

The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star

127th Session

Peace in His Kingdom



August 6 – 9, 2009
Arlington Convention Center
Arlington, Texas

Joyce Nicklas **Ray Hertenberger**
Worthy Grand Matron **Worthy Grand Patron**

2008-2009

The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star

Extends Fraternal Greetings and
Welcomes you to the
On Hundred and Twenty-Seventh

Peace in His Kingdom
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Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Worthy Grand Matron



Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Secretary

The Peaceful Kingdom 2008—2009

“And the Lamb shall lie down with the Lamb”

Theme

Peace and Love

Emblems

The Lion and the Lamb

Flowers

Bluebonnets and White Daisies

Colors

Royal Blue and all shades of Blue
Green for Martha
Red for Electa

Scripture

I Corinthians 13:4-8

*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
wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects; always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
Love never fails.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understandings.
In all they ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Honor Stations

Martha and Electa



Mrs. Joyce Nicklas

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



Mr. Ray Hertenberger

*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*

IN MEMORIAM



Mary Katharine Smith
Worthy Grand Matron
1958 - 1959

Died November 8, 2008

IN MEMORIAM



Mrs. Katherine Harbour

Worthy Grand Matron

1972 – 1973

Died May 6, 2009

IN MEMORIAM



Mr. Joe E. Jeffers

*Past Grand Patron
1989 – 1990*

Died July 11, 2009



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
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	Mr. Wayne P. Jones
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	Mr. Joe E. Jeffers
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast	Mr. Graham H. Childress
Mrs. Joyce Roberts	Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Mrs. Mary Brown	Mr. Garland W. Rattan
Mrs. Elise Hammack	Mr. Leland G. Benefield
Mrs. Beulah Speer	Mr. Billy H. Combest
Mrs. Elsie Paladino	Mr. Richard Ochs
Dr. Effie Mae Davis	Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green	Mr. Henry S. Martin
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland	Mr. Harold Trammell
Mrs. Alma Carter	Mr. Ed Warner
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Mr. Jack Guy
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan	Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Mrs. Sharon Fentress	Mr. Nelson Campbell
Mrs. Doris Jean Hester	Mr. John Creel
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler	Mr. Jerry Trees
Mrs. Nancy Brown	
Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	
Mrs. Joyce Gilbert	

Mrs. Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the MWGM in Mexico
Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the MWGP in Mexico and Central America
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. Bess Caldwell
Associate Grand Matron



Mr. Bill Wyatt
Associate Grand Patron



Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Secretary



Mrs. Betty Prater
Grand Treasurer



Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Grand Conductress



Mrs. Vi Griffin
Associate Grand Conductress



Mrs. Betty Scott
Grand Chaplain



Mrs. Abi Freeman
Grand Marshal



Mrs. Mary Hanvey
Grand Organist

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT



Mrs. JoAnne Connor
Grand Adah



Mrs. Lillian "Sissie" Furrie
Grand Ruth



Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger
Grand Esther



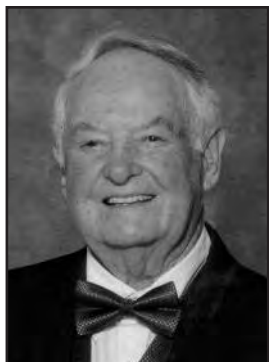
Mrs. Sue Lockhart
Grand Martha



Mrs. Edna Jefferies
Grand Electa



Mrs. Dwight Von Heeder
Grand Warder



Mr. Bill Vaughn
Grand Sentinel



Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" Crawford
Fraternal Correspondent

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Ms. Diane Davidson
Co-Chairman



Mrs. Terri Rozell
Secretary



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



Mr. Jack Beall
Member, District 1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mrs. Karen Kidd
Member, District 2



Mr. Keith Mikeworth
Member, District 2



Mrs. Lorraine Williams
Member, District 3



Mrs. Mickie Campbell
Member, District 4



Mrs. Kathy Teele
Member, District 5

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS



Dr. Linda J. Puckett
District 1



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District 2



Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
District 3



Mrs. Christine Armstrong
District 4



Mrs. Brenda Smith Costello
District 5



Mrs. Susan Bigham
Grand Examiner At Large

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Mrs. Donna Hill Pope
Chairman



Mr. Jimmy Williams
Co Chairman



Mrs. Patsy Hewlett
Secretary



Mrs. Patricia Hart
Treasurer

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE



Mr. Coy "Larry" Hart
Chairman



Mr. John Merk
Co-Chairman



Mrs. Nancy Jo Estill
Secretary



Ms. Ginger Byrd
Social & Ticket
Chairman



Mrs. Georgia Fae Jennings
Decorations Chairman



Mrs. Judy Baker
Distinguished Guests
Chairman



Mrs. Kaye Swain
Ditty Bags Chairman



Mr. Mark Dieckman
Elections Chairman



Mr. Russell Herdman
Electrical Chairman



Mrs. Donna Noe
Housing Chairman



Mrs. Kelly Killingbeck
Housing Co-Chairman

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE



Mrs. Michele Furtick
First Aid Chairman



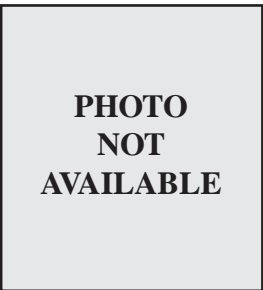
Mr. Pat James
Labyrinth Chairman



Mr. Earl Sadberry
Labyrinth Co-Chairman



Mrs. Kay Atchison
Lost & Found Chairman



Mrs. Martha Grissom
Lost & Found
Co-Chairman



Mrs. Margaret Wood
Paraphernalia Chairman



Mrs. Jean Curtis
Paraphernalia Co-Chairman



Mr. Larry Bigham
Security Chairman

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE



Mr. Dewey Teague
Transportation Chairman



Mrs. Linda Koch
Transportation Co-Chairman



Mrs. Melinda Richardson
Steno, Chairman



Mr. Ken Morford
Ushers Chairman



Mrs. Norma Phillips
Vendors Chairman



Mr. Cleo Ellison
Video/Pictures Session
Chairman



Mrs. Ophelia Ellison
Video/Pictures Session
Co-Chairman



Mrs. Bobbye Ann Dyer
Registration Chairman

CEREMONIAL OPENING

Thursday Afternoon Session
August 6, 2009

JOY IN HIS KINGDOM SESSION

11:30 A.M. Musical Prelude
Mrs. Mary Alberts
Music Committee, General Chairman

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. Nancy Brown
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Processional of Distinguished Members and Guests

12:30 P.M. Presentation of Installed Grand Officers,
Elected Boards, Fraternal Correspondent,
Grand Chapter Sweetheart,
Grand Chapter Mom and Grand Chapter Dad

Grand Chapter Dad
Mr. Walter Bartlett
Escorted by Mrs. Paulette Bartlett

Grand Chapter Mom
Mrs. Freida Dillon
Escorted by Mr. Allen Duncan

Grand Chapter Sweetheart
Ms. Helen Higgins
Escorted by Mr. James Walker

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. Dale French

Mrs. Brenda Smith Costello, District 5
Escorted by Mr. Terry Miller

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

Board of Directors

Ms. Lori M. Goldman, Chairman
Escorted by Mr. A. L. Casparis

Ms Diane Davidson, Vice Chairmam
Escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock

Mrs. Terri Rozell, Secretary
Escorted by Mr. Paul Halpin

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

Mr. Jack Beall, District 1
Escorted by Mrs. Charlotte Beall

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

Mr. Keith Mikeworth, District 2
Escorted by Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth

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

Mrs. Mickie Campbell, District 4
Escorted by Mr. Robert Squires

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

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 <i>Escorted by Dr. Bert Hammack</i>
Grand Martha	Mrs. Sue Lockhart <i>Escorted by Mr. Charles Kitchens</i>
Grand Esther	Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger <i>Escorted by Mr. Burley Jones</i>
Grand Ruth	Mrs. Sissy Furrie <i>Escorted by Mr. Robert Brownfield</i>
Grand Adah	Mrs. JoAnne Conner <i>Escorted by Mr. Garvis Wilson</i>
Grand Organist	Mrs. Mary Harvey <i>Escorted by Mr. Bob Stringer</i>
Grand Marshal	Ms. Abi Freeman <i>Escorted by Dr. Bill Bane</i>
Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Betty Scott <i>Escorted by Mr. Andrew Scott</i>
Associate Grand Conductress	Mrs. Vi Griffin <i>Escorted by Mr. Thomas Griffin</i>
Grand Conductress	Mrs. Mary Ruth White <i>Escorted by Mr. Joe White</i>
Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Betty Prater <i>Escorted by Mr. Mike Biddler</i>
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner <i>Escorted by Mr. James Kirkpatrick</i>
Associate Grand Patron	Mr. Bill Wyatt <i>Escorted by Mrs. Ann Wyatt</i>
Associate Grand Matron	Mrs. Bess Caldwell <i>Escorted by Mr. Al Caldwell</i>
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Ray Hertenberger <i>Escorted by Mrs. Doris Jones</i>
Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas <i>Escorted by Mr. David Nicklas</i>

Presentations

The Holy Bible	Mrs. Sarah Johnson and Paige Elizabeth <i>Daughter and Granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron</i>
Bible Marker	Mrs. Rebecca Kelley <i>Daughter of the Worthy Grand Matron</i>
Square and Compasses	Courtney Rigway <i>Grand Representative of Nevada</i>

Flags

United States	Mr. John Creel <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
Canada	Mr. Frederick W. Clarke <i>Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia</i>
Texas	Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
Oklahoma	Mr. Nelson Campbell <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
Christian	Mr. Harold Trammell <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
Eastern Star	Mr. Jerry Trees <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
Masonic	Mr. Jerry Martin <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>
1:00 P.M. Call to Order	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield <i>Payroll, Chairman General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas</i>
	Mr. Kenneth Gregory <i>Past Grand Patron of Texas</i>

Invocation

Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Welcome to Arlington

Mrs. Donna Hill Pope
Executive Committee Chairman

Presentations and Greetings

Greetings

Mrs. Barbara VanHollenbeck
Helms Briscoe

Greetings

Mrs. Judy Zernishaw
Arlington Convention Bureau

Greetings

Dr. Robert Cluck, M. D.
Mayor, City of Arlington

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

Mrs. Stephanie Brigger
Hospital Spokesperson

Shriners Burn Center in Galveston

Mr. Jim Denson

David Matthew Nicklas Organ Donor
Awareness Foundation

Mr. Rodney DeBaun
Founder

Greetings

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Supreme Inspector, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Miss Kati Castillo
Grand Worthy Advisor

Greetings

Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, Jr.
State Executive Officer, International Order of DeMolay

Mr. Aaron Saldana
State Master Councilor

Greetings

Honorable W. David Counts, Jr.
*Most Worshipful Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.*

Partial Report of the Credentials Committee

Mrs. Loretta Booth
Credentials Committee Chairman

“Broken Column” Drill

Installed Grand Officers, Grand Pages,
District Deputy Grand Matrons, and
Deputy Grand Matrons
Directed by Ms. Abi Freeman
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
Associate Grand Patron

RITUALISTIC CEREMONIAL OPENING

Installed Grand Officers

Opening Ode: “*He Touched Me*”

Grand Choir and Assembly
Directed by Mr. Paul Lowe
Grand Choir Director

Accompanied by Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder
Grand Representative of Washington in Texas

Flag Presentation

Ms. Abi Freeman
Grand Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Worthy Grand Patron

The National Anthem

Mrs. Sarah Johnson
Grand Soloist

Song: “*O Canada*”

Grand Choir and Assembly

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

Mr. Fred Clarke
*Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and
Prince Edwards Island
Past Most Worshipful Grand Master*

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

Response to Welcome

Mrs. Carol Ann Roberson
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Arkansas

Greetings—Other Grand Jurisdictions

Mrs. Judy Dixon
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Oklahoma

Filling of Vacancies

Song: “*Like a Lamb Who Needs a Shepherd*”

Grand Choir
Directed by Mr. Paul Lowe
Grand Choir Director

Accompanied by Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder
Grand Representative of Washington in Texas

Benediction

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

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Grand Conductress

Session Called from Labor to Rest

Grand Representatives Drill and Program

Mrs. Antoinette Crawford
Fraternal Correspondent

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

**Please join us this evening for the
Let’s Go on a Lion Hunt Dinner
6:30 P.M.
Arlington Convention Center**

*“The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”*

Numbers 6:24-26

Friday Morning Session

August 7, 2009

LOVE IN HIS KINGDOM Session

8:00 A.M. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Janell Trees
Grand Representative of Montana in Texas

8:30 A.M. Call to Order

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Leland Benefield
Past Grand Patron of Texas

“The Cup” Drill

Installed Grand Officers, Grand Pages,
Grand Representatives
Directed by Ms. Abi Freeman
Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Invocation

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

Session Called from Rest to Labor

Reports:

Credentials
Chapters Under Dispensation

Mrs. Loretta Booth, Chairman
Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Worthy Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Secretary
Grand Treasurer
Board of Directors
Jurisprudence

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner
Mrs. Betty Prater
Ms. Lori Goldman, Chairman
Mrs. Nancy Brown, Chairman
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Grievances and Appeals

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Chairman
Past Grand Matron of Texas

By-Laws
Educational Fund
Purposes and Policies

Mr. Trey Smith, Chairman
Dr. Anna Huckabee, Chairman
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman
Payroll, Chairman, General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

International Headquarters
OES Endowment

Ms. Kathy Franks, Chairman
Mrs Jean Mays, Chairman

Benediction

Mrs. Alma Carter
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Grand Conductress

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

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

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

Friday Afternoon Session

August 7, 2009

HOPE IN HIS KINGDOM Session

1:15 p.m. Musical Prelude

Jerri Young
Registration Committee

1:30 p.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 Martin
Past Grand Patron of Texas

“The Broken Column” Drill

Installed Grand Officers, Grand Pages,
District Deputy Grand Matrons,
Deputy Grand Matrons
Directed by Ms. Abi Freeman
Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Invocation

Mrs. Geraldine Dusek
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Session Called From Rest to Labor

Reports, continued:

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

Titles, Deeds and Properties
Museum
Webmaster
Financial Investment
Texas Cardinals

Ms. Lynn Kearney, Chairman
Mrs. Sherry Thompson, Chairman
Mr. Herbert McNutt, Chairman
Mr. Reese L. Harrison, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Henry Martin

Texas Redistricting
Organ Donor Awareness
Working Miracles
Forever Young
Spring Fling
Time and Talent
Endowed Memberships
Multi State

Past Grand Patron on Texas
Mr. Gayle Brown, Chairman
Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Chairman
Mrs. Priscilla Armstrong, Chairman
Mr. Norman Abshere, Chairman
Mrs. Lesa Smith, Chairman
Mrs. Beverly Plante, Chairman
Mr. Jess Carden, Chairman
Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Chairman
Past Grand Patron on Texas

HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

The Circle of Friendship Drill

Mrs. Diana Ray

Benediction

Mrs. Doris Hester
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Grand Conductress

**Session Called from Labor to Rest
Until 7:30 P.M.**

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

“LET THERE BE PEACE”

**HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM
2008 – 2009**



P – PROSPERITY

E – ESTABLISH

A – AID

C – CARING

E – EDUCATION

“PEACE” Humanitarian Program

Mrs. Diana Lee Ray
Humanitarian, General Chairman

Presentation of 100% Chapters

**Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons,
Jr. Past Matrons and Jr. Past Patrons**

**“PEACE” Like a River
for the
Lions & the Lambs
Humanitarian Drill**

Directed by
Ms. Abigail Freeman
Grand Marshal

Humanitarian Chairman

District 1	Mrs. Tava Smith
District 2	Mrs. Barbara Wickham
District 3	Ms. Terri Hugo
District 4	Mrs. Iris Lowe
District 5	Mrs. Vicki Smith

Conclusion Summary
Mrs. Diana Lee Ray

Friday Evening Session

August 7, 2009

FAITH IN HIS KINGDOM Session

7:00 P.M. Musical Prelude

Mr. Daniel Caldwell
Bonham Chapter #852

7:30 P.M. Call to Order

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

Presentation of the ESTARL and Memorial Programs

*And I say unto you: Ask and it shall be given to you;
seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you.”*

Luke 11:9

**Following the Memorial Program
all participants are requested to remain for the
Rehearsal of the 2009-2010 Installation of Grand Officers**

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

All God's Children

ESTARL Service and Awards

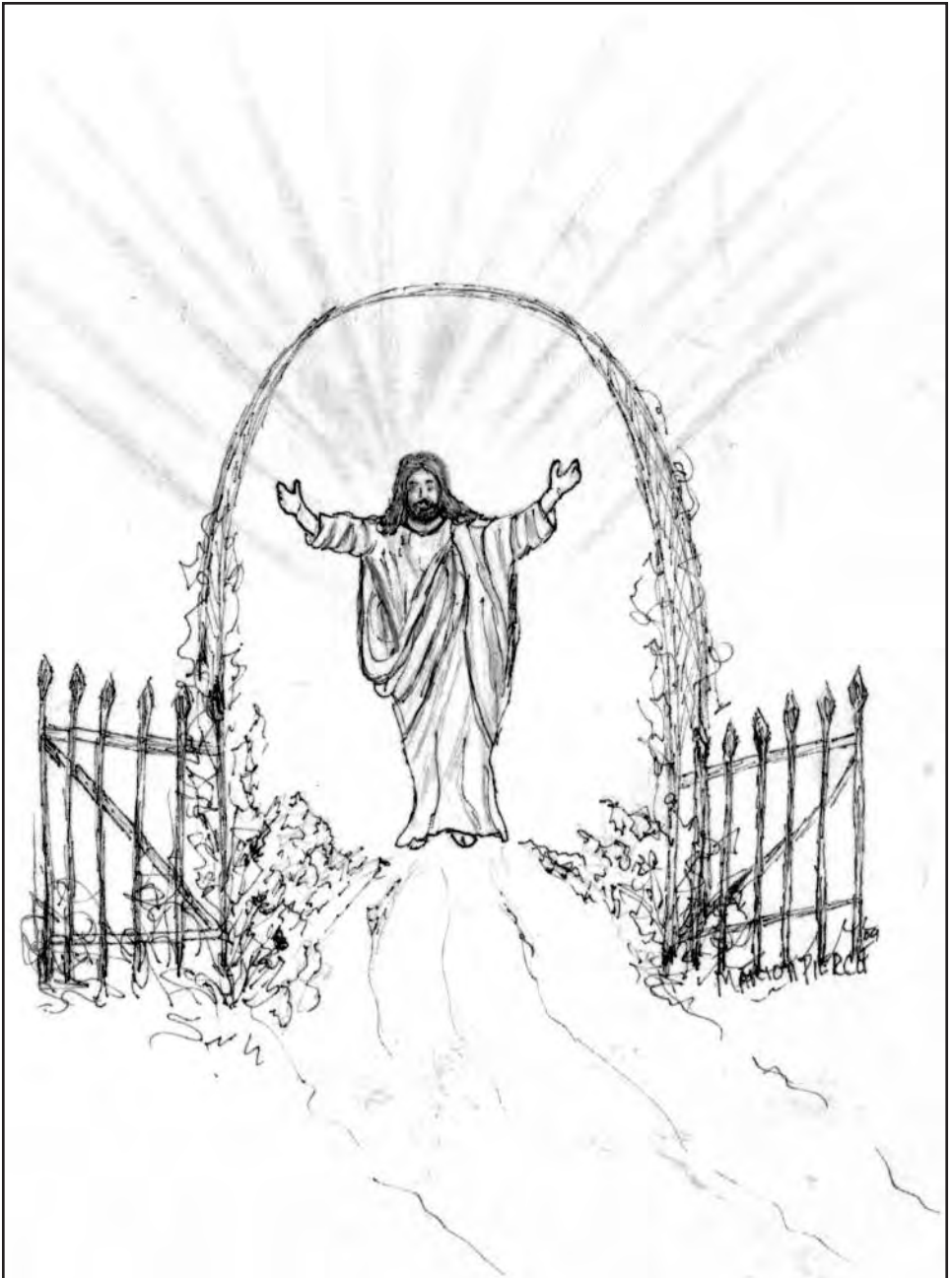


**ESTARL PROGRAM
“All God’s Children”**

Welcome	Jean Hodson General Chairman
ESTARL Committee	Tonya Foster, District 1 Delores Harris, District 2 Rose Ann Lowry, District 3 Evelyn Peek, District 4 Glenda Story, District 5
Invocation	Mallory Homeyer Recipient District 5
Musical Selection	Rebecca Jill Clark District 1
Scripture Reading	Grant Baker Barnes District 4
Devotional	Franklin Smith District 3
Offertory Prayer	Carrie DeLeon District 4
Offertory Music	Kale Stevens District 1

