WINGS.**”

## IN MEMORIAM

"In my Father's House are many Mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

We lost our Brother O.D. Christian, Past Grand Patron, August 8, 2007. The funeral service on August 11 was attended by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Texas' own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons presided at the Eastern Star Service.

Our Beloved Sister Nancy Bailey Allen, Past Grand Matron, is now at peace having passed away on October 19, 2007. Sister Nancy was a dedicated and honorable lady. Due to a previous commitment, I was unable to attend her service.

*"Our Sisters and Brothers have gone to their home in Glory  
to live with the Angels above  
He paid our price on that 'Old Rugged Cross'  
The Trials are over now,  
They are walking on Crystal Seas,  
No more tears, no more suffering,  
They are praising God on bended knees."*

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS 2007 - 2008

It is the honor and pleasure of the Worthy Grand Matron to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matron of Other Jurisdictions the dedicated members of the Grand Chapter of Texas for commissions as Grand Representatives in Texas.

Alberta	Mrs. Reba Fox
British Columbia and Yukon	Mrs. Regina Gilbreath
California	Mrs. Anita Durden
Colorado	Mrs. Nelda Robertson
Delaware	Mrs. Gail Fuller
Georgia	Mrs. Jean Hemby
Idaho	Mrs. Phyllis Wilson
Kentucky	Mrs. Ruenell Jarriel
Louisiana	Mrs. Janette Fisher
Maryland	Mrs. Wylma Peacock
Massachusetts	Mrs. Maud Ann Smith
Pennsylvania	Mrs. Jackie Ackermann
Quebec	Mrs. June Bell
Washington	Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder
Wisconsin	Mrs. Rita Rai Landrum

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

A special privilege was mine to appoint the following dedicated members to serve in their Grand Jurisdiction:

ALABAMA	MRS. FAYAE HOOD
ALBERTA	MRS. BETSY HAMID
ARIZONA	RONNIE DOLLGENER
ARKANSAS	MRS. MAXINE OGLESBEE-RITCHIE
AUSTRALIA	MISS BLANCHE WATT
BRAZIL	MRS. MARLEY MACHADO FIGUERIREDO
BR.COL/YUKON	MRS. LINARD REDMOND
CALIFORNIA	MS. BETTY LEE WALKER
COLORADO	MR. TERRY HUDSON, PP
CONNECTICUT	MRS. PATRICIA A. HENSCHKE
DELAWARE	MRS. NANCY WARE
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	MRS. MARILYN K. CRUMP
FLORIDA	MRS. DARLYNE M. DEVANY
GEORGIA	MRS. LORENE LUCE
IDAHO	MRS. DONA BUSAKER
ILLINOIS	FARNER MARY
INDIANA	CANDACE TRAPP
IOWA	CHERYL GUTHRIE
KANSAS	WENDELL E. YOCKEY
KENTUCKY	MR. WARREN MILLER
LOUISIANA	MRS. NORMA CAGLE
MAINE	MR. DAVID BREAU
MANITOBA	MR. WILLIAM BRACEGIRDLE, PGM
MARYLAND	MR. THEODORE E. SHEA, II
MASSACHUSETTS	MS.MARGARET C. WATKINS
MICHIGAN	MRS. WILLIAM L. WHITE
MINNESOTO	MR. DALE SMITH
MISSISSIPPI	MRS. VIRGIE WILLIAMS
MISSOURI	MRS PAULA HOWELL
MONTANA	MRS. JOY LYN MCDONALD
NEBRASKA	MRS DEBRA WILLIAMSON
NEVADA	MRS. SHERYL LANG
NEW BRUNSWICK	MR MICHAEL ROSS
NEW HAMPSHIRE	MS. ROBIN LANE, PM
NEW JERSEY	ELAINE MEEHAN
NEW MEXICO	LINDA G. MILLER
NEW YORK	MRS. DOLORES MORLANG
NORTH CAROLINA	MR. LES TAYLOR
NORTH DAKOTA	JOHN DEKREY
NOV. SCOTIA/PE ISL.	MR. DAVID MOIR
OHIO	MRS. ELIZABETH M. GIBBS
OKLAHOMA	MR. JAMES PARKER
ONTERIO	MRS. MARGARET WHITEFORD
OREGON	MR. JERRY POWER
PENNSYLVANIA	MRS. FRANCES KLEPPINGER
PUERTO RICO	RICHARD MATOS
QUEBEC	MR. ARTHUR HALL, P.P.
RHODE ISLAND	MR. WAYNE A. WUNSCHEL
SASKATCHEWAN	MR. BILL BLYDO
SCOTLAND	MRS. NANCY NESS
SOUTH CAROLINA	MRS. BETTY WATKINS
SOUTH DAKOTA	FERN DENT
TENNESSEE	MRS. LINDA RUDY
UTAH	MRS. LINDA SUE ROGERS
VERMONT	MR. RICHARD PRESTON
VIRGINIA	MRS. KATHY E. PARKE
WASHINGTON	GINI DRYER DOW
WEST VIRGINIA	TONYA BARKLEY
WISCONSIN	CHERYL BUDWICK



**SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION  
AND  
JOINT FRATERNAL VISITS**

Schools for Instruction and Section Joint Fraternal Visits  
2007-2008

Much love and enthusiasm were evident at all of our schools. The Deputy Grand Matrons had planned and worked so well with the members of each section that it made it easy for the District Deputy Grand Matrons to teach. Thank you, Ann Wyatt, Alma York, Donna Herrington, Doris Wagner, and Glenda Story. And, to our Board of Grand Examiners, Linda Puckett, Cindy Echols, Cheryl Albrecht, Christine Armstrong, Brenda Smith Costello, and Susan Bigham, please accept my thanks for your tremendous attitudes and for performing your duties so efficiently. I extend my best wishes and appreciation to all of you.

The Schools and Fraternal Visits were well attended by loving and dedicated members.

**DISTRICT 4**

**Mrs. Doris Wagner, District Deputy Grand Matron**

<u>Sect</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>School Name</u>
7	Sept. 6-7	Susan Smith	Houston	Standing on the Promises
1	Sept 14-15	Addie B. Luce	Lufkin	Melodies and Magnolias
3	Sept. 17-18	Sharon Fuller	Woodville	Accents of the Stars
6	Sept. 19-20	Marjorie Shenkir	Franklin	Tickling the Keys to Success
4	Sept. 21-22	Sylvia Chafin	Cleveland	Lyrics to Learn
10	Sept. 24-25	Linda Sckittone	Texas City	Mrs. Gilbert's Grand Opus
8	Sept 26-27	Victoria Allen	Smithville	Melody Makers
2	Sept. 28-29	Dorris Clegg	Beaumont	With a Song in Our Heart
5 & 9	Oct. 5-6	Cindy Newbury & Owen Louise Roades	Houston	Symphony of Angels

**DISTRICT 3**

**Mrs. Donna Herrington, District Deputy Grand Matron**

<u>Sect</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>School Name</u>
7	Oct. 11-12	Vicki KIELTYKA	Copperas Cove	Learning in Harmony
4	Oct. 17-18	Teresa Johnson	De Leon	Music of the Heart
2 & 3	Oct. 19-20	Mildred LARANCE & Dorothy MITCHELL	Weatherford	Angels Up, Up and Away
10	Oct. 22-23	Rebecca Keller	Cleburne	Music is in the Air
6	Oct. 24-25	Arlene Willis	Burne	Magic Happens When You Believe in Angels
8	Oct. 26-27	Neva Corbin	Georgetown	Harmony of Angels
5	Oct. 29-30	Sally Howard	Brownwood	Enchanting Symphony of Angels
1	Nov. 30-Dec.1	Zaneta Miller	Fort Worth	Angel Wings of Light
9	Dec. 14-15	Patricia Hancock	Waco	Precious Memories How They Linger

## DISTRICT 2

**Mrs. Alma York, District Deputy Grand Matron**

<u>Sect</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>School Name</u>
7	Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Betty Thompson	Abilene	God's Love Notes
8 & 9	Nov. 2-3	Beverly Hutton	Odessa	Sharing Notes of Friendship
10	Nov. 5-6	Shirley Echols	El Paso	Hymnos de mi Tierra
4 & 5	Nov. 9-10	Angela Oaks	Lubbock	Singing in the Garden
6	Nov. 12-13	Polly Pate	Wichita Falls	Melodies of Love
1, 2, 3	Nov. 16-17	Betty Morgan, Trudy Buford, & Linda Knowles	Amarillo	Gospel Tones & Autumn Treasurers

## DISTRICT 5

**Mrs. Glenda Story, District Deputy Grand Matron**

<u>Sect</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>School Name</u>
8	Dec. 28-29	Sudie Pool	Victoria	Angels Among the Cactus
6	Jan. 4-5, 2008	Ethel Dammann	Seguin	Harmony through Knowledge
10	Jan. 7-8	Cathy Eidson	Weslaco	Ebony and Ivory
5	Jan. 9-10	Connie Martinez	Poteet	Sound of Angels Singing
9	Jan. 11-12	Nancy Storey	Corpus Christi	Music by the Sea
1 & 2	Jan. 14-15	Maela Edmonson	San Angelo	Western Swing
3 & 4	Jan. 16-17	Cindy Bausell & Sherry Stiles	Uvalde	Melody of the Stars
7	Jan. 18-19	Kristy Mumme	San Antonio	The Notes of Harmony

## DISTRICT 1

**Mrs. Ann Wyatt, District Deputy Grand Matron**

<u>Sect</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>School Name</u>
8	Jan. 25-26	Becky Austin	Beckville	Nature's Song
10	Jan. 28-29	Patsy Thompson	Wills Point	There's Music in the Air
1	Feb. 1-2	Kenlyn Lawrence	Gainesville	Sound of Music
3	Feb. 4-5	Carol Jackson	Caddo Mills	Come Play With the Angels
9	Feb. 8-9	Michelle Stegman	Pittsburg	Music, Music, Music
6-7	Feb. 11-12	Mickeye Bristow & Marsha Currey	Athens	Angels in Harmony
4	Feb. 15-16	Glenda Keyes	Dallas	Angel Pearls of Wisdom
5	Feb. 22-23	Phyllis Macon	Mesquite	Music in Motion
2	Feb. 29-Mar. 1	Dee Seeley	Plano	Hasn't It Been GRAND

## OTHER FRATERNAL VISITS

What an exciting way to start this year of service with the Fraternal Visit to my own Chapter, Princeton Chapter No. 1126, on August 18, 2007. The "*Angels Among Us*" banquet and Fraternal Visit were held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison. The Fraternal Visit to the Worthy Grand Patron's home Chapter, Bexar Chapter No. 616, was held at the El Tropicana Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio on September 1, 2007, following the "*Harmony in the Cactus Garden*" Banquet.

Princeton Ch. No. 1126  
Bexar Ch. No. 616  
Haltom City No. 982

August 18, 2007  
September 1  
September 3

Beaumont Ch. No. 71		September 13
Lone Star Ch. No. 1083		October 15
Jefferson Ch. No. 627		November 27
Tomball Ch. No. 838		December 3
Mabank Ch. No. 821		December 13
Spring Ch. No. 1105		January 21, 2008
Copperas Cove Ch. No. 1070		February 14
Mike H. Thomas-Oak Cliff Ch. No. 951		February 18
Brock Ch. No. 274		February 19
Melrose Ch. No. 920		February 26
McLennan Ch. No. 639		March 3
Riverside Ch. No. 834		March 4
Midland Ch. No. 253		March 11
South Houston Ch. No. 915		March 13
Corsicana Ch. No. 118		March 14
Archives Ch. No. 1095		March 17
Border Ch. No. 211		March 18
Crescent Ch. No. 820		March 24
Friendship Ch. No. 1008		March 25
Cedar Bayou Ch. No. 11		March 27
Pearland Ch. No. 1065		March 29
Aldine Ch. No. 1088		April 7
Wolfe City Ch. No. 1129		April 8
Castleberry Ch. No. 1028	(cancelled)	April 10
North Shore Ch. No. 1058		April 15
Klein Ch. No. 1141		April 21
Pasadena Ch. No. 711		April 22
Edwin J. Kiest Ch. No. 959		April 28
Farmers Branch Ch. No. 687 & Lancaster Ch. No. 943		May 1
Weatherford Ch. No. 21		May 5
Canyon Lake Ch. No. 1103		May 6
New Braunfels Ch. No. 771		May 8
Balch Springs Ch. No. 1132 & Mesquite Ch. No. 887		May 12
Conroe Ch. No. 710		May 15
Waskom Ch. No. 812		May 19
Lewisville Ch. No. 935		May 20
Sulphur Bluff Ch. No. 246		May 22
Vidor Ch. No. 914	(cancelled)	May 27

## CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Wills Point Ch. No. 366	100th	August 26, 2007
Houston Ch No. 385	100th	September 8
Cushing Ch. 368	100th	September 30
Richland Hills Ch. 1040	50th	October 7
Marshal Ch. No. 356	100th	October 13
Center Ch. No. 348	100th	October 14
Bay City Ch. No. 380	100th	October 21
Sarah Ch. No. 353	100th	October 27
Coleman Ch. No. 28	100th	October 28

Lamesa Ch. No. 363	100th	November 18
Palestine Ch. No. 395	100th	February 10, 2008
Jacksonville Ch. No. 377	100th	February 17

### **OUT OF STATE EXCHANGE VISITS**

March 7-8, 2008	Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico Tri-State Exchange Visit in Albuquerque, New Mexico
April 18-19, 2008	Texas and Louisiana Exchange Visit in Carthage, Texas, and Shreveport, Louisiana

While absent from the state on the above stated occasions, I appointed Sister Joyce Nicklas, Associate Grand Matron, as Acting Worthy Grand Matron.

### **OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS ATTENDED**

August 5, 2007	Newly-elected Assoc. Grand Conductress' Breakfast, San Antonio
August 5	Conference for Deputies of Grand Chapter, San Antonio
August 11	Constituting of Timpson Chapter No. 1144, Timpson
September 26	Dedication ceremony of elevator at Yoakum Chapter No. 282, Yoakum
October 13	Masonic Family Day at T.M.R.C., Arlington
December 6-8	Grand Lodge, Waco
January 20, 2008	Annual Meeting of Texas Cardinals, Inc., San Antonio
February 21	Ridglea Chapter No.999, honoring RWAGM Sister Rennie Ofton, Ft. Worth
February 25	Instituting of T.M.R.C. Daylight Chapter, Arlington
March 22	Associate Grand Conductress Banquet, Houston
March 16	T.M.R.C. Easter Party, Arlington
March 30-April 5	Caribbean Cruise
April 15	Andral Vann Chapter No. 741 Honoring Grand Adah, Houston
April 21	District 1, Section 5, Line Officers honoring School Officers, Dallas
April 26	Fun Day at T.M.R.C. and Concert, Arlington
May 4	T.M.R.C. Mother's Day Party, Arlington
May 18	District 1 PM and PP's Association honoring Grand Officers, Grand Saline
May 24	Grand Conductress Mr. X Banquet, Abilene

### **SPECIAL COURTESIES**

How honored I was to receive a letter of congratulations from the Governor of Texas.

The El Paso Chamber of Commerce lighted a star on the side of a mountain in recognition of the arrival of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The Chamber does this to denote prestigious visitors to the area.

A reporter from a San Angelo television station interviewed the Worthy Grand Matron and membership regarding Eastern Star.

A Resolution was presented by Edmund Keumpel, State Representative, District 44, at the Seguin school.

The Harris County Sheriff's Department bestowed upon me "Honorary Deputy Sheriff of Harris County."

Another great honor for me was to present fifty-year and endowed memberships to so many dedicated members.

## **GRAND LODGE**

In December 2007, I attended Grand Lodge in Waco, Texas, and was invited to bring greetings. I attended the banquet honoring the Most Worshipful Grand Master Donny Broughton and First Lady, Mrs. Susie Broughton. I also attended a tea on December 8, 2007, honoring Mrs. Vi Griffin, wife of the incoming Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Tommy Griffin.

## **INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS**

I have many beautiful memories of this year and one is the Bible presentation at Installation in San Antonio on August 4, 2007. This was truly a grand honor. I will never be able to express to the Rainbow Grand Assembly of Texas the extent of my admiration and respect.

## **CONSTITUTING AND INSTITUTING OF CHAPTERS**

It was my pleasure to participate in the constituting of Timpson Chapter No. 1144, August 11, 2007. The constituting ceremony was under the direction of the Worthy Grand Patron, and he graciously extended me the privilege of holding the election and bringing greetings.

T.M.R.C. Daylight Chapter was instituted on February 25, 2008, by the Worthy Grand Patron. As Worthy Grand Matron it was my privilege to bring greetings.

## **HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

To the membership of Texas, thank you for the vote of your chapters to present honorary memberships to me. What a humbling experience it is to be a member of all the chapters in Texas. This is a privilege that I do not take lightly. These memberships will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you!

## **KEYS TO CITY**

What an honor it was to receive a key to each of the following cities: Bay City, Lufkin, Center, Smithville, Waco, Pittsburg, and Athens.

## **FLAG PRESENTATIONS**

An American Flag flown over The White House on November 11, 2007, Veterans Day, in honor of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in support of the wounded warriors, was accompanied by a special proclamation and presented by Mr. Warren and Dr. Anna Huckabee. I am so honored and proud of this special presentation.

Texas Flags flown over the State Capitol August 4, 2007, presented by:

State Representative Mr. Phil King  
Congressman Mr. Chet Edwards  
State Representative Mr. Drew Darby  
Mr. Warren and Dr. Anna Huckabee

## **GIFTS PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you membership for all the wonderful and beautiful gifts you so generously presented me. There are no words to adequately express my deep appreciation. Thank you one and all!

Pianos:	41
Crosses:	28
Quilts:	3
Afghans	4
Crystal Vases:	10
Framed Poems:	3
Framed Picture of the Texas delegation that traveled to Germany	
Numerous pieces of crochet and handmade items	

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

What an honor it was to be presented Proclamations from the following cities: Wills Point, Brownwood, Tomball, Cleburne, Jacksonville, Copperas Cove, Gainesville, Pittsburg, Seguin, Burnet, Lufkin, Georgetown, Waco, Corpus Christi, Odessa, San Antonio, and Mesquite.

## **IVORY ANGELS AND HARMONIZERS**

You have touched my life and we have bonded together for a lifetime. The goals were set high and your dreams have come true. A brighter tomorrow will be recognized in our beautiful Order because of your commitment and dedication to the task that was set before you. All this, you have accomplished and you have truly made me so proud. Your schools were all wonderful. THANK YOU for the wonderful memories of our “Musical Journey.”

## **WORTHY GRAND PATRON AND GRAND ESTHER Brother Jerry and Sister Janell Trees**

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for accepting this journey with me. You have been my encourager, my shoulder to lean upon, and you have listened when I needed to talk. This journey was together and you two were always there for me. We indeed were a team, working and sharing the joy as well as decisions that were before us. God blessed me when he placed you in my life. My family loves you and we have enjoyed being together. Together forever, we, the four J’s, will remain special friends. Eastern Star is a better organization today because of you. I love you!

## **PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS**

As the Worthy Grand Matron, I have tried to lead for the good of our Order, and to be loving and kind. My Heavenly Father has given me strength and has held me by His right hand as He guided me. You have been there for me; what a comfort it is to know that I had your support and could draw from your wisdom. You are the past that makes our future strong. I thank you!

## **MUSIC AND POETRY**

Thank you, Sisters Rosemary T. Swetland, Past Grand Matron, and Delphia Von Heeder, Grand Representative of Washington in Texas, for the beautiful “*Blessed Angelic Steps*” March.

Thank you, Brother Roland Reese, Poet Laureate, for your beautiful and inspiring poetry.

## **THE INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND ELECTED BOARDS**

What a joy it has been to work with each of you this year. To the appointed Grand Officers, I am so proud of you; much prayer went into the selection of each officer. You have been such a blessing to my life and touched me in so many ways. Your faithfulness and commitment to the office you represent have been pleasing to the membership and to me. I hope you realize what a rich and powerful inheritance you have given to the membership. You accomplished more than I ever dreamed. To those chosen by the membership of Texas, you, also, have been a blessing to me and I hope you have enjoyed this year of service.

### **GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE STAFF**

To our Grand Secretary, Sister Nell Smith Drenner, and staff, I say THANK YOU for the outstanding job you do and for your valuable assistance. I am most grateful to you as you made my job easier.

### **SECRETARY TO WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

To Syble Yost, my friend, my supporter, my encourager, the one that is always picking me up and making me laugh. We have traveled many miles and sang many songs as we made this "Musical Journey." There is only one way to enjoy life, and that is to walk in the way of the Lord with a true friend. Thank you for loving me and walking with me. I will carry your love forever for it is one of the greatest gifts God has given me. Thank you!

### **TRAVELING SECRETARIES**

"If you can't fly, run. If you can't run, walk. If you can't walk, crawl. But by all means keep moving." You have truly kept moving with me, and did so much work as we traveled through the five Districts. Thank you for all the many times you were there for me and the membership. Guard your heart for your joy flows to others from there. Your joy has made my heart sing.

### **GRAND CHAPTER VAN**

How appreciative and grateful I am to the membership of Texas for providing the comfortable van for our travels across the State of Texas, and for the purchase of the trailer. I also say "thank you" to the Board of Directors for allowing the Worthy Grand Patron to drive the van and pull the trailer loaded with Grand Chapter supplies. Thus, we were able to assist the Grand Secretary's Office in having merchandise readily available to the members along with our projects.

### **PRINCETON CHAPTER NO. 1126 AND GATE CITY CHAPTER NO. 77**

The secret to my success is you my Sisters and Brothers. There are so many ways that you have been there for me. You lifted me up when I was down and would not let me quit. Thank you, my sweet friends. I love you!

### **GRAND CHAPTER SWEETHEART**

My Grand Chapter Sweetheart, Sister Virginia Lynn Green, the one that I always wanted to be just like! You truly are the "wind beneath my wings." The special title you have carried this year is "Sweetheart" but the blessing you have rewarded me with is "friend." You are one that I respect, admire, and love; and try to emulate as much as my unworthiness can do. What strength you have and I know you have our precious Floyd to help you not only today but in all the yesterdays. Thank you for allowing me the honor of carrying your rose to the Grand East at Installation and I will carry it again at Grand Chapter. I have had the peace of knowing you were always close to me.

## **GRAND CHAPTER MOMS**

My sweet Ruth Starke and Martha Alloto, I have felt your love and prayers across this wonderful State. You are an inspiration to me and the membership. Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance. My love always!

### **FAMILY**

You are my life and you keep my heart singing. There are no words to express to you the love I have for you. Jimmy, thank you for allowing me to fulfill my dream. You are what I live for and I thank you for loving me.

### **TRAVELING WITH THE STARS**

Sister Nannette Gwaltney, thank you for the memories of a wonderful Caribbean cruise. It was evident that you spent much time in planning our trip and what a great time we had. Thank you so much!

### **“FRIENDS OF JOYCE” DISTRICT ONE CLUB**

We started this walk together and you have been there for me in everything I needed. You have planned and hosted banquets and round-ups, provided lovely decorations, wrapped at least 650 gifts, and the list goes on and on. You have taken your time to support me and your love has raised me up many times. Thank you for your love. I love you and I'll be home soon.

### **ALTAR CLOTH**

The beautiful purple altar cloth used at our Grand Installation was the one I used when I served Princeton Chapter No. 1126 the first time as Worthy Matron.

### **BIBLE MARKER**

The Bible marker was made and presented to me by Sister Doris Moore from Polytechnic #420. It is so lovely and I thank you.

### **SQUARE AND COMPASSES**

The beautiful Square and Compasses were presented to me by my Executive and Arrangements committees. Thank you for these and for all your hard work and devotion to this membership.

### **DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES**

It has been a year of only a few problems and I praise God for the membership and their love and respect for one another.

Several instances of unrest in chapters were brought to my attention. With the involvement of the Deputies of Grand Chapter, we reached satisfactory solutions.

I waived an investigation for reinstatement of a seriously ill lady.

I requested a Deputy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matron to make a visit to a chapter to explain consolidation and to encourage the chapter members to try harder. The end result was wonderful with all officers being chosen and the members coming together in a spirit of unity.



A special investigating committee in another Grand Jurisdiction was waived.

## BYLAWS

It was my pleasure to sign bylaw changes for the following chapters:

A. E. Shirley #986	John L. DeGrazier #881
A. E. Shirley #986	Junction #497
Aldine #1088	Katy #1121
Andral Vann #741	Lake Jackson #1009
Aransas Pass #162	Levelland #797
Bellmead #980	Lexington #996
Belton #589	Lott #594
Big Spring #67	Lufkin #382
Big Spring #67	Marshall #356
Brenham #144	Mathis #874
Buffalo #157	Mission #527
Cleveland #465	New Caney #1093
Conroe #710	North Side #651
Corrigan #631	Port Neches #677
Cushing #368	Poteet #913
Del Rio #204	Richland Hills #1040
Edinburg #473	Rusk-Alto #79
Edwin J. Kiest #959	Rusk-Alto #79
Everman #624	San Marcos #276
Fairfield #331	Silsbee #298
Floyd Easterling #1074	Sour Lake #75
Harlingen #641	South Houston #915
Harlingen #641	Spurger #315
Humble #415	Troup #421
Huntington #938	Waller #1047
Iola/North Zulch #458	Yoakum #282

## SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

### ISSUED BY

#### WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Ferris Chapter #508  
Anahuac Chapter #649  
Ferris Chapter #508

Texas City Chapter 3626  
Seabrook Chapter #1096  
Melrose Chapter #920  
Wisteria Chapter #823  
Lake Worth Chapter #1109

### LATE INSTALLATIONS

New Braunfels Chapter #771  
Hawkins Chapter #908  
Grand Prairie Chapter #219  
Border Chapter #221  
Schertz Chapter #911  
Garrison Chapter #192  
El Campo Chapter 535  
Hemphill Chapter #375  
Bowie Chapter #16  
Beeville Chapter #422  
Concho Chapter #826  
San Marcos Chapter #276  
Tennessee Colony #102  
Brookshire Chapter #652  
Caddo Mills Chapter #82  
Denton Chapter #259  
Lake Worth Chapter 1109  
Brady Chapter No. 167

### LATE ELECTION

#### ASSOCIATE PATRON

Gatesville Chapter #1005  
Sweeny Chapter #873  
Loyal Chapter #648  
Ridglea Chapter #999  
Pasadena Chapter # 711  
Templar Chapter #374  
Texas City Chapter #626  
Seabrook Chapter #1096  
Melrose Chapter #920  
Katy Chapter #1121  
Walter Baldwin Chapter #929  
Wisteria Chapter #823  
Montgomery Chapter #228  
Portland Chapter No. 1108

### LATE ELECTION

#### ALL OFFICERS

Farmers Branch Chapter #687  
North Shore Chapter #1058  
Kerrville Chapter #24  
Castleberry Chapter #1028  
Border Chapter #221  
Houston Heights Chapter #258  
Caddo Mills Chapter #82  
Cora Posey Chapter No. 1072

### LATE ELECTION

#### SECRETARY

Alvarado Chapter #656  
Oakville Chapter #521  
Alpine Chapter #1088  
Waller Chapter #1047  
Ore City Chapter #1033

### LATE ELECTION

#### WORTHY MATRON

Aldine Chapter #1088  
Goose Creek Ch. #798  
Montgomery Chapter No228

### LATE ELECTION

#### TREASURER

Gilmer Chapter #355  
Friendswood Chapter #1131  
Beeville Chapter #422  
Stephenville Chapter #801  
Midland Chapter #253  
Big Spring Chapter #67

### LATE ELECTION

#### WORTHY PATRON

Goose Creek Chapter #798

### LATE ELECTION

#### CONDUCTRESS

Vidor Chapter #914  
Waller Chapter #1047  
Wedgwood Chapter #756  
Ridglea Chapter #999  
Love Field Chapter #875  
Spurger Chapter #315  
Duncanville Chapter No. 1014

### LATE ELECTION

#### ASSOCIATE MATRON

Sweeny Chapter #873  
Lytle Chapter #335  
Alice Chapter 61  
Clarendon Chapter #6

### LATE ELECTION

#### ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Stephenville Chapter #801

Childress Chapter #101  
Sweeny Chapter #873  
John Gillespie Chapter #257  
Sweeny Chapter #873  
Stephenville Chapter #801  
Pasadena Chapter #711  
Bastrop Chapter #64  
Farmersville Chapter #940  
Haltom City Chapter #982  
Goose Creek Chapter #798  
Wedgwood Chapter #756  
Mabank Chapter #821  
Ridglea Chapter #999  
Gilmer Chapter #355  
Wallace Hughston Chapter #1100  
Robert Lee Chapter No. 187

#### **WAIVE DISABILITY**

Denton Chapter #259  
Mathis Chapter #874  
Arlington Chapter 249  
Canton Chapter #667  
Quitman Chapter #695  
Arlington Chapter 249  
Tomball Chapter #838  
TMRC-Daylight #UD  
Springtown Chapter #498

#### **MOVE MEETING PLACE**

Bexar Chapter #616  
League City Chapter #621  
Amistad Chapter #1115  
Bexar Chapter #616  
Beckville Chapter #273  
Amistad Chapter #1115

#### **FRATERNAL VISIT**

Mesquite Chapter #887  
New Braunfels Chapter 771  
Friendswood Chapter #1131  
Dallas Chapter #1  
Cockrell Hill Delta Flora Chapter #794  
Lancaster Chapter #943  
Grand Prairie Chapter #219  
Spring Chapter No. 1105  
Lufkin Chapter No. 382

#### **WAIVE VISITATION**

Odessa Chapter #447

#### **REPLACE LOST/WORN SECRET WORK**

Atlanta Chapter #151  
Friendship Chapter #1008  
Justin Chapter #1128  
Liberty -Dayton Chapter #643  
Big Spring Chapter #67  
San Saba Chapter #191  
Fidelis Chapter #963  
Grovegrove Chapter # 978  
Austin Chapter #304  
Harlandale Chapter #750  
Richland Springs Chapter #264  
Freedom Chapter #898  
Groveton Chapter #1035  
Deport Chapter #1045  
Midland Chapter #337C  
Leah Elliott Chapter #1119  
Huffman Chapter #1112  
Brazoria Chapter #116C  
Fairfield Chapter #331  
Ore City Chapter #1033  
Tenaha Chapter #185  
Boyd Chapter #897  
Rusk-Alto Chapter #79  
Decatur Chapter #543  
Rosewyn Chapter #927  
Canyon Lake Chapter #1103  
Killeen Chapter #490  
Big Spring Chapter #67  
Texas City Chapter #626  
Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959  
Alvarado Chapter #656  
MckinneyChapter #518

#### **REPLACEMENT CHARTER**

Aldine Chapter #1088  
South Houston Chapter #915  
Pearland Chapter #1065  
Deport Chapter #1045  
Texas City Chapter #626

#### **SPECIAL DISPENSATION REQUESTED BUT NOT REQUIRED**

#### **CHAPLAIN UNABLE TO KNEEL AT ALTAR**

Arlington Chapter No. 249

**JEFFERSON WELLS**  
**OPERATIONAL AUDIT REVIEW**  
**SEPTEMBER 2007**

**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**A. Background, Objective and Approach**

The Grand Chapter of Texas – Order of the Eastern Star (“OES”) requested Jefferson Wells perform an operational review to assess business processes, risks and opportunities for improved efficiencies, with a focus on the protection of assets, accuracy of records and adherence to established policies. OES identified the following areas to be included within the scope of the operational review:

- Cash Receipts;
- Inventory;
- Personnel;
- Equipment / Use of Resources;
- Record Retention; and
- Physical Assets.

Background

The OES Grand Secretary’s office is administrative in nature, providing membership services to over 400 regional chapters located throughout Texas. The office also provides customer call-in support to over 39,000 members in Texas. Office staff consists of four full time employees (including the Grand Secretary) and one part-time employee. The Grand Secretary’s office performs the following departmental-equivalent functions:

- **Cash** – Cash receipts; bill payment; payroll; bank account management and reconciliation. (A local CPA firm is retained to maintain most other asset and liability accounts.)
- **Administrative** – The daily “business as usual” of running the state headquarters, which includes: identifying and maintaining OES member records; preparing for monthly and annual bulletins; preparing for events such as the annual Grand Chapter meeting; receiving and processing annual reports from each OES Texas chapter; accounting for membership dues; and in-house printing and creation of inventory items.
- **Membership Services / Customer Service** – Receiving and responding to telephone calls and emails from the general membership; customer call-backs, performing informational research; etc. During the course of the audit it was observed that the customer support function consumes a significant percentage of personnel time and effort. It is difficult to quantify the volume of calls received and the time required per call due to the unpredictable and disparate nature of the requests. Call volume also fluctuates significantly during the year depending on ongoing activities, reports, deadlines, and events. Further, the membership services/ customer support function is performed by a limited number of employees who concurrently perform other key and non-key processes.

- **Technology Support** – Password administration, software and hardware maintenance, database maintenance, etc.
- **Physical Asset Management** – Consists of a portfolio of physical assets such as real estate, oil and gas leases, stock, wills, etc. that have been donated or bequeathed to OES and require asset management or disposition efforts.
- **Sales** – Sales of materials and supplies to the local chapter offices and membership base.

The office has historically functioned utilizing paper-based procedures, and most paper documentation is retained indefinitely without consideration to destruction. While this provides a cultural link with the prior officers and membership, the processes are largely obsolete and create significant operational burdens and redundancies considering storage and personnel resource requirements and limitations. Data entry is ongoing in various databases; Jefferson Wells views this initiative as a progressive means to achieving operational efficiencies. It was also noted the organization is considering paper destruction initiatives to reduce storage space and manual research.

*At the conclusion of field work, a high level of comfort was obtained with the current Grand Secretary's management skills, background and administration of the office. Also observed was a high level of staff competency, dedication and commitment to the organization.*

### Objective

The primary objective of the review was to identify the efficiency and effectiveness of in-scope processes and to make recommendations for improvements where appropriate. Jefferson Wells achieved the objective through performance of an operational audit program, which included verbal inquiry, observation and validation procedures.

### Approach

Jefferson Wells' approach included:

#### *Planning*

- Participated in initial discussions and reviewed existing documentation to gain a high-level understanding of operations and processes;
- Developed an audit work program organized by each in-scope area;
- Validated coverage of review (i.e., scope) with the Client Sponsor;
- Conducted a planning/kick-off meeting with key individuals;
- Submitted information/data requests, and
- Scheduled meetings as needed.

### *Program Execution*

- Executed approved audit work program;
- Evaluated existing processes against established policies and standard practices;
- Reviewed written policies and procedures, and requirements under the Grand Chapter of Texas OES Constitution (“the Constitution”);
- Met with each employee and performed a high-level identification and assessment of various tasks, including time required to complete the tasks and any seasonality requirements;
- Evaluated equipment and personnel resource requirements against responsibilities, tasks and seasonality requirements;
- Performed walkthroughs of key processes such as membership changes, data entry, check receipting, in-house printing, etc.;
- Performed physical counts of haphazardly-selected inventory items on the storage shelves to the inventory log;
- Compared the equipment log to the actual equipment on the floor and in use;
- Physically inspected the interior and exterior of the facility to assess physical security;
- Observed employee computer logon and password practices; and
- Identified areas for improvement.

### *Reporting*

- Drafted an audit report including observations and recommendations for improvement.

## **B. Summary Observations**

The following observations and other areas for improvement were noted during the review<sup>1</sup>:

### Cash Receipts

1. Checks are not date stamped on the date of receipt.
2. Fireproof vaults are not utilized for the retention of cash receipts (checks) prior to deposit.
3. Monthly bank reconciliations are not signed by the preparer and the reviewer.

### Equipment

1. Equipment records are not properly maintained and are not reconciled to the accounting records.
2. Purchase orders are not being used.

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<sup>1</sup> The Summary Observations are organized by audit area and not by priority or impact.

3. Existing equipment may not be sufficient to accomplish office requirements in an efficient and cost effective manner.

#### Inventory

1. Inventory records are not consistently maintained and are not reconciled to the accounting records.
2. A process to track or account for the value of internally-generated inventory items, such as printed materials, is not in place.

#### Personnel

1. Policies outlining staff or officer credentials and other skill requirements have not been formally established and approved by the Board.
2. Succession planning and training for employees and officers is informal.
3. Time tracking/recording is not a required or formalized process.
4. Employee evaluations are not consistently documented.
5. Resource needs for special projects, such as data entry, are not fully planned. Personnel resources may be insufficient during peak periods.

#### Records Management

1. Policies and procedures addressing paper and electronic data retention and destruction are not formalized. Redundant paper records are being retained indefinitely and are not scheduled for destruction.
2. User ID and password security is not consistently maintained.

#### Physical Assets

1. Formally written policy and procedures for inventorying and managing assets such as real estate, oil and gas leases, wills, etc. have not been established.

## II. OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Observations and recommendations noted in the review are presented in this section of the report in order of perceived risk or importance.

### A. Detailed Observations and Recommendations

1. Personnel resources may be insufficient to meet special project needs, as evidenced with the data entry into the database and spreadsheets. Part-time resources are dedicated to data entry, and the full-time employees were observed assisting during slow periods. In addition to OES personnel, an individual was contracted to assist with the data entry process in an effort to achieve completion prior to moving into the new facility.

During the course of the audit, each employee was interviewed and observed to obtain an understanding of key processes performed. A process log was created including estimates of annual work hours required for each key process; process owner; and peak periods. This process log may be used by OES to assist in planning for annual personnel needs and in identifying peak times during the year requiring intermittent or supplemental resources.

Evaluating how current resource hours are spent and planning for anticipated peak periods is recommended to help ensure daily tasks continue to be completed in addition to the cyclical tasks and projects.

2. Assets such as oil and gas, real estate, wills, stock and other assets obtained through member gifts or bequeaths to OES are not inventoried or managed in a consistent and formalized manner as a formal written policy is not currently in place. The Grand Secretary's office was aware of this gap prior to the review, and an initiative to address the concern has already begun. Validation of some assets via research and public records remains outstanding, and the status of outstanding efforts is not readily accessible.

The Board should consider development of a formal, written policy and procedure for asset management related to individual property transfers, which would address: acceptance and rejection of assets from the membership; an inventory methodology; booking and accounting entries; asset maintenance and disposition; tax, title and insurance matters; reporting requirements, etc. The Board should also consider obtaining a legal opinion to address potential liability issues which may arise from failure to register the gift and donations for tax exempt status title issues, property management, insurance matters and so forth.



- Existing equipment may not be sufficient to accomplish office requirements cost effectively and efficiently. Specifically, because the office does not have a commercial grade three-hole punch and paper cutter, some orders are sent to the third-party printer twice—first for cutting and a second time for hole-punching. The existing office printer is not able to three-hole punch half-sized sheets. Additionally, while the printing machine is processing large orders, employees are unable to make copies and must hold their work until the in-house print job is completed. Redundancies and delays result in increased processing time and cost, and decreased efficiency.

A cost benefit analysis is recommended to determine whether the purchase of the commercial grade items would provide cost savings and increased efficiency in personnel time. Additionally, purchase of a stand-alone copy machine to be utilized exclusively for copying versus printing jobs should be considered.

- Policies and procedures addressing data retention and destruction are not fully formalized and do not address all paper *and* electronic requirements (e.g., tax requirements, Secretary of State, Contract Compliance, etc.) for onsite and offsite storage. Currently, paper records are retained indefinitely for membership cards, annual reports, and proceedings.

To provide consistency and formal guidelines as the office moves information to a digital format, consideration should be given to developing written policies and procedures for retention and destruction requirements for the various types of documents, database backup, and a records inventory log to identify and locate stored paper and electronic files.

As part of the guidelines, minimal retention periods should be established for each type of data media (e.g., paper, microfilm, CD-ROM and other electronic files, etc). As the contractor and Grand Secretary's office complete the membership database, the original files could be maintained for a designated period of time to allow for error correction, and then be destroyed (shredded).

Scanning might also be considered to reduce the need for retaining paper documents.

- Policies regarding staff /officer credentials and skill requirements have not been formally established and approved by the Board. The policies and procedures addressing personnel matters do not include minimum skill requirements (e.g., PC skills, managerial and accounting skills, marketing/sales, customer service experience, etc.). Employees and officers may be hired who lack the necessary qualifications required to effectively complete their respective tasks in a manner consistent with the organization's expectations. Formal skill requirements for the position of Grand Secretary have not been formally documented or approved.

As part of a formal personnel policy, minimum skill set requirements should be established for each compensated position. Implementation of the policy should assist the Grand Secretary carry out the daily operations of personnel matters. Adherence to the policy should prohibit the hiring of candidates who do not meet the minimum requirements. Although there are elected positions such as the Grand Secretary, Board approval of employee and officer skill requirements is recommended to establish consistency in the management of office personnel, business processes, and adherence to the Constitution.

6. Succession planning and training for employees and officers is informal. The OES office is staffed with a limited number of employees. The Grand Secretary's office recently completed a project to formally document desk procedures to assist in the efforts of office employee transitions.

The Board should consider implementing training and succession planning for key officer positions such as the Grand Secretary to allow incoming officers to more quickly acclimate to their responsibilities, and to help ensure procedural consistency from one officer to the next.

7. An equipment log exists; however the records are not regularly maintained or reconciled timely. Physical equipment items used in the office (including the postage machine, two servers, the voting machine and certain computer equipment) have not been added to the equipment log. Evidence of reconciliation of the equipment log to the accounting records (QuickBooks Pro) was not observed. An inaccurate equipment log may impact the organization's ability to assess equipment needs timely, cause lost or misappropriated items to remain on the books at full value, result in payment or insurance coverage for items no longer in use, etc.

To establish accurate equipment records, timely update and maintenance of the equipment log is recommended. Therefore, as new equipment is purchased or old equipment discarded, changes should be made in a timely manner to the equipment log. Periodic reconciliation of the log to the general ledger is recommended to account for the equipment value on the accounting records.

8. Purchase orders are not routinely utilized in QuickBooks Pro for the purchase of equipment, inventory or other supplies. Purchases should be evidenced and pre-approved for expenditure in writing prior to ordering. Inaccurate or unapproved orders (or orders in excess of the authorized budget), may be processed, procured and paid without an appropriate level of review.

Implementation of a formalized procurement process is recommended to establish guidelines around order approvals, spending limits and approval requirements. Purchase orders should be reviewed and approved by the Grand Secretary for

equipment, inventory and supply purchases to establish consistency and control. To confirm purchases are accounted for as received and paid, reconciliation of purchase orders to checks and paid expenses is recommended.

9. The inventory records are not properly maintained or reconciled to the accounting records timely. Current inventory records reflect the data that was imported from the previous accounting system. Inventory items noted on the inventory log do not agree to the quantity of inventory observed on the shelves in the supply room. Also, inventory items located in various storage rooms were not grouped or stored by like product and were difficult to locate.

The inventory log should be updated timely and reconciled to the accounting records and count of physical inventory. To enhance the maintenance, reconciliation and verification process, physical inventory could be sorted and organized on the shelves by category, frequency of use, price, etc.

10. Incoming and outgoing physical inventory is not routinely added to the inventory log. Failure to timely account for incoming and outgoing inventory may result in inaccurate inventory records and an inability to meet current and plan for future inventory needs.

Updating QuickBooks Pro when unsold inventory is merged with the physical inventory is recommended to enhance the reliability of inventory records. An entry should be made to account for inventory consigned to the Worthy Grand Matron for sale during her administration.

## **B. Other Improvement Opportunities**

The following observations are presented separately as “other improvement opportunities” and are deemed to have a lower risk and thus a lower priority than the observations noted above.

1. A process to track or otherwise account for the value of internally-generated inventory such as printed items is not in place. Inventory created in-house has value based on the cost and quality of the paper it is printed on, in addition to personnel labor time required to perform the job. An established cost is important to confirm offset accounting occurs when the item is sold from inventory.

A cost should be assigned to in-house generated inventory items. The cost should be recorded to QuickBooks Pro at the time the inventory is physically created and added to the stock.

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The monthly reconciliations should be initialed by the preparer and the reviewer to provide stronger evidence of completion, review and approval.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESPONSE TO THE  
OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE  
OPERATIONAL AUDIT REVIEW OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS OFFICE  
AS PRESENTED BY JEFFERSON WELLS**

Detailed Observations and Recommendations listed in order of perceived risk or importance:

1. Personnel resources may be insufficient to meet special project needs.

**Recommendation:** Evaluating how current resource hours are spent and planning for anticipated peak periods is recommended to help ensure daily tasks continue to be completed in addition to the cyclical tasks and projects.

**Board Response:** The main concern of Jefferson Wells is that permanent office personnel assisting in the data entry projects are at risk of not completing their key processes in addition to providing the required level of support to the membership. An evaluation has been done and it has determined that with the new scanning equipment the data entry project will be completed earlier than expected. The every day responsibilities of the office personnel will not be at risk. The Grand Secretary does call in assistance when warranted.

2. Assets such as oil and gas, real estate, wills, stock and other assets obtained through member gifts or bequeaths to OES are not inventoried or managed in a consistent and formalized manner as a formal written policy is not currently in place.

**Recommendation:** The Board should consider development of a formal, written policy and procedure for asset management related to individual property transfers, which would address: acceptance and rejection of assets from the membership; an inventory methodology; booking and accounting entries; asset maintenance and disposition; tax, title and insurance matters; reporting requirements, etc. The Board should also consider obtaining a legal opinion to address potential liability issues which may arise from failure to register the gift and donations for tax exempt status title issues, property management, insurance matters and so forth.

**Board Response:** A written policy for asset management has been drafted and has been approved and implemented by the Board. The Board will consult with its current attorney to address the recommendation to consider obtaining a legal opinion to address potential liability issues.

3. Existing equipment may not be sufficient to accomplish office requirements cost effectively and efficiently.

**Recommendation:** A cost benefit analysis is recommended to determine whether the purchase of the commercial grade items would provide cost savings and increased efficiency in personnel time. Such times would include: three-hole punch and paper cutter. Additionally, purchase of a stand-alone copy machine to be utilized exclusively for copying versus print jobs should be considered.

**Board Response:** The Board will review the budget to determine if there are sufficient funds available for the purchase of a commercial grade three-hole punch and paper cutter. At this time desk top printer/copiers have been purchased which relieve the delays when the office printer is in use for large copy jobs. Therefore, Board at this time feels an additional copy machine is not required.

4. Policies and procedures addressing data retention and destruction are not fully formalized and do not address all paper and electronic requirements for onsite and offsite storage. Currently, paper records are retained indefinitely for membership cards, annual reports and proceedings.

**Recommendation:** To provide consistency and formal guidelines as the office moves information to a digital format, consideration should be given to developing written policies and procedures for retention and destruction requirements for the various types of documents, database backup, and records inventory log to identify and locate stored paper and electronic files.

As part of the guidelines, minimal retention periods should be established for each type of data media (e.g., paper, microfilm, CD-ROM and other electronic files, etc).

Scanning might also be considered to reduce the need for retaining paper documents.

**Board Response:** A scanner and supporting equipment has been purchased. The contractor is in the process of scanning the membership cards. At this time there are Chapters with unreferenced documents. This will require additional research. All Chapter documents must be scanned into the system prior to the implementation of a record destruction policy. The Grand Secretary shall develop a record retention and destruction policy by the beginning of the 2008-2009 Grand Chapter year. Full implementation of this policy should be completed by the end of the 2008-2009 Grand Chapter year. A records inventory log to identify and locate stored paper and electronic files will be completed before moving to the new offices.

5. Policies regarding staff/officer credentials and skill requirements have not been formally established and approved by the Board. The policies and procedures addressing personnel matters do not include minimum skill requirements. Employees and officers may be hired who lack the necessary qualifications required to effectively complete their respective tasks in a manner consistent with the organization's expectations. Formal skill requirements for the position of Grand Secretary have not been formally documented or approved.

**Recommendation:** As part of a formal personnel policy, minimum skill set requirements should be established for each compensated position. Implementation of the policy should assist the Grand Secretary to carry out the daily operations of personnel matters. Adherence to the policy should prohibit the hiring of candidates who do not meet the minimum requirements. Although there are elected positions such as the Grand Secretary, Board approval of employee and officer skill requirements is recommended to establish consistency in the management of office personnel, business processes, and adherence to the Constitution.

**Board Response:** Formal job descriptions have been developed for the office staff of the Grand Chapter office. At this time the Constitution does not address minimum skill requirements for the offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. These elected offices carry a high level of responsibility and the Board agrees that a certain level of skill is required. Additionally, there is a concern with regard to the continuity of the level of skill required to oversee the Grand Chapter office. Much has been accomplished by the current Grand Secretary with regard to efficiencies and overall administration of the Grand Chapter office. The candidate's for the offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer submit resumes to be published prior to elections. It is the membership's responsibility to review the published resumes and make an informed decision.

6. Succession planning and training for employees and officers is informal. The OES office is staffed with a limited number of employees. The Grand Secretary's office recently completed a project to formally documentation desk procedures to assist in the efforts of office employee transitions.

**Recommendation:** The Board should consider implementing training and succession planning for key officer positions such as the Grand Secretary to allow incoming officers to more quick-

ly acclimate to their responsibilities and to help ensure procedural consistency from one officer to the next.

**Board Response:** The Board agrees that a training process for newly elected officers is necessary. A formal plan will be implemented to assist the transition of the next elected officer.

7. An equipment log exists; however the records are not regularly maintained or reconciled timely. Physical equipment items used in the office have not been added to the equipment log. Evidence of reconciliation of the equipment log to the accounting records was not observed. An inaccurate equipment log may impact the organization's ability to assess equipment needs timely, case lost or misappropriated items to remain on the books at full value, result in payment or insurance coverage for times no longer in use, etc.

**Recommendation:** To establish accurate equipment records, timely update and maintenance of the equipment log is recommended. Therefore, as new equipment is purchased or old equipment discarded, changes should be made in a timely manner to equipment log. Periodic reconciliation of the log to the general ledger is recommended to account for the equipment value on the accounting records.

**Board Response:** The equipment log has been updated and now reflects an accurate listing of all equipment in the Grand Chapter office. A process for reconciliation of the equipment log to the accounting records will be implemented by the end of the 2008-2009 year.

8. Purchase orders are not routinely utilized in QuickBooks Pro for the purchase of equipment, inventory or other supplies. Purchases should be evidenced and pre-approved for expenditure in writing prior to ordering. Inaccurate or unapproved orders may be processed, procured and paid without an appropriate level of review.

**Recommendation:** Implementation of a formalized procurement process is recommended to establish guidelines around order approvals, spending limits and approval requirements. Purchase orders should be reviewed and approved by the Grand Secretary for equipment, inventory and supply purchases to establish consistency and control. To confirm purchases are accounted for as received and paid, reconciliation of purchase orders to checks and paid expenses is recommended.

**Board Response:** At this time the Grand Secretary has knowledge of all purchases made and reviews all invoices for disbursement of funds. However, a paper trail and sufficient documentation of office expenditures is necessary in order to sufficiently track the purchase of equipment and inventory. QuickBooks Pro, the current accounting system used has Purchase Order capability and can easily be utilized. A Purchase Order process is in place using the Quick Books system. The Grand Secretary reviews all invoices submitted for payment and is now including her signature and date of review.

9. The inventory records are not properly maintained or reconciled to the accounting records timely. Current inventory records reflect the date that was imported from the previous accounting system. Inventory items noted on the inventory log do not agree to the quantity of inventory observed on the shelves in the supply room. Also inventory items located in various storage rooms were not grouped or stored by like product and were difficult to locate.

**Recommendation:** The inventory log should be updated timely and reconciled to the accounting records and count of physical inventory. To enhance the maintenance, reconciliation and verification process, physical inventory could be sorted and organized on the shelves by category, frequency of use, price, etc.



**Board Response:** A process will be developed to insure that the inventory log can be reconciled to accounting records. It is recommended that this process be in place by the end of this Grand Chapter year. At the time of the move to the new offices, inventory will be organized in order to assist in the maintenance of inventory records.

10. Incoming and outgoing physical inventory is not routinely added to the inventory log. Failure to timely account for incoming and outgoing inventory may result in inaccurate inventory records and an inability to meet current and plan for future inventory needs.

**Recommendation:** Updating QuickBooks Pro when unsold inventory is merged with the physical inventory is recommended to enhance the reliability of inventory records. An entry should be made to account for inventory consigned to the Worthy Grand Matron for sale during her administration.

**Board Response:** At this time no formal process exists for the accounting of inventory of items sold for the Worthy Grand Matron's projects during her year. A review of the methodology used for the accounting of inventory items consigned to District Committee Chairmen and for sale at schools and fraternal visits shall be made. A listing of consigned items is necessary to maintain an accurate inventory and insure that the inventory log is reconciled to the general ledger. Beginning with the 2008-2009 Grand Chapter year, the Worthy Grand Matron shall be responsible for implementing a process to accurately account for inventory items as they are sold and provide reports for sales and inventory control to the Grand Secretary.

## OTHER IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. A process to track or otherwise account for the value of internally-generated inventory such as printed items is not in place. Inventory created in-house has value based on the cost and quality of the paper it is printed on, in addition to personnel labor time required to perform the job. An established cost is important to confirm offset accounting occurs when the item is sold from inventory.

**Recommendation:** A cost should be assigned to in-house generated inventory items. The cost should be recorded to QuickBooks Pro at the time the inventory is physically created and added to the stock.

**Board Response:** At this time the main basis for the cost of printing inventory in-house is a percentage of the lease paid for the copy machine. Costs are reflected in the month they are expended for various print jobs while revenue may not be recognized until a later date. Ideally there should be a matching of expenses to revenue. As the Grand Chapter office moves more toward in house printing, consideration will be given to develop a process to assign true printing costs of those items.

2. Written employee evaluations are not documented on a consistent basis highlight strengths, areas of opportunity or to support salary and bonus awards.

**Recommendation:** An annual written evaluation signed by the Grand Secretary and retained in the employee's personnel file is recommended for each paid employee. The annual evaluation should be used as a basis for Board-approved salary increases and annual bonuses, when applicable.

**Board Response:** The Board agrees that written evaluations should be part of the Grand Chapter's employee policy. While the Board does approve the budget for the Grand Chapter Office, including salaries, it does not have responsibility for the hiring, termination or salary

determination of office employees. It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to supervise the employees in the Grand Chapter Office. The Grand Secretary will keep the board informed of any employee issues or changes in employment. Formats for written evaluations will be developed and a formal review policy shall be implemented this year in time for raises and bonuses. The evaluations will be part of the employee file available only to the Grand Secretary, the Worthy Grand Matron and the Chairman of the Board of Directors. All employee files will be housed in a locked filing cabinet.

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**Recommendation:** The implementation of a time tracking system is recommended to assist with resource planning and scheduling. A time tracking system may also assist the Board in the evaluation of member service hours.

**Board Response:** The Board recognizes that the information provided by a time tracking system could be used for resource planning. However, at this time the Grand Chapter office is adequately staffed and the Grand Secretary manages their time efficiently during the various cycles of the year.

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**Recommendation:** To provide date evidence of receipt for tracking and follow-up purposes, and to help ensure receipts are processed and deposited timely, checks should be date stamped on the date they are received into the office.

**Board Response:** The Board has confirmed with the Grand Secretary that a log is kept for all incoming cash receipts. The log notes the date, amount and source of the receipt. At this time, the Board believes that this is sufficient for tracking the timing of cash receipts.

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**Recommendation:** The monthly reconciliations should be initialed by the preparer and the reviewer to provide stronger evidence of completion, review and approval

**Board Response:** The Board agrees that the monthly bank reconciliations should be initialed by both the preparer and the reviewer. The Grand Secretary has implemented this process.

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**Board Response:** The Board acknowledges that as the Grand Chapter Office inputs more and more of its critical data into electronic files and data bases it is at risk for losing information. The Board agrees that logon ID and password security for the Grand Chapter office should be enhanced in order to protect all electronic files, all accounting data contained in QuickBooks Pro and other data bases. This task will be accomplished by the end of the 2007-2008 Grand Chapter year.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2007 – 2008**

June was a busy month with installations and fraternal visits. I was honored to be a part of the history of the following chapters.

### **INSTALLATIONS**

June 3	Pine Tree No. 1090	Installing Grand Officer
June 7	Princeton No. 1126	Installing Grand Officer
June 7	Plano No. 703	Installing Grand Marshal
June 13	Beckville No. 273	Installing Grand Officer
August 7	Gate City No. 77	Installed as Electa in my dual chapter

### **FRATERNAL VISITS**

June 9	Joint Fraternal Visit – Alvin No. 15 and Friendswood No. 1131
June 23	Grand Prairie No. 219

Because of my surgery, I cancelled fraternal visits in July for Amarillo No. 787, Dumas No. 7653, Bullard No. 972, Bryan No. 222, and Linden No. 576. This was no an easy decision to make, but necessary.

### **INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS**

The Rainbow Grand Assembly was held in Waco on June 26 through 29. I thank the Worthy Grand Patron for sharing my recorded greetings with the Assembly as I was unable to attend.

I congratulate Sister Marlene Dibrell on her recent election to Supreme Inspector in Texas.

The membership of Texas is so appreciative of the devotion and love that our adult leaders give to our youth.

## **BANQUET OF THE ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON**

Regretfully, I also missed the banquet on July 12 honoring the Associate Grand Matron and the Associate Grand Patron.

### **MULTI-STATE EXCHANGE**

On July 18 and 19, I was delighted to be a part of the Texas delegation of 156 members who attended the Multi-State Exchange in Shreveport, Louisiana. Our beautiful Grand Marshal, Sister Sandra Zipp, proudly presented our beautiful Texas Flag as she escorted the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron into the banquet room. Once again with lots of cheering, Texas brought home the banner. Thanks to all who made this a successful trip!

### **ROUND-UP AND BANQUET OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's round-up and banquet were held in Plano, July 25-27. A good time was had by all in attendance. We are looking forward to a round-up in District V during 2009.

### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSION**

On July 26, at the round-up banquet, it was my pleasure to present Mr. Ronald Zipp the Grand Representative Commission of Australia in Texas.

### **BANQUET HONORING RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS**

On August 8, it was my pleasure to attend the Board of Directors' banquet honoring retiring members, Brothers Gary Steele and A. L. Casparis. They have served the membership of Texas well.

### **HONOR EVENT FOR DISTRICT ONE DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**

August 11, I attended a program in Athens, Chapter No. 177 honoring the District I Deputy Grand Matrons.

### **TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER**

On August 14, T.M.R.C. honored the Worthy Grand Matron with a beautiful brunch. Thank you, Brother Kirby Rudisill and T.M.R.C. for hosting this event.

During the year, it was Eastern Star's pleasure to host several parties for the residents and staff of T.M.R.C.

## **IN MEMORIUM**

*A voice so loved is silent now...*

On August 10, our beloved Sister Mildred Sharpe, Worthy Grand Matron 1966-67, was called to her Heavenly Home. I attended her memorial service on August 14.

## **DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES**

A Demit was presented to a member.

A member was automatically expelled due to being found guilty of a felony.

## **LEGAL ACTS**

I signed a document to sell the Brown property of our resident at T.M.R.C.

## **BYLAWS**

From June 1, I signed approval for fourteen bylaw changes for the following chapters:

Granbury No. 530

Junction No. 497

Lancaster No. 943

La Marque No. 979

Madisonville No. 193

Rusk-Alto No. 79

Mathis No. 874

South Houston No. 915

Cleveland No. 465

Round Rock No. 216

Edwin J. Kiest No. 959

Texas City No. 626

Gate City No. 77

Wortham No. 96

## **SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS ISSUED BY WGM**

Arlington No. 249

To Waive Physical Disability

Bellville No. 611

Election of a Secretary

## **OTHER EVENT ATTENDED**

On August 15, one of our Grand Chapter Moms, Sister Ruth Starke, went to be with our Heavenly Father. I feel so blessed to have known her and I attended her service on August 17 in Marshall.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

My heart is so full today as I stand before you. You made a dream come true when you placed me on the "Musical Journey" that I will never forget.

The best gifts in the world that can be given one to the other are prayers, love, and words of encouragement. You have done this! You have touched my heart and given me strength.

I hope in some small way that I have served you with dignity, kindness and joy; and that I have placed within each of you the hope that the possible things in our life, we will do, and the impossible we will leave to God.

*“Music is the Window to the Soul  
and  
The Cross is the Door to Heaven.”*

Joyce Gilbert  
Worthy Grand Matron 2007 – 2008

I move for the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Do we have a second?

There is a motion and a second to refer the Worthy Grand Matron’s Advanced and Supplemental Report to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of referring the Worthy Grand Matron’s Advanced and Supplemental Reports to the proper Committee, please signify by raising their card. All opposed. Motion carried.

Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to preside.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron, before we go into your report, Sister Acey Guile is here on stage to give our Credentials report.

**MRS. ACEY GUILÉ:** Worthy Grand Matron, this is a preliminary report because this is an ever changing number because votes are constantly changing. As of right now, we have 2225 registered; that was as of early this morning. One-votes, we had 1333; two-votes, 349; and three-votes, 100. Like I said, we keep having changes.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Acey.

Worthy Grand Patron, we await your report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Since the Advanced Annual Report had to be submitted to the Grand Secretary the first of June, I submit the following additional information.

## **REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

The words “thank you” are two little words that carry a lot of meaning when they are sincerely spoken or written. I use these words to express my appreciation to so many people who have made this a beautiful year that cannot be erased from my precious memories.

The membership of Texas is one that cannot be described. The membership is generous, kind, loving and all encompassing. I express my sincere appreciation to the membership for electing me to this very special place of service. With the help of God, I hope I have served you in a manner which has made you proud.

Words can never tell you of the tremendous amount of gratitude and love I have for Sister Joyce Gilbert, our 2007-2008 Worthy Grand Matron. It is with sincere appreciation that I thank Sister Joyce for extending the invitation to me to walk by her side and serve as Worthy Grand Patron. A kinder, gentler, and more caring person you will not find. We have prayed together, talked to each other, given each other encouragement, and attended many schools, teas and Fraternal Visits while riding many miles in the Grand Chapter van. I thank you for taking me into your heart and molding your family and my family into one. As Bob Hope said many times, “Thanks for the memories.”

## **PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS**

You, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, are the ones I have always admired and respected. Without your support, encouragement and love, we who are presiding would not be able to go forward with the courage and confidence you have given to us. You have provided harmony for this year. You have left footprints on my life that will never be removed. May you continue to harmonize with the membership of Texas so it will grow and prosper.

### **INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS**

What beautiful “ladies in pink” and handsome gentlemen you have been throughout the year. You have each been faithful in your tasks and have performed each duty in a way that will be remembered for years to come. Thanks for coming many times when you were needed. You have been loyal to those around you as you exhibited your love for our beautiful Order and its membership.

### **GRAND ESTHER**

You came into my life as a ray of sunshine and have always been there for over 40 years. You have encouraged, supported, and been there when I needed you. It has meant so much to me that you have served as Grand Esther and have traveled throughout the state this year. Thanks so much for taking care of the supplies from the Grand Secretary’s office for us. This has been a direct benefit and savings for our membership. We’ll keep walking side by side through new adventures.

### **DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER**

Words cannot tell you how special you, the “Ladies in Cactus Green,” have been this year. Without you, this year of service would have been incomplete. You have worked tirelessly to make everything just right. Harmony and instruction in your section was your goal. You also performed diligently to bring about beautiful and meaningful schools. I did not know all of you before this year. How fortunate I have been to meet, get to know you, and love you. You will always be the “Ladies in Green.”

### **GRAND SECRETARY’S OFFICE AND STAFF**

It was once said that your load is not so heavy when it is shared with others who are willing to be a part of the task to be performed. Our Grand Secretary and her staff have certainly made the load a lot lighter. They have been ever willing to assist in any way possible and to answer every question I have had. To Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary; Donna, Charlotte, Tava, Marlene, and Zaneta for part of the year—thanks for a job well done—you are appreciated.

### **IVORY ANGELS AND HARMONIZERS**

The music “I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing” is a part of the lives of the Ivory Angels and Harmonizers. You have worked with your chapter, your sections and in your district to have our Order in perfect harmony. Your support and enthusiasm has made this musical journey special and one to be remembered. We look forward to your continued service.

### **SECRETARY AND PAGES**

To Sister June Bell who became a Grand Representative mid way through the year, I appreciate all you did for me. The year and a half of service you provided is special and will always be remembered. Thank you for accepting both of these appointments.

To Brothers Ben Clegg, George Gwaltney, and Clarence Thompson, you will never know how appreciative I am for your accepting the appointment to serve as my page for two years. You are

always there and ready to do anything asked of you.

## **FAMILY**

I know I am the luckiest person in the world to have a family like mine. The nine of us are constant companions and best friends. Jay and Janlen, our son and daughter, have brought so much happiness into my life and are always willing to do that little job that makes life easier for me. We are lucky to have Jamie, Jay's wife, and Jordan and JB, his children to bring that special sparkle to us. Janlen's husband, David Waclawczyk, is such a good, hard-working young man that it is a privilege to have him as a member of the family. Then there is Jacob, Janlen's son, what can we say? He always keeps us going. The whole family has made this year possible. Janlen and David, thanks for adopting our pet, Trixie, for the past two years.

## **MUSIC**

"A Walk in Harmony" is the beautiful march written for me by two lovely ladies, Sister Delphia Von Heeder and Sister Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron. This is toe-tapping music with two my favorite tunes included—"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and the "Twelfth of Never." These two songs remind me of you, always a twinkle in your eye and I'll remember and appreciate you till the twelfth of never. Thank you for sharing your God-given talent with me and the membership.

## **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

I believe I was living a dream on Saturday, August 4, 2007. This was the evening of the "Musical Journey" Installation of Officers with our beloved Sister Rennie Ofton serving as Master of Ceremonies and Sister Rosemary Swetland serving as Installing Grand Officer. It was a distinct honor to have so many Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons serving at various times throughout the evening. My family has always been #1 in my life and it was a privilege to have all of them present for this evening. My thanks and love to our son Jay who escorted his mother, his wife Jamie and their special ones, Jordan and JB. Our daughter Janlen is a member of the Order and it made me feel so special to stand before the membership with her by my side while her husband, David Waclawczyk, and son, Jacob, were lending their support. Thanks to our families for the presentation of the beautiful flowers in memory of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. JB Trees.

## **CONSTITUTING OF TIMPSON CHAPTER**

What an honor and privilege to have my first official duty be the Constituting of Timpson Chapter. On the evening of Saturday, August 11, at First Baptist Church of Timpson, I was privileged to preside over the Constituting and Installation Ceremonies of this new Chapter with the assistance of the following Installed Grand Officers:

Worthy Grand Matron  
Worthy Grand Patron  
Associate Grand Matron  
Associate Grand Patron  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Treasurer  
Grand Conductress  
Associate Grand Conductress  
Grand Chaplain  
Grand Marshal  
Grand Organist  
Grand Adah  
Grand Ruth

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert  
Mr. Jerry Trees  
Mrs. Opal Farley, Pro-Tem  
Mr. Ray Hertenberger  
Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner  
Mrs. Betty Prater  
Mrs. Bess Caldwell  
Mrs. Mary Ruth White  
Mrs. Lesa Smith  
Mrs. Sandra Zipp  
Mrs. Barbara Trayler  
Mrs. Rita Lytle  
Mrs. Sula Reilly



Grand Esther  
Grand Martha  
Grand Electa  
Grand Warder  
Grand Sentinel

Mrs. Janell Trees  
Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth  
Mrs. Anita Brown  
Mrs. Joyce Ball  
Mr. Warren Huckabee

## INSTITUTING TMRC DAYLIGHT CHAPTER

The thrill of having a new chapter instituted became a reality on Monday, February 25, 2008, when I was granted the honor of Instituting TMRC Daylight Chapter whose home will be at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington, Texas. Thirty-three members chose to become Charter Members of this Chapter. To have the following Installed Grand Officers participate in this ceremony was a pleasure:

Worthy Grand Matron  
Worthy Grand Patron  
Associate Grand Matron  
Associate Grand Patron  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Treasurer  
Grand Conductress  
Associate Grand Conductress  
Grand Chaplain  
Grand Marshal  
Grand Organist  
Grand Adah  
Grand Ruth  
Grand Esther  
Grand Martha  
Grand Electa  
Grand Warder  
Grand Sentinel

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert  
Mr. Jerry Trees  
Mrs. Opal Farley, Pro-Tem  
Mr. Trey Smith, Pro-Tem  
Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner  
Mrs. Betty Prater  
Mrs. Bess Caldwell  
Mrs. Mary Ruth White  
Mrs. Lesa Smith  
Mrs. Sandra Zipp  
Mrs. Barbara Trayler  
Mrs. Rita Lytle  
Mrs. Sula Reilly  
Mrs. Janell Trees  
Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth  
Mrs. Anita Brown  
Mrs. Joyce Ball  
Mr. Warren Huckabee

## FUNERALS

The Grand Chapter of Texas was saddened when a Past Grand Matron and a Past Grand Patron were called to their celestial home where they are now resting from a life full of service and love for our Order. I attended the funeral for Brother O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron, on Saturday, August 11, 2007, in Fairfield. Sister Nancy Bailey Allen departed this earthly home on Friday, October 19, 2007, and her services were held in Robert Lee.

### PRINCETON CHAPTER #1126

The Worthy Grand Matron's Fraternal Visit to Princeton Chapter was one that was long awaited and special. The Crown Plaza, Addison, Texas, was the site of this special meeting held on Saturday, August 18. This lovely banquet and meeting was the beginning of such a special time. The officers and members made everyone proud in the way they performed their duties. It will long be remembered for the love that was shown for Sister Joyce Gilbert.

### BEXAR CHAPTER #616

On Saturday, September 1, the Worthy Grand Matron honored the Worthy Grand Patron's home chapter, Bexar #616, with a Fraternal Visit. This special event was held at the Holiday Inn El

Tropicana in San Antonio. Bexar Chapter made their Worthy Grand Patron so very proud. Every detail and every thing was done in strictly “top drawer” fashion. It was such an honor for me to have a Sister serving as Chaplain who was 94 years young. Everything and everyone who participated in this special melody will always have a special place in my book of harmony.

## **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**

It was a wonderful journey for me to be able to attend 40 of the 42 Schools of Instruction held throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. The first school was held Thursday, September 6, in the Houston area. The School Schedule ended in the Worthy Grand Matron’s section in Plano on Saturday, March 6. I was absent from one School because I had the privilege of representing the Grand Chapter of Texas in Landstuhl, Germany. The other school I missed was due to illness.

The honors, courtesies and love bestowed upon me will always be a part of my “Harmony” Book. The Honorary Memberships are special because they came by vote of each chapter. The Deputy Grand Matrons worked tirelessly to make sure everything was properly prepared and in order when we arrived. Our District Deputy Grand Matrons were excellent teachers and included many activities in the instructional day.

### **“ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS”—LANDSTUHL, GERMANY**

On October 3, it was off into the wild blue yonder for Brother Gary Steele, Sisters Willie Mae Shaw and Janell Trees and me when we traveled to Germany. The “Onward Christian Soldiers” Committee and the membership of Texas raised \$32,000 for the Chaplain’s Clothes Closet at Landstuhl Hospital. This was an awesome honor to be able to present this check which will help provide clothing for our soldiers who have just come from the front line. This trip made all of us PROUD to be Americans and to be able to help at this time when so many of our citizens are in harm’s way.

## **FRATERNAL VISITS**

This year it was my pleasure to attend 40 Fraternal Visits in conjunction with the schools. It was my treat to be able to accompany the Worthy Grand Matron to 35 other Fraternal Visits. I extend sincere appreciation to all the Chapters for their warm welcomes, kindness and courtesies they extended to me. All of the Fraternal Visits were lovely and well planned.