ESTARL LOVE OFFERING

Greetings and Presentation of Awards	Joyce Nicklas Worthy Grand Matron
	Ray Hertenberger Worthy Grand Patron
Response From Recipients	Doug Gaskey District 2
Benediction <i>“The Lord’s Prayer”</i>	Rebecca Jill Clark District 1



*The Lamb of God's Garden of Remembrance
Memorial Program
2009-2010*

**THE LAMB OF GOD'S GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE
MEMORIAL PROGRAM**

Musical Prelude	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland Past Grand Matron
“In the Garden” Drill	Miss Abi Freeman Grand Marshal Installed Grand Officers Grand Pages
“The Beautiful Garden of Prayer”	Mrs. Sarah Johnson Grand Soloist
	Mr. Paul Lowe Grand Choir Director
	Grand Chapter Choir
Invocation	Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory Past Grand Patron
Solo - “Abide With Me”	Mrs. Sarah Johnson Grand Soloist
Report of the Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Betty M. Scott Grand Chaplain
Dedication:	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro tem, GGC
Instrumental Presentation	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland Past Grand Matron Mrs. Jerri Young Registration Committee
Tribute to General Grand Chapter	Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Rennie Ofton Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, GGC
	Mr. Henry Martin Past Grand Patron

Tribute to Past Grand Matrons	Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert Past Grand Matron Mr. Jerry Trees Past Grand Patron
Tribute to Grand Chapter Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions	Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild Past Grand Matron Mr. Richard Ochs Past Grand Patron
Tribute to Subordinate Chapters	Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Nancy Brown Past Grand Matron Mr. Nelson Campbell Past Grand Patron
Tribute to United States Military	Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs Karen Morgenthaler Past Grand Matron Mr. H. Lee Stallings Past Grand Patron
<i>“The Empty Chair”</i>	Grand Chaplain
Star Presentation	Mrs. Sharon Fentress Past Grand Matron Mr. Ed Warner Past Grand Patron
Memorial Wreath Presentation	Mrs. Geraldine Dusek Past Grand Matron Mr. John Creel Past Grand Patron

Memorial Wreath Presentation

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Worthy Grand Patron

Taps

Opening of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Grand Conductress

Draping of the Altar

Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Grand Conductress
Mrs. Vi Griffin
Assoc. Grand Conductress
Mrs. Betty M. Scott
Grand Chaplain

Solo - "*Lamb of God*"

Mrs. Sarah Johnson
Grand Soloist

Grand Choir

Closing Narration

Grand Chaplain

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Mary Ruth White

Benediction

"The Lord's Prayer"
Mrs. Margie Shenkir
Grand Page to Grand Conductress

Please retire reverently.

Saturday Morning Session

August 8, 2009

TRANQUILITY IN HIS KINGDOM Session

8:00 a.m.. Musical Prelude Mrs. Murial Rowell
Music Committee

8:30 a.m.. Call to Order Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron of Texas
Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Past Grand Patron of Texas

“Farewell Joyce and Ray” Drill Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages
Directed by Ms. Abi Freeman
Grand Marshal

Precision Drill Directed by Mr. Bill Wyatt
Associate Grand Patron

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Grand Conductress

Invocation Mrs. Rosemary Swetland
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Special Music: “*Pass It On*” Grand Choir
Directed by Mr. Paul Lowe
Grand Choir Director

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

Mrs. Loretta Booth, Chairman

Final Registration Report

Mrs. Bobbye Dyer, 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
Recognition and Presentation	Fifty-year Members Residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center First Time Grand Chapter Attendees
Appreciation and Recognition of Executive and Arrangements Committees for 2008-2009	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas <i>Worthy Grand Matron</i>
Recognition and Presentations	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas <i>Worthy Grand Matron</i>
Invitation to the 2009-2010 Grand Chapter Session	Mr. Kris Miller <i>Executive Committee Chairman</i> Mrs. Marjorie Haynes <i>Executive Committee Co-Chairman</i>
Election Results	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas <i>Worthy Grand Matron</i>
Benediction	Mr. Jack Guy Past Grand Patron of Texas
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Mary Ruth White Grand Conductress

*May He who hears our every prayer keep you in His loving care
And may you feel His presence near each day throughout the coming year.*

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

**Please join us for the 2009-2010
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 Nicklas	Ms. Jerre Miller Mrs. Charlotte Beall Mrs. Audri Rowell Dr. Leslie Keilberg Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer Mrs. Vickie Mathews
Worthy Grand Patron—Mr. Ray Hertenberger	Mrs. LaTricia Hertenberger Mrs. Kiki Treichel Mr. Derrell Fogarty Mr. Ehren Hertenberger Mr. Doug Treichel, Sr.
Associate Grand Matron—Mrs. Bess Caldwell	Mrs. Joyce Ball Mrs. Blanche Abbott Mrs. Sue Barnes Mrs. Mary Calvert Mrs. Janice Kelley Mrs. Faye Murphy Mrs. Dorothy White
Associate Grand Patron—Mr. Bill Wyatt	Mr. Darrell Albrecht Mr. Kenneth Jackson Mr. Rex Parkinson
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. Mary Ruth White	Mrs. Jane Wert Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann Mrs. Sharon London Mrs. Rita Lytle Mrs. Cindy Newbury Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir Mrs. Susan Smith
Associate Grand Conductress—Mrs. Vi Griffin	Mrs. Dorris Clegg Mrs. Marialice Bailey Mrs. Melanie Rayner
Grand Chaplain—Mrs. Betty Scott	Mrs. Edna Adams Mrs. Agnes Few Mrs. Carol Jackson Mrs. Kenlyn Lawrence

Grand Marshal—Ms. Abi Freeman	Mrs. Bonita Bassett Mrs. Mary Brown Mrs. Jessie Freeman Ms. Debbie Haechten Mrs. Machel Hanchey Mrs. Ann Wilkinson
Grand Organist—Mrs. Mary Harvey	Mrs. Dian Byrne Mrs. Martha Cameron Mrs. Jann Sutton
Grand Adah—Mrs. JoAnne Conner	Mrs. Mickey Gunder Mrs. Bernadine Watson Mrs. Phyllis Watson
Grand Ruth—Mrs. Sissy Furrrie	Mrs. JoNell Barry Ms. Margie Jo McInroe Mrs. Cheree' Null Mrs. Connie Nurmi
Grand Esther—Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger	Mrs. Annette Clark Mrs. Doris Jones Mrs. Polly McCamey
Grand Martha—Mrs. Sue Lockhart	Mrs. Joyce Followill Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell Mrs. Mamie Pistokache Mrs. Paula Spence
Grand Electa—Mrs. Edna Jeffries	Mrs. Lyndel Campbell Mrs. Doris Huckabee Mrs. Delores Long Mrs. LeVona Patton Mrs. Chrystelle Perry
Grand Warder—Mr Dwight Von Heeder	Mr. Russell DiBenedetto Mr. Alan Duncan Mrs. Bobbie Robinson Mrs. ElWanda Spindor Mrs. Marian Von Heeder
Grand Sentinel—Mr. Bill Vaughn	Mrs. Pam Dean Mrs. Andi Martin Mrs. Peggy Saxon Mrs. Karen Wright

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Donna Hill Pope	Chairman
Mr. Jimmy Williams	Co-Chairman
Mrs. Patsy Hewlett	Secretary
Mrs. Patricia Hart	Treasurer

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Coy "Larry" Hart	Chairman
Mr. John Merk	Co-Chairman
Mrs. Nancy Estill	Secretary

Mrs. Georgia Fay Jennings	Decorations Chairman
Mrs. Jean Hunt	Decorations Co-Chairman
Mrs. Jane Mohon	Decorations Co-Chairman
Mrs. Judy Baker	Distinguished Guests Chairman
Mrs. Lynda Benefield	Distinguished Guests Co-Chairman
Mrs. Elaine Batchelor	Ditty Bag Chairman
Mr. Mark Dieckmann	Elections Chairman
Mr. Russell Herdman	Electrical Chairman
Mrs. Michele Furick	First Aid Chairman
Mrs. Tina Stevens	First Aid Co-Chairman
Mrs. Donna Noe	Housing Chairman
Mrs. Kelly Killingbeck	Housing Co-Chairman
Mr. Pat James	Labyrinth Chairman
Mr. Earl Sadberry	Labyrinth Co-Chairman
Mrs. Kay Atchison	Lost and Found Chairman
Mrs. Martha Grisson	Lost and Found Co-Chairman
Mrs. Margaret Wood	Paraphernalia Chairman
Mrs. Joan Curtis	Paraphernalia Co-Chairman
Mrs. Betty Morgan	Recorder
Mr. Larry Bigham	Security Chairman
Mrs. Ginger Byrd	Social Chairman
Mr. Jo Brinkley	Sound Chairman
Mrs. Sandra Stapleton	Special Needs Chairman
Ms. Georgia Orr	Special Needs Co-Chairman
Mrs. Melinda Richardson	Steno Chairman
Mr. Dewey Teague	Transportation Chairman
Mrs. Linda Koch	Transportation Co-Chairman
Mr. Ken Morford	Ushers Chairman
Mr. Robert Byrd	Ushers Co-Chairman
Mrs. Norma Phillips	Vendors Chairman
Mr. Rick Trimble	Vendors Co-Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Loretta Booth, Chairman

Mrs. Sarah Valkus Coursey
Mrs. Ann Dunn
Mrs. Melissa Simonton Hudman
Mrs. Linda Hugo

Mrs. Johnece Marrs
Mrs. Kimi McGee
Mrs. Linda Roy
Mrs. Jean Thomas

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bobbye Dyer, Chairman

Mrs. Doris Davis
Mrs. Carolyn Black
Mrs. Jan Hall
Mrs. Donna Herrington

Mrs. Jane Hudson
Mrs. Anne Langston
Mrs. Bonnie Varnell
Mrs. Alma York

GENERAL INFORMATION

NO CREDENTIALS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER 9:00 AM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009. (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 PHOTOGRAPHER:

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

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 the 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 2008-2009 are invited to participate in the Humanitarian Drill on Friday afternoon.

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS: The Grand Examiner At Large will open the Examining Room on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00a.m. and Friday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.:

PROJECT ITEMS: Merchandise for 2008-2009, 2009-2010, Texas Cardinals and Youth Organizations are located in the lobby..

GRAND CHAPTER SUPPLIES: Supplies will be available inside the Grand Chapter room.

VENDORS: The Exhibits are located on the Salon B. Hours are: Wednesday, noon-5:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 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 Saturday. Please be seated in the designated area.

RESIDENTS OF TMRC: All members will be recognized on Saturday. 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. If you are injured, please report to the Grand Secretary's desk immediately. Please get names of any witnesses.

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.

127th "PEACE IN HIS KINGDOM"
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS SESSION, OES
Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, Texas
SOCIAL EVENTS AT 2009 GRAND CHAPTER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009

- 9:00 am **MOVE INTO ARLINGTON CONVENTION CENTER.** Executive, Arrangements, Registration and Credentials Committees move into Arlington Convention Center. All Arrangements Committee Members needed to set up for Grand Chapter. Decorating Services will be setting up Exhibitor/Vendor Area.
- 2:00 pm **VENDOR** area will be available for Vendor set up. Chairman: Mrs. Norma Phillips, 281-933-6562. Location: Arlington Convention Center, Salon B
- 7:00 pm **"DREAMS DO COME TRUE" INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS BANQUET.** Chairman: Mrs. Abigail Freeman, 254-965-7454. Location: Sheraton Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2009

- 9:00 am **ARRANGEMENTS SET-UP.** All Arrangements Committee Members will continue to set up for Grand Chapter.
- 9:00 am **VENDOR** area will be available for Vendor set up. Chairman: Mrs. Norma Phillips, 281-933-6562. Location: Arlington Convention Center, Salon B.
- 9:00 am - **RECEPTION.**
- 11:00 am Honoring Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron and the 2009 Installed Grand Officers. Hosted by Mr. Bill Wyatt, Associate Grand Patron. Location: Arlington Convention Center (By Invitation Only)
- 9:00 am **CONCESSIONS OPEN, Arlington Convention Center**
- 10:00 am - **REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS.**
- 5:00 pm Registration Chairman: Mrs. Bobbye Dyer, 246 Westhill Dr., Hewitt, TX 76643, 254-666-7101. Credentials Chairman: Mrs. Loretta Booth, 6321 Woodstream Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76133, 817-294-5993. Location: Arlington Convention Center, South Lobby
- 10:30 am **PAST GRANDS OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING:** Chairman: Mrs. Betty Benham, 806-352-6602, General Grand Chapter Charter Chairman, and PGM of Texas. Location: Sheraton Hotel.
- 12 Noon **"THE REDBIRD LEADS THE FLOCK" 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. Chairman: Mrs. Betty Benham, 806-352-6602, General Grand Chapter Committee Charter, Chairman. Location: Sheraton Hotel. (Open to this group only.)
- 11:30 am **"THESE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS" 2008-2009 DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER LUNCHEON**
Honoring Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Deputies of Grand Chapter. Invited: Board of Grand Examiners and Humanitarian Chairmen. Chairman: Dr. Leslie Keilberg, 940-362-4220. Location: Arlington Convention Center

- 12 Noon - **HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND REPRESENTATIVES: GRAND**
 3:00 pm Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Chairmen: Mrs. Judy Baker, Distinguished Guests, 254-876-2474 and Mrs. Sheila Nowell, Grand Representatives, 817-485-4041. Location: Sheraton Hotel.
- 12 Noon - **VENDOR AREA OPENS.** Chairman: Mrs. Norma Phillips, 281-933-6562.
 5:00 pm Location: Arlington Convention Center, Grand Hall, Salon B
- 1:30 pm **DRILL PRACTICE.** Mrs. Abigail Freeman, Grand Marshal, 254-965-7454. Location: Arlington Convention Center, Exhibit Hall.
- 3:00 pm **GRAND CHOIR PRACTICE.** Mr. Paul Lowe, Grand Choir Director, 713-305-3226. Location: Arlington Convention Center, Exhibit Hall.
- 2:00 pm - **PAST APPOINTED GRAND OFFICER (PAGO) RECEPTION:** Hosted by
 3:00 pm Texas PAGO Association. Chairman: Mrs. Ann Kelly, 254-547-4397. (Open to all Texas and Visiting Past Appointed Grand Officers) Location: Sheraton Hotel.
- 5:00 pm - **RECEPTION FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:**
 6:00 pm 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: Arlington Convention Center.
- 6:30 pm - **“SYMPHONY OF THE SEASONS” GENERAL BANQUET:**
 10:00 pm Honoring Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Rennie Ofton, 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, General Grand Chapter Committee Charter, Chairman; Mrs. Betty Friend, General Grand Chapter Committee Eastern Star Journal; Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, General Grand Chapter Committee Payroll Chairman; Mrs. Jane Gregory, General Grand Chapter Committee Registration; Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker, General Grand Chapter Committee Visionquest; Dr. Charles “Bill” Bane, General Grand Chapter Headquarters Administrator. Chairman: Mrs. Nancy Brown, PGM of Texas, 817-441-1654. Location: Arlington Convention Center, Grand Hall, Salon A. (Open to Membership) (Formal Wear)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2009

- 7:00 am **“GUARDIANS OF THE LIONS AND LAMBS” GRAND WARDER AND GRAND SENTINEL BREAKFAST:**
 Honoring Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Grand Warder and the Grand Sentinel. Co-Chairmen: Mr. Dwight Von Heeder, 936-447-3852 and Mr. Bill Vaughn, 903-636-7498. Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to membership with a special invitation to all Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels.)
- 8:00 am - **REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS.** Registration Chairman: Mrs.
 5:00 pm Bobbye Dyer, 246 Westhill Dr., Hewitt, TX 76643, 254-666-7101. Credentials Chairman: Mrs. Loretta Booth, 6321 Woodstream Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76133, 817-294-5993. Location: Arlington Convention Center, South Lobby.
- 8:00 am - **GRAND EXAMINATION ROOM WILL BE OPEN**
 9:00 am Location: Arlington Convention Center, Meeting Room M-1

- 8:00 am - **VENDOR AREA OPEN.** Chairman: Mrs. Norma Phillips, 281-933-6562.
6:00 pm Location: Arlington Convention Center, Salon B.
- 8:30 am **“IT’S A SMALL WORLD” GRAND REPRESENTATIVES’ BREAKFAST:**
Honoring Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Sheila Nowell, 817-485-4041. Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Present and Former Grand Representatives, Fraternal Correspondent, spouses and traveling companions.)
- 9:00 am- **HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND GRAND**
12 Noon **REPRESENTATIVES:** Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Chairmen: Mrs. Judy Baker, Distinguished Guests, 254-876-2474 and Mrs. Sheila Nowell, Grand Representatives, 817-485-4041. Location: Sheraton Hotel.
- 9:00 am **CONCESSIONS OPEN, Arlington Convention Center**
- 9:30 am **“SUNSET SONATA” 2007-2008 GRAND FAMILY BRUNCH:**
Honoring Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matron and Mr. Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron. Open to: the 2007-2008 Grand Family, their spouses and traveling companions. Hosted by the 2007-2008 Deputies. Chairman: Mrs. Donna Herrington, 817-341-3651. Location: Arlington Convention Center.
- 11:30 am **127TH SESSION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS**
ARLINGTON CONVENTION CENTER, INFORMAL OPENING
(Formal Wear)
- 1:00 pm **127TH SESSION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS**
ARLINGTON CONVENTION CENTER, FORMAL OPENING
(Formal Wear)
Afternoon Session will include: Call to Order, Welcomes and Greetings, Ritualistic Opening, Introductions of Distinguished Guests, Greetings, FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT REPORT AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES DRILL.
- 6:30 pm **“LET’S GO ON A LION HUNT” ROB MORRIS CELEBRATION:**
Honoring Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Sheila Taylor, 817-451-2766.
Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.) (Attire: Informal)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2009

- 6:30 am **“COLOR ME MICKEY AND FRIENDS” BREAKFAST:**
Honoring Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Elected Boards and Committees. Chairman: Ms. Lori Goldman, 361-275-8915.
Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 6:30 am **“WORKING TOGETHER IN PEACE AND HARMONY” BREAKFAST:**
Honoring Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary, Hosted by the Secretaries’ Association of Texas. Special Guest: Mrs. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer. Special Members: Past Grand Secretaries and Past Grand Treasurers. Annual meeting to be held with election of Officers for the Association. Chairman: Mrs. Lynn Kearney, 817-488-7915. Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to present and past Secretaries, Treasurers and traveling companions.)
- 8:30 am **GRAND CHAPTER SESSION OPENS, Arlington Convention Center**