## **100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

To be invited to participate in twelve 100th Anniversary celebrations will be among my fondest memories. Several different activities including dinners, teas, receptions, meetings and others were held to celebrate. Each activity was well planned and definitely reflected the memories of the last 100 years of each chapter.

## **GRAND LODGE**

It is by the support of the Grand Lodge of Texas, that the Grand Chapter of Texas, OES is able to be a viable and successful organization. It was my honor along with a large delegation of Eastern Stars to attend the Grand Lodge session held in Waco on December 6 through 8. How proud we were to see Brother Donny Broughton, Worshipful Grand Master, preside over the activities of the session. Then, to witness the Installation Ceremonies of Brother Tommy Griffin as Worshipful Grand Master provided the appropriate climax to the session.

## EXCHANGE VISITS

Eastern Star is about fellowship. It was my pleasure to meet my counterparts from the states of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana. The first exchange visit was hosted in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the states of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas on March 7 and 8. The second exchange was with Louisiana in Carthage and Shreveport, Louisiana on April 18 and 19. It was a pleasure to learn of the traditions of the other states and to make new friends.

## CRUISE

What a wonderful adventure we enjoyed with approximately 180 members participating in the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's cruise on March 30 through April 5. We visited the ports of Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel. The fun and fellowship were out of this world. During the cruise approximately twenty-five members participated in the "On the Deck" walk for the cure for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

## SPECIAL HONORS

The office of Worthy Grand Patron was honored throughout the year with many special presentations. They will always be among the memories I will cherish and appreciate.

Keys to the City from Athens, Lufkin, Smithville, Bay City, Waco and Center  
Letter of congratulations from Governor of Texas  
Texas flag presented by State Representative Phil King  
Texas flag presented by Sister Anna Huckabee, Grand Escort to the Grand  
Sentinel, on behalf of the Texas State Legislature  
United States flag presented by U. S. Congressman, Representative Chet Edwards  
Lighting of the Star on the Mountain in honor of the Worthy Grand Matron and  
Worthy Grand Patron—El Paso  
Proclamation of Worthy Grand Patron, Jerry Trees, Days—Odessa  
Certificate of Recognition—Office of the Mayor—Cleburne  
Proclamation—Jerry Trees Day—Georgetown  
Honorary Citizen—Brownwood  
Proclamation of the County Judge—Tyler County  
Honorary Deputy Sheriff—Harris County  
Proclamation—Recognition of Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron—Copperas Cove  
Proclamation—Jerry Trees Day—Lufkin  
Proclamation—Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron, Day—Tomball  
Proclamation—Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron, Days—Waco  
Proclamation of Eastern Star Day—Cleburne  
Resolution from State Representative Edmund Keumpel—Seguin  
Recognition by Mayor of Seguin—Seguin  
Proclamation—Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron Day—Corpus Christi  
Proclamation—Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron—Alcalde (Mayor) La Ciudad de  
La Villita—San Antonio  
Special Recognition—City of San Angelo  
Honorary Citizen—Jacksonville  
Proclamation—Recognition of Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron—Wills Point  
Proclamation OES Days—Mesquite  
Proclamation—Jerry Trees Day—Woodville

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Newly-elected Associate Grand Conductress' Breakfast  
Conference for Deputies of Grand Chapter  
Dedication of Elevator—Yoakum Lodge and Chapter  
Masonic Family Day  
TMRC Christmas Party  
Annual Meeting of the Texas Cardinals, Inc.  
Honor Night at Ridglea Chapter for Sister Rennie Ofton, RWAGM  
Associate Grand Conductress Banquet  
TMRC Board Banquet honoring members of TMRC Board  
Fun Day at TMRC and "Music Among the Stars" Concert  
Grand Conductress Banquet

## **IN CONCLUSION . . .**

This year of service is at its conclusion. I expressed in the beginning of this report my sincere appreciation for the honor of serving you, the membership, as your Worthy Grand Patron. Though the duty is complete, I will continue to serve with you in order that the Order of the Eastern Star will continue to be a viable and loving fraternity. May we continue to walk hand in hand with service and love for each other and our awesome God.

In Harmonious Love and Service,

Jerry Trees  
Worthy Grand Patron 2007-2008

## **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

Since the Advanced Annual Report had to be submitted to The Grand Secretary the first of June, I submit the following additional information:

Attended two additional Fraternal Visits.

Participated in the Chapter Installations of Waco, Alamo Heights, Somerset and Texas Chapters.

It was my privilege to attend Grand Assembly for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Waco. I brought the greetings of the Worthy Grand Matron who was unable to attend on Friday evening, and then it was my honor to bring greetings Saturday evening on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I attended all activities of the session and was honored to attend the Grand Cross of Color Breakfast and Ceremonies.

I attended the Associate Grand Matron's and Associate Grand Patron's banquet in Waco.

I attended all functions of Multi-State in Shreveport, Louisiana, during which Texas once again won the banner. Texas had 156 members registered.

I attended the Ivory Angels' and Harmonizer's Roundup in Plano honoring the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. What a great time we had.

I presented a Rob Morris Program to Cleveland Chapter No. 465.

I attended the Board of Directors Retirement Banquet. Gary Steele of District 1 and A. L. Casparis of District 2 were the honorees.

It was my pleasure to be home and attend the meeting of the District V Section 7 Past Matrons

and Past Patrons Association.

I attended the banquet of the Associate Grand Conductress, Mary Ruth White, given by the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of District 4 Section 5 in Houston.

During the period of August 1, 2007 to August 25, 2008, I traveled 34,270 highway miles, 10,766 air miles and 2,401 nautical miles for a total of 47,945 miles. Also during this period, I personally sent out 2,283 greeting cards to the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas including several to other Grand Jurisdictions.

Again, I express my sincere appreciation to Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron, for the walk of a lifetime.

Jerry Trees  
Worthy Grand Patron 2007 – 2008

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the Worthy Grand Patron's report be referred to the proper Committee.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a second. I have a motion and a second to refer the Worthy Grand Patron's report to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the motion and a second. Please vote by raising your green cards. Motion carried. Thank you.

I now recognize the Grand Secretary for her report.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm going to ask my staff to come stand with me on the stage because we are a team in the office, and this is their report too.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

As my staff and I complete another year of service, it is hard to believe another year has gone by so fast. We have accomplished so much this past year but this would not have been possible without you the membership being so supportive and responsive to our requests.

We started the year with the Office Review by Jefferson Wells. They gave many valid suggestions on how to make the office more productive and most of them have been implemented. One of the recommendations was to purchase a fire safe to protect Grand Chapter property, which has been done. We also use it to place the backup for the computers.

The Auditors came right after the Office Review and were finished in record time because all the information they needed was in proper form. Both the Office Review and Audit came in under budget, which saved Grand Chapter money, because of the cooperation of the office staff. I commend the office staff for all their hard work and dedication.

I must commend all the Chapter Secretaries for all they do to keep their Chapter in compliance with not only our law but the law of the land. After many phone calls and emails we succeeded in getting the IRS Form 990 filed by all four hundred twenty (422) Chapters. I received a letter from the IRS verifying our 501C3 and 501C8 are in tact because of this filing. The forms for the filing for the year 2008 will be in the Chapter Packet and will be due October 1, 2008.

We purchased a scanner to get the membership master cards and other records transferred to the server. This will save a lot of storage space when we move to the new office. I have implemented a Record Retention Policy which will be put in place with the move.

I have started verifying the Annual Reports already scanned into the server to make sure all have been scanned and then and only then your chapter may vote to destroy what ever records you

have. I know that storage space has become a problem in some of the Lodges and I am trying to address that problem. I will notify you when your chapter may take this step.

The office staff and I participated, with a booth, in the Masonic Family Weekend held in October on the grounds at TMRC.

I reported to General Grand Chapter One Million Four hundred thousand (1.4) had been donated by you the members for many community projects, scholarships and charities. I want to thank the District Deputies who gave me the information from your chapter reports. After reflecting on these reports I felt the need to share with the membership and "Did You Know" was added to my column. I can't thank you enough for the blessing I have received as you send in your many activities. You are a most generous and caring membership.

One of my duties is to make arrangements for the Memorial Services of our deceased ladies living at TMRC. I consider it an honor to serve in this capacity and to do all I can to comfort their families and to honor the requests of the deceased. These services were held for Ann Frerking, Loraine Segeser, Opal Dalton, Emma Lou Rush and Vlasta Ashley.

I have completed a list of all those who have been interned into Parkdale Cemetery and have a plot map on file. As of to date we have 47 plots left at Parkdale Cemetery.

We held a Workshop in April for the Secretaries and Membership. Ninety three (93) very attentive members were in attendance. All had a delicious lunch at TMRC. A survey was made after the presentation and very good reports were given. A lap top computer and projectors were purchased for presentations. Again I want to thank the office staff for all they did to make this a success. We plan to make this an annual event.

I attended the Constituting of Timpson No.1144 and the Instituting of TMRC Daylight UD. I attended all Board of Directors and Corporate Board Meetings and as many Schools and Line Officer Banquets as time would allow. I attended the Installation at Grand Lodge.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees: It has been such a joy and blessing to have served with you this year. Your kindness and love for this membership is beyond mere words. Thank you for such a wonderful year and I sincerely hope all your dreams have come true.

To Sister Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer: As you approach your tenth year of service I know you will be as dedicated to our order as you have been in the past. Your love and caring about the membership exemplifies what Eastern Star is all about. I appreciate you for your willingness to accept all the challenges put before you and your friendship. You are truly my friend.

To the Board of Directors: Yours is a very responsible job and I appreciate you for all you do. I appreciate all your support, as I realize without you the Grand Chapter Office could not have made the progress we have made these past years. I really appreciate the faith you show in me as I bring to you the information needed to take care of the business of Grand Chapter. I look forward to another year of progress.

To my office staff Marlene Scholari, Bookkeeper, Donna Kirkpatrick, Supplies and Printing, Tava Smith, Receptionist, and Charlotte Beall, Membership: Thank you for all your dedication and service to the membership and to me. Your constant dedication to the work of Grand Chapter and your concern for the membership is beyond expectations. Words fail to describe how much each of you means to me. You keep me smiling.

To Sister Lynn Kearney goes a big thank you for all the many hours you volunteer in the office. No words can express how much I appreciate all you do for the order.

To my husband George: Thank you for all your care, support and patience. You are always there to encourage and listen to me. You light up my life.

To you the Membership: You continue to uplift those of us who work for you. Thank you for all your dedication and service as you continue to work in your chapters. Always know we are here for you.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Secretary, as printed in the Advanced Report and presented to Grand Chapter be referred to the proper committee.

Nell Smith Drenner  
Grand Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The 2008 Annual Reports again reflect a decrease in membership and the number of Subordinate Chapters.

### MEMBERSHIP

May 31, 2007                      **38,979**

### INCREASE:

Initiated                              771  
Affiliated                             629  
Reinstated                            260

**TOTAL:**                              **1,660**

### DECREASE:

Demits                                 275  
Withdrawn                            97  
Expelled                              5  
Transferred                         139  
Suspended                         1,047  
Deaths                                1,587

**TOTAL:**                              **3,150**

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON MAY 31, 2008                      **37,489**

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP SINCE 2007                      **1,490**

Exempt from Dues and Per Capita Tax - 123 members residing at TMRC

Exempt from Dues and Per Capita Tax - 378 50 year members.

TOTAL EXEMPT:                      501

DUAL MEMBERS:                      2,162

- 77 Chapters reported a gain in membership
- 38 Chapters reported the same in membership
- 303 Chapters reported a loss in membership

### 418 TOTAL CHAPTERS

### Demised Chapter

Abernathy Chapter No. 877

### Chapter Consolidations

- Van Chapter No. 840 with Grand Saline Chapter No. 290
- Bronte Chapter No. 1048 with Robert Lee Chapter No. 187
- Ballinger Chapter No. 266 with Winters Chapter No. 80

Naples Chapter No.907 with Omaha Chapter No.997

**Constituted Chapter**

Timpson Chapter No.1144

**Instituted Chapter**

TMRC–Daylight UD

**Reports turned in after June 8, 2008**

Brenham No 144

Sarah No. 353

Brady No. 167

The Colony No. 1136

Sanger No 1027

Houston Heights No. 258

Devine No. 43

Rule No.989

Norman Reed No. 1010

Sonora No. 575

Aransas Pass No.162

**50 YEAR CERTIFICATES ISSUED FOR  
GRAND CHAPTER YEAR 2007 - 2008**

**DALLAS 1**

MRS. EVA MAE McCLURE

MRS. REVA JOYCE MILLER

MRS. AGNES MORRIS

MRS. STELLA POST

MRS. ATMA PRINCE

MRS. FRANCES SANDLIN

MRS. WILMA SANDLIN

MRS. BETTY JEAN SIEBENHAUSEN

MRS. LULA THRESHER

MRS. JEANNINE VERINDER

J.W. WILLIAMSON

**WACO 7**

MRS. LUCILLE MILLER

**CEDAR BAYOU 11**

MRS. PEGGY MATHIS

**ALVIN 15**

MRS. ALICE ANN CARTER

**RUTH 20**

JOHN A. WILKES, JR.

**WEATHERFORD 21**

MRS. GEOGIA ANN ORR

**ROCKDALE 23**

MRS. PATRICIA BROADUS

**FLOYDADA 31**

MRS. ARDYTH SCHAUMBURG

MRS. LINDA HODGES

MRS. FLORENE RATLIFF

**TEXAS 35**

MRS. HELEN M. KELLY

D.A. MORRIS, JR

RUFUS JOHN WILSON

MRS. CAROLINE PITTMAN

MRS. DIANE N. MEYER

HARLEY WINGO

**THORNTON 46**

MRS. IMOGENE ARCHIBALD

**ALICE 61**

MRS. ALICE T. O'NEILL

MRS. WILMA MANSEL

**BASTROP 64**

GEORGE T. NORRIS

MRS. RUTH M. NORRIS

MRS. LEONA DAUGHTRY

NORMAN E. CRAWFORD

MRS. ETHEL IMOGENE NEIDIG

**PAMPA 65**

MRS. DOVIE LEE CUMMINS

**BIG SPRING 67**

MRS. LA VERA ANN MITCHELL

MRS. VIRGINIA P. LANGSTON

MRS. RUBY L. DICKSON

MRS. ELIZABETH PURCELL

MRS. GENAVIEVE GRAHAM

**BEAUMONT 71**

MRS. VERNA JO CARTER

MRS. BILLIE DALE CAYWOOD

MRS. LOIS DURRENBERGER

MRS. DORA N. NEILD

**SOUR LAKE 75**

MRS. RUTH ELLISON

MRS. OLIVE SCHMUCH

**LUBBOCK 76**

LEE T. TURNER

DAN FIELDS

MRS. TOYE FARRINGTON

**RUSK-ALTO 79**

ERNEST D. KEELS

MRS. EVILEEN KIEELS

MRS. EVELYN BICE

**PETROLIA 84**

MRS. UNA MAE HARMON

MRS. MARY DENNIS



**CHILDRESS 101**

MRS. MARY JANE FOXHALL  
 CHARLES BAKER  
 MRS. JOAN BAKER  
 MRS. MARGARET JO BROWN

**CANYON CITY 105**

MRS. MAXINE SHERROD  
 MRS. BETTY O'CONNOR

**MART 109**

MRS. BOBBYE PHILLIPS JACKSON

**CORSICANA 118**

MRS. MARY RUTH RICHARDS  
 MS. DOROTHY PHIPPS  
 MRS. ANNA GENE SPURLOCK  
 OTTIS RAY SPURLOCK

**LIPAN 127**

MRS. LENNIE COCHRAN

**PLEASANTON 133**

MRS. MARY A. SOUTH

**WIMODAUSIS 141**

MRS. PATRICIA WHITE  
 MRS. GERALDINE BRADFORD

**BRENHAM 144**

MRS. ELLEN Y WIESE

**GARLAND 156**

ROBERT L LANHAM  
 MRS. HELEN GARNER

**VIOLET 158**

MRS. SUE GIBBS

**QUINLAN 170**

MRS. PEGGY McDANIEL

**ATHENS 177**

MRS. LILLIAN HARPER

**TRINITY 186**

MRS. RUBY TIPTON

**ROBERT LEE 187**

KENNETH D. OSBORN

**GREENVILLE 189**

MRS. BETTYE M. COLLINS

**MADISONVILLE 193**

MRS. PATRICIA WELLS

**BOERNE 200**

MRS. ADELINE BUROW  
 MRS. MAXINE CHAVANA  
 MRS. BERNICE FITZPATRICK

**DEL RIO 204**

MRS. EDITH JO HELSEL

**BORDER 211**

MRS. MILDRED ESTELLE CATES  
 MRS. VIDA BRINE

**ORANGE 214**

MRS. YVONNE P. HUMPHREY  
 MRS. ALICE R. WHITTON

**GRAND PRAIRIE 219**

MRS. MARGARET STEVENSON  
 MRS. GUINN CASEY  
 MRS. IRENE MAGUM  
 MRS. JEANETTE WALDRUM  
 MRS. MARY HELEN WALDRUM  
 MRS. LORENE PARKER

MRS. HELEN J. DAVIDSON  
 MRS. INA NORMAN

**VELASCO 220**

MRS. JOYCE E. TANNER  
 MRS. BETTYE J. MURRELL  
 MRS. MARIE "PAT" ROSEBUD

**NEWTON 224**

INMAN ISAAC  
 MRS. WANDA JONES

**MIDLOTHIAN 234**

MRS. LILA FAYE CLARK  
 MRS. MARIETTA CLARK

**SOMERVILLE 245**

CLARANCE L. JUNEK  
 MRS. DELLIA MAE JUNEK

**SULPHUR BLUFF 246**

MRS. MARY BONHAM  
 MRS. MARTHA JEANNE McDONALD  
 MRS. DORIS HERMAN  
 MRS. OLA WORSHAM

**ARLINGTON 249**

MRS. KATHERINE SHERMAN

**AVERY 252**

WESLEY McMILLON

**MIDLAND 253**

MRS. FERN LITTLE

**JOHN GILLESPIE 257**

MRS. FRANCES W. WALKER  
 CHARLES E. WALKER  
 MRS. DENZIL GARTMAN

**HOUSTON HEIGHTS 258**

MRS. NORINE VAN DEVENTER

**DENTON 259**

MRS. JOHNNIE SLAYMAKER

**EASTLAND 280**

MRS. BETTY JO BARNES  
 MRS. BETTY JO NICHOLS

**YOAKUM 282**

MRS. KATHRYN HAIRELL  
 OSCAR HAIRREL

**CLIFTON 283**

MRS. ADLINE DENNIS  
 MRS. SAMMIE LYNN HAMPTON  
 MRS. LULA ANN MORRISON  
 MRS. GLORIA W. STRYKER  
 MRS. VELMA CLAIRE WHITE  
 MRS. CATHERINE BEARDEN

**JASPER 291**

MRS. CHRISTENE JOURDAN

**SILSBEE 298**

MRS. TOMMY SMITH

**AUSTIN 304**

MRS. TILLIE BURNETTE  
 MALCOLM FERGUSON  
 MRS. EUZELLA FORD  
 MRS. BETTIE PORTER  
 MRS. RUTH ROBBINS  
 MRS. DOROTHY TIPPIE  
 MISS ELEANOR PAGE

**FRANKLIN 311**

MRS. MARIE BUCKLEY  
MRS. OPAL O'NEAL

**HEREFORD 312**

MRS. NORMA THOMPSON

**GRAPEVINE 326**

MRS. NANCY JO ESTILL

**FAIRFIELD 331**

MRS. BEATRICE BULIN  
MRS. BERTIE P. HENSON

**LYTLE 335**

MRS. MAXINE SMITH

**BRONSON 337**

MRS. PAULINE CLARK

**CENTER 348**

MRS. JANIS DOGGETT

**CORPUS CHRISTI 354**

MRS. LUCY WOMACK COUGER  
MRS. LUCY BARRON MORE

**WILLS POINT 366**

MRS. VERDINE HINDMAN

**CUSHING 368**

MRS. MARTHA JO McMILLAN

**PORT LAVACA 373**

MRS. MARYNELLE BRUCE  
MRS. BETTY HUSKEY  
MRS. ETHEL JECKER  
DR. FRANK E. KINSEY  
ROYACE T. McDANIEL  
MRS. VIRGINIA SHULTS

**TEMPLAR 374**

MRS. GENEVA HARBOUR  
MRS. DOROTHY SALISBURY

**JOHNSON CITY 376**

MRS. JANETTE HOPPE  
MRS. LUCILE NEWMAN

**PITTSBURG 381**

MRS. PATRICIA JONES

**LUFKIN 382**

MRS. BEATRICE REEVES

**PALESTINE 395**

MRS. PATSY COLEMAN

**HUMBLE 415**

MRS. JOYCE JENKINS

**POLYTECHNIC 420**

MRS. GAYLE A. MORTON  
MRS. BOBBIE SUE CROW

**BEEVILLE 422**

MRS. JEWEL SMITH

**VERNON 424**

MRS. RUBY ROBINSON  
MRS. BERNICE CARROLL

**GORMAN 443**

MRS. ROWENE WILSON

**ODESSA 447**

MRS. CONNIE McCANN

**TRAVIS 472**

GILBERT F. THEILER  
MRS. DOROTHY SOLT

**EDINGURG 473**

MRS. MARGARET F. BISHOP  
MRS. JEAN REEVES

**KILLEEN 490**

MRS. YOLANDA JUNE WETZEL

**CROCKETT 509**

MRS. JOY MAXINE INCE  
MRS. BETTYE JO HARGROVE  
MRS. GLORIA PATRICIA SIMS

**OAKVILLE 521**

CHARLES M. WOODWARD  
MRS. VERNA LEE WOODWARD

**MISSION 527**

MRS. OMA D. BUSH  
MRS. TOMMYE J. PROFFER

**DECATUR 543**

CECIL R. WOOD  
MRS. ALMA ELSOM  
HENRY JENKINS  
LEONARD DENNEY

**SEGUIN 555**

MRS. DOROTHY ROY  
MRS. FLORENE M McCLELLAN  
MRS. ERNA BELL LAUGHLIN  
MRS. TERESA N. HARRIS

**DAL-CLIFF 574**

MRS. ELNA DAVIS FEAMSTER  
MRS. HOPE PANKEY  
MRS. MARGUERITE W. KIRKLEY  
MRS. MARY LOIS BANDY  
MRS. DONNA REED

**TAYLOR 578**

MRS. ELLIE MAE MOTT

**MORAN 591**

MRS. JO JUAN ROGERS

**LOTT 594**

MRS. CLAUDIE SHELTON

**HENDERSON 597**

MELVIN R COOPER

**CREEDMOOR 607**

MRS. OLA RENE BARKER  
MRS. SONYA HERGETZ

**LONGVIEW 610**

MRS. VIRGINIA SUE CRANK  
MRS. ALYCE KAY GARRETT  
MRS. MARY G. LEDBETTER  
MRS. PAULINE RICHARDSON  
MRS. SALLY M. DYER

**BEXAR 616**

MRS. JANE T. WARDEN  
MRS. LOUELLA WEEKS

**HANDLEY 617**

MRS. DOROTHY M. DUKE  
MRS. OLETA Y. TREDWAY  
MRS. VERNA B. SMITH

**TEXAS CITY 626**

DON STOLTENBERG

**CORRIGAN 631**

MRS. ROBBIE LOVING DRIVER

**HARLINGEN 641**

MRS. IMOGENE "JEANIE" GRAHAM

**ROYSE CITY 642**

MRS. ROSEMARY FRANKLIN

MRS. INEZ SMITH

**LOYAL 648**

EDWIN F. DAVENPORT

MRS. LOIS FANNING

MRS. CAMILLA MICHAEL

LOIS RAYMOND MICHAEL

MRS. EDITH F. PLEDGER

MRS. EARLINE WILEY

MRS. JO DUDLEY

**CANTON 667**

MRS. JESSIE LEA SHAW

**PORT NACHES 677**

MRS. BARBARA PARKS

MRS. DORIS WILKIE

**NORTH FORT WORTH 684**

MRS. RUTH E. JAMES

MRS. CLARA THOMPSON

MRS. GERRY SMITH

**FARMERS BRANCH 687**

LUKE E. MOONEY

MRS. NELDA J. DAVIS

**MAGNOLIA 706**

MRS. BONNIE BLOODWORTH

MRS. JEAN TAYLOR ROCHELLE

**CONROE 710**

OLEN UNRUH

MRS. BERNICE UNRUH

**PASADENA 711**

MRS. BETTY JEAN CLARK

**PARK PLACE 731**

MRS. HELEN M. HARDING

MRS. HELEN HARDING

**CARTHAGE 747**

CECIL BETTEVY

MRS. MARGARET BETTEVY

MRS. LAMA MAE BOWEN

MRS. BOBBIE JUNE BOWEN

MRS. JIMMIE BROOKS

MRS. LERLENE CADENHEAD

MRS. OREDIAN CRANMORE

MRS. DOYLE HENIGAN

PAUL H. INGRAM

MRS. VIRGIE ANN INGRAM

MRS. NINA MILLER

MRS. MADELIENE NICHOLS

MRS. JOYCE NORTHCUTT

H.N. PALMER

MRS. MARY WEDGEWORTH

**HARLINGEN 750**

MRS. DOROTHY JEAN HOLLEY

MRS. DOROTHY MAE GETTMAN

MRS. DOROTHY W. SCHAEFER

MRS. JONNIE O. WATSON

**HILLSBORO 769**

MRS. VELMA E. ATTEBERY

**AMARILLO 787**

MRS. GWENDOLYN SAXON

**CKRLHILL DELTA FLORA 794**

MRS. BEATRICE HOLMES

WILLIAM R. NOLEN

MRS. SYLVANDIA C. NOLEN

**GOOSE CREEK 798**

MRS. JOANNE G. YORK

MRS. EVELYN BADGLEY

MRS. HELEN CHAMBLEE

GEORGE W. CURTIS

**GROESBECK 810**

MRS. CLARE JUNE WALDROP

**BORGER 811**

MRS. LOUISE ADAMS

R.M.(BOB) ADAMS

EVERETT R. TRACY

MRS. DIXIE C. TRACY

**MABANK 821**

MRS. JEAN RICHMAN

**WISTERIA 823**

MRS. DICKIE JANE CALAME

MRS. VIVIAN RUTH POWELL

**QUEEN ESTHER 833**

JAMES D. BRYD

MRS. HAZEL D. BRYD

**RIVERSIDE 834**

MRS. LORENE KIRKSEY

**SOUTH FORT WORTH 835**

MRS. MYRTIS ANTHONY

JACK MOTLEY

**MESQUITE 887**

MRS. MYRTIS ANTHONY

JACK MOTLEY

MRS. ALICE MOTLEY

MARSHALL E. ROSE

**DAINGERFIELD 906**

MRS. VIRGINIA McDANIEL

**HAWKINS 908**

MRS. EDNA PARKER

**POTEET 913**

MRS. HELEN C. SPENCE

**VIDOR 914**

MRS. ELEANOR GARRETT

MRS. BETTY LOU POST

MRS. PEGGY SPELL

H.J. (JEFF) BAILEY

**SOUTH HOUSTON 915**

MRS. ANITA BARTON

**MELROSE 920**

MRS. DOROTHY ANN JOHNSON

MRS. ADDIE MAE KING

**ROSEWYN 927**

MRS. BILLIE MARIE TINNIN

MRS. JUDY HUGHES

**WALTER BALDWIN 929**

MRS. FLORA GARTMAN

**LEWISVILLE 935**

JAMES HIGGINS  
 MRS. JEAN HIGGINS  
 MRS. BERNICE WRIGHT

**FARMERSVILLE 940**

MRS. BONNIE PRICE

**LANCASTER 943**

MRS. VELMA G. SMITH

**MIKE THOMAS-OAKCLIFF 951**

MRS. GLYNDA R. WHEELLESS  
 MRS. ETOILE MARTIN  
 MRS. FRANCES GRIMES  
 MRS. NADINE SAKIS

**ZAVALLA 952**

JAMES D. COOPER  
 MRS. EDITH JEWEL ROY

**GROVES PORT ARTHUR 953**

MRS. DIXIE DAVIS CASEY  
 MRS. ELIZABETH DORGAN  
 MRS. WYMONA PETIT  
 MRS. JUNE KINCHEN

**GANADO 957**

MRS. ELAINE ROWLAND

**EDWIN J. KEIST 959**

MRS. EVA BETH SEIBERT  
 MRS. LOUISE BARLOW  
 MRS. HELEN B. BARTON  
 MRS. SUE R. EUBANKS  
 MRS. HETTIE LOU FIELDS  
 MRS. PHALA NORRIS  
 MRS. PHYLLIS PIERCE  
 MRS. DORIS TRITTON  
 WALTER F. WATKINS

**WINNSBORO 967**

MRS. BILLIE CAMERON

**CALDWELL 976**

MRS. SAMMYE SMITH

**LA MARQUE 979**

MRS. KATHERINE MEAD  
 MRS. NELL TULLIS

**HALTOM CITY 982**

JOHNNIE B. LEE  
 MRS. ROBERTA REEVES

**A.E. SHIRLEY 986**

MRS. ELLA MAE SANDERFER

**GARDEN OAKS 987**

MRS. MARGARET SINCLAIR

**MEDINA 988**

MRS. LORETTA L. JOHNSON  
 MRS. SHERILL W. JOHNSON

**YSLETA 991**

MRS. MARY FROST  
 MRS. MARY McDANIEL  
 MRS. THELMA GENE MILLER  
 MRS. JEAN TAYLOR DARR  
 MRS. WANDA HOSMER  
 LYLE E. HOSMER

**LEXINGTON 996**

MRS. OLLIE B. SIEGELER  
 MRS. MYRTLE ALICE FRITCHER  
 MRS. EVON HUTSON

**FRIENDSHIP 1008**

MRS. CHARLENE HULEN  
 MRS. BARBARADELLA TALENT  
 MRS. MARGIE L. PARRENT

**LAKE JACKSON 1009**

MRS. BILLIE DRAKE  
 MRS. PATRICIA PATTERSON

**DUNCANVILLE 1014**

CLIFFORD O. HARRIS

**FRANK W. LYNN 1015**

MRS. MARGARET LAND

**WAEJDER 1023**

MRS. PATRICIA CARLTON  
 THOMAS W. MIKSCH

**CASTLEBERRY 1028**

MRS. LERA JEAN SHARPE

**DAWSON 1046**

MRS. JANE CLARK

**WALLER 1047**

MRS. EUNICE SITTON

**NORTH SHORE 1058**

MRS. BETTY TREVATHAN  
 MRS. MELBA BOZANT  
 MRS. DAPHNE ESSL

**PEARLAND 1065**

MRS. BARBARA JEAN HOLT  
 MRS. MINNIE LEE HARRIS

**NEDERLAND 1079**

MRS. ROSEMARY PERKINS  
 MRS. MARJORIE SEABOLT  
 MRS. MARY LOUISE RICHARDS  
 MRS. MINNIE RUTH PAUL

**LONE STAR 1083**

MRS. BOBBIE BARBER

**ALDINE 1088**

MRS. BETTY LOU DENISON  
 MRS. ANNA JEAN HAYMON

**WALLACE HUGHSTON 1100**

MRS. FRANCES THOMAS  
 ROBERT THOMAS

**CANYON LAKE 1103**

CARROL ROSS MATHENY

**ZAPATA 1106**

MRS. ELAINE BRUNS

**KINGSLAND 1118**

CONDEE A. ELLISON

**KATY 1121**

MRS. NANCY ANN KING

**GAINESVILLE 1123**

MRS. EMMA BRADY  
 J.C. (CARLOS) BRADY

**WOLFE CITY 1129**

MRS. FRANCES MILTON

**KLEIN 1141**

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH WUNSCH

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Secretary, as printed in the Advanced Report and presented to Grand Chapter, be referred to the proper Committee.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Grand Secretary. You've heard a motion and a second to refer the Grand Secretary's report to the proper Committee. I ask all those in favor to raise your green card. All those opposed same sign. Motion carried.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield will give the Grand Treasurer report.

**MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD:** Worthy Grand Matron, the Grand Treasurer's report has been given to the Grand Secretary for proper handling.

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER 2007-2008**

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, other Distinguished Members, my wonderful Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you to the sweet membership of Texas for touching my life in such a special way by allowing me the privilege of service in this office for nine years. You have encouraged me by your kind words and humbled me with your support and your many courtesies.

To Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron, and Bro. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron, your excellent leadership this year is only surpassed by your love for our Order. Thank you for your service, for your love of the Order, and for the kindnesses and support you have extended to the office of Grand Treasurer.

To Sister Joyce Nicklas and Bro. Ray Hertenberger, who will become our leaders in just a matter of hours, my prayers are with you as you assume your leadership roles. My wish for you is that all of your goals will be accomplished and all of your dreams will be realized.

To Sister Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary, thank you for the assistance and support you have given to the office of Grand Treasurer this year. You continue to serve the membership efficiently, and with a loving spirit. To the office staff, my gratitude, as always, for the many courtesies you have shown to me over the years and for your assistance and cooperation each time I asked.

At my request, Bro. Gary Steele, District 1 member of the Board of Directors, designed a computer program for handling the Endowed Membership in a much more efficient manner. I am deeply indebted to Gary for his willingness to take on this project and for the time and effort he spent on it.

To my chapter, Edwin J. Kiest Chapter No. 959, thank you for the support and encouragement you have given to me over the years. Your devotion and dedication to our Order always amazes me as you go about serving our Chapter and Grand Chapter without fanfare, but with a deep love for the Order.

In addition to fulfilling the responsibilities of the office of Grand Treasurer, I attended 7 meetings of the Board of Directors; all meetings of the Corporate Board; 2 Purposes and Policies Committee meetings; all Grand Line Officers' banquets except two; a banquet for the two retiring Board members 10 Schools of Instruction; 8 Fraternal Visits; the Masonic Family Day at TMRC; filled my station for the Constituting of Timpson Chapter No 1144, as well as the Instituting of TMRC Daylight Chapter U.D.; participated in 3 installations; and attended many Chapter meetings throughout the State

A summary of Grand Chapter's financial status for September 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 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  
MAY 31, 2008**

Certificates Issued	Date	Number Issued	Principal Amount
1 - 4,520	Nov. 1, 1987 thru Aug. 31, 2007	4,520	\$ 2,260,000
4521 - 4,776	Sep. 1, 2007 thru May 31, 2008	256	128,000
<b>TOTAL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS</b>		<b>4,776</b>	<b>\$ 2,388,000</b>

Total Endowed Memberships - 4,776 @ \$500.00 = \$ 2,388,000

Note: The Chapters received \$21.10 for each eligible Endowed Member

In accordance with the Code of Laws, Art. 204,(4),(b), page 139, interest in the amount of \$443.10 was credited to the General Fund for the following 21 Endowed Memberships:

Vera A. (Gardner) Biggs	Lila D. Holt	Debra D. Morlock
W. J. Beaver	Luella V. Johnson	Heather Morlock
Rita Joyce Bragg	Margaret L. Lowell	Raymond D. Moreock
Lois Carver	Kimberly Morlock Martin	Hazel K. Nunn
Charles E. Day	Sydney C. McMurray	Betty Ray
Sandra Jean Gilbert	Robert B. McMurray	George Mac Ray
Helen W. Henson	Lorie Ware McCulloch	Katherine Koym Seymour

**GENERAL FUND  
Operating Checking Account**

	<b>Sep. 1, 2006 April 30, 2007</b>	<b>Sep. 1, 2007 April 30, 2008</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
General Fund Per Capita	\$ 124,482	\$ 119,064
WGM Designated Funds	5,200	57,860
General Fund Humanitarian	4,500	-0
Interest Brokerage Account	26,500	37,783
Endowment Interest		103,450
Endowment Interest Sub Account		100,000
Interest From Endowed Members	758	527
Bulletin Subscriptions	20,800	17,870
Bulletin Articles	30,000	18,330
Credit Card Convenience Fees	130	4,887
Registration Fees	25,000	24,710
Supplies/Postage/Shipping	4,000	3,035
GGC Supplies Sales	23,110	32,675
Grand Chapter Sales	15,340	19,578
GC Session Misc. Income	24,000	13,400

Gifts and Donations	600	1,951
Misc. Fees/Ck./CCREB/Spec. Disp	5,200	548

**GENERAL FUND**  
**Operating Checking Account**  
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	Sep. 1, 2006 April 30, 2007	Sep. 1, 2007 April 30, 2008
Administrative Revenue	4,171	-0-
Other Misc. Receipts	5,500	2,562
Founders Day	2,700	10,594
International Headquarters	4,450	3,265
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 373,331</b>	<b>\$ 572,089</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Office Salaries	61,440	62,608
Payroll Taxes	780	-0-
Grand Secretary Housing	4,800	4,800
Grand Secretary Salary	13,341	12,462
Grand Treasurer Salary	3,750	2,917
Annual Proceedings-Printing	365	15,235
Printing-Other/GC Supplies Resale	14,600	10,610
Ballot and Voting Cards	50	370
Building Maint./Repairs/Replac.	340	-0-
Bulletins	35,000	36,225
Credit Card Fees	165	156
Contingency Fund	-0-	-0-
Equipment & Furnishings	2,700	-0-
Grand Chapter Session	750	750
Advance Reports	4,800	3,750
Official Reporter	3,000	3,250
Installation Programs	500	500
Session & Memorial Programs	5,000	5,800
Registration Forms/Postage/Badges	2,595	1,500
Review Office	-0-	19,690
Miscellaneous	600	500
TMRC Board/Directors Ret. Dinner	125	50
Worthy Grand Matron Expense	3,500	3,500
Worthy Grand Patron Expense	1,600	1,600
Associate Grand Matron Expense	2,000	2,000
Associate Grand Patron Expense	400	400
Grand Secretary Expense	2,000	2,000
Grand Treasurer Expense	600	600
Grand Conductress Expense	400	400
Associate Grand Conductress Expense	400	400
Grand Chapter Committees	250	-0-
General Grand Chapter Officers Expense	-0-	-0-
GC Support Staff Housing	1,700	-0-
Insurance - Directors' Liability	4,200	4,200
Insurance - Furnishings, Personal Pro./Umbrella	55,400	50,000
Insurance - Workman's Comp.	4,400	4,500
Past Grand Matron's Jewel	750	750

Past Grand Patron's Jewel	450	450
Audit/CPA	22,450	15,820

**GENERAL FUND**  
**Operating Checking Account**  
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<b>Sep. 1, 2006</b>	<b>Sep. 1, 2007</b>
<b>April 30, 2007</b>	<b>April 30, 2008</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS (continued)**

Computer/Data Processing	2,914	430
Copy Machine	4,000	4,000
Internet Service	800	955
Janitorial Service	1,575	1,925
Legal	-0-	-0-
GGC Supplies Resale	18,900	52,600
GGC Per Capita	40,910	39,365
Postage Meter Lease	900	1,800
Postage/Petty Cash	4,150	162
Postage - Bulletin Mailings	6,565	8,420
Postage Permit	205	175
Office & Printing Supplies	5,750	16,800
Repairs Equipment	1,025	-0-
Photos for Proceedings	900	500
Security Service	250	250
Utilities-Electric	3,637	3,725
Utilities-Gas	460	530
Utilities-Telephone	2,300	2,380
Auto Acquisition	9,000	12,000
Auto-Fuel	2,700	5,720
Auto-License	100	150
Auto-Repairs/Maintenance	-0-	765
Visiting Grand Officers Expense	620	242
Payroll Expense Liability	7,225	6,720
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 370,087</b>	<b>\$ 427,407</b>

**OES RETIREMENT FUND - 501(c)3**

<b>Sep. 1, 2006</b>	<b>Sep. 1, 2007</b>
<b>April 30, 2007</b>	<b>April 30, 2008</b>

**REVENUES:**

Per Capita Income	\$ 207,470	198,440
Endowment Interest		207,550
Interest	42,500	48,390
Bequests & Gifts	43,000	1,950
Oil & Gas Royalty	28,600	31,232
Ladies' Pensions	160,000	134,163
Home Member Receipts	17,000	18,645
Humanitarian	5,500	5,200



<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 504,070</b>	<b>\$ 645,570</b>
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**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Audit	\$ 4,000	4,000
Data Entry (Property)	-0-	3,655
Legal	1,658	350
Liability Insurance	338	500
Funeral Expense	6,995	2,816
Allowance to Ladies	11,690	10,360
In Service 501(c)3 Accts. Mgmt.	4,200	-0-
Investment Fees	12,140	17,850
Infirmary Housing	339,728	321,340
Ladies Residence Housing	122,649	112,070
Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	565	790
TMRC Resident Parties	163	806
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 504,126</b>	<b>\$ 474,537</b>

**BENEVOLENT AID**

	<b>Sep. 1, 2006</b>	<b>Sep. 1, 2007</b>
	<b>April 30, 2007</b>	<b>April 30, 2008</b>
Balance Forward 8/31/07		\$ 23,000

**INCOME:**

Per Capita	\$ 41,494	\$ 39,686
Interest	2,000	615
501(C)8 Sub Account Interest	-0-	16,500
Humanitarian	8,600	1,946
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 52,094</b>	<b>\$ 81,747</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Permanent Aid	\$ -0-	\$ 46,300
Temporary Aid	61,100	22,400
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 61,100</b>	<b>\$ 68,700</b>

## CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

	Int. Rate	Maturity	Amount
Chase Bank Fannie V. Ward	3.10%	8/30/08	\$ 37,500
Chase Bank Helen M. Bramlett	3.10%	8/30/08	8,500
Chase Bank Education Fund	3.10%	8/30/08	65,000
Guaranty Bank Office Furniture Fund	4.75%	5/26/08	32,327
Guaranty Bank Vehicle Acquisition Fund	3.00%	9/10/08	21,991
Wells Fargo Advantage Government FDCL			
3.60%	2/7/09		
Balance 4/30/08			\$102,309

## BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

	April 30, 2007	April 30, 2008
General Fund Chase	\$ 561,106	\$ 693,778
Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund Chase(C3)	1,417,586	1,465,257
Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund Checking Chase (C3)	32,276	27,194
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund Chase (C8)	8,687,058	8,775,242
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund Sub Acct. Property Sales Chase (C8)	3,477,357	3,521,587
Educational Fund (Kennington Bank One	523,137	529,507
Special Funds (WGM Projects) Chase	123,547	142,903
Benevolent Aid Chase	12,681	27,349
Endowed Membership Trust Chase	2,188,276	2,366,511
Special Fund Stamp Program Chase	97,647	96,987
Property Sale Account (25%) Chase	467,769	439,312

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I call on Mickie Campbell, the president of our Board of Directors, to give her report.

**MRS. MICKIE CAMPBELL:** Thank you.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AUGUST, 2008  
126TH GRAND CHAPTER SESSION  
ADDISON, TEXAS**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers All:

It is my honor to introduce you to the Board of Directors for 2007-2008: Sisters Lori Goldman, Vice Chairman from District 5, Diane Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer from District 3, Brothers Gary Steele, member, District 1, Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr., member, District 1, A. L. Casparis, member, District 2, Sisters Karen Kidd, member, District 2, Lorraine Williams, member, District 3, Terri Rozell, member, District 4, Kathy Teele, member, District 5.

As many of you are aware, Brother Bill Bane resigned his position on the Board as of December 31, 2007 to move to Washington, D. C. with his wife Sister Alma Lynn Bane. All of the Board members wish them both well in their new adventure on the Eastern Star Trail. Our Worthy Grand Matron asked Sister Lorraine Williams to fill his term for the remainder of this Grand Chapter year, representing District 3. Sister Lorraine came on-board with such a positive attitude and we appreciate her enthusiasm and hard work.

There is one other very important person that I would like to recognize, and that is Sister Ann Kelly, who has been our very talented secretary the past several years. She is very dedicated to making sure that all comments during the course of the regular business meetings and the executive sessions are accurately recorded.

I have been so impressed with this "team". My theme this year has been to focus. And focus, they have. I told them at each meeting that "obstacles are those frightening things that you see when you take your eyes off the goal". They have taken that to heart and I thank each one of them for their dedication to ensuring that we achieve financial security for the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and that we care for as many of our members, as we financially can, who have fallen on hard times.

After the final election results were in at Grand Chapter, the Board members went into executive session where the 2 new Board Members, Bill Bane and Karen Kidd were welcomed, and the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer were elected.

I knew that we would have a very progressive year and accomplish good things for our Order because it was not what I know, but what knowledgeable people around me know. Having this team of very talented people makes the Chairmanship job easier. My special thanks to each of you for taking charge of the Committee assigned to you this year and working so hard to accomplish our goals and for staying so focused.

Shortly after the 2007 Grand Chapter Session was over, our first task was to contact the company that was awarded the contract for the operational review of the Grand Secretary's office. Jefferson Wells, International was contacted and their group started the review and completed said review in September, 2007. We originally budgeted \$30,000 for this project. Because of the cooperation of the Grand Secretary, Sister Nell Smith-Drenner, Grand Treasurer, Sister Betty Prater and the girls in the office, Marlene, Zaneta, Donna, Charlotte, and Tava, we came in \$10,798.64 under budget. The complete report with recommendations has been given to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert.. I personally want to thank everyone in the office for the professionalism they showed the group from Jefferson-Wells.

Jefferson-Wells recommended several things to improve performance and Terri Rozell and Karl Arthur Drescher accepted the responsibility of refining these recommendations and proposing such changes to the Board. As things cannot be done overnight, this process is ongoing and with the cooperation of the Grand Secretary's office staff, new policies and procedures on changes are being made.

A couple of years ago, Brother Jim Rippey, chairman of Titles, Deeds and Properties recommended that a program be developed on the data base for our Assets. With the expert help of Brother Gary Steele, we can now track oil and gas leases, property locations, County property taxes and many other things regarding properties that were left to Grand Chapter by means of wills, bequeaths, etc.

During this whole process of computerizing the office, Mr. Andrew Kochie found a high speed scanner that can process the membership information cards in days not months. After a show and tell demonstration (with a packed house looking on), the Board approved purchasing this Kodak high speed scanner. The day is now here where information about anyone who was ever a member of Eastern Star in Texas is available instantly.

Benevolent Aid (one time emergency, temporary, and permanent) funding is a real concern of the Board. Because there are so many of our members in need, we sometimes feel we are stretching the money. Thru April 30, 2008, we have, through YOUR generosity, and sound investments, distributed \$62,500.00 to our Sisters and Brothers in need. Thanks to each of you and don't forget that the Benevolent Aid Fund always needs money to help our members.

Our Ladies are doing wonderful at TMRC and we thank Brother Kirby Rudisill and his group of fine people for making our Ladies happy and healthy and safe, and busy. The final report will be given shortly.

We are hoping that next year we can report to you that the new Grand Secretary's office at TMRC is getting closer to opening. We can't thank Brother Kirby and the TMRC Board Members enough for allowing us to office in Brother Kirby & Sister Glenda's home on the TMRC grounds these few years. If there was a place for our museum, I think everyone in the office would just like to stay there among the beautiful pecan trees.

My appreciation to Sister Nell, Grand Secretary and Sister Betty, Grand Treasurer for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend our Board meetings. Both of you are so valuable to the Board bringing a wealth of information needed by us in making very important decisions. Thanks to each of you for your support and dedication to this Order.

To the office staff, well, you know I think you are the best. Each of you always have a smile and are so involved with your work at the office insuring that each person that calls in gets an answer as soon as possible. I hear compliments from the membership all the time about how helpful you are. Keep up the good work.

We have had such a good turnout of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Grand Line Officers and members coming to the Board meetings this year. Know that you are always welcome. Those of you who stay for lunch, know that the food is good and plentiful.

To the Board Members, I appreciate your confidence in electing me to serve as your Chairman this year. Each of you has become such a special part of my life and I thank you for your love and support.

To the membership of Texas, you have no idea what a rewarding job being on the Board of Directors means. Our main goal is to make sure that for many, many years from now, there will still be Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. That's a big responsibility. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity.

To my chapter, Pearland #1065, thank you for being patient with me. I know that there have been a few times when I had to be somewhere else and couldn't fill my station as your Organist. But you were always really happy to see me back and that's what matters.

To my husband, Ray, thank you for standing by me as I fulfill this position, knowing that you are there when I get home, or at least letting me know what fishing hole you are presently at. You are a "keeper".

Fraternally,

**OES GRAND CHAPTER  
501 C3 RETIREMENT BUDGET 2008-2009**

501C3 OES Retirement 2008-2009					
CODE	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL 2006- 2007 thru 4/30/07	Proposed Budget 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2007- 2008 thru 4/30/08	Proposed Budget 2008- 2009
1	Per Capita Income	\$207,470.00	\$200,000.00	198,440.00	185,000.00
2	Endowment Interest 501c(8)		\$207,550.00	207,550.00	182,355.00
3	Interest	\$42,500.00	\$63,700.00	48,390.00	62,650.00
4	Oil & Gas Royalty	\$28,600.00	\$43,000.00	31,232.00	46,850.00
5	Bequests & Gifts	\$43,000.00	\$25,000.00	1,950.00	20,000.00
6	Home Member Receipts	\$17,000.00	\$25,000.00	18,645.00	28,000.00
7	Ladies Pensions	\$160,000.00	\$240,000.00	134,163.00	201,225.00
8	Humanitarian	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	5,200.00	5,500.00
<b>TOTAL 501c(3) RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$504,070.00</b>	<b>\$810,250.00</b>	<b>645,570.00</b>	<b>731,580.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
9	Legal	\$ 1,658.00	\$ 3,000.00	350.00	3,000.00
10	Audit	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
11	Data Entry (Property)		\$ 4,000.00	3,655.00	1,000.00
12	Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	\$ 565.00	\$650.00	790.00	800.00
13	Liability Insurance	\$ 338.00	\$ 500.00	500.00	500.00
14	Investment Fees	\$ 12,140.00	\$ 18,000.00	17,850.00	26,780.00
15	Ladies' Residence Housing	\$ 122,649.00	\$ 193,200.00	112,070.00	170,000.00
16	Infirmary Housing	\$339,728.00	\$550,000.00	321,340.00	485,000.00
17	In-service/ 501©(3) Accounts Mgmt	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 8,400.00	0.00	12,000.00
18	Funeral Expenses	\$ 6,995.00	\$ 10,000.00	2,816.00	10,000.00
19	Allowance to Ladies @\$70.00	\$ 11,690.00	\$ 18,000.00	10,360.00	18,000.00
20	TMRC Resident Parties	\$163.00	\$500.00	806.38	500.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 504,126.00</b>	<b>\$ 810,250.00</b>	<b>474,537.38</b>	<b>731,580.00</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ (56.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>171,032.62</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## OES GRAND CHAPTER GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2008-2009

### OES Grand Chapter

General Fund Budget 2008-2009					
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		9/01/06 to 4/30/07	2007-2008 at \$3.00	9/1/07 to 4/30/08	2008-2009 at \$3.00
<b>Income</b>					
1	Interest Gen Fund Holding	26,500.00	39,500.00	37,783.00	45,750.00
2	Endowment Interest		103,450.00	103,450.00	\$109,000.00
3	Endowment Interest Sub-Acct		100,000.00	100,000.00	\$93,345.00
4	Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds	52,000.00	55,000.00	57,860.00	30,000.00
5	General Fund Per Capita	124,482.00	120,000.00	119,064.00	114,495.00
6	Registration Fees	25,000.00	25,000.00	24,710.00	24,000.00
7	Session Misc. Income	24,000.00	15,000.00	13,400.00	15,000.00
8	Grand Chapter Sales	15,430.00	24,000.00	19,578.50	29,400.00
9	Bulletin Subscriptions	20,800.00	28,000.00	17,870.00	26,800.00
10	Bulletin Articles	30,000.00	30,000.00	18,330.00	27,500.00
11	Supplies/Postage/Shipping	4,000.00	6,000.00	3,035.00	5,000.00
12	GGC Supplies Sales	23,110.00	35,000.00	32,675.00	49,000.00
13	Administrative Revenue	4,171.00	8,400.00	0.00	12,000.00
14	Credit Card Conv Fee/Royalty	130.31	200.00	4,886.86	9,200.00
15	Misc.fees/CK/JCCREB/Spec. Deisp	5,200.00	8,000.00	547.86	700.00
16	International Headquarters	4,450.00	7,000.00	3,265.00	5,000.00
17	Founders Day 100%	2,700.00	5,000.00	10,593.70	5,000.00
18	Gifts and Donations	600.00	800.00	1,951.20	2,000.00
19	General Fund Humanitarian	4,500.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
20	Interest Endowed Memberships	758.00	800.00	527.50	550.00
21	Other Misc. Receipts	5,500.00	1,000.00	2,561.83	2,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>373,331.31</b>	<b>617,150.00</b>	<b>572,089.45</b>	<b>\$611,240.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
22	Grand Secretary Housing	4,800.00	7,200.00	4,800.00	8,400.00
23	TMRC Board/Directors Ret.	125.00	500.00	50.00	500.00
24	Computer/Data Processing	2,914.00	5,000.00	430.00	3,000.00
25	Auto Acquisition	9,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
26	Service Fees	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
27	Copy Machine	4,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00
28	Office Salaries	61,440.00	97,000.00	62,608.00	99,000.00
29	Payroll tax TEC/Futa	780.00	800.00	0.00	0.00
30	Grand Secretary's Salary	13,341.58	18,000.00	12,462.00	19,000.00

**OES GRAND CHAPTER  
GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2008-2009**

**OES Grand Chapter**

General Fund Budget 2008-2009					
31	Grand Treasurer's Salary	3,750.00	5,000.00	2,917.00	6,000.00
32	GC Support Staff Housing	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00
33	Vehicle-Fuel/Maintenance	2,700.00	9,000.00	5,720.00	12,000.00
34	Vehicle-License	100.00	400.00	150.00	200.00
35	Vehicle-Repairs	0.00	500.00	765.00	1,000.00
36	Worthy Grand Matron Expense	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
37	Worthy Grand Patron Expense	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
38	Assoc Grand Matron Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
39	Assoc Grand Patron Expense	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
40	Assoc Grand Conductress Expense	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
41	Grand Secretary Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
42	Grand Conductress Expense	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
43	Grand Treasurer Expense	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
44	GC Committees	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
45	Visiting Grand Officers Expense	620.00	1,000.00	242.00	1,000.00
46	GGC Officers Expense	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
47	Official Reporter-GC	3,000.00	3,500.00	3,250.00	3,250.00
48	Advanced Reports	4,800.00	4,800.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
49	Ballots & Voting Cards	50.00	500.00	370.00	370.00
50	Installation Programs	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
51	Photos for Proceedings	900.00	900.00	500.00	600.00
52	Registration Forms/Postage/ Badges	2,595.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
53	Session & Memorial Programs	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,800.00	5,800.00
54	The Session	750.00	20,000.00	750.00	20,000.00
55	Past Grand Matrons Jewel	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
56	Past Grand Patrons Jewel	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
57	Insurance-Directors Liability	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
58	Furnishings,Personel Prop./Umbrella	55,400.00	56,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
59	Insurance-Workmans Comp.	4,400.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
60	Audit/CPA	22,450.00	12,000.00	15,820.00	21,000.00
61	Legal Services	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
62	Office & Printing Supplies	5,750.00	8,300.00	9,900.00	10,000.00
63	Miscellaneous	600.00	600.00	500.00	1,000.00
64	Credit Card Fees	165.00	200.00	156.00	200.00
65	Contingency Fund	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
66	Security Services	250.00	400.00	250.00	375.00
67	Internet Service	800.00	1,300.00	955.00	1,450.00
68	Postage/Petty Cash	4,150.00	6,000.00	162.00	200.00
69	Postage- Bulletin Mailings	6,565.00	15,000.00	8,420.00	15,000.00
70	Postage Permit	205.00	300.00	175.00	200.00
71	Postage Meter Lease	900.00	1,000.00	1,800.00	2,700.00

**OES GRAND CHAPTER  
GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2008-2009**

**OES Grand Chapter**

General Fund Budget 2008-2009					
72	Bulletins	35,000.00	52,500.00	36,225.00	54,000.00
73	Annual Proceedings-Printing	365.00	18,000.00	15,235.00	15,500.00
74	Printing Other	14,800.00	20,000.00	10,610.00	16,000.00
75	Repairs Equipment	1,025.00	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
76	Building Maint/ Repairs/Replace	340.00	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
77	Equipment & Furnishings	2,700.00	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
78	Janitorial Service	1,575.00	2,400.00	1,925.00	2,900.00
79	Office and Printing Supplies	0.00	0.00	6,900.00	10,350.00
80	Cost of Supplies/GC/GGC	18,900.00	28,000.00	52,600.00	79,000.00
81	Utilities- Electric	3,636.70	5,500.00	3,725.00	5,600.00
82	Utilities-Gas	460.00	700.00	530.00	800.00
86	Utilities-Telephone	2,300.00	3,500.00	2,380.00	3,600.00
84	Rent Office		70,000.00	0.00	32,500.00
85	Review Office		30,000.00	19,690.00	0.00
86	Payroll Expense (Liability)	7,225.00	9,000.00	6,719.84	10,080.00
87	GGC Per Capita	40,910.00	40,000.00	39,365.00	38,165.00
88					0.00
89		370,087.28	617,150.00	427,406.84	611,240.00
<b>Balance</b>		<b>3,244.03</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>144,682.61</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Benevolent Aid Budget 2008-2009</b>		<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
		09/01/06 to 4/30/07	2007-2008	09/01/07 to 04/30/08	2008-2009
89	Balance Forward 8/31/07		23,000.00	23,000.00	0.00
<b>Income</b>					
90	Per capita	41,494.00	40,000.00	39,686.00	38,500.00
91	Interest	2,000.00	2,000.00	615.00	500.00
92	Humanitarian	8,600.00	8,500.00	1,945.79	12,000.00
93	501C(8) Sub Account Interest		16,500.00	16,500.00	4,655.00
94	Total Income	52,094.00	90,000.00	81,746.79	55,655.00
<b>Expense</b>					
95	Permanent Aid			46,300.00	82,800.00
96	Temporary Aid	61,100.00	90,000.00	22,400.00	32,200.00
97	Total Expense	61,100.00	90,000.00	\$68,700.00	115,000.00
<b>Balance</b>		<b>-9,006.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$13,046.79</b>	<b>-59,345.00</b>



Mickie Campbell, Chairman Board of Directors

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Do we have a second? It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Board of Directors. Any discussion? All in favor, please raise your green card. All opposed. Motion carried. Thank you, Sister Mickie.

**MRS. MICKIE CAMPBELL:** Worthy Grand Matron, I now have the pleasure of presenting Sister Lori Goldman with Report No. 2.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REPORT NO. 2**

**MRS. LORI GOLDMAN:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

We, the Board of Directors present for your consideration and approval the proposed budget for the General Fund for the 2008 – 2009 Grand Chapter year.

The following is a summary of the report. We anticipate revenues of \$611,240.00 and expenditures of \$611,240.00, which includes projected office rent for 4 months of \$32,500.00 giving Grand Chapter a balanced General Fund Budget. The details of the General Fund Budget can be found on pages 63, 64 and 65 in the Advanced Annual Report.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 2 of the Board of Directors.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have heard the report of Sister Lori Goldman, Board of Directors. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried. Thank you, Sister Lori.

**MRS. LORI GOLDMAN:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present Brother Arthur Drescher who will present Report No. 3 of the Board of Directors.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REPORT NO. 3**

**MR. ARTHUR DRESCHER:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers.

This report will cover 2 topics:

1. Ladies Retirement Fund 501 (c) (3)
2. Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC)

**Ladies Retirement Fund 501 (c) (3)**

The Ladies Retirement Fund is a 501 (c) (3) fund, a designated fund and can only be used for the care of the ladies.

The income is derived from several sources, which are detailed in the proposed budget on page 62 of your Advanced Annual Report. The three main sources of income remain a portion of the per capita, (which is \$5.00 per member), the Endowment Interest and Ladies pensions.

The care and happiness of our ladies will continue to be the main concern of the Board of Directors.

**Ladies Retirement Fund 501 (c) (3):**

Balance as of 7/31/2008 . . . . . \$1,369,212.13

A breakdown of the Revenues and Disbursements from 9/1/07 to 4/30/08 can be found on page 56 of the Advanced Annual Report.

## Texas Masonic Retirement Center

This report on our Ladies residing at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center is from September 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008.

Grand Chapter started the year with 19 residents, 11 in the living center and 8 in the clinic. The board approved 3 new residents, Sisters V. Ashley, Edith Hutchinson and Lo Ree Griffin. Since last Grand Chapter, we have had 5 sisters (Ann Frerking, Loraine Sageser, Ema Lou Rush, Opal Dalton and V. Ashley) to join God's Grand Chapter.

We currently have 18 Ladies, 10 in the living center and 8 in the clinic. There are currently no applications pending.

The current cost of maintaining a sister in the living center is \$42.41 per day (\$15,479.65/year per sister). The cost of maintaining a sister in the clinic is \$155.67 per day (\$56,819.55/year per sister).

We have paid to the TMRC \$592,699.28 through July 31, 2008. The board anticipates the total cost through August 31, 2008 will be approximately \$642,783.08. Additionally, each resident is given an allowance of \$70.00 per month.

The board would like to thank the membership for your continued support of our Ladies and invite you to visit them as much as possible.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to give this report on our Ladies.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 3.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have heard the motion of Brother Art Drescher, Board of Directors. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MR. ARTHUR DRESCHER:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Sister Terri Rozell, who will present Report No. 4.

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT NO. 4**

**MRS. TERRI ROZELL:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with Chapter 5A, Article 82(b), we your Board of Directors present the following Audit Report of the books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer for the Grand Chapter Fiscal year ending August 31, 2007. The Audit was conducted by George, Morgan and Sneed Certified Public Accountants. It is printed in its entirety in the Proceedings of August 2007, the 126th Annual Grand Chapter Session. The following is a summary of the Audit Report:

#### **AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2007**

	REVENUES	EXPENSES	REVENUE OVER/UNDER EXPENSES
General Fund and the Grand Chapter Endowment Fund	\$1,320,399	\$ 966,374	\$ 354,025
Eastern Star Home of Texas- OES Retirement Fund	<u>\$1,251,053</u>	<u>\$ 771,243</u>	<u>\$ 479,810</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,571,452</b>	<b>\$1,737,617</b>	<b>\$ 833,835</b>

Worthy Grand Matron, I move we accept this Report No. 4 from the Board of Directors.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of Sister Terri Rozell from the Board of Directors. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MRS. TERRI ROZELL:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure to present Lorraine Williams, who will present Report No. 5.

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT NO. 5**

**MRS. LORRAINE WILLIAMS:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with Article 204c, pages 138-141 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors, present the report on the Endowed Memberships, for the period from September 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

Two hundred twenty-six memberships were purchased from September 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 for a total dollar amount of \$113,000.00 (one hundred thirteen thousand dollars).

In accordance with Article 204e (7) (b) 2 Page 141, distribution of earnings cannot be made until May 31st of the first year after purchase of the Endowed Membership.

The distribution of earnings to chapters for endowed membership this past year resulted in \$21.10 for each Endowed Membership.

As of May 31, 2008 a grand total of four thousand six hundred eighty-one Endowed Memberships have been purchased for a total dollar amount of \$2,341,000.00 (two million three hundred forty-one thousand dollars).

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Board of Directors, Sister Lorraine Williams. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MRS. LORRAINE WILLIAMS:** Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce Diane Davidson who will present Report No. 6.

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT NO. 6**

**MISS DIANE DAVIDSON:** Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: On behalf of Karen Kidd, it is my pleasure to present the Educational Fund Report.

In compliance with Article 152G (1), page 99 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors, present the report on the Educational Funds, for the period from September 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

Mrs. Karen Kidd and other members of the Board of Directors along with Mrs. Dorothy McClendon, Chairman of the Educational Fund Committee and other committee members met on March 14, 2008 to select the applicants that would receive Scholarships in the 2007 – 2008 Grand Chapter Year. A total of seventy-four (74) applications were received. After scoring all applications, forty-seven (47) \$1,000 scholarships and two (2) \$500 were awarded based on student need and the criteria defined by the Constitution and Code of Laws and Wills. This left twenty-five (25) students

that did not receive a scholarship due to various reasons. As a separate attachment there is a list of all awarded students.

The money was derived from the following sources:

Kennington Fund: .....\$ 26,807.41  
Humanitarian Fund: .....\$ 15,567.60  
Funds remaining from Prior Year: .....\$ 7,527.50

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: .....\$49,882.51 as of 3/30/08  
FUNDS EXPENDED .....\$49,000.00 in Scholarships  
Funds Remaining to Carry Over to 2008 – 2009 Grand Chapter Year .....\$882.51

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

Karen Kidd,  
Board of Directors, District Two

**Scholarships – 2008 Report**

Shearer, Jennifer Marie .....Sam Houston State Univ.  
Harrell, Alesha .....Univ. of Texas, San Antonio  
Cooley, Jamie Diana .....Hardin Simmons Univ.  
O’Shields, Katy Diane .....McMurry Univ.  
Whitney, Zane Allen Jr. ....Stephen F. Austin  
Moore, Joseph Allen .....Stephen F. Austin  
Riggins, Joshua L. ....Texas Tech Univ.  
Smith, Ashley Michelle .....Tarleton State Univ.  
McCarthy, Whitney A. ....UT Medical School – Houston  
Dyer, Jeanna Marie .....University of North Texas  
Martindale, Jesse Dalton .....Texas Tech Univ.  
Maxton, Jake Mitchell .....Texas Tech Univ.  
Speer, Matthew Brian .....Texas Tech Univ.  
Cason, Pipe Ezell .....University of North Texas  
Davis, Taylor June .....Univ. Mary Hardin Baylor  
Dennis, Kelsey .....Lubbock Christian Univ.  
Garner, Christopher .....Oklahoma Univ.  
Hammerton, Lauren M. ....Texas State Univ.  
Jackson, Kassia .....Hardin Simmons Univ.  
MacHendrie, Jennifer L. ....University of North Texas  
Pittman, Alexandria .....Centenary College of La.  
Powell, Christopher R. ....East Texas Baptist Univ.  
Salerno-Rebic, Gillian L. ....Franklin & Marshall College  
Lewis, Jennah L. ....Brazasport College  
Summers, Kyle .....Hill College  
Johnson, Kristi Lorraine .....St. Phillips College  
Cole, Ramsey E. ....Texas Tech Univ.  
Conn, John P. ....Lamar Univ.  
Elliott, Rhonda Sue .....North Central Texas College  
Herring, Katherine .....UT Arlington  
Jeffries, Amanda .....Southwestern Univ.  
Roe, Michael Chase .....Texas Tech Univ.  
Rowell, Kortni Renea .....University of North Texas

Bohannon, Jade Britney	Trinity Valley Comm. College
Clark, Kolby Michael	Texas Tech Univ.
Day, Megan	UT Arlington
Doss, Zachary Clayton	Texas Tech Univ.
Dunlap, Janye Jeanelle	Austin Presbyterian Theo.
Royall, Derek Randall	Texas A&M
Tenberg, Jacob Brian	University of Texas
Evans, Kelsey Anne	Hardin Simmons Univ.
Penn, Jennifer Elyssa	Navarro College
Batchelor, William B.	Tarleton State Univ.
Hall, Spencer Edward	Lon Morris College
Howard, Kyndall Shea	Hardin Simmons Univ.
Smith, Rebecca Naomi	Howard College, ASU or Tyler Jr.
Whitney, Katherine Lee	Texas A&M Univ., Kingsville
McLendon, Ashley Chris.	University of Texas
Garmon, Lowell	UT Arlington
Maxson, Ariel	Texas Women's Univ.
Blutt, Guy Roland Jr.	Dallas Theological Seminary
Bass, Erin	Univ. of Mary Hardin Baylor
Bekkelund, Katie	UT Southwestern
Brandt, Jonathan	Southwestern Univ.
Burden, Sarah Elizabeth	INELIGIBLE – RECEIVED LATE
Campion, Charlie	Texas A&M Univ., Kingsville
Cason, Piper Ezell	University of North Texas
Collins, Elizabeth A.	Sam Houston State Univ.
Conner, Stefanie D.	The Univ. of Kansas
Evans, Kristen Leigh	Tyler Junior College
Gooding, Patricia Claire	Texas A&M Univ.
Hampton, Dustin Richard	TSTC Marshall
Lindsey, Nicole Roe	Texas Tech Univ.
MacHendrie, Chelsa Ann	UT Arlington
Marlar, Chelsea Marie	Cisco Jr. College
Murzak, Lauren E.	Texas A&M Univ.
O'Neal, Stewart David	Hardin Simmons Univ.
Palermo, Joseph	INELIGIBLE – RECEIVED LATE
Ramos, Candace Justine	Univ. Texas of Permian Basin
Rathbun, Larry Ray	Kilgore Junior College
Reiff, Sarah	San Antonio College
Shurbet, Sarah Gail	Hardin Simmons Univ.
Sturrock, Sydni	Lamar Univ.
Thompson, Max Allen III	Texas Tech Univ.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Board of Directors, Sister Diane Davidson's report. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MISS DIANE DAVIDSON:** It's now my pleasure to give Report No. 7, which is the Benevolent Aid Fund.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REPORT NO 7**

In compliance with Article F, Page 72 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors, present the report on the Benevolent Aid Fund, for the period September 1, 2006 through August 10, 2008.

2007 – 2008 Benevolent Budget		
Balance Forward:		\$31,101.90
	2007 Per Capita	\$39,686.00
	Humanitarian Fund	\$ 1,945.09
	Interest	\$16,500.00
	CD Interest	\$ 615.49
Funds Available:		\$89,849.18
Expenditures	15 Members Received Permanent Aid	\$61,000.00
	13 Members Received Emergency Aid	\$15,000.00
	10 Members Received Temporary Aid	\$12,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$88,000.00
	Balance in the Fund:	\$ 1,849.18

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

Diane Davidson  
Board of Directors  
Secretary

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Board of Directors report by Sister Diane Davidson. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MISS DIANE DAVIDSON:** With the increasing age of our membership and the current economic times, the benevolent needs of our membership continue to grow. At this time we have 12 members on permanent benevolent aid totaling \$5000 per month and we have committed \$60,000 for the coming year to these members.

The Benevolent Aid Fund income will consist of \$1.00 from 2008 per capita, the Humanitarian Funds, funds from the prior year and interest from the sub account. The Board of Directors estimates this will give the Benevolent Aid Fund approximately \$57,000.00 to start this coming Grand Chapter year. The Board of Directors is projecting a need of \$115,000.00 in benevolent aid.

The interest left from the 2007 – 2008 should be approximately \$190,000.00 because of coming in under budget on many items – office rent, office review, legal fees and the housing for the ladies at TMRC. With transferring some \$58,000 to benevolent aid, we are still able to return some \$130,000.00 of interest to our accounts.

In order that we may be assured we can meet the needs of our membership in today's economic times, I move that the Board of Directors be allowed to transfer \$58,000.00 from the interest earned during this Grand Chapter year to the Benevolent Aid Fund to balance the proposed budget for 2008 – 2009 of \$115,000.00 and cover the anticipated short fall.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard a motion made by your Board of Directors — and I'm not going to go through all of it, unless you want me to for clarification — Sister Diane just did that. After turning back \$130,000, which we have to do, they're not going to be able to meet their funds, so they're asking you to give them permission to transfer approximately \$57,000, to start this coming Grand Chapter year. The Board of Directors is projecting a need of \$115,000 in our benevolent aid. Are there any questions?

I recognize Sister Sue Shoemaker.