- 8:00 am - **REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS.** Registration Chairman: Mrs.
 5:00 pm Bobbye Dyer, 246 Westhill Dr., Hewitt, TX 76643, 254-666-7101. Credentials
 Chairman: Mrs. Loretta Booth, 6321 Woodstream Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76133, 817-
 294-5993. Location: Arlington Convention Center, South Lobby.
- 8:00 am - **HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND GRAND**
 10:00 am **REPRESENTATIVES:** Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand
 Representatives Association of Texas. Chairmen: Mrs. Judy Baker, Distinguished
 Guests, 254-876-2474 and Mrs. Sheila Nowell, Grand Representatives, 817-485-4041.
 Location: Sheraton Hotel.
- 8:00 am - **VENDOR AREA OPEN.** Chairman: Mrs. Norma Phillips, 281-933-6562.
 6:00 pm Location: Arlington Convention Center, Salon B
- 8:00 am **CONCESSIONS OPEN, Arlington Convention Center**
- 8:00 am - **GRAND EXAMINATION ROOM WILL BE OPEN**
 9:00 am Location: Arlington Convention Center, Meeting Room M-1
- 12 Noon **“BUNCHES & BUNCHES OF LOVE“ LUNCHEON:**
 Honoring Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Ray Hertenberger,
 Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Hilda Franklin, 817-834-4931.
 Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 12 Noon **“LONE STAR BLUEBONNET” LUNCHEON:**
 Honoring Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Bill Wyatt,
 Associate Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Donna Kirkpatrick, 817-557-3103.
 Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 12 Noon **“IRISES IN BLOOM” LUNCHEON:**
 Honoring Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Grand Conductress. Chairman: Ms. Leisa Martin,
 817-281-1057. Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 12 Noon **“ROCKIN’ WITH VI” LUNCHEON:**
 Honoring Mrs. Vi Griffin, Associate Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Margaret
 Wood, 817-297-1824. Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 1:30 pm **GRAND CHAPTER SESSION, Arlington Convention Center**
Afternoon Session will include HUMANITARIAN REPORT AND DRILL
(Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Jr. Past Matrons, Jr. Past Patrons)
- 3:00 pm - **GRAND EXAMINATION ROOM WILL BE OPEN**
 4:00 pm Location: Arlington Convention Center, Meeting Room M-1
- 5:30 pm **“GATHERING OF ANGELS” DISTRICT I BANQUET**
 Honoring: Mr. Bill Wyatt, Associate Grand Patron, and Mrs. Wanda P. Brown, Friend
 of a Feather, Special Appointee of MWGM. Special Members: Past Grand Matrons,
 Past Grand Patrons and Installed Grand Officers of District I. Chairman: Mrs. Charlotte
 Beall, 972-225-2807. (Open to Membership.)
- 5:30 pm **“BLUEBONNETS IN TEXAS” DISTRICT II BANQUET**
 Honoring: Mrs. Betty Benham, General Grand Chapter Committee Charter, Chairman
 and Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron. Chairman: Mrs. Audri Rowell,
 325-864-8897. (Open to Membership.)
- 5:30 pm **“OUR STARS SHINE BRIGHT” DISTRICT III BANQUET**
 Honoring: Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron
 Chairman: Dr. Leslie Keilberg, 940-362-4220. (Open to Membership.)

- 5:30 pm **“KINGDOM KEEPERS” DISTRICT IV BANQUET**
 Honoring: Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Jane Gregory, General Grand Chapter Committee Registration; Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Grand Conductress; and Mrs. Vi Griffin, Associate Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Nancy Reynolds, 936-348-5295. (Open to Membership.)
- 5:30 pm **“TEXAS PRIDE” DISTRICT V BANQUET**
 Honoring: Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Mr. Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Betty Friend, General Grand Chapter Committee, Eastern Star Journal. Chairman: Mrs. Vickie Matthews, 512-443-6339. (Open to Membership.)
- 7:30 pm **GRAND CHAPTER SESSION, Arlington Convention Center**
Evening Session will include ESTARL and MEMORIAL PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009

- 6:30 am **“TEXAS TUMBLEWEED” BREAKFAST:**
 Honoring: Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Bill Wyatt, Associate Grand Patron. Chairman: Ms. Jerre Miller, 817-485-2268.
 Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 7:00 am - **REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS.** Registration Chairman: Mrs. Bobbye Dyer, 246 Westhill Dr., Hewitt, TX 76643, 254-666-7101. Credentials Chairman: Mrs. Loretta Booth, 6321 Woodstream Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76133, 817-294-5993.
 Location: Arlington Convention Center, South Lobby.
- 8:30 am **GRAND CHAPTER SESSION OPENS, Arlington Convention Center**
Morning Session will include ELECTIONS, TMRC Residents Presented, 50-Year Members and “First Time at Grand Chapter” Members Presented.
- 8:00 am - **VENDOR AREA OPEN.** Chairman: Mrs. Norma Phillips, 281-933-6562.
 3:00 pm Location: Arlington Convention Center, Salon B.
- 8:00 am **CONCESSIONS OPEN, Arlington Convention Center**
- 6:00 pm **GRAND CHAPTER SESSION, Arlington Convention Center**
INSTALLATION OF 2009 – 2010 GRAND OFFICERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009

- 8:00 am **“NEW STAR ON THE HORIZON” BREAKFAST:**
 Honoring the Newly Elected Associate Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Joyce Waddell, 817-478-5015.
 Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 10:00 am Meeting of Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron 2009-2010 with her District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons for 2009-2010.
 Location: Arlington Convention Center.

2009 GRAND CHAPTER MUSICAL SELECTIONS

America the Beautiful

Oh beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plains
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain devine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown they good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

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.

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?

O thus be it ever when free men shall stand
Between their loved homes
And the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace,
May the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made
And preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must,
When our cause it is just;
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"
And the Star-spangled Banner
In triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave?

Beautiful, Beautiful Texas

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

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

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 Empire wide and glorious,
 You stand supremely blest.
 God bless you Texas!
And keep you brave and strong.
 That you may grow in
 Power and worth,
 Throughout the ages long.

Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Chorus...

*Count your blessings, name them one by one.
Count your blessings see what God hath done
Count your blessings, name them one by one.
Count your many blessing see what God hath done.*

Are you ever burdened with a load o f care,
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear.
Count your many blessings every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.
Chorus (above)

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold.
Count your many blessings money cannot buy,
Your reward in heaven nor your home on high.
Chorus (above)

So amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged God is over all.
Count your many blessings angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.
Chorus (above)

His Name Is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;
He is the mighty King, Master of ev'rything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;

He's the Great Shepherd, the Rock of All Ages,
Almighty God is He...
Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

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!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

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.

Brighten the Corner Where You Are

Do not wait until some deed
Of greatness you may do,
Do not wait to shed your light afar,
To the many duties ever near you now be true,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Chorus....

*Brighten the corner where you are!
Brighten the corner where you are!
 Someone far from harbor
 You may guide across the bar.
Brighten the corner where you are!*

Just above are clouded skies
That you may help to clear,
Let not narrow self your way debar,
Tho' into one heart alone may fall your song of cheer,
Brighten the corner where you are.
Chorus (above)

Here for all your talent you may surely find a need,
Here reflect the Bright and Morning Star,
Even from your humble hand
The bread of life may feed,
Brighten the corner where you are.
Chorus (above)

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.

Chorus...

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

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away,
Like a bird from prison bars has flown... I'll fly away!
Chorus (above)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.
Chorus (above)

Onward Christian Soldiers

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before!
Crist, the royal Master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See His banners go!

Chorus...

*Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus... Going on before!*

At the sign of triumph, satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers, on to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver at the shouts of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, Loud your anthems raise!
Chorus (above)

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God:
Brothers, we are treading
Where the Saints have trod.
We are not divided, All one boy we:
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.
Chorus (above)

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ, the King:
This through countless ages men and angels sing.
Chorus (above)

Do Lord

I've got a home in glory land that
Outshines the sun,
I've got a home in glory land that
Outshines the sun,
I've got a home in glory land that
Outshines the sun,
Way beyond the blue

Chorus...

Do Lord, O do Lord,
O do remember me,
Do Lord, O do Lord,
O do remember me,
Do Lord, O do Lord,
O do remember me,
Way beyond the blue.

I took Jesus as my Savior,
You take Him, too!
I took Jesus as my Savior,
You take Him, too!
I took Jesus as my Savior,
You take Him, too!
Way beyond the blue.
Chorus (above)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus...

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

Summer and winter,
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Chorus (above)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten-thousand beside!
Chorus (above)

Happiness Is The Lord

Happiness is to know the Savior,
Living a life within His favor
Having a change in my behavior –
Happiness is the Lord!

Happiness is a new creation,
“Jesus and me” in close relation,
Having a part in His salvation –
Happiness is the Lord.

Bridge...

Real joy – is mine, –
No matter if tear-drops start;
I've found – the secret –
It's Jesus in my heart!

Happiness is to be forgiven,
Living a life that's worth the livin',
Taking a trip that leads to heaven –
Happiness is the Lord!
happiness is the Lord! –
Happiness is the Lord!

He Touched Me

Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame,
Then the had of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same.

Chorus...

He touched me, O... He touched me,
And O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know...
He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior,
Since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him –
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

Chorus (above)

I Saw The Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in;
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night--
Praise the Lord! – I saw the light.

Chorus...

I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more in darkness, no more in night;
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight!
Praise the Lord! – I saw the light.

Just like a blind man I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own;
Then, like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord! – I saw the light.
Chorus (above)

I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow the way;
Now I have traded the wrong for the right--
Praise the Lord! – I saw the light.
Chorus (above)

The Lily Of The Valley

I have found a friend in Jesus,
He's everything to me,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;
The Lily of the Valley, In Him alone I see
All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.
In sorrow He's my comfort, In trouble He's my stay.
He tells me every care, On Him to roll:

Chorus...

He's the Lily of the Valley;
The Bright and Morning Star,
He's the Fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

He all my griefs has taken, and all my sorrows borne;
In temptation He's my strong and mighty tower;
I have all for Him forsaken, and all my idols torn
From my heart, And now He keeps my By His power.
Tho all the world forsake me,
and satan tempt me sore,
Thru Jesus I shall safely reach the goal;
Chorus (above)

He will never, never leave me, Nor yet forsake me here,
While I live by faith and do His blessed will;
A wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear,
With His manna He my hungry soul shall fill.
Then sweeping up to glory I'll see His blessed face,
Where rivers of delight shall ever roll;
Chorus (above)

Victory In Jesus

I heard an old, old story,
How a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory!

Chorus...

Oh, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him,
And all my love is due Him;
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing power revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought
To me the victory!
Chorus (above)

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing
And the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory!
Chorus (above)

Wings Of A Dove

When troubles surround us;
When evils come...
The body grows weak;
The spirit grows numb.
When these things beset us,
He doesn't forget us,
He sends down His love...
On the wings of a dove.

Chorus...

On the wings of a snow white dove
He sends His pure sweet love,
A sign from above...
On the wings of a dove.

When Noah had drifted
On the flood many days,
He searched for land
In various ways;
Troubles, he had some
But wasn't forgotten,
God sent him His love...
On the wings of a dove
Chorus (above)

When Jesus went down
To the waters that day,
He was baptized
In the usual way;
When it was done,
God blessed His Son.
He sent Him His love...
On the wings of a dove.
Chorus (above)

*Cheerful thoughts, like sunbeams
Lighten up the darkest fears.
For when the heart is happy
There's just no time for tears.
And when the face is smiling
It's impossible to frown.
And when you are high-spirited
You cannot feel low-down.*

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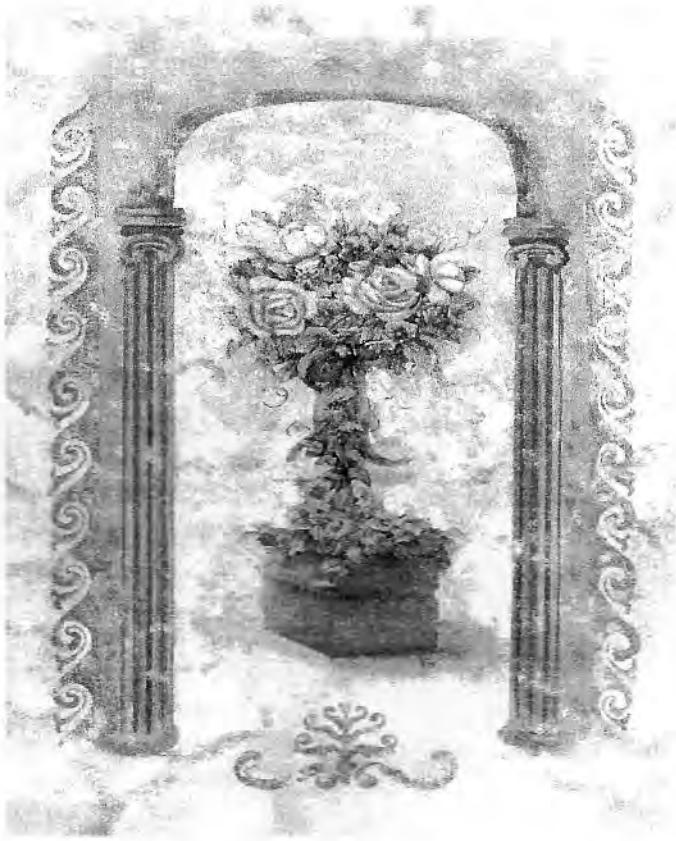
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General Banquet



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Mr. Ed Warner
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"Thank you" cannot begin to convey my gratitude to those who helped with the preparation for tonight's banquet. Each of you was such a help. My heart-felt thanks are extended to Mrs. Ginger Byrd, Social Chairman; Mrs. Virginia Strong, Decorations Chairman; and Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron. I consider it a privilege to be asked to chair this "Symphony of the Seasons" Banquet.

To the membership, may all the "seasons" of your life reaffirm the value of the Order of the Eastern Star and the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father.

— Nancy Brown

"Every experience God gives us,
every person He puts in our life,
is the perfect preparation
for the future that only
He can see."

— Carrie Ten Boom

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Could we please take our seats. I believe it's the appointed time.

I appreciate your attendance here tonight for the Symphony of the Seasons banquet. As our processional begins, we have our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger, escorted by his wife, Sister Vicki Hertenberger, Grand Esther. We have our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas, escorted by her husband, Brother David, Grand Representative of Nevada in Texas.

I would ask the Head Table and Sub-head Table to please stand for a picture.

In thinking about the seasons, God blessed us with four seasons. Most of the world is able to have four distinct seasons. Sometimes in Texas we tend to go from winter to summer and back to winter again. But in the spring we think of hope; everything is green, life begins to grow again. The summer could be compared to courage and red. In our lifetime, the spring is our infancy and childhood. The summer, though, is the time of our productive years. We have the courage to make important decisions that affect our lives, decisions that determine where our lives will go on this magnificent journey. When autumn comes, the time that many of us here today are in for our lives, we think of faith and the color gold. Autumn represents maturity. It's the season where faith should shine through our lives. Then comes the winter. The winter is a peaceful season. Often we think of those paintings with the winter snow, even though it's a rare occasion in this part of Texas, but it's a time when we can look back, hopefully, on a life well lived. We pray that God will grant His peace to us and His understanding, the kind of peace that comes only from knowing God.

In thinking about seasons, there are seasons that a farmer has. There's the planting season and the harvesting season. If you're a sports fanatic, like the one I live with, we have football season, basketball season, baseball season, car racing that is longer than I care for. We have golf that lasts most of the year. If you're a hunter, your life revolves around deer season, quail season, turkey season. So there are many different kinds of seasons. I read a quotation from Will Rogers where he said, "There ought to be one day, just one, when there's an open season on Senators." [laughter]

No matter what the season, there's something very reassuring in knowing that no matter how hot it is today that autumn is going to come when we have those nights that begin to be chilly, we get up in the morning and see the dew. Then comes the winter and we'll all complain that it's so cold we just don't know when it's going to quit freezing. But then we know that the spring is going to come, and everything turns green again. It's that cycle that God planned for us. As we go through this evening, we're going to be talking about seasons.

Our welcome this evening is going to be given by Sister Wanda Fairchild. Sister Wanda will be at the lower microphone. Thank you, Sister Wanda.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron and Master of Ceremonies for this honor, in the absence of Sister Sharon Fentress who has gone to be with our beloved Sister Edna Goette in the funeral of her son.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, to our visitors: Welcome to the Symphony of the Seasons General Banquet as we honor our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. We look forward to a special evening with the programs and plans made by Sister Nancy Brown, my District Deputy Grand Matron in 1994-95.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the time you have been waiting for is here. Have a great Grand Chapter. Thank you again for coming to share this evening

with us. Always remember we're walking side by side each day in the magic mirrors of love. These mirrors reflect how we work and pray, judged only by the Father above. Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: One who always rekindles hope and joy in each of us is Brother Fred Clarke, our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter, who will bring our response. Brother Fred.

MR. FRED CLARKE: Thank you, Sister Nancy, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for asking me to bring the response to the gracious welcome by Sister Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron.

In talking about seasons, this is going to be the season that we want to follow the old farmer. He goes out and cultivates the land, plants good seed and hopes for a good crop. Sisters and Brothers, we have a great land out there called the Masonic Fraternity. Let's get out there and cultivate that land and plant some real good seeds so that we can increase our membership. Sisters and Brothers, if it's going to be, it's up to us.

You know, when you look at NASA, they put a man in space. They found a ballpoint pen would not work when they got up in space because of zero gravity and all the rest of it. So they came home and they spent \$12 million to build a pen that would write on glass, write upside down and do all those things. The Russians used a pencil.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. We need to do what we need to do. We've got to get the petitions out to our membership. Sisters and Brothers, if it's going to be, it's up to us. Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: In Philippians 4:6 we read, "Do not be anxious for anything, but in everything by prayer and with thanksgiving present your requests to God." To present our requests to God tonight will be Sister Betty Scott, our Grand Chaplain.

MRS. BETTY SCOTT: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, for the privilege of rendering our invocation this afternoon. Let us pray.

Gracious and loving Heavenly Father, gentle in Your power and strong in Your tenderness to us, we come into Thy presence with gratitude for all the blessings of life which You have so graciously given to us. We ask Thee Father to bless this gathering of Sisters and Brothers. May we serve Thee faithfully as we work and fellowship together this week. We ask that You bless the food that we are now about to take. As we break bread together, may the friendship and love that we have for each other grow and bear worthy deeds for all the benevolent work we strive to do. We ask all of these blessings in Thy Name as we praise and honor Thee, our God of Most High. Amen.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Our dinner will be served at this time.

[Dinner was served.]