**MRS. SUE SHOEMAKER:** Worthy Matron, I'm Sue Shoemaker, Past Matron of Lindale Chapter #864. Could we ask that Sister Diane restate what they're asking to do, so we can get a little better grasp of what she said?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Absolutely. Sister Diane.

**MISS DIANE DAVIDSON:** In the coming year we will have a shortfall in benevolent aid the way we project it. This past year we spent 88,000, so we're projecting a need of \$115,000 next year. We already have members who we said we would give permanent benevolent aid to in the amount of \$60,000. We only receive \$1 from per capita, but when we look at the interest we feel that with today's economic times that the applications will increase, and our interest is unsure at this point. So since we have an abundance of interest this year, because we have done so well — we are still able to return well over a hundred thousand to our account. We would like to set aside from the funds that are carried over around \$58,000, which is a little different from your budget on page 65. This way we will know for sure that we can meet the amounts needed by our members.

Now, if we don't need it — of course, it is interest and it will return to our funds.

**MRS. SUE SHOEMAKER:** Are y'all reasonably sure that that will be enough to cover your expenses?

**MISS DIANE DAVIDSON:** Well, I chaired Benevolent Aid this past year, and it's kind of like a crystal ball thing. Early in the year I went to our Worthy Grand Matron, and I told her that I felt like we would be short this year. Well, we ended up real close, but we weren't short. My Worthy Grand Matron assured me that we would find a way with other funds and that she would authorize something to take care of it. But the Board — I feel like 115 is a good figure at this point. Of course, if a hurricane hits or something else, you never know what might come up.

**MRS. SUE SHOEMAKER:** Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Any other question?

It has been moved and seconded that we allow the Board of Directors to transfer \$58,000 into their Benevolent Aid for the coming year. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MISS DIANE DAVIDSON:** Your Benevolent Aid budget is found on page 65 of your Advance Report. The estimated income is now at 115,000 from the various sources. We have estimated expenses of \$82,800 in permanent benevolent aid and around 32,200 in temporary and emergency. This would be a balanced budget of 115,000.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the approval of the proposed 2008-2009 Benevolent Aid budget.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we approve the 2008-2009 Benevolent Aid program. Any questions? All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MISS DIANE DAVIDSON:** At this time it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Kathy Teele who will present the Board of Directors Report No. 8.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Before Sister Kathy gives her report, Brother Sentinel, could we have the doors in the West closed, please. They can open them up when people are going in and out, but we do need those doors closed. Thank you.

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT NO. 8**

**MRS. KATHY TEELE:** Thank you, Sister Diane.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers: It's my pleasure to provide the following report for the Contingency Fund of the Grand Chapter, reference article 11, sec-

tion 3. As of August 1, 2008, the Contingency Fund had a balance of \$10,000. No funds or expenditures were allocated from this fund.

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of our Board of Directors, Sister Kathy Teele. All in favor, raise your green cards —

**MRS. KATHY TEELE:** Thank you. It's my pleasure to present Brother Gary Steele who will give Report No. 9.

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT NO. 9**

**MR. GARY STEELE:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. Before I move into Report No. 9, I would like to make the following comments. As my five years come to an end, I just want to take this opportunity to thank District 1 and this membership for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

My Sisters and Brothers,

I'm pleased to bring you a special report on the assets of Grand Chapter. As part of our financial responsibilities, the Board of Directors has put in place a Three Phase project to better identify, manage and review the assets owned and/or acquired by this Grand Chapter.

As we reported at the last Grand Chapter Session, we began the last phase of our process to review each asset to determine its current status and accurate documentation. The Board of Directors has also established guidelines and procedures to allow for examining, protecting, and documenting titles and records of all real and personal property acquired or belonging to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

The Titles, Deed and Properties Committee are assisting in this. After extensive and continuous review of files, and reports by Jeff Davis and Jim Rippey, we submit the following update.

There are a total of 240 Assets identified in the initial input. Of these, the assets are broken down as following:

Gas and Oil	42
Real Estate – Home	31
Personal Property	02
Real Estate – Land	33
Stocks	28
Bonds	07
Cash	20
Insurance	26
Trust	04
Estate (Will)	45
Land-Gas-Oil	01
Unidentified	01

This Committee sent to the Chairman of the Titles, Deeds and Properties 94 requests for review and recommendation.

The Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee have been asked to review each of these assets and to provide answers to the following questions.

**Does the asset still belong to Grand Chapter?** If not, explain why and when or how was it disposed of. If yes, continue with the following questions.

**Does the description on file accurately describe the asset?** If not, describe or attach the most accurate description.



**Where is the location of the property?** Provide as much information as possible concerning the exact location. Add maps and/or drawings to highlight the accurate location.

**Where is the deed, title or legal documentation of the asset recorded and or held?** Describe where the asset is recorded (i.e. Harris County court house, Book # page 236) and where the title is stored (i.e. Grand Chapter Secretary's office or the First National Bank of Fort Worth).

**What is the current value and where or how the valuation was determined?** Enter the source and documents that provides the current value of the asset if sold today.

**If this asset is real estate and we only own the mineral rights, is there a lease on the mineral rights?** If so, who has the lease and document their legal mailing address, to include telephone numbers. **Do we own just the royalties, working interest or both?**

**Are there taxes being assessed against the property?** If so, which ones, how much and are the taxes current?

**Are there any liens on the asset?** Please describe who, what for and how much. Are there any other areas that need to be addressed related to this property? If so, provide the comments, questions or details.

As these reports come back, the Board of Directors will take the necessary action as recommended by the Titles, Deeds and Properties committee to see that the current and correct data is entered into the database. For those assets requiring recurring or periodic review, they will be set up on a schedule to accomplish the review.

Asset Review by District:

District 1	24
District 2	15
District 3	22
District 4	14
District 5	19

There are 146 other Assets that are assigned to the Assets Committee of the Board of Directors for review and action. These are:

Stocks	28
Bonds	07
Cash	20
Insurance	26
Trust	04
Estate (Will)	45
Personal Property	02
Unidentified	01
Other Categories	13 (Land or property in other states)

The Assets Committee is still reviewing these. Preliminary review reflects that most of these 146 assets have already been disposed of or will be closed as this committee continues their ongoing review.

Lastly, we do have one property that the Grand Chapter inherited when we admitted a member to the TMRC. This asset was sold and \$5,000.00 of the asset is being carried for 6 months at 12.5% interest.

I wish to thank Larry Hart, Chairman of the Titles, Deeds and Properties and all the members of this committee for all their work and time in reviewing the assets in their District.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Steele

Worthy Grand Matron, I ask for adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of Brother Gary Steele, Board of Directors. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your green cards. All

opposed. Motion carried.

**MR. GARY STEELE:** Worthy Grand Matron, it's my pleasure to introduce A.L. Casparis, who will bring Report No. 10.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REPORT NO. 10**

**MR. A.L. CASPARIS:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all: First, I would like to thank this Grand Chapter for the privilege of being able to serve in this capacity the last five years.

It is my pleasure to give the following report on the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects for 2007-2008. The cost of her special projects this year was \$48,613.45. The total sales was \$200,303.67, for a total net revenue of \$151,690.22. [applause] The Board of Directors wishes to congratulate this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on a very successful year.

**RECAP WGM PROJECTS 2007-2008**

ITEM	SALES	COST	GEN FUND	BALANCE	DESIGNATION
4090.50 Year Book	\$ 44,228.00	\$23,462.00	\$20,766.00	\$ -	Gen. Fund
4090.51 Calendar	\$ 5,190.00	\$ 2,022.41	\$ -	\$ 2,375.69	Celebration of the past GC
4090.52 Checkbook cover and Piano Pins	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 259.61	\$ -	\$ 982.79	Celebration of the past GC
4090.53 Black and Pink Totes	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 1,188.25	\$ -	\$ 2,303.81	Celebration of the past GC
4090.54 WGM's & WGP's Sheet Music	\$ 4,056.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,006.00	\$ -	Gen. Fund
4090.55 Proficiency Stickers	\$ 1,064.00	\$ 60.00		\$ 753.00	Huntington's
4090.56 Gold Angel & Silver Angel	\$ 6,885.00	\$ 1,003.50	\$ -	\$ 4,411.13	TMRC
4090.57 Hot Air Balloon	\$ 5,530.00	\$ 1,668.33	\$ -	\$ 2,896.25	Youth
4090.58 Angels on Assignment	\$ 11,090.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,317.70	WGM SP Projects
4090.59 Music Book	\$ 4,820.00	\$ 2,365.00	\$ -	\$ 1,841.25	Onward Christian Soldiers
4090.60 Symbolism Book	\$ 5,305.00	\$ 1,827.68	\$ 3,477.32	\$ -	Gen. Fund
4090.61 Silver Star Pin	\$ 3,490.00	\$ 1,493.34	\$ 1,996.66	\$ -	Gen. Fund
4090.62 Gold Star Pin & Crosses	\$ 6,880.00	\$ 2,105.91	\$ -	\$ 3,580.57	WGM SP Projects
4090.63 Pink Tote & Project finished Oct.07	\$ 4,530.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ -	\$ 2,567.50	Cancer
4090.64 Huntington's Disease Button Pin	\$ 489.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 366.75	Huntington's
4090.65 Name Badges	\$ 2,730.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (380.80)	WGM Trailer
4090.66 Pins-"Onward Christian Soldiers"	\$ 51,497.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,623.43	Onward Christian Soldiers TMRC
4090.67 Concert: "Music Among the Stars"	\$ 36,688.50	\$10,027.42	\$ -	\$19,995.81	Cancer Research, Scottish Rite Hosp., Galveston Burn Ctr.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,303.67</b>	<b>\$48,613.45</b>	<b>\$30,245.96</b>	<b>\$56,654.88</b>	

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of Report No. 10.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of Brother A.L. Casparis of the Board of Directors. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MR. A.L. CASPARIS:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I have a couple of announcements. Sister Nell has asked that the chapter representatives pick up their packets, if they have not. The Associate Grand Matron has handed me this note. It says all those who donated money for the Star Pins for next year may pick up the pins in front of the Registration booth. Also, there are Yearbooks for those who prepaid. There are only about 300 left to be sold, so please pick up your Yearbooks if you have prepaid.

I want to call your attention to the red roses on the Secretary's and Treasurer's desks. These

were given to us by the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for our enjoyment. They are just as beautiful as our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. We definitely thank you for that honor that you give to us. [applause]

I now recognize Sister Rosemary Swetland, Chairman of Jurisprudence.

## **PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all: Good morning.

I wish to introduce to you my wonderful team of Jurisprudence members, who have joined me this year in serving our Worthy Grand Matron, and you, the membership. Representing District 1, Brother Billy H. Combest, PGP; District 2, Sister Betty Benham, PGM; District 3, Sister Sharon Fentress, PGM; I am Rosemary Swetland, PGM and Chairman from District 4; and District 5, Brother Jerry L. Martin, PGP. I wish to personally thank these sweet friends for their support and encouragement, and our Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity of service. We wish to submit the following **preliminary report**. In conformity with the provisions of the Code of Laws, Article 152 (e) governing the Grand Chapter of Texas, relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee, we find unfinished business from the previous Grand Chapter Sessions of 2004 – 2005, 2005 – 2006, and 2006 – 2007 which needs to be addressed at this time before our report can be completed. Worthy Grand Matron, I invite you to preside and call for a member of the Board of Directors to address the evaluation report of the Grand Secretary's Office as directed by Grand Chapter in 2005.

While that report is being given, your Jurisprudence Committee will sit down. Thank you, members.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Sister Terri Rozell.

## **REPORT ON THE OPERATIONAL REVIEW OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE**

**MRS. TERRI ROZELL:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished members, my sisters and brothers.

I am pleased to bring the following report on the Operational Audit Review of the Grand Chapter office.

At the 123rd Session of Grand Chapter in 2005, the membership passed a Resolution requiring that an Operational Review of the Grand Chapter Office be conducted. The Resolution was reaffirmed in 2006 and placed under the direction of Jerry Dusek, Worthy Grand Matron. Per the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Board of Directors engaged the firm of Jefferson Wells to perform the operational audit review.

The review was conducted September 10 to September 21, 2007. The Board of Directors budgeted \$30,000 for the operational review. Upon its completion, the final cost of the review was \$19,689.

A complete copy of the Operational Audit Review, the resulting observations and recommendations of Jefferson Wells, along with the Board of Directors' responses to the recommendations are located on pages 18 through 34 in the Advance Annual Reports. The Board of Directors encourages the membership to read the report and the Board responses. If you have any questions, please refer them to the Board. We will be more than happy to answer any question you may have.

In closing, it should be noted that Jefferson Wells made the following observation and is included in the Executive Summary:

"At the conclusion of field work, a high level of comfort was obtained with the current Grand Secretary's management skills, background and administration of the office. Also observed was a

high level of staff competency, dedication and commitment to the organization.”

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Rozell  
Board of Directors, District Four

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have heard the recommendation and a second on the report of the audit of the Grand Secretary’s Office. Are there any questions? Hearing none, we will proceed to voting by raising your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Worthy Grand Matron, now that the unfinished business has been handled by this Grand Chapter, we recommend that the matters contained in the Advanced Annual Report, including the Supplemental Reports of Grand Chapter, be distributed to the following Committees for consideration: to the Board of Directors, the report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer; to the By-Laws Committee, amendments to the by-laws contained in the Worthy Grand Matron’s report; to the Grievances and Appeals Committee, any disciplinary matters contained in the Worthy Grand Matron’s report; to the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation and to the Jurisprudence Committee, all matters assigned to this Grand Chapter and/or contained within the prescribed duties of this Committee.

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of our Jurisprudence Committee. Any questions? All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried. It has been adopted.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission now, may I address this assembly a moment regarding the legislation that will come before them very shortly?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sure.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Sisters and Brothers,

Your Jurisprudence committee is confident that you are prepared to participate in the business of this Grand Chapter in an informed and courteous manner. If any member is going to propose an amendment to any amendment printed in the Advanced Annual Report, we ask that you please present three (3) copies in writing to us for review before presentation. By following this simple request, there will be no question as to what you will be voting on. In addition, this will allow us to conduct our business in a timely and professional manner. Thank you so much, my Sisters and Brothers, and Worthy Grand Matron. We are now prepared to perform our duties.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Rosemary; and thank you, Jurisprudence. We will now have our By-Laws Committee report. I recognize Sister Laura Sharp.

## **REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

**MRS. LAURA SHARP:** Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee members; Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons; distinguished membership All.

I would like to introduce those distinguished members who comprise the By-Laws Committee—Mr. Ben Day, member, Mrs. Jacqueline Pierce, member, and I am Chairman. It is unfortunate that Sister Jacqueline is unable to attend. We have exchanged emails and phone calls and she sends her best wishes. Thank you Brother Ben for standing with me.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to serve Grand Chapter in this capacity this year. What a year it has been. How wonderful it is to have accepted a challenge that allowed me to meet the secretaries, experience great learning, and have a good time while doing the job.

There were 68 by-law change requests sent for amendments, with 8 chapters submitting two each. Of the 68 requests received, 63 were approved. Two were returned to the chapters for additional documents. Three have been notified of the additional documents needed and those will be given to the new By-Laws Committee Chairman for the coming year.

Attached to this report is a detailed list of Chapters that submitted by-law changes this year and will be included in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

Thank you, secretaries, for your kindness and cooperation with this committee to complete each change. You are the greatest!

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Laura Sharp, Chairman  
 Ben Day, member  
 Mrs. Jacqueline Pierce

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT  
 GRAND CHAPTER YEAR 2007 – 2008**

1	Big Spring #67		38	Harlingen #641	
2	Big Spring #67	2nd chng	39	Harlingen #641	2nd chng
3	Sour Lake #75		40	North Side #651	
4	Gate City #77		41	Port Neches #677	
5	Rusk-Alto #79		42	Conroe #710	
6	Rusk-Alto #79	2nd chng	43	Andral Vann #741	
7	Belle Moon #90	Ret to Chapter	44	Levelland #797 P. Hewlett	10/22/07 GC
8	Wortham #96		45	Mathis #874	
9	Brenham #144		46	Mathis #874	2nd chng
10	Buffalo #157		47	John L. DeGrazier #881	
11	Aransas Pass #162		48	Poteet #913 P. Hewlett	10/22/07 GC
12	Madisonville #193		49	South Houston #915	
13	Del Rio #204		50	South Houston #915	2nd chng
14	San Marcos #276		51	938 Huntington #938	
15	Yoakum #282		52	Lancaster #943	
16	Silsbee #298 P. Hewlett		53	Edwin J. Kiest #959	
17	Spurger #315		54	LaMarque #979	
18	Round Rock #316	Ret to Chapter	55	Bellmead #980	10/22/07 GC
19	Fairfield #331		56	A. E. Shirley #986	
20	Marshall #356		57	A. E. Shirley #986	
21	Cushing #368	To New Chairman	58	Lexington #996 P. Hewlett	
22	Pittsburg #381	To New Chairman	59	Lake Jackson #1009	
23	Lufkin #382		60	Richland Hills #1040	
24	Cleveland #405		61	Deport #1045	
25	Humble #415		62	Waller #1047 P. Hewlett	10/22/07 GC
26	Humble #415	2nd chng	63	Waller #1047 P. Hewlett	2nd chng
27	Troup #421	10/22/07 GC	64	Floyd Easterling #1074	
28	Iola/North Zulch #458		65	Aldine #1088	
29	Edinburg #473 P. Hewlett	10/22/07 GC	66	New Caney #1093	
30	Junction #497		67	Katy #1121	
31	Mission #527		68	Beaumont #71	
32	Granbury #530				
33	Belton #589				
34	Lott #594				
35	Everman #624				
36	Texas City #626				
37	Corrigan #631	10/22/07 GC			

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the By-Laws Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

I now recognize Brother H. Lee Stallings, Chairman of Grievances and Appeals.

### **REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, The members of the Grievance and Appeals Committee want to thank you for this opportunity of service during your Grand Chapter year. The members of the committee are: Mrs. Betty Y. Friend and Mrs. Elise Hammack.

Sisters and Brothers, I am very pleased to report that no issues were brought before the committee this year.

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried. Thank you very much.

We are now ready to start our amendments, so I ask that our Jurisprudence Committee return and we will begin.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you kindly, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, your Jurisprudence Committee will now be presenting to you 23 amendments and two resolutions for your consideration. We wish to announce at this time that on page 72 of your Advanced Annual Report, amendment number 6 has been unanimously withdrawn from all the signers. We will not be considering amendment number 6 on page 72 of your Advanced Annual Report. It has been unanimously withdrawn from the signers.

Also, please take notice that your Jurisprudence members have not signed any amendments, nor will we be speaking on any of these amendments, as we are your neutral body that simply presents the amendments for your action. These amendments will be presented in the order in which they are shown in the Advanced Annual Report, and this order is the same in your Constitution and Code of Laws. So, therefore, please follow along with us as we work, not only in the Annual Report, but those of you that brought your Constitution and Code of Laws, you'll be staying right with us and on top of everything.

Each amendment will be considered separately, and you the membership will have the opportunity to address any concerns you may have individually. It is the sincere desire of your Jurisprudence Committee that you thoroughly understand every item of legislation that you're voting upon. As the governing body of this Grand Chapter, you have the right and duty to act in the best interest of our Order. The amendments and resolutions were provided to you through the July Bulletin and then again in the Advanced Annual Report which you received at registration. So you have had the opportunity to review, study and discuss all forthcoming legislation, and we trust that you are ready to participate.

Therefore, I move that you allow your Jurisprudence Committee to simply present a brief synopsis of each of the items of legislation, rather than the amendment in its entirety. Worthy Grand Matron, will you call for a vote of our membership.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have heard the motion made by the Jurisdiction Chairman that a synopsis only be provided of the amendments. We have a second. All in favor. All opposed.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and membership. Sisters and Brothers, we'll now begin presentation of legislation, and you will be given ample time

to ask questions for discussion, if necessary. Please feel free to ask if any item is not clear; we'll do our best to clarify the concern. Please listen closely to each item as we move along, and, hopefully, we're going to complete this legislation in an expedient manner.

Your Jurisprudence Committee has made a division in this manner. Brother Billy Combest will present amendment numbers 1, 11, 16, 21 and resolution number 2. Sister Betty Benham will present amendment numbers 2, 7, 12, 17 and 22. Sister Sharon Fentress will present amendments 3, 8, 13, 18 and 23. I will be presenting amendments 4, 9, 14, 19 and 24. Brother Jerry will be presenting amendments 5, 10, 15, 20 and resolution number 1.

I now invite Brother Billy Combest to present your first amendment number 1.

## **REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**MR. BILLY COMBEST:** Thank you, Sister Rosemary Swetland. I have to add all the time, "my Worthy Grand Matron."

I'm here to present amendment number 1. It can be found on pages 66 and 67 of your Advanced Annual Report. It involves a change to our Constitution, Division III, Article IV, Section 1, to be found on page 32 of your Constitution. If this passes, it will require a second reading in 2009 to become effective.

The signers of this amendment wish to add (c) to our present law, which says that all members who are registered and attending Grand Chapter can vote. It says, "All members of Chartered Chapters in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be members of this Grand Chapter. They cannot appoint proxies."

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper form and order and ready for consideration by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 1 reads as follows in its entirety.]

## **AMENDMENT NO. 1**

### **CONSTITUTION, DIVISION III, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 - Page 32**

#### **ARTICLE IV COMPOSITION OF GRAND CHAPTER**

WHEREAS, we need to do all that we can to create more interest and excitement among the members of our Chapters and,

WHEREAS, our Order could benefit from generating more participation from all the members of our Chapters in the business activities of Grand Chapter and,

WHEREAS, if every member attending Grand Chapter would have a vote on the proposed changes to our Constitution and Code of Laws and the election of our Leaders, they would first need to become members of Grand Chapter.

THEREFORE, we the undersigned present the following amendment.

WHICH NOW READS:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The Grand Chapter shall be composed of the following:

- a. Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.
  - (1) All Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Chartered Chapters in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be members of this Grand Chapter.
  - (2) If the Worthy Matron is absent from Grand Chapter, the Associate Matron, if present, shall be entitled to represent the Worthy Matron. In case of the absence of both the Worthy Matron and the Associate Matron, the Worthy Matron may appoint, as her proxy with full power of representation, any member of her Chapter. In case of the

absence from Grand Chapter of the Worthy Patron, the Associate Patron, if present shall be entitled to represent the Worthy Patron. In case of the absence of the Worthy Patron and Associate Patron, the Worthy Patron may appoint as his proxy with full power of representation, any member of his Chapter. In order for a member to be seated as a proxy, she or he shall present to the Committee on Credentials a certificate of such appointment, duly certified to under Seal of the Chapter by the Secretary.

- b. Past Matrons and Past Patrons. All Past Matrons and Patrons of Chartered Chapters within this Grand Jurisdiction shall be members of this Grand Chapter, provided they are affiliated with a Chartered Chapter or a Chapter Under Dispensation who's Charter has been granted at that Session of Grand Chapter. They cannot appoint proxies.

AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Add "c."

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The Grand Chapter shall be composed of the following:

- a. No Change
  - (1) No Change
  - (2) No Change
- b. No Change
- c. All members of Chartered Chapters in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be members of this Grand Chapter. They cannot appoint proxies.

Lola Peaches Wallace  
Ivan Wallace  
Neva Mae Evans Cherry

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard this proposal. Is there any discussion? I recognize Sister Lola "Peaches" Wallace.

**MRS. LOLA "PEACHES" WALLACE:** I am Lola "Peaches" Wallace, Past Matron of Ridglea Chapter #999. Our membership is dropping in our subordinate chapters. Our attendance at Grand Chapter is less than half of what it should be. We need to act now to try to get our members interested and involved in the work of our Order. There are many compelling reasons that this is the time to make all of our chapter members also active members of Grand Chapter. These members who are not Past Matrons and Past Patrons pay their registration fee, their transportation costs, their hotel bills and food expense. They buy tickets for the breakfasts, lunches and banquets. They buy things being sold by the Grand Officers, Grand Chapter and our vendors. They do all this the same as all of us, to support Grand Chapter and make it strong.

We need the vote of all our members in attendance to make the decisions necessary for our Order to grow and prosper. Many of these members are line officers in their chapters and are the future leaders of our Order, and some are dedicated members who have been active in our chapters for many years and who attend Grand Chapter and would cherish the right to vote. I believe that they would come to Grand Chapter, they would study the laws and the amendments and be prepared to vote.

This would be good for our subordinate chapters and Grand Chapter. Please vote in favor of this amendment. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize the lady in the North.

**MRS. CONNIE HARRELL:** My name is Connie Harrell, Past Matron of North Fort Worth 684, affiliated with Crescent Chapter 820. I am against this amendment, and it is for the following reason. For many, many years I have wanted this to happen, that the membership would have a vote in Grand Chapter without having to go through the chairs. My mother was a 50-year member who never served in an office, but worked hard and did other things. My aunt who is 93 is now going through the chairs so she can have a vote at Grand Chapter.



However, I do not feel that without putting some restrictions on this, a brand new member coming into our Order should have the ability to vote. I think a three-year or five-year membership should be required, or a proficiency certificate, or something to show that these people truly have an interest in what we're doing and they know what we're doing rather than just voting offhand. I understand that if they're interested enough to come to Grand Chapter, that is a good thing.

But after all that I've said and I've been for this for these many years, I do think there should be some limitations as to either length of membership or proficiency. That's all I have to say. Otherwise, I'm for the amendment if there was a restriction. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Toby Lytle.

**MR. TOBY LYTLE:** I am Toby Lytle, Worthy Patron of Spring #1105. We're in the 126th year of Grand Chapter. It looks like to me we're doing pretty well. Let's leave things alone. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Sister Barbara Cunningham.

**MRS. BARBARA CUNNINGHAM:** I'm Barbara Cunningham, Past Matron of Somerset Chapter. Years ago when I came to Grand Chapter the first time I was not a voting member. I sat up in the balcony, I watched what was going on and I learned. Sisters and Brothers, we have a hard time getting people to go through the chairs. If you give a vote to everyone that comes to Grand Chapter, what incentive do they have to go through the chairs in our subordinate chapters? [applause] I'm against this amendment.

**MRS. LOLA "PEACHES" WALLACE:** Worthy Grand Matron, may I answer this problem?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Yes, ma'am.

**MRS. LOLA "PEACHES" WALLACE:** Sisters and Brothers, if we have this new member who has the good judgment to want to be a member of our Order, to join a chapter where she obviously had good friends or loved ones who brought her into the chapter — their chapter — if she became interested enough to attend Grand Chapter, I believe that her chapter members and friends would see that she understood what she needed to know to vote intelligently.

Also, I believe that any restrictions placed on this amendment would impose a hardship for our Credentials Committee to verify. I am opposed to this change in the amendment. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize the Sister in the West.

**MRS. YVONNE SMITH:** I am Yvonne Smith, Past Matron of Zapata Chapter #1106. The first several years that I attended Grand Chapter with expenses, I was unable to vote because I had not as yet attained the privilege of serving as Worthy Matron.

I studied very hard. I had taken proficiency exams and studied the Ritual and the Constitution very hard and thoroughly. I felt very privileged to attain the voting privileges. I feel that someone that has studied and attained a proficiency at least should have the privilege of voting if they go to Grand Chapter at their expense.

I have seen members that have gone through — been voted into the position of Worthy Matron of their chapter because no one else was available at the time and had little knowledge of the Order and of the workings of the Order. When they came to Grand Chapter, they had the privilege of voting, as they should, because they were in the position of Worthy Matron. But I feel that there are those that have studied, worked, been a member for many years, may be going through the chairs, I feel they should have the privilege of voting. Yes, maybe a restriction of one year's membership or a proficiency would be fine.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Remember, we have a limit of three minutes to speak.

I recognize the gentleman in the South.

**MR. JOHN DUNN:** My name is John Dunn. I am a Past Patron of Livingston Chapter #1139, Livingston, Texas. I have just one thing to say about this — it has already been expounded on — that we'll lose one of our best incentives for people to go through the chairs in subordinate chapters,

in order for them to be able to vote at Grand Chapter. But I want to say this. We're led by some very, very learned members of General Grand. They are Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. When General Grand, in their infinite wisdom, decides to let Past Matrons and Past Patrons vote at General Grand, I'd be for this amendment. [applause]

**MRS. PRISCILLA LOCKE:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Priscilla Locke, Past Matron of Glen Rose Chapter #171. I am an Affiliated Past Matron from the State of Georgia. I had been a District Deputy in Georgia and I hold a Gold Seal in the State of Georgia. That's the proficiency.

I am not for this amendment. I wanted to be a part of Sister Betty Friend's Grand session and I could not because I was not a Past Matron from the State of Texas. Becoming a Past Matron from the State of Texas has been one of the highlights of my life. I have done it twice; I am glad to do it and I am glad to be a member and a voting member in the Grand Chapter of Texas. That is why I went through the chairs in my chapter to start with. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother Richard Ochs in the North.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Richard Ochs, Worthy Patron of Kingsland Chapter, and I would like to please be allowed to pass up to our Past Grand Patron on the far side, because those three were up there before I.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You had better hold on to it. You've already lost half of your time.

I recognize the Sister in the South.

**MRS. KELLY HOBART:** I'm Kelly Hobart; I'm Worthy Matron of Pasadena 711. I come from a long line of Eastern Stars; I'm young and enthusiastic and this year is my first year to be able to vote here. I'm just beginning to realize how much I don't know. So I feel as though had I been allowed to vote as a Star Point or just as a member when I was here, I might not have made the best decisions when I was given the opportunity to do that vote. I've learned now that the Secretary and Treasurer and the Line Officers are the ones who keep the chapter really afloat. They're the ones who understand the business at hand, and they're the ones who keep us going in the direction we must go in.

I would approve of this amendment if there was a restriction that you were a Line Officer or a Secretary or Treasurer, because I feel those are the people who would be able to make an educated decision when the votes were presented. As it stands now, I'm not sure I agree. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize the Sister in the South.

**MRS. DOROTHY KOONTZ:** I am Dorothy Littlepage Koontz, a member of Texas Chapter #35 in San Antonio. I am a Past Matron and I enjoy being an Eastern Star and a Past Matron. We have members that enjoy being a member of the subordinate chapters, and that's as far as they wish to go. My hat is off to those because we need all kinds of members in our chapters. However, if we gave them permission to come and vote, they may not know exactly what to do. I'm not for that. Have you ever thought of the fact that what if it was in a section — or a district, rather, that had many people that were allowed to vote that were not Past Matrons and Past Patrons, etc., and they didn't know how to vote, but they did vote? And maybe it wasn't for the best of the Order.

It's kind of like having a blind person come and do something when others see. I'm not for others — we all were a member for a day, maybe a year or more as a member, but those of you that are here worked diligently, I know, to be in Eastern Star, as a Past Matron and serving as a Grand Officer, and I know you appreciate that point. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. I recognize Brother Nelson Campbell.

**MR. NELSON CAMPBELL:** My name is Nelson Campbell. I'm a Past Patron of Silsbee Chapter #298, and I move for the previous question. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this amendment and proposal. We have had discussion. Now all of those in favor of adopting this amendment, please raise your green cards. All those against. It has been defeated.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Worthy Grand Matron, it's my understanding that by virtue of the defeat of amendment number 1, there will be no need to consider amendments number 2 and number 3.

All right. Sisters and Brothers, you should be with us now on page 71 of your Advanced Annual Report where we present to you amendment number 4. Is everyone with us, understanding that numbers 2 and 3 there is no need to present?

#### **REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 4**

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Amendment number 4 is found on page 71 in your Advanced Annual Report, and if it passes will take effect at the close of this, your 2008, Grand Chapter session. It pertains to Article 16, page 54 in the Code of Laws under "Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons." The rationale, Sisters and Brothers, for this amendment is to allow the Worthy Grand Matron something she has already been doing anyway. She's appointing her Deputies before installation and then as many Deputies afterwards as necessary for the best interest of her Order after her installation. It also helps her, Sisters and Brothers, when there is a section that possibly does not have someone that would serve as a Deputy.

Your Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in order and ready for the vote of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 4 reads as follows in its entirety.]

#### **CODE OF LAWS**

If adopted shall become effective from and after the adjournment of this  
2008 Session of Grand Chapter (Article 170, page 116)

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 4 CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION IV, Chapter 4, ARTICLE 16, Page 54

Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers, District Deputies and Deputies

WHEREAS, due to the decrease in Membership and Chapters, it is getting very difficult to appoint Deputies for each Section, we the undersigned present the following amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

A. WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Article 16. DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND DEPUTIES. As soon as possible after her Installation, she shall appoint one District Deputy Grand Matron and ten Deputy Grand Matrons for each of the five Districts. Each Deputy shall reside in her District and Section except as provided for in Article V, B, Section 2, of the Constitution. She may appoint such Special Deputies as, in her judgement, are needed for the growth of the Order, or whose appointments may be required for the proper transaction of the Business of Grand Chapter or Subordinate Chapter. She shall appoint Deputies to preside at trials, when deemed expedient by her. In the appointment of such Special deputies, she shall definitely prescribe their powers and duties, and their commissions shall expire after duties have been performed.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

A. WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Article 16. DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND DEPUTIES. **Before** Installation, she shall appoint

one District Deputy Grand Matron and **as many Deputy Grand Matrons as it may deem for the interest of the Order within this Grand Jurisdiction for each of the five Districts.** Each deputy shall reside in her District and Section except as provided for in Article V, B, Section 2, of the Constitution. **After Installation** she may appoint such Special Deputies as, in her judgement, are needed for the growth of the Order, or whose appointments may be required for the proper transaction of the business of Grand Chapter or Subordinate Chapter. She shall appoint Deputies to preside at trials, when deemed expedient by her. In the appointment of such Special Deputies, she shall definitely prescribe their powers and duties, and their commissions shall expire after duties have been performed.

Joyce Nicklas  
Bess Caldwell  
Nell Smith Drenner

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this amendment. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting this amendment, would you please raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Brother Jerry L. Martin will present amendment number 5.

### **REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 5**

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** Amendment number 5 is found on page 72 of your Advanced Annual Report. It is found in Article 68, page 66 in the Code of Laws entitled "Printed Reports." If it passes, it will take effect at the close of the 2008 session.

You may note that it was printed as "now reads" and "amended to read." They did have it as Article 67, but they did title it right at the top of the amendment. Therefore, it is in order.

This amendment would ensure that all legal actions, especially those regarding the assets of Grand Chapter are printed in the Proceedings and labeled as Legal Actions.

Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment to be in order and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 5 reads as follows in its entirety.]

### **AMENDMENT NO. 5 CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 4, E, ARTICLE 68, PAGE 66,

PRINTED REPORTS

WHEREAS, to ensure legal documents and actions concerning the assets of Grand Chapter of Texas are properly recorded and referenced, and

WHEREAS, to ensure quick reference and research of future issues related to the assets of Grand Chapter, we the undersigned present the following legislation for consideration and approval.

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 67. PRINTED REPORTS. She shall have printed, in pamphlet form, the official Acts, Decisions, Irregularities, Discipline and Legal Acts of the Worthy Grand Matron, including the official acts of the Corporate Board, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, the Report of the Board of Directors, the Reports of the Jurisprudence Committee on Unfinished Business, the Proposed Amendments and the Proposed Budget for the ensuing year. The reports shall be ready for distribution at the opening of Grand Chapter. The Auditor's Report shall be printed in the Proceedings.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 67. PRINTED REPORTS. The **Grand Secretary** shall have printed, in pamphlet form, the official Acts, Decisions, Irregularities, Discipline and Legal Acts of the Worthy Grand Matron, including the official acts of the Corporate Board, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, the Report of the Board of Directors, the Reports of the Jurisprudence Committee on Unfinished Business, the Proposed Amendments and the Proposed Budget for the ensuring year. The reports shall be ready for distribution at the opening of Grand Chapter. The Auditor's Report **and all legal actions, especially those regarding the assets of Grand Chapter** shall be printed in the Proceedings **labeled as Legal Actions**.

Gary E. Steele  
Lorraine Williams  
Karen Kidd  
Terri Rozell  
Nell Smith Drenner  
Diane Davidson

K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.  
A.L. Casparis  
Lori M. Goldman  
Mickie Campbell  
Betty Prater

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this proposal. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all of those in favor of adopting this report, would you please raise your green cards. All against. Motion carried.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Worthy Grand Matron, as announced previously, amendment number 6 has been withdrawn unanimously by all the signers. I present Sister Betty Benham to present amendment number 7.

#### **REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 7**

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** Thank you. Amendment number 7 is found on page 74 in your Advanced Annual Report, and it is also Article 70, page 67 in the Code of Laws entitled "Salary of the Grand Secretary." The rationale to this is, if passed, the Grand Secretary's salary shall be raised from 18,000 per year and raise the 600 monthly housing allowance — I mean, that's the way it reads. It would change to 19,000 per year and adding another hundred for the 700 a month housing allowance.

Your Jurisprudence Committee has found this to be in proper form for consideration by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 7 reads as follows in its entirety.]

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 7 CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 4, E, ARTICLE 70, Page 67

#### **SALARY**

WHEREAS, the cost of living continues to go up and the office of Grand Secretary is a full time job, and

WHEREAS, the salary has not been increased in three (3) years, we the undersigned propose the following:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 70, SALARY: The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her services, eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) PER YEAR SALARY, plus a housing allowance of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) PER MONTH beginning at the time of relocation of the office.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 70, SALARY: The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her services, **nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000.00) PER YEAR SALARY**, plus a housing allowance of **seven hundred dollars (\$700.00)** per month.

Mickie Campbell	Lori M. Goldman
Diane Davidson	Gary E. Steele
Lorraine Williams	Karen Kidd
Terri Rozell	Betty Prater
K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.	A.L. Casparis

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this amendment. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. All those in favor of adopting this report, please raise your green cards. All against. Motion carried.

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** I now ask that Sharon Fentress come forward and present amendment number 8.

### REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 8

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Sisters and Brothers, amendment number 8 is found on page 74 of the Advanced Annual Report. It is found in the Code of Laws under Article 77.c, page 68. It addresses salary and expenses. This amendment would increase the salary of the Grand Treasurer by \$1,000 to a total of \$6,000 annually. Your Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment is proper order and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 8 reads as follows in its entirety.]

### AMENDMENT NO. 8 CODE OF LAWS

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 4, F, ARTICLE 77, Page 68

#### SALARY AND EXPENSE

WHEREAS, the cost of living continues to go up and the office of Grand Treasurer has taken on more duties requiring her/him to be in the office more, and

WHEREAS, the salary has not been increased in three (3) years, we the undersigned propose the following:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 77, SALARY AND EXPENSE: The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full compensation for her services, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) PER YEAR SALARY. Any necessary administrative expenses in performance of the duties of the Grand Treasurer will be provided by the Board of Directors by including an amount in the General Budget of the Grand Chapter and paid on approval by said Board of Directors.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 77, SALARY AND EXPENSE: The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full compensation for her services, **six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) PER YEAR SALARY**. Any necessary administrative expenses in performance of the duties of the Grand Treasurer will be provided by the Board of Directors by including an amount in the General Budget of the Grand Chapter and paid on approval by said Board of Directors.

Mickie Campbell	Lori M. Goldman
Diane Davidson	Gary E. Steele
Lorraine Williams	Karen Kidd

Terri Rozell  
K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.

Nell Smith Drenner  
A.L. Casparis

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this amendment and proposal. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed. All those in favor of adopting this report, would you please raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Sister Rosemary Swetland will now bring you amendment number 9.

### REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 9

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Sisters and Brothers, amendment number 9 is found on page 75 in your Advanced Annual Report. It pertains to Article 82.n, page 71a in the Code of Laws entitled "The Board of Directors - Additional Duties." If this amendment is passed, it will become law at the end of this 2008 session. The rationale for this is with regard to the minutes of the Board of Directors, that the postage will be paid by the Grand Chapter and a summary of each of their meetings be placed in the Annual Proceedings. Your Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and awaits your pleasure.

[Amendment No. 9 reads as follows in its entirety.]

### AMENDMENT NO. 9 CODE OF LAWS

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 5, A, ARTICLE 82, n, Page 71a

#### ADDITIONAL DUTIES

WHEREAS, to ensure legal documents and actions concerning the actions of Board of Directors are properly recorded and referenced, and

WHEREAS, to ensure quick reference and research of future issues related to the Grand Chapter, we, the undersigned, present the following legislation for consideration and approval:

NOW READS:

ARTICLE 82, n, ADDITIONAL DUTIES; Minutes of all meetings of The Board of Directors shall be furnished to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, and Associate Grand Conductress within ten (10) days after each meeting of said Board. The cost of mailing such minutes shall be borne by the Board of Directors. Said Board will not employ or pay from Grand Chapter funds, anyone to perform the duties of a Secretary.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 82, n, ADDITIONAL DUTIES; Minutes of all meetings of The Board of Directors shall be furnished to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, and Associate Grand Conductress within ten (10) days after each meeting of said Board. The cost of mailing such minutes shall be borne by the **Grand Chapter of Texas**. Said Board will not employ or pay from Grand Chapter funds, anyone to perform the duties of a Secretary. **A summary of each meeting will be printed in the Annual Proceedings.**

Gary E. Steele  
Diane Davidson  
Lori M. Goldman  
Mickie Campbell

K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.  
Lorraine Williams  
Terri Rozell  
Karen Kidd

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this amendment and proposal. Is there any discussion?

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Yes, ma'am.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother Richard Ochs in the North.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I am Richard Ochs, Worthy Patron of Kingsland Chapter. I wish to point out for consideration that minutes of our Directors are really official business, and I strongly believe that complete minutes should be in our official Proceedings. What is chose and acceptable to the officers that are mentioned — as summaries, that becomes a different issue as far as I personally am concerned. But I do believe that it is too easy for summaries to be misunderstood, to be misleading, and in some cases if someone — or group of someones — chooses to provide a little misinformation, it can easily occur. I, therefore, encourage the Grand Chapter membership in behalf of the Grand Chapter and to assure future full Proceedings that it include the entire minutes in the Proceedings and therefore encourage everyone to vote against this.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Any further discussion? Would you like to address that?

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Worthy Grand Matron, I just want to make sure I am understanding our Brother so that I'm with him. Brother Richard, you're against a summary of each meeting being presented; you want the entire thing. But if we defeat this amendment, as you're asking, there will be nothing printed. I'm just asking what you want, Brother Richard. I mean, if you want the entire thing, then we're going to need to —

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** The minutes have been being provided at times — I will not say every year, but they have been being in the Proceedings and so have the Corporate Board minutes. It is appropriate, I believe, for minutes of official business of that type to be within the Proceedings. If that ends up being the determination of Jurisdiction that it omits ever having minutes in the Proceedings in the future, I'll do something else for future amendment that would make it absolutely necessary.

But I think if someone would review past Proceedings, you will find that there have been at times the minutes in the Proceedings, and they have been being provided to the members who have been listed. Now if I'm totally wrong, go ahead and tell me, Grand Secretary. I see she's standing to nail me. I've been nailed before.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Brother Richard, I would never tell you you're totally wrong.

Worthy Grand Matron, may I speak on this for a minute —

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Please.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** — for clarification.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Excuse me, Worthy Grand Matron.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** The reason that this was brought is we have no laws specifying what would be printed as far as Board minutes. This was brought because in researching back, since we have been working in developing records for our assets, we have found many voids through the many, many years, and it has made it very difficult to know what had been disposed of, what hadn't been. We're just trying to rectify that.

Our minutes are published on the website. You may look at those at any time. But a summary would be most helpful in the future for determining — say, ten years down the road after everybody that has worked on this is not around to remember what happened — this is why this amendment was brought by the Board. We need this for our history. We have found too many voids in these past years — years and years. It has made it very difficult. That's why we need this, Brother Richard.

As you well know, Proceedings are very expensive to print. It's my understanding it's going to be my responsibility — and the Grand Secretary who happens to follow me — to see that this is done, because that is our job, is to put a summary. I promise you that everything that pertains to the business that we need to know about for the future will be in the Proceedings. Okay?



**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Worthy Grand Matron, may I respond relative to that? I pointed out that sometimes it has been. She has made a perfect case of just exactly what I'm talking about. And if it is not out of order, I would ask that we table this till later and I will propose an amendment and present it to the Jurisdiction in writing that would modify this to make entire minutes to be published in the Proceedings because of the official record. There have been times — and I have been a part of it — when we were unwilling to let others discuss before we made decisions, and we have made some foolish decisions. And, yes, I realize I am the old mountain goat of the Grand Chapter, and especially the Past Grands. But I really am seriously interested in seeing that important official business be a part of the Grand Chapter Proceedings. There are old goats like I, as well as sweet ladies and some perfect gentlemen, who do not participate in this computer crap.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Brother Richard, you're a handsome old goat! Would you get that amendment to your Jurisprudence Committee? We'll table it and we'll bring it back for you.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** I would appreciate that, because things don't work quite as good as they did before I had that wreck five years ago. I will look for y'all's assistance.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** We're just right over here to the left. We'll help you and we'll handle that for you. Okay?

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Yes, ma'am. Thank you very much.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** I present Brother Jerry L. Martin for amendment number 10.

### REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 10

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** Amendment number 10 is found on page 76 in the Advanced Annual Report. It deals with Article 82P., page 71a in the Code of Laws entitled "Rules and Regulations of the OES Retirement Program, including a Fee for Service Program and the Benevolent Fund." If it passes, it will take effect at the close of this 2008 session.

Simply stated, it would prevent any member from entering TMRC who is not 65 years old and applied for Social Security and Medicare, regardless of the fact that they met all other requirements.

Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment to be in order and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 10 reads as follows in its entirety.]

### AMENDMENT NO. 10 CODE OF LAWS

ARTICLE 82 P. , Sub-Article D, Page 71a

Rules and Regulations of the O.E.S. Retirement program, including a Fee for Service Program and the Benevolent Fund

WHEREAS, the Social Security Administration recognizes full retirement age (also called "normal retirement age") as 65 and

WHEREAS, Medicare is available at age 65 and over, and

WHEREAS, you can begin taking distributions from your IRAs as early as 59 1/2, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the residents at the TMRC is to spend their golden years of life with friends in peaceful, comfortable surroundings, and

WHEREAS, most would not recognize the golden years as after 65, and

WHEREAS, medical insurance would be provided through Medicaid and Medicare, we the undersigned present the following legislation for consideration and approval:

WHICH NOW READS:

Article D. General Rules and Method of Securing Forms

1. Eligibility

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**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard this amendment and proposal —

**MRS. JANELL TREES:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Janell Trees, a Past Matron of Bexar Chapter #616, San Antonio. I believe in parliamentary procedures that when an amendment or anything has been placed on the floor and is desired to be tabled, that there must be a motion and a vote to do that. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Sisters and Brothers, our Parliamentarian says you are correct.

**MRS. JANELL TREES:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Janell Trees, a Past Matron of Bexar Chapter #616, San Antonio. I move to table the discussion of amendment number 9 until a new amendment has been proposed. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Do I hear a second?

**VOICES:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. We are legal.

Sisters and Brothers, you've heard this proposal. Is there any discussion? I recognize Brother Henry Martin.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am opposed to this amendment. Sisters and Brothers, for a hundred years this Grand Chapter has told the membership of Eastern Star that we will take care of you in your old age. If you have adverse circumstances, we will take care of you. That doesn't say if you're 59 or 95, it says we will take care of you. I am against this amendment because, number one, Medicare kicks in for certain conditions before 65. So to say that a person has to be 65 to get Medicare is not a true statement. So, Worthy Grand Matron, I am opposed to this and I ask for its defeat.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Sister Kenlyn Lawrence in the North.

**MRS. KENLYN LAWRENCE:** I'm Kenlyn Lawrence, Past Matron of Lewisville Chapter #935. The concern I have about this amendment is there are many educators within our Eastern Star organization. This does not cover them because many of them are not covered by Social Security. They have teachers' retirement. They do have other venues instead of Medicare. I would just like the Grand Chapter to consider that before they consider this amendment. Thank you very much.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize the lady in the South.

**MRS. ANN DUNN:** I am Ann Dunn, a Past Matron of Shepherd Chapter 1003, current Worthy Matron of Livingston Chapter 1139. I am also against this amendment. I do not believe we need to put an age requirement. We can have a lady at the age of 39 who needed our assistance and needed to be in an assisted living facility and could not afford a private one and we could take care of her. When she became 65, then her Medicare and everything would kick in, but I don't think we should turn our backs on some of our younger members who may need our assistance as well as our older ones. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Sister Karen Morgenthaler.

**MRS. KAREN MORGENTHALER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Karen Morgenthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. I also oppose this amendment. Sisters and Brothers, the Order of the Eastern Star is a charitable and benevolent organization. I believe that we do need to help our people in their need. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize the Sister in the South.

**MRS. CHARLENE SMITH:** I'm Charlene Smith, Past Matron of Handley 617 and charter member of TMRC Daylight Chapter 1145. I live at TMRC, and I don't think this is a fair thing, to say you must be 65. There are people out there that are not 65. I personally don't know whether they're pay-for-service, I know of one that is not. I think that's being a little harsh of taking care of our Brothers and Sisters by limiting them. I know that this would be an expense, but if they're in that state of needing that much help, surely they can get Medicaid and other things to help them. I'm against this motion.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother Art Drescher.

**MR. ARTHUR DRESCHER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Art Drescher. I'm a Past Patron of Dal-Cliff 574. A couple of things, just to clear some things up — information. If you will check our by-laws, we do not have an assisted living center or nursing home; we are a retirement center. You have to be healthy, be able to walk in. Therefore, the concerns as far as needing assisted living, those are addressed through other areas of our benevolent aid.

The reason why we brought this amendment forward, we have been getting several applications this year and in the previous years for our Sisters that are under age 60, some of them had some health issues that would be coming up in the future and they were looking to get in while they could get in. We've looked at that, and we have to look at costs. You heard my report earlier. We've got about 1.3 million, and that's all we have. We have to be very careful. One of the biggest costs to us is health care. If they come in before they have health care — and I do stand corrected. In working on this we did not consider teachers' retirement. We at this point — the Board of Directors would accept an amendment later on to take care of that, however we can do that, Brother Jerry, because that is a mistake on our part. I'm going to admit that right now.

But the thing is, we're looking at financials. A few years ago we had a Sister that was under age 60, had some medical problems and we ended up — after settlements and after a lot of lawyer's fees, we put out a little over \$30,000 to take care of her. That was above and beyond just the actual cost of TMRC. Some of the minor health issues — TMRC — they put them in the hospital for a day or two, they take that money and it is divided among the overall residents and that does increase our cost per day.

So what we're trying to do is find a way to make sure that we can maintain our money, use it efficiently, but make sure we're using every resource possible to help give them quality health care. Again, if we had an oil well or if we had a little more money in the bank, like some of our — well,

like the TMRC does, we wouldn't be quite as concerned. But right now we do have a fiscal responsibility, and we do need to make sure this fund is available not just for the next two years, but we need to be able to grow it and have it available when my kids may need it. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother Gary Steele.

**MR. GARY STEELE:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Gary Steele and I'm from Lewisville 935. I just want to ditto what Art has said. But also when we talked about the cost of taking care of somebody like that — that person that we talked about that years ago had a major health problem and the bill was about \$250,000. But the trustees were — and this was when we were in the old home — the trustees were able to negotiate down to 30 or \$35,000. So when we have members that come in that could be a liability to us, it would eat up our endowment fund. So if we have another suggestion or another amendment to it — but right now we're looking at it mostly as a financial aspect to Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother Trey Smith.

**MR. TREY SMITH:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Trey Smith, Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249. I'm against this amendment for several reasons. One of them, I do not believe that the membership of Texas is a liability to the Board or to anyone else in Texas. [applause] Secondly, as it states in eligibility, you must be affiliated with a subordinate chapter for a minimum of five years preceding and/or ten accumulative years at the time of making application. So you're already being held and responsible for a five-year or ten-year membership before you can even apply.

I think that the Board has good intentions in trying to be protective of our assets, but I don't think anyone is guaranteed good health, whether you're 65, 55 or 45. We're going to have expenses no matter what the age, but I think we have a precedent that has been set, in that we've always accepted our members that could apply in trust that they took care of their business before they came in and with the Board's assistance we've made sure that they were taken care of. But I do oppose this based on the 65 requirement and I also call for the question. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the discussion. We're now going to vote on the proposal. All those in favor of adopting this amendment, would you please raise your green cards. All of those opposed. Motion defeated.

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** I would now ask Brother Billy Combest to come forward and present amendment number 11.

## REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 11

**MR. BILLY COMBEST:** Amendment number 11 can be found on page 77 of your Advanced Annual Report. It involves a change in the Code of Laws, Division IV, Chapter 5.A, Article 82.p, Sub-article D(2), Section b(2). It basically is being written by the signers to change the manner of evaluating people that do enter the home. Now it specifies a physician will do this evaluation. They want to change it, and they believe that the medical staff at TMRC has well-qualified staff and are able to make an adequate evaluation and determine whether this person meets the criteria to come into our home.

Worthy Grand Matron, this is in proper order and now awaits action by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 11 reads as follows in its entirety.]

### AMENDMENT NO. 11 CODE OF LAWS

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 5, A, ARTICLE 82, p, SUB-ARTICLE D, NO. 2, SECTION b. (2), PAGE 71d.

WHEREAS, this amendment will clarify the evaluation process and bring our Code of Law in line with TMRC process/procedures, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to make sure that the applying applicant for the TMRC receives a medical evaluation prior to approval and admittance into the TMRC, and

WHEREAS, the Physician at the TMRC is not an employee of the TMRC and the medical staff and administration are highly capable of conducting the medical evaluation, the undersigned present the following legislation for consideration and approval;

WHICH NOW READS:

2. Procurement and Completion of Forms

Section b.

- (2) All applicants may be subject to further medical examination by the TMRC physician on a date designated to the Chapter by the Superintendent of TMRC. Following the examination, the applicant will return home and there will be a waiting period before the Chapter is notified of acceptance or rejection. The applicant SHALL visit the TMRC and make their presence known to the Superintendent in charge before the medical examination. The Superintendent of TMRC will arrange for a room for the applicant and one traveling companion at the time of the physical examination by the TMRC physician.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

2. Procurement and Completion of Forms

Section b.

- (2) All applicants may be subject to further **medical evaluation** by the **medical staff at TMRC** on a date designated to the Chapter by the Superintendent of TMRC. Following the **evaluation**, the applicant will return home and there will be a waiting period before the Chapter is notified of acceptance or rejection. The applicant SHALL visit the TMRC and make their presence known to the Superintendent in charge before the **medical evaluation**. The Superintendent of TMRC will arrange for a room for the applicant and one traveling companion at the time of the **medical evaluation** by the **medical staff at TMRC**.

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**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this proposal. Is there any discussion? I recognize Sister Janell in the South.

**MRS. JANELL NICHOLS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Janell Nichols, a Past Matron of Kilgore Chapter #630 now affiliated with Jefferson Chapter #627. First of all, I'd like to ask why they changed just one word from "examination" to "evaluation." Please define what the medical staff is for me.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I believe we have a Board member there behind you that will explain that.

**MR. ARTHUR DRESCHER:** Arthur Drescher, Dal-Cliff 574, Past Patron. The way it's worded now it does say "physician." Last year we invoked that with an application. We asked TMRC to have their physician, and we found out they do not have a physician. TMRC does not have a physician that can do these examinations, they have a medical staff. This is simply a wording change to be consistent with what TMRC does have and what they actually do and what we've been doing for some time. So they do not have a doctor on duty. It's not a medical evaluation. They have a nurse that is a Certified Senior RN that will do an evaluation. So the change in the word was just simply because they do not have a physician on staff, and we can't — there's no physician. There's no

TMRC physician, period. So that's what it is.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Sister Mickie Todd. We'll get back to you, Janell.

**MRS. MICKIE CAMPBELL:** Worthy Grand Matron, the reason for this was to clarify examination versus evaluation. Our understanding with TMRC, due to the doctor/patient confidentiality, our Sister going into the TMRC home is not a patient of his until she is admitted. You can't be a patient of his until you are actually admitted. That's the key to the whole thing. TMRC staff, which they have Registered Nurses, do the Sister's evaluation. All the information is then sent back to us, and then once she is admitted, then at that time she becomes a member of TMRC — a resident of TMRC, then she will then be under the doctor's care — of the doctor at TMRC.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Janell, would you like to speak to that?

**MRS. JANELL NICHOLS:** I am Janell Nichols, Past Matron of Kilgore Chapter 630, now affiliated with Jefferson Chapter #627. All right. If we're requiring a person coming into the home to have a medical evaluation, then they can in fact be seen by that doctor. That is our requirement. It's like somebody going to work and they need a drug screen and an evaluation. So that can be done. There's a little bit of misunderstanding here, I think. All right.

Second of all, a Senior Nurse may not — not — and this is by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas — a Senior Nurse cannot do a medical evaluation. She has to be a Family Nurse Practitioner that has an independent license or it needs to be a Physician's Assistant that is guided by a physician, under the auspices of a physician. So to say medical staff — and you're going to define her as a Senior RN — I've been an RN for 38 years. Are you going to say I'm a Senior RN? No. I don't have a Family Nurse Practitioner license that I can do a medical exam on. This would be in violation of the Board of Nursing Examiners. Those that are nurses in this room, do you know what I'm talking about? Back me up. Is that not true? [applause] Okay, good. Thank you very much. That's my comments, and I think this needs to be defeated because "medical staff" is a misnomer. I think we still need the physician to come in. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize the lady in the South.

**MRS. CHARLENE SMITH:** I'm Charlene Smith, Past Matron of Handley 617 and currently Associate Matron at TMRC Daylight Chapter 1145. I do live at the TMRC, as I said earlier. We do have — I don't know what her title is, but she's above the Registered Nurse level, and she comes in. But if I'm not mistaken — and please correct me if I am — you have to have your family doctor or some doctor fill out a document before you can even apply for entrance; am I correct?

That would be your family doctor that has all of your history that knows — and probably gives you an examination knowing where you're going. So this would be a duplication, to have it done again at the home. There's someone that's coming in September 2nd that has just gone through that procedure. She had to swear that she had been examined by her physician, and he signed the paper and she did too. So why would it be necessary — or why can't the staff take care of the rest of the procedure? They take good care of us.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You're asking me?

**MRS. CHARLENE SMITH:** You're supposed to know everything. You're at the top of the heap and I'm at the bottom, so tell me.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I cannot answer that, I am presiding. I'm sorry. But I believe Sister Mickie is standing behind you, and she will answer that.

**MRS. MICKIE CAMPBELL:** The original application — they have to have their papers filled out by their original doctor. That's correct. The particular evaluation — TMRC does not have a doctor. They have a doctor of their choice that they call either emergency room or — but there's not a doctor on staff.

I need to clarify, I didn't do that earlier. I said "their doctor," because that's kind of what we refer to him as, but we don't all the time know who he is — or she.

Okay. I've just been told we have a Dr. Brock on staff. He's...

**MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD:** Worthy Grand Matron, membership: Dr. Brock is the medical director at TMRC. He has a PA that works with him. Robert and I are not under that. We have our own doctor. But for those who choose, Dr. Brock is classified as the medical director. He's not on site, but he is the medical director.

**MR. TREY SMITH:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Trey.

**MR. TREY SMITH:** If I may, please. I'm Trey Smith, Arlington Chapter #249, Past Patron. My question is if we go — as chairman of the application process several times in my chapter, if we go through this and we do fill out that medical form, and the person that's going into the home has that certified and it's notarized that they've had those medical exams, my question is: After an MD or a physician does that, then does a medical person review it and make sure that's okay? That seems kind of like we're going backwards in the thought of a physician doing it the first time. Who's reverifying or who's confirming everything that the physician did that signed off on it that's a licensed practitioner?

So I'm kind of concerned about that being the evaluation again. Is it to reconfirm what the application —

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Art Drescher, would you answer that question, please?

**MR. ARTHUR DRESCHER:** I will try. I apologize, I'm having a hard time communicating this morning. The application does have a place for the doctor to fill things out. However, the doctor is not making a determination whether they can enter or not and does not know what our qualifications or requirements are. So when that's filled out, it's based on their records. That comes to the Board.

We then have to look at that to make sure they qualify. We do not have a doctor on our Board, and we're not medically qualified. And there are times that concerns come up about conditions that we need to make sure we're making the right decision. I'm fortunate, I live with a very good Registered Nurse, and I do ask her a lot of questions about it.

But there are times — in this one case that brought this up last year, we as a Board could not make a decision because we did not understand all the medical conditions involved. So I made the motion to let the doctor up there do it, and that's when we were told that cannot be done. They can have an evaluation by the Certified Nurse up there — Senior Nurse, but they could not do a medical evaluation. And that's when we learned that our wording here is wrong.

And so that's all we're trying to do here. We're not — it's just a matter of we can't do what our Constitution says. We cannot — if we have further questions — as it says, "All applicants may be subject to further medical examination by the TMRC physician." If they don't have a physician, we can't do that. They have to be a patient of the doctor before they can do that, and they can't become a patient of the doctor until after they're in TMRC and come under his care — we can't do that.

All we can do as a Board right now is send them up and let the staff, which does an evaluation, do their evaluation and come back and give us —

**MR. TREY SMITH:** So then the staff makes the recommendation to you as a Board what they think?

**MR. ARTHUR DRESCHER:** They make a recommendation to us. Basically what they do is they give us the facts because they have some different requirements for some of their applicants. So they come back and they tell us — as long as what they come back and tell us — that the Sister meets all of our guidelines of being able to walk in and being able to do the pills and just the things that we require, then we're fine.

It's just sometimes as a Board, not being doctors, we don't want to play doctor, and so we need to have the ability to let someone else do the evaluation and come back and give us further information.

**MR. TREY SMITH:** It just concerns me that there may not be — you know, medical training to help determine long term what some of those medical necessities may be — I guess is my question. That concerns me that that's left that way.

**MR. ARTHUR DRESCHER:** If they come back —

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Time's up.

**MR. TREY SMITH:** Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I believe your time is up, Sister Janell. You have spoken twice.

**MRS. JANELL NICHOLS:** Okay. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You're welcome. I recognize the Sister in the North.

**MRS. SUSAN WADE:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Susan Wade. I'm Worthy Matron of Frank W. Lynn Chapter, and I have a question for the Board. My question is: Are you telling us right now that we are currently noncompliant? If you are telling us that we are currently noncompliant, and if this is defeated, will you be required to become compliant?

**MR. ARTHUR DRESCHER:** My take on this as one vote on the Board is if we do not have the ability to send someone up for an evaluation, that is going to limit us being able to make an informed decision. If I can't get something back from someone who is certified to do this, whether it be a Certified Senior Nurse, as they have up there right now, then that limits my ability to be able to make an informed decision. I could be in the position where I make the wrong decision because I will have to err on the side of being conservative.

So compliant or noncompliant, that's really not the issue. The issue is, can I do what the Constitution says, can I send someone to the TMRC physician? And the answer is no. I can send someone for an evaluation, and that's all I can do. If you defeat this —

**MRS. SUSAN WADE:** Therefore, you are unable to comply.

**MR. ARTHUR DRESCHER:** The way it's written right now in our Constitution, we cannot do this. They do not have a doctor we can send someone to. The only thing, as was pointed out to me by someone while ago, is we may have to look into finding a doctor ourselves, to have on call to do this for us, which we can discuss that later.

But right now this is just a wording change to be compliant with what we can actually do.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, if I may break a rule here and make a decision, I think the whole thing — and Brother Billy may correct me and you may be the one to say this — but I think we're getting all out of hand here. We're just changing wording to meet our Code of Laws. We will never not take care of our people. If you will read number 2, section b, you will see that it is a wording process that we're going through. If I'm wrong, would one of the Board correct me?

**MRS. COLLEEN OSARO:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Yes, ma'am.

**MRS. COLLEEN OSARO:** I'm Colleen Osaro, Past Matron of Canyon Lake #1103. I think I have a very simple solution, if I may amend this amendment, by crossing out three words. Cross out "medical"; cross out "medical"; cross out "medical." Then we would fit exactly what we need, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Are you making that as a motion?

**MRS. COLLEEN OSARO:** I make a motion to amend the amendment.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Do I have a second?

There has been a motion made and seconded that we amend the amendment to take out, in three places, the word "medical."

**VOICE:** I thought we had to have that in writing.



**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It'll have to be in writing, yes, ma'am.

**VOICE:** Before it could be made an amendment, I thought we had to have it in writing.

**MRS. COLLEEN OSARO:** I've been told, Worthy Grand Matron, that I need to take it and present it and do that. So I move that we table this, and I will write it up that we cross out those three words.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have had another amendment to the amendment to the amendment that we table amendment number 11 until it is further discussed. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. It has been tabled.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** To those sweet members who are going to be working on the amendment, please be sure that you turn on over to page 78 of the Advanced Annual Report because there is some more wording there, and you will want to take care of it all at one time. Wherever those sweet people are.

**MR. BILLY COMBEST:** I appreciate the seriousness of the membership in worrying about looking after our ladies at the home and our members. That was the intent of everybody involved, including your Jurisprudence.

I would now like to call on Sister Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron of District 2, to come present amendment number 12.

### REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 12

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** Thank you, Brother Billy. This is amendment number 12. It is found on page 78 of the Advanced Annual Report. It's also Article 82F, number 4, on page 72 in the Code of Laws. It's entitled "Emergency Aid Assistance." If this passes, it will take effect at the close of this session.

Nothing is being deleted. The only thing that would come — if this is passed, that we add that Emergency Benevolent Aid may be granted to any member under the direction of the Board. This allows the Board of Directors the authority to grant to any member Emergency Benevolent Aid.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this in proper form and awaits this Grand Chapter's decision.

[Amendment No. 12 reads as follows in its entirety.]

### AMENDMENT NO. 12 CODE OF LAWS

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 5, A, ARTICLE 82, p, SUB-ARTICLE F, NO. 4, PAGE 72

EMERGENCY AID ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, to better establish guidelines to control, approve and disburse **EMERGENCY AID** funds in a timely and conservative manner, we the undersigned present the following legislation for consideration and approval:

WHICH NOW READS:

Emergency Aid Assistance was established to provide one time funds for emergency situations. It would apply for those members who have suffered a sudden, tragic loss (fire, flood, sudden death of a spouse) and need immediate assistance.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

Emergency Aid Assistance was established to provide one time funds for emergency situations. It would apply for those members who have suffered a sudden, tragic loss (fire, flood, sudden death of a spouse) and need immediate assistance. **Emergency Benevolent Aid may be granted to any member at the discretion of the Board of Directors in accordance with the regulations set forth in the Constitution and Code of Laws.**

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**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this amendment. Is there any discussion? I recognize Brother Henry Martin.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Keist Chapter #959. Worthy Grand Matron, I am a little confused here on why we need to pass this. It says here that Emergency Aid may be granted to any member. Then in the last line it says, “in accordance with the regulations set forth in the Constitution and Code of Laws.” Now what the Board has done is they have said it may be granted, and the word “may” is key — not “will be,” “may be” — at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

I would just like some clarification. Does that mean the Board is establishing a new set of requirements that’s not included in our Constitution and Code of Laws? Are they going to make different judgments based on different situations? I’m a little concerned what “at the discretion” means. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Sister Diane.

**MISS DIANE DAVIDSON:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Diane Davidson and I’m a Past Matron of McClennan Chapter 639 in Waco. For the past two years I’ve served as the Benevolent Aid Chairman for the Board of Directors. Per our Code of Laws as it’s set up now, the Board establishes whatever forms or whatever is necessary to learn of the member’s needs, but a chapter fills out and recommends that person.

Sometimes the members have a real need and sometimes they don’t. The majority of the people that apply do have a real need. The only thing this amendment seeks to do is not to change any way that Benevolent Aid is evaluated; it’s to only say that all members are entitled to Emergency Aid. That’s all the amendment means.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Does that answer your question, Brother Henry?

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, I understand what Sister Diane said. But, you know, I was taught as a child if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it. So I fail to see what adding this sentence down here is going to do, if we’ve always been giving Benevolent Aid — according to the rules and regulations, we’ve always been evaluating it, now when we start saying “at the discretion of,” I’m concerned that those requirements might change or be adjusted a little bit. I don’t see the need for this amendment. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have heard the amendment; we have had discussion; we will vote. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion has been defeated.

Sisters and Brothers, we are going to conclude this afternoon. It is lunchtime and I’m hungry. I don’t know about you.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this “Angels in Flight” Grand Chapter session from labor to rest, and direct him to permit no interruptions.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this “Angels in Flight” session from labor to rest, and you’re to permit no interruptions while we’re thus engaged.

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

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Conductress, will you attend at the altar.

I now call this Friday morning “Angels in Flight” session from labor to rest until 1:30 p.m., at which time we will continue our business session.

Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, the “Angels in Flight” session of Grand Chapter has been called from labor to rest.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we did not have our benediction. I invite Sister Sharon Fentress to bring our prayer.

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Mighty and Merciful God, Father, how grateful we are to You that You allow us to come to Your Throne of Grace and place our petitions before You. You are such a great and gracious God. We pray, Lord, today that You will bless each action that we take, every word that we say and all that is done here to Your honor and to Your glory. We pray that You watch over all of us who are ill or unable to be here. We pray that You keep a very special care over those men and women who are fighting, serving for our safety and our freedom, Lord. Wrap them in Your angel’s wings and protect them and bring them back to us. We thank You, Lord, for a beautiful day, and we pray that in some way we might continue to receive Your blessings as You honor us with the goodness of Your love. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You are dismissed.

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**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**  
**“ANGELS AMONG US” SESSION**

August 29, 2008

1:15 p.m. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder  
Grand Representative of Washington in Texas

1:30 p.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend  
Eastern Star Journal Committee  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. H. Lee Stallings  
Past Grand Patron of Texas

**MRS. BETTY FRIEND:** Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to the Friday afternoon, “Angels Among Us” session.

We’ve been listening to some beautiful music in our prelude by Sister Delphia Von Heeder. Thank you so much, Sister Delphia. [applause] As we entered the room, we certainly enjoyed the melodies that you were playing.

Most of us have at one time or another felt the existence of an angel on our shoulder as we faced difficult times in our life. We know as a child of God there will always be angels among us to properly guide our important decisions.

Our Grand Chapter has been working hard today in trying to make decisions that will serve our Order to best advantage. This afternoon we shall continue working and listening to reports that are necessary for the completion of a successful Grand Chapter. Therefore, your continued attention will be needed, and it certainly will be appreciated by your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

It is my privilege to share the Grand East with Brother Lee Stallings for the opening of this session. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for this privilege. It’s always a thrill to be in the East with the one who served the Grand Chapter by my side as Worthy Grand Patron during 1999-2000. We have many good memories of that year of service, and I shall always be grateful to both he and his wife Pat for their contributions to the “Turn of the Century” year.

Brother Lee, I know that you would like to bring greetings to this wonderful audience.

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend. It is a great privilege for me to again be able to share the East with my Worthy Grand Matron with whom I served this Grand Chapter in the year of 1999-2000. Sister Betty and Brother Jack are very dear to Pat and I, and we continue to be actively involved with each other. I want to recognize Sister Betty for her being a General Grand Chapter Committee Member during the current General Grand Chapter triennium. She has done an outstanding job on the Eastern Star Journal Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert, thank you for giving me this honor in helping Sister Betty open this “Angels Among Us” session. You and your Officers have had a great year, full of music and joy, an exciting year built on faith, happiness and sweet melodies. Thank you for your love and dedication to our beautiful Order and for serving our Grand Chapter in such a positive and uplifting way.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees, you are a friend, a strong leader and a true example of what a Worthy Grand Patron should be. Your light has shown on our Grand Chapter this year and we are better because of it. Your actions this year have truly exemplified the spirit of kindness and

forbearance one towards another.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you have been inspiring leaders who have truly shown your love for this membership. May the final hours of your year of service be as rewarding and satisfying as this past year has been. May the good Lord continue to bless, guide and direct you in all that you do now and in the future. You both have taught us to “Always remember that music is the window to the soul and the cross is the door to heaven.” Thank you.