Please continue eating if you have not finished, but I think we can go on with our introductions. There is no season such delight can bring as summer, autumn, winter, spring. It's a delight to have our Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, come to bring our introductions this evening.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Sister Nancy Brown. It is with pride that I introduce at this time Sister Joyce Nicklas, our Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband, Brother David Nicklas, Grand Representative of Nevada in Texas; and Brother Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron, and his wife, Vicki Hertenberger, Grand Esther, Grand Chapter of Texas. Will you join me in greeting them? [applause]

We are honored to have officers of General Grand Chapter. Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Fred W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and his wife, Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro Tem and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and her husband, Dr. Bill Bane, International Headquarters Administrator. Will you greet them? [applause]

We are pleased to have General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Sister Betty Benham, Charter, Chairman, and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Sister Gail Ellen Miller, Credentials, Chairman, and Past Grand Matron of Kentucky, and her husband, Brother Warren Miller, Grand Representative of Texas in Kentucky; Sister Betty Friend, Eastern Star Journal, and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and her husband, Jack Friend, Eight-State Exchange; Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Payroll, Chairman, and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and her husband, Brother Robert Brownfield, Grand Escort; Sisters Jane Gregory, Registration, and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Elizabeth Kooney, Unfinished Business, and Past Grand Matron of Arkansas; Carol Anderson, Visionquest, and Past Grand Matron of Arkansas; Audrey Barker, Visionquest, and Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, and her husband, Brother George W. Barker, Worthy Grand Patron of Louisiana; Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, Visionquest, and Past Grand Patron of Texas, and his wife, Sister Judy Baker, Distinguished Guests Chairman. Please welcome these. [applause]

We are pleased to have Worthy Grand Matrons and a Worthy Grand Patron of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Carol Ann Roberson, Arkansas; Mary Howell, Louisiana, and her husband, Brother Eldon Howell, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Sister Judy Dixon, Oklahoma, Worthy Grand Matrons. Brother Sherrill Barker, Arkansas, and his wife, Sister Robin, Grand Escort, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in greeting these. [applause]

We are honored to have Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Terry C. Castay, Louisiana and Grand Secretary, and her husband, Brother Willie Castay; Linda Lamkin, Louisiana; Elizabeth Roach, Louisiana; Brenda Jones, Virginia, and her husband, Brother Robert Jones, Past Patron; Verna Varrick, Virginia; Lethora Swazus, Wisconsin; Mary Ann Sheinfeldt, Wyoming; Elizabeth Bordeaux, Vermont, Past Grand Matrons. Brothers James Premeaux, Louisiana, and his wife, Lois; Ed Lamkin, Louisiana; James E. Pattongall, Massachusetts; E.A. Varrick, Virginia, Past Grand Patrons. Please welcome these. [applause]

We have Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Sisters Elsie Paladino; Dr. Effie Mae Davis; Wanda Fairchild; Rosemary Swetland; Alma Carter; Doris Jean Hester; Karen Morgenthaler; Nancy Brown and her husband, Brother Gayle Brown, Redistricting Committee Chairman; Geraldine Dusek and Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matrons. Brothers Leland Benefield and his wife, Sister Lynda Benefield, Arrangements - Distinguished Guests; Lee Stallings and his wife, Sister Patricia Stallings, Multi-State; Ed Warner and his wife, Sister Beulah Warner, Arrangements - Distinguished Guests; Brother Jerry Martin and his wife, Sister Betty Martin, Grand Escort; Nelson Campbell and his wife, Sister Georgia Campbell, Grand Escort; Brother Jerry Trees and his wife, Sister Janell Trees, Grand Representative of Montana in Texas, Past Grand Patrons. Please welcome these. [applause]

Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions. Brothers Thomas Thompson, Associate Grand Patron of Arkansas, and his wife, Sister Judy Thompson, Past Matron; Donald Bordelon, Associate Grand Patron of Louisiana, and his

wife, Sister Martha Bordelon, Grand Organist; Sisters Shirley Boone, Associate Grand Conductress, Louisiana, and her husband, Brother Horace Boone, Grand Chapter Committee Member of Louisiana; Alma Rambo, Grand Chaplain of Oklahoma; Kathy Warmack, Grand Warder of Louisiana; Faye O'Bryant, Grand Adah of Oklahoma; Linda Brown, Grand Ruth of Oklahoma, and her escort, Brother Carl Brown; Sandra McFarland, Grand Esther of Oklahoma; Carol Presley, Grand Martha of Louisiana; Rossi Johnson, Grand Martha of Oklahoma; Phyllis Doherty, Grand Electa of Oklahoma, Brother John McDonald, Grand Warder of Louisiana, and his wife, Sister Rovena McDonald, State Chairman of Central Service; Sister Beth Nichols, Elected Board Member in Louisiana. Please welcome this group. [applause]

Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of Texas. Sister Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron, and her husband, Brother Al Caldwell, Grand Escort; Brother Bill Wyatt, Associate Grand Patron, and his wife, Sister Ann Wyatt, Grand Escort; Sisters Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Mary Ruth White, Grand Conductress, and her husband, Brother Joe White, Grand Escort; Vi Griffin, Associate Grand Conductress, and her husband, Brother Tommy Griffin, Grand Escort and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F.&A.M.; Betty Scott, Grand Chaplain, and her husband, Brother Andrew Scott, Grand Representative of Puerto Rico in Texas; Mary Harvey, Grand Organist; JoAnne Conner, Grand Adah; Sissy Furrie, Grand Ruth; Sue Lockhart, Grand Martha; Brothers Bill Vaughn, Grand Sentinel, and his wife, Sister Wanda, Grand Escort. Elected Board Members: Sister Diane Davidson, Vice Chairman; Brothers Arthur Drescher, District 1, and his wife, Sister Marty Drescher, Grand Representative of New Hampshire in Texas; Jack Beall, District 1, and his wife, Sister Charlotte Beall, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 1; Keith Mikeworth, District 2, and his wife, Sister Wanelle Mikeworth, Yearbook, District 2 Chairman; Sister Lorraine Williams, District 3. Board of Grand Examiners: Sisters Dr. Linda J. Puckett, District 1, and her husband, Brother John Puckett, Goodwill Shepherds; Brenda Smith Costello, District 5; Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner At Large, and her husband, Brother Larry Bigham, Arrangements - Security Chairman. Please welcome these. [applause]

We are honored to have Deputies of General Grand Chapter. Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and Deputy Grand Matron, District 5, Section 7, Grand Chapter of Texas; Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America, and Educational Fund, Grand Chapter of Texas. Please welcome these members. [applause]

We are pleased to have Officers of the International Grand Representatives Association of General Grand Chapter. Sister Mary Thompson Lynch, President, and her husband, Brother Gene Lynch, Escort; Sister Phyllis Macon, First Vice President and Grand Representative of Mississippi in Texas. Please welcome them. [applause]

We are pleased to have Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Betty Walker, Texas in California; Judena Lewis, Texas in Kansas, and her husband, Brother Joe Lewis, Summer Charity Committee in Kansas; Sheryl Lang, Texas in Nevada; Elizabeth Gibbs, Texas in Ohio, and her escort, Brother Kent Gibbs; Sandra Lexington, Rhode Island in Texas; Myra J. Hanna, Wyoming. Please welcome these. [applause]

We have Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. Brother Ronald Zipp, Australia, and his wife, Sister Sandra Zipp, Arrangements - Stage Page; Sisters Anita Durden, California; Lorie Cays, Indiana, and her husband, Brother Marvin Cays, Worthy Patron; Sharlene Smith, Kansas; Runell Gerald, Kentucky; Brother Burley Jones,

Missouri, and his wife, Sister Doris Jones, Grand Page to Grand Esther; Sisters Syble Yost, New Jersey; Emma Brookshire, Oklahoma, and her husband, Brother Jimmy Brookshire, Goodwill Shepherds; Willie Mae Shaw, Oregon; Helen Dupree, Rhode Island, and her escort, Brother Claude Robbins, Member; Jewel Walker, Utah; Brother Robert Coursey, Virginia, and his wife, Sister Sarah Coursey, Credentials of District 1; Sister Sharon Willingham, West Virginia. Please welcome this group. [applause]

It is with pride that I introduce the Deputies of the Grand Chapter of Texas. District Deputy Grand Matron, you've seen District 1; Sisters Audri Rowell, District 2; Dr. Leslie Keilberg, District 3; Sharon Mossmeyer, District 4; Vicky Matthews, District 5. Deputy Grand Matrons. District 1: Sisters Linda Hargis, Section 2, and her husband, Brother Ray Hargis, Goodwill Shepherds Committee; Ann Cornelius, Section 3; Shelley Walker, Section 5, and her husband, Brother James Walker. District 2: Sister Carla Stringer, Section 8, and her husband, Brother Bobby Stringer, Arrangements - Sound. District 3: Sister Mackie Teague, District 1, and her husband, Brother Dewey Teague, Arrangements - Transportation Chairman. District 4: Sister Sharon Cobb, Section 7. District 5: Sister Claudette Allen, Section 5. Please welcome these. [applause]

We want to recognize a special one with us this evening, Sister Betty Morris, Grand Historian, and a widow of our Past Grand Patron, Brother Charles Morris. Will you greet her? [applause]

I would invite the Committees of Grand Chapter and the Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron, wherever you are, would you wave. Thank you very much for your attention and your indulgence.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Thank you, Sister Elise. It has been said that in summer the song sings itself. To present our program this evening is Brother Darren Brown, a member of Castleberry Chapter. I have to tell you, this is our son. He spent three-and-a-half years in Reno, Nevada, at a church. That's where he was when I was Worthy Grand Matron. We were so thrilled that he and his wife Lisa and their three children came back to Texas to a church in this area. That was two years ago. Next month they're going to be moving to the Washington, D.C. area to a church there. But we want him to be where the Lord wants him to be. Thank goodness he's here this evening to share with us his talent. Thank you, Darren.

[Entertainment by Darren Brown.]

Oh, the seasons they go round and round, and the painted ponies go up and down. Bringing greetings from the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members this evening will be Sister Bess Caldwell, our Associate Grand Matron.

MRS. BESS CALDWELL: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Would the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards please stand with me. Do each of y'all agree with me that we should just say "Greetings" and let Darren sing again? [applause] Brother Darren, it was beautiful, beautiful.

Sisters and Brothers, we are so pleased to be with you this evening. It has been a beautiful evening, and I know it's going to be quite long so I will cut my greetings short. Just know that we're pleased that each of you are with us. Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: There is something so comforting, so reassuring in the predictability of the seasons. It's also comforting and reassuring to know that our Past Grand Patrons are here supporting us. Bringing greetings from the Past Grand Patrons this evening is Brother Jerry Trees.

MR. JERRY TREES: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Boy, I tell you what. You can be down and have a performance like that, and it just raises you up. What a fantastic program, Darren. [applause] What a talent.

I thank you for the privilege of bringing greetings. It's always a pleasure to stand here before our wonderful membership that we have here in the State of Texas and from other states. I have four or five words here. I don't know if you will associate these with something that I think is quite appropriate. The words "witty," "distinguished," "knowledgeable," "debonair." Would the Past Grand Patrons please rise.

We would like to thank you for all the courtesies that have been extended to us as Past Grand Patrons. We as a group would like to wish Sister Joyce and Brother Ray good luck in their session of Grand Chapter. We know it's going to be a good one with all the plans and activities they have planned for each one of us. We're very, very lucky to be a part of this great organization. We have a season in Eastern Star which could be classified as hugs, love, feel-good and at any time to be together. We thank you for this season.

I'll leave you with this little word. Enemies will see through you; friends will see you through. Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Love is the only flower that blossoms without the aid of the seasons. Bringing greetings from our beautiful flowers, our Past Grand Matrons, is Sister Doris Hester.

MRS. DORIS HESTER: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Sister Nancy. What a delight it is to be here. How many of you have family reunions? Raise your hands. Well, we just recently had one this last Saturday, my husband's family. But this reunion tonight is fantastic, to see this many of your family together. And what a family Eastern Star has.

Would the Past Grand Matrons please stand with me. They may not want to after I finish, but would you please stand. They were talking about these witty and handsome fellows to my left. Well, three of them recently went out to play golf. Brother Ed Warner was talking about the grass being so rough and there were too many holes, and he was complaining. Brother Jerry Martin said, "Don't complain about the grass. It's too tall anyway." Brother Lee Stallings said, "Well, the economy is bad and you're complaining about the grass. Just be thankful you're on top of it."

I don't know what the dear Lord is trying to tell us in Dallas, it being so hot. Do you think He's getting the message across to us? We need to change a few things. But to think about each one of you and these Past Grand Matrons standing with me this evening, how proud we are to be in your presence. You have honored us many times with your love and your blessings, your caring and sharing. The things that have been accomplished this year are because of you, the membership, working together as a team with the plans of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We know that they're going to have a fantastic Grand Chapter session because we're in back of you, Sister Joyce and Brother Ray. But we wish each of you who has come our way to Texas — how many of you are from out of the state? Would you wave your hand? How about that? [applause] This is super.

Now we want to show you something. How many Texans are going to Tulsa? Sister Rennie, we'll be there.

To each one of you, thank you so much for your presence this evening and joining us here in this area to have our Grand Chapter session. Know we love and appreciate each one of you. Any time we can help you — and these fellows to my left — just let us ladies know and we'll be glad to assist you in any way. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your presence here this evening. God bless you all. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle, and the anticipation nurtures our dreams. Someone that has been nurturing her dreams to bring us greetings right now is Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you very much. Distinguished Head Tables, Distinguished Members all: This truly has been a wonderful evening. I ditto everything that all these fellows and ladies have said, but I want to ask something. Did you take a count tonight, Nelson? What was the count? You know, all during the school schedule there was a certain gentleman who would count how many men were there and how many women were there of the Past Grands. I didn't hear a word out of that man tonight. That's okay. We love you anyhow. And that's part of our fun.

You know, that sounds like something kind of silly, but we had more fun with it because we are a happy organization and we're happy because we work together. We care about each other, and most of all we care about what we're doing. You know, my minister had a sermon one time. The last part of it was "Remember who you are." And of course he used the religious connotation that we are children of God saved by the grace of our Lord. But I want you to remember who you are. We are members of the most wonderful organization in the world where men and women can go together, come together as family. We work together to do good things for the world. And as we have places all over the world now, we're spreading. I know Alma Lynn probably has it all in her head, but I know that we have more new chapters popping up because the members of these foreign countries have seen Eastern Stars in action. They want Eastern Stars in their countries to help them and to help their organizations. So, Sisters and Brothers, the message I would like to leave with you is: Remember who you are. Remember this beautiful Order, and remember that I love you and will be looking for you in Tulsa. This bird doesn't want to take one step forward on that limb without you, so y'all come. God bless you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability. Not that it applies to this gentleman, but my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Nelson Campbell, is going to be presenting our love gift from this evening to our Worthy Grand Patron.

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Thank you, Sister Nancy, my Worthy Grand Matron. She bragged on me there.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers all: It's really a pleasure tonight to be able to make this presentation to Brother Ray. Brother Ray, we're both from District 4. Seems as of late, all the other Past Grand Patrons ahead of me have moved off and left us, so I hope that when you finish your tour of duty here that you will stay with us. Brother Ray, it's my pleasure to present to you on behalf of Grand Chapter a token of our appreciation for the work you have done this year. Nothing can pay you enough for what you've done, and we know you've done it for the love of the Order and not for material gain. Thank you for being our friend, and I present you this. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: It has been said that spring by itself is nature's way of saying "Let's party." Bringing the tribute to our Worthy Grand Patron this evening is Sister Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. KAREN MORGENTHALER: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Because of the comment he just made, I'm going to say this about him. About four years ago, he presented a tribute to his Worthy Grand Matron, but he was informed of certain things that

he would not say or do in that tribute. Tonight I'm going to do everything that I told him he couldn't do.

Brother Ray, I'm very privileged and honored to express for the many friends gathered here tonight our tribute of love and respect for our Brother and Friend, Brother Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. We pay tribute tonight to a gentleman of enduring virtues, of fidelity, constancy, truthfulness and an unyielding faith in his Sisters and Brothers. His qualities of leadership are persuasive; his mannerisms are mild and gentlemanly, and the mark that he will leave upon this Grand Chapter is credibility. The words that he has spoken along his journey have been words of humor and sincerity, qualities that have made him a good leader. As our Worthy Grand Patron, he has sought no applause or approval except that of his own conscience. Ray is an enthusiastic person who also believes that a true Star reflects the virtues exemplified by the heroines of our Order. Ray, words are tools of expression, but how inadequate they are to express the depth of our appreciation for your leadership. You have left footprints upon this Grand Chapter that will be hard for others to follow.

There's a special thought that I would like to extend personally to Ray and to his lady, Vicki.

*It's good the great green earth to roam
where sights of awe the soul has inspired.
But, oh, it's best the coming home,
the crackle of one's own hearth fire.
You've hobnobbed with the solemn past,
you've seen the pageantry of kings.
Yet, oh, how sweet to gain at last
the peace and rest of little things.*

In closing, may I say: We cherish you not only as our Worthy Grand Patron, but as our friend. Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: It has been said that group harmony is seldom achieved without personal sacrifice. I know we all look forward to hearing from our distinguished Worthy Grand Patron, and we know no person serves in this position without personal sacrifice. Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron and Master of Ceremonies. Sisters and Brothers, this has been an awesome evening. I know that we've had already a couple of breakfasts and brunches and stuff, but this is our first chance to get together as a major group and have a meal and have fellowship. What an awesome, inspiring program. That was just absolutely beautiful.

As we look around this room, they had all the hands of the people show that was from out of state. Just like any other chapter that we have around here, you open the doors and the Eastern Star will come. For those of you that are visiting the State of Texas, we want to welcome you to this Grand Chapter. If there's anything that we can do to make your stay as pleasant as possible, don't hesitate to ask. To stand up here in front of you — and especially these General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, and it doesn't matter which Grand Jurisdiction you're from — these are leaders of the past that have laid a foundation for us to follow. It's one that, hopefully, Joyce and I will be able to enjoy come Saturday night.

Then also seated among us is the leadership of the future. We want everyone of you to know that wherever your path takes you, we will be there to follow, just as you have us. There is no way to explain the feeling of gratitude that Sister Joyce and I have in our

hearts. As she said a little bit ago about the sacrifices, everything that we did this year for you is because of the love that you have shown to us. We've got a lot of Grand Chapter to go, and you're going to hear from me a lot more. But we want you to have fun at this Grand Chapter. We have very little business to take care of, so we need to have a lot of fun. If any of you know some good games or anything that we can do to take care of some time, we'd be glad to hear of it. I'm sure we've got some entertainment lined up. We've got some surprises.

Karen Morgenthaler, this lady and her husband have been friends of Vicki and I for many years. We worked with her as a candidate, and once elected we continued to work with her. We had a wonderful Grand Chapter in Galveston. There's no way to explain the love that we have for each other's families. We've grown together, and I thank you for that tribute. You will always have a special place in my heart.

Brother Nelson, everybody has vacated District 4 but us. I'm going to do my best to stay right there with you, but I want to check with these other guys first to find out if there's some reason that we don't know about why they left.

In closing, Sisters and Brothers, look unto the Lord for wisdom and strength. Look unto your Sisters and Brothers for comfort and support. Look unto yourselves to serve the Lord in our wonderful Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for this wonderful evening. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: A Japanese proverb says that one kind word can warm three winter months. Our Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro Tem, Sister Alma Bane, always warms our heart with her warm words. At this time she'll present our gift from this evening to our Worthy Grand Matron.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Thank you, Sister Nancy. Sister Joyce, there's a book that I've purchased and begun reading. It's called "Blink." Its premise is that in just the blink of an eye is how long it takes for our mind to make a decision or to examine a situation and see what's happening. Many times our brain is working so hard and so diligent we don't listen to it. But back in 1985 in a blink we became Sisters. We became friends as we served as Deputy Grand Matrons together along with Sister Yvonne under Sister Elsie. I knew at that time you were a special lady and I loved you and I knew that many people here in the State of Texas loved you. But this year has been proof.

Now you're going to have moments in the next few days — I want you to take a deep breath, close your eyes, blink and take it all in because only about three or four blinks down the road it will be Saturday night. Enjoy every moment of it. Your membership is here tonight at this banquet to honor you, and as part of that we have a love gift we want to give to you to express our love and appreciation for you and your service to this Order. When you leave and you go home Sunday morning, know that you're the first home-grown Past Grand Matron of District 3, Section 2. We love you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: It's said a song in the heart will put a smile on the face. Well, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, our General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Chairman of Payroll, doesn't sing for us, but I'm sure she must have a song in her heart because she always puts a smile on our face. Sister Yvonne to bring tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Sister Nancy, but I believe our Worthy Grand Matron was scared when I walked up here. Of course if I had known it was going to be this dark, I would have typed this double-spaced in size 18 font, but we'll see. We might have to fake it till we make it!

Being asked to bring a tribute to a friend of long standing is not always easy as friend-

ship has many acts of love and understanding. Nancy, quit laughing!

It was my privilege to meet our Worthy Grand Matron in 1985, as Sister Alma said. We were gathered in Houston for a Deputies conference with our Precious Pearl, Sister Elsie Paladino. Along with the other Deputies and District Deputies to-be, we were proud as peacocks and awestruck at being chosen to serve this membership. Friendships were made by many, but I always will remember this dear one as the ultimate in kindness and thoughtfulness. In the years following this meeting, Robert and I had the pleasure of the company of Joyce, David and their loving family. A bonding that happens only a few times in one's life occurred. Through heartaches and happiness, I have witnessed her growth and stamina in her personal life as well as her Eastern Star life. We are taught the lessons of the heroines of our Order, and she exhibited these traits as she cared for her parents and grandmother, exhibiting unflinching fidelity. Her constant devotion to David's parents shone through her love in action for them. And as a wife, David has been the recipient of her heroic actions during their many years of marriage. Through the times of heartache, her faith sustained her. We all know of the lessons of love taught by Electa. Our Worthy Grand Matron daily shows her love for God, family, friends and definitely our beloved Order.

She and David have always enjoyed a happy home with friends and family in their midst, the more the merrier. Their pride in their children and their achievements has always been boundless. The grandchildren have added to their circle of love.

Now, our Worthy Grand Matron has led our Order in her sweet and endearing way, exhibiting her loving kindness to one and all. She's no pushover however and can stand firm in her beliefs. When she's tired or stressed out, she'll relax with computer games just like many of us. Y'all quit laughing; I'm trying to be dignified.

As she turns over the gavel on Saturday night, she'll find out that there's still some deadlines to meet as the Proceedings must be made ready to document the history of this year. However, I'm sure that she'll take time out for computer games because that's our Joyce and we love her bunches and bunches. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: When Mark Twain was asked the reason for his success, he simply replied, "I was born excited." Well, I think any of you who know our Worthy Grand Matron would agree she could say the same thing. She has excited us all year long. I think she must have been born excited. Worthy Grand Matron, we await your greetings.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Nancy, Past Grand Matron of Texas and MC of this evening, but most of all my friend. I thank you so much.

Wow! Look how full the room is. This is really neat. It's raining and we're really glad because we need the rain. But we'll make sure that you all get home safely, so no one run out the door just because the buses are out there. They're in one and two. There will be two buses there, so you're all going to be able to get on, and then they'll just rotate and keep coming. Right, Sister Donna?

She has been here since Monday, and she's really just getting started because the people are starting to come in. Every time I see her she's running. Sometimes I want to talk to her, but she has got a phone to her ear or the walkie-talkie, and she's moving very quickly. Then sometimes she'll come up to me and she says, "We're going to have to sit down and talk." I'm really worried about that. That's kind of scary.

Sisters and Brothers, I appreciate you so much coming to this General Banquet. I want to brag just a little bit on the entertainment tonight. Brother Darren is Eastern Star and his wife Lisa is Eastern Star. Stand up, Lisa. We'll include you, too. You did turn the music up. We enjoyed that. Darren is Sister Nancy and Brother Gayle's baby. There's

something about our babies. Nancy and I were talking. Tomorrow you'll get to hear my baby sing, too. I told Nancy, "I wish that we could get Darren and Sarah to sing a song together some day." Some day, Darren, maybe we can have a duet with you, Nancy's baby, and Sarah, mine and David's baby. But I want you to know you touched my heart tonight. I do get weepy sometimes, but sometimes when someone has a beautiful voice like yours, and you bring a message in song, it touches your heart. I think that's God talking to us. He's using you and your beautiful instrument. Thank you so much for sharing your God-given talent with us this evening. It meant a lot to me to have you here. We're going to miss you, but we know you'll be coming home occasionally, and we can catch you when we can. Sisters and Brothers, one more time please show Brother Darren how much we appreciate him. [applause]

You know, I got really tickled at Sister Rennie when she was counting the Past Grand Matrons and stuff because we were doing the same thing. The first thing I was going to say was, "Brother Nelson, did you count?" And that was really neat because he gives us a really hard time. So I'm going to start carpooling to the schools, and I'm going to take every Past Grand Matron I can find just so we can show up the Past Grand Patrons. Isn't that right, Bess?

I appreciate the tribute this evening. Sister Yvonne, you said, "Are you scared," and I said, "Maybe a little bit because you know quite a few things that no one else does know." I got to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron, and I know some things that nobody else knows, but I don't have to share those now because you were pretty nice. So thank you. Now she's wondering just what I said. I'll try to think about that later.

Sister Alma Bane, thank you for the words that you said. Blink, yes, it's gone. This whole year has gone by in the blink of an eye. It happens so quickly, and I'm wondering where it went. Then I start remembering, and all the memories that I have stored is going to last me a lifetime. I pray to make new memories next year when we go and we support our new incoming Worthy Grand Matron, and then the year after that when we follow Sister Mary Ruth and then Sister Vi and all those that come. This Order needs each and every one of us to survive. We need to go and continue to work.

Now I wouldn't suggest that when you go out of office, you immediately take another one in your home chapter as Secretary. I must have had a really weak moment. I said yes all year, and I guess they said, "We need a Secretary. Will you do it," and I said, "Well, okay." And then I forgot, because it has been quite a few years since I served as Secretary, just all there was to do. We have a chapter meeting this coming Monday night, and I haven't written the minutes from the last meeting. I'm just wondering if my Secretary or one of my Pages might want to help me just one extra day. I know they go out of office, but I might need just a little help.

And then someone said that I have to do something — meet another deadline. Do you realize that when you start to proofread Proceedings you can't change anything? They made me proofread the stuff from the Installation, and I went over that and I said, "My gosh! Did I say that?" And the Grand Secretary said, "Honey, you can't change a thing." And I'm saying, "Well, then how come I have to proof it?" I thought that was one of the privileges you get when you proofread, you can make corrections. We might be in a lot of trouble. And then when I did get the Proceedings — Sister Joyce Gilbert, I apologize that some of the — and they're in your book, everything I said. Did you understand what I said at the Installation? Oh, thank you, Sister Joyce Gilbert.

I'm really excited. This has been a lovely evening. I appreciate the love gift. Someone said that, you know, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron don't need love

gifts — that's the reason they've got all this money. I'm wondering why they said that because we had to eat all year long. The love gifts, that went to McDonalds and Denny's and Sonic — we loved Sonic — and Braum's. Now when I go home, I'm not traveling so much except when I go to follow this new Worthy Grand Matron, but I'll have some money so that I can eat at Sonic and Braum's. I'm really excited, and I do appreciate it. I just want you to know that it's put to good use. Then again I have to start paying for my own gas. I know that the Grand Secretary is going to ask me for the credit card soon, but she knows that I'm not going anywhere the rest of the weekend so I can't use it. Do you want that soon, Sister Nell? I want witnesses.

No, seriously, Sisters and Brothers, what an awesome year this is, and to have so many friends in this room this evening. This is a joy and a delight. I look at these Worthy Grand Matrons for other Grand Jurisdictions who we formed friendships with these last four years, and they're here with me tonight. These three especially are very dear to me and have very special places in my heart. They're presiding over their Grand Jurisdictions, so we can relate and understand each other in this day and time. I look at the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons here this evening because they've traveled this way before, and they've had all the trials and tribulations that we've had, and they've survived. So I'm looking forward to surviving because I think we will, and I think we're going to have a joyous and wonderful time.

This Grand Chapter is going to be a little different. We will be doing some things because we do have extra time, but I hope that you enjoy them. I hope you enjoy your time together. I want you to smile. Smiles are contagious. If you have a problem, you can talk to my Executive Chairman, Sister Donna Pope. She can handle anything.

Everyone that worked to put this banquet together, y'all, this is wonderful. Thank you. We know what time and effort it takes to put on a banquet because nearly all of us in this room have worked at doing that before, at decorating. And then we know it all has to be torn down after everyone starts to leave. There's still work to do. I want you to know that we appreciate that also. We appreciate each and everyone of you making this the most memorable Grand Chapter, at least to this Worthy Grand Patron and I.

I was reading on the back of the program, and it says — it is hard to read up here — “Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our life, is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see.” That was said by Corrie Ten Boom. What an awesome witness that is, because I thank God for each and everyone of you He has put in my life. I thank you for the hugs and the smiles. I do want you to know that this Worthy Grand Patron and this Worthy Grand Matron both love each and everyone of you bunches and bunches. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: The melody of prayer is best played with notes of praise, adoration, confession and thanksgiving. To thank the Lord for our wonderful evening, Brother Ed Warner will lead us in prayer.

MR. ED WARNER: Sisters and Brothers, let's join hands. Heavenly Father, we want to thank Thee for this beautiful day, for the love and fellowship that has been shown. We're thankful for each of our visitors that's here, thankful for the food that we enjoyed and the fellowship. We're thankful for the music that we had, for Darren and him being able to perform and do the music. We enjoyed it. We ask You now to go with us to our separate places, to watch over and care for us. Be with those that are not with us, especially if they're sick. Bless and help them. Forgive us of our weaknesses, We pray in Christ's Name, amen.

High above the stage of the Arlington Convention Center in Arlington, Texas, was a blue banner with white lettering, "127th Session, Grand Chapter of Texas, Peace in His Kingdom." Attached to the signage was a large tapestry of a reclining lion and lamb with a Star in the East. Introductions of Grand Chapter Officers were made through a series of graduated columns.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron chairs were straight chairs with very ornately carved backs. Between the podiums was a row of daisies with two seated lions on either end.

In stage front a beautiful garden scene was created. There was a rock wall, stepping stones on the floor, ferns in all manner of containers and bluebonnets. Statuary of the good shepherd with several lambs, angels, lions and lambs was also featured. In the center of the garden were two small iron gates guarded by lions.

The Altar was adorned with a beautiful dark blue covering.

Star Point pedestals had small lamb cutouts behind them. Each lamb wore a ribbon of the color appropriate to the Star Point. Bluebonnets were massed around the lamb's feet. The Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Matron/Associate Grand Patron pedestals had lion statuary on them. Tall urns of cascading ferns were on the floor, again with lion statuary.

Formal wear for Lady Grand Officers was an overblouse of royal blue, short sleeves, scalloped neckline with beads and sequins outlining the neck, sleeves and bottom. The gently flowing skirt was decorated with a jeweled design. Gentleman Officers wore black tuxedos. Day wear for the ladies was a royal blue suit and a light blue blouse with splotches of royal blue. The gentlemen wore a dark blue or navy blazer with light gray slacks.

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CEREMONIAL OPENING
THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
August 6, 2009

JOY IN HIS KINGDOM Session

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Mary Alberts
Music Committee, General Chairman

Master of Ceremonies

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

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers and Friends of the Order of the Eastern Star. Welcome to this 127th "Peace in His Kingdom Session" of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. We thank you so much for being here for this special event of our Grand Chapter, a certification of the dedicated efforts expended in our programs for the year 2008-2009 by so many dedicated workers. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you for another special record of service in which you shepherded all of your ewes and rams through a peaceful year of service to our Order. Your big flock appreciated your prayerful protection against the big, bad wolves of discontent, discord and unhappiness as you traveled through your field of service. Not baaaad at all! I just had to say thaaaat. Thank you for the honor accorded me and my Harlandale Chapter #750 in presiding at this "Joy in His Kingdom" session.

We have had very special music in the prelude this afternoon. Please join me in expressing our sincere appreciation for the blessings of the beautiful music that our talented Sister Mary Alberts has provided for us. [applause]

I'm pleased to introduce our Assisting Grand Marshal this afternoon, Sister Nancy Brown. Sister Nancy was the Worthy Grand Matron when our Worthy Grand Matron was the Associate Grand Conductress and has served as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee this year. It is a very special honor to have Sister Nancy serve as our Assisting Grand Marshal.

At this time we will have the Processional of our Distinguished Members and Guests. Would you please give attention as they are presented. Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and 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 the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East.

In Texas the Masons are the strength for our fraternal orders, and we hold them in highest esteem. It is our pleasure to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. You will escort Brother Counts to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Leaders of Appendant Bodies and Fraternal Youth Groups and the Representatives of the City of Arlington to the East.

Thank you, Assisting Grand Marshal. Didn't she do a great job? [applause]

We will now have the presentation of our Grand Chapter Sweetheart, Grand Chapter Mom and Grand Chapter Dad. Grand Chapter Sweetheart is Mrs. Helen Higgins, escorted by Mr. James Walker. We will now have the Grand Chapter Dad, Mr. Walter Bartlett, escorted by Mrs. Paulette Bartlett. I'm sorry to report that our Grand Chapter Mom, Mrs. Freida Dillon, was unable to be here this afternoon.

The Board of Examiners is composed of six members elected annually. The 2008-2009 members are: Mrs. Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner At Large, escorted by Mr. Larry Bigham; Mrs. Brenda Smith, District 5, escorted by Mr. Terry Miller; Mrs. Christine Armstrong, District 4, escorted by Mr. Dale French; Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, District 3, escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht; Mrs. Cindy Echols, District 2, escorted by Mr. Tommy Echols; Dr. Linda J. Puckett, District 1, escorted by Mr. John Puckett.

The Board of Directors is composed of ten members, and it is my honor to present Mrs. Kathy Teele, District 5, escorted by Mr. Claude Lindley; Mrs. Mickie Campbell, District 4, escorted by Mr. Robert Squires; Mrs. Lorraine Williams, District 3, escorted by Mr. Jimmy Williams; Mr. Keith Mikeworth, District 2, escorted by Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth; Mrs. Karen Kidd, District 2, escorted by Mr. Horton Kidd; Mr. Jack Beall, District 1, escorted by Mrs. Charlotte Beall; Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, District 1, escorted by Mrs. Marty Drescher; Mrs. Terri Rozell, Secretary, escorted by Mr. Paul Halpin; Ms. Diane Davidson, Vice Chairman, escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock; Ms. Lori M. Goldman, Chairman, escorted by Mr. A.L. Casparis.

Let's give all of our Board members a big hand. They work hard for us. [applause]

Now it is my pleasure to present the Texas Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent. Taking us to faraway places through her excellent records of other Grand Jurisdictions is our Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Toni Crawford, escorted by Mr. Monte Crawford. We depend upon this gentleman for our protection and security from interruption. Our Grand Sentinel, Mr. Bill Vaughn, escorted by Mrs. Wanda Vaughn. Laboring always for peace and harmony, our Grand Warder, Mr. Dwight Von Heeder, escorted by Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder. Through her fervency and zeal this lady is a witness of truth and love, Grand Electa, Mrs. Edna Jefferies, escorted by Dr. Bert Hammack. Portraying her Christian convictions and a hope of immortal life, Grand Martha, Mrs. Sue Lockhart, escorted by Mr. Charles Kitchens. Through her queenly virtue and devotion she has found much favor among the members of this Grand Chapter, Grand Esther, Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger, escorted by Mr. Burley Jones. Reflecting the responsibility of obedience we have reaped the harvest of her labor, Grand Ruth, Mrs. Sissy Furrie, escorted by Mr. Robert Brownfield. Always faithful to the demands of right and duty, she too has displayed heroic conduct, Grand Adah, Mrs. JoAnne Conner, escorted by Mr. Garvin Wilson. This lady has left lasting impression with melodies to remember, Grand Organist, Mrs. Mary Harvey, escorted by Mr. Bob Stringer. Marching forth with courtesy and purpose, she brings honor to her station, Grand Marshal, Ms. Abi Freeman, escorted by Dr. Bill Bane. Through faith in the divine Creator she is a doer of His word, Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Betty Scott, escorted by Mr. Andrew Scott. Looking happily toward a delightful journey our Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Vi Griffin, escorted by Mr. Tommy Griffin. The entrance doors of tomorrow will soon open to the touch of her hand, and the clock is tick-

ing. Grand Conductress, Mrs. Mary Ruth White, escorted by Mr. Joe White. One who is always faithful to her trust in the financial interests of our Order, our Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Betty Prater, escorted by Mr. Mike Biddler. Much is entrusted regarding prompt and discreet action to the duties of her office, Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nell Drenner, escorted by Mr. James Kirkpatrick. Preparing to meet the challenges of tomorrow and to make them a reality, Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Bill Wyatt, escorted by Mrs. Ann Wyatt. Planning her year always in search of God's plan, our Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Bess Caldwell, escorted by Mr. Al Caldwell. Living His Light in the tried and true principles of our Order, he commands the love and respect of this membership, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Ray Hertenberger, escorted by Mrs. Doris Jones. Her worth cannot be measured in words. With an openhearted 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 Nicklas, escorted by Mr. David Nicklas.

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

We have a little change to the program. At this time we will have the flag presentations. 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 all of us.

The United States flag will be presented by Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron of Texas. The flag of Canada will be presented by Mr. Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia. Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, Visionquest General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Patron of Texas, will present the Texas flag. The Oklahoma flag will be presented by Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Christian flag will be presented by Mr. Harold Trammell, Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Eastern Star flag will be presented by Mr. Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Masonic flag will be presented by Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Let's give these gentlemen a hand for their participation. [applause]

Our special guests have been welcomed and presented in the East. In order that our chapter room may be complete, we will now have Altar presentations. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are proud to have special family members assist in these presentations. The Holy Bible is presented by Mrs. Sarah Johnson, daughter, and Miss Paige Elizabeth Johnson, granddaughter, of the Worthy Grand Matron. The Bible Marker is presented by Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, daughter of the Worthy Grand Matron. The Square and Compasses are presented by Miss Courtney Ridgeway, great niece of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my pleasure to present Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman, Payroll Committee, General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and Brother Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron of Texas, to call this Thursday afternoon "Joy in His Kingdom" session to order.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Sisters and Brothers, the Worthy Grand Matron has accorded me, assisted by my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Kenneth Gregory, the honor of calling to order the ritualistic ceremonial opening of the 127th "Joy in His Kingdom" session of our Grand Chapter. We do thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this privilege.

Brother Kenneth, I'm sure the membership would be happy to hear from you at this time.

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you, Sister Yvonne. I also want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for giving me the honor of standing with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, as she calls this 127th "Joy in His Kingdom" session of Grand Chapter to order. Sister Yvonne, it seems like only yesterday that you presided over the 116th "Friendship Is Constant" Session in Fort Worth. Time flies by too swiftly.

I love the name our Worthy Grand Matron has chosen for this session, "Joy in His Kingdom." The Scriptures teach us that the joy of the Lord is our strength in our daily lives, but also promises that one day we shall be presented faultless before the presence of His Glory with exceeding joy.

Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for the strength and joy you have given me through the years. Thank you.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Brother Kenneth. It is indeed my pleasure to call this Thursday afternoon "Joy in His Kingdom" session to order. Our invocation will be given by Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Take the hand of the person next to you, and let's be grateful that we are here together. Our Heavenly Father, we come to Thee quietly, joyfully in this hour. Thank you, Lord, for this day and for all of its blessings. We rejoice in the fellowship of kindred minds, and we thank You, Lord, for each one present and for the inspiration of this assembly. Father, we come together in Your Name. Endow each heart with the spirit of love and tolerance that this may be a time of harmony and order. Father, we are mindful of the hours given by so many dedicated members in preparing for our comfort and enjoyment. We feel the spirit of their love and are grateful for their labors. We thank You for the guiding hand and protection of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Continue to guide them wisely as they preside over our deliberations in the days ahead. We ask Your blessings upon those who will serve as leaders and officers for the ensuing year. May they have the wisdom and protection from on high. Father, may the love we experience not be stored in our hearts, but freely shared that all who cross our path will also know the joy of peace in Your kingdom forever. Father, we pray in the name of our God. Amen.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: There is one person here this afternoon who I know is breathing a sigh of relief that this day has finally arrived, and she'll probably breathe deeper come Sunday morning. Mrs. Donna Hill Pope, Chairman of the Executive Committee, I invite you to address the assembly if you are ready at this time.