**MRS. BETTY FRIEND:** Thank you, Brother Lee.

I now call this “Angels Among Us” session to order. Grand Marshal, Sister Sandra Zipp, you will present the “Joyous Notes” drill by the Installed Grand Officers and their Personal Pages.

The design made by these Grand Officers and their Personal Pages illustrates the joy in the heart of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. They are so glad you are here to help them fulfill the musical dreams of their year. Let’s show them how much we have enjoyed this drill. [applause]

I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees, what a thrill it is for Brother Lee and me to have been asked to call to order this “Angels Among Us” session. Both of you were totally involved in the 1999-2000 year; Sister Joyce, you were an excellent Humanitarian Chairman, and your beautiful voice always sang songs that I loved with each of your programs. Brother Jerry, as our Arrangements Chairman, we placed the greatest confidence in you; and you made the Grand Chapter session a complete success in every area of your responsibility. To both of you, we are so proud of the work that you’ve done for our Grand Chapter this year. Your Christian devotion has been a positive influence throughout the state, and your leadership has been exemplary. Your accomplishments will be remembered for many years.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I present to you Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, what a joy it is for me to be able to place in your hands your gavel, an emblem of your authority. I hope that you have a wonderful afternoon.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Betty and Brother Lee, for opening our session. Both of you mean a great deal to me. I love you much. I respect you highly and admire you both. You’re beautiful. And, yes, I had a wonderful year with both of you, and every year since you’ve been a big part of my life. Thank you for being here.

Brother Jerry.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Betty Friend and Brother Lee Stallings, I want you to know how much we appreciate your opening our “Angels Among Us” session this afternoon. It is special to have District 5 represented by both of you since Brother Lee now lives in San Antonio. Everyone respects all the service that you have given to Grand Chapter. I will always remember your “Seasons of Starlight” session as it was my honor to serve as your Arrangements Chairman. Again, thank you for your loyalty to Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the chapter.

Sister Grand Warder.

**GRAND WARDER:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this “Angels Among Us” Grand Chapter session from rest to labor, and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this session from rest to labor, and you will permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

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

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

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

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron.

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

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be at this Grand Chapter session.

Worthy Grand Matron, all present are entitled to be at this Grand Chapter session.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

Our invocation will be in song at this time by our Grand Soloist of District 2, Sister Susie Chapman. She will be singing one of my very favorite songs, "He Raised Me Up."

Thank you, Sister Susie, for blessing our hearts this afternoon with your beautiful voice.

I now declare this "Angels Among Us" session called from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, the "Angels Among Us" session of Grand Chapter has been called from rest to labor.

Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Before we resume our business session, we will be recognizing our beautiful and wonderful 50-year members and also our TMRC residents. If you will get in line — someone will be back there to help you get in line — and we will bring you to the East.

Again, I ask those who are scheduled to bring reports this afternoon to be seated in the East.

While we are waiting on those to get lined up, would our choir sing for us. You know, music is the window to our soul. And right now I feel like our soul needs to be blessed.

Grand Choir, that was beautiful.

I invite Sister Opal Farley to come to the East.

**FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with great pleasure that I move the adoption of the report of the Fraternal Correspondent as presented last evening.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the Fraternal Correspondent. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting the report of the Fraternal Correspondent, please raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Opal, I want to thank you personally for the beautiful, beautiful Grand Representative program that you brought to us last night. I tell you when you see those flags all on the floor, your heart is truly blessed. You have done a terrific job in your reporting this year. Thank you.

I recognize Brother Jerry Martin with the Texas Cardinals report.

### **REPORT OF THE TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.**

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** 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, Installed Grand Officers,

Elected Board Members, and my very, very special Sisters and Brothers.

I am Jerry L. Martin, Chairman of the Board of the Texas Cardinals. Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Board, I thank you for the privilege and pleasure of being allowed to present this report. Before doing so, however, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and the Worthy Grand Patron for your support this past year. I would also extend the same gratitude to the other Grand Line Officers. Each of you allowed us to display and sell Texas Cardinal Merchandise at many of your functions. Without such courtesies, we would not have had the successful year that we have had. And speaking of successful years, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I believe Thomas Chalmers must have had you two in mind when he said, "Live for something, be good and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storms of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of those you come in contact with year by year, and you will never be forgotten. Your name and your good deeds will shine as the stars of the heaven." Each of you have done just that! The membership of Texas will never forget what you have done for us.

On January 20, 2008, the Annual Meeting of the Texas Cardinals, Inc. was held at the Alcazar Shrine, in San Antonio, Texas. One hundred and twenty-five people signed the register, and I can assure you there were quite a few more that did not sign in. We were overjoyed by the presence of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Right Worthy Associate Grand patron, two General Grand Chapter Committee Members, two Past Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, ten Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Texas, several installed Grand Officers, several Board members, two Deputies of General Grand Chapter, many Grand Representatives several of the Committees of Grand Chapter an worthy Grand Matron's Special Committees. Another pleasant surprise was the attendance of the Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas. The Board greatly appreciates the interest shown by all of the attendees of the Annual Meeting.

I hope that all of you can attend the next Annual Meeting of the Texas Cardinals which will be held in January of 2009. The meeting date, time and location will be placed in the December 2008 Official Bulletin, and members of the Texas Cardinals will receive a newsletter with the annual meeting information via the United States mail.

The financial position of the Texas Cardinals remains very strong. Last year at Grand Chapter, I reported to you that we had exceeded our original goal of raising \$250,000 and were at 103.4% of the goal. I am pleased to announce to you today, that with only nine months of our fiscal year complete, we have a net worth of \$282,501 which means we have achieved 113% of our goal even though we have begun incurring more expenses relating to the preparations for the 2009 Installation and 2012 General Grand Chapter Session in Fort Worth. As there is only a little over a year until Sister Rennie Ofton will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Texas Cardinals will begin a cautious draw down on new merchandise purchases in hopes that with your continued purchasing of our Cardinals merchandise we can almost deplete our inventory by the time of Sister Rennie's installation. We certainly want to raise a little more funds, but we need to posture ourselves to be ready to shift from selling Cardinals merchandise to helping sell the new Most Worthy Grand Matron's products. We do, however, have one final Cardinal pin in the planning phase and if we can get it done, I think you're really going to like it. Let's hope we can get it produced at an acceptable price, and delivered in time to wear for that special installation in Tulsa, Oklahoma!

We are very fortunate to have some excellent assistance in raising funds for the 2009 Installation and 2012 General Grand Chapter Session. Our wonderful Sisters and Brothers in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island formed "Fred's Crew" to raise funds to assist in these endeavors. As we told you last year, they paid half of the deposit for the Convention Center in Fort Worth, and will be sharing some of the costs with the Texas Cardinals that are not provided by General Grand Chapter. And speaking of "Fred's Crew", we have *the* Fred with us today, and that is our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Fred Clarke. His wonderful wife Margaret is also with us, and she is a Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Before I introduce the members of the Board of Directors of the Texas Cardinals, Inc. there is

a special lady that I want to recognize at this time. She served admirably as Vice Chairman of this Board, but without a doubt, she put in more time and effort and dealt with more heated issues than any other Board Member because she was also Housing Chairman for the Texas delegation for several General Grand Chapter Sessions. For that alone, she should get a gold medal! When she was chosen to serve as Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro-Tem of General Grand Chapter, she thought it best that she give up her position on the Board to avoid the appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest. It was a very difficult decision for her to make because she loved what she was doing and the cause it represented. At this time, would you put your hands together and join me in showing our appreciation to Sister Alma Lynn Bane for all the work she has done for the Texas Cardinals, the Grand Chapter of Texas and now for the General Grand Chapter.

It is now my pleasure to present the other members of the Board; Past Grand Matron Rosemary Swetland, Vice-Chairman; Eva Hicks, Secretary/Treasurer; and Past Grand Patron Henry Martin, member and General Chairman for 2012. Our Ex-Officio Member and the reason for it all, is our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Rennie Ofton.

Our General Co-Chairman for 2012 is Past Grand Patron Kenneth Gregory, and the Secretary to the Executive Committee is Janice Herridge.

Our Liaison Officers are: District 1, Phyllis Macon; District 2, Alma York; District 3, Kaye Swain; District 4, Georgia Campbell; District 5, Jean Thomas.

The Membership and Information Committee members are: District 1, Past Grand Patron Billy Combest; District 2, Past Grand Matron Betty Benham; District 3, Past Grand Matron Yvonne Brownfield; District 4, Patricia Stallings; District 5, Past Grand Matron Doris Hester.

Our Merchandise Chairman is Sharon Mosmeyer; the Chairman of the Finance Committee is Past Grand Patron, H. Lee Stallings; the Membership Secretary is our Grand Esther, Janell Trees; and the Secretary to the Chairman is Sharon Mosmeyer.

These are the elected and appointed officers of the Texas Cardinals; however, the real key to our success is all of you who have bought memberships in the Texas Cardinals, and everyone who has purchased Cardinal merchandise. Without you, none of these accomplishments could have happened. I wish I could come up with words that would express my appreciation, but there are no words good enough. In light of that, I would ask everyone who has purchased a Texas Cardinal membership or has bought Cardinal merchandise to please stand. Dr. Thomas Franklin once said, "The heaviest debt is that of gratitude, when 'tis not in our power to repay it." This Board will never have the power to repay each of you for what you have done, but let us offer our feeble attempt to express our gratitude to you. (Board members applaud those who are standing.)

We do have a Texas Cardinals booth outside the Grand Chapter room so drop by and visit us when your time will permit. Your continued support will ensure that we get Sister Rennie and Brother Fred off on their "Redbird Flight Around the World of Eastern Star."

Sisters and Brothers, I thank you for your time and your attentive ear, but most of all, I thank you for all you do for the good of our Order, and I especially thank those of you who labor week in, week out, month after month, year after year in keeping your Subordinate Chapters alive. Many of the people I am talking about are not here because they can't be for many reasons, but you know who they are, and I hope you will tell them how we feel about them. You are the reason we have a Grand Chapter of Texas, and the Texas Cardinals. Without you, we could not be here today. God bless you all!

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Texas Cardinals report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion and the second of the Texas Cardinals report. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

I believe we have our 50-year members lined up and ready to come in. Let's have some traveling music and escort our 50-year members to the East, please. [Grand Choir sings "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."]

Sisters and Brothers, I would like for you to meet from Weatherford 21 Mrs. Georgia Ann Orr;



from Canyon City Mrs. Betty O'Connor; from Arlington Chapter 249 Mrs. Katherine Sherman; from Yoakum 282 Mrs. Kathryn Hairell; from Yoakum 282 Mr. Oscar Hairell; from Grapevine 326 Mrs. Nancy Jo. Estill; from Pittsburg 381 Mrs. Patricia Jones; Mission 527 Mrs. Oma Bush; Mission 527 Mrs. Tommye Proffer; Bexar 616 Mrs. Jane Warden; Bexar 616 Mrs. Louella Weeks; Canton 667 Mrs. Jessie Lea Shaw; Farmers Branch 687 Mrs. Nelda Davis; Vidor 914 Mrs. Eleanor Garrett; Lancaster 943 Mrs. Velma Smith; Mike Thomas-Oakcliff 951 Mrs. Frances Grimes; Yorktown 945 Mrs. Dorothy Gifford; Edwin J. Keist 959 Mrs. Phala Norris; Pine Tree 1090 Agnes Few.

I cannot begin to tell you what a wonderful joy it is to have 50-year members on this stage. I tell you what, I feel like I am among wisdom that is beyond anything we can do. I thank you for your service to the beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. Next year, and the next year, and the next year we expect you to be here at Grand Chapter. Okay? We love you. [applause]

While our Grand Marshal is getting the TMRC residents lined up, I invite Brother Henry Martin to come to the East for the Purposes and Policies report.

## **REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE**

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all. This is a report of the Purposes and Policies Committee for 2007-2008. I have asked those who have served with me on this Committee to stand up here. From District 2, Sister Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron; from District 3, Sister Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron; from District 4, Sister Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron; and from District 5, Brother Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron.

On October 6, 2007, the Purposes & Policies Committee met to review the proposed projects and Humanitarian Program of Sister Joyce Nicklas, Associate Grand Matron, and Brother Ray Hertenberger, Associate Grand Patron for the 2008 – 2009 Grand Chapter of Texas.

The Committee members were each provided an attractive loose-leaf notebook containing the planned committees, an individual summary of each project, a description of their purposes, and an explanation as to where any income would be directed.

Sister Joyce initially described the projects which would require up-front funding. They consisted of the jewelry, dress pins, sun catchers, calendars, music and proficiency stickers that her Committees would be selling, complete with the initial costs, the individual sales prices, the total projected revenue, and the expected profit.

The second group of Committees described were those which would not require any up-front funding from Grand Chapter. Again, each Committee's make-up and purpose was explained, along with where any profits, such as the sale of subscriptions and renewals of the Official Bulletin, would be directed.

The Committees in charge of planning and conducting the Friendship Exchange Visits with neighboring states and the Eight-State Exchange Visit were described.

Sister Joyce then provided an excellent overview of her planned Humanitarian Program, which is entitled "Let There Be Peace."

At the time of the meeting, a portion of the financial information was incomplete, primarily due to several merchandise vendors who had been delayed in submitting their prices. It was requested that this information be provided to the Purposes and Policies Committee when it became available, and Sister Joyce and Brother Ray were diligent in complying with this request.

Upon the completion of the presentation by Sister Joyce Nicklas and Brother Ray Hertenberger of their planned programs, committees, Friendship and Exchange visits, and their Humanitarian Program, your Purposes and Policies Committee was impressed with their overall program.

By a unanimous vote, the 2008 – 2009 Projects and Humanitarian Program were endorsed and approved.

The Purposes and Policies Committee again wants to thank Sister Joyce Nicklas and Brother

Ray Hertenberger for their preparation and presentation, and wishes them the very best as they implement these programs during their 2008 – 2009 Grand Chapter of Texas year.

And, lastly, the members of your Purposes and Policies Committee thank Worthy Grand Matron Joyce Gilbert and Worthy Grand Patron Jerry Trees for allowing each of us this opportunity to serve during the 2007 – 2008 Grand Chapter year.

Respectfully submitted.

Henry S. Martin, PGP

Purposes and Policies Committee Chairman

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of Purposes and Policies. We will now vote. All in favor of the adoption, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Grand Marshal, would you escort our TMRC residents to the East. [Grand Choir sings “Precious Memories” as they come to the East.] They are just absolutely beautiful. Our gentlemen and our ladies from the TMRC. [applause] What a pleasure it is for me to introduce to you — and he does not need an introduction — Brother Kirby Rudisell who takes such good care of our Sisters and our Brothers. Brother Kirby, we thank you for all that you do to help Eastern Star with our ladies and our gentlemen. You are an outstanding, outstanding leader and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

And you, TMRC gentlemen and ladies, how proud we are of you. You look absolutely wonderful. I tell you what, you look young! The longer I stand here, the younger you look. Thank you so much for coming and being with this membership today. We welcome you.

The ladies in the mauve blouses, they are officers of the newly instituted TMRC Daylight Chapter U.D. I understand there hasn’t been a meeting that has not had an initiation or a reading of a petition. They’ve had 11 initiations; their roster is now 75. The least attendance was 51. I believe I call that success. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, we are going to continue with our business. I invite Sister Rosemary Swetland to the East.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Did you all have a good lunch earlier? Wonderful. Some of your Jurisprudence Committee didn’t. We’ve been working.

All right, Sisters and Brothers, we’re going to take this a little slower. I think you’ll be pleased with what we’re going to present to you. If you have any concern, we’re certainly going to acknowledge it. The first step that we’re going to do is bring back amendment number 9 that was tabled. Brother Richard Ochs, are you in the room?

We’ll come back to that one.

Colleen Osaro. We’re going to amendment number 11 that was also tabled before lunch. Now, amendment number 11 was on page 77 of your Advanced Annual Report. As you know, we had quite a bit of lengthy discussion on that and we had it tabled.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Sister Colleen.

**MRS. COLLEEN OSARO:** I’m Colleen Osaro from Canyon Lake #1103. I’m bringing amendment number 11 from the table back for discussion. My understanding is that there’s going to be some followup.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Worthy Grand Matron, she’s asking for it to be brought back, so we’ll need a vote.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have heard the motion that we bring amendment number 11 from the table. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Amendment 11 has been brought from the table.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** She was going to present an amendment to amendment number 11. Sister Colleen.

**MRS. COLLEEN OSARO:** I have brought that amendment with the prerequisite signatures, but I understand that there's going to be followup, so I withdraw the amendment before I present it.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** You're withdrawing your amendment to the amendment?

**MRS. COLLEEN OSARO:** Yes, ma'am.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Do you understand, Sisters and Brothers, that she's taking her amendment out?

Okay. Now that's to number 11. I have here ten signatures, the original signers to amendment number 11, they are withdrawing amendment number 11. It is being taken out. The signers for amendment number 11 are withdrawing. No longer to be considered at this Grand Chapter. Amendment number 11.

Now, what happened just now is we tabled this before lunch; the signer brought it back to the table; the membership voted to hear it; she withdrew her amendment. By withdrawing her amendment, it returned to the original amendment on page 77, and the original signers are withdrawing that amendment. Okay.

Brother Richard Ochs, are you in the room? I can't do anything until Brother Richard Ochs returns to the room.

Now, I want to go ahead — hi, Brother Richard. We're glad to see you.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I had a business call and it wasn't on the phone. I apologize, but I waited and waited.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, in accordance with my discussion with the Chairman of Jurisprudence, I request we bring amendment number 9 off the table for reconsideration before this 2008 session. I assume that's what you are — thank you.

Also, as discussed with our Jurisprudence Chairman, I and the second signer will withdraw this amendment to amendment number 9 since the proponents of amendment 9 will be withdrawing amendment 9 since their word "summary" appears very inappropriate to me and others. I will also prepare an amendment for 2009 Grand Chapter session relative to this issue, to require publication in the Annual Proceedings, rather than being published at the will and pleasure of someone, as has occurred on occasions in our past history. Our Grand Secretary confirmed this in her earlier explanation to us on past historical information, as I was expressing. In summary, we concur with the withdrawing of the entire issue on amendment 9 at this 2008 Grand Chapter session. Thank you very kindly. Is there anything further that I might have omitted that I concurred that I would say, Madame Chairman?

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** You're doing great, Brother Richard. The first thing we're going to do is have the Worthy Grand Matron vote that we can bring it off the table.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Yes, ma'am. Do I need to stay or —

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Just stay there for a minute, will you?

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Yes, ma'am.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have just the proposal to bring amendment number 9 from the table. All in favor show your green card. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Now, then, Brother Richard, you have withdrawn — is that correct? You've already read it. You have withdrawn your amendment. Is that right?

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** In summary, I withdraw, based, like I said, on the main amendment is also withdrawn.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Do you understand now that we have taken amendment number 9 off the table, brought it back for your consideration; the original signer to the amendment to the amendment is withdrawing his amendment? Do you understand that?

Now, I have a signed copy here with ten signatures. The original signers of amendment num-

ber 9 are withdrawing. Amendment number 9 is being withdrawn from this Grand Chapter session.

Now then, I want to go ahead, and for your record amendment number 13, which is found on page 78 of your Advanced Annual Report — amendment number 13, page 78 —

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** While they're busy there, Ms. Chairman, I still would like to see all minutes of this year published — from this year, the year that we're getting into.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you, Brother Richard. I'm sure they'll continue to do what they've done. We'll work on that.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Thank you. May I go?

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you, Brother Richard. You haven't had any lunch either.

Amendment number 13, there are ten original signers. Amendment number 13 is being withdrawn.

Amendment number 14, which will be found on page 79 of your Advanced Annual Report. Amendment number 14, ten original signers of this amendment, they are withdrawing amendment number 14.

Amendment number 16 on page 80 of your Advanced Annual Report, ten original signers, we have the ten signatures; they are withdrawing amendment number 16.

Sisters and Brothers, would you thank the signers of these amendments that have taken them from this session? [applause]

We're ready now for amendment number 15. It'll be presented by Brother Jerry Martin.

### **REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 15**

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** Amendment number 15 is found on page 80 in the Advanced Annual Report. It refers to Article 152-G,d,(7), page 100 in the Code of Laws entitled "ESTARL Scholarships." If this amendment passes, it will take effect at the close of the 2008 session. This amendment further clarifies when proof of grade points must be submitted by stating that they must be furnished with the application.

Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment to be in order and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 15 reads as follows in its entirety.]

### **AMENDMENT NO. 15 CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 10, A, ARTICLE 152-G, d, (7), PAGE 100

ESTARL SCHOLARSHIPS

WHEREAS, we give one time per year Education and ESTARL Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each and applicants must file an application each year, we the undersigned submit the following:

WHICH NOW READS:

(7) Proof of grade points must be furnished to the Chairman of the Education Fund Committee with each semi-annual communication.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

(7) Proof of grade points must be furnished to the Chairman of the Education Fund Committee **with the application.**

Nell Smith Drenner

Betty Prater

Marlene Scholari

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the number 15 amendment. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adopting this, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** Amendment number 17 will now be presented by Betty Benham.

### REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 17

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** We are presenting amendment number 17; you will find it on page 81 in your Advanced Annual Report. It's also Article 204.e.(3),(a)., page 139 in the Code of Laws under "Endowed Membership, Benefits and Limitations." If passed, it will take effect at the close of this 2008 session.

The original, which now reads, "After May 31st of the year purchased," would be changed to read, "After March 31st after the first year purchased," this would mean that it would require a member who has purchased an endowed membership to pay additional dues for one more year after they had bought their \$500 endowed membership.

This is also in proper form, Worthy Grand Matron. We turn it to you for consideration of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 17 reads as follows in its entirety.]

### AMENDMENT NO. 17 CODE OF LAWS

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 204. e. (3),(a)., PAGE 139

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP, BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS

WHEREAS, the cut off date for calculating the Endowed Memberships is March 31st, and

WHEREAS, this change would allow all Endowed Memberships to be drawing interest for one full year, we the undersigned recommend the following change:

Article 204. Petitions for affiliation may be applied for on a Demit or Grand Demit or Transfer of Membership or Dual Membership.

e. Endowed Membership.

(3) Benefits and Limitations.

WHICH NOW READS:

- (a) After May 31st of the year purchased, member will pay no further dues. Subordinate Chapters will be responsible for payment of Per Capita Tax to Grand Chapter on all Endowed Members.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

- (a) After March 31st after the first year purchased, member will pay no further dues. Subordinate Chapters will be responsible for payment of Per Capita Tax to Grand Chapter on all Endowed Members.

Betty Prater  
Nell Smith Drenner  
Gary E. Steele

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard amendment number 17. Is there any discussion? Sister Darla.

**MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Darla Dunaway, Past Matron of Mansfield Chapter #876. The subordinate chapter year runs until May 31st. If you're saying that they will not owe dues between March 31st and May 31st for the dues that have already been paid,

that means that the subordinate chapter would owe that member a refund for that two months. I believe March 31st, being a date the year after their purchase, is going to cause an issue because their dues are paid from June 1st through May 31st. So to back that up for two months to March 31st, you're going to cause the membership, I believe, misunderstandings, that they are due a refund for the two months of which they've already paid their dues that would not be necessary if you enforce the March 31st no more payment of dues.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother Toby Lytle in the South.

**MR. TOBY LYTLE:** I'm Toby Lytle, Worthy Patron, Spring 1105. Is this to clarify bookkeeping or is — I don't understand this change and why we're doing it. The original idea of purchasing the \$500 endowed membership was so you don't pay dues anymore. We're out here trying to sell membership stamps and they say — well, you know, it's not a lot of money, but if I buy this, then I'm going to have to wait another year or so before — I don't think this is right. I ask —

**GRAND SECRETARY:** May I clarify, please? If you will read the rationale, the cutoff date for calculating endowed memberships is March 31st, "Whereas, this change would allow all Endowed Memberships to be drawing interest for one full year." You still pay one year when you buy your endowment. Back in the old days we did two, but we changed it to the one. All we're trying to do is those who get in and pay theirs before the May 31st — those of you who have endowments are — we're drawing interest for a full year. By changing this, some — as it is now, some are only — the interest is only there ten months and they're getting the same amount — the 21.10 — as someone whose money has only been there — one year, 21.10; ten months, 21.10. Do you understand what I'm saying? That's all we're trying to do is make it fair.

**MR. TOBY LYTLE:** Yes, ma'am. But what about the speaker from the other side's application that she applied to it?

**GRAND SECRETARY:** I don't think it affects — should not affect that at all. All we're trying to do is get the interest in there — everybody's interest in for ten months — for a full year, not part ten, part twelve.

**MR. TOBY LYTLE:** I agree with what you're saying, Grand Secretary.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** That was the only reason for the amendment.

Any other question?

**MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY:** [inaudible]

**GRAND SECRETARY:** The 31st.

**MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY:** Our dues to our chapters are due and paid until May 31st. So it is going to affect the chapter, of how they collect it and what is paid to them and what is due by the member.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Okay. You're holding — you buy an endowment. It needs to be in there a year before —

**MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY:** I understand that.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** — you are able to draw interest on it. That's only fair to everyone; right? We pay dues in advance. So you're going to pay — when you buy your endowed membership, you're going to pay one year after you buy that endowment. All we're trying to do is make sure every endowment draws a full year instead of just ten months. That's all we're trying to do.

**MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY:** I completely understand that. But the amendment says, "After March 31st after the first year purchased, member will pay no further dues." They have already paid dues. All I'm trying to say is they've already paid dues from March 31st through May 31st. I think it would be wisest to say through May 31st.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Well, what we were trying to do is to tie — we calculate — we don't calculate it on May 31st. We calculate it on March 31st. That's what you're not understanding. It's calculated on March 31st. Do we understand?

See, now if you buy an endowment before May 31st, then you only have one year. But if you buy that endowment on June 1st, it's going to be two years. Do you understand that? Because that's the deadline for buying. We're just trying to make sure the money is in there long enough for everyone to get the interest. That's all.

Frances.

**MRS. FRANCES BURBANK:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Frances Burbank, Past Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter #835. I agree with what our Grand Secretary is saying at this time. I understand that they do calculate the checks — because they're not going to be mailed May 31st, they're going to the chapters earlier. The other thing you need to look at, when this account was originally set up, the \$500 had to be in the account a year. That was the principal of the account. There was no interest to return to the chapters. It has to earn interest. If you buy a CD at a bank — nine months or a year CD, you don't draw the interest immediately or within two or three months; it has to earn interest. I think that's part of what we're saying.

Also along the same line, if you do not pay — I know a lot of people feel if they buy an endowed membership, they pay \$500, they should not pay dues at that point. But, remember, the fact that your money does have to earn interest. Say, you have — I believe we have over 4000 endowed memberships at this point that was reported. If, say, 2000 people came along next year, purchased endowed memberships, and immediately they drew interest, that means the 4000 in there, all that money would be divided by the extra 2000 members, and the amount to every chapter would be reduced. So you have to have the interest from every endowed membership to be a part of the plan in order for the money to stay adequate to send back to the chapters. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother Buddy Baker.

**MR. BUDDY BAKER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Buddy Baker, Worthy Patron of Mart 109. We've messed with our endowment enough. It has worked well and is working right now. I like the philosophy that was said earlier: If it ain't broke, leave it alone. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Joyce.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joyce Nicklas, a Past Matron from Minerals Wells Chapter #44, also a Past Secretary, also a Past Treasurer. I believe what Sister Darla was getting at was that our members will buy their endowed membership in March, then they'll pay their dues on June 1st, and then come that next March the endowment will come in, but our members have paid through June. Our bookkeepers in our chapter will pay back our members for those two months. Is that right, Sister Darla? So that's all, I think, that she was saying. If we just make it on, say, June 31st, they don't get to pay it again until the next June 31st, then we don't have to do bookkeeping and you got it. May 31st.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** The only thing I'm trying to do is make it a little fairer because some are not in there but ten months and the others are in a year. So that's two months of interest we're losing on those. Sister Frances explained. If it's a whole lot, that cuts down on people's endowment. It really does.

**MRS. NAOMI WOLFE:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Naomi Wolfe and I'm a Past Matron of Andral Van Chapter #741. I would like to speak against this amendment. When you're talking about buying an endowed membership, not everybody buys an endowed membership at \$500. They've been buying that endowed membership at \$10 a month or however in stamps. So when they purchase those stamps, that money goes into the General Fund. So if it has taken them two or three years to purchase that endowed membership, they've earned interest for that two months. [applause]

**MRS. COLLEEN OSARO:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Colleen Osaro from Canyon Lake 1003, Past Matron and I am also Secretary. I concur with what Naomi Wolfe just said, over the years with the \$10. But at the same time I understand about earning the interest and making the bookkeeping easier for Grand Chapter. As a chapter secretary, I would already have the stamps collected and the \$500 before I'd even be issuing their new membership certificate, so I'd know in my bookkeeping that I only needed to collect ten months. I wouldn't have to collect a year's worth of member-

ship. So I don't know — but those are my comments, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Any other discussion?

**MRS. NADINE WILSON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Nadine Wilson, Past Matron from Seminole #855. My only question is, I wonder how many of our members would actually expect to get a refund from their dues after they've received their endowed membership. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Sister in the North.

**MRS. GLADYS PICKETT:** I'm Gladys Pickett, Past Matron of Edwin J. Keist #959. The biggest problem here is the Grand Secretary wants to cut off things as of March 31st. As a Secretary we know that between March 31st and May 31st, there's two or three months that we are going to have a problem with. I think that if the wording was revised slightly, after March 31st after the first year purchased — in other words, it has been in there 14 months already — member will pay no further dues, effective with the following year. That means as of June 1st they wouldn't have to pay any more dues, after that second March.

I guess I need to get with somebody and make that an amendment to the amendment.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister, you can do exactly what you want to do. This is your Grand Chapter.

**MRS. GLADYS PICKETT:** Member will pay no further dues following that subordinate chapter year. I will make that motion. I will get with whomever necessary to write it up. May we table this until the motion can be amended, Worthy Grand Matron?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I think we should vote on whether or not we're going to table this or go ahead and decide what's going to be done. All those in favor of tabling —

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Excuse me, Worthy Grand Matron. We need a second. She moved that we table it; we need a second.

**VOICE:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we table the motion. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. They do not want it tabled. It fails.

**MRS. SHERRY MUELLER:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Sherry Mueller. I am Past Matron of Royce City 642. I call for a vote on this amendment. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the discussion of amendment number 17. All those in favor of adopting this amendment, would you please raise your green card. All those against. It is defeated.

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** I now ask Sister Sharon Fentress to come forward and present amendment number 18.

## REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 18

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, I bring to you amendment number 18, which is located in your Code of Laws, Division V, Chapter 4, Article 204.e.(7),(2), page 141. It is entitled "Responsibility of Grand Chapter." This amendment also addresses the same issue as the one previously did. All the signers are not present in this Grand Chapter session, so we are bringing it to you. It would also allow the endowed membership fund to draw a full year's interest or more before it paid the chapter — okay. It's different. We're going to present it — a year of interest or more before it pays the chapter interest. But it also relates back to the — instead of May 31st, the March 31st date.

Your Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 18 reads as follows in its entirety.]



**AMENDMENT NO. 18  
CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 204. e, (7),(b). (2)., PAGE 141

**RESPONSIBILITY OF GRAND CHAPTER**

WHEREAS, the cut off date for calculating the Endowed Memberships is March 31st, and

WHEREAS, this change would allow all Endowed Memberships to be drawing interest for one full year, we the undersigned recommend the following change:

Article 204. Petitions for Affiliation may be applied for on a Demit or Grand Demit or Transfer of Membership or Dual Membership.

- e. Endowed Membership.

**WHICH NOW READS:**

- b. (2) The earned interest from the regular Endowed Membership Trust Fund will be distributed annually during the month of April, through the Grand Treasurer to the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter, except that this action will not take place until May 31st of the first year after purchase of the Endowed Membership.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

- b. (2) The earned interest from the regular Endowed Membership Trust Fund will be distributed annually during the month of April, through the Grand Treasurer to the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter, except that this action will not take place until March 31st of the first year after purchase of the Endowed Membership.

Betty Prater  
Nell Smith Drenner  
Gary E. Steele

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard amendment number 18. Is there any discussion? I recognize Buddy Baker.

**MR. BUDDY BAKER:** Buddy Baker, Worthy Patron of Mart 109. This is the same thing we just went through doing. I call for the question.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Worthy Grand Matron, may I have personal privilege a moment? I refer you to page 59 of this book on laying on the table that was proposed on the previous one that was voted on. It's not subject to debate.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Richard, the question has been called for, but thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, you've heard this proposal. All those in favor of adopting this report, please raise your green card. All opposed. It was defeated.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** May I refer the Parliamentarian to what it says on 12f, page 59. The previous one.

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** I now call on Sister Rosemary Swetland to bring you amendment number 19.

**REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 19**

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Sisters and Brothers, amendment number 19 will be found on page 82 in your Advanced Annual Report. It pertains to Article 207, page 142 of your Code of Laws regarding "Grand Demits." If this amendment is passed, it will become law at the end of

this 2008 session. Your rationale for this is simply a financial change from \$1 to \$5 for the cost of getting Grand Demits.

Worthy Grand Matron, we find this in proper order, and it awaits the vote of the membership. [Amendment No. 19 reads as follows in its entirety.]

**AMENDMENT NO. 19**  
**CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 207, PAGE 142

GRAND DEMITS

WHEREAS, the cost of processing requests has increased, we the undersigned propose the following:

WHICH NOW READS:

a. Who Eligible.

- (2) Former Members of the following described Chapters who were in good standing when their Chapter lost their Dispensation or Charters are eligible to apply to the Grand Secretary for and receive a Grand Demit upon the payment of \$1.00 with proof of good standing.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

a. Who Eligible.

- (2) Former Members of the following described Chapters who were in good standing when their Chapter lost their Dispensation or Charters are eligible to apply to the Grand Secretary for and receive a Grand Demit upon the payment of \$5.00 with proof of good standing.

Nell Smith Drenner  
Charlotte Beall  
Tava Smith

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard amendment number 19. Is there any discussion? All in favor of adopting this amendment, please raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion passed.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Worthy Grand Matron, I recognize Brother Jerry Martin for amendment number 20.

**REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 20**

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** Amendment number 20 is found on page 83 in your Advanced Annual Report. It regards Article 209, page 143 in the Code of Laws entitled "Lost Demits Duplicated, How." This amendment simply raises the fee for a duplicate demit to \$5 from the current charge of \$1.

Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment to be in order and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 20 reads as follows in its entirety.]

**AMENDMENT NO. 20**  
**CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 209, PAGE 143

LOST DEMITS DUPLICATED, HOW

WHEREAS, the cost of processing request has increased, we the undersigned propose the following:  
WHICH NOW READS:

Article 209. Lost Demits Duplicate, How. A member who has lost a Demit may apply to the Secretary of the Chapter which granted the same, or the Grand Secretary if the Demit was a Grand Demit, for a duplicate, and the Secretary or the Grand Secretary, as the case may be, shall upon receipt of a fee of \$1.00, issue such duplicate demit. The fee for the duplicate Grand Demit shall go to the General Fund of Grand Chapter.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

Article 209. Lost Demits Duplicate, How. A member who has lost a Demit may apply to the Secretary of the Chapter which granted the same, or the Grand Secretary if the Demit was a Grand Demit, for a duplicate, and the Secretary or the Grand Secretary, as the case may be, shall upon receipt of a fee of \$5.00, issue such duplicate demit. The fee for the duplicate Grand Demit shall go to the General Fund of Grand Chapter.

Nell Smith Drenner  
Charlotte Beall  
Tava Smith

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard amendment number 20. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adopting this amendment, would you please raise your green card. All opposed. Adoption of this amendment has been done.

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** Billy Combest will now present amendment number 21.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Sisters and Brothers, if you'll join me, please, on page 84 of the Advanced Annual Report. Just above the signers we have the words "unanimous ballot." Okay, Sisters and Brothers, I know you all are aware that our reinstatement after two years for suspension of nonpayment of dues, our laws are two-thirds majority. This has been a typographical error. Worthy Grand Matron, we need the vote of this membership to allow us to present this as two-thirds, to be in conformity with our law which is two-thirds majority for reinstatement after two years for nonpayment of dues.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the amendment to number 21, to change the wording from "unanimous" to "two-thirds." All those in favor, please raise your green card. All opposed. It was passed.

### REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 21

**MR. BILLY COMBEST:** Amendment number 21 you will find on pages 83 and 84 in your Advanced Annual Report. It's a change in our Code of Laws, Division V, Chapter 6, Article 211,b,(3), and it's found on page 145 in the Code of Laws, entitled "Reinstatement and Restoration of Membership." The signers of this found that there was some difficulty in chapters reinstating members of consolidated chapters when there was no one there that knew them before to sign their petition. So they're trying to make it less difficult for people to be reinstated for nonpayment of dues after a two-year time period. That's what the signers of this amendment meant, and that's what it reads now, that it would go through the normal procedure that you would follow. It would have to be presented in writing on proper forms and assigned to a Committee of three, one being a Brother, and lay over four weeks and granted by a two-thirds majority. That's the only difference you'll find from your printed version. So we're presenting the two-thirds majority to be in compliance with the rest of our laws.

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper form and order and now awaits the consideration of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 21 reads as follows in its entirety.]

**AMENDMENT NO. 21  
CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 211, b., (3), PAGE 145

**REINSTATEMENT AND RESTORATION**

WHEREAS, the consolidation of chapters are on the increase, and

WHEREAS, when a former member of a consolidated chapter wants to be reinstated after the two year time frame and has great difficulty doing so because of having moved or been inactive for several years. They have difficulty finding someone to sign their petition for reinstatement, and

WHEREAS, the process of getting them reinstated, as our law is at the present, is a hardship on the chapters involved, we the undersigned propose the following:

Article 211, b. add (3)

- (3) When the reinstatement of membership from a consolidated chapter is sought after the two years' suspension, for non-payment of dues, such request must be submitted to the Grand Secretary by the chapter the member is petitioning on a Request for Certificate of Reinstatement form, signed by the petitioner and secretary of the chapter. A fee equal to two years per capita must accompany the request. The Grand Secretary will issue the Certificate of Reinstatement after researching the member who is petitioning and send the certificate to the chapter. In addition to the requirement stated within, the petition must be signed by the applicant and recommended by two members of the chapter, presented to the chapter at a Stated Meeting, referred for investigation to a committee of three, one of whom shall be a Brother, lie over for four weeks, and then granted by a unanimous ballot.

Joyce Gilbert

Jerry Trees

Betty Prater

Bess Caldwell

Mary Ruth White

Nell Smith Drenner

Joyce Nicklas

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard amendment number 21. Is there any discussion? All in favor of adopting this amendment, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion adopted.

**MR. BILLY COMBEST:** I'd like to have Betty Benham come forward to present amendment number 22.

**REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 22**

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** Amendment number 22 on page 84 of your Advanced Annual Report and Article 267,a., page 170, in the Code of Laws. This is under "Initiation Fees," and if passed it will take effect at the close of this 2008 session. The rationale of this is, if passed, the chapters would set initiation fees for a sum no less than the per capita tax. That would mean the chapters would not have to keep updating and keep changing their by-laws to match the cost of initiation fees.

We find this in proper form, Worthy Grand Matron, and await this Grand Chapter's pleasure.

[Amendment No. 22 reads as follows in its entirety.]

**AMENDMENT NO. 22  
CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 267, a., PAGE 170

**INITIATION FEES**

WHEREAS, the law as it is written now creates confusion to the membership, we the undersigned, hereby propose the following change.

WHICH NOW READS:

- a. Initiation Fees. No Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a less sum than eleven dollars (\$11.00).

BE AMENDED TO READ:

- a. Initiation Fees. No Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a sum no less than **the Per Capita Tax**.

Nell Smith Drenner

Charlotte Beall

Tava Smith

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the amendment number 22. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will vote. Would you please raise your green cards for. Against. The motion adopted.

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** I ask Sharon Fentress to present amendment number 23.

### **REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 23**

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Thank you, Sister Betty Benham.

I bring to you amendment number 23, page number 85 in the Advanced Annual Report. It is a part of the Code of Laws, Article 267,k.,(3), page 172 in the Code of Laws. It is entitled "International Headquarters Fund." This amendment will structure the International Headquarters fees to be paid by the chapters at a required time and manner with the Annual Report. These are a required fee from General Grand Chapter, and our Grand Chapter is required to pay.

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper form, and it is ready for the consideration of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 23 reads as follows in its entirety.]

### **AMENDMENT NO. 23 CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 267, k., (3), PAGE 172

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter has to pay General Grand Chapter the fee of \$5.00 for the International Headquarters operational fund for every member who is Initiated, Duals or Affiliates with a Chapter, and

WHEREAS, some Chapters are not collecting and paying these fees, we the undersigned submit the following:

WHICH NOW READS:

Article 267

- k. International Headquarters Fund. The amount of \$5.00 shall be paid for each new member, at the time of initiation, for the International Headquarters operational fund. This law means "Once-in-a-lifetime to each Chapter to which a member belongs." Dual Memberships and affiliation into a different Chapter would require a member to pay \$5.00 to each Chapter in order that both might be 100%. This amount will be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at the time of receiving the member in the Chapter. The Grand Secretary will forward the money to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter once a year with the Annual Report.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

Article 267

- k. International Headquarters Fund. The amount of \$5.00 shall be paid for each new member, at the time of initiation, for the International Headquarters operational fund. This law means “Once-in-a-lifetime to each Chapter to which a member belongs.” Dual Memberships and affiliation into a different Chapter would require a member to pay \$5.00 to each Chapter in order that both might be 100%. **This amount will be reported on the Annual Report and the amount due paid when the Annual Report is filed with the Grand Secretary on or before June 8 of each year.** The Grand Secretary will forward the money to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter once a year with the Annual Report.

Nell Smith Drenner

Charlotte Beall

Tava Smith

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard amendment number 23. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. All in favor, raise your green cards —

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** I think you may have some discussion.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother Buddy Baker.

**MR. BUDDY BAKER:** Buddy Baker, Worthy Patron, Mart 109. The only question I have to ask: Is this going to be effective as of when? The wording was changed to make this mandatory. It went from “may” to “will” in 2004, I believe in 2004. Are you going to go back years prior to that where you cannot get a record of who it was, what it was or how come on some of the others? Or are we going to go strictly on that like it should be?

**GRAND SECRETARY:** What was your question, Brother Buddy?

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** I think he wants to know if it’s retroactive.

**MR. BUDDY BAKER:** Or how far? To where?

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Is that correct, Buddy?

**MR. BUDDY BAKER:** That is correct, because Mart owes back, they say, 112 years ago, I guess, about \$72 or something like that.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Right now we have every chapter — and every year we calculate off the Annual Report how much they owe for International Headquarters. We have every chapter listed in a database, and we know how much they’ve paid and how much they owe. We have a Committee of one International Headquarters who works very diligently on that during the year to get everyone to comply, because as our law has been — it has been sent when it happens. Well, what happens is you take in somebody or you initiate someone, and a couple of months goes by and you haven’t done it. Okay.

All this is going to do is put it on the Annual Report. And I’ll add this to it. We’re going to redo the Annual Report and you Secretaries are going to love this. You’re going to be able to send your per capita, your dues card order and your International Headquarters all in one check. [applause]

**MR. BUDDY BAKER:** That’s nice, but that’s not my question.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** What is your question? Are you talking about retroactive?

**MR. BUDDY BAKER:** We made this in 2004, I believe it was, Grand Chapter — it changed the wording where it became mandatory. Before it was the interpretation of actually voluntary from the chapters, if you wanted to interpret it that way.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Well, it’s mandatory now. We have to pay whether the chapters pay or not. I don’t understand what you’re talking about.

**MR. BUDDY BAKER:** I’m saying if you go back to when we changed the wording where it made it mandatory, it went from “shall” to “will” — I’ll go along with that. If you go back further than that, I’m a hundred percent against this.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** We have to do it. Okay.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother Toby Lytle.

**MR. TOBY LYTLE:** Worthy Grand Matron, I’m Toby Lytle, Worthy Patron of Spring 1105.

We've got chapters that have refused to pay this. You know, I've been there, done that, so I know —

**GRAND SECRETARY:** You were on that Committee two years ago.

**MR. TOBY LYTLE:** Yes, ma'am. And I know what they're going through this year. There are some chapters that say, "We don't owe that and we're not paying it."

**GRAND SECRETARY:** That's right.

**MR. TOBY LYTLE:** We need some teeth in it. I understand what you're trying to do is to say it's all due at one time, to keep from stringing it out. That probably will help tremendously to do that. In that light I am certainly in favor of this motion, but I would urge that another amendment be brought next year that says the Annual Report will not be accepted without the payment.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Well, see, we have no teeth in it now, but if we put it on the Annual Report we will, because you know if your Annual Report doesn't come in, you can't vote at Grand Chapter. Okay. We're just getting it into the Annual Report to try to make it easier for one thing on the Secretaries. Plus, it's not fair that some of them pay all the time, and a lot of chapters don't pay at all. That's not right.

This year is the first year since I've been in this office that we have actually collected enough to pay to General Grand. We have had to pick up the difference.

**MRS. NAOMI WOLFE:** Right up front, Sister Secretary, you — that was not the question. Worthy Grand Matron, may I address —

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Sister Naomi Wolfe.

**MRS. NAOMI WOLFE:** My name is Naomi Wolfe and I'm a Past Matron of Andral Van Chapter #741. What has been asked is — everybody knows now that we need to pay that. The question was that it was not mandatory before 2004. Everybody did what they wanted to do. What we're asking at this point, do the little chapters that didn't pay before because they couldn't afford it — before 2004, are you saying that — they've been there 25 years — are you saying that they're going to have to go back from 1995 to 2004 and pay that money? This is what we're asking. We'll accept it from where it was mandatory in 2004. Any thing back, 2003, 2002, 2001, are they going to be required to pay that money?

**GRAND SECRETARY:** No, ma'am, they are not.

**MRS. NAOMI WOLFE:** Is that your decision or is it the decision of Grand Chapter?

**GRAND SECRETARY:** We don't have it on the computer and the records back any further than that.

**MRS. NAOMI WOLFE:** Because you don't have it on the computer, that doesn't make it right or wrong.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** No, I understand that. But I don't know — it never entered my mind that we'd go any further back than we already are right now.

**MRS. NAOMI WOLFE:** We need a decision, and I don't know that the Grand Secretary has that authority to give us that. I think that should come from Grand Chapter.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** You're probably right because it never entered my mind that we'd go back any further.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize the Sister in the South.

**MRS. IRIS LOWE:** I'm Iris Lowe. I'm Past Matron of Brazoria Chapter #74. Have we not already voted on this, or do I need to ask for the question? I ask for the question.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We had already voted before Brother Buddy Baker got to the microphone. Would you like to revote again?

Our Parliamentarian has ruled that we have already voted on this before Buddy Baker — I should not have recognized Buddy Baker to speak or any of those that were after him.

**MRS. MARTHA DURBIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, may I just make a point of information? I'm Martha Durbin, Past Matron, now affiliated with Pasadena 711. You can't owe back fees if you

don't have it on your Annual Report, so it will only come out when it's on your Annual Report that you will owe.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I believe that's what we're voting on, for it to be on the Annual Report.

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Can I ask a question, Worthy Grand Matron?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Yes, ma'am. I recognize Sharon Fentress.

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** As a Secretary of a subordinate chapter, may I ask the Grand Secretary: There is no facility, is there, for back charging anything on the Annual Report, is there not? You are only collecting the current dues?

**GRAND SECRETARY:** We are going to redesign the Annual Report. We will be starting all new. Will that work? Whatever you're going to owe on that Annual Report is — for this coming year will be all you will be paying. How does that sound? Does that sound all right? Because we caught up — everybody got caught up. Do you remember when it switched from — what was it a dollar, to five dollars. All this has been an ongoing thing. Just about all the chapters are caught up. We're just trying to make it easier for you as Secretaries to do it once a year and not have to worry about it. We'll have a calculation page so you can do that. Okay? That's all. We're not going to send you a bill.

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Thank you, Grand Secretary. I just wanted to make it clear — having made out 16 years of those Annual Reports, I've never seen a past due on it.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, I am going to stop discussion on this as of now. We will continue with the vote. All those in — the revote. My Parliamentarian says we will revote. It was never declared.

So all of those that are in favor of amendment number 23, raise your green cards. All opposed. The motion has been adopted.

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. I now call on Sister Rosemary Swetland who will bring amendment number 24.

#### **REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 24**

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you, Sister Sharon. Membership, you're just wonderful. Please don't leave us. We are attempting to complete your legislation this afternoon so you won't have to be bothered.

On 24 all it pertains — it's on page 86 in the Advanced Annual Report pertaining to forms. There have been a lot of questions to the Grand Secretary's Office about which form to use, whether we withdraw from our dual or we demit from our parent. They're all on one form, so your Grand Secretary said, Let's simplify this and create three forms, one for each — demit, transfer for parent or dual. So it's just a matter of creating a simpler, more understandable form. If this passes, it will take effect at the close of the 2008 session.

Your Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order.

[Amendment No. 24 reads as follows in its entirety.]

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 24 CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION VI, CHAPTER 12, FORMS, 114S, PAGE 195

WHEREAS, the Form 114S has been very confusing and needs to be defined by separating out the different ways of transfer and affiliation by Demit, to be numbered 114-S, 114-S1 and 114-S2, we the undersigned propose the following change:

WHICH NOW READS:



See attached form (1)

BE AMENDED TO READ:

See attached forms (3)

Nell Smith Drenner

Tava Smith

Lynn Kearney

FORM 114-S

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION

On Demit or by Transfer of Membership (Parent or Dual)

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of Chapter No. of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

I, solicit affiliation with your Chapter.

If the petition be granted, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to the laws of your Chapter. This petition is accompanied by my:

RECEIPT FOR DUES (strike out one not applicable) from Chapter No. Texas, of which I am a member in good standing.

OR

DEMIT, I have resided within the State of Texas three (3) months I have visited this Chapter within the preceding twelve months.

I have visited this Chapter within the preceding twelve months.

Do you belong to any order or organization making membership in the Order of the Eastern Star a requisite for membership there?

If so, give the name of such organization (Signed)

Recommended by Residence: Phone No.:

Phone No.:

If the petitioner is a Brother, the following must be filled in:

I am a member in good standing of Lodge No.

A.F. & A.M., located at

Notice: the name and address of the Secretary of the member's Chapter must be designated below at the time of filing Petition of Transfer.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

members of this Committee have visited and conversed with the petitioner since said petition was referred. She/He is eligible. The Committee reports Favorable Unfavorable.

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(Signed)

NOTICE TO CHAPTER OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Chapter No. Texas

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of Chapter No. O.E.S., State of Texas

O.E.S., State of Texas

Secretary

Secretary

Texas

Notice is hereby given you that a member of your Chapter,

has applied to Chapter No. O.E.S., Texas,

for affiliation by transfer of membership to said Chapter, and said application has been acted upon favorably by said Chapter.

On She/He became a member of this Chapter, (Parent) (Dual)

therefore you will drop the name of this member from the roll of your Chapter as of that date.

[SEAL] Secretary

Chapter No.

To the Secretary of Chapter No. O.E.S., State of Texas:

Membership record of in

Chapter No. is as follows:

Initiated Suspended

Demitted Reinstated

Transferred Affiliated

Name Changes from

Birth date

(SEAL) Secretary

Chapter No.

**FORM 114-S**  
**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS**

**PETITION FOR TRANSFER OF PARENT MEMBERSHIP**

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Texas,  
Order of the Eastern Star:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ solicit affiliation with your Chapter. If the petition be granted, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to the laws of your Chapter. This Petition is accompanied by my RECEIPT FOR DUES from \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, of which I am a member in good standing.

Do you belong to any order or organization making membership in the Order of the Eastern Star a requisite for membership there? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, give the name of such organization \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

If the petitioner is a Brother, the following must be filled in:

I am a member in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_  
A.F. & A. M., located at \_\_\_\_\_

Notice: the name and address of the Secretary of the member's Chapter must be designated below at the time of filing Petition of Transfer.

**REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ members of this your Committee have visited and conversed with the petitioner since said petition was referred. She/he is \_\_\_\_\_ eligible. The Committee reports \_\_\_\_\_ Favorable \_\_\_\_\_ Unfavorable.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

FORM 114-S1

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO CHAPTER OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

DATE \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Texas

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of \_\_\_\_\_, Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_  
O. E. S., State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Texas

Notice is hereby given you that \_\_\_\_\_ a member of your Chapter,  
has applied to \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ OES \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, for  
transfer of membership to said Chapter, and said application has been acted upon favorably by said Chapter.

On \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, She/he became a member of this Chapter therefore you will drop the name of  
this member from the roll of your Chapter as of that date.

(SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

FILL OUT AND SEND TO NEW CHAPTER SECRETARY

To the Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, O. E. S., State of Texas:

Membership record of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ is as follows:

Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ Suspended \_\_\_\_\_

Demitted \_\_\_\_\_ Reinstated \_\_\_\_\_

Transferred \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliated \_\_\_\_\_

Name Changes \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter No.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard amendment number 24. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. All those in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion has been adopted.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Thank you, membership. Now I present Brother Jerry Martin who will introduce to you resolution number 1.

### **REPORT ON RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** Resolution number 1 is found on page 90 in your Advanced Annual Report. If this resolution passes, the newly installed Worthy Grand Matron would appoint a Sections Review Committee of five individuals plus a chairman to review the current makeup of each of the 50 sections. The review would include a study of the membership, existing chapters and current geographic boundaries and provide recommendations at the 2009 Grand Chapter session. If the Committee considers it necessary, the District alignment and boundaries may also be included in the review. Committee recommendations should include any legislation that is considered appropriate.

Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this resolution to be in order and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

[Resolution No. 1 reads as follows in its entirety.]

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1**

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas is divided into five geographic Districts; and

WHEREAS, each District is divided into ten Sections; and

WHEREAS, this geographic representation was originally intended to create parity within each District; and

WHEREAS, this geographic Section representation has been in effect without modification for more than five decades; and

WHEREAS, an ageing and declining membership, and a substantial number of demised and consolidated Chapters have combined to create wide differences in the numbers of Chapters and members in each Section; and

WHEREAS, some Sections have as few as two Chapters and some Sections have more than twenty Chapters; and

WHEREAS, tradition has dictated that an Eastern Star School should be held in each Section every year; and

WHEREAS, many of the Sections have so few Chapters and members that holding an Eastern Star School is a serious financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that a review of the alignment and boundaries of the current Sections is seriously needed and may result in recommendations for improvements;

THEREFORE, it is proposed that the newly-installed Worthy Grand Matron (2008-2009) appoint a Sections Review Committee of five individuals plus a Chairman, to review the current make-up of each of the fifty Sections; such review to include the current membership, existing Chapters, and current geographic boundaries, and provide recommendation(s) at the 2009 Grand Chapter of Texas Session. If the Committee considers it necessary, the District alignment and boundaries may also be included in the review. Committee recommendations should include any legislation that is considered appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Henry S. Martin

Elsie Paladino

Glenn Whitaker

Lee Stallings

Alma Carter

Billy H. Combest

June Whitaker	Betty Prater
Nell Smith Drenner	Kenneth Gregory
Jack Guy	Nelson Campbell
Leland Benefield	Betty Friend
Rennie Ofton	John Creel
Kathy Creel	Yvonne Brownfield
Robert Brownfield	Alma Bane

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have heard resolution number 1. Is there any discussion?

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, we have received an amendment to this resolution. If I may, I would read that at this time.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay.

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** The Jurisprudence Committee has found this amendment to be in proper order. The amendment would read as follows: “Therefore, it is proposed that the newly installed Worthy Grand Matron (2008-2009) appoint a Sections Review Committee of five individuals” — here is the change — “one from each district, plus a Chairman, to review the current make-up” — and the rest of the wording is exactly the same. The amendment only adds the words that the five individuals — there will be one selected from each district.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Do we have discussion? Are you just confirming —

**MR. DWAYNE MASERANG:** Yes. I’m just confirming that that is correct.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the amendment to the resolution. All those in favor of adopting the amendment to the resolution, raise your green cards. All opposed. The amendment has been adopted.

Now we will vote on the resolution as amended, resolution number 1. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. It has been adopted.

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** We now ask Billy Combest to come forward and present resolution number 2.

## **REPORT ON RESOLUTION NO. 2**

**MR. BILLY COMBEST:** Resolution number 2 can be found on page 91 of your Advanced Annual Report. The rationale for this, the signers feel that this Grand Chapter wishes to show the rest of the OES world that Texas Grand Chapter is in full support and officially endorses Past Grand Matron Alma Lynn Bane for the office of Right Worthy Grand Secretary at the 2009 triennium in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Worthy Grand Matron, this resolution is in proper order and awaits the pleasure of this Grand Chapter.

[Resolution No. 2 reads as follows in its entirety.]

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2**

WHEREAS, Texas’ own Past Grand Matron, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, has been appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter as the Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro Tem of General Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, this place of service is located at the Eastern Star International Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Brother Bill Bane has been appointed as Administrator of the Eastern Star International Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Sister Alma and Brother Bill accepted their appointments and have assumed their

duties in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, it is a distinct honor for Texas to have Sister Alma and Brother Bill Bane serving in these positions of great responsibility in General Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, these appointments expire at the end of the current 2006-2009 General Grand Chapter Triennium; and

WHEREAS, Sister Alma Lynn Bane has expressed the desire to continue in this place of service by placing her name in nomination for election at the 2009 General Grand Chapter Triennial Session in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, candidates for elective office at General Grand Chapter incur substantial costs for items such as postage for necessary mailings to General Grand Chapter members around the country, and a reception at the General Grand Chapter Session, which will be in Tulsa in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Past Grands Association of Texas have voted to actively support Sister Alma Lynn Bane in her quest for this prestigious elective office of General Grand Chapter, and have committed a special fund to help offset the associated costs of her candidacy;

THEREFORE, it has resolved that:

The Grand Chapter of Texas support Sister Alma Lynn Bane’s candidacy for the position of Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter, including the provision of funds in the amount of \$5,000 to defray the costs of her candidacy, at the 2009 General Grand Chapter Triennial Session in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Respectfully Submitted:

Henry S. Martin	Lee Stallings
Elsie Paladino	Nelson Campbell
Leland Benefield	Betty Friend
Rennie Ofton	John Creel
Kenneth Gregory	Doris Hester
Wanda Fairchild	Sharon Fentress

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard resolution number 2. Is there any discussion?

**MR. BILLY COMBEST:** Worthy Grand Matron, there is an amendment to this resolution.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. We won’t have discussion right now. We will have the amendment.

**MR. BILLY COMBEST:** This resolution as you have it printed before you in the Advanced Annual Report is to be amended to read, “The Grand Chapter of Texas, in addition to the Past Grands Association of Texas, proudly endorses Sister Alma Lynn Bane’s candidacy for the position of Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter in the 2009 General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and will forward a notice to that effect to all Grand Jurisdictions operated under the General Grand Chapter charter and to the members of General Grand Chapter within 60 days after the close of the 2008 Grand Chapter of Texas held in Addison, Texas.”

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and awaits the decision of this Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have heard the amendment to resolution number 2. Is there any discussion? I recognize Sister Lori Goldman.

**MS. LORI GOLDMAN:** Worthy Grand Matron, I’m Lori Goldman from Crowell Chapter #618. I vote against this amendment to the resolution because, as we all know, we’re trying to do our best to make sure our funds for our Grand Chapter will extend into the many years to come. I agree with supporting Alma Lynn Bane; I have no issues with that or General Grand Chapter.

However, in order to mail out all of this, the amendment here — it's going to cost funds. And, unfortunately, if you're going to do it to all Grand Jurisdictions, it's going to cost a lot of money. Therefore, I vote no for the amendment to the resolution.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Is there any further discussion?

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother Richard Ochs.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** I'm Richard Ochs, Kingsland Chapter, Worthy Patron. Not only do I support this amendment and through our Association support it donation-wise and have donated and would continue to donate — and I believe that there would be substantial individual donations to cover this to where essentially very little would have to come out of that. I'm not hung up with "have to come out." But I really believe our membership — we have one of the greatest opportunities as a leading Grand Chapter in the General Grand Chapter to support a woman who is knowledgeable, qualified and it would be — to avoid what I said at the Past Grands, it would be very appropriate in my personal opinion for us to support this individual by the letter and the announcement under the seal of our Grand Chapter, rather than just her being able to have to notify of her intentions. I am very supportive of Alma, and I hope that each one of you — if we were to give a cup of coffee, we would be very close.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Sister Rennie Ofton.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** I am Rennie Ofton, Past Matron, Harlandale Chapter #750. I reiterate what Brother Richard said. You know, we have 58 Jurisdictions to which it would be sent and probably about 150 General Grand Chapter Officers who are active and attending. The business of sending one all over the world to people that you don't even know or that might not even be at General Grand has sort of faded away. So it would be probably 200, maybe 250. But I am sure that there are many in here who have spoken to me to say that they have funds they want to donate.

Sister Alma Lynn Bane has made a reputation for herself without equal in Grand Chapter the short time that she has been there. Everyone talks about her. In fact, the words were, "You in Texas sure know how to grow them." [applause] So I certainly would like to see Texas pride take care of this amendment and let us show the world that we want to be a part of General Grand Chapter; we have sent our best and we want to be behind our best of Alma Lynn and Brother Bill Bane. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Sister Mary Calvert.

**MRS. MARY CALVERT:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Mary Calvert, a Past Matron of Athens 177. I have no objection to Sister Alma Lynn Bane seeking the office she's seeking. My objection is taking it out of Grand Chapter funds. If people want to form a Friends of Alma Lynn Bane Group to support her efforts, I would be more than willing to go along with it and pay it. But I don't see forcing the membership and the chapters of Texas to absorb this cost. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Sister Alma Lynn Bane.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers: When I went to the Past Grands Association, I asked for their endorsement. They wanted to add money to the resolution; I asked them not to. Brother Bill and I assumed this responsibility and this place of service with the full knowledge that there would probably be an election, and as there is with any election even in this Grand Chapter, there are expenses. But our Associate Conductress tells us in the very first charge we hear, "Woe unto those who take on burdens they can't bear."

Bill and I plan on bearing the entire expense of this, but what I need is for this mailing to come out of Texas, out of the Office of Grand Secretary, in an envelope with her return address. Bill and I — and I have quotes from a printer — we will pay for the brochure; we will pay for the envelopes; we will pay for the postage. I will reimburse personally Grand Chapter for any expense. I have never wanted Grand Chapter to be out a single penny because of service I give.

I thank the membership for their support. I look forward to this endeavor, but know that we will pay our bills. Not one penny will come out of it, but it must come from the Office of the Grand Secretary for it to show that I have the endorsement of my Grand Chapter. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. LINDA RAMEY:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize the lady in the North.

**MRS. LINDA RAMEY:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Linda Ramey, Past Matron of Lewisville Chapter #935. The amount of cost by this Grand Chapter would be very small, if you think about the cost of a ream of paper, the cost of a postage stamp to the fifty states; the cost of an overseas stamp is probably not more than a dollar. I have \$20 here. Here is your first donation. You should not have to bear this cost, and I'm bringing it up.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joyce Nicklas, Past Matron of Mineral Wells 44. I, too, feel like Sister Linda, only I wanted to be the first to make a donation. I pledge \$100 to go towards Grand Chapter to help with the mailing of the things so we can support Sister Alma Lynn in this endeavor. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Buddy Baker.

**MR. BUDDY BAKER:** Worthy Grand Matron, Buddy Baker, Worthy Patron of Mart 109. Folks, this is Texas. Be Texas proud. Show yourselves. Alma Lynn has not asked for a thing out of your pocketbooks. You let dollar signs get in the way. This whole Grand Chapter today has been about dollar signs; I fussed about some.

If we do have to bear some of the expense, I think there is enough of us individually that will make the difference. So be proud of Alma Lynn and be proud of Texas and approve this, please. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize the lady —

**MRS. RHONDA SUMNER HOLLAND:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Rhonda Sumner Holland, Past Matron of Farmers Branch Chapter #687. I attended my first General Grand Chapter at the last session. It was a thrill to be able to watch my Past Grand Matrons do their job. I learned a lot. I will be at Tulsa to help Rennie. I will be in Fort Worth to help. I am Texas proud of our Past Grand Matrons, and I think that this Grand Chapter needs to support Alma Lynn Bane in this endeavor. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother Henry Martin.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Henry Martin, Past Patron, Edwin J. Keist Chapter #959. Sisters and Brothers, Alma Lynn Bane did not seek this office that she holds. The Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter asked her, selected her, and asked if she would accept this appointment. She has done that. She has made a tremendous change up there for the better. Everywhere we go to other Grand Jurisdictions, we hear about the innovations that Alma Lynn has put in. She has truly made a difference in General Grand Chapter, and there's no reason to believe that will not continue.

Sisters and Brothers, whenever a Past Grand Matron or Patron runs for an office in General Grand Chapter, they ask for the support and the endorsement of their Grand Chapter and we get notices from these Grand Chapters. Grand Chapters that have less than 2,000 members — we're sitting here with 37,000 members. Grand Chapters that have less than a tenth of the membership, less than a tenth of the chapters that we have, send these notices out endorsing their candidates. Why? Because they're proud of them. It is an honor to have an officer of General Grand Chapter serving.

We need to stand up and say to the Eastern Star world, we're proud of Alma Lynn Bane and we endorse her and support her. Now, Worthy Grand Matron, someone just suggested to me and I'm going to ask you — what if tonight we passed the hat? We could probably get more than enough money to mail and print all of these notices that are going to be needed. If we can do that, I think that will take care of the problem.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** When do you want the hat passed? At our banquets —



**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** At your choice, Worthy Grand Matron, wherever is the most appropriate place to do it. Do it right now. [applause]

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Worthy Grand Matron, what Brother Henry just said, he needs to then withdraw his amendment. If we're going to pass the hat and do that, Brother Henry, that's a different way than the way you've amended this.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** All right. I will withdraw my amendment. Worthy Grand Matron, let me say one thing. The key point here — the really important point is that this Grand Chapter say to the Eastern Star world, we endorse and we support Alma Lynn Bane in her quest for the Right Worthy Grand Secretary position. That's key, and it needs to come from Grand Chapter office. That's what's required.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay.

**MRS. ELSIE PALADINO:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Sister Elsie Paladino.

**MRS. ELSIE PALADINO:** I'm Elsie Paladino, Past Matron of Clute City Chapter #1011. I urge this membership to vote for this amendment and resolution. I call for the question. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard resolution number 2. We've had discussion. All in favor of adopting resolution number 2 — Brother Henry, did you withdraw — or do you want the question?

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, I move the question.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Will you state that you're going to withdraw the amendment that you just made? Then we'll vote on the amendment.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, what I want to do — let me just explain this in clear, understandable language so we don't get confused. I want this Grand Chapter — this is what we're asking, for this Grand Chapter to publicly say to the Eastern Star world, We support and endorse Alma Lynn's candidacy for Right Worthy Grand Secretary. And to demonstrate that, we will print and distribute a notice to that effect to these that Sister Rennie described, 58 plus whatever — 150 or whatever — that we will do that and we will do it from the Grand Chapter office, demonstrating that it is an official document from this Grand Chapter. That's what we need to do.

Now however we need to do that, I'm all in favor of it —

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Brother Henry, you have withdrawn your amendment. Now would you amend this resolution and get me a copy signed. Now state what you just stated — almost — and we're going to vote on this.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** If I can say something right here, I'm going to ask that Brother Jerry Trees preside while I speak.

Let's vote on the resolution. I as the Worthy Grand Matron pledge to you whatever money is not taken up tonight that meets the \$5,000, I will donate. So let's just vote on the resolution and get this over with and support our Alma Lynn Bane. [applause]

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Worthy Grand Matron, may I say something? The office of the Grand Secretary will be privileged to put out those notices. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I'm going to call now for the vote on the resolution. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard resolution number 2. You have heard all discussion. All those in favor of supporting Sister Alma Lynn Bane please raise your green cards. All opposed. Passed. [applause]

Are we legal, Brother Ron? We are legal.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Yes, ma'am.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** God bless you! Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission now I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to this wonderful membership for staying with us, for voting and aiding your Jurisprudence Committee in the presentation of all legislation. If

you'll just give me a minute, I'm going to recap what you have done today. Amendments that were passed: Numbers 4, 5, 7, 8, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24. Amendments defeated: Numbers 1, 10, 12, 17, 18. Amendments withdrawn: Numbers 6, 9, 11, 13, 14 and 16. Amendments not presented: 2 and 3.

Would the Jurisprudence Committee please join me at the podium. Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds no unfinished legislation to be carried over to the 2009 Grand Chapter session. [applause] This concludes the report of your Jurisprudence Committee, and I say a grateful thanks to my wonderful team, to this great membership and to the Worthy Grand Matron of Texas. Job well done.

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** And we approve this message. [laughter]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Priscilla Locke, our Grand Soloist of District 3, I invite you to bless our hearts with "Amazing Grace."

Sister Elsie Paladino, our Past Grand Matron, we would like for you to voice our benediction.

**MRS. ELSIE PALADINO:** My Sisters and Brothers, you have just heard a prayer.

Father God, we come into Your presence, and we humbly bow before You thanking You for Your love and for the privilege of being in this, the "Angels Among Us" session, today. Lord, we know that there are also angels among us not with wings nor hands, but those whom You have given human form, those who have dedicated their hearts and hands to ensure our comfort and convenience. Bless them all for their efforts on our behalf. Father, as this "Symphony Among the Angels" session unfolds before us, let us look into the future with the eyes of faith and courage that all decisions will be pleasing to You and bring renewed hope, happiness and a true Eastern Star spirit to all.

We ask that You especially continue to direct and strengthen our leaders. May they be rewarded for their generosity of service. Father, as we are dismissed, we ask that You strengthen the ties that bind our hearts, as we rededicate our lives to the hope of a better tomorrow for our world. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to engage in the ceremony of calling our "Angels Among Us" session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we're thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this session of Grand Chapter from labor to rest, and we'll have no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, I have obeyed your command.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

I now call this Friday afternoon session from labor to rest until 7:30 p.m. when we will be having our Humanitarian, our ESTARL and Memorial programs.

Sisters and Brothers, sometime tomorrow morning there will be a collection taken up for the money and we'll see how much we can get. Goodness gracious, we may get \$10,000. Who knows?

Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** This session of Grand Chapter is called from labor to rest until 7:30 this evening.



## FRIDAY NIGHT “MAJESTY” SESSION

August 29, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Michelle Stegman  
Deputy Grand Matron, District 1, Section 9

7:30 p.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Doris Hester  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Jerry L. Martin  
Past Grand Patron of Texas

**MRS. DORIS HESTER:** Good evening, my Sisters and Brothers. I hope you're ready for this special Friday evening session here in our Grand Chapter with our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees. It has been a delightful beginning in this Grand Chapter session and I know that each one of you has enjoyed the days coming up to this point this evening. We are so delighted that you have chosen to be with us this evening to witness our Humanitarian Program, to see these young people offering their services to the Lord for our ESTARL and our Memorial Program.

To our visitors and special guests, this will give you a little insight as to what has been accomplished this Grand Chapter year by so many dedicated Sisters and Brothers in the Order of the Eastern Star here in Texas as we honor our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert, and Brother Jerry Trees, our Worthy Grand Patron.

I know each of you has been enjoying the beautiful music provided by Mrs. Michelle Stegman, Deputy Grand Matron of District 1, Section 9. Please join me in showing her how much we have enjoyed her music and her talent. [applause] Thank you, Michelle.

I am happy and honored to be in the East this Friday evening for the opening of our “Majesty” session and to be joined by Brother Jerry Martin, our Past Grand Patron. Brother Jerry, it has been a delight to travel and to work with you for our Texas Cardinals, Inc. these past few years. Would you care to bring greetings at this time?

**MR. JERRY MARTIN:** Thank you, Sister Doris. Good evening, Sisters and Brothers. I have the privilege tonight of filling in for our Past Grand Patron, Garland Rattan, who was supposed to open this session tonight. Brother Garland and Sister Shirley are experiencing some very tough times with health issues in their family and they simply couldn't be here tonight. I would ask that you each keep them in your prayers for the several days to come for they have some hard times before them.

I too enjoyed the beautiful music this evening. I know that I look forward to the opening of this wonderful night, and I know you do also. Thank you for allowing me this privilege to bring you these greetings. Sister Doris.

**MRS. DORIS HESTER:** Thank you, Brother Jerry. We know that our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have shown us their dedication and their faith and love for our Father. To those of you who have not had the opportunity, or to our special guests, that you have not met our Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron, we hope that you have the opportunity tonight during these programs to do just that.

It is my pleasure at this time to call this “Majesty” session to order.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the “Joyous Notes” drill.

I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, would you please join us here in the East. It is with great pleasure and pride that I present to you Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in extending Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much pride and joy to Brother Jerry and I that you invited us to open this Grand Chapter “Majesty” session this evening. We are so proud of the work that you two have done, your dedication and your commitment to Eastern Star. It is with honor that I present to you your gavel.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Doris and Brother Jerry, for opening this special night for us. We appreciate you being here to start us out in “Majesty.” You do proclaim, both of you, majesty. Thank you.

Brother Jerry.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** To Sister Doris Hester and Brother Jerry Martin, thank you so much for opening this session for us. It is very special, both of you being from District 5. I’ve admired both of you and all your dedication through the years in the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you very much for opening this session.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Officers will come in and take their places on the sides.

Our invocation tonight will be in song. Sister Kay Drescher will sing “Majesty.”

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Kay, for a beautiful rendition of “Majesty.” [applause]

I invite Sister Sharon London, General Chairman of the Humanitarian Committee, and the District Chairmen to present our Humanitarian report and drill. Sister Sharon.

**MRS. SHARON LONDON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Before I start our program this evening I invite the Junior Past Matrons, the Ivory Angels, and the Junior Past Patrons, the Harmonizers, and the Worthy Matrons and the Worthy Patrons to please go to the west doors for your drill. The five Humanitarian District Chairmen and the Grand Marshal’s Pages will be assisting you. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Committee Chairmen, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all:

The membership of Texas has come together once again to serve this great Grand Chapter in this awesome position. I have enjoyed this appointment all year and have served with five wonderful and beautiful ladies in this endeavor.

Music helps us find our identity: Through the voices of angels on earth; or as they inspire us to play the loveliest of instruments; or as the angels help nature with the harmony that surrounds each of our lives. It may be whispers through the trees; it may be the sound of children’s laughter as they play in the shadow of an old country school or a church yard. It may even be the rhythm of water as it embraces the shore. It may be the chirp of a bird or the croak of a frog or the sound of any of God’s creatures communicating and rejoicing in the glory of God, regardless of the source.

We listen to it, we grow by it.

Seek it for comfort, share it in joy and through every tone, it defines our lives and leads us closer to the glory of the cross and in the end, opens the door of the cross into heaven.

I invite Sister Sandra Zipp, Grand Marshal, to invite our Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Matrons and Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to enter our chapter room in order that we may have “Angels Among Us.”

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** What a magnificent sight! [applause]

**MRS. SHARON LONDON:** It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Barbara Zihlman,

District 1 Chairman, Humanitarian.

**MRS. BARBARA ZIHLMAN:** Thank you, Sister Sharon, for introducing me. It has been a pleasure to serve with you as District 1 Chairman.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I want to thank you again for the opportunity and privilege to serve you and the members of District One as Humanitarian Chairman for 2007 – 2008. It has been a rewarding experience and I shall cherish this forever. I thank the members of District One for all their donations, for I could not have done this without you. I started out with one goal and then added several more. One goal I had to alter and because of the members of District One, those goals have been met. Therefore, I am proud to give the final Humanitarian Report for District One as follows:

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT ONE	107
Total number of Chapters 100% or better	107
No. of 100% Chapters	52
No. of 200% Chapters	37
No. of 300% Chapters	6
No. of 400% Chapters	2
No. of 500% Chapters	5
WHICH ARE:	
Dal-Cliff Chapter #574 (section 4)	
Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959 (section 4)	
Lancaster Chapter #943 (section 5)	
Frankston Chapter #1113 (section 6)	
Athens Chapter #177 (section 7)	
No. of 600% Chapters	2
WHICH ARE:	
Loyal Chapter #648 (section 4)	
Ferris Chapter #508 (section 5)	
No. of 700% Chapters	2
WHICH ARE:	
Winnie Chapter #160 (section 5)	
Farmers Branch Chapter #687 (section 5)	
No. of 2500% Chapters	1
WHICH IS:	
Beckville Chapter #273 (section 8)	

Number of members in District One as of May 31, 2007	9,840
Total monies donated to the Humanitarian Program in District One	\$21,681.41

Thank you again, District One, for all your support of this worthy cause.

I am now pleased to introduce Sister Mary Bond, Humanitarian Chairman for District Two.

**MS. MARY BOND:** I have a good report too, but District 1 is going to be hard to follow.

Number of Chapters in District II 46

Number of Chapters 100% or Better 46

100% Chapters	32
200% Chapters	9
300% Chapters	1

400% Chapters	1	
500% Chapters	1	Midland Chapter #253, Dist II, Sect 8
800% Chapters	1	Lamesa Chapter #363, Dist II Sect 8
1200% Chapters	1	Odessa Chapter #447, Dist II, Sect 8

Total Contributions to “Symphony Among the Angels”  
Humanitarian Program for 2007 – 2008 \$7,752.00

Total Members in District II 4103

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Patsy Hewlett, District III Humanitarian Chairman, who will bring District III’s Humanitarian Report.

**MRS. PATSY HEWLETT:** Thank you, Sister Mary Bond.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: It has been a joy and honor to serve as Humanitarian in District 3. I thank you. It is my pleasure to present the following report.

Number of Chapters in District 3	80
Number of Participating Chapters	80
Number of Chapters 100% or better	80

100% Chapters	68	
200% Chapters	5	
300% Chapters	3	
400% Chapters	1	
700% Chapters	1	Wedgewood Chapter # 756
900% Chapters	1	Santa Anna Chapter #247
1000% Chapters	1	Eastland Chapter #280

Total members in District 3 6,932  
Total amount donated in District 3 \$10,755.00

M – Melodies	Benevolent Aid	\$2,347.02
U – Unity	Youth	\$ 692.52
S – Souls	T.M.R.C. Activities	\$ 777.51
I – What Can I Do	ESTARL	\$2,630.10
C – Constant	EDUCATION FUND	\$4,307.85

Thank you, District 3, for your generosity. I am pleased to present Sister Genevieve Orr, Humanitarian Chairman, District 4.

**MRS. GENEVIEVE ORR:** Thank you, Sister Patsy.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished members, my sisters and brothers. It has been an honor to serve Grand Chapter this year as Humanitarian Chairman of District IV. I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for entrusting me with this job.

The members of all 115 Chapters of District IV have done an incredible job of giving to each of the five programs that were designed for this year. Each of the Humanitarian stories that were pre-

sented at our Schools of Instruction told about women of the Bible and how they related to our five programs. The Chapters of District IV are truly followers of the word and consider the needs of others.

Thank you again, District IV, for making my appointment special and understanding that others needs are what we are about in Eastern Star.

My report is as follows:

Number of Chapters in District 4	115
Number of Members	11,885
Number of Chapters 100% or better	114
100% Chapters	90
200% Chapters	12
300% Chapters	7
400% Chapters	3
500% Chapters	2
Westeria Chapter #823 and	
Mont Belvieu Chapter #1142	

The total money donated to the Humanitarian Program from District IV is \$17,173.59.

Respectfully submitted,  
Genevieve Orr  
Humanitarian Chairman  
District IV

I would now like to introduce Sister Kerry Woods, Chairman, District V.

**MRS. KERRY WOODS:** Thank you, Sister Genevieve, for that introduction. District 5 may be last, but we are strong. I am pleased to present the following report.

Number of Chapters in District Five	74
Number of Chapters 100% or better	74
100% Chapters	53
200% Chapters	7
300% Chapters	4
400% Chapters	3
500% Chapters	2
Oakville #521	
Gonzales #403	
600% Chapters	1
Valley Hi #1104	
700% Chapters	3
Floresville #271	
Cuero #618	
Alice #61	
1000% Chapters	1
Amistad #1115	

Total Monies Collected by District 5     \$10,813.00

Total Collected by Fund:

M	\$ 1,134.70
U	\$ 777.70
S	\$ 1,409.26
I	\$ 4,242.96
C	\$ 3,248.38
TOTAL	\$10,813.00

This has been a very enjoyable year. I have met many new people on my travels. To the membership of District 5, I want to thank you all very much for your kind words of encouragement and support during this year. You'll never know how much it meant to me.

To Sharon London, Humanitarian General Chairman, thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our Order. To our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for asking me to be your Humanitarian Chairman for District 5.

At this time I will turn the program over to Sharon London, Humanitarian General Chairman, to complete our beautiful evening. [applause]

**MRS. SHARON LONDON:** Thank you again to my beautiful District Chairmen this year. And thank you for all your hard work all year. The final totals for Humanitarian this year are:

M	Benevolent Aid	\$14,729.62
U	Youth	\$ 4,223.71
S	TMRC	\$ 5,926.09
I	ESTARL	\$24,383.28
C	Education Fund	\$18,737.30

Grand Total Contributions to our program this year: \$68,000.00

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your membership stands before you as a "Grand Symphony". The angels they have carried in our beautiful drill have a special place now. They are our gift to our wonderful Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to give to others as you so desire. May you always know our love is with each of your forever, and we thank you for serving our beautiful order this year. May God always bless you for what you do for others.

Thank you. [applause] You may leave the building — just the room!

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you're about to see again the Precision Drill. So please be quiet and watch them.

The Grand Officers will take their places in the Grand Chapter room.

Sisters and Brothers, we are ready to begin our ESTARL service. Our dedicated heroes for the evening are our scholarship awardees. Now is the time we can really see the fruits of our labors as we honor the commandment to go forth and teach. All of us are not blessed with the teaching and musical talents of our recipients, but we are honoring this command by providing some financial assistance to those whom God has called to serve His people in this capacity. Our hearts overflow this evening with the knowledge that those who are receiving recognition for outstanding dedication, we will have had a very small part in their attaining their goals.

The letters ESTARL means Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, and how grateful we are to have a part in this tremendous service of love for our fellowman.

It is with great pleasure that I present Sister Marian Von Heeder, General Chairman of our ESTARL Committee, who will present our service and our awards.

**MRS. MARIAN VON HEEDER:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters, Brothers and friends, it is indeed my honor to welcome you to the ESTARL service and awards ceremony; "SYM-



PHONY TO HEAVEN". We are privileged to belong to an Order founded on religious principles and we are proud to assist deserving young men and women to further their religious training. Through the generosity of the membership, the Humanitarian Program and additional contributions, the ESTARL Committee had \$32,000 for religious scholarships in 2008. When the committee met, we had 29 applicants. 3 of the applicants did not qualify; therefore, 26 \$1,000 scholarships were awarded.

Our Worthy Grand Matron's theme is "Music is the Window to the Soul and the Cross is the Door to Heaven." In Ephesians, Paul is speaking to the saints and in Chapter 5, he gives 15 commands for Christians. Verse 15 reads, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart." When Lloyd Douglas, author of "The Robe" and other novels, attended college, he lived in a boarding house. A retired, wheelchair-bound music professor resided on the first floor. Each morning, Douglas would stick his head in the door of the teacher's apartment and ask the same question, "Well, what's the good news?" The old man would pick up his tuning fork, tap it on the side of his wheelchair and say, "That's middle C! It was middle C yesterday; it will be middle C tomorrow; it will be middle C a thousand years from now. The tenor upstairs sings flat. The piano upstairs is out of tune, but my friend, that is middle C." You and I need a *middle C*. Haven't you had enough change in your life? Relationships change; health changes, the weather changes, but the Yahweh, who ruled the earth last night, is the same Yahweh who rules today; same convictions, same plan, same mood, same love. He never changes.

As Chairman of the ESTARL Committee, it is my privilege and honor to introduce the other members of the committee:

Mrs. Joyce Smith	District 1
Mrs. Donna Swindle	District 2
Mrs. Marie Sutton	District 3
Mrs. Jean Hodson	District 4
Mrs. Vickie Smith	District 5

These ladies have worked diligently screening all applicants and making final decisions and in so doing have formed close relationships with the applicants from their respective districts. Thank you, ladies, for your time and dedication to the important work and for forming a closer bond within our committee.

Our invocation will now be given by Kyle Emory, District 3 recipient from the Arlington Baptist College. Please stand as we unite in prayer.

**MR. KYLE EMORY:** Dear Lord, I just want to thank You for this day and just thank You for all the people who have come out to this special event. Hide Joe behind the Cross and give him the words to speak to apply to our lives. Thank You for what You've done and for what You're going to do for us in the future. Thank you for dying on the cross and forgiving our sins. In Jesus' Name, amen.

**MRS. MARIAN VON HEEDER:** Thank you, Kyle.

The most notorious road in the world is the Via Dolorosa, "the Way of Sorrows." According to tradition, it is the route Jesus took from Pilate's hall to Calvary. The path is marked by stations frequently used by Christians for their devotions. One station marks the passing of Pilate's verdict. Another, the appearance of Simon to carry the cross. There are fourteen stations in all, each one a reminder of the events of Christ's final journey. We do not know where the path actually began. The path began not in the court of Pilate, but in the halls of heaven. The Father began His journey when He left His home in search of us. His desire was singular – to bring His children home. The path to the cross tells us exactly how far God will go to call us back.

Deputy Grand Matron of District 4, Section 6y, Sister Marjorie Shenkir, will bring a musical selection accompanied by our Past Grand Matron, Sister Rosemary Swetland.

Thank you Sisters Marjorie and Rosemary. You have a God given talent and we are blessed that you shared with us.

Adam Shafer, District 4 recipient from the Dallas Theological Seminary will read our scripture.

**MR. ADAM SHAFER:** Our Scripture is from Ephesians 5, starting at verse 18. “Do not get drunk on wine which leads to debauchery. Instead be filled with the spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs; sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**MRS. MARIAN VON HEEDER:** Thank you, Adam.

Psalms 150 says, “Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet, praise Him with the psaltery and harp, praise Him with the stringed instruments and organs. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals. Praise Him upon high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.”

Music therefore is one avenue in which to communicate our most inter being with our Maker. So appropriate is our Worthy Grand Matron’s theme “Music is the Window to the Soul and the Cross is the Door to Heaven.”

And now our message will be given by Joseph Palermo, a District 3 recipient from Truett Seminary.

**MR. JOSEPH PALERMO:** On my way to Longview yesterday from Fort Hood, I stopped in at a fuel station. I inserted the fuel pump nozzle into the gas tank opening of my truck and I began to add gasoline. After a little while, the pump automatically shut off, indicating that my gas tank had been filled. When I replaced the nozzle and got back into my truck, upon turning the key I took note of the fuel gauge. It confirmed that indeed my tank was full. Quite likely, all of you here today have been through that same exact act of filling your vehicles with fuel.

I would further venture to say that most of you keep a close eye on your fuel gauge throughout your entire driving experience, carefully monitoring all remaining fuel so that the moment the fuel indicator needle flirts with the quarter tank mark, we quickly pull into a fuel stop. Why is it that we place such a high importance on making sure our vehicles are filled with fuel? You say, Well, preacher, if I don’t have fuel in my vehicle, then it won’t run. It won’t run. No, I suppose it won’t. So you place a high priority on making sure that it stays filled.

Well, did you know that without being filled with God’s Holy Spirit, you can’t run as God would have you to run? Oh, you can get by, but you can’t run very far. You can’t run very well, and certainly you can’t run very long. Isn’t it strange that we’re so careful about filling our mechanical devices — cars and trucks that might last us eight or ten years at the most, but we’re so casual about being filled with the Holy Spirit, when as Christians we’re destined to spend eternity with the Lord God Almighty?

In today’s Scripture the Apostle Paul commands us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Moreover, he provides some indicators of a life which is filled with the Spirit. As we examine Ephesians 5:18-19, let us find out together that to be filled with God’s Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Almighty God, is to let God be in control, to sing His praises from the heart with sincerity. Let us also note most importantly that to be filled with the Holy Spirit is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ. In verse 18 Paul contrasts being drunk or filled with wine with being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Why does he make this contrast? Well, during Biblical times there were many pagan rituals which involved not worshipping the Lord, but rather they centered around human activities, focusing on things like becoming inebriated through the use of alcohol. Certainly there is value in Paul’s warning for us today. Living a life of drunkenness is no doubt a sin, and as does all sin, drunkenness produces terrible consequences. In short, intoxication during Paul’s time was wrong, and it’s wrong today. Yet you and I, if we dig a bit deeper, we can find a greater truth in verse 18. The New Revised Standard Version, Ephesians 5:18 reads, “Do not get drunk with wine for that is debauchery.” God’s Word reads, “Don’t get drunk on wine which leads to wild living.” And the Holman Christian Standard Bible translation reads, “And don’t get drunk with wine which leads to reckless actions.”

I think the Holman Christian translation captures the essence of Paul’s meaning most effectively. “Reckless actions” implies that one is out of control, outside of God’s counsel. We can draw a

sharp contrast between a drunken driver and a NASCAR driver. And for those of you who aren't fans, that's the — I had to look this up — the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing. The drunk driver careens carelessly down the highway with little regard for his or her surroundings. The NASCAR driver is sharply focused on the road. Every movement is intentional, every action precise. The driver under the influence is relaxed and nonchalant about the trip. The NASCAR driver's pulse during a race is at 85 percent of its maximum. That's similar to that of a long-distance runner.

Yet, here's our greatest contrast. The drunk driver is solely responsible for controlling her vehicle. She is alone; there's no one telling her to watch out for that upcoming 18-wheeler, no one to say, Look out, there are children playing near the street ahead. The NASCAR driver has a tiny ear-piece through which his crew, or her crew, gives them advice, vital information about the race. In a much higher and a much holier way, Christians have a choice to be like one of those drivers. You can be reckless, out of control and alone in your faith, getting by with just the bare minimum of God's Holy Spirit, or you can be intently focused on God, putting all your energy into the race and allowing God's Spirit to fill you, to provide guidance and wise counsel. To run the race well, you, the creature, must allow God the creator to be in control.

In this same month in 1993, I stood at the position of attention on the parade field of the United States Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California. I stood with hundreds of other young men. We waited for the moment when we would march across the parade field as part of our boot camp graduation ceremony. This event would begin with the playing of the Marines Hymn. Now, no one but the Almighty can read the hearts and minds of men, but I can make some observations about that morning. Every man was in the same uniform, and every man was intently focused on the task at hand, to perform in the graduation ceremony. We were proud as individuals of our personal accomplishments, but we were also proud of the big picture. The organization into which we were being indoctrinated, the Marine Corps, we showed our pride and our heartfelt sincerity through our unwavering discipline and attention to detail. When the Marines Hymn began to play and we began our ceremonial march, there's nothing I can say to you that will describe how I felt that day. It was an overwhelming experience and it was not something that I only felt skin deep. The Marines Hymn penetrated right down to the marrow of my bones. It gave me chills up my spine. And today, 15 years later, the moment is still fresh in my mind.

You see, music has a way of influencing us in powerful ways. One old and seasoned Marine sergeant told me once that if the day ever came when he heard the National Anthem or the Marines Hymn and he didn't get a chill up and down his spine, well, that was the last day for him in the Corps. If that music didn't noticeably touch and inspire him, well, it was time for him to hang it up. As our National Anthem deeply impacts a service member, and the Marines Hymn makes an old jar-head's chest swell with pride, in a much larger God-given way, music is a response and a natural reaction to our acknowledgment of Jesus Christ as Lord.

When we fully consider Him in all His glory and the true splendor of what He has given us through His death on the cross, we cannot help but intimately feel a part of something larger than ourselves, and it shows through in everything we do in our lives.

Let us look carefully at Ephesians 5:19 now. "As you sing songs and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts." In your hearts. When you make a joyful noise to the Lord, Paul implores you to consider is your heart truly into it, are you fully letting your praises get right down to the bone?

Dwight L. Moody tells the story of a little boy who was converted, and he was just as full of praise as he could be. You see, when God converts a man or a boy, his heart is full of joy, and he can't help but be full of the Holy Spirit. Now, the young man's father was a professed Christian, and the boy wondered why he didn't talk about Christ and why he didn't go down to the church. One day as the father was reading the newspaper, the little boy came to him and he put his hand on his dad's shoulder and he said, "Why don't you praise God? Why don't you sing about Christ? Why don't you go down to the church meetings that they have?" The father opened his eyes, and he looked at him and he said gruffly, "I'm not carried away with any of those doctrines. I'm established."

A few days later they were putting a big load of wood into the cart. And as the father and boy got on top of the load and they tried to get the horse to move, that horse wouldn't move an inch. So the father used the whip. Then they got off the cart and tried to push it, and the cart still wouldn't move. The father said, "I wonder what's the matter with this horse." "He's established," said the little boy. [laughter]

We might chuckle at that, but this is the way it is with not just a few Christians. I urge you, my friend, I pray for you: Don't be established. Don't be unmoveable. Instead, let God's Holy Spirit utterly and completely fill you. Let the Lord bring you along in His will. Let the Almighty be in control of your praise, and let the Almighty be in control of your life, for when you do — when you do that, my friend, place God in control, then you can say with David in verse 26 of the 23rd Psalm, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the House of the Lord my whole life long."

I have just one more thing to share with you. As Christians we know that God's Holy Spirit lives in every believer. We receive this gift from the Lord when we accept Jesus Christ. Acts 2:38 is very clear on this, "Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." As Christians we know this basic truth. Yet, maybe there are some folks here tonight who do not know the Lord. I speak to you now, my friends. Is your life headed down the wrong path quickly? Are you lost without a true heading? Are you lonely? Do you feel so empty inside that it feels like nothing could ever make you whole again? Is there a problem in your life so great right now that you feel overwhelmed, reckless and out of control? Consider Romans 10:13. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Everyone. Not some, not the good-looking ones or the attractive or popular ones. Everyone. Not a few. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." God has a plan to move you in the right direction. God's Holy Spirit is waiting to fill you with His love, mercy, grace and understanding. God's wise counsel is available to you the very moment — at the very instant you call on His Name. He proved it. He proved His faithfulness and sincerity when He died for you on a cross. Call on His Name, my friend. He will answer. [applause]

**MRS. MARIAN VON HEEDER:** Thank you, Joseph. What an inspiring message.

Our next District 1 recipient is Rebecca Jill Clark from HPU Christian School, who will bring us a musical selection.

Thank you, Rebecca. You are certainly following God's command to sing Psalms unto the Lord.

We have enjoyed the talents of our recipients and we know the stress they encounter and the financial burden it is for them to accomplish their goals. Our Order is dedicated to truth, charity, and loving kindness and what better way to demonstrate these principals than by opening our hearts to the students in religious training. As we listen to the beautiful offertory music of our Past Grand Matron, Rosemary Swetland, I ask the Pages, Warders, and Sentinels who will assist with the collections, to please pick up the boxes from the tables after the offertory prayer and return the boxes to the tables after the collection.

Ryan Dennis, a recipient from District 2 and is attending Lubbock Christian University, will lead us in prayer as we prepare for the love offering.

**MR. RYAN DENNIS:** Will you bow your heads with me. Our Father in Heaven, we thank You for all the creations You have created for us. Father, I thank You for this great organization You have created. Thank You for its leaders, its current leadership and its future leaders. Father, I thank You for all the recipients that are behind me now. I pray that their spiritual training will be blessed through You, and, Father, also the future recipients. May this collection be an instrument from You to help us and to guide us and to see us through so we may do Your Great Commission. Thank You for Your Son Jesus Christ who died on the cross for all of us. It's in Your Son's Holy Name we pray. Amen.

**MRS. MARIAN VON HEEDER:** Thank you, Ryan.

Thank you, and may God bless you, the membership for your generosity in our efforts to assist

the deserving recipients to further their religious training.

It is now my privilege to invite the District One Chairman to call the names of the recipients from their respective Districts. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, would you please honor us by presenting the 2008 scholarships to these students who were able to attend the program?

**MRS. JOYCE SMITH:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve on the ESTARL Committee as District 1 Chairman for 2007-2008. I believe this is the best Committee I have ever had the honor to serve on because I can see the results of our work sitting right here on our stage tonight. I am proud to report that District 1 has nine \$1,000 scholarship recipients this year, and six of those are here tonight. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to present to you the 2007-2008 District 1 recipients. Would the recipients please stand and come forward as I call your name. Walter Harrell Braddock, Jr.; he is sponsored by Corsicana Chapter #118, Corsicana, Texas; he is attending Texas Christian University of Fort Worth, Texas; this is his second ESTARL scholarship. [applause] Justin W. Bass, sponsored by Plano Chapter #703, Plano, Texas; he is attending Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas; this is his third ESTARL scholarship. [applause] Austin Lee Turner, sponsored by Jefferson Chapter #627, Jefferson, Texas; he is attending Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas; this is his first ESTARL scholarship. [applause] Cris Robbins, sponsored by Winnsboro Chapter #967, Winnsboro, Texas; he is attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth; this is his first ESTARL scholarship. [applause] Rebecca Jill Clark, sponsored by Carpenters Chapter #183, Sherman, Texas; she is attending Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas; this is her first ESTARL scholarship. [applause] Doyal Roy Clifton, Jr., sponsored by Troop Chapter #421, Troop, Texas; he is attending Texas Baptist Institute Seminary in Henderson, Texas; this is his first ESTARL scholarship. [applause] I am saying “first scholarship” because I don’t know if you know it, but you can reapply. You can reapply for these ESTARL scholarships. We had three that were unable to be here tonight, but they send their deepest appreciation for the scholarships. I believe they deserve to have their names read and their chapter sponsors. Kale Garrett Stephens, sponsored by Midlothian Chapter #234, Midlothian, Texas; he attends Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene; and this is his second ESTARL scholarship. Paul Joseph Noland, sponsored by Ferris Chapter #508, Ferris, Texas; he attends Central Baptist Church College in Conway, Arkansas; this is his second ESTARL scholarship. And Tim Fatheree, sponsored by Grand Prairie Chapter #219, Grand Prairie, Texas, attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; this is his second ESTARL scholarship.

Congratulations to all of you recipients, and may God bless you in all your endeavors. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. MARIAN VON HEEDER:** Our District 2 Chairman was unable to attend, but we have one recipient with us tonight. Ryan Dennis from Lubbock Christian University. [applause]

Our District 3 Chairman, Marie Sutton, will introduce her recipients.

**MRS. MARIE SUTTON:** Thank you, Sister Marian. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for allowing me to serve as chairman of this ESTARL Committee. It was been so rewarding to me and I appreciate it so much.

First, Kyle David Emory. Kyle is a junior at Arlington Baptist College, and he’s sponsored by my chapter, Riverside Chapter #834. This is his first year. [applause] This is our international student from Russia. I don’t want to butcher her name, so would you pronounce your name, please.

**MS. EVGENIA GURINA:** Evgenia Gurina.

**MRS. MARIE SUTTON:** Thank you. She attends Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth and is sponsored by Everman Chapter #624. [applause] Joseph Paul Palermo. He goes to Truett Seminary in Waco, and when he finishes he will be going into the Army as a chaplain. He is sponsored by Bellmead Chapter #980. [applause] Brian Matthew Bailey had told me that he would be here, but something has happened. This is his second year for the ESTARL, and he’s still attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and is sponsored by Wedgwood Chapter #756. Rachel Rayann Evans was unable to be with us; she’s working tonight. She is sponsored by

Santa Ana Chapter #247, and she is still attending Howard Payne University in Brownwood. This is her second year. We also have Frank Smith that was going to be here and didn't make it. He is attending Crown Southwest Norris Seminary in Fort Worth and is majoring in pastoral and is sponsored by South Fort Worth #835. So we had three out of six that was able to be with us. Thank you. [applause]

I would like to now introduce Sister Jean Hodson, District 4.

**MRS. JEAN HODSON:** Thank you, Sister Marie.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I too want to thank you for this beautiful appointment and to represent District 4.

It is my privilege to introduce the following who are the recipients of the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership from District 4.

Please stand as I call your name.

1. Michael Nathaniel Gossett, sponsored by Houston Chapter #385. He attends Brite Divinity School at TCU and is studying toward his Master of Divinity Degree.
2. Mary Marshall Greene, sponsored by Houston Chapter #385. She attends Brite Divinity School at TUC, and is also studying toward her Master of Divinity Degree.
3. Adams Travis Shafer, sponsored by Vidor Chapter #914. He attends Dallas Theological Seminary, and is studying toward his Master of Theology Degree.
4. Andrew Royce Thompson, sponsored by Seabrooke Chapter #1096. He attends Perkins School of Theology at SMU, and is studying toward his Master of Divinity Degree.
5. Joshua Robb Hubert, sponsored by Houston Heights Chapter #258. He attends Duke Divinity School in North Carolina and is unable to be with us tonight. He is studying toward his Master of Theology Degree.
6. Steven Rindahl, sponsored by Ganado Chapter #957. He is working on his Ph.D. through Spurgeon College. Steven is a Chaplain in the U.S. Army and is unable to be here this evening also. He just returned from Iraq in January and the Army sent him to Ft. Gordon, Georgia. You will notice the pictures of him on your program.

I want to thank each of you for being here tonight, and Godspeed. [applause] And now I would like to introduce Sister Vicki Smith, District 5 Chairman.

**MRS. VICKI SMITH:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to thank you also for this appointment this year. It has been a rewarding experience, and it has led to a greater appreciation for this facet of our benevolent work.

District 5 has one recipient. Her name is Linda Baumheckel. She is currently attending Perkins School of Theology at SMU. Yoakum Chapter #282 sponsored her. Linda. [applause]

Thank you. I'll turn it over to our General Chairman, Marian Von Heeder.

**MRS. MARIAN VON HEEDER:** Linda Baumheckel will bring the response for the recipients.

**MS. LINDA BAUMHECKEL:** It's an honor to be here this evening. Thank you for the invitation tonight to extend a mutual gratitude of those who are receiving the Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leaders. Thank you, Eastern Star, and the chapters who have sponsored us. We thank you for your initiative to help those of us on the journey. Your stewardship in this direction is insightful and has already been fruitful in many awards that have preceded us. Our education opens up to us possibilities in our respective disciplines. Our education helps us discern the best use of our gifts to God and to His community of faith. And our education comes with a cost, so your awards are an encouragement, spiritually and financially, for us. We thank you for the signpost you have given each of us tonight on the journey in our religious studies. Our prayer is to be faithful servants of your gift. Thank you again, Eastern Star, and go with God. [applause]

**MRS. MARIAN VON HEEDER:** Thank you, Linda. We will close our program with a bene-

diction, “The Lord’s Prayer,” sung by Marjorie Shenker, our Deputy Grand Matron of District 4, Section 6, accompanied by Rosemary Swetland, our Past Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Marian — where did she go? Oh, she went to count money.

We have just had a beautiful, beautiful ESTARL program. I do thank all the recipients and Sister Marian for getting this program together. We’re going to have a short recess before our Memorial program begins.

Sister Lesa.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Our invocation this evening will be given by our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Will you please bow your heads. Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we are indeed thankful for all the many blessings of life that You have given to us. We would ask that You put Your special blessings on this service tonight as we honor those who gave so much service and dedication and who have gone to be in Your House. Be with each and everyone that came here tonight to be here at our Eastern Star meeting. We would ask You to put Your special blessings on those that are ill and who need Your special blessings for sickness. Be with our soldiers who are fighting for our freedom. Put Your blessings on them and bring them home safely. We ask all these things in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters and Brothers and friends. It is my sincere honor to present o you, and this beautiful group assembled, “The Ribbon of Life” Memorial Program” in remembrance of members of our fraternal family. I consider each of you a participant in this program. Where God’s people are assembled, the spirit of God is present. May we reverently present these tributes.

Mrs. Betty Benham, GGCCM and Past Grand Matron of Texas will serve as our Ceremonial Marshal for this evening.

Ceremonial Marshal, you will present our Lights of Remembrance.

Our tribute to members of General Grand Chapter will be given by Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, GGC and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** We pause to remember those Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who have carried the Light of Fidelity in the respected service of General Grand Chapter. These members have been true to their vows and lived their lives in dedicated Service to others and to the Order of the Eastern Star.

The light of Fidelity is presented by Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Billy H. Combest, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Our tribute to Texas’ own Past Grand Matrons, Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen and Mrs. Millie Sharp, will be given by Mrs. Betty Friend, GGCCM and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**MRS. BETTY FRIEND:** Nancy Bailey Allen served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1967 – 1968. She passed away on October 19, 2007.

To remember Sister Nancy we say:

You hold in your hand the camel’s hair brush of a painter of life. You stand before the vast white canvas of time. That we may paint a “Portrait of Love” using a mixture of heart, mind and spirit, - Let us Love One Another – always remembering we are organized for charitable and benevolent purposes.

When you belong to a great Fraternal Organization such as ours, you need never feel alone; rather, you can feel as worthy as any individual in the common cause of community betterment.

Millie Sharpe served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1966 – 1967. She passed away on August 10, 2008.

To remember Sister Mildred, we say:

God made my Cathedral under the stars. He gave my Cathedral trees for its spires. He hewed me an altar in the depth of a hill. He gave for me a hymnal, a rock bedded rill.

“We need the darkness to see the stars,  
It’s only in the night  
That we can see the dazzling beauty,  
Of those gems of light.

We need our sorrows to find our faith;  
We need the chastening rod  
Before we can reach into the dark,  
And touch the hand of God.”  
(unknown)

In First John 5:11, we read: “And this is record that God hath given to us Eternal Life, and this life is in His Son.”

So – we can know –

For each thing created by God, He has given it voice which proclaims resurrection.

The Light of Constancy is presented by Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Arthur Drescher, Board of Directors, District One.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Our tribute to Texas’ own Rev. O. D. Christian, Past Grand Patron will be given by Mrs. Elise Hammack,, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**MRS. ELISE HAMMACK:** Brother O. D. Christian served as Worthy Grand Patron from 1976 to 1977. He passed away on August 8, 2007. From the Memorial for Brother O. D., “And this is life eternal that they might know the only true God in Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou hast given me to do.” Brother O. D. truly lived a life, which glorified God and was loyal to those duties which God assigned him.

John 17:3-4

The Light of Loyalty is presented by Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Our tribute to our Subordinate Chapters members will be given by Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD:** We pause to remember the beloved members of our Chapters - the same Chapters to which we are members; all faithfully serving together - side by side - until the Master’s call is heard.

Our labors have ended and, with love, we fondly remember our Sisters and Brothers who have gone before us.

The light of Faith is presented by Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Jerry L. Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Our tribute to the United States Military will be given by Mr. Leland Benefield, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**MR. LELAND BENEFIELD:** We pause to remember our fallen heroes - the men and women who answered the call of duty. Because of their ultimate sacrifice for us, we are free to meet here this evening in Peace. May we never forget their service, love, and devotion to each of us. May we never forget these men and women, their children, their parents, their grandparents and their friends who will continue to hold their memories dear. May we never forget.

The Light of Love is presented by Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker, GGCCM and Past Grand Patron of Texas.



**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Ceremonial Marshal, you will escort our Lights of Remembrance to their places in the Grand Chapter room.

I am a very blessed person. It was my pleasure to serve this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Chapter of Texas this past year. It was my honor to represent the Grand Chapter of Texas by extending 96 condolences to the other Grand Jurisdictions upon the deaths of Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and Installed Grand Officers. I also sent expressions of sympathy to the families of our own Brother O. D. Christian, Sisters Nancy Bailey Allen and Millie Sharp. Memorials were also sent at the passing of our District Deputy Grand Matron's Mother, the daughter of Grand Electa, the Grand Chapter Mom, the Mother of Grand Ruth as well as the husband of our Grand Treasurer. We were also saddened by the passing of 1587 members of our Subordinate Chapters. As I was made aware of any needs across the state, I send 142 other types of cards to encourage and lift our membership. Again, it has been my sincere pleasure to represent our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Chapter of Texas in the jurisdictions of California, Georgia, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana as well as the State of Texas, traveling more than 24,360 miles this year. Sister Joyce and Brother Jerry, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this opportunity to serve you both as well as the members of our great Order of the Eastern Star.

The ribbons of life are memories, which we may not often think about, but these remembrances are so simple to recall. Do you remember the pretty ribbons your daughter wore in her hair, a pretty pink, or maybe yellow to hold her curls? Do you remember running home and showing off the blue ribbon for your science project or from the race you won? Do you remember the red ribbon for second place and the promise you made to yourself to do better? As a young man, do you remember the anxious wait at the door as you held the corsage box tied with a white ribbon or the beautiful flowers tied with ribbons as her mother pinned them on? The ribbons on the back of the car as you drove off on your honeymoon? The ribbons on all the packages at birthday parties and at Christmas? The ribbons that weave throughout our lives are there to represent the good times we shared, the positive times we had. They also remind us of special times, such as the ribbons handed to us as we were initiated which is the practice of some Chapters. Ribbons hold a particular memory for many of us. The ribbons that our Mothers wore on their dresses, the one at Easter tied on our bunny, the ribbon on our diplomas, the ribbon that marks the Chapter of our favorite Scripture in the Bible. The ribbons on the wreath sent to show our respect. The military has a high regard for ribbons. The medals earned for valor and fearlessness are suspended from different colored ribbons. The flag of the United States is even considered to be made up of stripes or ribbons of red and white. So let us look at ribbons in another way. Let us be reminded of those who have entered eternal life. Let the ribbons of their memories always be with us, in our Chapters and in our lives. Let us remember with fondness their life's ribbons. Every time you see one, remember that a ribbon is the tie that binds us together - as one.

Solo - "He Grew the Tree"

Mrs. Lesa Smith  
Grand Chaplain

Miss Rose Ann Lowry  
Keyboard Players, District 3 Chairman

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Ceremonial Marshal, you will present those who will carry the Ribbons of Life.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** The Ribbon of Fidelity represents the winding path that Adah took as she came down the mountain to return to her Father so his vow would be honored. This ribbon is blue, the color of the oceans and the heavens. Fidelity

The Ribbon of Fidelity is presented by Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The ribbon of Constancy represents the binding together of a family - a family tied by their love and devotion, to care for and protect each other no matter the cost. Golden yellow carries the promise of a positive future. Constancy

The Ribbon of Constancy is presented by Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The ribbon of Loyalty represents Queen Esther's love and devotion to her chosen people. White is the color of purity, holiness and righteousness. Loyalty

The Ribbon of Loyalty is presented by Mrs. Jane Gregory, GGCCM and Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The ribbon of Faith is significant because green is the color of eternal life and tranquility. Without faith in our lives, we would be lost. We live by faith, with the hope of immortality. Green represents the valley of sorrow and the hope for life eternal. Faith

The Ribbon of Faith is presented by Mrs. Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

The Ribbon of Love and hospitality is one of the most enduring and precious. Red signifies Salvation. Without salvation we are lost. Let us understand our salvation ensures life eternal. Let us always share love and charity with others. Let us support one another. Red encourages confidence, life and energy. Love

The Ribbon of Love is presented by Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Ceremonial Marshal, you will escort our Ribbons of Life to their places in the Grand Chapter room.

The Installed Grand Officers will now form the "Ribbon of Life" Memorial Drill.

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

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and Sister Grand Chaplain, you will drape our altar. [Ceremony of draping the altar]

Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** To honor our country, let us stand together as the Lone Star Color Guard from the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base of Fort Worth, presents our United States flags. Our American flags are presented by Henry S. Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas, and Right Worshipful Donny Broughton, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas AF&AM.

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning, it is brought out and, at the ceremony of Reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in

dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.”

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother’s Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, “In God we Trust.”

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

Will the Color Guard please bring the flags to the East.

Our Color Guard is dismissed. [applause]

Our benediction this evening will be “Amazing Grace” by Eric Bailey from John L. DeGrazier, Dallas Scottish Rite, Hella Shrine Concert Band Director, and the DeMolay Legion of Honor Bagpiper.



## SATURDAY MORNING “HOW GREAT THOU ART” SESSION

8:00 a.m. Musical Prelude

A Joyful Noise for J&J

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane  
Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro Tem  
General Grand Chapter and  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Henry S. Martin  
Past Grand Patron of Texas

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. It is a privilege to again share the East with Brother Henry Martin, my own Worthy Grand Patron. He and Sister Opal are very special to Bill and me, as I know they are to you the membership. I am overjoyed and humbled at the honor given to me to call to order this “How Great Thou Art” session.

Last week we hosted the Most Worthy Grand Matron of Australia to a pizza party on the patio of the International Headquarters and invited the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron of the District of Columbia and the General Grand Chapter Officers and Appointees to join us. While there, Sister Linda Kinder, Worthy Grand Matron of the District of Columbia, asked me to bring her fraternal greetings to you and her regrets that she could not attend this session. She came to know many of you when she was in a time of sorrow and you sent her cards and special notes. She wanted me to tell you how much she appreciated those at the passing of her husband the week prior to her installation.

Bill and I extend to each of you a personal invitation to visit us and take a tour of our lovely International Headquarters for the Order of the Eastern Star. I would be remiss if I didn’t say thank you to my Sisters and Brothers for your endorsement and support in my candidacy for Right Worthy Grand Secretary without the words “Pro tem.” I am a proud native Texan now and forever more.

What a great prelude we have enjoyed this morning by this most talented group of Eastern Star members sharing their talents. They have certainly started us off on a joyful beginning to the day. Join with me in showing our appreciation to them. [applause]

Brother Henry, I invite you to bring greetings to our membership.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Thank you, Sister Alma. I also want to say good morning, Sisters and Brothers.

**VOICES:** Good morning.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** It’s certainly an honor and a privilege for me to once again share the East with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Alma Lynn Bane. I thank you, Sister Alma, for those very kind remarks. You and Bill are certainly special to Opal and me, and being with you this morning is a very special treat.

I’m reminded that it was 11 years ago this month, specifically August 16th, 1997, when you handed me that top hat at the Mr. X Banquet in Waco, and as they say, what a ride it has been!

I want to publicly say this morning how proud all of Texas is for your having been selected by Barbara Benton, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, to be the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro Tem, of General Grand Chapter. Everywhere we have traveled during this year, we have heard about the remarkable job that you’re doing there in Washington by introducing new innovations and more efficient office procedures that have already begun to benefit the Officers of General Grand Chapter and

the various Grand Jurisdictions. It's certainly a pleasure to be here this morning with you.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** It is with pleasure that I call this Saturday morning "How Great Thou Art" session to order.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the "Joyous Notes" drill by the Installed Grand Officers and their Personal Pages.

Sisters and Brothers, if you have not been here for an opening drill and preparation of our labyrinth, bring your attention to the center of the room because shortly you are going to see something that is super special.

We will have, under the direction of Mr. Bill Wyatt, the Distinguished Ushers Committee and their presentation of our labyrinth.

I read recently that there's three types of men that a Southern girl likes: a man in a uniform, a man in a tuxedo and Rhett Butler. [laughter]

I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Sister Joyce, at a School of Instruction you played a piece of music for me, and I knew I had heard my march. I told you I loved it and did you know what that meant. I had decided that the composer of my march would be my Grand Organist. I thank you for your place of service in our Order.

Brother Jerry, our service spans from the Eastern Star all the way to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. It was on the brick sidewalk at the OES Home that I asked you for your permission for Sister Janell to be my District Deputy Grand Matron for District 5.

Thank you both, Joyce and Jerry, for a beautiful and harmonious year. Brother Henry.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Sister Joyce and Brother Jerry, I want to sincerely thank you for asking me to open this "How Great Thou Art" session this morning with Sister Alma. The two of you have had a remarkable and successful year, and you have endeared yourselves to the membership of Texas. All of us in Texas thank you for the work you have done and especially for the demonstration of love that you have exhibited to all of us in Texas. As you turn over your gavels today to your successors, please know that you hold a permanent place in the hearts of this entire Eastern Star membership.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [The Worthy Grand Matron was presented with a sheaf of large pink mums and the Worthy Grand Patron a sheaf of sunflowers as they began their final walk to the East.] Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I present Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, I present to you your gavel that you might preside.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Alma Lynn Bane and Brother Henry Martin, for extending me the honor of you opening this Saturday morning session, "How Great Thou Art." As we listen to the words of "How Great Thou Art," we know we are singing about our Savior, but how great you are in my life. What an honor for you to be standing here with me today. I couldn't have had anyone any better and I thank you.

Brother Jerry.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Alma Lynn Bane and Brother Henry Martin, your presence recalls many happy memories. Thank you for calling this "How Great Thou Art" session to order. Your dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star, to Texas Grand Chapter, General Grand Chapter and to the membership has been high among your priorities. The membership recognizes your untiring service, and we thank you for all you do for our great Order. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this “How Great Thou Art” session from rest to labor, and you are to direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this “How Great Thou Art” session from rest to labor, and you are to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

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

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

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

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron.

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

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter session.

Worthy Grand Matron, all present are entitled to be seated in the Grand Chapter room.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

We will now look to God for our inspiration for today. Our invocation will be voiced by Sister Betty Benham, Charter Chairman, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** Good morning, and how great thou art. What a magnificent morning the Lord has provided for us. We are thankful and blessed for each day we have been given at this Grand Chapter as we have conducted business at hand. This new day is directed to choosing those who will become future leaders of our Order. Let us bow and give thanks.

Lord, give us this day so that we may give freely back to the life You have given to us. May we give something of joy and gladness to dispel fear and strife. Give us this day so that we may forget and forever put aside all thoughts of hate and jealousy and in Thy love abide. Give us this day so that we may better and wiser be, stronger in faith and courage, and may we ever walk in humility.

Lord, we are thankful we live in a free country, the United States of America, and for the freedoms and privileges we have. Let us ever be mindful and pray for our soldiers and loved ones as they are performing their duties to allow us to continue and enjoy these privileges. We ask for Your guidance over our Grand Chapter as we elect those who will serve our Order with honor and dignity. All these blessed things we ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Juanita Gregory, our Grand Choir Director, and the Grand Choir for providing the special music this morning as we start a very important day. I hope you all realize that all three pianos were being play together. [applause]

I now declare this “How Great Thou Art” session called from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, this “How Great Thou Art” session of Grand Chapter has been called from rest to labor.

Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. We’re going to begin our business session. We’re going to continue with reports. We’ll keep an eye on the clock and make sure that we get our stuff ready for ten o’clock.

We need our Deputies, our Board of Grand Examiners, Educational Fund, International Headquarters, OES Endowment, Titles, Deeds and Properties, Museum, Webmaster, Financial Investment and the Texas Cardinals on the stage. While they’re coming to the stage, we have some duties from last night that we need to do. So if our Humanitarian Chairman would come forward. Sister Sharon London, what a beautiful, beautiful Humanitarian drill! The whole room was full of

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. The exact amount of the giving of this membership was outstanding.

So I —

**MRS. SHARON LONDON:** It has been amended.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Tell us what the new figure is.

**MRS. SHARON LONDON:** \$68,255.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** All in favor of approving the Humanitarian program, please raise your green cards. All opposed. Thank you. It has been approved.

Is our ESTARL Chairman here? Sister Marian, we again say thank you for a beautiful, beautiful program last night that touched our hearts and raised our spirits. I thank you for being a part of this. Sisters and Brothers, we will now approve the ESTARL program last night. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

We have an amount that was given in our ESTARL last night. Listen closely; she's going to tell you the amount.

**MRS. MARIAN VON HEEDER:** Last night we received \$3,185.40. That's to be added to the 2008-2009 ESTARL scholarship fund. The ESTARL Committee truly appreciates the generosity of our membership and applauds its desire to assist those who are in the service of the Lord. Respectfully submitted, Marian Von Heeder, General Chairman. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. We will now ask for the adoption of our Memorial program.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I make a motion that we accept the report of the Grand Chaplain as presented last evening.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard our Grand Chaplain. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

And was it not an outstanding Memorial program? [applause]

Is Sister Acey Guile in the room? If someone will go get Acey, if she is ready to do her final report. And Registration, if they're ready.

I now call on Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon for her report.

## **REPORT OF THE OES ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

**MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I would like to make one statement before we do the complete report; that is, there is a lot of confusion amongst the membership about the fact of the Endowment Committee and the Endowment Committee being part of the Endowed Membership or the Stamp Committee, which the Endowment Committee is not part of. We received several reports from the chapters on the endowment for their membership of the \$500 that had been purchased or the endowed stamps had been purchased. But our Committee is not part of that, so we'll try to clarify that.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers,

It is my pleasure to introduce to you my co-workers who served with me on the Endowment Fund Committee for the year 2007 - 2008.

District I - Brother Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron

District II - Brother Garland Rattan, Past Grand Patron

District III - Brother Leland G. Benefield, Past Grand Patron

District IV - Sister Karen T. Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron

District - Sister Doris Jean Hester, Past Grand Matron

I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for giving me the opportunity to serve as General Chairman of the Endowment Committee and serve with a wonderful group of Sisters and Brothers.

The Committee stood ready to speak on the 501 ( c ) ( 8) and 501 ( c ) ( 3) funds when asked to do so. The Committee wanted to keep the membership informed on the funds that are so important to our Grand Chapter.

The Endowment Fund did not receive any donations this year from any estate.

Fraternally submitted,

Jimmie Lee McMahan, Past Grand Matron

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the OES Endowment Fund. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you, Jimmie Lee, for serving on this Committee this year and helping us keep involved in what we are doing with our business.

I recognize Sister Dorothy McLendon to give us our Educational Fund report.

### **REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE**

**MRS. DOROTHY McLENDON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is a pleasure to present this report of the Educational Fund Committee for your consideration.

Four members of the Educational Fund Committee met on March 14, 2008 with Mrs. Karen Kidd of the Board of Directors to review 95 qualified applications for scholarships. Of these applications, 48 were selected to receive \$1,000.00 each and 2 applicants were selected to receive \$500.00 each for a total of \$49,000.00.

We would like to extend our thanks to Sister Karen for her hospitality and support this year and our thanks to our Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy McLendon, Chairman

Dianne Markley

Connie Tucker

Frances Hayes

I move that we adopt this report.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You have had a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the Educational Fund. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

Dorothy, you have been outstanding on this Committee, and not only outstanding but you were excited about being on it. I do muchly appreciate it.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I now call on Sister Virginia Keasling to give the International Headquarters report.

### **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND**

**MRS. VIRGINIA KEASLING:** Good morning.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is with pleasure that I present the International Headquarters Fund for the year 2007 - 2008. This year a letter was sent to all Chapters with a balance due as of May 31, 2007 and the response was very gratifying. A total of \$6,436.80 was collected and forwarded to our Grand Secretary. I also wish to thank Zaneta Miller and Tava Smith in our Grand Secretaries Office for their tremendous assistance.

I am pleased to submit this report reflecting the dedication of our Texas Chapters to the upkeep of our International Temple in Washington, D.C.

*"Symphony Among the Angels"*



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

Virginia Keasling  
General Chairman

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to adopt the International Headquarters report. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion passed.

You did a wonderful job, Sister Virginia.

I now call for the Webmaster report. In Brother Jack York's absence, Sister Alma York will be giving his report.

### **REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER COMMITTEE**

**MRS. ALMA YORK:** Thank you.

The Webmaster Committee has worked to keep the Grand Chapter Website up to date as information has become available to us. We have added a Past Grand Officers page, with a link to the Floor Officers, Elected Boards, Deputies and Humanitarians. We have reworked many of the forms so that they can be filled out in Adobe Reader and then printed and saved on the user's computer as they can not be saved on the website. The Annual report has been converted to Adobe format and is available from the website for the Chapter Secretaries that wish to download and fill it in then save and print. They will be able to make changes as they occur throughout the year.

We have received over 400 e-mails from members and visitors who have visited the Website. All have been answered either by the Webmaster Committee, Grand Secretary's Office, or forwarded to someone who could provide the proper response. There have been many inquiries about membership in the Order. These have been responded to with information on how to locate a Chapter close to them, or the information necessary to contact the closest Chapter Secretary.

This is a continuing effort and we welcome comments and suggestions to help us improve the information that is provided to the Membership of Texas.

Fraternally,

Jack York  
Webmaster Committee Chairman

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt the Webmaster report. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I recognize Brother Larry Hart, Chairman of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee, for his report.

### **REPORT OF TITLES, DEEDS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

**MR. LARRY HART:** Thank you. It's my pleasure to present the report of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of this committee.

Our committee, Miss Jo Dibrell, Mr. Farris L. Benham, Mr. Richard Sharp and Mrs. Robyn McGarr, thanks the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to serve.

I would like to thank Gary Steele, Board of Directors, for all of his hard work and the help he gave our committee this year.

The committee received 94 requests for review and recommendations this year. Although our committee did not finish all of the reviews, a significant number were completed.

The completed as well as the incomplete reviews will be returned to the State Office for the new Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Larry Hart, Chairman  
Titles, Deeds and Properties

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt the Titles, Deeds and Properties report. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We will have at this time have the report of the District Deputy Grand Matrons, Deputy Grand Matrons and Board of Grand Examiners.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** When the Deputies are through with their reports, we are going to pass our ballot boxes like we did last night for the ESTARL, and all that want to give toward the \$5,000 that was voted on last evening, this will be your time to be a part of General Grand Chapter and of our Sister Alma Lynn Bane's year. So get ready!

### **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY MATRON, DISTRICT 1**

**MRS. ANN WYATT:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my distinct privilege and my honor that I present the following report of District One. For our "Musical Journey, this year our Worthy Grand Matron selected ten precious, lovely and dedicated ladies to serve this Grand Chapter in District One. Because of their hard work and love of our Order, this report is possible. It is my honor and pleasure to introduce these Deputy Grand Matrons of District One.

Mrs.. Kenlyn Lawrence, Deputy Grand Matron, Section One: "Sound of Music" Eastern Star School was held February 2, 2008 in Gainesville with 185 in attendance.

Mrs. Dee Seeley, Deputy Grand Matron, Section Two: "Hasn't It Been Grand" Eastern Star School was held March 1, 2008 in Plano with 292 in attendance.

Mrs. Carol Jackson, Deputy Grand Matron, Section Three: "Come Play With the Angels" Eastern Star School was held February 5, 2008 in Caddo Mills with 152 in attendance.

Mrs. Glenda Keyes, Deputy Grand Matron, Section Four: "Angel Pearls of Wisdom" Eastern Star School was held February 16, 2008 in Dallas with 158 in attendance.

Mrs. Phyllis Macon, Deputy Grand Matron, Section Five: "Music in Motion" Eastern Star School was held February 23, 2008 in Mesquite with 297 in attendance.

Mrs. Mickey Bristow, Deputy Grand Matron, Section Six and Mrs. Marsha Currey, Deputy Grand Matron, Section Seven: "Angels in Harmony" Eastern Star School was held February 12, 2008 in Athens with 154 in attendance.

Mrs. Becky Austin, Deputy Grand Matron, Section Eight: "Nature's Song" Eastern Star School was held January 26, 2008 in Beckville with 148 in attendance.

Mrs. Michelle Stegman, Deputy Grand Matron, Section Nine: "Music, Music, Music" Eastern Star School was held February 9, 2008 in Pittsburg with 144 in attendance.

Mrs. Pat Thompson, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 10: "There's Music in The Air" Eastern Star School was held January 28, 2008 in Wills Point with 159 in attendance.

These ten Deputy Grand Matrons, my "String of Pearls" join me in extending our appreciation to:

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you is such a small word to say when our heart is full of pride when we say we served as Deputy for Sister Joyce Gilbert. Thank you for the

confidence you placed in us to serve. This “Musical Journey” will always be a treasured memory for each one of us.

Brother Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron: Your dedication to our Order, your untiring attitude as you served made us love you even more. Thank you for walking by our Worthy Grand Matron’s side to support her and to serve the membership in District One.

Dr. Linda Puckett, Grand Examiner, District One: It was a pleasure for each of us to get to know you just a little better. Thank you for the words of Wisdom and kindness. We value your friendship.

Sister Barbara Zihlman, Humanitarian, District One: The beautiful and informative way you expressed our Worthy Grand Matron’s Humanitarian Program was very impressive. We thank you, too, for your friendship and devotion to our Order.

Sister Eva Dehart, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, District One: It is always a pleasure to work with you. Thank you for your attendance at the District One Schools and all your hard work.

To the membership of District One: What can we say! We love you! Thank you for making each school a success. Your many expressions of love and kindness, the honorary memberships and for each courtesy extended to us is very much appreciated.

### **Statistical Report of District One**

Chapters Assigned	107
Chapters Consolidated	2
Chapters Demised	0
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Constituted	0
Chapters Inspected	107
Schools Conducted	9
Schools Attended Officially	19
Schools Attended Unofficially	77
Letters Written	2,354
Miles Traveled	91,671

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Wyatt  
District Deputy Grand Matron  
District One

It is now my pleasure to present my co-worker and friend, Sister Alma York, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Two.

### **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY MATRON, DISTRICT 2**

**MRS. ALMA YORK:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

This year of service has been beautiful musical journey for Eastern Star in District II. Eight lovely ladies shared this experience, of opening the window to heaven with music in our hearts, and helping make a difference in District II under the leadership of our Worthy Grand Matron, Joyce Gilbert.

It is my honor to recognize the Gospel Girls of District II who skillfully organized the Schools of Instruction and gave guidance to the execution of all phases of their responsibility.

Section One - Mrs. Betty Morgan, Section Two - Mrs. Trudy Burford, and Section Three - Mrs. Linda Knowles who held the “Gospel Tones and Autumn Treasures” School of Instruction November 17, 2007 in Amarillo, Texas with 114 members attending.

Sections Four and Five - Mrs. Angela Oaks who held the "Singing in the Garden" School of Instruction November 10, 2007 in Lubbock, Texas with 98 members attending.

Section Six - Mrs. Polly Pate who held the "Echoes of Music" School of Instruction November 13, 2007 in Wichita Falls, Texas with 78 members attending.

Section Seven - Mrs. Betty S. Thompson who held "God's Love Notes" School of Instruction November 1, 2007 in Abilene, Texas with 133 members attending.

Sections Eight and Nine - Mrs. Beverly Hutton who held the "Sharing Notes of Friendship" School of Instruction November 3, 2007 in Odessa, Texas with 110 members attending.

Section Ten - Mrs. Shirley Echols who held the "Hymns de mi Tierra" ("Hymns of Our Land") School of Instruction November 6, 2007 in El Paso, Texas with 110 members attending.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert, please accept our humble thanks for the confidence, love and trust in giving these wonderful appointments. You have been most gracious in your guidance and unselfish in your giving to the work of our Order. The love and friendship bestowed upon us will fill our hearts with a lifetime of love and music.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees, you and your beautiful wife Janelle, were a constant support to us as you attended each school. We appreciate your love, support, and strength when we needed guidance along the way.

Sister Cindy Echols, Grand Examiner of District II, you made our Schools complete with your perfect rendition of the secret work. Our friendship through the years has deepened, and I am most grateful to you for your encouragement and steadfastness.

Sister Syble Yost, Secretary to our Worthy Matron, my precious friend, what a joy to share this journey through District II with you. Know how much we love you and appreciate all you do for our Worthy Grand Matron.

To the membership of District II, thank you for your love and support. I appreciate all the special courtesies extended to me, and the gifts so graciously given. You have made a wonderful difference in my life, and I will always treasure the time we were able to share together. Thank you for your love and devotion to the Order of the Eastern Star.

## **STATISTICAL REPORT**

### **District II**

Chapters Assigned	46
Chapter Membership	4,103
Chapter Consolidation	0
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	46
Schools Conducted	6
Schools Attended - Officially	
DDGM	6
DGM	8
Schools Attended - Unofficially	
DDGM	3
DGM	14
Letters Written	260
Miles Traveled	35,000

It has been my honor and blessing to serve District Two as District Deputy Grand Matron, and I will never forget the love and loyalty of my friends. Thank you again, Sister Joyce, for letting me be a small part of this wonderful year of service to our Order.

Respectfully submitted with all my love,  
Alma York, District Deputy Grand Matron, District II  
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

I now call on Sister Donna Herrington, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3.

### REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY MATRON, DISTRICT 3

**MRS. DONNA HERRINGTON:** Thank you, Sister Alma York, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2, my valued co-worker, but more important, my friend.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all.. It has been an honor to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas with these ten dedicated Deputy Grand Matrons who have sacrificed so much to perform their duties. It was the sweet spirit of these ladies that led me to call this precious group "District 3's Band of Angels." Each and every one of you has been my guardian angel and I'll never forget your love and support. Grand Chapter of Texas, I now have the honor to introduce these Angels.

Section 1 - Sister Zaneta Miller, and the 18 Chapters of Section 1 hosted the "Angel Wings of Light" School, December 1, 2007, in Fort Worth with 375 in attendance.

Section 2 and Section 3 - Sister Mildred Larence and the 8 Chapters of Section 2 and Sister Dorothy Mitchell, and the 4 Chapters of Section 3 hosted the "Angels Up, Up and Away" School, October 20, 2007, in Weatherford with 200 in attendance.

Section 4 - Sister Teresa Johnson and the 6 Chapters of Section 4 hosted the "Music of the Heart" School, October 18, 2007, in DeLeon with 77 in attendance.

Section 5 - Sister Sally Howard and the 4 Chapters of Section 5 hosted the "Enchanting Symphony of Angels" School, October 30, 2007, in Brownwood with 88 in attendance.

Section 6 - Sister Arlene Willis and the 9 Chapters of Section 6 hosted the "Magic Happens When You Believe in Angels" School, October 25, 2007 in Burnet with 106 in attendance.

Section 7 - Sister Vicki Kieltyka and the 5 Chapters of Section 7 hosted the "Learning in Harmony" School, October 12, 2007 in Copperas Cove with 103 in attendance. Sister Vicki is a school teacher and that position prevented her joining us today.

Section 8 - Sister Neva Corbin and the 8 Chapters of Section 8 hosted the "Harmony of Angels" School, October 27, 2007 in Georgetown with 162 in attendance.

Section 9 - Sister Patricia Hancock and the 10 Chapters of Section 9 hosted the "Precious Memories How They Linger" School, December 15, 2007 in Waco with 152 in attendance.

Section 10 - Sister Rebecca Keller and the 8 Chapters of Section 10 hosted the "Music is in the Air" School, October 23, 2007 in Cleburne with 106 in attendance.

#### Statistical Report for District III

Chapters Assigned	80
Chapters Consolidated	0
Chapters Instituted	1
Chapters Inspected	80
Schools Attended Officially	19
Schools Attended Unofficially	49
Letters and Cards Written	1,945
Email Correspondence	562
Miles Traveled	42,858
Total District III School Attendance	1,369

The beautiful work and wonderful traditions of the Order of the Eastern Star are very important and entrusted to each member to carry on. But, the Order of the Eastern Star is more than ceremonies. We are dedicated to Charity that will benefit mankind throughout the world. That being said, I would like to share the totals of the District III Community Project report. Total monetary donations for cards, flowers, food, hospitals, churches, schools, nursing homes and many other char-

ities was \$115,609.00 but the ultimate gift to mankind is your time and I'm proud to share the following figure with you, 625,855 volunteer hours were reported to me. Members who gave of themselves in their area hospitals, churches, schools, libraries, nursing homes and the list goes on. Sisters and Brothers, I'm so proud of you because your efforts are what makes us all proud to say "I'm a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, an organization dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness. God bless all of you and God bless the Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert, thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3. Your dream was for the schools to be unique and exciting and this could not have been accomplished without your support. You proved we are an organization of valued traditions but not afraid to introduce new teaching aids while still maintaining the solemnity of our work.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees, your help during the schools was beyond the call of duty. You delighted the membership with your overview of the trip to Germany to present the generous donation from the Grand Chapter of Texas. Patriotism overflowed from all hearts knowing we came together as one to make a huge difference to help our troops. Sister Janell Trees, Grand Esther, I will never forget your kindness. You have represented our Grand Chapter with beauty, poise and dignity.

Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Examiner of District III, your renditions of the Secret Work was excellent. We share some good times traveling that I will always treasure. Thank you for your continued encouragement.

Sister Patsy Hewlett, Humanitarian Chairman of District III, my friend, your program was beautiful and inspiring. Each presentation was unique with its own flavor. Great job!

Sister Syble Yost, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for keeping me informed and your words of encouragement.

Sister June Bell, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, your continued support and approving smile was always appreciated.

Sister Georgia Orr, Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, District III, again we travel the same road my friend. You did an excellent job and gave your all serving as Traveling Secretary. I will never forget the comfort of your love and prayers.

To the membership of District III, I'm so thankful for each one of you. The honorary memberships I will always hold dear and the gifts were appreciated. But in the end it comes down to all the love you have me during this wonder year.

One more time let me extend my wish for everyone: "May You Have The Strength To Meet Your Challenges And The Courage To Carry On."

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Herrington

District Deputy Grand Matron, District III

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Donna, before you continue with District 4, is Acey in here? Sister Acey, would you please come and give our Credentials report.

## FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

**MRS. ACEY GUILÉ:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the Credentials Committee would like to thank you for the honor of serving Grand Chapter this year. It has been hard work and a learning experience, but a real time of teamwork. I would like to thank the Registration Chairman, Shirley Jones, and the Registration Committee for working with us. We have all become good friends.

I would now like to introduce the members of my Committee: Ginger Byrd, my co-chairman, my computer person and my right-hand person; my other co-chairman, Barbara Wood, who has also been here almost every day and helped so much; Marceline Crenshaw, Gayle Doyle, Melba and

Butch Hanna, Barbara Ochs who has really answered a lot of our questions and helped us in so many ways and kept us going, Mary Nell Ramsey, LaJuan Rudd, Mary Spell, Lee and Mike Stark and Brenda Terrell.

Now for the information y'all have all been waiting on, the actual numbers. We, the Credentials Committee, wish to submit the following final report for Grand Chapter 2008:

Total number of chapters in Texas: 418

Number of chapters required for quorum: 125

Chapter representative packets issued: 367

Number of one-votes: 1214; number of two-votes: 362 which is a total of 724 votes; number of three-votes: 105 which is a total of 315 votes.

Ballots issued: 1711

Total votes: 2253

Respectfully submitted, Acey Guile, Credentials Chairman

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second on the Credentials. All in favor, raise your green cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Acey, thank you, darling, for a wonderful, wonderful job. I owe you big time!

Arrangements Committee, we need to start setting our tables up — it is getting very, very close to ten — where we can start our balloting.

Go ahead, Donna.

#### **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY MATRON, DISTRICT 4**

**MRS. DONNA HERRINGTON:** Sister Doris Wagner, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 4, asked me to present her report. I invite the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4 to please come forward.

Thank you, Sister Donna Herrington, for presenting my report to the Grand Chapter of Texas in my absence.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. It has been an honor for me to serve as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 4 and work with ten of the most beautiful Deputy Grand Matrons. They showed their great love for our Order with enthusiasm, dedication and proficiency.

Mrs. Addie B. Luce and the 15 chapters of Section 1 hosting the “Melodies and Magnolias” School September 14-15, 2007 at Lufkin with 264 in attendance.

Mrs. Dorris Clegg and the 17 Chapters of Section 2 hosting “With a Song In Our Hearts” School September 28-29, 2007 in Beaumont with 293 in attendance.

Mrs. Sharon Fuller and the 8 Chapters of Section 3 hosting “Accent of the Stars” School in Woodville September 18-19, 2007 with 235 present.

Mrs. Sylvia Chafin and the 13 Chapters of Section 4 hosting the “Lyrics to Learn” School September 21-22, 2007 in Cleveland with 237 in attendance.

Mrs. Cindy Newbury and the 18 Chapters of Section 5 with Miss Owen Louise Roads and the 5 Chapters of Section 9 hosted the “Symphony of Angels” School October 5-6, 2007 in Houston with 293 in attendance.

Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir and the 7 Chapters of Section 6 hosted the “Tickling The Keys to Success” School September 19-20, 2007 in Franklin with 131 in attendance.

Mrs. Susie Smith and the 13 Chapters of Section 7 hosting the “Standing On The Promises” School September 6-7, 2007 in Houston with 205 in attendance.

Mrs. Victoria Allen and the 7 Chapters of Section 8 hosting the “Melody Makers” School September 26-27 in Smithville with 99 in attendance.

Miss Owen Louise Roades and the 5 Chapters of Section 9 with the 18 Chapters of Section 5 hosting the “Symphony of Angels” School October 5-6, 2007 in Houston with 293 in attendance.

Mrs. Linda Kay Sc kittone and the 11 Chapters of Section 10 hosting “Mrs. Gilbert’s Grand Opus” School September 24-25, 2007 in Texas City with 134 in attendance.

#### COMBINED STATISTICAL REPORT OF DISTRICT 4

Chapters Assigned	117
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Demised or Consolidated	0
Chapters Constituted	1
Chapters Inspected	117
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	9
Schools Attended Officially	18
Schools Attended Unofficially	59
Letters, Cards Written	2,658
E-Mails	Many
Miles Traveled	63,471

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving me the honor of being the District Deputy Grand Matron for District 4 this year. Thank you also for selecting 10 of the most wonderful young ladies to serve with me. My Special Keynotes.. How I love and appreciate them. We want you to know that you will always be dear to our hearts and our love for you is never ending. Thank you for your kindness, your support and always being there to reach out and help with a sweet smile and words of encouragement. Thank you for allowing us not only to learn but to enjoy learning.

Our Schools in District 4 were all special and uniquely different. We were blessed with so much talent. The magnificent voice of Sister Marjorie was a blessing to all. Our Sister Linda was lovely as well as proficient as she conducted the candidate through the Initiation for degrees. Grand Adah gave a beautiful presentation for her station. We had a presentation for Electa in dress of the period. Our beautiful Worthy Grand Matron helped with floor work and special questions. We also had two Cheerleaders. Our own Brother Nelson Campbell and Sister Rosemary Sweetland. Our Schools were up-beat, everyone worked together, learned together and laughed together.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for all your help and the special Devotionals that began our school work. God was with us each day. We could feel His presence.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Donna, If I could just interrupt you — I know that’s very rude — but we have a situation that we need to take care of right now. We have a member, because of traffic and parking here at the InterContinental, did not pick up his registration — they were closed when he got there at 9:30. Sisters and Brothers, it’s going to be up to you whether or not this member picks up the registration and is able to come into Grand Chapter. If you are for him picking it up, please raise your green cards. Opposed. Thank you, membership, for your kindness.

Go ahead, Sister Donna.

**MRS. DONNA HERRINGTON:** Grand Examiner, Sister Christine Armstrong, I enjoyed the time we spent together and I look forward to the coming years with you.

Sister Genevieve Orr, Humanitarian Committee District 4. Your presentations were beautiful. Thank you.

Sister Sybil Yost and Sister June Bell. Thank you for all your hard work and gentle smile.

To my Keynotes - I love you.

To my co-workers - Ann, Alma, Donna and Glenda. What a treat it has been to get to know you.



You are all so special. Good luck and may all your dreams come true.