MRS. DONNA HILL POPE: Thank you, Past Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Board Members, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the Executive Committee, Arrangements Committees and members of District 3, it is my privilege to welcome you to Arlington for the 127th "Peace in His Kingdom" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Sisters and Brothers, members of our Order have worked on your behalf to ensure your time at Grand Chapter is both productive and convenient. They have worked tirelessly to try to think of every detail that might make your stay more enjoyable. We hope that you will take the opportunity of great fellowship with each other while taking advantage of the special amenities that Arlington has to offer.

I know we have the Mayor of Arlington with us today, and Mayor, I want to thank you for the opportunity to meet in your great city. All those associated with the planning team have done an outstanding job in making us feel welcome and have been so helpful and easy to work with. This may be our first Grand Chapter Session in Arlington, but I'm sure it will not be our last.

I would like to take a moment to recognize several key staff members who have worked with us for so many months:

Mary German, Arlington Convention Bureau
Justin Grimsley, Arlington Convention Center
Nova Torres, Culinaire International
John Anderson, J & S Audio Visual
Jim Miller, George Fern Company
Nora Borrego, Sheraton Arlington
Sherry Gutkowski, Hilton Arlington

Sisters and Brothers, please help me in thanking these and their other staff members for their hard work.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you have traveled the State of Texas from border to border this year and have gathered "bunches and bunches" of love from the members. While you were on the road, it has been my special privilege to work with the Arrangements and Executive Committees. The names are too numerous to give credit for all their efforts. But I can only say that these tried servants truly are willing helpers who are an inspiration to all mankind. I have some with me on the stage to help with presentations from around the state.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, could I please ask you to come up here. I have something special for you. Mr. Jimmy Williams, the Executive Committee Co-Chairman, will help me make a presentation of the American flag for each of you. Sister Joyce, your flag was flown over the United States Capitol on May 22, 2009, your birthday. Brother Ray, your flag was flown over the United States Capitol on June 21st, Father's Day. Thank you, Brother Jimmy. Jimmy has been a great help all year. [applause]

Brother John Merk is the Arrangements Co-Chairman, and he will help me present a flag for each of you that has flown over the capitol of the State of Texas. This was flown over the capitol of the sovereign State of Texas in celebration of each of your birthdays: on May 22 for our Worthy Grand Matron and on September 29 for our Worthy Grand Patron. [applause]

Brother Larry Hart, Arrangements Committee Chairman, will help me make a presentation of the Yellow Rose of Texas to our Worthy Grand Matron.

MR. LARRY HART: Worthy Grand Matron, I have a commission from Governor Rick Perry, and I'd like to read it to you. "The State of Texas, to all to whom these presents shall come, greetings. Know that Joyce Nicklas is hereby commissioned a Yellow Rose of Texas under the laws of the State of Texas with all rights, privileges and emoluments appertaining to said office. In testimony whereof I have signed my name and caused the seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 8th day of June, 2009." Signed by Governor Rick Perry and the Secretary of State, Mr. Anderson. We'd like to present this to you because you are truly a Yellow Rose of Texas. Y'all give her a great big hand. [applause]

MRS. DONNA HILL POPE: I have one final presentation. I contacted each of your individual State Representatives for a letter of congratulations on your office. Sister Joyce, I have from the State of Texas, House of Representatives. "This certificate is presented to

Sister Joyce Nicklas in recognition of your service as the 2008-2009 Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, at the annual session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, in Arlington, Texas, August 2009. I, James Kepper, have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at Austin, Texas, this the 3rd day of August, 2009, in witness thereof and pursuant to the authority vested in me, State Representative of House District No. 60."

Brother Ray, I have a letter of congratulations from your individual Representative, Craig Island. He would like to congratulate you on attaining the office of Worthy Grand Patron. "It's no surprise that after 27 devoted years as a member of the Eastern Star Texas City Chapter #626 and your tireless hard work on countless benevolent projects, you have achieved this position. It is an honor as your State Representative to represent such an altruistic individual. Thank you for all the hard work that you do for our community and our state. Craig Island." [applause]

Sister Joyce, this is also for you. Your State Representative, Jim Kepper, was a little more prolific than our Worthy Grand Patron's. He writes a little more. So we also have a resolution from the State of Texas for Joyce Nicklas of Palo Pinto who is being honored for her service as Worthy Grand Matron at the annual session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, which is being held in Arlington in August 2009. It goes on about some of the benevolent projects that we have as our Grand Chapter of Texas. It also mentions in particular the David Nicklas Organ Donation Awareness Foundation. "Whereas, through her enthusiastic involvement with the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, Joyce Nicklas has significantly contributed to the greater good, it is a pleasure to join in recognizing her commitment to her fellow citizens. Now, therefore, be it resolved that Joyce Nicklas be commended for her service as the 2008-2009 Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, and that she be extended sincere best wishes for the future. Jim Kepper, State Representative." [applause]

That's all I could think of to get you.

Finally, I have just a couple of announcements:

Registration and Credentials is located in the South Lobby, along with Information, Lost and Found, Sales Items, First Aid and the Social Committee desk where you can pick up your food function tickets, Parking Pass or Buss Pass. The Vendor Area is located in Salon B of the Grand Hall which is straight out the main exit door. Sisters and Brothers, please take an opportunity to browse through the Vendor area. Our Grand Examiner at Large will be in Meeting Room 1 at the North end of the main corridor. Food functions at the Convention Center will be in Salon A1 and A2 and M Rooms 5-6 and 7-8. Locations of the functions will be posted at the Information Desk and on the screen in the main corridor.

We're here for you, Sisters and Brothers. Please let us know if we can assist you.

I ask that you give a round of applause to all of those on all of these Committees for their hard work this year. [applause] Thank you, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFELD: Thank you, Sister Donna. I know that we are all proud to be at the 127th session, and we're certainly enjoying the hospitality, as well as being in this beautiful convention center. I hope when the Mayor arrives, you will let us know so we can hear from him.

The outstanding professional team that has assisted with many details and who have been so instrumental in the success of our activities for this session is Helms Briscoe. I am most pleased to introduce to you Mrs. Barbara Van Hollenbeck, Regional Director of Helms Briscoe. Barbara has prided herself in providing the utmost in customer service,

and I invite you to greet the assembly.

MRS. BARBARA VAN HOLLENBECK: I am Barbara Van Hollenbeck, and I represent our company, Helms Briscoe. We are a site-selection organization, and we were very, very, very happy to help Joyce with her selection of the City of Arlington. When it came time for Joyce to pick a city, we went to several and then we went back to several. Then Joyce called me with the decision that she was going to pick the City of Arlington.

Being the planner that I am, I asked Joyce why. She said, "Because they made me feel wanted." Well, being the planner that I am, it just made me feel so wonderful that we found a city that made my client, the Order of the Eastern Star, feel wanted. So the Mayor of Arlington, everyone with the City, everyone with the Convention and Visitors Bureau, I want you to know that the reason they picked Arlington is that you made them feel wanted.

When we were sitting around doing some planning, we thought, is there anything else that we could do special for the Order of the Eastern Star. We started thinking, all of the volunteers are going to come in and they're going to brown bag it and then they're going to have to sit there and bring their lunch on a hot day. Mary with the City of Arlington said, "Why don't we throw them a pizza party?" Everything that was done just a little bit different and had a little bit more effort put into it was done by the City of Arlington. Helms Briscoe, our CEO Roger Helms, our vice president Patti Palacio with the State of Texas want to thank the City of Arlington for making Order of the Eastern Star feel wanted.

When I started working with Joyce many years ago for this convention, I had just lost my husband, the love of my life, my soulmate, my best friend, my everything. There are many times that I would meet with Joyce that I was wondering how I was going to get through the meeting because all I could do was think about him. Well, there's an old saying that God cannot be everywhere, so He sends you angels. Joyce was an angel for me during these most difficult times of my life. I don't know if there are enough adjectives in the dictionary to describe Joyce Nicklas. She is probably the kindest, sweetest, most wonderful person I've ever met in my entire life. I want to thank her and I want to thank God for bringing this angel into my life during a very difficult time.

This convention is going to be wonderful. I know that God and His angels are looking over you and over Joyce and this wonderful Committee that she has. Donna, my gosh, I don't know how you've done what you've done. We met in Gaylord for lunch one day, and I just knew that Joyce was going to be in the best of hands. So, Joyce, have a wonderful convention, and I hope to work with you again. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Barbara, for those kind words. Sisters and Brothers, it is now my privilege to introduce to you Mrs. Mary German representing the Arlington Convention Bureau. I invite you to bring greetings. Sister Mary.

MS. JUDY ZERNISHAW: I don't think podiums are made for short people! Actually, I am Judy Zernishaw. I'm with the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau. Unfortunately, Mary was called out of town, and she is unable to attend.

Good afternoon and welcome to Arlington, Texas. We are so, so thrilled to have your convention here. I know that so many people have worked so hard. Donna and her Committee and so many other people have worked so many diligent hours to make this a very memorable convention for you. I know that it will be. I have attended many conventions, and I know that you have many hours that you're going to have to spend doing a lot of things at the convention. But if you have a few extra minutes or time, please take some time and visit some of our great attractions here that are right around the convention area.

Maybe visit one of our restaurants. Of course, one of our newest attractions in town, which we are very, very happy to have, the Cowboys Stadium. Take some time. That is a wonderful tour to take of the stadium. It is an hour-and-a-half long. Please wear good walking shoes because you will be doing a lot of walking. But I'll grant you, you will not regret having that tour. If you can't take the tour, you might want to just visit their pro shop. You can pick up many, many Texas items there at the pro shop. It's like a department store.

But again I know you're going to have a wonderful, wonderful convention. We have just enjoyed working so much with Donna and trying to put this together for you, to make sure you have a memorable event. Again, welcome to Arlington. Have a great convention and have some fun. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, my dear. Sisters and Brothers, we are honored to have with us the Honorable Dr. Robert Cluck, Mayor of the City of Arlington. Dr. Cluck has served as Mayor since 2003 after two terms on the City Council. He is the Vice President for Medical Affairs at Arlington Memorial Hospital. The Mayor serves on many boards and commissions. He works hard, represents the City well and provides outstanding leadership for this beautiful city. I am pleased to introduce to you Honorable Dr. Cluck. I invite you to greet this assembly.

DR. ROBERT CLUCK: Thank you very much. Just a couple of things I'd like to say. You heard that I'm also a physician. I have been a physician now for about 45 years. I hate to say that, but it's a long time. One of the nurses that used to work with me, or for me -- or I worked for her, I believe -- was strong in the Eastern Star, and I learned all about your organization every day. Her name was Sandra Perdue. [applause] Seriously, Sandra gave me a very good education on Eastern Star. I kind of know what you all do and how you take care of your communities, how you take care of giving, cancer research, arthritis, all these wonderful things that need consistent funding. Thank God that you're the ones who are helping provide that funding. You're such an important part of our community, and we are very, very happy to have you here today.

I have to tell you a little story. We talked about the Cowboy Stadium. Many, or all of you, know about the Eastern Star Home which is just right across from Cowboy Stadium. I think probably a couple of years before we consummated the deal with the Cowboys to bring them here, you sold the building. That building now belongs to a lawyer who bought it for \$4 million. He is now offering it, although I don't think he's going to sell it for this price, for about 11 or 12 million dollars for development. I don't think that's going to happen. It is a beautiful piece of property. As a matter of fact, during the hurricanes we had about a thousand to 1200 evacuees come to our city for help, for protection, for nourishment. They stayed here off and on for the better part of a month. We opened the infirmary at that building. It was a mighty challenge because it had not been used for a very long period of time. But it worked absolutely perfectly. Every time I went there -- they had church services, of course. And every time I went there to help them or to go to church, I was often reminded of how important the Eastern Star is to me, to everybody in this country and to Arlington.

After the last person left, the building has not been occupied again. Now that little infirmary that we cleaned up could never be restored again. It just cannot be restored. But it served a very important function. The last function of that infirmary was to save a life. I think that is very, very appropriate. I thank all of you for that because you all had a part in it.

We are very proud that you have chosen Arlington to hold your convention. I've heard from a couple of people since I arrived here a few minutes ago that everything has gone

smoothly. Hotels have behaved themselves. I want you to know that if there are any problems, you can contact me directly at the Mayor's office and I'll help solve them. We're pretty used to having big conventions here, and we're pretty used to not having any trouble. So I think that will hold forth for you also.

Again, thank you so much for coming here. Thank you ever so much for what you do for our country and our municipalities like Arlington. I hope you have a great time, and if I can help, call me. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Dr. Cluck, for those kind words. This year our Worthy Grand Matron selected three charities to receive the benefits from the hard work of our members. Worthy Grand Matron, would you please come forward to make a presentation to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, the Scottish Rite Hospital has touched my life in many ways, and my family and friends have benefitted from the wonderful miracles provided by this hospital. Each of us knows of someone whose life has been changed by this hospital. I am pleased to report that because of the generosity of the members of Texas, we are proud to present this donation to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in the amount of \$11,152.07. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you for your work with the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Through the Scottish Rite Hospital system, these children receive care that would otherwise not be available to them. We thank you.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: At this time I invite Mrs. Stephanie Brigger from the Scottish Rite Hospital to respond.

MRS. STEPHANIE BRIGGER: On behalf of all the children at the Scottish Rite Hospital, as well as the staff and the board of trustees, I can't tell you how much we appreciate this. I think most of you know that the hospital has been here in Dallas for the past 88 years taking care of kids with orthopedic problems, as well as learning differences, and we've never charged a patient family for anything that has been provided at the hospital, which is pretty amazing. The only way that we've been able to do that is because of good people like you. The hospital really is a gift to the children of Texas from, really, the Masonic community. I just want to say how much we appreciate this. This allows us to make a difference in so many children's lives. We've treated over 190,000 children in our history, and right now have 14,000 active patients. You are making a huge difference in their lives every day. Thank you so much for this generous gift. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Stephanie. The Shriners Hospital in Houston is the second recipient today. Worthy Grand Matron, I believe you have a presentation to make.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We do, and we're excited about this one too. You know, the Shriners Hospital in Galveston is an icon in Texas. We will continue to support the endeavor of this hospital, but we want you to know that many of us were praying this year for the reopening of this hospital. We're so happy that we're going to be able to make a contribution to this special, special facility.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I want to make a point of clarification. When she had first presented this, the situation with the Shrine Hospital in Galveston was still up in the air. Since we have done this, thank goodness, through the grace of God and the work of many people, our Shrine unit in Galveston will reopen, if I'm not mistaken, somewhere around the 1st of September. [applause] I will forever have a special place in my heart for the Shrine Hospital being that I'm a Past Potentate of

Almira Shrine. I appreciate all the efforts of everyone and the volunteers for their service for these unfortunate youth.

Sisters and Brothers, through your contributions and your hard work, we are making a contribution to the Shrine Hospital in Galveston for \$11,152.07. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I believe the recipient of the check was Jim Denson, and he would probably like to respond after this photo opportunity.

MR. JIM DENSON: I definitely want to respond. When Mary Calvert was introducing me to so many of you prior to the beginning of this meeting, she introduced me as the Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Galveston Hospital. I can't tell you how many of you said that you prayed for us, that you were doing everything you can to see Galveston reopen, that you are happy to see Galveston reopen. Well, folks, we have got to thank you and so many other volunteers to allow this to happen. We are working on an arrangement with UTMB to begin seeing acute burns by the 1st of September, and in collaboration with our hospital in Houston we anticipate prior to the end of the year to resume seeing reconstructive burns. This could not have been done without not only the financial support, but your prayers and all the well wishes. I just want to thank the Order of the Eastern Star for giving us this opportunity to continue serving those kids that desperately need our care. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Brother Jim. The David Matthew Nicklas Organ Donor Awareness Foundation. The project that is dearest to the heart of our Worthy Grand Matron is this foundation, the David Matthew Nicklas Organ Donor Awareness Foundation, named in honor of her son who donated his organs after a motorcycle accident took his life. Our Worthy Grand Matron will now make this presentation to Mr. Rodney DeBaun, Founder of the Foundation and the recipient of David Matthew's heart. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, this project has been very close to my heart. In fact, Rodney DeBaun was the recipient of our son's heart. Rodney started this foundation in our son's honor to help others. He has an apartment complex in Grand Prairie, and he furnishes apartments to families waiting for transplants. No charge. The foundation also presents educational scholarships. They speak at public functions to make people aware of the importance of organ donation. He has helped keep the memory of our son alive. I'm so pleased that he's here with us today. Rodney does so much more than just furnish apartments for recipients. He's there to witness to those waiting. He's there to lift them up. He has helped so many families go to places they need to be to receive organs. I know of one young woman that he flew to California to make sure she would get the care that she needed. His heart is very special. It's not just my son's heart, it's his heart too. But it's really large. He outpours to everyone. I think that's why this membership this year has really come through with this project. They knew how dear it was to Brother Ray Hertenberger and myself because we wanted to do something. It's not just keeping my son's memory alive, but it's helping so many others.

I'm so, so happy that Rodney got to be here with us today. Would you like to say something before we give him this?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sure. The gift of life can never be more appreciated than by a person who has benefitted from this most heroic act of love. Thank you, Rodney, for accepting this contribution that is made in our love. I did not know Rodney before Sister Joyce asked me to walk this path with her, but since then this has become a man of my admiration. I thank you for your efforts toward helping everybody the way you do. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The check wouldn't quite fit in the envelope, so we had a special one made. I think a lot of people can benefit from \$12,936.19. [applause] Also, Rodney, this morning we attended the Grand Representatives Association breakfast. They'd like to contribute also. They presented us a check for \$200 to also go on this project.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Rodney, would you like to bring us some remarks at this time. We'd love to hear from you.

MR. RODNEY DeBAUN: I want to thank you all very much for all that you guys do, your kindness and your generosity. My grandfather in Indiana was a Mason, and for two or three years I was in the DeMolays until they ran me out. Not true! But they just got me for my athletic ability, then when they got other better athletes they kicked me out.

I'm standing here before you today because of the generosity of the Nicklas family. At that time I was a stranger to them. The lady that spoke earlier about what an angel Joyce was, well, Joyce may be the lead angel, but the entire Nicklas family is just exactly that same way. I don't need to tell you how special she is and how special they are because you guys already know it. The main motivation to start the foundation was a year after October 1993 when David Matthew tragically lost his life and the Nicklases gave me life, I met Joyce. The first thing she said was she was afraid people would forget who David was. I didn't know anything about nonprofits, didn't know anything about how to give back or what to do, but that kind of started it.

Then I adopted Becky, and she really administers the foundation and she's really the driving force behind it. I'm just the pretty face that gets to talk to people. We found the best way to help people was if they live in an area where they don't have transplant hospitals and if they can't get to that area and be close to that hospital, then they just don't get a chance, a second chance at life. So we provide housing for families free of charge to live in this area while they're waiting for a transplant and then while they're recovering. We've helped little babies. We've helped elderly people. It doesn't matter who they are or where they come from, what their circumstance.