Worthy Grand Matron, you will never know how much I appreciate this year with you. I wish I could have been with you more, but God knows best.

IN HAPPY MOMENTS PRAISE GOD  
IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS SEEK GOD  
IN QUIET MOMENTS WORSHIP GOD  
IN PAINFUL MOMENTS TRUST GOD  
EVERY MOMENT THANK GOD.....I love you

Respectfully submitted, Doris Wagner, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We're going to wait on District 5's report.

All those who are allowing their names to be placed in nomination at this Grand Chapter will come to the East, along with the person who will be nominating you. We must make intelligent choices. The Sisters and Brothers elected to the positions they are seeking will be representing you in some difficult areas, so please vote with wisdom and knowledge and prayer. Sisters and Brothers, we want to be kind and courteous to each one whose name is placed in nomination for any office. The Arrangements Committee has prepared signs with each candidate's name already printed on them. These names are the same size and spelled correctly. The candidates drew earlier for their order of nomination. As a candidate is nominated, the name will be placed upon the board. If you cannot see, please let us know so they can be moved.

These tables are numbered, and we want to make sure you can see the numbers. To my left number one, number two. To my right number three and number four.

**GRAND WARDER:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Joyce.

**GRAND WARDER:** We've had some questions. Will the people who are in the first aid room vote outside or do they need to come in? Also, we have some members outside that are not sentinels and wondering if they can vote without coming in the chapter room.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** No, ma'am. They will be allowed to enter the chapter room and the doors will be closed. So if someone wants to go and tell Registration, Credentials and First Aid that want to vote — and we have also one that's up in the crow's nest. You can see him up behind the camera. Is that Brother Gary? Brother Gary, just jump down and you can vote.

**GRAND WARDER:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Let me introduce those who will be operating our computers today: Brothers Paul Garner, Mark Dieckman and Jack Friend. These three men have a lot of experience and professional operating on computers. We hope to expedite the selection today.

It is my pleasure to present Brother Lee Stallings who will give his instructions, and we will proceed with the election. Brother Lee Stallings is the Election Judge.

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sisters and Brothers, our Code of Laws contain specific instructions concerning elections. I want to briefly review the instructions with you. When making nominations, only the name of the candidate and the name, number and location of the Chapter to which the candidate belongs and the office for which nominated shall be given.

No member of this Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one office at any one session of Grand Chapter. If only one candidate is nominated, the election may be by acclamation, which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated, the elections may be by ballot upon the official forms furnished to the voting delegates during registration.

A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for an election. If on any ballot no candidate has received a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In case there is a tie for the lowest number of votes and there are at least two other candi-

dates receiving a high number of votes, then all candidates tied for the lowest number of votes shall be dropped.

Subject to these regulations, the election shall proceed until a candidate receives a majority of all votes cast. The result of all votes shall be declared by the presiding officer, which is our Worthy Grand Matron.

There are some additional instructions. The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels have been instructed, according to our law, that no one is allowed to enter or to leave the Grand Chapter room while a ballot is being taken, unless it is deemed an emergency.

Please be cooperative and understanding in this regard and know that if you are caught outside during a ballot and are denied admission, our people are only faithfully performing the duties which they have been assigned.

Do not leave your seats without all your credentials. This includes your signed envelope with your ballots, your badge and your current dues card. You will need these to re-enter the Grand Chapter room.

I would like to remind the Pages that all votes must be deposited inside the Grand Chapter room. Members caught outside the Grand Chapter room after the ballot has been declared open will not be allowed to re-enter until the ballot is closed. The Assistant Grand Sentinels must step inside the room to cast their ballot. The ballot boxes must not leave the Grand Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside the door where they are stationed. The Assistant Grand Warden in each case will open the door, and when the Page approaches, the Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside, deposit their ballot in the Teller boxes and return to their stations outside the door.

There are some exceptions, and these are the Registration and Credentials Committees, which are hard-working Committees that have just give their reports; and they are still working outside. We also have our camera man who will need to come down from upstairs to vote. They will be allowed to enter one of the doors in the West to cast their ballot. That door will be opened by the Assistant Grand Warden, the Page will approach the door, always remaining inside the Grand Chapter room, and only the members of the Registration and Credentials Committees will be allowed to step inside the door, deposit their ballots in the Teller boxes and step back outside the Chapter room.

The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels will ensure that no one else is allowed to enter or to leave the Chapter room while the ballot is open.

When you registered, you were given an envelope with your ballot inside. There is an "A", "B", and "C" ballot, which are candidate ballots, and they have the candidates' names listed. Then there are "D" and "E" ballots, which are "for" or "against" ballots which will be used for other votes, if required.

Your vote is important to you, to your Chapter, to the candidates and to our Order. Do not mark any ballot until you are instructed to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron. She will announce the number of the ballot to be marked and will declare the ballot open. Then mark your ballot. Remember, please use only a #2 pencil.

Sisters and Brothers, as you know, these pencils were not included in your envelope with your ballots, but we have them available for you, and I'm going to ask the Pages at this time to distribute the pencils to the voting delegates. If you are a voting delegate, you will need to get a #2 pencil. So would our Pages immediately start picking up the boxes and distributing pencils to those voting delegates in the Grand Chapter room?

To vote, you must carefully blacken the rectangle to the left of the candidate's name of your choice. To write in a name, you blacken the rectangle to the left and write the name of your choice in the space provided for that purpose. When voting for candidates, please vote for only one for each position. If you vote for two candidates for the same position, your vote for that race will be void..

When the Worthy Grand Matron declares the ballot open, the Pages will pick up the ballot

boxes on the Grand Chapter floor and proceed to pick up the ballots in their respective areas. Since the rows of seats are narrow, which will prevent the Pages from walking between the rows of the seats, the Worthy Grand Matron has agreed that the ballot boxes may be passed down the aisles.

The Pages are requested to watch carefully as the ballot box is passed. Sisters and Brothers, we trust you. We know that you want a fair and accurate election. We will release the ballot boxes, and as they are passed down the aisle, simply place your ballot face down in the ballot box. Please do not fold your ballots. Also, our scanner does not like candy, gum, moisture or dirt on the ballot. Your cooperation will speed the scanning process. We would ask that the Pages be the only ones in the aisles during the collection of the ballots, as we will not open the doors until all the Pages have returned to the Grand Chapter floor and are located at the Teller tables with the collected ballots.

When the ballot has been closed by the Worthy Grand Matron, the Pages will place the contents of their ballot box in front of the Tellers. Four tables have been placed on the Grand Chapter floor. The Worthy Grand Matron will direct the Pages which tables to use when they deposit their ballots.

I want to repeat once again: No one can cast more than one ballot. Each ballot is to be placed face down in the ballot box for secrecy. No one can leave the room and ask another person to deposit their ballot for them. After the presiding officer declares the ballot open and nominations are completed, then the Pages will begin to collect the ballots in the sections that they are assigned. When all ballots have been collected, they will proceed to the Teller tables and place the ballots in front of the Tellers.

The Table Monitor Judges, which the Worthy Grand Matron will name, will observe the processing of the ballots. A scanner system will be used to tabulate the ballots. In case a ballot is rejected, we will review the ballot and attempt to determine the intent of the voter.

As an example, Sisters and Brothers, someone may mark a ballot for one candidate and then change their mind and vote for another candidate and try to erase the first mark. Some of the pencils do not have erasers. But our Pages are going to have pencils with erasers, and if you mismark the vote that you would like to make and want to change it, just hold up your hand and the Pages will have a pencil with an eraser.

Your mismark might not erase enough for the machine to look at both of the votes in the same race, but if it is obvious that someone has tried to erase that first ballot and then voted for another candidate, it will be considered a valid ballot, as long as we can determine the intent of the voter.

If there is a blank line for a write-in, blacken the box to the left, write the name in also. The machine will not pick up the name, but it will pick up the marked box and we can read the written-in name. If the machine kicks out a ballot, it will be hand counted. Do not mark more than one box for each position. If more than one position requires a second ballot, the voting delegates will be directed as to which ballot to use; the names of the remaining candidates will be given.

The Worthy Grand Matron, in order to expedite the election, has asked that all non-voting delegates be seated in the Southwest corner of the Grand Chapter room. This is the section to the right of the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron. We appreciate your cooperation with this request.

Only four people will be allowed in the area where the ballots are scanned and tabulated. This area will be in the Northeast. They are myself, Brothers Paul Garner, Mark Dieckman and Jack Friend, who will operate two separate computers tabulating the results. These must be in agreement before the results are presented to the Worthy Grand Matron.

If you have questions or concerns while the scanning and tabulating process is being accomplished, the Worthy Grand Matron has appointed a Past Grand Matron, Sister Betty Benham and a Past Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory who will be seated in the Northeast next to the scanning area. If you have any questions or concerns, just take those questions or concerns to one of these individuals who will then relay them to me.

Remember, you may vote only one time. The ballot, which you were given in your individual

registration packet, is your ballot. It should always be in your possession, and no one is allowed to vote twice. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, would you please appoint the Tellers, the Adding Machine Operators, and the Table Monitor Judges at this time.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Those assisting Brother Lee. At table number 1 will be Sister Nancy Brown and Brother Jerry Martin. At table number 1, I'm calling the name of Paulette Bartlett, Martha Rivas, Tashia Hensley, William Prague, Diane Wilson, June Bell, Nelda Robertson, Mearl Scott, Sandra Goff, Gay Carnes, Judy Sadberry and Charles Green. As your name was called, please go to table number 1.

At table number 2, Sister Elsie Paladino and Brother John Creel. And at table number 2: Paula Mallory, Rose Ann Lowry, Doyle Thornton, Emily Biddler, Janev Tuell, Kaye Swain, Christine Ledbetter, Cynthia Brooks, Carole Hildebrand, Bonnie Mathison and Virginia Hosick.

At table number 3, Sister Jane Gregory and Brother Ed Warner. At table number 3: Joann Drescher, Kathy Creel, Vickie Mathews, Marilyn Knowlton, Suellen Abbott, Kaye Ballentine, Michael Larson, Tina Stevens, Phyllis Wilson, Gene Cannon, Pat Turner.

At table number 4, Sister Elise Hammack and Brother Nelson Campbell. At table number 4: Robert Landrum, Charee' Null, Elinor Humphreys, Carolyn Saxton, Nancy Seitz, Jess Carden, Geraldine Poteet, Barbara Morgan, Eileen Jones, Jean Mays, Percy Johnson and Betty Redfearn.

Two on number 3: Nannette Gwaltney, Lou Holbrook, Rebecca Dunn and Georgia Fay Jennings. Now I know that's more than that, but they can go to the other tables.

Need five on number 1: Kenlyn Lawrence, Zaneta Miller, Glenda Keys, Pat Hancock, Susie Smith. Lori Faith, do you feel like — all right. Table number 1. Trey Smith, table number 2; that will get that one full. Delphia Von Heeder, table 2.

How many more do we need? You're full on one. Two, are you full? Three? And four? Okay, I believe we have it.

We will begin our nominations. Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter. Brother Jerry Trees, I invite you to preside.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Joyce Gilbert, Past Matron of Princeton Chapter #1126 and a dual member of Gate City Chapter #77. I would like to place the name of Sister Joyce Nicklas, a Past Matron of Mineral Wells #44, for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Joyce Nicklas has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Joyce Nicklas for the office of Worthy Grand Matron say aye. Those opposed, no. Sister Joyce Nicklas, you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron, with a very humble heart and my love for the membership of Texas who saw fit to get me here, yes, sir, I accept. Thank you. I love you all. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Jerry Trees.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jerry Trees, Past Patron of Bexar Chapter #616. I would like to place the name of Brother Ray Hertenberger, a Past Patron of Texas City Chapter #626, for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Ray Hertenberger has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect  
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by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Ray Hertenberger for the office of Worthy Grand Patron say yes. All those opposed, no.

Brother Ray Hertenberger, you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron, with the love and support of this chapter that they have given so far and that I expect to return to them in the future, yes, I humbly accept. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron. I recognize Sister Joyce Nicklas.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joyce Nicklas, a Past Matron of Mineral Wells Chapter #44. I am honored to place the name of Sister Bess Caldwell, Past Matron of Cora Posey #1072, for the office of Associate Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Bess Caldwell has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Bess Caldwell for the office of Associate Grand Matron, say yes. Those opposed, no.

Sister Bess Caldwell, you have been elected Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** With a very humble heart, I accept. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Brother Jerry, I'll let you do this one.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Linda Jackson.

**MRS. LINDA JACKSON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Linda Jackson, Worthy Matron of Pine Tree Chapter #1090 in Longview. It is my honor and pleasure to place in nomination the name of Bill Wyatt, a Past Patron of Pine Tree Chapter 1090, for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Brother Bill Wyatt has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Patron. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Bill Wyatt for the office of Associate Grand Patron say aye. Those opposed, no.

Brother Bill Wyatt, you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**MR. BILL WYATT:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I do accept. I would like to thank Bess Caldwell for her belief in me to help lead this Grand Chapter. I want to thank each member of Grand Chapter for having the faith in me to serve in this capacity for the Grand Chapter. I thank each and everyone of you, and I love each and everyone of you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Gerda Weathers.

**MRS. GERDA WEATHERS:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is my honor and pleasure to nominate Sister Nell Smith Drenner, Past Matron of Bandera Chapter #643, for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year. I'm Gerda Weathers, Worthy Matron of Bandera Chapter #643.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Nell Smith Drenner has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Nell Smith Drenner for the office of Grand Secretary, say yes. Those opposed, no. Sister Nell, you have been elected Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Thank you, my dear sweet members. Please know that my office staff

and I will be there working for you. Thank you again. Yes, I accept. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. We will stop right here, and I would like to do an explanation of how this is going to be handled. Your Worthy Grand Matron has prayed and thought about this a lot. You know that Sister Betty Prater is not able to be with us this day. Betty is not running for a new position; she has held this position for nine years. She desires to finish her term, but she cannot be here today. So as Worthy Grand Matron, I have made the decision to allow her name to be placed in nomination. [applause]

I recognize Sister Betty Hancock.

**MRS. BETTY HANCOCK:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Betty Hancock, Worthy Matron of Edwin J. Keist Chapter #959. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Sister Betty Prater for the office of Grand Treasurer for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Betty Prater has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Betty Prater for the office of Grand Treasurer will please say yes. Those opposed, no. I will accept for Sister Betty. I have talked with her. She is desirous of going on for her last year. We will call her immediately and let her know. Thank you, membership. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Bess Caldwell.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Patron, I am Bess Caldwell, a Past Matron of Cora Posey Chapter #1072. I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Mary Ruth White, a Past Matron of Ransford Chapter #135, for the office of Grand Conductress.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Mary Ruth White has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Mary Ruth White for the office of Grand Conductress say aye. Those opposed, no. Sister Mary Ruth White, you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Patron, with a heart full of love and respect for the membership of this Grand Chapter, it is my honor to accept this position that you have elected me to. Thank you, my friends — my special friends one and all. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. As your name is called, would you please come and stand in the East. Bertha Koontz. Sister Jayne, would you come and stand in the East.

**MRS. BERTHA KOONTZ:** Hi. My name is Bertha Koontz; I'm Worthy Matron of Vashti Chapter #32 and a dual member of Hadassah 188 in Georgetown. I'd like to place in nomination the name of Sister Jayne Yenger who is a Past Matron of Vashti 32 and a dual member of Lott Chapter 594 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Melanie Rainer. Vi Griffin, will you please come to the East.

**MRS. MELANIE RAINER:** I am Melanie Rainer, Past Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649 and a dual member of Cedar Bayou #11. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Vi Griffin, Past Matron of Anahuac Chapter 649, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Chris Iacovina. Would Sister Jerre Lucas please come to the East.

**MR. CHRIS IACOVINA:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Chris Iacovina, Worthy Patron of Schertz 911. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Jerre Lucas, Past Matron of Schertz 911, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Durinda Walker. Annette Curry, will you come

to the East.

**MRS. DURINDA WALKER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Durinda Walker, Worthy Matron of North Fort Worth Chapter #684. It is my pleasure to nominate Sister Annette Curry, Past Matron of North Fort Worth Chapter #684, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I did not ask for other nominations, so I will now. Are there any other nominations for the office of Associate Grand Conductress? Hearing none, I introduce to you Jayne Yenger, Vi Griffin, Jerre Lucas and Annette Curry. Thank you, girls. [applause]

We will ballot on A. Sisters and Brothers, please listen carefully. If you have a question, this is the time to ask it on balloting. Please do your best to stay in the lines. Your Election Judge has already explained all the other things to you; if you want your vote to count, do it right.

Does everybody understand it's Ballot A? Everyone have the right ballot?

The ballot is open. You may mark your ballot.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** A point of information. A lady told me that a lot of people can't see the little tiny red boxes next to the names of the candidates. They may have to look really, really close to see those. They just asked me to tell you that, and I'm just passing that along.

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** Sisters and Brothers, just a point of clarification. The Worthy Grand Matron said that the ballot was open, but it's actually not. What you're doing is you're voting on the Associate Grand Conductress. We're going to finish the entire ballot, then she will open the ballot and it will be collected. Does that make sense? Any questions before we go forward? Right now all you're doing is marking Ballot A for your choice for Associate Grand Conductress.

**GRAND WARDER:** We will not invite the people outside to come in until the ballot is open?

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** That's correct.

**GRAND WARDER:** Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I did declare the ballot open; I now declare the ballot unopen. [laughter]

We'll go on with our nominations. We're going to be nominating for the Board of Directors, District 1. I recognize Charlotte Beall. Brother Jack, come to the East.

**MRS. CHARLOTTE BEALL:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Charlotte Beall, Past Matron of Ferris Chapter #508. It is my honor to place in nomination Brother Jack C. Beall, Past Patron of Ferris Chapter #508, for the office of Board of Directors, District 1.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Jack Beall has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 1. Are there other nominations? I recognize Barbara Cunningham. Brother Chuck Pierce, will you come to the front?

**MRS. BARBARA CUNNINGHAM:** My name is Barbara Cunningham. I am a Past Matron of Somerset Chapter #730 and Associate Matron at Wolf City Chapter #1129. I place in nomination the name of Brother Chuck Pierce for the office of the Board of Directors, District 1.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Robert "Chuck" Pierce has been nominated for the office of District 1 Member of the Board of Directors. Are there other nominations? Brothers Jack Beall and Robert "Chuck" Pierce have been nominated for the office of District 1 Member of the Board of Directors. We will proceed to elect by written ballot. So on Ballot A, the same ballot that you had, go down right underneath it to Board of Directors, District 1, and mark or write in.

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Directors, District 2.

**GRAND WARDER:** Worthy Grand Matron, before you go further, I am told by the Warders and Sentinels that everyone outside is inside. So if you need Sister Acey —

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Wonderful! Sister Acey or your Committee, we need you to change a number. One picked up their credentials late; we need to add one vote.

The number has been changed on the screen. Okay.

Board of Directors, District 2 member. Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Directors, District 2. I recognize Carla Stringer.

**MRS. CARLA STRINGER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Carla Stringer, a Past Matron of Midland Chapter #253. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Brother Keith Mikeworth, a Past Patron of Midland Chapter #253, for the office of Board of Directors, District 2.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Keith Mikeworth has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 2. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Keith Mikeworth for the office of Board of Directors, District 2, please say yes. Those opposed, no.

Brother Keith, do you accept?

**MR. KEITH MIKEWORTH:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to accept. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Board of Directors, District 3 members. I recognize Jimmy Williams.

**MR. JIMMY WILLIAMS:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Jimmy Williams, Past Patron of Jacksboro Chapter #390 and Crowley Chapter #1125. I place in nomination Lorraine Williams, Past Matron of Jacksboro 390 and Crowley 1125, for the Board of Directors, District 3, for the remaining four years.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Lorraine Williams has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 3 member. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Lorraine Williams for the office of Board of Directors, District 3 member, please say yes. Those opposed, no.

Sister Lorraine, you have been elected. Do you accept?

**MRS. LORRAINE WILLIAMS:** I sure do, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you very much. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We are now open for Board of Grand Examiners. I recognize Linda Turner.

**MRS. LINDA TURNER:** I'm Linda Turner, Worthy Matron of Garland Chapter #156 and dual member of Mesquite 887. I'm pleased to place the name of Sister Linda Jay Puckett, a Past Matron of Garland Chapter, for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Linda Puckett has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Linda Puckett for District 1, Board of Grand Examiners, please say yes. All opposed, no.

Sister Linda, do you accept?

**DR. LINDA JAY PUCKETT:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. And thank you, membership. I love you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. I recognize Peggy Ledinski.

**MRS. PEGGY LEDINSKI:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Peggy Ledinski. I'm a Past Matron of Lubbock Chapter #76. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Sister Cindy Echols, Past Matron of Lubbock 76, for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Cindy Echols has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Cindy Echols for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, please say yes. Opposed, no. Hearing none, Sister Cindy, do you accept this?

**MRS. CINDY ECHOLS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with a grateful heart that I humbly accept. I, too, would like to thank the membership for your love and support. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for Board of Grand Examiners,



District 3. I recognize Geneva Loper. Sister Cheryl, will you come to the East.

**MRS. GENEVA LOPER:** My name is Geneva Loper, Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter 820 in Fort Worth. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Cheryl Albrecht, a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter 820, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 3 for the ensuing year. Thank you very much.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Cheryl Albrecht has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 3. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Cheryl Albrecht for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 3, please say yes. Against, no.

Sister Cheryl, you have been elected District 3 Member of the Board of Grand Examiners. Do you accept?

**MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT:** Worthy Grand Matron, I don't know how I could turn that down. That's the most wonderful opportunity I have ever had. Thank you, membership, for allowing me to serve for another year. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, for the ensuing year. I recognize Donnie Hultquist.

**MR. DONNIE HULTQUIST:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Donnie Hultquist, Worthy Patron of Alvin Chapter 15. It is my pleasure to place the name of Christine Armstrong, my Worthy Matron of Alvin Chapter 15, and a Past Matron of Friendswood 1131, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Christine Armstrong has been nominated for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. If you are for this, say yes. Against, no.

Sister Christine Armstrong, you have been elected District 4 Member of the Board of Grand Examiners. Do you accept?

**MRS. CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG:** Worthy Grand Matron, with a very grateful heart, thank you and I do accept. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, for the ensuing year. I recognize Gerda Weathers.

**MRS. GERDA WEATHERS:** I am Gerda Weathers, Worthy Matron of Bandera Chapter #643. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to place the name of Brenda Smith Costello, Past Matron of Bandera Chapter #643 and Past Matron of Oak Forest #1180, for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Brenda Smith Costello has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Brenda Smith Costello for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, please say yes. Opposed, no.

Sister Brenda, you have been elected District 5 Member of the Board of Grand Examiners for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**MRS. BRENDA SMITH COSTELLO:** Worthy Grand Matron, I had so much fun last year doing this, I gladly accept and thank the membership. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large, for the ensuing year. I recognize Patsy Thompson.

**MRS. PATSY THOMPSON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Patsy Thompson, Past Matron of Garland 156 and dual member and Past Matron of Wills Point 366. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Susan Bigham, a Past Matron of Abernathy 877 and now a member of Wills Point 366, for the office of Grand Examiner At Large.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Susan Bigham has been nominated for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At Large. Are there other nominations? Hearing

none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Susan Bigham for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At Large, please say yes. Those opposed, no.

Sister Susan, you have been elected Grand Examiner At Large. Do you accept?

**MRS. SUSAN BIGHAM:** It's with a grateful heart that I accept. I appreciate so much the membership allowing me to be of service to this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The nominations and election are over. If you have not marked your ballot, please mark it. You only have two to put on there. I declare the ballot open. I'm going to ask the Deputies and the Pages to take up the ballots. Has everyone had time to mark their ballot?

Are all the ballots picked up? Divide your ballot boxes between 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Sisters and Brothers, you don't want to leave the room because as quick as the ballots are on the table, we're going to pass them again for the collection that we're going to take up this morning. I know everyone in this room wants to be a part of our General Grand Chapter Secretary Pro Tem.

Sister Betty, go ahead. We're listening. [singing of "He Touched Me" by Betty King, Grand Soloist, District 4.]

Is Brother Daniel still at the piano? Would you play for us a song of your choice, and then we're going to get back into reports.

We're going to continue with reports, so if your report has not been given, please come to the East. If you are a Special Committee Chairman, please turn in your three copies to the Grand Secretary.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We will now have the report from Sister Glenda Story, our District 5 District Deputy Grand Matron.

## **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY MATRON, DISTRICT 5**

**MRS. GLENDA STORY:** Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished members, my sisters and brothers all.

This year has been a wonderful journey. I, along with the nine Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5 would like to express our love and appreciation for the honor bestowed upon us for this very special place of service. It is with much pride that I introduce the "Swinging Stars", the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5 and give this report.

Maela Edmonson and the ten chapters of Sections 1 and 2 hosted the "Western Swing" School of Instruction in San Angelo on January 15 with 113 members present.

Cindy Bausell and the seven chapters of Section 3 jointly with Sherry Stiles and the five chapters of Section 4 hosted the "Melody of the Stars" School of Instruction in Uvalde on January 17 with 107 members present.

Connie Martinez and the six chapters of Section 5 hosted the "Sound of Angels Singing" School of Instruction in Poteet on January 10 with 100 members present.

Ethel Dammann and the eleven chapters of Section 6 hosted the "Harmony Through Knowledge" School of Instruction in Seguin on January 5 with 202 members present.

Kristy Mumme and the thirteen chapters of Section 7 hosted "The Notes of Harmony" School of Instruction in San Antonio on January 19 with 259 members present.

Sudie Poole and the nine chapters of Section 8 hosted the "Angels Among the Cactus" School of Instruction in Victoria on December 29 with 123 members present.

Nancy Storey and the eight chapters of Section 9 hosted the "Music By The Sea" School of Instruction in Corpus Christi on January 12 with 131 members present.

Cathy Eidson and the five chapters of Section 10 hosted the "Ebony and Ivory" School of  
*"Symphony Among the Angels"*

Instruction in Weslaco on January 8 with 93 members present.

There were eight Schools of Instruction held in District 5 with a total attendance of 1,138 members. Each of the Schools of Instruction were unique to their area and we all had a lot of fun. I especially want to thank the membership for their interest and participation at the schools, it was greatly appreciated.

A completed report of District 5 is attached and will be printed in the Proceedings.

### **Statistical Report for District Five**

Chapters Assigned	74
Chapters Demised	0
Chapters Consolidated	2
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	74
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	8
Schools Attended Officially	17
Schools Attended Unofficially	54
Letters and Emails Written	2,748
Miles Traveled	72,689

District 5 began the year with 74 Chapters and ended the year with 72 Chapters. Ballinger Chapter No. 266 consolidated with Winters Chapter No. 80 effective June 1, 2008. Bronte Chapter No. 1048 consolidated with Robert Lee Chapter No. 187, also effective June 1, 2008.

The District 5 Community Service Report previously turned in to the Grand Secretary reflected that of those chapters reporting, District 5 members reported 79,857 hours in Community Service and \$257,280 given in donations. Of that amount, \$114,302 was donated to youth organizations and services.

The nine dedicated Deputy Grand Matrons, the “Swinging Stars” of District 5 join with me in extending our heartfelt appreciation to:

**Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron** for the honor you bestowed upon us and our chapters by selecting us to serve in this high place of service in your Grand Family. Your dedication to God and to the Order of the Eastern Star has been exemplified in all that you do and say and has been an example for all to follow. This year has been a journey that we will always cherish and hold dear to our hearts. WE thank you for giving us this opportunity.

**Brother Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron:** Words cannot express the pride that I and the nine Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5 feel at having been able to serve this Grand Chapter Year with you as our Worthy Grand Patron. Not only did you attend all of our schools, but you have guided and encouraged us every step of the way. You have been our “pillar of support.” You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

**Sister Janell Trees, Grand Ester:** We say thank you for sharing Brother Jerry with us this year, and for your support and participation in our Schools of Instruction. Your willingness to assist in any and all tasks has been a true example of what Eastern Star is all about. We thank you for your friendship and your service to our beautiful Order.

**Sister Brenda Smith Costello, Board of Grand Examiners, District Five:** I will always hold dear to my heart the time we spent together on this “Musical Journey”, the late night chats, the words of encouragement, and the prayers we shared before each school. You have a kind and gentle way that makes the membership feel at ease. Thank you for your friendship and love.

**Sister Kerry Woods, Humanitarian, District Five:** Thank you for your presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron’s Humanitarian Program at each of the eight schools in District Five. Your unique presentation was met with our attention and appreciation. We congratulate you on the results of your hard work.

**Sister Syble Yost, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister June Bell, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron:** Your devotion and faithfulness to the Order of the Eastern Star and to this membership is beyond compare. We thank you for your hard work and your dedicated service, but most of all, your friendship.

**Sister Joanne Dresher, Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, District Five:** Thank you for your support and helping hand at all of our schools. We appreciate the friendship and love you showed to each of us.

**To the Membership of District Five:** You are the best! Thank you for your love and support and for every kindness extended to us throughout this year. You have given us many memories that we will always cherish. Thank you for making this “Musical Journey” complete.

Respectfully submitted  
Glenda Story  
District Deputy Grand Matron  
District Five

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the five District Deputy Grand Matron’s reports.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we’ve got a motion and a second to approve all District Deputies’ reports. Raise your green card for yes. No. Motion passed.

I recognize Brother Lee Stallings. Sisters and Brothers, you need to be real quiet and listen.

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** Sisters and Brothers, I want to make you aware of a malfunction. The scanner that we are using to count the ballots is not functioning properly. We want to make sure that we have a valid and an accurate ballot. Therefore, we’re going to hand count the first ballot. We had the scanner worked on and it was tested prior to Grand Chapter. It was fully operative. But right now we have a problem, it appears, with the belt. Brothers Paul, Mark and Jack are going to work on it while we’re hand counting the first ballot. Hopefully, we will have it ready for the second ballot. We appreciate your patience while we do this, but the first ballot will be hand counted. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** May I have your attention, please. The donations for Sister Alma Lynn — it never was announced that we were passing the ballot. We were waiting on this. Some of the ballots have been passed and we’ve already collected some money. Some people were asking when we were going to pass the ballots —

**VOICES:** Boxes.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Boxes, excuse me. So we will do that shortly. I would like to make an announcement on this. The donations for Sister Alma Lynn will be titled Friends of the Texas Cameo Lady, but if you make a donation and you write a check, you want to make that check out to the Grand Chapter of Texas. So we will pass the boxes in a moment for the ones that did not get a chance to make a donation.

At this time we will have a report from our Registration Committee.

## **REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**MRS. SHIRLEY JONES:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers all: On behalf of the Registration Committee, I thank you for the confidence that you have placed in us to serve this Grand Chapter.

Our pre-registration numbers are: voting members, 1674; non-voting, 252; out of state, 160, for a total of 2,086. We had 9 cancellations, 24 members exempt from fees, refunded 2, for a total with fees of 2,069. I transferred to the Grand Secretary’s office \$20,690 prior to Grand Chapter.

Registration at Grand Chapter: 187 voting members, 6 non-voting, 23 out of state, 245 total. No cancellations, 3 people exempt from fees, no refunds. Total with fees, 245, for a total transferred today of \$2,450.

Our total registration numbers for this Grand Chapter session: voting members, 1861; non-voting, 258; out of state, 183. Total, 2,331. Nine cancellations, 27 exempt from paying fees, 2 refunds. Total with fees, 2,314. We transferred a total of \$23,140, plus a bonus of \$10 that showed up someplace. I didn't worry about an excess; I'm just glad the numbers matched.

I would also like to let you know that in addition to several out-of-state packages that were not picked up, there were 293 Texas registration packages that were not picked up.

The Committee members assisting and for whom I am very grateful are Sister Sherrie Fowler, Co-chairman, of Chapter 331; Ann Bailleaux, Chapter 914; Barbara and George Eierdam, 935 and 1123; Joe Gilmore, 82; Barbara Grant-Scott, Chapter 747; Dorothy High, 942; Suzanne Kirby, Chapters 320 and 234; Kathy Ross, Chapter 1126; Theresa Madison, Chapters 1126 and 518; Juanita Sharp, Chapters 943 and 20; and Jeanne Williamson, Chapters 963 and 316. Several members of Plano and McKinney chapters assisted and were life-savers for me: Sisters Martha Cameron, Patsy Jones, Lee and Mike Stark and Ginger Hosick. Thank you to each of you for all your hours donated and all your hard work. You are true Stars and true friends.

The Committee enjoyed working in the facilities provided this year and had a lot of fun working with the Credentials Committee as they struggled with all the ballot count.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report. Respectfully submitted, Shirley Jones, Registration Chairman, Past Matron of Austin 304 and Plano 703.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Registration Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your green cards. All opposed, same sign. It passes.

At this time I recognize the Board of Grand Examiners for their reports. We'll start with District 1.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 1

**DR. LINDA JAY PUCKETT:** Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers, my friends all. My third year of service on the Board of Grand Examiners as the District One Member has been truly amazing - because of YOU...the members of this Order! You are my reason to serve and work hard for Our Beloved order. We journey together!

I cherish each of my twenty-eight years membership in our beautiful Star, and, indeed each and every place of service along the way has filled me with joy because of the loving relationships with you. You continually bless me, my friends. And, I hope I have blessed you in some small way. I eagerly look forward to my fourth year as Grand Examiner of District I, and, our times of learning and service.

It is my pleasure to submit the District One report for the Grand Chapter Year 2007 - 2008:

### CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

#### 'A' CERTIFICATES

#### 'B' CERTIFICATES

Section One	54
Section Two	61
Section Three	32
Section Four	68
Section Five	101
Section Six & Seven	65
Section Eight	51
Section Nine	48
Section Ten	<u>45</u>

Our membership responded well - **526 “A” proficiency certificates were earned (no “B” certificates.)** This speaks clearly to the continued strong interest of our members in our beautiful work and maintaining it accurately.

**Five (5) additional “A” Certificates** were issued after the School Schedule had been completed rendering a **Grand Total of 531 “A” Certificates issued and no “B” certificates issued. Fifty-two (52) First-timers earned their proficiencies underscoring that in District I there is strong interest in membership revitalization as well as in reinforcement of our beautiful work.**

What a great School Year!

The Musical Journey School Schedule was delightful. Our Worthy Grand Matron's Home District turned out en masse and in love for their beloved home girl. Sister Joyce's strong, yet loving and God-loving leadership was inspiring to us all. She set the standard high - we are grateful to her for that, and the many successful accomplishments of her term. The District I Special Angel Quilt Signature Project of the Grand Examiner on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron garnered \$370.00 which was donated to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas. Thanks to all of you for your support of this project.

The perfect compliment along the Journey of our Schools, Brother Jerry Trees, gave us the warmth of his commanding smile, strong handshake, and sincere attention. We always knew how much he cared for us...plus, he played many a tune for us on his “tambourine.” One n’awhile he sang a joyful note with Joyce. Sister Janell Trees, you are a beautiful Queen Esther, and a marvelous friend who took special loving care of the Grand Examiners. We love you right back!

Worthy Grand Matron, you made wise, prayerful selections of the wonderful Sisters who would take your message, and your heart, as they represented you this year. I must say, that the kind, centered leadership exhibited by Sister Ann Wyatt, your District I, District Deputy Grand Matron was remarkable. The ten very efficient Deputy Grand Matrons, and their inspiring, diverse Schools of Instructions, under Sister Ann's guidance were indeed a joy!

I am very fond of Sister Ann and her husband Bill, as a couple, and now one more time, “wish them the greatest times coming up - the best adventure....ENJOY!

**Membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, I am grateful for each year of service that I have...As I said the very first year**

**“You are my blessing - Service is my platform for thanking YOU...”**

This year has been another joy in service for me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Jay Puckett  
Grand Examiner  
District One

**It is with pleasure that I now recognize my Co-Worker, and my close friend, Sister Cindi Echols, Grand Examiner, District II.**

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Will Sister Lori Goldman please come to the microphone. At this time, Sisters and Brothers, we will have Sister Lori make a clarification on your donations.

**MS. LORI GOLDMAN:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. There has been a question addressed to the Board of Directors about 25 percent being taken from the funds that you're donating for our Cameo Lady. There will not — will not — be 25 percent taken from those funds. All the funds that you donate to support Alma Lynn Bane as Right Worthy Grand Secretary will be going to the Friends of the Cameo Lady. So whatever you donate today, that's where it's going.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to say that we all support Sister Alma Bane in her endeavors. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** If you will give your attention as we continue with the reports.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 2

**MRS. CINDY ECHOLS:** Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

What another great year I have had serving as Grand Examiner of District Two! It has been a wonderful year of service, and I am honored to be serving my district and our Grand Chapter in this capacity.

I would like to give a very special thank you to Sister Alma York, District Deputy Grand Matron, and the eight Deputy Grand Matrons of District Two. Sisters Syble Yost and Faye Murphy, Secretaries to the Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister June Bell, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your encouragement and many acts of kindness, but most of all, your friendship and love!

Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Janell, it was indeed an honor to have you in District Two for all of our Schools. Thank you both for your love and support. I truly enjoyed traveling with you during the School schedule.

Worthy Grand Matron, I so enjoyed traveling with you on the School schedule. Thank you for the love, encouragement and support that you so graciously gave me.

Members of District Two, thank you for your dedication to our beautiful Order. I treasure your friendship, and I appreciate your hard work and everything you did to make my job so easy. That's what made this report possible!

I am now honored to present the follow report for District Two:

	<b>“A” Certificates</b>	<b>“B” Certificates</b>	<b>First Timers</b>
Section One	15	-	-
Section Two	44	-	-
Section Three	19	-	2
Section Four	36	1	1
Section Five	8	-	-
Section Six	40	-	-
Section Seven	39	-	-
Section Eight	80	-	-
Section Nine	14	-	-
Section Ten	38	-	-
Total:	333	1	3
“A” Certificates Earned			333
“B” Certificates Earned			1
Total Certificates Earned			334

There were 3 “First Timers” who earned their Certificates of Proficiency in District Two Schools.

A detailed report by Chapters is on file in the Grand Secretary’s office. Each Chapter has been forwarded a list of their members who have earned Certificates of Proficiency.

A total of \$155.00 was turned in to the Grand Secretary’s office through donations made for

Proficiency stickers. Also, a total of \$300.00 was donated to the Grand Examiners' Special Project. These funds have been donated to the VA Hospitals in Amarillo and Big Spring.

It is now my pleasure to introduce my co-worker and friend, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Examiner of District Three.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 3**

**MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT:** Thank you, my friend and co-worker, Cindy Echols.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is a distinct honor to present my first report as Grand Examiner of District 3. The success of this year was made possible by the support and encouragement of the members of this beautiful order.

There were 501 "A" Certificates earned in District 3 this year.

Section 1	143
Section 2 & 3	64
Section 4	20
Section 5	29
Section 6	44
Section 7	32
Section 8	59
Section 9	49
Section 10	39
TMRC	23
Total	501

Thirty-three members earned their certificates for the first time this year. Congratulations on your achievement!

We were pleased to have the proficiency stickers available in the Examining Room. \$450.00 was donated on this project.

I was pleased to present a check to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Dallas in the amount of \$1,500.00. This donated is a result of the generosity of the membership of Texas.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for a wonderful year, especially for a fun and inspiring school schedule. Your words of encouragement and wisdom were so uplifting. Sisters Janell, June, and Syble, thank you for teaching me all the new card games, we had a fantastic time traveling together.

Donna Herrington, District Deputy Grand Matron, and the Deputies of District 3 - thank you for all your hard work and preparations made on my behalf. I never had to ask for anything, you already had everything I needed in the room.

Again, to this sweet membership, thank you for allowing me to serve Grand Chapter in this Office. This year was a dream come true, and I look forward to traveling across the state and visiting with everyone in the Examining Room next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Albrecht  
Grand Examiner - District 3

It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Christine Armstrong - Grand Examiner, District 4.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 4**

**MRS. CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG:** Thank you, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, my friend and co-worker.



Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished members, my Sisters and Brother.

Thank you, Sister Joyce Gilbert and Brother Jerry Trees for making this a year that I will never forget...for your encouragement, support, friendship and love as we traveled on the school schedule in District Four. It was truly a harmonious trip.

To Sisters Janell Trees, Syble Yost, and June Bell, thank you for the fun and fellowship we shared traveling in the van. You are three wonderful ladies who I have grown to love and respect even more.

To Sister Doris Wagner, District Deputy Grand Matron, thank you for your kindness and the courtesy you extended to me as we roomed together.

To the ten Deputy Grand Matrons in District Four, thank you for the outstanding preparations you made for the examining rooms and for choosing very capable members to assist.

To my co-workers, it has been a pleasure serving with you. To the three first time Grand Examiners, each of you have done a great job serving the membership and I look forward to working with you next year.

To the membership, thank you for the privilege of serving as Grand Examiner. I want to thank the membership for their generous donation for the piano proficiency stickers. Those donations totaled \$550.00. Thank you also for the donations of \$670.00 for signing the Angel Quilt made by Sisters Toni Crawford and Marialice Bailey. These donations will be given to the Galveston Burns Institute.

I am pleased to submit this report for District Four. All certificates issued were "A's".

#### **CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY 2007 - 2008**

Section 1	70
Section 2	118
Section 3	48
Section 4	99
Section 5	101
Section 6	52
Section 7	74
Section 8	25
Section 9	18
Section 10	126
<b>TOTAL CERTIFICATES</b>	<b>731</b>

A detailed report has been filed with the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Armstrong

Board of Grand Examiners

District Four

It is now my distinct pleasure to introduce Sister Brenda Smith Costello, Grand Examiner, District 5.

#### **REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 5**

**MRS. BRENDA SMITH COSTELLO:** Thank you, Sister Christine.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all,

What a privilege it has been for me to serve on the Board of Grand Examiners and represent District Five this past year. I am humbled that the membership chose to elect me to this office and I say thank you for allowing me to serve you and collect so many wonderful memories and friends during my travels as your Grand Examiner in District Five.

I want to thank the Deputy Grand Matrons for all of their hard work and for making this Grand Examiner feel at home in each of their sections. Each school was exciting and different.

I want to thank the chapters in District Five for all of their courtesies, love gifts and Honorary Memberships.. I will treasure each friendship made along my travels as your Grand Examiner this past year.

I want to thank Sister Glenda Story, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Five for successfully leading the Deputies. Glenda and I developed a great friendship on the school schedule and it will be one I will cherish for years to come.

I want to thank Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron for her Christian leadership and love, and Brother Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron and his wife, Janell, Grand Esther, for their kindness and support for this Grand Examiner.

I want to personally thank Sister Syble Yost for her love and support and gentle way of always calming me when I need it. Sister June Bell, there's nothing I can say to you that I have not already said to you in this report. You know how much I love you for all of your support and your many, many hours of working in the Examining Room by my side and as my traveling buddy. I also have to include Sister Rennie Ofton who also was our traveling buddy.

Total A certificates given: 423. B certificates: 1. Total certificates earned for District 5: 424.

Proficiency funds collected: \$287. You, District 5, the membership raised \$301 by signing my quilt. These funds will be distributed to Rainbow Girl Assemblies in District 5.

I am looking forward to working with Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, the new District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputies selected. I know each of you are planning fun nights, educational schools and beautiful memories for all of us. Sister Vicki Mathews, I look forward to rooming with you and getting to know you better.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Smith Costello, Grand Examiner, District 5.

It is now my pleasure to invite my co-worker, Sister Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner At Large, to give her report. Thank you.

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE**

**MRS. SUSAN BIGHAM:** Thank you, Sister Brenda.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

What a wonderful privilege I have had this year to be of service to the membership as Grand Examiner at Large. I am so very grateful to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees, for all of your support and words of encouragement. I have enjoyed watching and learning from both of you.

To the membership of Texas, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me the opportunity to serve to our wonderful Grand Chapter of Texas. I am so humbled by the opportunity to have met so many sweet, sweet Sisters and Brothers, as well as seeing precious friends. Thank you for all of the courtesies that you extended to me and all the smiles, hugs and words of support.

I would especially like to express a very special thank you to my co-workers, Sisters Linda Puckett, Cindy Echols, Cheryl Albrecht, Christine Armstrong, and Brenda Smith-Costello. Your support, love, and laughter have made this a most enjoyable year for me. I am so very grateful for your friendship. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to assist you at many of the schools.

To my Outback sisters, you know who you are, I appreciate your friendship and your generous donations. Thank you to those who assisted me in the Examining room here at Grand Chapter: Christine Armstrong, Doris Huckabee, and my husband, Larry. I appreciate you always being there with your love and support.

During the Grand Chapter Session, I have the following report:

Certificates of Proficiency

“A” Certificates: 11 “B” Certificates: 0

We had one First Timer: Sister Linda Mikeworth

Proficiency Sticker donations for the Worthy Grand Matron’s Projects: \$12.00

Donations for Quilt Signature: \$101.00, which I have designated the proceeds to go to the Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your love, support and donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Susan Bigham

Grand Examiner at Large

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the six reports of the Board of Grand Examiners.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We’ve had a motion and a second to accept the reports of the Board of Grand Examiners. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of accepting these reports please raise your green cards. Those opposed. They’ve been approved.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, that is the end of the reports. [applause] You have done well; you have listened. We have gotten through with the business of Grand Chapter and the reports.

There was a little confusion this morning about the money that’s going to be collected for Friends of the Cameo Lady. This side had the boxes delivered to them and this side didn’t. But if the Deputies and the Pages will pick up the ballot boxes and deliver them over the room. If you’ve already given, don’t worry about it.

While the money is being taken up, we’ll be blessed by Becky Austin who will be playing her trumpet. I know you’re going to really enjoy this. [“The Battle Hymn of the Republic” played by Becky Austin, Deputy Grand Matron, District 1, Section 8.]

I recognize Sister Rosemary Swetland for a clarification.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. There are some questions being brought to your Jurisprudence Committee and to your Worthy Grand Matron. What we want to do for you is just to spell it out in black and white. I am a teacher and I find that if you spell that stuff out to those kiddos, they’ve got it, they know what they’re doing. Please let me, as a courtesy to you, the membership, explain what happened yesterday, make it clear to you, give you an opportunity if you want to ask any questions. But I don’t think a one of you is going to need to ask a question once you hear me out.

Yesterday afternoon you as the governing body of this Grand Chapter passed resolution number 2, as originally printed on page 91 of your Advanced Annual Report, almost unanimously passed it. Now, Sisters and Brothers, that resolution had a figure in it. It stated that there would be \$5,000 made available to the candidacy of Sister Alma Lynn Bane. Well, through discussion and through excitement and joy and happiness for my friend Alma Lynn, there has been a formation of a support group out of Texas called the Friends of the Texas Cameo Lady. This support group is now accepting — very generous, I might add — very generous support — financial support from this membership to help her in her candidacy and in her walk.

The Board has come to you and has said there will be no 25 percent taken out of this money for the General Fund. This is for the Friends of the Texas Cameo Lady that wants to help Sister Alma Lynn Bane in her endeavors to serve General Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary’s office is simply a go-between to receive any of your contributions, make note of them and see that the Friends of the Texas Cameo Lady gets every penny of it.

Now back to a little bit of a question. What about the \$5,000 that’s in the resolution? Well, I doubt we ever need it. I don’t see how we’re ever going to need it, not with such a generous mem-

bership. But, Sisters and Brothers, it's there if something is needed to assist Sister Alma Lynn Bane. I truthfully don't think we'll ever touch one penny of that \$5,000, but it's sitting there. It will not be used for anything else until that young lady is elected and we're done with it. Then we can really celebrate.

Now, have I clarified what we have done and what we have and what we'll be doing? Worthy Grand Matron, will you call for questions.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I call for any questions.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Well, would you ask them, Worthy Grand Matron, if they understand to raise their green cards.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Well, I guarantee you they'd be telling you they didn't understand because I believe in this membership. But raise your green cards if you do understand what we have done.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Well, I just may have to become a teacher in the Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. I have an announcement that was handed to me just a little while ago. The hurricane that's coming into land is coming in on the Gulf Coast. Jefferson and Orange Counties, down by Beaumont, Port Arthur, Silsbee, down in that area, there is to be mandatory evacuation by the a.m.

I'm going to ask Brother Billy Combest if he will come to the East and voice a prayer for our Sisters and Brothers that are living on the coast that God will protect them and their property from this dangerous, dangerous hurricane.

When our prayer is through, I invite Sister Rennie Ofton to come to the stage for something that you will absolutely be delighted in hearing.

**MR. BILLY COMBEST:** Sisters and Brothers, with your hearts would you join me in this prayer. Almighty God, hear our prayer. We know that You're the Father of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and You're the Heavenly Father of all those who have accepted Your Son as their Lord and Savior. We know You can look into each heart here, and you see the need that they have. We ask You to reach down with the miraculous power of Your Holy Spirit and calm the people that will be directly involved in this. We ask Your protective hand to be upon all those people in that part of our country where this is going to hit the hardest. May these people who are struggling now with should they go there or should they stay here, give them a calmness so they can make the right decision and what's best for them, their family and, yes, even their property that's located in that area.

We know that You answer all prayers, just some of them may not be the way we ask them. But this one is within Your will, and I know that You will answer it, that You give a calmness to everybody here that they'll know that Your will will be done in that location and Your sheltering hand will be over each one as You give them protection that You have promised if we ask it. We leave this now in those Holy Hands that can do all things. Amen.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Worthy Grand Matron, as you know, Brother Fred Clarke and I have been working on some of the things that are going to be happening in 2009-2012. We have picked some people to help us. We're still working on it, so stay tuned, there may be more. But this is the list that we have completed as of right now and want to share with the membership of Texas.

As I call your name, if you'll line up across the West so we can see how many of you are going to be working. Elsie Paladino for Appeals and Grievance Committee.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** Wanda Fairchild, Membership.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Alma Carter, Registration.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** Betty Friend, Executive/Social.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Jerry Trees, Executive Chairman/Housing.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** Sharon Fentress, Executive Co-Chairman/Housing.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Doris Hester, Credentials Committee.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** Nancy Brown, Chairman, Pin Distribution.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Leland Benefield, Unfinished Business. Buddy Baker, Chapter Restoration which is a continuation of what he just got a little bit of this time. We're going to really put him to work next time.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** Kenneth Gregory, Co-Chairman/Texas Executive.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Henry Martin, Chairman/Texas Executive.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** H. Lee Stallings, Executive Chairman/Texas Finance.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Ed Warner, ESTARL. Karen Morgenthaler, Cancer. Jack Guy is on vacation, but he is going to be a member of the Service Dog Committee. It's a very special committee that we're going to have to assist the handicapped or the therapy dogs, the seeing eye, the hearing. Joe Jeffers is Public Relations. He is living in Arkansas now and is busy over there with all of his fraternal duties. You know, when they leave their home state, sometimes they're never picked up again. So we decided that Joe Jeffers could be Public Relations over there and here and everywhere.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** [inaudible] Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Phyllis Macon, President of the International Grand Representatives Association. We didn't get to appoint her, but we got to nominate her and they elected her.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** Bill Bane, Headquarters Administrator.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Of course we wanted to have a Floor Officer from Texas. She is Rosemary Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist. [applause]

Now, as you know, the Texas Cardinals has been the main support of the things that are going on, have gone on and will go on. There are some who have been with us from the very beginning and worked very hard. Instead of Friends of a Feather, we're going to have this special appointment called Cardinal Crew. Janice Herridge, Willie Mae Shaw, Eva G. Hicks, Cleta Todd, Bobbe Chamberlain, Opal Martin, Patricia Stallings, Sarah Valkas Coursey, Jo White, Jane Robison, Janell Trees, Gay Carnes, Betty Norton, Betty Morris, Jayne Yenger, Georgia Campbell.

Now, these are the appointments we have. It looks like a lot, but we have a lot to do, and there are still some people working behind the scenes to formulate plans for some very important committees. So stay tuned. We hope to get them all lined up. We wanted to do this now. I'm announcing it other places, and I didn't want you to think that Texas was being left out.

Sisters and Brothers, these are the people who have said yes and who we appreciate and have been working with closely for quite some time. I thank each of you. We will be happy to have you on our team, and we want to thank you. [applause]

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** I also want to congratulate all the workers from Texas. Sisters and Brothers of Texas, I encourage you to go to Tulsa in 2009 and support them when they're elected.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron. This is what we have now, but as I said, stay tuned. Thank you so much. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a Past Grand Patron who was not introduced at the altar earlier, so we're going to introduce him now. Brother Bill Rhyan. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Grand Patron at the altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Brother William H. Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Jurisdiction of Arizona.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Bill, it is great for you to be in our beautiful state of Texas, although Arizona is pretty good. But we welcome you today, and I'm sorry that it was not done earlier. Thank you for coming.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, please extend Grand Honors to our Past Grand Patron.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will be returned to his place in the chapter room.

Our Election Judge tells us we'll have an answer in about ten minutes.

We have a birthday. It's Brother Jack Beall's birthday. And we have an anniversary of forty years to Phyllis and Carrol Macon. So why don't we sing "Happy Birthday" and "Happy Anniversary." I believe we have one other birthday, if Sister Rennie Ofton would please stand. It's tomorrow, but we're going to do it early.

We have had some very sad news today. Our Sister Frances Atkinson passed away this morning. She was a Page to our Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Mary Ruth White, and a very special friend to so many in this state. I don't think I've ever known a person that had more get up-and-go and always had such, such a beautiful attitude and a positive attitude. She will surely be missed. Mary Ruth, we're thinking about you.

In the back you're going to see my Arrangements and Executive Committees that put this Grand Chapter on for you. They have been outstanding. I don't think anything was asked of them — Stan, Willie Mae, Jack or Joan or the other chairmen — that they did not answer. Do you like where we're having it? [applause] Has the food been good? [applause] Well, I am so proud. I know some of it is a little inconvenient, but I hope you're enjoying the screens on each side of the room and therefore you can see maybe a little more.

But from me to you, I'm telling you: I could not have done it without you. Your love and your graciousness in giving of your time has meant so much to me. I love you and this membership thanks you for all that you made possible for us this week. [applause]

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Sisters and Brothers, we have been covered up in money up here. Isn't that wonderful? Our Worthy Grand Matron is going announce the total.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, the total of your giving this day, \$8,003.95. [applause] Give yourselves a hand. When you ask from Eastern Star, they never fail you. They're always giving. Sister Alma Lynn, would you like to say something?

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, everyone of you: Words escape me. My heart overflows with love for our Order, admiration for each of you who are in your subordinate chapters reflecting the love and the hospitality that we show to Sisters and Brothers and benevolence that we do in our communities. Your endorsing me was all I asked for, but you are going to give me a boost here that's going to keep Bill and me from eating beans for about six months. We thank you. And with God directing our pathway, we will continue on with service to our Order.

Please do keep in your hearts and prayers your Sisters and Brothers overseas. I've recently had a new charter made for a chapter whose building was destroyed by a volcano. We have Sisters and Brothers who live in countries where their Grand Master has been assassinated, but they still are holding meetings, they still are paying per capita. We at the General Grand Chapter office are still helping them in every way we can. And it's because of your support. We can go there and continue the work our founder had for us.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Alma Lynn, someone came and gave me a nickel to make it four dollars.

Sisters and Brothers, we have an election. Total votes cast: 1991. This is for the Associate

Grand Conductress. Needed to elect: 996. Jayne Yenger, 337; Vi Griffin, 640; Jerre Lucas, 484; Annette Curry, 530. We will drop Sister Jayne Yenger and have another ballot.

For the Board of Directors, District 1, total votes cast: 1993. Needed to elect: 997. Jack Beall, 1154; Robert C. "Chuck" Pierce, 839.

Brother Jack, would you please come. Do you accept, Brother Jack?

**MR. JACK BEALL:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I do. It's another way of serving this Grand Chapter, and I appreciate your support. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we will be balloting on Ballot B.

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** We want to make you aware that the problem we had with the equipment continues to exist. We will have to hand count the second ballot. To expedite the counting, it would be beneficial if instead of marking in the little red box that we can't read anyway, circle the name of the candidate. It will move much quicker as we count it, so that we can get you out of here as quickly as possible. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**MRS. JERRE LUCAS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jerre Lucas, Past Matron from Schertz. I'm going to ask that my name be withdrawn. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We will drop the names of Jayne Yenger and Jerre Lucas. You will place your vote for Vi Griffin or Annette Curry. Circle the one you want. Ballot B. Circle the name. I declare the ballot open.

Has everyone had a chance to mark their ballot? Pages and Deputies, please pick up the ballots. I declare it closed.

While we're waiting for the ballots to be picked up, your Worthy Grand Matron would love to go to the piano and play [applause] along with my Worthy Grand Patron and his tambourine. Well, he didn't bring it. [Applause following musical selections by the Worthy Grand Matron.]

We're going to carry on and get the rest of the things done that we need to do. If everyone will have a chair.

Sisters and Brothers, the greatest opportunity and the most wonderful thing that a Worthy Grand Matron can give is a Grand Representative appointment. So it is my pleasure today to be able to give out Grand Representative appointments. Would Don Lawrence, Phyllis Macon, Janell Trees, Syble Yost, Linda Carney, Willie Mae Shaw, Joan Story and Stan Seeley meet in the West.

I'm going to just read one and then I will tell you the state to which each one of you has been appointed. "Whereas, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, 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 utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and the reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other, therefore be it known that as evidence of our trust and confidence, we by these presents do constitute and appoint" Don Lawrence, Bolivia; Phyllis Macon, Mississippi; Janell Trees, Montana; Syble Yost, New Jersey; Linda Carney, North Carolina; Willie Mae Shaw, Oregon; JoAnn Story, South Carolina; Stan Seeley, South Dakota. [applause]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you escort these to the East, please.

I present to you, the membership of Texas, the newest Grand Representatives. Would you please accord them Grand Honors. [applause] Thank you. Go back to work!

Grand Warders, you may need to invite everyone back into the room now because we're going to do something that is a big surprise to all of you. To be a part of it, you have to be in the room. I don't want to leave anybody out.

The Hotel InterContinental has given us a certificate for a weekend stay with a Sunday brunch for two. We're going to draw someone's name who will receive this. I think it was very generous of the hotel to show their thanks to you. [applause] Sister Doris Hester, would you come up and draw

for us, please.

**MRS. DORIS HESTER:** This is a special name. My sister is named that. Cindy Echols. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I invite the Invitation Committee, Sister Donna Hill Pope, to come to the East and do her invitation.

Haven't we enjoyed the Grand Choir this week? [applause] Sister Juanita has done a terrific job, and we thank you. [applause]

Sister Donna.

**MRS. DONNA HILL POPE:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you escort our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron to the East. [Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, dressed in baseball uniforms, and accompanied by many other baseball players and fans, came to the East as "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" was played.]

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, before I begin talking about any future events, I would first like to say Thank You to your Executive and Arrangements Committees of this Grand Chapter Session for all the courtesies and assistance extended to us during this year and especially during this week of activities. They have even volunteered to stay on this evening and assist us in several critical areas. Words alone cannot express the deep appreciation we have for this group of Sisters and Brothers. The only hope we have of repaying them is to try to follow in their footsteps and extend the same spirit of cooperation to those who follow us. Sisters and Brothers, will you help me say Thank You to the Executive and Arrangements Committees for this Grand Chapter Session.

A short three years ago, Sister Joyce Nicklas was elected as Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Almost as soon as she returned home, she began her search for the perfect location in District 3 for her Grand Chapter Session. After many long hours of deliberation, the site in Arlington, Texas was selected - home of the Texas Rangers, Six Flags Over Texas, and the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium.

It is my privilege to introduce some of the key players for the 127th Grand Chapter Session. Your Executive Committee and Arrangements Chairmen:

Jimmy Williams, Co-Chairman  
Patsy Hewlett, Secretary  
Patricia Hart, Treasurer  
June McGinty, Auditor  
Larry Hart, Arrangements Chairman  
John Merk, Arrangements Co-Chairman

These and many others have already begun the planning and attention to detail to provide for your enjoyment, your convenience and your safety. We are joined by the City of Arlington and the entire membership of District 3 in extending a warm invitation to be with us in Arlington next year.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the 127th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas be held in Arlington, Texas, August 6th through August 8th, 2009. We'll have a great time in 2009!

Donna Hill Pope  
Chairman, Executive Committee 2008 - 2009

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to accept this gracious invitation for the 127th Grand Chapter session to be held in Arlington. Do we have any discussion? All in favor, please raise your green cards.

Sister Associate Grand Matron.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Wow! You can see they're already excited. This Executive Chairman has done her job well. You know what? It was because they learned so much from Sister Joyce Gilbert's Executive Committee and Arrangements people. They worked with us. And isn't that "*Symphony Among the Angels*"



what we're supposed to do, work together? [applause] We want to see Grand Chapter a success no matter where it is. Sisters and Brothers, each of you are the ones that make it successful. Thank you so much for agreeing to allow us to have ours in Arlington. Thank you. [applause]

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** Sisters and Brothers, I want to take a minute and thank you for your cooperation this morning as we balloted. We want to thank the Table Monitors, the Table Judges, the Tellers, the two Past Grands that sat in front of the scanning area, and particularly the gentlemen who sat over there and worked on the scanners and built the programs very quickly to calculate the returns.

One last bit of instruction before we leave the chapter room this afternoon is that if you have a Grand Chapter pencil, one that we gave you, we'd like to have it back. We're stewards of your money. There are some boxes at the exits in the West. If you'll just drop your pencils in there, we would appreciate it. Thank you for your cooperation.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we have an election. I ask that you not leave because we're going to close Grand Chapter, and it won't take but just a few minutes. We need you in here with us.

Total votes cast: 1795. Needed to elect: 898. Vi Griffin, 967; Annette Curry, 828. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, remember to be kind.

To bring our benediction of this business session of the 126th Grand Chapter session is our own General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Sister Jane Gregory. While Sister Jane is coming to the East, Sister Vi, do you accept?

**MRS. VI GRIFFIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, you bet I do! [applause] I want to thank this membership for the honor of this place of service. Thank you.

**MRS. JANE GREGORY:** I ask that you clasp the hand of the one next to you, bow your heads and let us go to the Lord in prayer. As we bring to close this 126th "Symphony Among the Angels" session of our Grand Chapter, we turn to Thee, our Heavenly Father. Weary from a day of labor, we once again seek Thy presence, strength and may we never fail to the highest calling in this fraternal organization. Dear God, we thank Thee for the service rendered this year and the accomplishments made for the good of our Order. We wish for the new corps of officers every success in this day of their election, and may any disappointments or hurts that may have happened this day be removed. May we remember that God has a plan for each of us, His children. Bless each of us as we start on our new path of service for the Order of the Eastern Star with a firm purpose, standing faithful and serving to the end. We pray in humbleness and with deep sincerity. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this Grand Chapter session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

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

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

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I want to remind the Grand Officers that as we leave we will circle the altar and place our badges on the altar before we leave.

Brother Jerry, did you have closing remarks?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. I would like to thank the membership of Texas for this wonderful trip this year, for all your kindness and support that was given to us during this year. This has been a walk of a lifetime, and I will always be appreciative to each and everyone in this wonderful Grand Chapter.

Also, a special thank you to my wife Janell for walking by my side this year. And a special, special thank you to this wonderful lady over here, Sister Joyce Gilbert, for taking a chance that I might could do this job. I do thank her; I love her and Brother Jimmy just like they were our fami-

ly members. I thank you for that.

Thank you, Grand Chapter. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** To the Grand Chapter of Texas and to the membership, you have heard me time and time again express to you my love and appreciation. It hasn't changed this day. So I will leave you with a great big thank you, and I love you. I'm going to go home and I'm going to put my feet up; I'm going to fill the Jacuzzi up; I'm going to turn off all the lights and the telephone, and I'm going to take my Spa Baby with me. [applause] Thank you.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

I now call this "How Great Thou Art" session from labor to rest until 6 p.m., at which time we will have our Installation of Officers for 2008-2009.

Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, the "How Great Thou Art" session of the Grand Chapter of Texas has been called from labor to rest until six o'clock this evening.

I have obeyed your command.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. To this wonderful membership who has contributed their time and effort for a successful business, please accept my deepest gratitude. Thank you for staying with us so we could complete our business. Thank you.



# COMPILATIONS

In conformity with the Code of Laws, Chapter 10, Article 152-E-1 (page 97). I hereby submit the Compilations of all changes to the Constitution, code of Laws and directove actions enacted at the 126th Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas held in Addison, Texas. A note of appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Jurisprudence C ommittee and the dedicated membership of Texas

Rosemary T. Swetland, Past Grand Matron  
Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee 2007 - 2008

No unfinished business left from the 126th Session for 2008

**Constitutional Amendments:** Amendment No. 1 was defeated. Amendments No. 2 and 3 not presented (due to the defeat of Amendment No. 1)

No Constitutional Amendments changed. All Amendments passed in the Code of Laws are now law at the close of the 126th Session.

**Code of Laws:**

**Amendments PASSED:** Nos. 4, 5, 7, 8, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24

**Amendments DEFEATED:** Nos. 1, 10, 12, 17 & 18

**Amendments Withdrawn:** Nos. 6, 9, 11, 13, 14 & 16

**Resolution No. 1:** Passed as amended

**Resolution No. 2:** Passed

**Emergency Legislation on Benevolent Aid:** Presented and passed

**CODE OF LAWS**

If adopted shall become effective from and after the adjournment of this  
2008 Session of Grand Chapter (Article 170, page116)

**AMENDMENT NO. 4  
CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION IV, Chapter 4, ARTICLE 16, Page 54

Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers, District Deputies and Deputies

WHEREAS, due to the decrease in Membership and Chapters, it is getting very difficult to appoint Deputies for each Section, we the undersigned present the following amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

A. WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Article 16. DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND DEPUTIES. As soon as possible after her Installation, she shall appoint one District Deputy Grand Matron and ten Deputy Grand Matrons for each of the five Districts. Each Deputy shall reside in her District and Section except as provided for in Article V, B, Section 2, of the Constitution. She may appoint such Special Deputies as, in her judgement, are needed for the growth of the Order, or whose appointments may be required for the proper transaction of the Business of Grand Chapter or Subordinate Chapter. She shall appoint Deputies to preside at trials, when deemed expedient by her. In the appointment of such Special deputies, she shall definitely prescribe their powers and duties, and their commissions shall expire after duties have been performed.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

A. WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Article 16. DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND DEPUTIES. **Before** Installation, she shall appoint one District Deputy Grand Matron and **as many Deputy Grand Matrons as it may deem for the interest of the Order within this Grand Jurisdiction for each of the five Districts.** Each deputy shall reside in her District and Section except as provided for in Article V, B, Section 2, of the Constitution. **After Installation** she may appoint such Special Deputies as, in her judgement, are needed for the growth of the Order, or whose appointments may be required for the proper transaction of the business of Grand Chapter or Subordinate Chapter. She shall appoint Deputies to preside at trials, when deemed expedient by her. In the appointment of such Special Deputies, she shall definitely prescribe their powers and duties, and their commissions shall expire after duties have been performed.

## AMENDMENT NO. 5 CODE OF LAWS

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 4, E, ARTICLE 68, PAGE 66,  
PRINTED REPORTS

WHEREAS, to ensure legal documents and actions concerning the assets of Grand Chapter of Texas are properly recorded and referenced, and

WHEREAS, to ensure quick reference and research of future issues related to the assets of Grand Chapter, we the undersigned present the following legislation for consideration and approval.

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 67. PRINTED REPORTS. She shall have printed, in pamphlet form, the official Acts, Decisions, Irregularities, Discipline and Legal Acts of the Worthy Grand Matron, including the official acts of the Corporate Board, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, the Report of the Board of Directors, the Reports of the Jurisprudence Committee on Unfinished Business, the Proposed Amendments and the Proposed Budget for the ensuring year. The reports shall be ready for distribution at the opening of Grand Chapter. The Auditor's Report shall be printed in the Proceedings.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 67. PRINTED REPORTS. The **Grand Secretary** shall have printed, in pamphlet form, the official Acts, Decisions, Irregularities, Discipline and Legal Acts of the Worthy Grand Matron, including the official acts of the Corporate Board, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, the Report of the Board of Directors, the Reports of the Jurisprudence Committee on Unfinished Business, the Proposed Amendments and the Proposed Budget for the ensuring year. The reports shall be ready for distribution at the opening of Grand Chapter. The Auditor's Report **and all legal actions, especially those regarding the assets of Grand Chapter** shall be printed in the Proceedings **labeled as Legal Actions.**

## AMENDMENT NO. 7 CODE OF LAWS

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 4, E, ARTICLE 70, Page 67

SALARY

WHEREAS, the cost of living continues to go up and the office of Grand Secretary is a full time job, and

WHEREAS, the salary has not been increased in three (3) years, we the undersigned propose the following:

*"Symphony Among the Angels"*

*Page 393*

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 70, SALARY: The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her services, eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) PER YEAR SALARY, plus a housing allowance of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) PER MONTH beginning at the time of relocation of the office.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 70, SALARY: The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her services, **nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000.00) PER YEAR SALARY**, plus a housing allowance of **seven hundred dollars (\$700.00)** per month.

**AMENDMENT NO. 8  
CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 4, F, ARTICLE 77, Page 68  
SALARY AND EXPENSE

WHEREAS, the cost of living continues to go up and the office of Grand Treasurer has taken on more duties requiring her/him to be in the office more, and

WHEREAS, the salary has not been increased in three (3) years, we the undersigned propose the following:

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 77, SALARY AND EXPENSE: The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full compensation for her services, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) PER YEAR SALARY. Any necessary administrative expenses in performance of the duties of the Grand Treasurer will be provided by the Board of Directors by including an amount in the General Budget of the Grand Chapter and paid on approval by said Board of Directors.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 77, SALARY AND EXPENSE: The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full compensation for her services, **six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) PER YEAR SALARY**. Any necessary administrative expenses in performance of the duties of the Grand Treasurer will be provided by the Board of Directors by including an amount in the General Budget of the Grand Chapter and paid on approval by said Board of Directors.

**AMENDMENT NO. 15  
CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 10, A, ARTICLE 152-G, d, (7), PAGE 100  
ESTARL SCHOLARSHIPS

WHEREAS, we give one time per year Education and ESTARL Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each and applicants must file an application each year, we the undersigned submit the following:

WHICH NOW READS:

(7) Proof of grade points must be furnished to the Chairman of the Education Fund Committee with each semi-annual communication.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

(7) Proof of grade points must be furnished to the Chairman of the Education Fund Committee **with the application.**

**AMENDMENT NO. 19**  
**CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 207, PAGE 142  
GRAND DEMITS

WHEREAS, the cost of processing requests has increased, we the undersigned propose the following:

WHICH NOW READS:

- a. Who Eligible.
  - (2) Former Members of the following described Chapters who were in good standing when their Chapter lost their Dispensation or Charters are eligible to apply to the Grand Secretary for and receive a Grand Demit upon the payment of \$1.00 with proof of good standing.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

- a. Who Eligible.
  - (2) Former Members of the following described Chapters who were in good standing when their Chapter lost their Dispensation or Charters are eligible to apply to the Grand Secretary for and receive a Grand Demit upon the payment of \$5.00 with proof of good standing.

**AMENDMENT NO. 20**  
**CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 209, PAGE 143  
LOST DEMITS DUPLICATED, HOW

WHEREAS, the cost of processing request has increased, we the undersigned propose the following:

WHICH NOW READS:

Article 209. Lost Demits Duplicate, How. A member who has lost a Demit may apply to the Secretary of the Chapter which granted the same, or the Grand Secretary if the Demit was a Grand Demit, for a duplicate, and the Secretary or the Grand Secretary, as the case may be, shall upon receipt of a fee of \$1.00, issue such duplicate demit. The fee for the duplicate Grand Demit shall go to the General Fund of Grand Chapter.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

Article 209. Lost Demits Duplicate, How. A member who has lost a Demit may apply to the Secretary of the Chapter which granted the same, or the Grand Secretary if the Demit was a Grand Demit, for a duplicate, and the Secretary or the Grand Secretary, as the case may be, shall upon receipt of a fee of \$5.00, issue such duplicate demit. The fee for the duplicate Grand Demit shall go to the General Fund of Grand Chapter.