As I said, Becky administers the foundation on a daily basis. I'll be over at the apartment complex sometimes, and somebody will walk up and say, "You're Rodney?" And I go, "Yeah," and they'll just, you know, grab me and say, "Thank you for what you're doing." I'm like, "Well, what are we doing for you, you know, because I don't really know," but Becky knows. Your gift is what I always wanted is to be able to help the foundation not be about anything other than what it's supposed to be, and that's to carry on no matter who's involved in it. We built the apartment complex, and we endowed that and gave that to the foundation, so that's the asset that really helps it go from day to day. But the world is very, very short of people like Joyce and her family. I thank God every day that there are people like her and her family. Thank you very much. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Rodney. We honor our youth, our future 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.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How blessed we are to have the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Texas. These beautiful young ladies are our future. It is our responsibility to be there for them and to support them. The Worthy Grand Patron and I

are pleased to present this donation to the members of Texas. Sisters and Brothers, your donations have made this possible. Our project this year was the Mickey Mouse pins. The Forever Young team worked diligently. I think the pins sold themselves because there are so many of us that are still children at heart. We love Mickey Mouse and we always will. So it really benefitted these this year. Brother Ray.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: The Order of the Rainbow for Girls represents the womanhood and the future of our Order of the Eastern Star. We thank you for being here to receive this donation this afternoon.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I now invite Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Inspector in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, accompanied by Miss Kati Castillo, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, to address this assembly.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Master, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. First, let me express appreciation for this very generous gift to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. I know that you know that we appreciate every penny, nickel, dime, dollar. This is much more than that, and we know that this comes from your hearts and from your loving support of Rainbow in Texas. We do thank you sincerely for this very, very generous donation.

Thank you for the honor of inviting Rainbow to bring brief greetings this afternoon and to have this opportunity to express sincere appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray, for your constant support this year. You have made special efforts to be present at various activities, and your many kind words have encouraged and lifted our girls to greater achievements. Thank you, especially, for the two trips that you made to our Grand Assembly Session in Frisco in June to be with our girls even while Texas was hosting the Multi-State Visit in San Antonio. That was a whirlwind weekend for you, and our girls and adults are very appreciative of your presence at Grand Assembly.

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 several others in the process of organization. We are also privileged to be the organizers of Guadalajara Assembly LT 2 in Mexico and this assembly is now placed under the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. Twenty seven Texas girls and adults traveled to Guadalajara in February to Institute, Initiate, and Install Officers of this new assembly. Texas is excited to have this place of responsibility as we bring the blessings of Rainbow to our friends South of the Border.

Our 900 girls join me in expressing appreciation to the many Eastern Star members and members of the Masonic family who give time, talent, and certainly, monetarily to our girls and 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 learn 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.

Thank you on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Texas Rainbow Assemblies, and myself, for the privilege of addressing you this afternoon.

May be continue to Dream, Believe, Inspire, Learn, and Grow - through Rainbow!

I now have the pleasure of introducing to you our beautiful Grand Worthy Advisor, Kati Castillo, who will bring greetings from Texas Grand Assembly.

MISS KATI CASTILLO: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East and friends, good evening everyone, on behalf of each member of Texas Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to bring greetings.

What a wonderful year it has been as we have shared the Peace and Love of the Eastern Star Order with Mrs. Nicklas and Mr. Hertenberger as they have traveled throughout Texas. Of all the flowers that God has created, two of the most beautiful and handsome have truly been our Worthy Grand Matron and Patron this year.

The Bible verses that were chosen for this Eastern Star year have special meaning to all the Rainbow Girls as the lesson of Love is our first color station in our Initiatory work; particularly the passage from Corinthians:

*Love is kind; love rejoices in the truth;⁷ love bears all things,
believes all things, and hopes all things.*

We are taught in Rainbow to love each other as we are loved and to support our sisters in all that we do. Eastern Star gives us, as assemblies and individuals, your constant love and support. Your love is the guiding light for **our** future. For this we are most thankful and I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank you.

This year for Texas Rainbow, we are showing our love for our Order with the theme ***The Wonderful World of Rainbow***, as we celebrate the devotion and joy we have for our order.

Our State Charity project this year is Make-A-Wish International. This organization is built on helping children with life-threatening medical conditions to have **their** wishes come true. Make-A-Wish project has been giving children their wishes since 1980, and has given out more than 170,000 wishes in these 29 years. One major supporter of the organization has been Disney and its theme parks. Because of their support, going to a Disney park has become one of the most requested wishes, and it is our goal this year to be able to send at least **two** kids to Disney World. We hope that the kids we send will experience the magic of Disney, and have their imaginations soar beyond what they think *they might be limited to*.

Together we can accomplish this goal. Texas Rainbow is asking for your support with this very worthy project. Some ways you can help are by purchasing a Make-A-Wish Dragon, purchasing the limited editions of Make-A-Wish Buttons, and a Make-A-Wish Tie. The dragons are \$10 and each makes an adorable sound when you squeeze its bell. The limited edition buttons are only \$2 each and the ties are \$15 each. All the proceeds from these items will go directly to Make-A-Wish International. I invite you to stop by the Texas Rainbow Booth to purchase any of these items, visit with a Rainbow Girl, view photos of our recent events, and support the Make-A-Wish project.

It is often said that Rainbow Girls are the future of this order, and this statement cannot be more true. As we grow in our Rainbow Order, we are always looking forward till the day we can become members of Eastern Star and have our adults, who were once our advisors, become our sisters and brothers. Will all of you who are former Rainbow Girls please stand? Please remain standing, and will all those who now serve, or have served, on a Rainbow Advisory Board, please stand? This is a beautiful sight. Let's give them a hand... Thank you, you may be seated.

Rainbow is so proud and honored to have such a wonderful Order support us in all that we do. Rainbow Girls everywhere truly appreciate seeing you at our events and we love being able to support you, as well.

Congratulations again to Mrs. Nicklas and Mr. Hertenberger for having such a successful term, you both truly shared your love of Eastern Star with everyone. To Mrs. Caldwell and Mr. Wyatt, I look forward to what I know will be an amazing term. I can't wait to make many memories with you as we serve our year together. And to Mrs. Rennie Ofton, I look forward to seeing you in Tulsa as you begin your term as Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter and wish you a wonderful travels and memories over the next three years.

Thank you. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFELD: Thank you, my Sisters. Representing the Order of the DeMolay is Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, State Executive Director of DeMolay, and Mr. Aaron Saldana, State Master Councilor, International Order of the DeMolay. I know that our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are pleased to make a presentation after which we will have greetings from our DeMolay leaders.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas and the membership of Texas, we are pleased to make this presentation. These fine young men are future Masons and leaders. We are so proud to have the opportunity to help the DeMolays of Texas.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Weldon, we've known each other for a long time. Your dedication to the Order of the DeMolay goes way back. Thank you for your efforts in directing our young men in the precepts that should adorn the lives of all young men. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We're very pleased to make this donation to help the DeMolays of Texas.

MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished Guests: It's a pleasure to be here before you this afternoon representing the International Order of DeMolay. This is a fine young man's organization. We are doing very well in Texas. The State of Texas this past year, 2008, won the Builder's Award at DeMolay International for having the largest growth of any jurisdiction, which covers quite a large area since this is DeMolay International. We're very proud that the DeMolays and the advisors of this state worked so hard to make Texas number one as far as membership growth this past year. A lot of it goes to the young men that you see at your chapters, if you so sponsor a DeMolay chapter -- the lodges. And let me tell you, ladies, you can sponsor a DeMolay chapter. An Eastern Star chapter can sponsor DeMolay if you would like to.

The young man behind me, our State Master Councilor, is the first young man that I conferred the Master Mason's degree on personally. Several others are Master Masons, but he happened to be one that I personally conferred the degree on. I'm very proud to call him Brother, in more ways than one.

I'd like to thank you again for your generosity and your support for DeMolay. We look forward to seeing you at meetings. I'd like to mention one thing. We talk to these young men -- and probably the same thing with Rainbow -- about what would you like. They want to see the adults come visit at their meetings. I encourage each and everyone of you ladies who are members of the Eastern Star and over 21 years of age -- we have a minimum age limit -- please come to a DeMolay meeting.

Now it's my pleasure to introduce to you our State Master Councilor, Aaron Saldana.

MR. AARON SALDANA: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers both present and past, Distinguished East, Members and Visitors: I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for allowing me the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of all the DeMolays in Texas. I would like to congratulate the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the rest of the 2008-2009 Grand Officers on a very successful year for the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas. As of today, Texas DeMolay is doing well with over 800 members. This bodes well for the future of Masonry in Texas, as well as the future of the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas because as we become of age, a good portion of us end up petitioning to lodges, and within time we branch out and petition to other appendant Masonic bodies, which the Order of the Eastern Star happens to be a member of.

I can speak on my own behalf and say that personally I'm not only a DeMolay, but I'm also a Master Mason from Park Place Lodge down in Houston, Texas. In addition, I have petitioned to the Pearland Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and am awaiting initiation. [applause] I must say that I am very excited, eager and anxious to become a member of this great organization.

Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission may I please introduce the other officers of Texas DeMolay that are present. May I please ask you gentlemen to rise. We have our Deputy State Master Councilor, Brother Aaron Ingersoll; our State Senior Councilor, Brother Wesley Wenschen; our State Junior Councilor, Brother Shawn Waldrip; and our State Illustrious Knight Commander, Brother Tommy Chance Chapman. [applause] Gentlemen, will you please come to the East.

We would all like to wish you a wonderful session. While you all are in session, we will actually have a DeMolay display booth set up outside. If any of you find time over the next few days, please come join us; we'll be more than happy to speak with you.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to bring greetings on behalf of Texas DeMolay, and I look forward to bringing greetings on Saturday at the Installation. Thank you very much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: They're just too good looking to leave in the back. We'll bring them up here so you all can see them.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: And so Cleo can also take a photo.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: It is indeed a privilege and an honor for me to introduce one who needs no introduction: Honorable W. David Counts, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and a real good guy. We are so pleased to have him here to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Brother David.

MR. DAVID COUNTS: Thank you. I am honored to be in your presence today, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Texas. All year long I have gone around to our Masonic meetings, and I've tried to emphasize that the ladies of the Eastern Star with our Rainbow and our DeMolay -- without y'all we would not be as successful as we are. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to come and address you. Since I have other duties for Saturday night, I would like to address your assembly.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Please do.

MR. DAVID COUNTS: I was rushing up here this morning, and I had a gentleman pull me over to the side of the road. He said, "Do you have any reason to be speeding this morning?" I said, "Well, yes and no. Really no, I don't have any reason other than I'm anxious to get up to Arlington to meet with the Order of the Eastern Star Grand Assembly." He had already gotten my license and my insurance card. He said, "My

mother and my sister would be proud of where you're going. You be real careful." [applause] So thank y'all.

It's wonderful to be here. It has been a wonderful year to serve with y'all. The year has gone by so fast. It seems at times like it's long, but it's really short. We have gone through so many hard times this year. We've just been kind of designated as the economic hardship year. I'm so impressed at the monies that y'all have collected and given to these worthy organizations.

Before I get into what I'm saying, our Grand Senior Warden and his wife, Gene Carnes, walked in the hall. I want to acknowledge you, Gene. Would y'all please say hello to them. [applause] Thank y'all for being here.

In our hardship we have continued to grow. The Grand Lodge represents 95,263, more or less depending on God's plan, as of the 1st day of July, but we're growing. In the Blue Lodge we're growing. My Brothers out here are working hard to accept the challenge. We just heard a report from the DeMolays that they're growing. In hard times people reach out for core values -- for real value that they can hold onto. It makes us stronger when we have hard times. I think it's indicative, and I think that we're going to have -- Right Worshipful Tommy Griffin, last year's Grand Master, almost broke even on membership. This year I'm very confident that we're going to gain membership. There's work going on everywhere. But without the support of the Eastern Star and the ladies that support their husbands, to let us do our Masonry and reach out and do those things, I don't think we would be in this wonderful position that we are today.

One of the things I want to bring to your attention, you know, we hear news all time how bad the economy is, how many people have lost their jobs. Now when you've lost your job, it becomes relevant to you personally. But as a general rule, we're doing good. I would submit to you that Masonry and what we teach, what you teach, what all of our Appendant Bodies teach of trying to make good people better, we're accomplishing in spades. We are more than our investments. We are more than our net value on a balance sheet at a bank. We are what we contribute to our organizations. We are what we contribute to God. The more you give, the more you get back. I think the rewards that we are experiencing this year are so relevant to seeing us through hard times and reaching for what we know are core values that will lead us. We'll always have our eyes focused on eternity and not some short-term bank balance, short-term panic.

I just appreciate each and everyone of you for what you do, what you contribute, your work. We had a successful year with the legislature. We've had a successful year with all the things that we have set out to do, but none of it would be possible unless we did it together. Together we're going to persevere. I thank you for the opportunity to come and address you this morning. Those 95,000 Masons plus thank you for what you do and what you allow us to do. Thank y'all. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: David, you and I have had a very busy year. I appreciate your support and the fine relationship the Order of the Eastern Star had with our Masonic Brothers. We appreciate the privilege of meeting in your lodges and most especially the protection of all good Masons. We, the female relatives of Master Masons, pledge to support you and the lodges in Texas to the very best of our ability. Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Most Worshipful Sir, we thank you for your efforts in working with us this year. Together we have our fraternities working together for the benefit of both Masons and Eastern Star. We thank you for your dedication to the Masons and to us. Thank you, sir.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I also thank you for giving me your cell phone number because I think I did call you a couple of times this year.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Grand Master. We appreciate you being with us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I think it's time we had a Partial Credentials report from Mrs. Loretta Booth, Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

MRS. LORETTA BOOTH: Worthy Grand Matron, the Credentials Committee is pleased to report that we have present chapter representatives of 328 of the subordinate chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction. This constitutes more than the required 25 percent of the chapters and a quorum to open this Grand Chapter and to conduct its business.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Loretta, for this great report. I now recognize the Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that those four chapters who have been listed in the annual report that were late with their reports be allowed to pick up their credentials and be seated in this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There is a motion and a second that we allow these chapters to pick up their credentials and to participate in this Grand Chapter. All in favor. I'd like to see some blue cards, but if I can see some hands raised that might help because your blue cards are probably stuck somewhere. All opposed. Carried. Those chapters may go and pick up their credentials.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I now ask the Grand Chapter Officers and the Deputies of Grand Chapter to retire to the West to prepare for the "Broken Column" drill. We will have a short recess while the Arrangements Committee clears the Grand Chapter floor.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I invite the Installed Grand Officers of 2008-2009, their Personal Pages and the Deputies of Grand Chapter to enter for the "Broken Column" drill under the direction of Ms. Abi Freeman, Grand Marshal.

Now I'm going to explain what you're seeing. The Station of Martha is one of the Worthy Grand Matron's honor stations and one of her favorites. This is how she chose her emblem of the lion and the lamb. The outer circle is formed by the Lady Grand Pages of the Installed Grand Floor Officers. The triangle is formed by the District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Deputy Grand Matrons of our Worthy Grand Matron. The broken column is formed by the Lady Installed Grand Floor Officers. The base of the broken column is formed by the Male Installed Grand Officers and their Grand Pages, our Masonic Brothers who are the base of our foundation. [applause]

Please know how very much we have appreciated all of you being with us for our ceremonial opening. We thank you so very much for sharing your time with us, but as we are about to prepare for the business of this Grand Chapter, we would request that all who are not members of the Order would retire at this time. However, if you want to get a petition outside, maybe you can come in next year. Again, thank you for your interest in our Order.

I think now we're ready for the Labyrinth reset.

At this time we're going to have the Precision Drill by the Distinguished Ushers, directed by Brother Bill Wyatt.

I invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

Sister Joyce, we go way back and I don't want to go down memory trail. But just know how much Robert and I love you and David and Ray and Vicki. You've been family for years, and I love you. I present you your gavel.

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

[Ritualistic opening]

Let us unite in singing our opening ode, "*He Touched Me.*"

I now declare this 127th "*Peace in His Kingdom*" Grand Chapter of Texas "*Joy in His Kingdom*" session duly opened for the transaction of business.

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

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this "*Joy in His Kingdom*" session is now open for the dispatch of business. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the flag of our beloved United States of America.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. [Singing of The National Anthem by Mrs. Sarah Johnson, Grand Soloist] Sisters and Brothers, please join our Grand Choir as we sing "O Canada."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman of Payroll, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, and Brother Kenneth Gregory, our Past Grand Patron, for opening this 127th Grand Chapter session. Also to Sister Rennie Ofon, our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, for serving as Master of Ceremonies, and Sister Nancy Brown for Assisting Grand Marshal, and Sister Elsie Paladino for the beautiful opening prayer. My thanks to all of you. Each of you has touched my life in so many special ways. Thank you for making this Grand Chapter session so very special to me. I love each of you. Sister Mary Alberts, thank you so much for sharing your God-given talent with us today.

Sisters and Brothers, it's so very difficult for me at times to express my feelings because I do get emotional, but this is a very special day. I thank you for being so patient and for your attendance.

General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, our Distinguished Members, our Visitors, it is with a grateful heart that Brother Ray and I welcome you to this 127th Grand Chapter session. We are delighted to have each of you with us and to share this special time with us.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I also thank each one of you for being here. Sister Joyce, this has been a long trip, and I thank you very much for allowing me to make it by your side. Sister Yvonne and Brother Kenneth, it would take volumes to put into words the thank you that is in my heart for all that you have done for our beautiful Order. You each hold a special place in mine and Vicki's hearts. Our friendship goes back a long way. We can't look at a sunflower without thinking about you. We thank you for taking a part in this special evening with us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We are honored with the presence of Elective and Appointive Officers of General Grand Chapter. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Elective and Appointive Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present the Elective and Appointive Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter: 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 Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro Tem and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How very pleased we are that you chose to be here at this Grand Chapter. I got to thinking about that and I know it's in writing that "we're glad you chose to be here," but the fact is that we know where you live and we would have come and got you to make sure you would be here. We know that will be a little more difficult after the General Grand Chapter session in Tulsa. You've always been so very faithful, and we put a lot of trust in you and your ability. You mean so very, very much to us, and we thank you for being at this Grand Chapter session.

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We've known all of you for a long time. You've traveled with us and supported us in all of our endeavors this year. We thank you very much for your dedication not only to the State of Texas, but to Canada and everywhere else in the world. Thank you for taking your time to be here this evening.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Elective and Appointive Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride and joy that I present these Elective and Appointive Floor Officers of the General Grand Chapter. You will please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

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

We are honored with the presence of Committee Members of the General Grand Chapter. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Committee Members of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting these General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Charters Chairman, Sister Betty Phillips Benham, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Eastern Star Journal, Sister Betty Y. Friend, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Eastern Star Journal, Sister Mary Ann Suffolk, and a Past Grand Matron of Wyoming; Membership, Brother James Primeaux, and a Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Payroll, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Registration, Sister Karen Carpenter, and a Past Grand Matron of Wisconsin; Unfinished Business, Sister Elizabeth Kooney, and a Past Grand Matron of Arkansas; Visionquest, Sister Carolyn Anderson, and a Past Grand Matron of Arkansas and Grand Treasurer; Visionquest, Sister Audrey Barker, and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Brother Duane "Buddy" Baker, Visionquest, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We realize how very busy you've been, and it is getting so close to the triennial session and the end of your service to General Grand Chapter. However, we know that the work never ceases, and we all want to let you know how much we appreciate your endeavors now and in the future.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to greet these Committee Members of General Grand Chapter?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes, I would. We thank you for your service to your

individual Grand Chapters, and we also thank you for extending your service to all the Eastern Stars worldwide and for your service to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. We are especially delighted to have you share this special evening with us. Thank you.