**AMENDMENT NO. 21  
CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 211, b., (3), PAGE 145  
REINSTATEMENT AND RESTORATION

WHEREAS, the consolidation of chapters are on the increase, and

WHEREAS, when a former member of a consolidated chapter wants to be reinstated after the two year time frame and has great difficulty doing so because of having moved or been inactive for several years. They have difficulty finding someone to sign their petition for reinstatement, and

WHEREAS, the process of getting them reinstated, as our law is at the present, is a hardship on the chapters involved, we the undersigned propose the following:

Article 211, b. add (3)

- (3) When the reinstatement of membership from a consolidated chapter is sought after the two years' suspension, for non-payment of dues, such request must be submitted to the Grand Secretary by the chapter the member is petitioning on a Request for Certificate of Reinstatement form, signed by the petitioner and secretary of the chapter. A fee equal to two years per capita must accompany the request. The Grand Secretary will issue the Certificate of Reinstatement after researching the member who is petitioning and send the certificate to the chapter. In addition to the requirement stated within, the petition must be signed by the applicant and recommended by two members of the chapter, presented to the chapter at a Stated Meeting, referred for investigation to a committee of three, one of whom shall be a Brother, lie over for four weeks, and then granted by a unanimous ballot.

**AMENDMENT NO. 22  
CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 267, a., PAGE 170  
INITIATION FEES

WHEREAS, the law as it is written now creates confusion to the membership, we the undersigned, hereby propose the following change.

WHICH NOW READS:

- a. Initiation Fees. No Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a less sum than eleven dollars (\$11.00).

BE AMENDED TO READ:

- a. Initiation Fees. No Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a sum no less than **the Per Capita Tax**.

**AMENDMENT NO. 23  
CODE OF LAWS**

DIVISION V, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 267, k., (3), PAGE 172  
INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter has to pay General Grand Chapter the fee of \$5.00 for the International Headquarters operational fund for every member who is Initiated, Duals or Affiliates



with a Chapter, and

WHEREAS, some Chapters are not collecting and paying these fees, we the undersigned submit the following:

WHICH NOW READS:

Article 267

- k. International Headquarters Fund. The amount of \$5.00 shall be paid for each new member, at the time of initiation, for the International Headquarters operational fund. This law means "Once-in-a-lifetime to each Chapter to which a member belongs." Dual Memberships and affiliation into a different Chapter would require a member to pay \$5.00 to each Chapter in order that both might be 100%. This amount will be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at the time of receiving the member in the Chapter. The Grand Secretary will forward the money to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter once a year with the Annual Report.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

Article 267

- k. International Headquarters Fund. The amount of \$5.00 shall be paid for each new member, at the time of initiation, for the International Headquarters operational fund. This law means "Once-in-a-lifetime to each Chapter to which a member belongs." Dual Memberships and affiliation into a different Chapter would require a member to pay \$5.00 to each Chapter in order that both might be 100%. **This amount will be reported on the Annual Report and the amount due paid when the Annual Report is filed with the Grand Secretary on or before June 8 of each year.** The Grand Secretary will forward the money to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter once a year with the Annual Report.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 24 CODE OF LAWS

DIVISION VI, CHAPTER 12, FORMS, 114S, PAGE 195

WHEREAS, the Form 114S has been very confusing and needs to be defined by separating out the different ways of transfer and affiliation by Demit, to be numbered 114-S, 114-S1 and 114-S2, we the undersigned propose the following change:

WHICH NOW READS:

See attached form (1)

BE AMENDED TO READ:

See attached forms (3)

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION

On Demit or by Transfer of Membership (Parent or Dual)

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of Chapter No. of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

I, solicit affiliation with your Chapter. If the petition be granted, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to the laws of your Chapter. This petition is accompanied by my:

RECEIPT FOR DUES (strike out one not applicable) from Chapter No., Texas, of which I am a member in good standing.

OR DEMIT, I have resided within the State of Texas three (3) months I have visited this Chapter within the preceding twelve months.

Do you belong to any order or organization making membership in the Order of the Eastern Star a requisite for membership there? If so, give the name of such organization

Recommended by (Signed) Residence: Phone No.:

If the petitioner is a Brother, the following must be filled in: I am a member in good standing of Lodge No. A.F. & A.M., located at

Notice: the name and address of the Secretary of the member's Chapter must be designated below at the time of filing Petition of Transfer.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

members of this Committee have visited and conversed with the petitioner since said petition was referred. She/He is eligible. The Committee reports Favorable Unfavorable (Signed)

NOTICE TO CHAPTER OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of Chapter No. O.E.S., State of Texas

Secretary Texas

Notice is hereby given you that a member of your Chapter, has applied to Chapter No. O.E.S., Texas, for affiliation by transfer of membership to said Chapter, and said application has been acted upon favorably by said Chapter.

On She/He became a member of this Chapter, (Parent) (Dual) therefore you will drop the name of this member from the roll of your Chapter as of that date.

[SEAL] Secretary Chapter No.

To the Secretary of Chapter No., O.E.S., State of Texas: Membership record of in Chapter No. is as follows:

Initiated Suspended Demitted Reinstated Transferred Affiliated Name Changes from Birth date

(SEAL)

Secretary Chapter No.

**FORM 114-S**  
**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS**

**PETITION FOR TRANSFER OF PARENT MEMBERSHIP**

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Texas,  
Order of the Eastern Star:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ solicit affiliation with your Chapter. If the petition be granted, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to the laws of your Chapter. This Petition is accompanied by my RECEIPT FOR DUES from \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, of which I am a member in good standing.

Do you belong to any order or organization making membership in the Order of the Easter Star a requisite for membership there? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, give the name of such organization \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

If the petitioner is a Brother, the following must be filled in:

I am a member in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

A.F. & A. M., located at \_\_\_\_\_

Notice: the name and address of the Secretary of the member's Chapter must be designated below at the time of filing Petition of Transfer.

**REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ members of this your Committee have visited and conversed with the petitioner since said petition was referred. She/he is \_\_\_\_\_ eligible. The Committee reports \_\_\_\_\_ Favorable \_\_\_\_\_ Unfavorable.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

FORM 114-S1

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO CHAPTER OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

DATE \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Texas

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of \_\_\_\_\_, Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_  
O. E. S., State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_, Texas

Notice is hereby given you that \_\_\_\_\_ a member of your Chapter,  
has applied to \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ OES \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, for  
transfer of membership to said Chapter, and said application has been acted upon favorably by said Chapter.

On \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ She/he became a member of this Chapter therefore you will drop the name of  
this member from the roll of your Chapter as of that date.

(SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

**FILL OUT AND SEND TO NEW CHAPTER SECRETARY**

To the Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, O. E. S., State of Texas:

Membership record of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ is as follows:

Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ Suspended \_\_\_\_\_

Demitted \_\_\_\_\_ Reinstated \_\_\_\_\_

Transferred \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliated \_\_\_\_\_

Name Changes \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1**

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Texas is divided into five geographic Districts; and

WHEREAS, each District is divided into ten Sections; and

WHEREAS, this geographic representation was originally intended to create parity within each District; and

WHEREAS, this geographic Section representation has been in effect without modification for more than five decades; and

WHEREAS, an ageing and declining membership, and a substantial number of demised and consolidated Chapters have combined to create wide differences in the numbers of Chapters and members in each Section; and

WHEREAS, some Sections have as few as two Chapters and some Sections have more than twenty Chapters; and

WHEREAS, tradition has dictated that an Eastern Star School should be held in each Section every year; and

WHEREAS, many of the Sections have so few Chapters and members that holding an Eastern Star School is a serious financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that a review of the alignment and boundaries of the current Sections is seriously needed and may result in recommendations for improvements;

THEREFORE, it is proposed that the newly-installed Worthy Grand Matron (2008-2009) appoint a Sections Review Committee of five individuals plus a Chairman, to review the current make-up of each of the fifty Sections; such review to include the current membership, existing Chapters, and current geographic boundaries, and provide recommendation(s) at the 2009 Grand Chapter of Texas Session. If the Committee considers it necessary, the District alignment and boundaries may also be included in the review. Committee recommendations should include any legislation that is considered appropriate.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2**

WHEREAS, Texas' own Past Grand Matron, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, has been appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter as the Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro Tem of General Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, this place of service is located at the Eastern Star International Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Brother Bill Bane has been appointed as Administrator of the Eastern Star International Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Sister Alma and Brother Bill accepted their appointments and have assumed their duties in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, it is a distinct honor for Texas to have Sister Alma and Brother Bill Bane serving in these positions of great responsibility in General Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, these appointments expire at the end of the current 2006-2009 General Grand Chapter Triennium; and

WHEREAS, Sister Alma Lynn Bane has expressed the desire to continue in this place of service by placing her name in nomination for election at the 2009 General Grand Chapter Triennial Session in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, candidates for elective office at General Grand Chapter incur substantial costs for items such as postage for necessary mailings to General Grand Chapter members around the country, and a reception at the General Grand Chapter Session, which will be in Tulsa in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Past Grands Association of Texas have voted to actively support Sister Alma Lynn Bane in her quest for this prestigious elective office of General Grand Chapter, and have committed a special fund to help offset the associated costs of her candidacy;

THEREFORE, it has resolved that:

The Grand Chapter of Texas support Sister Alma Lynn Bane's candidacy for the position of Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter, including the provision of funds in the amount of \$5,000 to defray the costs of her candidacy, at the 2009 General Grand Chapter Triennial Session in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

### **EMERGENCY LEGISLATION**

In order that we may be assured we can meet the needs of our membership in today's economic times, I move that the Board of Directors be allowed to transfer \$58,000.00 from the interest earned during their Grand Chapter year to the Benevolent Aid Fund to balance the proposed budget for 2008-2009 of \$115,000.00 and cover the anticipated short fall.

# **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**WRITTEN REPORT OF MASONIC RELATIONS  
“MAJOR KEYS” COMMITTEE**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, sisters and brothers. It is my pleasure to present the District Chairmen of this committee: Brothers Brett Vestal, District 1; Ed Pate, District 2; Jerry Davis, District 3; Gilbert Chafin, District 4; and Tom Morgan, District 5.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you and the Grand Chapter this year. It has been an exciting and fulfilling experience in supporting our Chapters in their every effort. We have done everything in our power to encourage our Masonic Brothers to become a part of “Our Beautiful Eastern Star.”

Thank you for including your Masonic Brothers in your musical journey year.

Fraternally submitted,  
David B. Dibrell  
General Chairman

**WRITTEN REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, and other distinguished sisters and brothers:

Since moving the Grand Chapter Office to TMRC, the museum items have been stored in a climate controlled facility while the permanent facility is being built as part of the new Grand Chapter Offices. This new facility is projected to be complete at the end of April, 2009.

The new museum facility will be 1,368 square feet with 200 square feet of storage space.

Since the museum items are packed in storage, there has been little to no activities for the Museum Committee to work this year.

I wish to thank all the members of the committee, and offer our best wishes for the future of the museum.

With fraternal Love,  
Mrs. Mildred Blair, Chairman  
Mrs. LeJean Steele, District 1  
Mrs. Kimi McGee, District 2  
Mrs. Mary Pike, District 3  
Mrs. Rhonda Beamsderfer, District 4  
Mrs. Sandra Johnson-Walker, District 5

**WRITTEN REPORT OF THE POET LAUREATE**

To: The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert  
The Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees  
And to my Sisters and Brothers of our Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Poet Laureate of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star for the 2007 - 2008 year.

Since this appointment to serve my Grand Chapter by Sister Joyce Gilbert and Brother Jerry Trees, I have strived to honor the appointment with original poetry from my own pen. I sincerely hope these verses have brought enjoyment to their readers and credit to our Order.

There were 12 poems submitted for monthly publication in the Bulletin and various others given in programs for subordinate chapters as requested.

In addition, individual verses honoring Sister Joyce and Brother Jerry were written, read and presented to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in fond salute.

My own pleasant memories of this appointment are of the many fine Sisters and Brothers  
*“Symphony Among the Angels”*



whom it has been my pleasure to meet in the course of this past OES year.

May we ever be in service to our Sisters and Brothers and to our Grand Chapter as our obligation directs and faithful inclination prompts.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

Roland Reese

Poet Laureate, 2007 - 2008

Grand Chapter of Texas

Order of the Eastern Star

McLennan Chapter No. 639

## **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE TEXAS LOUISIANA EXCHANGE VISIT**

The Texas Louisiana Exchange Visit was held on Friday, April 18, 2008 in Carthage, Texas, District One, Section Eight.

One hundred sixty-two members from Louisiana and Texas attended the "Stars at Night - Deep in the Heart of Texas" Banquet.

Honored Guests were:

Mrs. Juanita Wilkinson, Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Mert Metzler, Worthy Grand Patron

Grand Chapter of Louisiana

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron

Grand Chapter of Texas

The banquet room was beautifully decorated with twinkling lights, candles and silver stars along with touches of red, white and blue.

A patriotic table was decorated with red, white and blue ornaments. Letters and pictures received from those men and women serving in our armed forces that had received packages from many of our chapters were displayed on the table also. It was an inspiring tribute to our armed forces.

The American flag was presented by SPEC Jason Lindsey, U.S. Army. It was a beautiful and moving moment.

Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, Past Granada Matron of Texas brought the welcome. Mrs. Elizabeth Roach, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana gave the response.

Mr. Kenneth Jackson gave the benediction and blessed the food.

All enjoyed a wonderful meal of Texas BBQ and fried fish with all the trimmings.

An inspiring musical program was given by Mr. Gene Dickson of Carthage.

A silent auction was held and over \$400.00 was collected. Proceeds were given to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert, as a donation to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Dallas. Charlotte Soape, Past Matron, Carthage No. 747 hand painted china plates and donated them for this auction. They were beautifully displayed on several tables.

Several special presentations were made.

Greetings were brought by each of our honored guests.

Mr. Mike Pennington voiced the benediction.

Carthage Chapter No. 747 hosted a hospitality room on Friday afternoon and was enjoyed by many.

Saturday, April 19, 2008 Louisiana hosted the "Angels All Around" luncheon in Shreveport, Louisiana. It was a beautiful lunch and enjoyed by all. Many from Texas attended.

It was a beautiful weekend of fellowship with the membership of both states, a time to make

new friends and a time to enjoy seeing old friends.

Financial Report

Money Collected (ticket sales)	\$3,153.00
Disbursements	2,922.13
Balance	230.87
Donation (Grand Chapter)	230.87
Balance	0.00

The balance amount was presented to Sister Joyce Gilbert at the “We’ll Sing in the Sunshine” breakfast on August 29, 2008 at Grand Chapter to be used in whatever one of her special projects she so desired.

It was a pleasure to serve as chairman of this committee.

Fraternally,

Bonita McElroy

TX-LA Exchange Visit Committee

Chairman

**WRITTEN REPORT OF THE BULLETIN COMMITTEE**

Dear Joyce,

It has been my privilege to have been placed in this position. I would like to thank all of my committee members for their hard work this year.

The total amount for the Bulletin income from September 1st to August was \$3,872.50. Our new subscriptions totals were \$477.00. The membership renewed their subscriptions for a total of \$1,110.00.

Thanks to the membership for supporting the Eastern Star Bulletin.

Respectfully,

Mackee Teague

General Chairman, Bulleting Committee

**WRITTEN REPORT OF TIME AND TALENT  
“KEYBOARD PLAYERS” COMMITTEE**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members:

The Time and Talent Committee was honored to host 5 parties on your behalf at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington.

District Three Chairman, Ms. Rose Ann Lowry, along with her District Three Committee gave the Christmas party and everyone was welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The residents were served cookies, punch and cake. They each were given remembrance gifts made by District Three. Everyone was entertained by Jack and Elgie Wood’s western band from Ruth Chapter in Cleburne, Texas.

District Five Chairman, Mrs. Charlotte Krauss, and members from District Five gave a heart filled Valentine’s Party. Bro. Bill Krauss provided the entertainment with his beautiful singing, with the residents joining in. Sister Charlotte and her committee passed out favors with Valentine Cards attached to each bag along with their cookies, punch and coffee.

District One Chairman, Ms. Martha Dodson, and her committee, presented the Easter Party. Music was provided and an old-fashioned Easter hat parade was held. The residents enjoyed a huge cake from Collins Bakery, along with ice cream, sandwiches, dips and chips. Prizes were given for the most unusual hat. Each resident received a sack filled with all kinds of items. Everyone had a great time..

District Four Chairman, Mrs. Angie Sanchez, and her committee, hosted the Mother's Day Party. Several of us were able to join Angie and her husband Jack to serve the residents cake, ice cream and fresh strawberries. Each resident was given party favors and one of the District Four members made the ladies rose pens to write with. Everyone enjoyed visiting and had a wonderful turn out.

District 2 Chairman, Mrs. Audrey Voight and her committee were unable to attend the July 4th party and District Three Chairman, Rose Ann Lowery graciously hosted the party along with members from her chapter. The residents enjoyed refreshments and entertainment. July 4th was special to each and every one of them.

The Time and Talent Committee offered two lovely angel pins, one in gold color and one in silver, for a donation of \$10.00 each. The net proceeds went for the benefit of the T.M.R.C. Residents Activities. Thank you to everyone who is wearing an angel pin as the money went for prizes, favors, refreshments and special things for the residents.

This committee would like to thank Mr. Kirby Rudisill, Superintendent, Mrs. Ginger Hardesty, Activities Director, and all the staff at TMRC for their continued support of Eastern Star and assistance with our parties.

I want to personally say "Thank You" to all the District Chairmen and their committee members for attending and serving at our 5 parties. I enjoyed getting to know you and knowing that you were so dependable. Thank you for serving with me this year.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to chair the wonderful committee, to work with the Chairmen, and to be a part of seeing how much the residents of TMRC enjoyed our parties..

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Roy

General Chairman

Time and Talent Committee 2003 - 2004

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

### **WRITTEN REPORT OF "MUSIC AMONG THE STARS" COMMITTEE**

The opportunity to serve our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees, was a fun-filled day/night at TMRC and the Metro-Center.

With the help of the five district chairmen:

District 1                      Mr. Jimmy Heoron

District 2                      Mr. Bobby Stewart

District 3                      Mrs. Kay Swain

District 4                      Mr. Bob Cartlidge

District 5                      Mrs. Jane Hudson

And the "Music Among the Stars" Committee, the event was very successful.

The day was great for all the entertainment that was presented by our stars from many chapters.

A BBQ lunch was served as all enjoyed the singing and dancing.

A live auction took place as Mr. Roland Reese and Sister Jimmie McMahan, Past Grand Matron auction items given by DDGM and DGM's along with committee members.

Then at 5:00 PM we enjoyed a music concert with the Black Woods, Linda Davis and Of 1 Accord. What a great time.

Our Grand Chapter, Cancer Research, Dallas Scottish Rite and Galveston Shrine Burn Center will benefit from this fun-filled day and share over \$19,000.00.

And I would like to thank Sister Becky Austin for the donations to underwrite the day and to all who helped in any way.

Fraternally,  
Pat Turner, General Chairman

## **WRITTEN REPORT OF “I’LL TELL THE WORLD” PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

The Stars of Texas have been shining brightly across the State this year spreading charity and hospitality to all ages from young children to nursing home patients.

In District I, Decatur ahs put on the “Pink Apron” skit to the enjoyment of many Chapters. Eastern Star, Masons and others who have seen this have laughed. It shows that we have a light-hearted side as well as the serious one with which we do our Ritualistic work. They also had their annual “hobo stew” night. Everyone dresses up and brings a can of vegetables for the dinner. They also worked hard at the Decatur Reunion. This lasts a week and is their big fundraiser.

Gainesville Chapter No. 1123 recognized one of their own with the Star of Excellence Award. This is an annual award that is given to a Sister or Brother who goes above and beyond to support the community through volunteer efforts. They also celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a brunch at which the Community Service award was given, along with recognizing the Charter Members. The District I, Section 1 School of Instruction was in Gainesville this year and our members all helped with it. We also served dinners for the Ft. Worth Chapter of the Scottish Rite members. We celebrated Valentine’s Day with a dinner and dance hosted by the Cooke County Masons. A copy of the Jr. Past Worthy Matron’s report is included to show how busy they were this past year supporting the community and our Masonic Brothers.

District IV chapters really kept an energetic schedule this year. They took underwear to the grade schools, supplies to the older children, gift baskets to the elderly, and sent boxes to our Soldiers.

Trinity Chapter really out did themselves by acquiring 18 members some of which I’m sure came from their efforts to promote kindness in their community. One of their projects was to visit the nursing home. They took their children and grandchildren with them. This was a great experience for all concerned. Enclosed are pages of their projects for the past year. (Made me tired just reading about them.)

I did not receive reports from the other Districts, but I am sure they were busy supporting their communities as well. I would like to give a special thanks to Mary Calvert for keeping the membership up on the celebrations and concerns of everyone across the State. She does a fantastic job and is truly a great inspiration.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Publicity Chairman for this past year. It has truly been a rewarding experience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy McColly

## **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

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

The “Symphony Among the Angels” session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, has convened in Addison, Texas, August 28-30, 2008, marking the 126th Session of our Beautiful Order.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING WORDS OF APPRECIATION BE EXPRESSED:

TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we give thanks for His continued loving care and guidance of the membership of the Order.

TO OUR WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON, we express our love and appreciation for your dedication and leadership throughout the year. You have inspired each of us to be a better person and to always look to our Heavenly Father for guidance.

TO OUR GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, heartfelt thanks are extended to each of you for the honor you have brought to our Grand Jurisdiction. The Texas membership is very proud of you.

TO OUR PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS, the love and service you continue to give our Beautiful Order is very much appreciated. You are an inspiration to all of us. We were saddened by the loss of the following Past Grands during this past year.

Dr. O. D. Christian, 1976 - 76 - passing August 8, 2007

Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, 1967 - 68 - passing October 19, 2007

Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, 1966 - 67 - passing August 10, 2008

TO THE GRAND FLOOR OFFICERS AND ELECTED BOARDS, grateful appreciation is expressed to each of you for your dedicated service as you traveled our state performing your duties, and spending many hours taking care of the business of Grand Chapter. Congratulations to each of you on a job well done.

TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE ORDER, you have worked just as hard and continue to show your love and dedication to our Order. For this we are truly grateful.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your love and direction in making this a very special year. It has been a pleasure to serve on the Resolutions Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Morris, Chairman

#### **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE TEXAS, NEW MEXICO AND OKLAHOMA EXCHANGE VISIT COMMITTEE**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. I am Pat Winkleback, General Chairman of the Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma Exchange Visit. I am pleased to bring you the following report.

**Thank You**, WGM and WGP for the privilege of serving as your General Chairman of the Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma Exchange Visit.

May I present the other members of the Committee: Co-Chairman, James Winkleback, not present; Emily and Mike Biddler; Darla Dunaway, Janice Johnston; Dwayne Maserang; Lee Sloan; and along with a few others that volunteered, thank you for your assistance. What fun we had promoting this trip for our WGM and WGP.

On Thursday, March 6th, one of the biggest snow storms hit Dallas/Ft. Worth all the way through to the Panhandle and left behind 12 inches of snow.. Members were scrambling to figure out when and should they leave for New Mexico, airlines were canceling flights and roads were a mess. After many delays, our faithful Eastern Star troopers made the much awaited trip, maybe a little late, but, arriving with a desire to enjoy the fellowship. I must admit I was doing a lot of praying for safety on the road and in the air for our membership.

On Friday, March 7th, 57 delegates from Texas gathered in Albuquerque, New Mexico for a fun filled weekend at the Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town, which was just a short distance from the Old Town Plaza and later the following day at the Shrine Center. Present from Texas were: 1 General Grand Chapter Committee Member, 3 Past Grand Patrons, 10 Grand Chapter Floor Officers, 3 Grand Representatives, 3 District Deputy Grand Matrons, 1 Board of Director, 1 Grand Examiner, 1 Humanitarian Chairman, and 4 Deputies, along with other members from Texas. We were met by NM Past Grand Matron, Sister Betty Robertson, NM Associate Grand Matron, Sister "Kitt" McKown, and Sister Barbara Eichmuller, Grand Secretary, in the absence of New Mexico's Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Owens, who was in the hospital with serious health problems. On Friday

night, the Texas group, along with 2 members from NM, traveled to Sandiago's Mexican Grill at the foot of the Sandia Mountains for dinner and Tram ride to the top of the Sandia Peak. What a beautiful sight to see at night!

On Saturday morning, March 8th, we caravanned by cars across town in our Texas outfits to the Temple Lodge for a breakfast with all 3 states. New Mexico Past Grands and members prepared a large breakfast for each one to enjoy. After much visiting with Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas Sisters and Brothers, we all gathered in Adah Chapter room for a short welcome and state song challenge, of course Oklahoma has their song down really well, couldn't have been because the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton was there helping! NM Associate Grand Matron, Sister "Kitt" McKown and NM Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Fuller welcomed each State by telling a little history about Albuquerque, New Mexico. After all the excitement that morning, everyone was now ready to go shopping for the afternoon in historic Old Town Plaza, the heart of Albuquerque's heritage. Reports were that everyone had a delightful time winding the streets and hidden paths in the mountain air shopping, eating and visiting friends and family.

Saturday evening, we gathered for dinner at the beautiful Shrine Center with our shiny Texas outfits on, where 227 were in attendance. Each State's Grand Officers were introduced and given a nice token of their appreciation to be used for their special projects in their respective Grand Chapter.

After a brief recess, we gathered in the Shrine Auditorium for a two hour program presented by "Broadway and Moore", what talent this lady has in singing and acting. She changed characters so many times you lost track of who she was. She had recently lost her husband, but came across very well with her assistant and her dog. Albuquerque is just full of talented people!

On Sunday morning, everyone was packing to leave when we looked out our windows to Hot Air Balloons floating across the Rio Rancho Valley. It seemed you could nearly touch them as they floated through the beautiful blue sky. This trip would not have been complete without the enchantment of such beauty!

Thank you "New Mexico" for hosting this three State event. Sister Glinda Lewis from Albuquerque worked hard on her end to plan such an event, pulling everything together was a time consuming job. Not to forget, Sister Liz Pullum, Worthy Grand Marshal from Oklahoma who was in charge of preparing her Oklahoma membership in the gathering of Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers at the "Land of Enchantment". What a blessing these ladies are to our Order!

Finally, may I say the friends we made from the Exchange Visit will last a lifetime in this fraternal Order!

Again, I wanton to say "Thank You" to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees for this special appointment as General Chairman of the Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma Exchange Visit.

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

Pat Winkleblack

General Chairman

Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma

Exchange Visit for 2007 - 2008

### **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE "MUSICAL JOURNEY" GRAND CHAPTER YEARBOOK COMMITTEE**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it has been our privilege to serve on the Musical Journey Yearbook Committee this year. Special thanks go to all the members of the Yearbook Committee and to the District Chairmen for their efforts in selling Yearbooks at Grand Chapter in San Antonio, in attending the Schools of Instruction to assist in making the Yearbooks available to the membership, for selling books in their Chapters and Sections, and for all those who sold advertising space in the 2008 - 2009 Yearbook.

District 1 Chairman Bert Kniseley  
 District 2 Chairman Evelyn Berry  
 District 3 Chairman Rosa Lee Jones  
 District 4 Chairman Myra McGough  
 District 5 Chairman Robert Parke

We especially want to thank the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees; his wife Janell, our Grand Esther; and his Traveling Secretary, Mrs. June Bell for taking the books to all the Schools of Instruction, keeping the records and collecting the money during this year.

The Musical Journey Yearbook Committee reports:

Total Sales, including advertising: \$44,228.00

Cost of Yearbooks \$23,462.00

Net Profit \$20,766.00

Total Yearbooks Ordered 1200

Pre-Sale of Yearbooks 278

Inventory Remaining 10

(Available for sale at this Grand Chapter Session)

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Hill Pope

General Chairman, 2007 - 2008

### **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests, my sisters and brothers, The Historical Committee, Memories of Musical Dreams, wishes to thank the membership for making our committee a success. With the purchases of 35 of these books on our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Each one that was sold helps us to know about those that have gone before us.

I would like to recognize those who help to make this a success:

Mrs. Patsy Demonbreun, District 1  
 Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth, District 2  
 Mrs. Mary Wolff, District 3  
 Mrs. Kathryn Bell, District 4  
 Mr. Joe Nance, District 5

Would all who worked on this committee please stand.

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

Mrs. Patsy Phillips  
 General Chairman

### **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Shirley Chatham  
 District 1 Chairman  
 Membership

Dear Sister Shirley,

Thank you for giving my report at Grand Chapter. I regret that I can't go and I really appreciate you for doing this and if you have anything to add for your district, please feel free to do so. My report is as follows:

Bringing in the Sheaves Membership Committee was busy this year. This committee included ordering the Rob Morris Jewel for those members who qualified. I received a total of forty-seven forms that I sent to General Grand Chapter for Rob Morris Jewels. The chapters included are:

Castleberry #1028 - 1  
Copperas Cove #1070 - 6  
John L. DeGrazier #881 - 2  
Gate City #77 - 3  
Grapevine #326 - 3  
Grosbeck #810 - 2  
Mesquite #887 - 3  
Mont Belvieu #1142 - 5

Petrolia #84 - 3  
Round Rock #316 - 2  
Walter Baldwin #929 - 4  
Weatherford #21 - 2  
Wedgwood #756 - 1  
Willis #1017 - 6  
Conroe #710 - 2  
Silsbee #298 - 2

New Members:

I received one report which was from District Five. District chairman of District Five reported forty-one new members.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully,

Jo Ann Holder - Membership  
General Chairman

### **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE PROFICIENCY “COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS” COMMITTEE**

The annual report of Proficiency “Count Your Many Blessing” General Committee for the year of 2007 - 2008 is an outstanding one. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees, have reason to be very proud of this year.

A complete list of names was sent to each Chairman.

District 1 Chairman, Jan Hall had six committee members.

District 2 Chairman Ann Michele had four committee members.

District 3 Chairman Joyce Followill had nine committee members

District 4 Chairman Wendy Cartlidge had ten committee members

District 5 Chairman Barbara K. Morgan had 14 committee members

They all worked very closely with the Grand Examiner in their section by giving exams and selling stickers to the membership.

A big thanks to all the Chairmen and Committee Members for a job well done.

We also want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees for the honor they have bestowed upon us for these appointments.

General Chairman, Janeva Tuell  
Co-Chairman, Mary Wellman

### **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE HUNTINGTON RESEARCH FUND COMMITTEE**

It is a great pleasure to report to Grand Chapter that the State of Texas has responded overwhelmingly to the Huntington’s Research Fund.

Our love and concern for Past Grand Matron, Virginia Lynn Green, who is a victim of Huntington’s Disease, has been clearly demonstrated.

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center has received \$3,000.00 for research toward a cure.

I move that this report be adopted by the Grand Chapter.

June Sommer

Houston, Texas

General Chairman, Huntington Research Fund



## **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Members of the Financial Investment Committee have met with the Board of Directors and representatives of J. P. Morgan Private Bank during the past year to review investments of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.

We believe the investments of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S., as diversified through the investment strategies of J. P. Morgan Private Bank, are prudent and within the scope of Article VII (B) Board of Directors Duties. Worldwide economic conditions have adversely affected the overall performance of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. investments during the past eighteen months, resulting in a net decrease in portfolio value of \$130,702 - equal to less than one percent (1%) since December 31, 2006.

The Board of Directors are to be complimented for their diligent performance of duties in protecting the investments of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.

Edwin R. Pickett  
June McGinty  
Reese Harrison

## **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE "TRUST AND OBEY" ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP COMMITTEE**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers All.

I would like to thank Sister Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter.

The report for 2007 - 2008:

\$98,500 was sold in Endowed Memberships as of May 31, 2008  
\$20,620 was sold in Stamps as of May 31, 2008  
\$27,810 was sold in June through August

The total sales were \$146,430

Respectfully submitted,  
Kaethe (Kati) Combs  
Endowed Membership Stamp Committee  
Trust & Obey  
General Chairman

The District Chairmen are:

District 1: Wanda Vaughan  
District 2: Marie Sherrod  
District 3: Mary Scott  
District 4: Connie Higgins  
District 5: Beverly Sinclair

Worthy Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

## **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"**

The "Onward Christian Soldiers" committee was charged with the duty of promoting awareness and encouraging the membership to provide funds and or needed items to veterans in Texas VA facilities, current military personnel who have been wounded such as those in Landstuhl Hospital in

Germany, or in Texas Military facilities; and to assist as may be needed in the event of a disaster in Texas such as hurricane Rita, or other areas of disaster relief as deemed appropriate. The membership can enhance the quality of life of those in need and those who have given so much to keep our Country free.

Each District Chairman was asked to record activities in their areas for reporting.. Among those turned in were such extraordinary examples of giving and support to our active troops as well as the injured!

For example, small chapters all over Texas donated silver drill collections, took from their savings to make donations, and held extra fund raisers to provide needed donations. Weatherford Chapter 21 sent a package of T-shirts, socks and underwear, valued at \$255.00 and then continued by corresponding with Colonel James R. Griffith, Chaplain and forwarded an article to the local *Democrat* to encourage others to join them in the giving.

Sister Dorothy Langston, a member in District 5, supported our committee with her own monthly donations to the VA Hospital in Temple. In addition to donating \$25.00 each month to the Wounded Warriors Project, she sends clothing, books, puzzles, gifts, shoes, magazines, home décor, and provides much needed transportation to those in need.

Seven Chapters in District 5 reported sending packages to Iraq and Brooke Army Medical Center and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. The *Coastal Bend Herald* covered the project.

Winters #20 decided to forego the annual Christmas gift exchange between members and send to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center instead. Members sent t-shirts, sweats, socks and phone cards.

Fourteen Chapters in District One reported projects benefiting the Brookes Army Medical Center. Socks, robes, toiletries and PJ's topped the list of donated items.

In Pittsburg, members joined together with the Pittsburg High School DECA Club to raise more than \$1600.00 to benefit the "Onward Christian Soldiers" project. Members and students sold BBQ sandwiches and made deliveries to offices and homes in the community. DECA members entered this project in local, state and international competition among other DECA students and won first place. This not only helped the intended, but opened the world of OES to students and our community.

The Senior Citizen Center in Pittsburg joined our project by donating \$200.00 to our local Chapter for the Committee.

The membership purchased pins to benefit the Committee's project for \$50.00. (purple/piano pin) \$75 (pink/cross pin) \$100 (purple/pink and mauve/note pin) or all three pins for a donation of \$150.00.

Pins were picked up or purchased at the Schools of Instruction. At the writing of this report, \$55,539.16 was raised. \$32,000 was delivered to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany by Worthy Grand Patron Jerry Trees and wife, Janell (Grand Esther), Gary Steele, member of the Board of Directors, and Willie Mae Shaw, Executive Committee Co-Chairman. The balance, \$23,539.16 was donated to Brooke Army Medical Center.

We have heard of the good works of many other chapters, but only listed a few in this report. Dozens and dozens of homemade cookies were sent to those serving overseas. Many chapters wrote letters, sent cards and provided much needed supplies to their member's military-serving relatives.

In District One, Section Nine, Sister Sarah Kusek, SSGT, USAF service in Djibouti, Africa for five months. Her project was to provide flip flops to the children in the American built orphanage. Section Nine sent her 300 pairs of flip flops to assist the Air Force members to provide for the needy.

Serving on the "Onward Christian Soldiers" Committee was a true honor. This project was instrumental in not only meeting the needs of our military veterans and active service members, but became a spring board for the membership to find creative projects that would benefit our young men and women.

The members of this committee thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity of service to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Fraternally submitted,  
Ronnie Stegman  
General Chairman

**WRITTEN REPORT OF THE FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE  
"REAP THE HARVEST"**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers of General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board members, my wonderful sisters and brothers:

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Gilbert, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for allowing me to serve in this capacity and I would like to congratulate you on a successful year.

What an honor to be asked to serve as General Chairman of the "REAP THE HARVEST" Founder's Day Committee this year. This year our committee was responsible for encouraging Founder's Day activities in each Chapter as outlined in Article 274 of our constitution and for contacting each Chapter requesting that they be 100% in Founder's Day donations by giving fifty cents per member on the Chapter's roll as of May 31, 2007. These donations go into the General Fund.

This year, there were 225 Chapters at 100%, 4 Chapters at 200% and 1 Chapter at 400% for donations totaling \$10,785.50.

To my District Chairman, I would like to thank you for all of your hard work and dedication on this committee this year. They are:

District One	Pat Grayson
District Two	Ina Stewart
District Three	Joan Hodgdon
District Four	Ann Cupp
District Five	Vickie Mathews

To the membership of Texas, thank you so much for your support and I look forward to working with you to continue the good works of our Order.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Tashia Hensley  
General Chairman  
REAP THE HARVEST  
Founder's Day  
Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.

**WRITTEN REPORT OF THE CANCER AWARENESS COMMITTEE  
GRAND CHAPTER YEAR 2007 - 2008**

Cancer pins/donations	\$2,780.00
Breakdown:	
Rita Landrum (D1,2,3,5)	\$ 890
Betty Threatt D4	\$ 830
Sub Total	\$1,720
Other	\$1,060
Total at Grand Chapter Office	\$2,780

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rita Landrum, General Chairman

Cancer Awareness Committee  
100 Redwood Drive  
Highland Village, TX 75077-6922  
972-317-3155

### **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE TEXAS CARDINALS “THE SONG OF A CARDINAL”**

“The Song of a Cardinal” committee was formed by our Worthy Grand Matron to assist the Texas Cardinals, Inc., at Schools of Instruction and other events. The Texas Cardinals, Inc. is raising revenues through the sale of merchandise and memberships, the proceeds of which will be used to help bring General Grand Chapter (GGC) to Texas in 2012.

The members of this committee assisted Texas Cardinals’ Liaison Directors at Schools of Instructions and other events by selling Texas Cardinals’ merchandise. They also gave speeches at chapter meetings about the Texas Cardinals land solicited new memberships. The committee assisted in compiling a list of volunteer members who are going to attend the GGC Triennial Assembly in Tulsa, OK Oct. 30 - Nov. 5, 2009, to help in various capacities as part of the Texas Support Team. These volunteers were entered into a database compiled by Janice Herridge, one of our members, who also serves as Secretary on the GGC Executive Committee for the 2012 Triennial Assembly. The database will be used by the Texas Cardinals to assign duties to be performed at the Triennial Assemblies in 2009 and 2012.

Our committee members thank Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, our Worthy Grand Matron, for selecting us to be a part of this committee and giving us the opportunity to help our own Texas Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, RWAGM, who will be installed as the Most Worthy Grand Matron, at the Tulsa, OK, Triennial Assembly. All of the efforts by the members of Texas Cardinals, Inc., and other committees helping them will ensure Texas attains the goal of having the best ever GGC Triennial Assembly in our great state of Texas in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gay M. Carnes, Chairman  
Mr. T. E. “Gene” Carnes  
Mrs. Carol Dorsey Doughty  
Mrs. Janice Herridge  
Mr. Robert H. Hicks  
Miss Fran Johnson  
Mrs. Peggy Ledinski

### **WRITTEN REPORT OF ARRANGEMENTS - TMRC LADIES**

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers all. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me this gracious appointment. It was my pleasure to serve as Chairman with the help of the wonderful members that you chose to serve during this year.

It was with great pleasure that we have watched the residents these past few months form a new Eastern Star Chapter at the TMRC. The members of TMRC Daylight Chapter are very busy and take much pride in their work. For those who do not know, they meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 1:30. And if you have the time to attend one of their meetings, you will certainly enjoy yourself - and feel more than welcome. Their meetings are well attended - with over fifty members each time - and they are growing. This past month I and many others enjoyed watching their initiatory work. They have thirty members present today.

I know it is with pride that the Worthy Grand Matron will present them their Charter here today.

Fraternally,  
Patricia Kettle,

Chairman - TMRC Ladies

**TMRC DAYLIGHT UD OFFICERS**

Worthy Matron - Marie Seets  
Worthy Patron - Floyd Hall  
Associate Matron - Charlene Smith  
Associate Patron - Gene Stephens  
Secretary - Robert Kight  
Treasurer - Kirby Rudisill  
Conductress - Patsy Kucher  
Associate Conductress - Nell Russell  
Chaplain - Kay Herbert  
Marshall - Donald (Bud) Mercer  
Organist - Lois Pate  
Adah - Martha Gandy  
Ruth - Opal Kight  
Esther - Edna Thornsberry  
Martha - Lavelle Ford  
Electa - Gladys Lewis  
Warder - Calvin (Jim) Perdue  
Sentinel - Cathrine Sherman





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Intercontinental Hotel  
Addison, Texas

August 30, 2008  
6:00 P.M.

*Mrs. Joyce Nicklas*  
Worthy Grand Matron

*Mr. Ray Hertenberger*  
Worthy Grand Patron

*Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner*  
Grand Secretary

*Honored Guests*

**Mrs. Joyce Gilbert**  
Worthy Grand Matron

**Mr. Jerry Trees**  
Worthy Grand Patron

*Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officers and  
Committee Members*

Mrs. Rennie Ofton  
*Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron*

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane  
*Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro-tem*

Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham  
*Charter, Chairman*

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend  
*Eastern Star Journal*

Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield  
*Payroll, Chairman*

Mrs. Jane Gregory  
*Registration*

Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker  
*Vision Quest*



**Texas' Own  
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons**

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus  
Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith  
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture  
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe  
Mrs. Katherine Harbour  
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast  
Mrs. Joyce Roberts  
Mrs. Mary Brown  
Mrs. Elise Hammack  
Mrs. Beulah Speer  
Mrs. Elsie Paladino  
Dr. Effie Mae Davis  
Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green  
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild  
Mrs. Rosemary Swetland  
Mrs. Alma Carter  
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe  
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon  
Mrs. Sharon Fentress  
Mrs. Doris Hester  
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler  
Mrs. Nancy Brown  
Mrs. Geraldine Dusek

Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.  
Mr. Wayne P. Jones  
Mr. Joe Jeffers  
Mr. Graham H. Childress  
Mr. Glenn Whitaker  
Mr. Garland W. Rattan  
Mr. Leland G. Benefield  
Mr. Billy H. Combest  
Mr. Richard Ochs  
Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory  
Mr. Henry S. Martin  
Mr. H. Lee Stallings  
Mr. Harold Trammell  
Mr. Ed Warner  
Mr. Jack Guy  
Mr. Jerry L. Martin  
Mr. Nelson Campbell  
Mr. John Creel

## **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 Committees

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of  
Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of  
Other Grand Jurisdictions

Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, GGC

Mr. Thomas F. "Tommy" Griffin, Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Walter D. Counts, Jr., Deputy Grand Master  
and other Masonic Dignitaries of the  
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM

Mr. Tommy F. Chapman, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the  
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons in Texas

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy in Texas  
Miss Allison Linder, Grand Worthy Advisor  
International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, Executive Officer  
Mr. Paul A. Canales, Master Councilor  
DeMolay in Texas

*All Honored and Distinguished Guests are to be seated in designated areas in the West prior to the Installation as you will be presented in the Processional.*

## **Special Guests**

Worthy Grand Matron-elect's Family  
Mineral Wells Chapter No. 44  
Members of District Three, Section Two  
Worthy Grand Patron-elect's Family  
Texas City Chapter No. 626  
Members of District Four, Section Ten

## INSTALLATION PROGRAM

6:00 P.M.

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Trish Henderson

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane  
*Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro-tem,  
General Grand Chapter*

Assisting Grand Marshal

Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham  
*Charter, Chairman,  
General Grand Chapter*

### PROCESSIONAL

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 Committees

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons  
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons  
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Texas' Own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons

Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, GGC

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas

Other Masonic Dignitaries

Dignitaries of other Fraternal Organizations

*Family members making presentations are to be seated in designated areas in the  
West prior to the Installation.*

*Other Special Guests are to be seated in reserved areas in the North and South.*

## **Board of Grand Examiners**

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### **Presentation of Grand Officers for 2008-2009**

**Narration:** MC Alma Lynn Bane  
RWGS, Pro-tem, GGC and PGM

Grand Chapter Mom Mrs. Freida Dillon  
*Escorted by Mr. Alan Duncan*

Grand Chapter Dad Mr. Walter Bartlett  
*Escorted by Mrs. Paulette Bartlett*

Fraternal Correspondent Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" Crawford  
*Escorted by Mr. Monte Crawford*

Grand Sentinel Mr. Bill Vaughn  
*Escorted by Mrs. Wanda Vaughn*

Grand Warder Mr. Dwight Von Heeder  
*Escorted by Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder*

Grand Electa Mrs. Edna Jefferies  
*Escorted by Dr. Bert Hammack*

Grand Martha Mrs. Sue Lockhart  
*Escorted by Mr. Robert Lockhart*

Grand Esther Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger  
*Escorted by Mr. Carl Hertenberger*

Grand Ruth	Mrs. Lillian "Sissy" Furrie <i>Escorted by Mr. Michael Furrie</i>
Grand Adah	Mrs. Jo Anne Conner <i>Escorted by Mr. Glenn David Conner</i>
Grand Organist	Mrs. Mary Harvey <i>Escorted by Mr. Bobby Stringer</i>
Grand Marshal	Miss Abi Freeman <i>Escorted by: Mr. Aaron Branam</i>
Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Betty Scott <i>Escorted by Mr. Andrew Scott</i>
Associate Grand Conductress	Mrs. Vi Griffin <i>Escorted by Mr. Thomas F. "Tommy" Griffin</i>
Grand Conductress	Mrs. Mary Ruth White <i>Escorted by Mr. Joe White</i>
Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Betty Prater <i>Escorted by Mr. Donald Prater</i>
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner <i>Escorted by Mr. Trey Smith</i>
Associate Grand Patron	Mr. Bill Wyatt <i>Escorted by Mrs. Ann Wyatt</i>
Associate Grand Matron	Mrs. Bess Caldwell <i>Escorted by Mr. Alvin Caldwell</i>
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Ray Hertenberger <i>Escorted by Mrs. Kattie Hertenberger</i>
Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas <i>Escorted by Mr. David Nicklas</i>

Presentation of the Holy Bible                          Miss Emily Nicklas  
*Granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect*

Presentation of the Square and Compasses                          Master Ethan Nicklas  
*Grandson of the Worthy Grand Matron-elect*

Presentation of the Bible Marker                          Master Colin Hertenberger  
*Grandson of the Worthy Grand Patron-elect*

*Presentation of Flowers in memory of the parents of the  
Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron-elect*

Ray and Vicki's family consist of their son Ehren, and his wife Tricia, their children Colin and Emma; and their son Carl and his wife Kattie

Joyce and David's family consist of their son Rowdy and his wife Lori and their children Ethan and Emily Nicklas their daughter Becky and her husband Chris and their sons Zachary and Brandon Kelley their daughter Sarah and her husband Mark Johnson God grandchildren David Matthew and Casey Anne Waggoner

### **Star Point Presentation**

Narration    Mrs. Nancy Brown, PGM

Adah    Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, PGM  
*Escorted by Mr. John Creel, PGP*

Ruth    Mrs. Beulah Speer, PGM  
*Escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs, PGP*

Esther    Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, PGM  
*Escorted by Mr. Ed Warner, PGP*

Martha    Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, PGM  
*Escorted by Mr. Jerry Martin, PGP*

Electa    Mrs. Doris Hester, PGM  
*Escorted by Mr. Garland Rattan, PGP*

## PRESENTATION of FLAGS

United States Flag	Mr. Jeff “Rowdy” Nicklas
Canadian Flag	Mr. Frederick W. Clarke <i>RWAGP, GGC and PGP of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island</i>
Texas Flag	Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker <i>Vision Quest, GGC and PGP</i>
Christian Flag	Mr. Billy Combest, PGP
Eastern Star Flag	Mr. Henry Martin, PGP
Opening of Holy Bible	Mrs. Bess Caldwell <i>Grand Conductress</i>
Invocation	Mr. Leland Benefield, PGP
Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Jerry Trees, WGP
National Anthem	Mrs. Sarah Johnson <i>Grand Solosit</i>
O Canada!	In Unison <i>words are listed in the back of this program</i>
Presentation Grand Chapter Installing Officer	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane <i>RWGS, Pro-tem, GGC and PGM</i>
Grand Chapter Installing Officer	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield <i>Payroll, Chairman, GGC and PGM</i>
Assisting Grand Chapter Installing Officer	Mr. Kenneth Gregory <i>PGP</i>
Assisting Grand Chapter Installing Officer	Mrs. Rennie Ofont <i>RWAGM, GGC and PGM</i>



Installing Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Elise Hammack, PGM
Installing Grand Marshal	Mrs. Elsie Paladino, PGM
Installing Grand Organist	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, PGM
Installing Grand Secretary	Mrs. Alma Carter, PGM

*The Grand Officers to be installed will retire to the West*

~INSTALLATION CEREMONY~

Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Mary Ruth White, <i>Grand Conductress</i>
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GREETINGS

Texas DeMolay	Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte <i>Executive Officer</i> Mr. Paul A. Canales <i>Master Councilor</i>
The Flower Talk	Mr. Chance Chapman <i>Past Master Councilor</i>
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls	Mrs. Marlene Dibrell <i>Supreme Deputy for Texas</i>
Rainbow Drill and Bible Presentation	Miss Allison Linder <i>Grand Worthy Advisor</i>
Grand Council of Royal & Select Masons in Texas	Mr. Tommy F. Chapman <i>Most Illustrious Grand Master</i>
Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.	Mr. Tommy Griffin <i>Most Worshipful Grand Master</i>
General Grand Chapter	Mrs. Rennie Ofton, RWAGM Mr. Fredrick W. Clarke, RWAGP

## Presentation of Jewels

Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert <i>Past Grand Matron</i>
Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel	Mr. Jerry Trees <i>Past Grand Patron</i>
Past Grand Matron's Jewel	Mr. Jimmy Gilbert
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	Mrs. Janell Trees

## Presentation of Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Year

Worthy Grand Matron's Dedication	Mrs. Sharon Fentress, PGM
Worthy Grand Patron's Dedication	Mrs. Jane Gregory, PGM <i>Registration GGC and PGM</i>
Message to Joyce's Lambs	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, PGM
Message to the Good Shepherds	Mr. Nelson Campbell, PGP
Theme, Emblems, Aim, Colors, Flowers	Dr. Effie Mae Davis, PGM
Honor Stations, Martha and Electa	Mrs. Gerry Dusek PGM
Scriptures	Mrs. Doris Hester, PGM
Humanitarian Program	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, PGM
W.G.M. Music	Mrs. Betty Y. Friend <i>O.E.S. Journal G.G.C., and PGM</i>
Presentation of WGM's March	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, PGM <i>Written by Mrs. Rosemary Swetland and Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder</i>
W.G.P. Music	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe

Presentation of WGP's March	Mrs. Gladys Cox
<i>Written by Mrs. Gladys Cox</i>	
Solo: <i>Lamb of God</i>	Mrs. Sarah Johnson <i>Grand Soloist</i>
Address of the Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Address of the Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Benediction	Mr. H. Lee Stallings, PGP

~R E C E S S~

*To our Visitors, we thank you for sharing the joy of this special evening.  
Those who are not members of the Order will please retire at this time.*



*A special THANK YOU to the Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, and Grand Pages for your service throughout the hours of this Grand Chapter Session.*

Call from Rest to Labor	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, WGM
Proving the Grand Chapter	Mrs. Bess Caldwell, AGM
Presentation	Board of Directors
Retiring of the Flag	Ms. Abi Freeman <i>Grand Marshal</i>
Closing Ode: <i>"An Evening Prayer"</i>	
<i>If I have wounded any soul today; If I have caused one foot to go astray, If I have walked in my own willful way, Dear Lord forgive.</i>	
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Mary Ruth White <i>Grand Conductress</i>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*And So the Journey Begins* Breakfast  
Honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress  
Sunday, August 31, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.  
Garden Court I, II, and III, First Floor  
Intercontinental Hotel, Addison, Texas

Deputies School  
Sunday, August 31, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.  
Lalique I, Second Floor  
Intercontinental Hotel, Addison, Texas

*Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers  
and Elected Board Members are invited to attend.*

## SPECIAL DATE

If approved by the membership at Grand Chapter, the  
Constituting of TMRC Daylight Chapter will occur on  
Friday, September 5, 2008 at 1:30 PM  
TMRC, 1501 West Division, Arlington, Texas 76012

*Please consult the Official Bulletin for additional details*

## INVITATIONS

**Mineral Wells Chapter No. 44**  
Cordially invites you to attend the  
***Feed My Lambs*** Banquet and  
Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron  
Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron  
Saturday, September 6, 2008

Banquet at 5:30 p.m.  
*Food catered by Vance Godbey's*  
Fraternal Visit at 7:30 p.m.

Banquet and Fraternal Visit will both be held at the  
Mineral Wells Activity Center  
Building 735 Hood Road  
Mineral Wells, Texas 76067

Tickets: \$18.00 Donation  
Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Machele Hanchey  
200 N. Oak Avenue, Mineral Wells, Texas 76067  
Phone: 940-325-1843  
PLEASE include a SASE and your 2008-2009 Title  
Please notify of any Dietary Restrictions  
Hotel Accommodations:  
Best Western, phone 940-325-2270  
4410 Hwy 180 East, Mineral Wells, Texas 76067  
Mention OES, Room Rate \$79.00 + Tax, 1-4 Persons  
Deadline Aug. 23, 2008  
Hospitality Suite 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Texas City Chapter No. 626**  
Cordially invites you to attend the  
***Gathering the Shepherd's Flock*** Banquet and  
Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and  
Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron,  
Saturday, September 13, 2008

Banquet at 5:00 p.m.  
Fraternal Visit at 6:30 p.m.

Doyle Convention Center  
2010 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Texas City, TX 77590

Tickets: \$20.00 Donation  
Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Sharon Willingham  
8001 S. Humble Camp Rd.  
Dickinson, TX 77539  
Phone: 281-534-3126

PLEASE include a SASE and your 2008-2009 Title  
Please notify of any Dietary Restrictions

Hotel Accommodations:  
Comfort Inn & Suites  
320 Hwy 146 N., Texas City, TX 77590  
409-945-5300  
Mention OES, Room Rate \$71.95 + Tax, 1-4 Persons  
Room Reservation Deadline: a firm date of August 31, 2008

Hospitality Suite 2:00 – 4:00 pm

## Special Appreciations

Altar Cloth	Mrs. Georgia Faye Jennings
Bible Marker	Mrs. Freida Dillon
Bible Cover	Mrs. Freida Dillon
Installation Banner	Mr. Carrol Macon
Installation Pictures Assisted by	Mr. Cleo Ellison Mrs. Ophelia Ellison

### Special Assistance and Support

Executive and Arrangements Committees 2007-2008

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Pictures of the Installation may be ordered from our Photographer

Mr. Cleo Ellison

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*Peace in His Kingdom* Grand Chapter Session will be held in

Arlington, Texas

August 6-8, 2009

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## The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see, By the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thru' the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

## O Canada!

O Canada! Our Home and native land!  
True patriot love in thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free;  
And stand on guard, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada! Glorious and free!  
We stand on guard; we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.





**This is not the end  
It's only the beginning**

“Peace in the Kingdom” read the banner stage rear. Two stone lions were in the garden in front of the stage along with various kinds of angels. Bluebonnets outlined the pool area. Ferns and lions were at the pedestals of the Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Matron. Star Point pedestals were topped with doilies of the appropriate color. The altar and kneeling bench were topped with a blue cloth.

Lady Grand Officer dresses were a dark blue skirt with short-sleeved top adorned with blue and silver jewels. Gentlemen Grand Officers wore black tuxedos.



**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Welcome to the 127th Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sister Joyce Nicklas, and our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, Brother Ray Hertenberger, I extend their sincere appreciation to each of you for your presence tonight. We have been enjoying the beautiful music provided by Sister Trish Henderson. Thank you for sharing your God-given talent with us this evening. Let’s show her our appreciation. [applause]

Our 126th Grand Chapter session has been one that underscored the statement that “Music is the window to the soul.” It is with pleasure that I invite our Processional Marshal to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Jerry Trees, in the East. [applause]

Worthy Grand Matron, I present this gavel to you and invite you to call the meeting to order.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** This 127th Installation is called to order.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** As you came in this evening, you received a beautiful program. We invite you to follow your program as our Distinguished Guests are presented. Sister Processional Marshal, you will present Texas’ own General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members.

Sister Processional Marshal, you will present Present and Past Grand Matrons and Present and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sister Processional Marshal, please present our own Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Sister Processional Marshal, you will present the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Sister Processional Marshal, you will present our Distinguished Guests, Leaders of our Masonic organizations and our fraternal youth groups.

Sister Processional Marshal, you will present the Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Thank you, Sister Processional Marshal, Betty Benham, for your beautiful presentation of our Distinguished Members and Guests. [applause]

The Texas Constitution and Code of Laws provides for two boards composed of elected members of the Grand Chapter. The Board of Grand Examiners is composed of six members elected annually who are responsible for the administration and reporting of proficiency examinations of our members. The 2008-2009 members of the Board of Grand Examiners are: Grand Examiner At Large, Mrs. Susan Bigham, escorted by Mr. Larry Bigham; District 5, Mrs. Brenda Smith Costello, escorted by Mr. Michael K. Fitzgerald; District 4, Mrs. Christine Armstrong, escorted by Mr. Don Hultquist; District 3, Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht; District 2, Mrs. Cindy Echols, escorted by Mr. Tommy Echols; District 1, Dr. Linda Puckett, escorted by Mr. John Puckett.

Our Board of Directors is composed of ten members, each elected for a term of five years. The 2008-2009 members of the Board of Directors are: District 5, Ms. Lori Goldman, Chairman, escorted by Mr. Dwayne Maserang; District 5, Mrs. Kathy Teele, escorted by Mr. Claude Lindley; District

4, Mrs. Mickie Campbell, escorted by Mr. Oscar Moser; District 4, Mrs. Terri Rozell, Secretary, escorted by Mr. Burley Jones; District 3, Miss Diane Davidson, Vice Chairman, escorted by Mr. Mark Dieckman; District 3, Mrs. Lorraine Williams, escorted by Mr. Jimmy Williams; District 2, Mr. Keith Mikeworth, escorted by Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth; District 1, Mr. Arthur Drescher, Jr., escorted by Mrs. Marty Drescher; District 1, Mr. Jack Beall, escorted by Mrs. Charlotte Beall.

Our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect have selected members from all over the state to serve as Installed Grand Officers, Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Chapter Dad and Grand Chapter Mom. For many I am about to introduce, tonight is a dream come true. It is my honor to present them to you at this time. Grand Chapter Mom, Mrs. Freida Dillon, escorted by Mr. Alan Duncan; Grand Chapter Dad, Mr. Walter Bartlett, escorted by Mrs. Paulette Bartlett; Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" Crawford, escorted by Mr. Monte Crawford; Grand Sentinel, Mr. Bill Vaughn, escorted by Mrs. Wanda Vaughn; Grand Warder, Mr. Dwight Von Heeder, escorted by Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder; Grand Electa, Mrs. Edna Jefferies, escorted by Dr. Bert Hammack; Grand Martha, Mrs. Sue Lockhart, escorted by Mr. Robert Lockhart; Grand Esther, Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger, escorted by Mr. Carl Hertenberger; Grand Ruth, Mrs. Lillian "Sissy" Furrrie, escorted by Mr. Michael Furrrie; Grand Adah, Mrs. JoAnne Conner, escorted by Mr. Glenn David Conner; Grand Organist, Mrs. Mary Harvey, escorted by Mr. Bobby Stringer; Grand Marshal, Miss Abi Freeman, escorted by Dr. Charles W. Bane; Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Betty Scott, escorted by Mr. Andrew Scott; Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Vi Griffin, escorted the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Tommy Griffin; Grand Conductress, Mrs. Mary Ruth White, escorted by Mr. Joe White; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner, escorted by Mr. Trey Smith; Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Bill Wyatt, escorted by Mrs. Ann Wyatt; Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Bess Caldwell, escorted by Mr. Alvin Caldwell; Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Ray Hertenberger, escorted by Mrs. Kattie Hertenberger; Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, escorted by Mr. David Nicklas.

The Bible which the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect is using is the one presented to her the first time she served as Worthy Matron of Graford chapter. It is also the Bible which was on the altar when her mother, father, grandmother and both daughters were initiated. Miss Emily Nicklas, granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, will present the Holy Bible.

In Texas we have permission from the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, to place the Square and Compasses upon our Bible when it is open. The Square and Compasses are a gift from the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee and the members of the Executive Committee to the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect. Presenting the Square and Compasses is Master Ethan Nicklas, grandson of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect.

Each time we have an Eastern Star meeting, we open the Bible at the 2nd Chapter of Matthew. Most chapters use something to mark that place. Some chapters use a simple ribbon. Others use a strip of cloth. This beautiful Bible cover and marker were made by Sister Freida Dillon, Grand Chapter Mom for 2008-2009. Master Colin Hertenberger, grandson of the Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, will present the Bible marker.

The parents of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect were very influential in their lives. We know their parents are smiling down on them tonight and sending their love and support to them. Ray and Vicki's family consists of their son Ehren and his wife Tricia and their children Colin and Emma, and their son Carl and his wife Kattie. Joyce and David's family consists of their son Rowdy and his wife Lori and their children Ethan and Emily Nicklas; their daughter Becky and her husband Chris and their sons Zachary and Brandon Kelley; their daughter Sarah and her husband Mark Johnson; God grandchildren David Matthew and Casey Anne Waggoner. They will be making a floral presentation in memory of the parents of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect.

It is with pleasure that I introduce Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas, for the presentation of our emblems. Our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect have invited dear ones from our five districts to assist Sister Nancy.

**MRS. NANCY BROWN:** Thank you. In establishing the design of a properly furnished chap-

ter room, Brother Rob Morris placed a star at the center with the altar enclosed and protected by its rays. These rays represent the five gates or five degrees through which the initiate must pass to become a member. Some say that our star is upside down, but it is meant to be viewed from the East and therefore would be right side up to the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron. Each of the heroines of our Order has an emblem that is placed upon a pedestal at her station. Each has been carefully chosen to remind us of the key event in her life which allowed her to be chosen for the station she holds. Each also reminds us of the one whose star we follow, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Judges, chapter 11, we have the story of Adah who gave her life to honor her father. Adah's emblem is the sword and veil. We are told in Ephesians 6:17 that we should take the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God. Christ himself is that Word of God who was made flesh in order that He might dwell among us. The veil may be seen as that flesh which hid the deity of Jesus until His death and resurrection as an eternal and glorious God. As a reminder of Christ's great love for us, the sword and veil are placed upon Adah's pedestal by Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron.

In the Book of Ruth, we have the story of love between two people who were to weave their lives into the future of the Christian world. Ruth has the sheaf of grain as her emblem, and we recall that Jesus referred to Himself as a grain of wheat which must fall into the earth and die so that many new lives would be given. Christ was the bread of life in John 6:48, a product of grain, such as that gathered by the humble gleaner Ruth who lovingly provided for Naomi. As a reminder of the gift that Naomi was given by Ruth and the world received as an ancestor of Christ, the emblem of Ruth, the sheaf, is lovingly placed on Ruth's station by Sister Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron.

Esther's story is told in the book of Esther. She has a crown and scepter as her emblem to show her royalty, but even more it shows us that Jesus is the King of Kings who holds out a crown of life to all believers. As told in Revelation 2:10, the crown of Esther should remind us of her willing offer of her life, even as Jesus willingly offered His. The scepter was a symbol of power over life and death since the king could give back life by extending the scepter toward the one who was to die. To remind us that Christ the King has power over life, the crown and scepter are lovingly placed upon Esther's pedestal by Sister Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron.

Martha has a broken column as her emblem. The column is an ancient symbol of life. A powerful king would erect a column to show his strength and list upon it the accomplishments of his life. It was taught that a broken column would allow the escape of the imprisoned spirit, so our Lord was broken and His spirit imprisoned in flesh escaped to be perfect God. Jesus said, "This is my body which was broken for you," in 1 Corinthians 11:24. The broken column is placed on Martha's pedestal to remind us that we have eternal life through the broken body of Jesus by Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron.

Electa has a cup as her symbol. The cup is a symbol of the greatest mystery of all, the shed blood of Jesus poured out for us. The cup contained great pain and sorrow for our Lord, and He as the cup gave the gift of life for us. A cup has been an historical symbol of life with all its happenings for humans. We drink the cup of blessing and the cup of sorrow as we live on earth. We offer it in hospitality to all who would drink it. We pour out an offering to God from its contents. Our Lord poured Himself out from the cup of salvation, even though he had prayed that the cup might be taken from Him in Luke 22:42. We are to drink from the cup of remembrance of His gift and of Electa who gave her life in service to others. To remind us of the charity that Jesus showed in all the actions of His life, the cup is placed on Electa's pedestal by Mrs. Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Past Grand Patron.

So now as we look at these emblems on the pedestals in our chapter room, let us think how each of them reminds us of a facet of Christ's life, for He is to be seen in each of these. We follow the Star in the East as the Wise Men did of old who searched for the king. We, too, search for the king as we live the teachings of these heroines. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** For centuries groups of individuals have shown allegiance to a common cause or purpose and chosen banners to represent their united efforts. We will have the presentation of our flags at this time.

We as Americans show our love and support of our nation and proudly present the flag of our country, the Stars and Stripes. Our nation's flag is presented by Mr. Jeff "Rowdy" Nicklas, son of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect.

We show our friendship for our neighbors to the North and look forward to our continued relationship with the members from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Brother Frederick W. Clarke, will present the Canadian flag.

We as Texans show our pride in the heritage of our Lone Star State in recognition to those who sacrificed all that we might know freedom. Our State's flag is presented by Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, Member of the Visionquest Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

We as Christians show our belief in the Christian religion and stand by our faith in the Word of God. The Christian flag is presented by Brother Billy Combest, Past Grand Patron.

We as Eastern Stars show our fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love in our daily lives and proudly proclaim that we are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Our Eastern Star flag is presented by Brother Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron.

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

Our invocation will be given by Brother Leland Benefield, Past Grand Patron.

**MR. LELAND BENEFIELD:** May we pray together. May each one of you take the hand of one next to you. Our dear Heavenly Father, we're thankful for tonight, for all of these that have come here today. Please be with Joyce Nicklas and Ray Hertenberger as they travel this great State of Texas. May they travel safe and come back to us as they did today. Be with all of us as we're thinking about all the things that are to be done. These things we ask in Christ's name, amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Brother Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron, will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Star Spangled Banner will be sung by Sister Sarah Johnson, Grand Soloist and daughter of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** We will now sing "O Canada!" The words are listed in the back of your program.

The selection of a Grand Chapter Installing Officer is the privilege of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and is someone in whom the greatest degree of respect and highest level of trust is felt. Over twenty years ago Sister Joyce Nicklas and I served as Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3, along with Sister Yvonne Brownfield. Several years later Sister Yvonne selected Joyce in whom she had great respect and trust to serve as her District Deputy Grand Matron. It is no surprise that Sister Joyce asked Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman of the Payroll Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, to serve as her Grand Chapter Installing Officer. Sister Yvonne, please join me.

Sister Yvonne has extended me the courtesy of introducing the remainder of the installation team. I ask them to join us here in the East. Assisting Grand Chapter Installing Officer, Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron. Assisting Grand Chapter Installing Officer, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Installing Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron. Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron. Installing Grand Organist, Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron. Installing Grand Secretary, Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron.

At this time I invite our Processional Marshal to escort the Grand Officers to be installed to the West as we prepare for the installation ceremony. I invite the Installing Grand Officers to assume their stations.

[Installation Ceremony]

**MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD:** Sister Grand Marshal, you will now proclaim the Grand Officers regularly installed.

**MRS. ELSIE PALADINO:** By order of the Installing Grand Officer, I now proclaim the Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, duly installed.

**MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD:** Worthy Grand Matron, you may now assume your station. I present to you your gavel. However, before you go any further, I want to take a prerogative of making a presentation to you and the Worthy Grand Patron. You both know how much I love you and always have. I'm not going to be selfish. The others of this installing team love you as well. We have a little gift for each of you and we know that it might buy a can of beans or two. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** The Grand Chapter of Texas realizes that the future of our Order rests with our youth. Therefore, our fraternal family is proud of our fraternal youth organizations. We are honored with the presence of the youth and adult leaders of these groups. DeMolay is alive and well in Texas. It's my pleasure to introduce Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, Executive Officer in Texas, DeMolay International. Brother Clampitte will introduce our youth leaders and representatives for their presentation. [applause]

**MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests: As was said, DeMolay is doing well in this state. We have some of the finest young men that you could ever imagine growing up in your lodges and facilities near your lodges in this state. These young men, we hope, will become Masons. At 18 years of age they can now become a Master Mason, which also means they can become a member of the Eastern Star. These young men work hard to impress the adult leaders of our fraternities. I am proud to say that as of now we are having quite a few of the DeMolays becoming Master Masons. Behind me is a young man who is 18 years of age and a Master Mason by only a few months. [applause] He was the one I spoke about Thursday that tried to get here after a class at college and just didn't have enough time to get here after his class and drove from San Antonio to just this side of Waco when I got him on the cell phone and told him he had five minutes. If not, turn around, so he did. And then he went back and had another class yesterday and showed up yesterday evening.

This due diligence on his part is what we're looking for and what really makes an outstanding young man a DeMolay and a future Mason. It's my pleasure to introduce to you Paul A. Canales, State Master Councilor of DeMolay in Texas and a member of Albert Pike Masonic Lodge. [applause]

**MR. PAUL CANALES:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worshipful Grand Master and other Distinguished Guests: It's truly a pleasure to be here tonight. Allow me to begin by thanking Brother Chance Chapman for filling in for me on Thursday. Chance, you've always been there for me; thank you for being a true Brother. The State Officers here with me tonight are the Deputy State Master Councilor, Aaron Saldana [applause]; the State Senior Councilor, Aaron Ingersoll [applause]; and our District Deputy State Master Councilor for the Area, Shawn Waldrip [applause].

I'm honored to be here to be able to bring greetings on behalf of Texas DeMolay. Eastern Star does so much for us, and I thank you for your support. It was not too long ago that I was not very familiar with the organization, but last year I was able to help Ms. Joyce Snyder from San Antonio in moving the goody bags from her home to the Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio for Grand Chapter 2007. Joyce told me so much about Eastern Star, and since then I have always looked for ways to help. Texas DeMolay is ready and willing to do anything to help Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, with any of its endeavors.

Congratulations to the newly installed officers. I know that your zeal and mutual harmony will assure success in all that you aspire to do this year. Let me leave you with a few words that were given to me the night of my installation. "In all that you do, honor those who came before you;

respect those who serve with you and inspire those who come after you.” I thank you for your time tonight. [applause]

**MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE:** By special request of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, there is a ceremony that is usually performed for young men after they’ve been initiated. It is called the Flower Talk. It’s a very beautiful ceremony. It is not really intended for a large group such as this; it’s usually for a bunch of young men. They have requested Chance Chapman to perform the Flower Talk for this large group. It’s now my pleasure to introduce to you Past State Master Councilor Chance Chapman who will do the DeMolay Flower Talk. Chance, you’re on stage.

**MR. CHANCE CHAPMAN:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, first of all before I begin, I want to thank you both for this opportunity to do this ceremony for you. It is a distinct honor that I have, and I wish you both the best of luck in your year.

My Brothers, you have just been permitted to take upon yourselves the name of one of the world’s most heroic knightly figures. Now you can say, “I am a DeMolay.” To be deemed worthy of the privilege of entering into the comradeship of that great army of youth, both here and abroad, who have dedicated themselves to the ideals of Jacques DeMolay demonstrates our confidence that the fineness of your purposes will guide your development into the highest type of manhood.

To be accepted as a DeMolay is therefore an honor of which any young man may be justly proud. In being received into our ranks, you have been instructed in the seven cardinal virtues of this great order. We hope that you have been deeply impressed with the lessons they teach. There is no better foundation upon which to build your character and future life than the practice of these virtues. The Order of DeMolay teaches many beautiful lessons, but none is more important than honor and true respect for womanhood, and more especially for motherhood.

It is fitting therefore that you have been called upon to stand again before this altar in a few moments of special emphasis upon the virtue which has been given first place among the jewels adorning the crown of youth, filial love. For my purpose now, this altar is dedicated to our mothers whose love never fails. You may rise to positions of great influence in commercial, political or professional life, but you can never reach the heights of her secret hopes for you. You may sink into the lowest depths of infamy and degradation, but never below the reach of her love. The memory of it will always stir your heart.

There is no man so entirely base, so completely vile, so utterly low that he does not hold in his heart a shrine sacred and apart for the memory of his mother’s love. Were I to draw you a picture of love divine, it would not be that of a stately angel with a form full of grace, but a tired and toil-worn mother with a grave and tender face. It was your mother who loved you before you were born, who carried you for long months close to her heart, and in the fulness of time took God’s hands in hers and passed through the valley of shadows to give you life. It was she who cared for you during the helpless years of infancy and scarcely less dependent years of childhood. As you have grown older, she has done the countless, thoughtful, trouble-healing, helpful and encouraging things which somehow only mothers seem to know how to do. You may have accepted these attentions as more or less matters of course, and perhaps without conscious gratitude or any expression of appreciation.

You are rapidly approaching the time in life when you will be entirely independent of your mother. The ties with which dependency bound you to her may be severed as you grow older, but the tie of mother love can never be broken. Thinking back upon the years of your life when you reached the threshold of manhood, your mother might well say, in the words of the poet:

My body fed your body, Son, but birth’s a swift thing,  
compared to one to twenty years of feeding you spirit’s tears.  
I could not make your heart full,  
but my glad hands have kept you whole.  
Your groping hands bound me to life with ruthless bands,  
and all my living became a prayer,  
while all my days built up a stair

for your young feet that trod behind  
that you an inspiring way should find.  
Think you that life can give you pain which does not stab in me again.  
Think you that life can give you shame  
which does not make my pride go lame.  
And you can do no evil thing which sears not me with poisoned sting.  
For all that I have done,  
remember me in life, O Son.  
Keep that body fine and fair, my life is monumented there.  
For my life, make no woman weep.  
And see you give no woman scorn  
for that dark night when you were born.

These flowers which you see on our altar are emblems of that mother love: the white, the love of the mother who has gone; the red, the mother who still lives to bless your life. Far in the dim recesses of her mind, where all is hushed and still, she keeps a shrine. Tis here she kneels in prayer while far from above long shafts of light upon her shine. Tis here she kneels in prayer. A quiver like a candle's flame, each prayer takes wing to bless the world she walks among, to leave the radiance of the candle there.

We want each of you to take a flower from our altar tonight. If your mother has passed over to the other shore, you will choose the white flower and keep it always sacred to her memory. May the sight of it quicken every tender memory of her and strengthen you anew in your efforts to be worthy of her hopes and aspirations for you. If your mother is still living, you will choose the red flower. When you go home tonight, give it to her. Tell her it is our recognition of God's best gift to man, his mother's love. Take her in your arms and say, "Mother, I have learned a great lesson tonight. The ceremonies have made me realize more fully how much you really mean to me. I'm going to try to show you daily how much I appreciate the sacrifices you have made and the love and care you give to me."

Some day you will find that flower — I know not where — perhaps in her Bible or prayer book or some other sacred place, a silent witness to what this night has meant to one whose love for you, her son, is beyond the comprehension of any son. My Brothers, you will each please take a red or white flower from the altar.

DeMolay can ask no more of you than that you shall endeavor to live as to be worthy of your mother's love.

Worthy Grand Matron, may we approach the East? [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Thank you, gentlemen. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is continuing to prosper under the direction of Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Inspector for Texas. It is with pleasure that I present Mrs. Dibrell who will introduce the Grand Worthy Advisor and other representatives for their presentation.

**MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings this evening on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the 55 Assemblies within Texas Grand Assembly. We certainly appreciate the privilege that you have extended by your invitation, and it is a part of our memories that we will long cherish to be a part of this Installation.

Rainbow gets girls ready for life, and it is through the sponsorship of our Eastern Star chapters and Masonic lodges that we have our assemblies. We thank you for being our mentors, our adult advisors. Thank you for creating a safe, caring environment and for striving to give our girls the tools, training and encouragement to let their individual spirits shine bright. Texas Rainbow Girls and Adults pledge our support to you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We want to be a part of your plans this year, work side by side with you, join with you in friendship and fellowship, and be part of your many, many accomplishments.



We especially invite each Eastern Star and our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to be part of our 2009 Grand Assembly session in Dallas, to be held actually in Frisco, the last week in June of 2009. We will honor each of you at that time.

Sister Allison Linder, Grand Worthy Advisor, would you please greet this assembly.

**MISS ALLISON LINDER:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests and Eastern Star of Texas: It is my pleasure to be here with you this evening as we celebrate a new Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Together this year I know that we can do great things. The Eastern Star has always been so supportive of us Rainbow Girls, and we truly appreciate it. We are your future, and you are setting a wonderful example.

Congratulations, Mrs. Nicklas and Mr. Hertenberger. I look forward to working with you this year. [applause]

**MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL:** It is now with overflowing Rainbow pride that I invite the Rainbow Girls of Texas to enter this Grand Chapter room. [Applause as Rainbow Girls enter. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Worthy Advisor are taken to the altar.]

**MISS ALLISON LINDER:** Many pleasant duties have been given to me, but none more pleasant than that which I'm about to do. There comes a time in the affairs of everyone when it seems that no one can be depended upon and we are left to our own resources. But that all-wise and Supreme Being has furnished us with our own consolation. Upon reflection, you will doubtless remember that one of the first things brought to your attention during your association with this Order was a copy of this Old Book which you placed next to your heart and have been taught that it alone was to be the rule and guide for your faith and practice. In each succeeding step in your advancement, you have been reminded that it will guide you to all truth, direct your mind 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, 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 the sinners and the happiness of the believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, strength to support you and comfort to cheer you. Through it heaven is opened, paradise is restored, and the gates of hell are disclosed. The Messiah is its grand subject, your good its design, the glory of God its end. Read it slowly, prayerfully, frequently. 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, it gives me great pleasure to present to you this beautiful white Bible, a gift from Grand Assembly. May it be a beacon light to direct you to the assembly above where all is love, religion, nature, immortality, fidelity, patriotism and service. [applause]

**MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL:** Would you join us in singing "My Rainbow."

Rainbow Girls, we each thank you for coming from all over this state to be here this evening. I see girls from San Antonio, Houston, Abilene, Farmers Branch, Plano, Richardson, Arlington, Midland, Kilgore, Fort Worth. You are wonderful to come this evening.

Grand Pages, you will please escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Thank you, girls, for the pride that you have in Rainbow. We each love you very, very much. You will please retire. [applause as Rainbow Girls exit the Grand Chapter room]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** The Texas Masonic Retirement Center hosts our ladies who have entrusted their care into our hands, and it is under the direction of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masons in Texas. They allow us to share in the care and support of our members who reside at TMRC. I am privileged to present Brother Tommy Chapman, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masons in Texas.

**MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE:** Obviously, I am not Tommy Chapman! But on behalf of Tommy Frank Chapman, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masons of Texas who had to go back to Beaumont to help evacuate some people from the area for

which he is responsible — he asked me as the Deputy Grand Master of Grand Council to bring greetings to this Grand Body. He gives you his apologies for not being able to be here, but felt that many of you understand the problems that they are facing on the Gulf Coast at this time. Since his area is in the cone of susceptibility — let's call it that — he had to go back and they're having voluntary evacuation in the Beaumont/Orange area at this time.

I would like to correct you. It is the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons that is responsible for the home, not the Grand Council, but we appreciate that site anyway.

As a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch chapter, I invite each one of you to go visit our retirement center. It is a very worthwhile and enlightening place to go see. The ladies and gentlemen who are there as residents, they are very happy. We have a good facility; it's growing. Part of the new facility that we're putting out is for the Eastern Star offices, a little area for them. I invite each and everyone of you to go take the time one day and go visit it. I promise you they will not keep you unless you want to be kept. Don't linger too long! Kirby Rudisill, the superintendent, is a very nice gentleman and is more than happy to show you around.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, if things go like they should and I am elected to serve as the Grand Master of the Grand Council this coming October, I would like to invite both of you to please come to our installation on October 21st. The Grand Chapter's installation will be in the morning; the Grand Council will be after one o'clock. I would like to invite both of you to please come and be our guests for the installation of officers.

Again, I thank each and everyone of you. Joyce and Ray, I wish you a good year. Vi, we've been friends for years and years; I'm very glad to see you have been elected. I know you will have a very good year and all the other officers. Thank you very much. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Our Order is the direct result of the efforts and support of the Masonic Fraternity and the Grand Lodge of Texas. It is our honor to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master in attendance this evening. I am pleased to introduce the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Tommy Griffin, of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. [applause]

**MR. TOMMY GRIFFIN:** Thank you, Sister Alma. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: What a beautiful installation. Sister Joyce and Brother Ray, I know that Rob Morris is looking down at your installation team tonight. They did a great job, and I know he is very proud of our Order here in the State of Texas. You know, for many years — 21 years — I've been coming to the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; I missed one time when my mom passed away. Each time that I come — it was very interesting. The first time I was Worthy Patron of my chapter, and they put me outside the door as an Assistant Grand Sentinel. Then we volunteered to do that. It was four or five years before I got in the chapter room. We loved it out there. Wilbur McKnight was usually the head of all of us, and he kept us in line. I really enjoyed it. Then they finally let me in one time. I've been Worthy Patron now eight times and am currently Worthy Patron of my chapter in Anahuac and so proud of it.

I appreciate the courtesies that have been extended to me personally and also as to my position as Grand Master of Masons in Texas. Over those 21 years that I've been active, this is by far the best Grand Chapter I've ever been to. [applause] I'd like to invite each of you to the Texas Masonic Family Day that's going to be at TMRC on October 11th. We have a special invitation to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to our Grand Lodge session December 4, 5 and 6 in Waco. We invite each of you to come. The First Lady of Masons in Texas will have something for you ladies to do, while our Master Masons will be active in the Grand Lodge room.

Thank you again for allowing me to bring greetings. Let's continue to make Masonry and Eastern Star a Texas tradition. Thank you very much. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Our ties with the General Grand Chapter are strengthened by the active participation of our Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in this endeavor of our Order internationally. We are pleased to have this evening Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island,

and Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. They will bring greetings from the General Grand Chapter. Sister Rennie and Brother Fred.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Brother Fred and I like to do things together. We had so much fun one time they said they were going to put us on a stage — the first one going out of town. [laughter] It has been a privilege to be here with you and for all the courtesies extended to the office we hold and to us personally, we are most grateful.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** I would like to bring the greetings of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, her Officers and the delegates of General Grand Chapter. Sisters and Brothers, I'm a kind of history buff, and I've been looking at some of the old Proceedings. Texas was instituted by the General Grand Chapter in 1884. Since that time you've brought in very important legislation to General Grand Chapter. Also during that time you have had more elected and appointed Grand Officers than any other Grand Chapter in the world. Sisters and Brothers, you can be proud of what you do in Texas. [applause]

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** At this Grand Chapter we've been privileged to have the presence of our Brother Masons, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Tommy, and other Masonic dignitaries to again reinforce our covenant with them. We also have had the opportunity to review the outstanding accomplishments of the past year, not just to brag but more so to achieve our responsibilities to humanity. We've also enjoyed the wonderful family reunion we have. How many Sisters and Brothers we have! But every one of them is loving. Every one of them is excited to see us as we meet annually. That's a wonderful thing. Of course, we've had the youth organizations, which is our future; and we've had the time to spend with them. How important that is to us.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** I want to also congratulate the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron, her Officers and the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I'm sure that you're going to have a wonderful year. I want to thank the youth groups for their presentations, more especially the young man who did the Flower Talk. Wouldn't the Masonic order just love to have him? [applause] I'm sure the Eastern Star would love to have those beautiful girls. [applause]

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Sisters and Brothers, the life that God gives us is a great present. What we do with that life is our present back to Him. How blessed we are to have the Order of the Eastern Star to show us how to give Him a portion of what we owe Him. Let us continue our efforts to preserve and promulgate this beautiful Order of ours. God bless.

**MR. FREDERICK CLARKE:** I second the motion. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Presenting the jewel of the Worthy Grand Matron will be Sister Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

**MRS. JOYCE GILBERT:** This does not have a safety catch on it. If I were you, I would get one. I wore it around my neck so I would be sure I wouldn't lose it. You make a gorgeous Worthy Grand Matron, and I wish for you that every dream and goal that you have set for your year will come true. I'll always be there for you, if I can help you in any way. This membership is the best thing in the world as you go on this journey. When next year comes — and believe you me, it's going to come fast — you will sit back and think of all the sweet things that you have had happen to you. May God grant you good health. God speed. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Presenting the jewel of the Worthy Grand Patron will be Brother Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**MR. JERRY TREES:** Brother Ray, I congratulate you. It is my privilege to present this jewel to you. It's kind of bitter sweet to give this up. It has been a wonderful year. I know that you will enjoy your year. I wish you the best of luck. If there's anything that I can do for you, feel free to call on me. May God bless you. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Well, the last time I got to this point with Sister Karen and Brother Tom Morgenthaler, I got blinded for five minutes, so I've come prepared — [dons sunglasses] — but I can't read through them. Brother Jimmy Gilbert will present Sister Joyce her Past Grand Matron's jewel.

**MRS. JOYCE GILBERT:** I'm going to ask my brother, John Barnett, to come with Jimmy. He told me not to do this. Sisters and Brothers, this is something that is very special to me. I designed it; my brother is a jeweler and he made it, so it means double. And Jimmy paid for it! [laughter and applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Be sure and ask Sister Joyce to show you her new piano. At this time Sister Janell Trees, daughter Janlen and fraternal sister Barbara have a presentation to make to our Past Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Trees.

**MRS. JANELL TREES:** Brother Jerry, I have invited our whole family to be here. I know Jay is not here, but we have our mother, we have our daughter and we have our sister. It is my honor and pleasure to present this badge to you. I would remind you, before I give it to you, though, that no matter if a tree grows to more than a thousand feet, it must return to its roots. And now you're returning to your roots. We say, "Come home and we love you." Thank you for your service to the Grand Chapter of Texas. [applause]

I must share with you that Jerry has the honor of wearing the jewel that was presented to Brother Harry Cunningham when he retired as Worthy Grand Patron of Texas. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Each Grand Chapter year is unique and represents the individuality of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Each portion of our Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's program for 2008-2009 will be presented by representatives of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron, will present the Worthy Grand Matron's Dedication.

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Thank you, Sister Alma Bane, Mistress of Ceremony, and our Worthy Grand Matron for the honor and opportunity of presenting her Dedication. The Dedication of our Worthy Grand Matron: "This year is lovingly dedicated to the Texas members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Each of you is precious to me, and I look forward to spending time with you as we travel around this beautiful state.

"To the members of Mineral Wells Chapter #44, you have supported me, encouraged me and assisted in every step along the way.

"To my family, you are the loves of my life. My parents and my grandmother were important parts of my Eastern Star life, and we shared many happy hours working for our Order. I miss them very much and know they are sharing this time with me.

"My children, Rowdy Nicklas, his wife Lori and children Ethan and Emily; Rebecca Kelley, her husband Chris and children Zachary and Brandon; and Sarah Johnson and husband Mark, I cannot begin to express my love for you and to thank you for allowing me to share my time with the members of Texas.

"My husband David, you are my reason for living. You make my life complete. You have given me your strength and your support. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do with all of my being. I love you."

Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Mrs. Jane Gregory, Registration Committee of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, will present the Dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron.

**MRS. JANE GREGORY:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. It is indeed an honor and a privilege for me to present the Worthy Grand Patron's Dedication. After all, he is from District 4. In his own words, "To be selected to serve in the office of Worthy Grand Patron is beyond the dreams of most Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star, especially in the great State of Texas. This high honor is only possible through the love and support of many loving people. It is in this spirit of love that I make these dedications.

"First, to the membership of Texas City Chapter #626 and the membership of District 4. We have a love and closeness that is unsurpassed by any other in the state. To the membership of Texas, there are no words to express my thanks to you for the support that you have given me on this lov-

*"Symphony Among the Angels"*

ing journey. I will always be indebted to you.

“To my sons and their families, Ehren, Tricia, Colin, Emma, Carl and Kattie. This year is also dedicated to you. God only knows the closeness that we have shared over the years and the love that binds us for years to come.

“To John and Louise Hertenberger and Elmer and Dorothy Groves. I owe my heritage as a man to my mother and father. I owe my heritage as a Mason and Eastern Star to Vicki’s mother and father. Vicki and I share our love for each other and for the Order of the Eastern Star. We walk this year together side by side. And I dedicate not only this year, but also my whole life to you.

“Thank you for all of the honors of service as Worthy Grand Patron for the year 2008-2009.” [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron, will present the Message to Joyce’s Lambs.

**MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this honor.

“Message to Joyce’s Lambs. With a heart full of love and appreciation and a little apprehension, I greet you as your Worthy Grand Matron. You have begun your year of service to your subordinate chapters, and I know you have planned activities to hearten your members and help your chapters grow. As we begin this year of service with love for the Order and for each other, let us resolve to strive for perfection in the ritualistic work of our Order. If we present our work in a beautiful and impressive manner, it will increase the enthusiasm of our members, improve our attendance and make others want to know about our Order. Individually there is very little most of us could accomplish, but together there is no limit to the things that we can do. We must always remember to be kind, courteous and patient with each other as our actions speak volumes. Remember our lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love, and continue to serve by word and deed the heritage which has been passed on to us so that at the end of the year of service we will hear, ‘Well done, thy good and faithful servant.’

“The lamb and the lion is a symbol of faith and love. May God grant you the lion’s strength and the lamb’s gentleness as you lead your chapter. May you demonstrate faith and love for all your members.” [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Mr. Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron, will present the Message to the Good Shepherds.

**MR. HENRY MARTIN:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. And thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for the opportunity to share your message to the Good Shepherds. The Message is: “I hope and trust that this year of our service together will afford mutual benefit to our individual chapters and to the Grand Chapter of Texas. We should each be guided by the spirit of the shepherd’s crook, along with the principles taught to us as Free Masons. As you work with your Worthy Matrons in the day-to-day business of your chapters, you should display the same loving guidance and forbearance as the Good Shepherd does for his flock. By working together as a team in peace and harmony, your chapter will grow and prosper today and for generations to come.” Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Presenting the Theme, Emblems, Aim, Colors and Flowers is Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron.

**DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Each Worthy Grand Matron makes plans for the new Eastern Star year, seeking to enlarge and emphasize the work of our Order. Sister Joyce Nicklas has chosen Peace and Love as the Theme for 2008-2009. The Emblems that she chose will serve as reminders of the theme of the year. They are the lion and the lamb, symbols of peace and love. The Aim for 2008-2009 is “Sharing the peace and love of our beautiful Order.” The favorite colors that have meaningful value to our Worthy Grand Matron are royal blue, all shades of blue, green and red. Flowers are bluebonnets and white daisies.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce, we thank you, and we accept the challenge that you have given us for 2008-2009, Sharing the Peace and Love of our beautiful Order. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Sister Gerry Dusek, Past Grand Matron, will present the Honor Stations.

**MRS. GERRY DUSEK:** It is my honor to bring forth these presentations regarding the Worthy Grand Matron's chosen honor stations for this year, which have been composed by our Worthy Grand Patron. The first honor station is Martha, entitled "Upon Her Pedestal Sits a Column."

Upon her pedestal sits a column.  
It represents an end to human life, uncertain and fallen.  
Jesus asked, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
Do you believe?"  
Eternal life you will receive  
if your faith is constant and true;  
the glory of the fern is awaiting you.  
The color of her station is green;  
it symbolizes the hope of a life unseen,  
as innocent as the lamb and gentle is she,  
Martha, the sister, will always be.  
Lazarus' death was quick and solemn.  
That is why upon her pedestal sits a column.

The second is Electa entitled "My Cups Overflows."

I have a cup for you to see.  
It represents charity and hospitality.  
My cups overflows with joy and love,  
a sign of God's grace coming from above.  
To my door the soldiers came.  
My Savior's Holy Name they bade me to defame.  
Across my chest I clutched a cross,  
knowing well my life would be my loss.  
With the lion's courage I stood steadfast,  
this brave stand might be my last.  
I am Electa, the loving mother.  
true to my friends and my God.  
Before me there will be no other.

[applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Presenting our Scriptures is Sister Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron.

**MRS. DORIS HESTER:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, what an honor it is and privilege to be asked to be a part of this special day in the history of our Grand Chapter as you begin serving our beautiful Order. May you continue to look to God and seek His guidance in all your deliberations.

The Worthy Grand Matron has chosen these Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. "Love is patient; love is kind. It does not envy; it does not boast. It is not proud; it is not rude. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrong. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

Her other Scripture is Proverbs 3:5 and 6. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Each Grand Chapter year our Humanitarian program is the focal point of our benevolent endeavors. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have developed a Humanitarian program which will bring peace to our members. Presenting the Humanitarian program is Sister Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron.

**MRS. KAREN MORGENTHALER:** Our Worthy Grand Matron's Humanitarian program this year is titled "Let There Be Peace." Peace is the basis for true love. To be able to love your neighbor, you must love yourself. In order to love yourself, you must have peace within your heart and within your soul. God is the only dependable source that we can turn to to deliver our souls from the valley of sorrow and despair to the mountain of peace. To be able to love our beautiful Eastern Star, you must be at peace with its concepts and at peace with the fraternal ties between you and your Sisters and Brothers. We as loving members of the Order of the Eastern Star have grown dependent upon our love for God, our love for our families and our love for each other to bring peace into our lives.

The letters in the word "peace" represent the components of this year's Humanitarian effort.

**P** represents prosperity. The General Fund must maintain the proper revenue to be able to support the operation of the Grand Chapter so that it can serve the needs of our subordinate chapters.

**E** represents ESTARL. The scholarships that are provided through this program will help theology students achieve their goals in the ministry of the Holy Word. They have dedicated their lives to study to assist us in our spiritual needs.

**A** represents aid to our Sisters and Brothers. One of the foundations here is that we are to assist our Sisters and Brothers in their times of need. God provides the love. It is our responsibility to provide the means.

**C** represents caring. We, as a loving and caring Order, have a responsibility to provide for its senior members. The ladies in the TMRC are our responsibility. They depend on our financial support, and more especially they depend upon you and me to extend our love. They represent the rich and the beautiful heritage that you and I enjoy today.

**E** represents education. One of the most important tools of our society is knowledge. The Educational Fund allows our membership a means to achieve their educational goals beyond high school. Their accomplishments will serve not only our beloved Order, but will also make them more productive members of their community.

The Humanitarian program was established to provide the funds necessary to accomplish our benevolent purposes. Chapters may become 100% in Humanitarian by contributing \$1 per member as listed on their chapter's 2008 annual report. Awards will be presented to chapters upon becoming 100%. Additional awards may be earned for becoming 200%, 300% and each succeeding 100%. Funds may be designated to go to one portion of the Humanitarian program or to be divided as the chapter wishes. Chapter members also may make donations to any portion of the Humanitarian program as memorials or honorariums. The District Humanitarian Chairman will send a card noting your contribution to the person you designate. Funds will be added to the amount given by your chapter. We urge every chapter to be proactive in our Humanitarian effort, as well as in their community. May love and peace always be with you. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron; Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** The Worthy Grand Matron has been honored to have a special march written for her. Sister Betty Friend, OES Journal General Grand Chapter Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, will present the dedication of this special music.

**MRS. BETTY FRIEND:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of presenting the dedication of your music. "Music is said to have the ability of communicating in any language. More than anything else," she says, "I wanted to send a message of hope and fun through our music this year. Children have always represented the hopes and dreams of our future, and Disney tunes have played an important role in shaping our children. Sisters Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron, and Delphia Von Heeder, have certainly translated my message when they composed our music for the year. These two talented ladies have incorporated some of the Disney hopes and dreams into expressions of joy and merriment."

As you listen to the Worthy Grand Matron's March, recall the carefree days of your childhood

and recapture all your hopes and dreams of our Order, as in the song, “Remember, when you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are, anything your heart desires will come to you. If your heart is in your dream, no request is too extreme. When you wish upon a star, as dreamers do, faith is kind; she brings to those who love, the sweetest fulfillment of their secret longing. Like a bolt out of the blue, fate steps in and sees you through. When you wish upon a star, your dreams come true.” [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Sister Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron and one of the composers of this march, will present the Worthy Grand Matron’s March. [applause]

The Worthy Grand Patron also was honored with special music. To present the dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron’s March is Sister Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron.

**MRS. NAOMI WOLFE:** Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for giving me the opportunity to bring the dedication to the Worthy Grand Patron’s music. It is my honor.

The dedication to our Worthy Grand Patron’s music is by Gladys Cox. The lady who composed the Good Shepherd March and I share convictions as Eastern Stars, as Christians and as patriots. She incorporated into this march bits of my favorite gospel and patriotic music. Our lives we owe to God; our allegiance we owe to our country, our family and our friends. The music of Sister Gladys Cox has gladdened the hearts of Eastern Star members throughout this state for many years. She has unselfishly shared her God-given talent any time she was asked to do so. We’re so sorry that Sister Gladys is unable to be with us this evening. But may I say a special thank you, Gladys, for being my friend and composing the Good Shepherd March.”

At this time we will be honored by Rosemary Swetland bringing to you this beautiful march. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** A very special lady will sing a very special song. Our Grand Soloist, Sister Sarah Johnson, is the youngest child of Sister Joyce and Brother David Nicklas. Her mother has requested a song which is dear to her. Sister Sarah. [applause following singing of “Lamb of God.”]

It is with much pleasure that I present our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger, for his address.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Past Grand Matron, Sister Alma Bane. We go back a long way as she was originally from Galveston and our parents close, close friends in the Shrine and in Masonry. I thank you very, very much for the excellent job you’ve done this evening.

Worthy Grand Matron — doesn’t that sound good, Sister Joyce? — our Distinguished East, Visitors and Friends, Family all: I want to say thank you for this unbelievable honor. Words just almost seem inadequate to reflect the true thankfulness that is in my heart. Many of you have worked so hard and have given so much time and love in order that I would be able to be standing here at this very moment.

First, I would like to give credit where credit is due, to our Heavenly Father. Without God’s love and devotion to us, without His allowing the supreme sacrifice of His Son, we would not be enjoying our lives today, and we would not be rejoicing in our belief in the glorious life eternal. Jesus set the standard by which we should live our lives. He gave us the Holy Bible as the road map for us to achieve that standard. Sister Joyce, Worthy Grand Matron — sounds better every time I say it — we share a love for our Order, a love for our families and love and respect for each other that is unsurpassed by any. You have adopted our family, and we have adopted yours and thank you for the honor of allowing me to walk beside you and serve the membership this year.

To my family, I love you. The sacrifices, the time and money in fulfilling the responsibilities of our offices we do not bear alone. Our families have been with us every step of the way. My father, John Bernard Hertenberger, my mother-in-law, Dorothy Grove, and my father-in-law, Elmer Grove, have gone before us and await our arrival in our celestial home. My wife, Vicki, has given more love and has sacrificed more than is believable so that I can stand here tonight. I thank you for all you



have done and I love you. My son Ehren and his wife, Tricia; our son Carl and wife Kattie, and our grandchildren Colin and Emma, they belong to all of us but they were born to Tricia and Ehren, you haven't seen much of us these last couple of years and you won't see much of us this next year, but keep the home lights burning. We'll be back.

To the membership of Texas, this is a once-in-a-lifetime honor that is conferred upon a Brother that is impossible without you. I thank you for your love, faith and support in allowing me to serve you this year. I intend to repay that debt of gratitude tenfold.

To our Installation Team, thank you for performing your duties with dignity, beauty and honor. You have made this evening very special for Sister Joyce and me, and we will be forever grateful in your taking time to share this special evening with us.

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, more especially those who live in District 4 during the year of service in the Grand East, from this vantage point what I see is beauty, dignity, respect and above all love. You have built a heritage in this Grand Chapter that Sister Joyce and I pray that we can uphold. I thank you for your support and I know that you will be there for us in the future.

The membership of Texas City Chapter #626, it's not only our home chapter, but we feel that this is a chapter where any membership can go visit and feel at home. I thank you for all that you have done for my family. Would the members of Texas City 626 please stand. I know we've got some of them here. Thank you very, very much for traveling up here and supporting me at this Grand Chapter. Thank you. [applause]

District 4, Section 10 is the best — or among the best — in which to serve as a Grand Officer. We have a rich heritage of love and support for our members that goes back a long, long way. Would the members of District 4, Section 10 please stand. Thank you for being here. [applause] District 4 is a unified group of Sisters and Brothers that can be expressed in only one way, and that is family. I thank you for the love and support that you have given to Sister Vicki and myself.

Sister Gladys Cox, I thank you for composing the Good Shepherd's March. Sister Gladys has been a friend of ours for many, many years. She loves music; she loves being an Eastern Star. If anyone likes to travel, all you've got to do is call her and she's ready to go. Sister Gladys has been ill and was not able to attend Grand Chapter. I want to thank Sister Rosemary Swetland for agreeing to play the Good Shepherd's March for me this evening. Thank you, Sister Rosemary. [applause]

I want to thank all the presenters that we've had this evening. Everything has been absolutely wonderful. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you, sir. We've been friends for a long, long time. Maybe whenever we get settled down in a few years, we can get back together and play some more golf.

Our Masonic ties with Eastern Star and Masonry is our heritage. We are building the future with our youth groups, the DeMolay and the Rainbow Girls. We need to support them and their leaders as much as we absolutely can.

In my Mr. X greetings, I stated that the Worthy Patrons who would be serving in 2008-2009 would be called the Good Shepherds. I picked this emblem for a couple of reasons. First, I feel that all offices in an Eastern Star chapter should be filled with purpose and with worth. The Worthy Patrons, although they are not the chief officer, should take an active part in assuring that all the business of that chapter is handled according to the precepts as set forth in our ritual and constitution. The second reason I chose the Good Shepherd is that we should all be good shepherds in our lives. Whenever possible, we should guide our families and everybody else in the family of God to green and secure pastures.

Sisters and Brothers, look unto the Lord for wisdom and strength. Look unto your Sisters and Brothers for comfort and love. Look unto yourselves to serve the Lord and your Sisters and Brothers.

I thank you very, very much for this honor. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** At this time we will have a special presentation for Sister Joyce from her children.

**MRS. SARAH JOHNSON:** I can't even begin to express just how proud we are of our Worthy Grand Matron — it does sound good and it does feel good to say it. Words can't express, Mama, how we feel. But I'm going to share a quick story.

About three weeks ago my sister Becky, my mom and I were all upstairs at the house looking in an old chifferobe. We started pulling out old chapter dresses. This Order means so much to her and so much to all of you. She could look at those dresses and say, "I wore that in Sister Yvonne's year. I wore that in Sister Elise's year."

The love this woman encompasses is enormous. I have never seen someone smile so much when faced with so much adversity in her life and has stood strong. It's from the faith she has and the faith of all of you to support her and to support her in this year. We are so proud and we love you so much. It's going to be a good year, Mama! Have fun. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** It was a privilege to serve as Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Elsie Paladino with Sister Joyce. We formed a great friendship. In fact, she was even my Secret Sister. It is now my privilege to introduce her as our Worthy Grand Matron. I present Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, to bring her greetings.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Is Brother Lee Stallings still here? I owe his wife \$25, but I was going to hold it so he'd stay here at least long enough to do the benediction. When I asked Brother Lee if he would participate in the Installation, he said, "Well, sure I will as long as it's not the benediction." I said, "Well, I don't think it is, Brother Lee, but I can't remember." When he was talking to Sister Yvonne, he said, "Well, I'm really not sure what Joyce wants me to do." She said, "Well, it's the benediction." [laughter] But, Brother Lee, I think we're moving along really well.

I really appreciate all of you sweet, sweet Sisters and Brothers staying for this installation. You got to see me cry a lot. I didn't have a program, so I wasn't really sure where we were. I was so in awe that I didn't even recognize when they called me Worthy Grand Matron. But, wow!

First of all, where can I start? Y'all are going to have to be real patient with me just for a moment and let me do some thank you's. I have to thank the Arrangements people. Where's my Executive Committee and Arrangements? When I walked in this chapter room, the transition it had made! It's so beautiful. Don't y'all think this is pretty? [applause] I appreciate you guys so much; I love you. Know I'm always here. You do the work and just tell me what you want me to do. Thank you. [applause]

The installation, I thought that was so wonderful. Tonight was so great. When Paul was up here talking for DeMolay and he said during his installation they reminded him of all of those who had served in the past and the honor and the respect that they deserved, well, Sisters and Brothers, these Installing Grand Officers, these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, I love and respect them. And, yes, we need to honor them. They have served Texas well, and they've done so much for this beautiful Order.

We think back the years, and, yes, I was looking in the old chifferobe and I saw dresses — and my girls even played in those dresses. My niece had a slumber party for fifteen 13-year-olds and they played in those old dresses. Not just the dresses, but the work that they've done, what they've contributed.

My sweet, sweet friend, yes, Sister Elsie chose us to serve Grand Chapter as Deputy Grand Matrons a long time ago. It seems like only yesterday that we were all sitting in the room putting our hands over our ears and eyes and mouth — like the "see no evil" stuff — but we learned a lot and we made such wonderful friendships.

Sister Yvonne, do you remember — do you know that this lady corrupted me? I was a young Deputy Grand Matron and we're sitting at the table — all ten of us girls, some of us pretty naive — and she introduced me to somebody named Tootsie Green. But I'm not going to go there because you're laughing. You know. You ask her. I love you, Yvonne. Do you still love me?

Sister Elise, isn't it fun when we can go places together and laugh and have fun? And sometimes we can even go places like Las Vegas. See, I can do that this year. Well, they can get me, but not real bad. There are just so many things I'm so thankful for.

I'm thankful to Sister Alma. Thank you. She's a lot of fun too, and she likes to go to those places.

Who have I left out? I'm going to be nice to Sister Rennie. Sister Rennie and I go way back because I was a Redbird. Thank you so much, Sister Rennie. Brother Kenneth prayed for me when I was his DD. He's still praying for me. Thank you, God!

Wow, my Installing Grand Officers hold special places in my life. All of these Past Grand Matrons and Patrons do. Can y'all help me show them how much I love them? [applause]

I didn't want to leave this one out. She's somebody really, really special. Sister Rosemary Swetland has been such a blessing this year. I took her for granted. I asked her, "Were you going to play anything special besides maybe, you know, my march?" And she said, "Well, darling, you never asked me to." And I said, "Well, Sister Rosemary, you're always the Installing Grand Organist." See, where I come from in the country, when we have somebody that can play the piano, they're just going to do it forever. I apologized and apologized to her, and I apologize to her in front of this Grand Assembly. I did take you for granted just thinking you would automatically do it. When I asked her, she told me, "Darling, I would be honored to do that." It made me feel so good because she covered up my boo-boo. You played so beautifully tonight. Sarah just — y'all just sounded like a team, like you had been playing together all the time and it was wonderful. [applause] I love my march. Oh, Sister Delphia, y'all did so good. I think everybody is going to be doing Mickey Mouse and "It's a Small World," and "When You Wish upon a Star." Thank y'all. I love y'all. [applause]

I thought the Star Point presentation was really beautiful. Sister Juanita Gregory wrote that program for us to do tonight. Where's Sister Juanita? When you see her, Brother Kenneth, tell her it was really pretty.

I've got to do a little something here. Will y'all let me do something just a little special? There's a special one here, and I call her my little sweetheart all the time. I wanted it to be a big surprise, but somebody showed her a Yearbook and she's been asking people, she said, "Somebody said there was a picture of me in the Yearbook. Does anybody know anything about it?" And they just looked at her and said, "I don't know what you're talking about."

But Sister Grand Marshal — that's you, Abi — I've got a sweet little sweetheart right over there on that second row. Her name is Helen Higgins. Could you please escort her to the East. Now, sweet little Helen, she loves me no matter what. She did tell a couple of people, she said, "You know, I love that little old girl and she didn't give me an appointment." I said, "Well, I wanted it to be something special and a kind of surprise."

So if our Grand Marshal will escort Helen up to the East. You look beautiful. Don't worry about what you've got on. You've got something new to wear tomorrow.

Now, Sister Helen, you think you've got a lot of friends, and you really do. They just kind of pulled a wooly bugger on you. She's going to stop and visit. And Brother Lee is counting the time back here for me to hush so he can pray.

She said, "We'll be there directly." Well, Sisters and Brothers, this is going to be fun. This is going to be a fun year. I hope we have lots of surprises, but this one was really, really special. Sister Rita Landrum kind of helped me; she was my cohort here. She has Sister Helen's dresses already bought. They're in the room; she hasn't seen them yet. But she'll have on a brand new royal blue suit in the morning at the breakfast, so y'all look for her.

This is a corsage from your traveling buddies. They love you, and I do too.

**MRS. HELEN HIGGINS:** Well, they're all fruitcakes. [laughter]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I may be in more trouble than I thought. But, Sisters and Brothers, this is our Grand Chapter Sweetheart. [applause]

I've been promising people I'd have them out by ten. I've got a few more things to say. I don't really have notes, I have an outline. I wrote notes in the back all morning. My Pages were so excited. They thought, "My gosh, she's taking notes." And then I left them in the room.

But, y'all, I have to say one thing. That DeMolay presentation, the Flower Talk, I hope you enjoyed that as much as I did. [applause] I know most of you know Anna Chapman. That was her grandson Chance that did the Flower Talk. I saw that at a Grand Chapter many years ago, and I was way up in the stands. That's when we used to have the big stands. I was way up there. I sat up there and I cried then, too. Every year when we went back to Grand Chapter, I'd think, "Oh, I hope they do the Flower Talk," because I thought it was so beautiful. This time we got to request it. I told Brother Ray, I said, "Oh, I'd like to hear that." He said, "I know who can do it." And wasn't that a blessing, Worthy Grand Patron? I got to say it.

I really appreciated Mr. Clamptite coming and doing his talk. Brother Tommy Griffin, we're going to have to buy him a blue vest. [laughter] Thank you for bringing greetings from Grand Lodge. He told me he has invited me to bring greetings at his Grand Lodge. He might be in trouble! [laughter]

Our Grand Family this year is going to be called our Pride. I think that's kind of a good name for all y'all, don't you? [applause] I want to thank all of my Lambs and Shepherds. This is just going to be a neat time.

Is Allison still here, our Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor? She is such a beautiful young lady. Sister Marlene does so much with these girls. Thank you for staying, Marlene; I appreciate it. I thought that presentation was so beautiful. I thought I was really doing well. Sister Alma said, "Do you want to take a tissue?" I said, "I think I'm all right." I prayed and I was doing real well until Allison looked at me with her little sweet face and those beautiful, beautiful words, and we just both kind of lost it. Please don't get onto her; it was my fault. Beautiful lady. Please, Sisters and Brothers, go to Rainbow meetings when you can. Always try to go to Grand Assembly. It's such a blessing. Thank you so much for all that you do. We'll be working for you this year, too. And you're on my Committee for that. That's the Mickey Mouse pins.

I need to thank my chapter, Mineral Wells chapter. Are y'all still here or did you go to bed? Thank goodness Abi stood up. The rest of my family finally remembered they're members. [laughter] District 3, Section 2. Wow, there you go; there you go! [applause] Thank you. Your love and support means so much to me. I appreciate every bit of help you give us, all you do; and you can tell they're going to be working by the dresses they have on. Thank you so much. I love you and I appreciate you. Just know I'm here for y'all, too.

Brother Ray Hertenberger, our Worthy Grand Patron — okay, I'm not going to look because he'll cry, and if he cries — Vicki tells us that we're both the biggest cry babies in the State of Texas. I really love and appreciate you two so very, very much. We have had so much fun, and we're going to have a lot more fun. And we're going to accomplish good works together. I really appreciate you and your family, and I love you all so much. I hope that Colin likes me as well as he does Granddad Dave some day! I'm going to make Emma love me. I really love and respect you, and I trust you. I thank God that He has brought y'all into my life. Thank you for being part of our family. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, indulge me just a couple of minutes while I introduce my family. My husband David — please stand. We've been married nearly 41 years. He still loves me and is staying with me. Our children, you've seen them already, but I'm going to let you see them again. Would my son Rowdy stand. Would his wife Lori stand. Would my grandchildren Ethan and Emily please stand. Y'all remember him from Mr. X. Would my daughter Rebecca stand and her husband Chris. Would my daughter Sarah stand with her husband Mark. Sisters and Brothers, they're going to have a baby in March. [applause] Was it okay that I told? It's due the 24th of March, the week before we go on our cruise. I said, "We're going to take castor oil and walk." Would my niece Christi please stand. This is my daughter too. She's my brother's daughter, but she's mine and I love her as much as I do my children. Her husband Craig. Is he still here? He must love me, he's still here. And my great niece Courtney.

Sisters and Brothers, we had other family that wanted to be here. This is our family reunion weekend, and it has been going on for over 73 years, on Labor Day weekend. They're at the lake. But these gave up, came in — some of the grandsons didn't, they wouldn't leave — but would you please help me show them how much I love and appreciate them. [applause]

I don't know if we have anybody left from TMRC. I'd like to thank them for coming and staying. Excuse me! I think there was a cane back here. I was just trying to get a rise out of her. I did.

But I want everyone to know that the constituting is going to take place on Friday at 1:30 in the afternoon. TMRC would be so honored if you would come to that constituting. You know, Sisters and Brothers, this is part of history and we don't see it as often as we used to. So come and join us that day. I think you'll receive a blessing.

I have to ask one question. Just a minute.

I was so cautious — and I told my really sweet friend of over twenty years, I said, "For God's sake, don't let me leave anybody out or forget anything." And she said, "Joyce, I won't." And I have forgotten to thank her. She's fixing to do something really, really special.

Sister Alma Lynn — see, this is how we do when — we forget the ones that are closest to us. I have to have notes up here to remember. I wouldn't forget you, Sister Alma, because you're in my prayers every day. You and Bill both are. She's on a journey, Sisters and Brothers. She has already begun the journey. She has a lot of hard work because she's working for the world, not just us. But she always has time for Texas. [applause] She told me it didn't matter, she would be at Texas Grand Chapter no matter what. So, Sisters and Brothers, help me please show my love and appreciation to Sister Alma Lynn. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, this is going to be an awesome year. This was an awesome night. You have been so very, very, very patient with me. I appreciate it. And you know what — oh, I've got to mention my Deputies. Did you notice them in the very back? That beautiful green. [applause] Faith and peace. I said, "Don't take down the stage. They may not can sing, but they can sit in the choir." And I found out this morning, my goodness, they can sing. O, sweet, sweet girls, we're in for a good fun year. I love you so much.

Sister Jerre Miller is sitting back here. I wasn't going to embarrass her, but she can stand up because you're going to see a lot of her. She's going to be glued to me she said, because she's going to try to keep me out of trouble. Good luck!

Sisters and Brothers, I want y'all to know that I love you bunches and bunches. I'll see you. [applause]

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** I have been asked to remind you that in the morning there's a breakfast and a Deputies Conference. I do want to remind the Installed Grand Officers at the close of the meeting — not the installation, but the meeting — to come to the front of the room for your pictures.

Our benediction will be given by Brother H. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** Worthy Grand Matron, my clock has 9:58. [applause] Thanks for paying me \$25 for staying around.

Would you please rise. Sisters and Brothers, please take the hand of the one next to you as we go to the Lord in prayer.

Our Heavenly Father, Supreme Architect of the Universe, we come to You at the close of this Installation and this Grand Chapter session with a thankful heart for the many blessings that You have bestowed upon us as individuals and collectively as the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. We ask Your continued blessing on the newly installed Grand Officers as they assume their roles and responsibilities as leaders of this Grand Chapter. Give them the wisdom, the guidance and the strength to perform their duties in a manner that would be pleasing to You. Be with the members of our Grand Chapter as we work for the good of our Order and for the benefit of mankind. Be with all of us and all those who have special needs in their lives. We pray a special prayer for those men and women who are putting their lives on the line to protect our country. Be with them

and their families. Constantly guide and protect them, if it be Thy will. Draw them close to Your bosom and comfort them as only You can do. As we leave this Installation tonight, as we go our separate ways, grant us Your traveling graces as we return to our respective homes. Watch over us, lead us, guide us and direct us until we all meet again. These things we ask in Your name, the Master's name. Amen.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** At this time I declare a recess. To our visitors, we thank you for sharing the joy of this special evening. Those who are not members of our Order, will you please retire at this time.

[Recess.]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

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

**GRAND SENTINEL:** The doors are secure and there will be no interruptions, Grand Warder.

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Associate Grand Matron.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You will ascertain if all present are members of the Order.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the altar.

I declare this 126th session of the Grand Chapter called from rest to labor.

Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this Grand Chapter is now called from rest to labor.

Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sisters and Brothers, I have the pleasure to inform you that Sister Lori Goldman has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors. Sister Lori, I recognize you. I recognize all the Board!

**MS. LORI GOLDMAN:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we the Board of Directors would like to let you know that we support your endeavors for this new Grand Chapter year. We know it's going to be very successful. We wish you best travels, safe travels and great journeys. To actually have a journey, you might need a van, so we're going to give you some keys. Most importantly, it is full of gas, and we're going to let you know where it's located. We had that error one time before. Also, the Grand Chapter credit card.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Lori. Thank all of you Board members. Congratulations on selecting your officers. I don't know who they all are yet, but I know that I have been with each of you so many times, and they are — Sisters and Brothers, we've got to appreciate the Board and all that they do. They spend much time and much of their own money doing everything that they do. So please know and appreciate them, because I know I love and appreciate each of you. Thank you. I'll try to take really good care of it. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, remember there will be a breakfast in the morning for our new Associate Grand Conductress.

Before we close, I want each of you to know how much I appreciate you staying. I want my Grand Officers to know how much I love and appreciate them. Thank you so much. You know what  
*"Symphony Among the Angels"*

each of you means to me.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the flag of our country.

Sisters and Brothers, before we go into our ritualistic closing — I know we're not supposed to do anything after we retire the flag. I'm remiss when I don't look at all of my notes. But are Sister Lesa Smith and Brother Trey Smith still in the room? Thank you, my sweet, sweet friends. Lesa made sure that we got in line properly in the back. Brother Trey made sure that this installation went off without a hitch. Years and years ago when I was first elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, he said, "Okay, girls, whenever y'all get elected to the Line, remember me. I'll help you get that installation off without any problem." I reminded him of that. I'm on his list right now. I think he's doing about 122 things for me. But you know what? You can always call on him and he's there. Thank you, and I love you. [applause] I'll mention that again when the room's full.

[Ritualistic closing.]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I now declare this 126th session of Grand Chapter closed.

Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, Grand Chapter is closed.

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**APPENDIX**



## RECAP ON ELECTIONS

### ELECTED

Worthy Grand Matron . . . . . Joyce Nicklas  
Worthy Grand Patron . . . . . Jerry Trees  
Associate Grand Matron . . . . . Bess Caldwell  
Associate Grand Patron . . . . . Ray Hertenberger  
Grand Secretary . . . . . Nell Smith Drenner  
Grand Treasurer . . . . . Betty Prater  
Grand Conductress . . . . . Mary Ruth White  
Associate Grand Conductress . . . . . Vi Griffin  
Board of Directors District 1 . . . . . Jack Beall  
Board of Directors District 2 . . . . . Keith Mikeworth  
Board of Directors District 3 . . . . . Lorraine Williams  
Board of Grand Examiners District I . . . . . Linda Puckett  
Board of Grand Examiners District II . . . . . Cindy Echols  
Board of Grand Examiners District III . . . . . Cheryl Albrecht  
Board of Grand Examiners District IV . . . . . Christine Armstrong  
Board of Grand Examiners District V . . . . . Brenda Smith Costello  
Board of Grand Examiners-at-Large . . . . . Susan Bigham

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	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	GRAND		
1884	†Mrs. E.J. Talbot	†W.L. Holt	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†W.J. Wickham	†R. R. McPhail	†Mrs. A. McGregor			
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. Hawkins	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Mrs. Sallie Wayde	†Mrs. Sallie Wayde	†Carr Forest	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. McGregor			
1886	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P.H. Stevens	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†D.H. Hightower	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. M. Hightower			
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. Schwartz			
1888	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner			
1889	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.W. Ellender	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†T.J. Neely	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh			
1891	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†A.F. Hicks	*Mrs. Jennie Cassill	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh			
1892	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†L.L. Miller	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†J.W. Felbaum	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter			
1893	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†Tom Murrath	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†D. Ludlow	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim			
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter			
1895	†Mrs. Sadies A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Kate Birch			
1896	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph			
1897	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†J.T. Atchinson	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Ree Alvord			
1898	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†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	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh			
1900	†Mrs. Agnes V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†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	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†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	†Mrs. A. Walker	†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	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	*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	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†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	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†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	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†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	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†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	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†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	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson			
1910	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson			
1911	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†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	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†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	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†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	†Miss Cora Posey	†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	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody			
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†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	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†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	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†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	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson			

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1920	†Mrs. Margaret L. Hosoy	†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. Sebitts	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1922	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1923	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1924	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1925	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1926	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†Mrs. LuLu LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1927	†Miss LuLu LeFan	†L.E. Tennison	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1928	†Mrs. Birdie J. Easterling	†W. Gregory Hatcher	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1929	†Mrs. Beulah Rawlings	†Capt. Dan O'Connell	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1930	†Mrs. Bessie B. Garth	†Wm. G. Vollus	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1931	†Mrs. Belle P. Tomlinson	†Geo. S. Dowell	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1932	†Mrs. Riva C. Burnett	†W.F. Easterling	†Mrs. Rose Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1933	†Mrs. Rose E. Potter	†A.P. Holbrook	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1934	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1935	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1936	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1937	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John Temple Rice	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1938	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1939	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1940	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Mrs. Viva Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1941	†Mrs. Viva S. Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1942	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1943	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard	†E.B. Gauntt	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1944	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker	†E.B. Gauntt	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1945	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1946	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1947	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gaudin	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1949	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Lucile Dufter	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufter	†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	†C.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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1957	†Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1958	†Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	†Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	†Dr. R.O. Fuqua	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1959	†Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	†Dr. R.O. Fuqua	†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. Sully Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1969	†Mrs. Sully 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 <sup>†</sup> Holmes	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1972	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill <sup>†</sup> Holmes	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1973	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	†Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neimast	Joseph B. Powell	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1974	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neimast	†Paul Huffhines	†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 Oton	Thurman L. Weaver	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1978	†Mrs. Rennie Oton	†L.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. Armstrong
1980	†Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	†Mrs. Elise Hammack	†Oliver B. Chamberlin	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong
1981	†Mrs. Elise Hammack	†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	†Mrs. Beulah Speer	†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 Efrid	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1988	†Mrs. Doris Efrid	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	Joe E. Jeffers	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1989	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1990	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	Glen Whitaker	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1991	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	Glen Whitaker	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	Garland W. Rattan	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1992	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†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

\*Demitied †Deceased ‡Suspended

**LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-2007**

<b>Year</b>	<b>WORTHY GRAND MATRON</b>	<b>WORTHY GRAND PATRON</b>	<b>ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON</b>	<b>ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON</b>	<b>GRAND SECRETARY</b>	<b>GRAND TREASURER</b>
1994	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	† Charles Morris	Mrs. Rosemary Sweetland	Billy Combest	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1995	Mrs. Rosemary Sweetland	Billy Combest	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1996	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Claude Ervin	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1997	Mrs. Yvonne 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	Mrs. Betty Prater
2001	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	Harold Trammell	Mrs. Sharon Feintress	Ed Warner	Mrs. Alma Carter	Mrs. Betty Prater
2002	Mrs. Sharon Feintress	Ed Warner	Mrs. Doris J. Hester	Jack Guy	Mrs. Alma Carter	Mrs. Betty Prater
2003	Mrs. Doris J. Hester	Jack Guy	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler	Jerry L. Martin	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater
2004	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler	Jerry L. Martin	Mrs. Nancy Brown	Nelson Campbell	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater
2005	Mrs. Nancy Brown	Nelson Campbell	Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	John Creel	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater
2006	Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	John Creel	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert	Jerry Trees	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater
2007	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert	Jerry Trees	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas	Ray Hertenberger	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater

\*Dmitted †Deceased ‡Suspended

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

**AUDIT REPORTS**

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2008

<b>Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets:</b>	
Revenue	
Unrestricted revenues and gains	\$ 1,196,234
Net assets released from restriction	
Satisfaction of program restriction	<u>86,933</u>
Total unrestricted revenue	<u>1,283,167</u>
Operating expenses	
Program services	
Care of elderly members	684,525
Educational scholarships	72,855
Benevolence	160,089
Fraternal activities	320,215
Supporting services	
Management and general	431,145
Fundraising	<u>72,089</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,740,918</u>
<b>Decrease in unrestricted net assets</b>	<u>(457,751)</u>
<b>Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:</b>	
Investment return	23,076
Net realized and unrealized losses on investments	(38,179)
Net assets released from restriction	<u>(86,933)</u>
<b>Decrease in temporarily restricted net assets</b>	<u>(102,036)</u>
<b>Decrease in net assets</b>	<u>(559,787)</u>
Net assets at beginning of the year	<u>16,491,845</u>
Net assets at end of the year	<u>\$15,932,058</u>

**AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2008

**Cash Flows from Operating Activities**

Cash received from donors, dues, memberships and other	\$ 1,101,138
Cash received from investment income	272,934
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	<u>(1,760,631)</u>
Net cash utilized by operating activities	<u>(386,559)</u>

**Cash Flows from Investing Activities**

Investment in certificates of deposits	(36,520)
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(9,514)
Proceeds from sales of investments	342,493
Proceeds from collection of note receivable	<u>13,390</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>309,849</u>

**Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents** (76,710)

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year 168,350

Cash and cash equivalents at end of year \$ 91,640

**Reconciliation of Decrease in Net Assets to  
Net Cash Utilized by Operating Activities**

**Decrease in Net Assets** \$ (559,787)

Adjustments to reconcile decrease in net assets to net cash utilized by operating activities	
Depreciation	14,828
Unrealized losses on investments	785,425
Realized gain on sales of investments	(547,018)
Increase in accounts receivable	(15,466)
Increase in inventory	(5,017)
Decrease in prepaid expenses	1,435
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(12,616)
Decrease in unearned revenue	<u>(48,343)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>173,228</u>

**Net Cash Utilized by Operating Activities** \$ (386,559)



**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**  
Statement of Functional Expenses  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2008

	Care of Elderly	Educational Scholarships	Benevolence	Fraternal Activities	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs:							
Compensation	\$ 12,471	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,280	\$ -	\$ 107,327	\$ 126,078
Housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll taxes	987	-	-	497	-	8,492	9,976
	<u>13,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,819</u>	<u>136,054</u>
Care of the elderly							
Allowance to home members	16,406	-	-	-	-	-	16,406
Funeral	4,785	-	-	-	-	-	4,785
Infirmary and TMRC housing	632,773	-	-	-	-	-	632,773
Scholarships	-	72,855	-	-	-	-	72,855
Benevolence							
Chapter benevolence	-	-	88,000	-	-	-	88,000
Special funds	-	-	72,089	-	72,089	-	144,178
Fraternal activities							
Grand officer's examiner's committee	-	-	-	10,900	-	-	10,900
Grand session expense	-	-	-	51,924	-	-	51,924
Past Grand Matron Jewels	-	-	-	1,200	-	-	1,200
General Grand Chapter per capita	-	-	-	39,365	-	-	39,365
Endowed membership expense	-	-	-	94,185	-	-	94,185
Postage	344	-	-	8,713	-	9,789	18,846
Printing	-	-	-	90,290	-	-	90,290
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	1,402	1,402
Management and general							
Administrative fee	-	-	-	-	-	8,400	8,400
Auto	990	-	-	498	-	8,516	10,004
Depreciation	1,467	-	-	739	-	12,622	14,828
Insurance	5,949	-	-	2,996	-	51,193	60,138
Investment trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	98,045	98,045
Legal and professional	350	-	-	-	-	40,014	40,364
Computers and technology	3,633	-	-	1,409	-	7,378	12,420
Office supplies	-	-	-	730	-	9,332	10,062
Other	121	-	-	8,350	-	32,071	40,542
Ren:	2,968	-	-	1,494	-	25,538	30,000
Repairs and maintenance	237	-	-	120	-	2,043	2,400
Telephone	358	-	-	180	-	3,082	3,620
Utilities	686	-	-	345	-	5,901	6,932
	<u>671,067</u>	<u>72,855</u>	<u>160,089</u>	<u>313,438</u>	<u>72,089</u>	<u>315,326</u>	<u>1,604,864</u>
	<u>\$ 684,525</u>	<u>\$ 72,855</u>	<u>\$ 160,089</u>	<u>\$ 320,215</u>	<u>\$ 72,089</u>	<u>\$ 431,145</u>	<u>\$ 1,740,918</u>

RECAP WGM PORJECTS 2007-2008

RECAP WGM PROJECTS 2007-2008											
ITEM	DATE	SALES	COST	NET	GEN FUND	GF 25%	Disbursements	BALANCE	Final Disburse	Designation	
4090.50 Year Book	8/31/2008	\$ 44,298.00	\$ 23,462.00	\$ 20,836.00	\$ 20,786.00			\$ -		Gen. Fund	
4090.51 Calendar	8/31/2008	\$ 5,205.00	\$ 2,022.41	\$ 3,182.59	\$ -	\$ 795.65	\$ 2,375.69	\$ 11.25		Celebration of the past GC	
4090.52 Checkbook cover and Piano Pins	8/31/2008	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 259.61	\$ 1,310.39	\$ -	\$ 327.60	\$ 982.79	\$ 0.00		Celebration of the Past GC	
4090.53 Black and Pink Totes	8/31/2008	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 1,188.25	\$ 3,071.75	\$ -	\$ 767.94	\$ 2,303.81	\$ 0.00		Celebration of the Past GC	
4090.54 WGM's & WGP's Sheet Music	8/31/2008	\$ 4,351.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,301.00	\$ 4,206.00			\$ -		Gen. Fund	
4090.55 Proficiency Stickers	8/31/2008	\$ 1,219.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,159.00		\$ 289.75		\$ 869.25	\$ 3,320.00	Huntingtons (Southwest Research	
4090.56 Pins: Gold Angel & Silver Angel	8/31/2008	\$ 6,885.00	\$ 1,003.50	\$ 5,881.50	\$ -	\$ 1,470.38		\$ 4,411.13	\$ 5,000.00	Donation TMRC from Humanitarian Fund	
4090.57 Pins: Hot Air Balloon	8/31/2008	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 1,668.33	\$ 3,981.67	\$ -	\$ 995.42		\$ 2,986.25	\$ 7,500.00	Youth(\$4500.00 Rainbow, 3000.00 Demolay(\$3947.52 Humanitarian)	
4090.58 Angels on Assignment	8/31/2008	\$ 12,418.46	\$ -	\$ 13,167.92	\$ -	\$ 3,291.98		\$ 9,875.94	\$10,000.00	WGM Special Project East Texas Angle Network	
4090.59 Music Book	8/31/2008	\$ 4,820.00	\$ 2,365.00	\$ 2,455.00	\$ -	\$ 613.75		\$ 1,841.25		Onward Christian Soldiers	
4090.60 Symbolism Book	8/31/2008	\$ 5,305.00	\$ 1,827.68	\$ 3,477.32	\$ 3,477.32			\$ -		Gen. Fund	
4090.61 Silver Star Pin	8/31/2008	\$ 3,490.00	\$ 1,493.34	\$ 1,996.66	\$ 1,996.66			\$ -		Gen. Fund	
4090.62 Gold Star Pin and Crosses	8/31/2008	\$ 6,880.00	\$ 2,105.91	\$ 4,774.09	\$ -	\$ 1,193.52		\$ 3,580.57		WGM SP. Projects	
4090.63 Pink Tote & Project finished Oct. 07	8/31/2008	\$ 4,785.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 3,960.00	\$ -	\$ 990.00		\$ 2,970.00		Cancer	
4090.64 Huntington's Disease Button Pin	8/31/2008	\$ 1,160.00	\$ -	\$ 1,160.00	\$ -	\$ 290.00		\$ 870.00	See Above	Huntington's	
4090.65 Name Badges	8/31/2008	\$ 3,044.00		\$ 3,044.00	\$ -	\$ 761.00	\$ 2,614.30	\$ (331.30)		WGM Trailer	
4090.66 Pins-"Onward Christian Soldiers"	8/31/2008	\$ 53,109.16	\$ -	\$ 53,109.16	\$ -	\$ 13,277.29	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 7,831.87	\$ 11,365.00	Onward Christian Soldiers (Brooke Army Medical Warriors & Family Support	
4090.67 Concert: "Music Among the Stars"	8/31/2008	\$ 36,688.50	\$ 11,831.69	\$ 24,856.81	\$ -	\$ 6,214.20	\$ -	\$ 18,642.61	\$ 24,990.00	Cancer Reaserch, Scottish Rite Hosp., Galveston Burn Ctr. \$8500.00 M D Anderson Hosp. -\$8990.00 Scottish Rite Hosp. \$7500.00 Galveston Burn Center	
<b>TOTAL</b>	8/31/2008	\$ 205,138.12	\$ 50,417.72	\$ 155,724.86	\$ 30,445.98	\$ 31,278.47	\$ 40,276.59	\$ 53,558.82	\$62,175.00		
										-\$5,000.00 TMRC Humanitarian	
										-\$3,947.52 Youth Humanitarian Funds	
										\$331.30 Shortage Trailer	
										\$53,558.76 Total	

*Photographs*  
*from the*  
*Pre-Session Festivities*  
*of*

*Mrs. Joyce Gilbert*  
*Worthy Grand Matron*

*&*

*Mr. Jerry Trees*  
*Worthy Grand Patron*

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS' DINNER



**Sandra Zipp**  
*Grand Marshal Chairman*



*A Great Time Was Had by All*



*A great big Thank You from  
the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron*

RECEPTION



*Gilbert ~ Trees  
Pre-Session Festivities*

# GENERAL BANQUET

*Gilbert ~ Trees Pre-Session Festivities*









THURSDAY NIGHT FUN NIGHT  
"Time of Celebration"



Mary Ann Ivy  
Chairman



THURSDAY NIGHT FUN NIGHT



*“What a beautiful and fun night of Celebration!  
Good Job Girls!”*

## GRAND CHAPTER ROOM



*Silbert ~ Trees Pre-Session Festivities*

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES



Phyllis Macon presented membership to  
the Worthy Grand Patron and the Worthy Grand Matron



*Photos from the*  
*“Symphony of the Angels”*  
*126th Grand Chapter*  
*Session*

*Mrs. Joyce Gilbert*  
*Worthy Grand Matron*

*&*

*Mr. Jerry Trees*  
*Worthy Grand Patron*

*“Symphony Among the Angels” Session*

INTRODUCTION OF  
INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



Joyce Gilbert  
Worthy Grand Matron  
Escorted by  
Glen Whitaker, Past Grand Patron

*"Symphony Among the Angels" Session*



Jerry Trees  
Worthy Grand Patron  
Escorted by Janlen  
Waclawczyk



Joyce Nicklas  
Associate Grand Matron  
Escorted by  
David Nicklas





Ray Hertenberger  
Associate Grand Patron  
Escorted by  
Vicky Hertenberger



Nell Smith Drenner  
Grand Secretary  
Escorted by  
James Kirkpatrick

*"Symphony Among the Angels" Session*



Bess Caldwell  
Grand Conductress  
Escorted by  
Al Caldwell



Mary Ruth White  
Associate Grand Conductress  
Escorted by  
Joe White



Lisa Smith  
Grand Chaplain  
Escorted by  
Trey Smith



Sandra Zipp  
Grand Marshal  
Escorted by  
Ron Zipp

*"Symphony Among the Angels" Session*



Barbara Trayler  
Grand Organist  
Escorted by  
Harold Trayler



Rita Lytle  
Grand Adah  
Escorted by  
Toby Lytle



Sula Reilly  
Grand Ruth  
Escorted by  
Damon Holley



Janell Trees  
Grand Esther  
Escorted by  
Ben Clegg



Wanda Hollingsworth  
Grand Martha  
Escorted by  
Dr. Garth Cline



Anita Brown  
Grand Electa  
Escorted by  
Jim Huston



Joyce Ball  
Grand Warder  
Escorted by  
Larry Ball



Warren Huckabee  
Grand Sentinel  
Escorted by  
Dr. Anna Huckabee



Mickie Campbell  
Chairman  
Escorted by  
Robert Squires

**BOARD  
OF  
DIRECTORS**



Lori Goldman  
Vice Chairman  
Escorted by  
Dwayne Maserang





Diane Davidson  
Secretary  
Escorted by  
Richard Hancock



Arthur Drescher  
District 1  
Escorted by  
Marty Drescher

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Gary Steele  
District 1  
Escorted by  
LeJean Steele



A.L. Casparis  
District 2  
Escorted by  
Nell Casparis



Lorraine Williams  
District 3  
Escorted by  
Jimmy Williams



Terri Rozell  
District 4  
Escorted by  
Walter Bartlett



Kathy Teele  
District 5  
Escorted by  
Claude Lindely

Photo of  
Karen Kidd  
Board of Directors  
District 2  
Unavailable.



Dr. Linda J. Puckett  
District 1  
Escorted by  
John Puckett

**BOARD  
OF  
GRAND EXAMINERS**



Cindy Echols  
District 2  
Escorted by  
Tommy Echols

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Cheryl Albrecht  
District 3  
Escorted by  
Darrell Albrecht



Christine Armstrong  
District 4  
Escorted by  
Billy Losack



Brenda Smith Costello  
District 5  
Escorted by  
Michael Fitzgerald



Susan Bigham  
At-Large  
Escorted by  
Larry Bigham



Opal Farley  
Fraternal Correspondent  
Escorted by  
Carroll Macon





Presentation of the Bible – Freda Combest  
Presentation of the Square and Compass – Bro. Billy Combest, PGP  
Presentation of the Bible Marker – Janlen Waclawczyk



Presentation of the American Flag  
Brett Vestal



Presentation of Red Rose  
Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron and  
Floyd Green



Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron  
With the Grand Officers of Texas



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*Drill under the direction of  
Saundra Zipp  
Grand Marshal*



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General Grand Officers



Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions



President's Award for Volunteer Service to  
 Michael Nyikos and Kelly Sue Nyikos.  
 This is the first award of this type to be presented by the  
 Order of the Eastern Star, and it was presented by  
 Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary.



Presentation of a \$32,000 check for the Wounded Warriors Ministry Center  
 (WWMC) in Landstuhl, Germany.  
 Pictured Left to Right: Gary Steele, Colonel James Griffith, Jerry Trees, Janell Trees  
 and Willie Mae Shaw.

## DEMOLAY



Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron

## RAINBOW FOR GIRLS



Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron





**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

Pictured Left to Right: Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron, District 5; Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron, District 3; Betty Phillips Benham, Past Grand Matron, District 2; Billy Combest, Past Grand Patron, District 1; Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron, Chairman; Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron



**FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT**

Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron; Opal Farley, Fraternal Correspondent



**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

Pictured Left to Right: Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; Ben Day; Laura Sharp; Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron



**GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS**

Pictured Left to Right: Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; Betty Friend, Eastern Star Journal, GGC and PGM of Texas; Elise Hammack, PGM; H. Lee Stallings, PGM; Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron



**GRAND SECRETARY AND STAFF**

Pictured Left to Right: Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; Charlotte Beall; Tava Smith; Donna Kirkpatrick; Marlene Scholari; Nell Drenner, Grand Secretary; Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron



**TEXAS CARDINALS COMMITTEE**



**PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE**

Pictured Left to Right: Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron; Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron, Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron; Beulah Speers, Past Grand Matron; Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron; Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron



**O.E.S. ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron; Jimmie Lee McMahan; Doris Hester; Ed Warner; Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron



**INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

Pictured Left to Right: Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron;  
Sister Virginia Keesling; Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron



**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Ron Zipp, Parliamentarian; Joyce Gilbert, Worthy Grand Matron;  
Jerry Trees, Worthy Grand Patron



REGISTRATION



CREDENTIALS



**CHAPTERS U.D.**

Pictured Left to Right: Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron;  
Buddy Baker, Past Grand Patron; Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron



**50 YEAR MEMBERS**



**OFFICERS OF NEW CHAPTER – TMRC DAYLIGHT NO. 1145**



**PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS**





**NEWLY APPOINTED GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS**



**WORTHY GRAND MATRONS,  
WORTHY GRAND PATRONS AND  
OFFICERS OF OKLAHOMA**





**ESTARL**





**PRECISION DRILL**



**ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE**



**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**



**DISTRICT ONE DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**



**DISTRICT TWO DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**



**DISTRICT THREE DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**



DISTRICT FOUR DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS



DISTRICT FIVE DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



**GRAND EXAMINERS**



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JOYCE GILBERT HUMANITARIAN DRILL

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

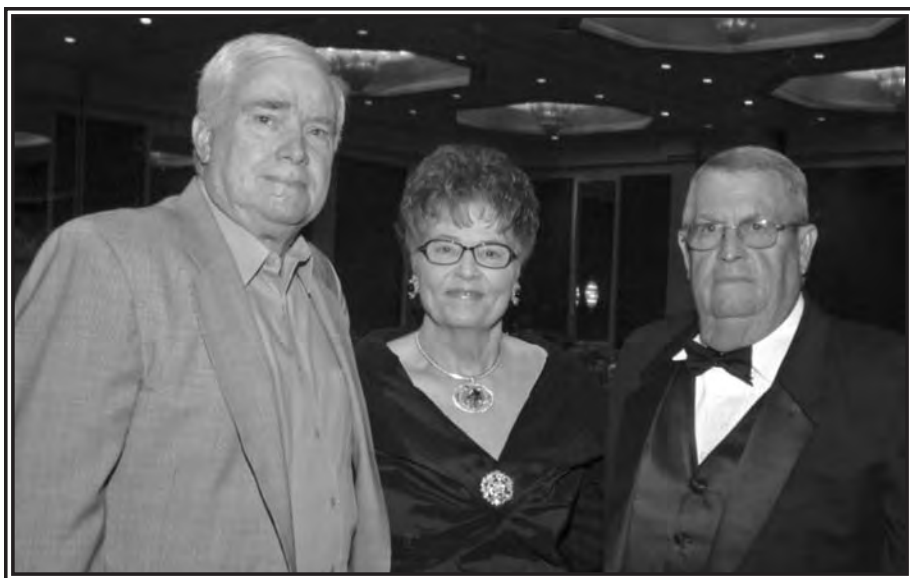


Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron  
to  
Joyce Gilbert, Jr. Past Grand Matron



Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron  
to  
Jerry Trees, Jr. Past Grand Patron

WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
AND  
FAMILY



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**WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
AND  
FAMILY**



*“Symphony Among the Angels” Session*



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