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

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride that I present the Committee Members of General Grand Chapter. You will please join me in saluting them with the 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 Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I invite you to present these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor to present these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Carol Ann Roberson, Worthy Grand Matron, Arkansas; Mary Powell, Worthy Grand Matron, Louisiana; Judy Dixon, Worthy Grand Matron, Oklahoma; Brothers Sherill Baker, Worthy Grand Patron, Arkansas; George W. Baker, Worthy Grand Patron, Louisiana.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My Sisters and Brothers, wow! What a year we've had. Some of you are close to an end, and some of you are just beginning. But I pray that you will have a great Grand Chapter session because I wish only the best for you. You're very, very special to me.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you want to greet these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes, I do. The only difference between your service and your state as opposed to a year of service in the great State of Texas is merely a geographical difference in location. Thank you for coming and sharing this time with us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with pride and joy that I present these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will please join me in saluting them with the 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 Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Terry C. Castay, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana and Grand Secretary; Linda Lamkin, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Elizabeth T. Roach, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Elizabeth Bordeaux, Past Grand Matron of Vermont; Brenda G. Jones, Past Grand Matron of Virginia; Verna K.

Varrick, Past Grand Matron of Virginia; Lucera Swazus, Past Grand Matron of Wisconsin; Brothers Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona; Edward Lamkin, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; Alvin Howell, Past Grand Patron of Louisiana; E.A. "Doc" Varrick, Jr., Past Grand Patron of Virginia; Harold W. Carpenter, Past Grand Patron of Wisconsin.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My Sisters and Brothers, how wonderful it is that you chose to come to Texas and to share your time with us. I have down here that I didn't think you would expect it to be 100-degree-plus weather, but I kind of think the weather has cooperated and it hasn't been over 100 degrees. But, anyway, we're just happy that you chose to spend your time with us. We appreciate you for coming.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you would like to greet these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes, I would. You have all served your Grand Chapter with love and with zeal and have laid for your membership firm foundations on which to build a beautiful future. We welcome you to Texas, and we thank you for being here and sharing this special time with us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: 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, it is with pride and joy that I present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Would you please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

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

How very proud we are with the presence of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Sisters Elise Hammack, Elsie Paladino, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Wanda Fairchild, Rosemary T. Swetland, Alma Carter, Naomi Wolfe, Jimmie Lee McMahan, Sharon Fentress, Doris Jean Hester, Karen Morgenthaler, Nancy Brown, Gerry Dusek and Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matrons. Brothers Glenn Whitaker, Leland Benefield, Billy Combest, Richard Ochs, Kenneth Gregory, Henry S. Martin, H. Lee Stallings, Harold Trammell, Ed Warner, Jack Guy, Jerry L. Martin, Nelson Campbell, John Creel and Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patrons.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How wonderful it is to look out there at the Altar and to see our very own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. You make this Texas membership so very, very proud. I appreciate the uplifting prayers that you have given us this year. I look forward to joining the ranks as a Past Grand Matron at the end of the line. I thank you so much for your presence here today. I think I counted 14/14.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you want to greet our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You bet I do. You are Texas' finest. You represent the love, the beauty and the integrity that should adorn all of our lives. You have freely shared with us your loving counsel and in every way you have supported us in this year of service. Again, like she said, we look forward to joining your ranks here shortly. Thank you for taking of your special time to be with us. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to

the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with a great deal of Texas pride that I present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

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

We are honored with the presence of Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's station.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Gail Kusalt, Associate Grand Matron, Kansas; Latree Massey, Associate Grand Matron, Oklahoma; Brothers Thomas R. Thompson, Associate Grand Patron, Arkansas; Donald Bordelon, Associate Grand Patron, Louisiana; Sisters Sheryl Boone, Associate Grand Conductress, Louisiana; Alma Rambo, Grand Chaplain, Oklahoma; Faye O'Bryan, Grand Adah, Oklahoma; JoAnn Cadenbach, Grand Ruth, Arkansas; Linda Brown, Grand Ruth, Oklahoma; Sharon McFailand, Grand Esther, Oklahoma; Alma Hexter, Grand Esther, Louisiana; Carol Presley, Grand Martha, Louisiana; Robbie A. Johnson, Grand Martha, Oklahoma; Phyllis Doherty, Grand Electa, Oklahoma; Brother John H. McDonald, Grand Warder, Louisiana; Sister Betty Nichols, Elected Board Member, Louisiana.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much, my Sisters and Brothers, for coming to Texas. Many of you visited us at the Multi-State Visit just a month or so ago. But we're so pleased that you chose to come back for our Grand Chapter session. Please know, Sisters and Brothers, that you're always welcome any time here in Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to greet these Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes, I would. You are the working counterparts of our Floor Officers. We appreciate your service to your various Grand Jurisdictions. We are pleased to have you here in Texas and for sharing in this Grand Chapter with us. Welcome.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

It is with pleasure that I present these Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions. Would you please join me in showing them a great Texas welcome. [applause]

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

We are honored with the presence of Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in back of Esther's Station.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present these Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and Deputy Grand Matron of District 5, Section 7; and Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I know that you know what

these two Deputies of General Grand Chapter mean to us because they not only work for General Grand Chapter, they work for this great State of Texas. Their work never ceases. Sister Sylvia is so very active. She's one of my Deputy Grand Matrons this year, and how proud I am of her service. Brother Raul gave five years to the Board of Directors here in Texas. So their work doesn't stop; they continue to work. We're so very, very proud of them and all of their endeavors.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you wish to recognize these Deputies.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes, I do. Your service to our General Grand Chapter extends your work beyond the boundaries of our state and our country. We thank you for your service, and we enjoy having you here with us. We're able to call you home Texans.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in giving our own Sylvia and Raul Garcia, Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and also Texas members, a very, very big Texas welcome. [applause]

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

We are honored with the presence of Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in back of Esther's Station.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor of presenting this Appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron: Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Bane, International Headquarters Administrator.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Bill, I'm real excited about coming to Washington sometime because I heard that you gave the best tour that the temple has ever had. And I know that since we're homefolk, you'll even show us yours and Alma's apartment, because she told us you would. But I want you to know how very proud we are in Texas, not only of you and the work you're doing, but also of your beautiful wife.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you've got some special words for Brother Bill.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Bill, you have been a very hard worker for the Order of the Eastern Star for a long time. We have visited the International Headquarters at one point in time and were able to tour that property. We're looking forward to coming back again not only to tour the property but to visit with you and Alma. Thank you for sharing this time with us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will please escort Dr. Bill Bane, the Special Appointee of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, welcome home Dr. Bill Bane, a Special Appointee of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. Show him how much we've missed him and how glad we are he's here with us today. [applause]

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

We are honored with the presence of the International Grand Representatives Association Elected Officers. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will presented the Elected Officers of the International Grand

Representatives Association in back of Esther's Station.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present these Elected Officers of the International Grand Representatives Association of General Grand Chapter: Sisters Mary Thompson Lynch, President, Oklahoma; Phyllis Macon, First Vice President and Grand Representative of Mississippi in Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My sweet Sisters, your inspiring leadership and gentle persuasion have ensured harmony throughout your organization. We want you to know how very, very proud we are.

Worthy Grand Patron, please greet these special ones.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We appreciate you being here. We know that through the duties of your office that you are busy ladies not only where you live, but throughout the world, in holding together our Grand Representatives Association. We thank you for your labors, and we thank you for being here with us this afternoon.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Elected Officers of the International Grand Representatives Association to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in showing these very special ones how much we appreciate all the work that they do, have done and will continue to do. [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, it is my honor to present these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Betty Walker, California; Velma Ruffacker, Idaho; Judena Lewis, Kansas; Brother Warren Miller, Kentucky; Sister Margaret Watkins, Massachusetts; Brother Dale Smith, Minnesota; Sisters Paula Howell, Missouri; Sheryl Lang, Nevada; Wanda Hossler, New Mexico; Elizabeth Gibbs, Ohio; Brother Kenneth Alshire, Ontario; Sisters Sandra Shessinger, Rhode Island; Gina Dryer Dow, Washington; Bonnie Kerr, West Virginia; and Myra Hannah, Wyoming.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Keeping close with other Grand Jurisdictions is very important. You are our liaisons, and we are happy that you are here. We hope that when you go home and make your report that it's really a good one.

Worthy Grand Patron, I'm sure you want to greet these.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You are our fraternal diplomats, and we thank you for accepting the commissions issued by our Worthy Grand Matrons and for making this trip to Texas and sharing in this Grand Chapter with us. Welcome.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in saluting these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions with the Grand Honors.

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

We are honored with the presence of Grand Representatives in another Grand Jurisdiction in another Grand Jurisdiction. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present them at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions: Sister Bonnie Vernell, Oklahoma in New Mexico; Brother Kenneth Bartine of Oklahoma in North Dakota.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How nice it is to have you in Texas. Of course, I think, Bonnie, you had an office, didn't you? You had a job to do. But we're just tickled to death that you've come and you're sharing this position you have this year. You are valuable liaisons, and we are so pleased that you chose to spend this time with us here in Texas. You are very, very welcome.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you want to greet these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes, ma'am. It is indeed a pleasure to have you with us. You proudly represent other Grand Jurisdictions outside of your home states. We thank you for your service and your dedication to our Order. Welcome to Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in saluting these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions with the 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 other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. Sisters Mary Scott, Alabama; Nancy Armstrong, Arkansas; Brothers Ronald Zipp, Australia; Don Lawrence, Bolivia and South America; Sisters Regina Gilbreath, Britist Columbia and Yukon; Anita Durden, California; Brother Jerry Glover, Connecticut; Sisters Gail Fuller, Delaware; Kaye Swain, District of Columbia; Jean Hemby, Georgia; Phyllis Wilson, Idaho; Bobbye Straach, Illinois; Lorea Kays, Indiana; Charlene Smith, Kansas; Ruenell Jarriel, Kentucky; Janette Fisher, Louisiana; Hilda Franklin, Maine; Bonnell Wilson, Michigan; Brothers Glen Rowe, Minnesota; Burley Jones, Missouri; Sister Janell Trees, Manitoba; Brother David Nicklas, Nevada; Sisters Marty Drescher, New Hampshire; Cathy Eidson, New Mexico; Leslie Lowery, New York; Linda Carney, North Carolina; Nettie Oma Carpenter, North Dakota; Brother Paul Romine, Ohio; Sisters Erma Brookshire, Oklahoma; Peggy Miller, Ontario; Willie Mae Shaw, Oregon; Brother Andrew Scott, Puerto Rico; Sisters June Bell, Quebec; Helen Dupree, Rhode Island; Brother Dwight Phillips, Scotland; Sister Jo Ann Storie, South Carolina; Brother Stanley Seeley, South Dakota; Sisters Patricia Turner, Tennessee; Jewel Walker, Utah; Delphia Von Heeder, Washington; Sharon Willingham, West Virginia; and Jackie Schell, Wyoming.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My goodness gracious, what a good looking group you are! We are so very proud of our Grand Representatives. You were chosen wisely, and we know that your visits to the other Grand Jurisdictions will bring honor to Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you want to greet these Grand Representatives.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes, I do. Sisters and Brothers, it is a joy to read about your experiences as you travel to your states and countries of representation. You carry Texas pride with you wherever you travel. Thank you for your service and

dedication.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, when you have dedicated members like this who come and support Grand Chapter, it really kind of overwhelms you, especially when you have a stage this large and we can't get everyone in a straight line. Please, Sisters and Brothers, join me in saluting these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas with the Grand Honors.

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

We are honored with the presence of Grand Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Grand Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's Station.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present these Grand Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions. Brother Joe Lewis, Summer Charity Committee, Kansas; Sisters Gay Ellen Miller, Credentials Chairman, Kentucky; Laura Lynn Tyder, District Deputy #27, Oklahoma; Ginny Dyer, Membership Committee, Washington.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My Sisters and Brothers, we realize that your Worthy Grand Matrons had a lot of faith and trust in you to give you these positions. We're so very, very happy that you chose to come to Texas. We hope that you have a great time, and we do hope that you received a warm welcome.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you wish to greet these Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: It is our Committee Members that help bring the Worthy Grand Matron's dreams to come true in the service of their Grand Chapter. We thank you for accepting those positions and working for the Order of the Eastern Star. We welcome you to Texas. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Committee Members and Special Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, would you please join me in welcoming these Grand Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions. Please give them a hearty welcome. [applause]

I told Brother Joe Lewis I thought he might be from the North Pole. He said he wasn't, but he was -- come here, Brother Joe, and tell them what you told me.

MR. JOE LEWIS: I am the big guy of the shortest chapter in the world, North Pole # 1/2 for little people.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much, Joe. We're glad y'all are here. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

We are honored with the presence of Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of Appendant Bodies. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of Appendant Bodies in back of Esther's Station.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present

Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of Appendant Bodies: Sister Georgia Orr, Supreme Chaplain of the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Georgia, you know how very special you are to me. You are a member of my section. You are a member of our Arrangements Committee, so you're working very hard. We know that you don't stop there. You have other duties, and the Beauceant is very, very dear to your heart. So when you're performing your duties as Supreme Chaplain, you're representing not only Texas, but the world. We thank you for all that you do.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you want to give greetings to Sister Georgia.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: The precepts that should adorn all of our lives as Masons and Eastern Stars and as human beings extends well beyond our blue lodges and chapter rooms. We thank you for your service to your organization and for being here and sharing this Grand Chapter with us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will please escort Sister Georgia to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in giving this Officer of an Appendant Body a very hearty welcome. [applause]

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

We are honored with the presence of Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations in back of Esther's Station.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present this Adult Leader of a Fraternal Youth Organization, Sister Marlene M. Dibrell, Supreme Inspector of Texas and Mexico, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How very, very special our youth groups are to us. How very proud we are of the leaders that are helping to prepare these young ones for the future. They are our future. I think that Sister Marlene Dibrell recognized that very long ago, and she has given so much of her time and effort to prepare these beautiful young women for what lies ahead. We've enjoyed visiting you whenever possible. We're so proud that we were able to be with you at Installation and at other times. Please know that the members of the Order of the Eastern Star wish to help you with all of your endeavors.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to greet this special one?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes, I would. The youth whom you lead are our fraternal future. We thank you for your many years of hard work and dedication with the Order of Rainbow for Girls. Our paths have crossed many times, and I have always been awed at your dedication and service. Thank you for being here this afternoon.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will please escort this Adult Leader of a Fraternal Youth Organization to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in extending a very, very hearty welcome to one of the hardest working people that we know, an Adult Leader of a Fraternal Youth Organization, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Sister Marlene Dibrell. Please join me in welcoming her. [applause]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she 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 in this "Joy in His Kingdom" session of the "Peace in His Kingdom" Grand Chapter, we extend to each of you the warmest welcome. Also, I want to thank you very much for staying. I know how long some of these can be and I know that some of you get weary. But I thank you for staying. To bring greetings is one whom we have learned to love and appreciate. He comes from the beautiful land of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. To bring greetings is Brother Fred Clarke.

MR. FREDERICK CLARKE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers: It's always a pleasure to be in Texas and to enjoy your hospitality. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, you have some fabulous members. You listen to your charitable giving; you have been very successful only because of your membership. Your membership supports you. So, Sisters and Brothers, the membership of the Order is the most important part of this organization. I look around and I see these guys in the black suits. Look at them, all these Masons. If it wasn't for them, this Order probably wouldn't exist. They support you, the Worthy Patrons; they work in your chapters, they work in your Grand Chapters and they should be commended for what they do for you so you can enjoy this fabulous Eastern Star Order.

I want to tell you a story about a couple who were married for sixty years. When the bride came home, she put a box up in the top of the closet and said to her husband, "Please never touch that until I tell you to." So they lived lovingly and happily for sixty years. One day she took sick and went to the hospital. The doctor checked her all over and said to her that she would not survive and sent her home. So the husband said to her, "It's about time we talked about that little box up in the top of the closet after all these years." So she said, "Yes, it's time." So he took the box down and in this box was two little doilies and \$25,000. He looked at that and he said, "What are these doilies and what do they represent?"

She said, "My mother said any time I was angry with you, I should make a doily. Not argue with you, just make a doily." He thought that was wonderful, that after sixty years there had only been two times that she had been angry with him. Just twice. He wept a little bit and was very sad about the whole thing. He said to her, "What's the \$25,000 for?" She said, "That's the money I got out of selling the doilies." [laughter]

Sisters and Brothers, it's a pleasure to be with you, and it's time to go to dinner. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: 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 love for the Order around the world. We Texans are very proud to say, "She is ours." I am proud to say that I was a Redbird in 1978-79. It is an honor to present Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Rennie, we await your greetings.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members all: I have been privileged to speak to you several times in the last two days. Still, I find no words to express my appreciation for the wonderful ones you really are. The solidarity of support for our endeavor to host General Grand Chapter in Texas in 2012 is outstanding. Now the excitement over the Installation keeps my spirits uplifted daily. You are just so full of excitement, and it means so much to me. All the workers in Texas have been joined by the wonderful members of Nova Scotia

and Prince Edward Island to make this great plan for Tulsa on November 5, 2009, 87 1/2 days away I believe. Dedicated members of each of our Committees for 2009-2012 will support efforts to serve humanity, which is the purpose of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star.

Being Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter would be an impossible task without a staunch supporter. Such a person is Brother Fred Clarke who has promised to provide that support. He promised! We look forward to being the leaders you expect us to be and to serve in the best manner to bring the most success for our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you for your love which I return to you in great measure. Thank you for your support which inspires me to want to do the best I can do for you and our Order. Thank you for being a blessing in my life so I may better serve our God. Thank you very much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To bring a response to the welcome is one who exemplifies dignity, thoughtfulness and poise everywhere she goes and one that I am so pleased to call a special friend. Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Sister Carol Ann Roberson, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Sister Carol Ann, I invite you to bring the response to the welcome.

MRS. CAROL ANN ROBERSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: It is a great pleasure and honor to be asked to respond to the welcome today in the great State of Texas. Your generous and warm hospitality -- and I'm not speaking about the weather -- your smiles, friendships, hugs and kisses abound and endear the members of Texas to everyone who traveled far and wide to attend this 127th Grand Chapter session of "Peace in His Kingdom."

I know how generous Texas members are and would like to thank all who contributed to such a substantial donation that was collected at the Texas/Arkansas Friendship Exchange in April that was given to Mena chapter which was destroyed by a tornado during an Eastern Star meeting.

Sister Joyce and Brother Ray, I hope that you have many wonderful memories of this year. It was a privilege to attend one of your schools and official visit at Border chapter in Texarkana in November. Even though we have many differences in our methods, the basic truths of Eastern Star hold. Your love, caring and humor have endeared you not only to the members in Texas but to all who meet you.

You have extended your hand of friendship and welcomed us with open arms. It is comforting to know that no matter how many miles that may divide us, the Order of the Eastern Star shares a bond that cannot be broken. Wherever we may meet, the friendship and love from the lions and lambs have warmed our hearts with everlasting peace. I hope that you have many blessings from your year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. May those blessings enrich your heart with joy for years to come. Thank you again for this great honor. We love you bunches and bunches. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To bring greetings from other Grand Jurisdictions is one who also exemplifies grace and beauty wherever she goes. She is another that I am so pleased to call a special friend. I know that we bonded several years ago, and she has a very special place in my heart. Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present to you Sister Judy Dixon, Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma, who will bring greetings from other Grand Jurisdictions. Sister Judy.

MRS. JUDY DIXON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers all: Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. It is a pleasure to

be here and to bring greetings from Oklahoma. I have grown to love your Worthy Grand Matron, and I think of her as a true friend. I was able to attend one of her schools in Burkburnett and enjoyed it very much, and I think that we surprised her.

My Worthy Grand Patron is in Arizona with Sister Barbara Benton for their Grand Chapter, and we know that he is enjoying that and that he is sorry that he is not able to be with us today. Sister Joyce, I can't believe that four years have gone by and your Grand Chapter is here and mine soon will be also. I have enjoyed getting to know you and to be with you, and I hope that we can be together often after our terms in the East have passed.

Worthy Grand Matron, we have a love gift for you that was collected from the membership. Worthy Grand Patron, we have a love gift that was gathered for you also. Best of luck to you guys. Love you! [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much, Judy.

Next is the filling of any vacancies. Thankfully, at this time we have no vacancies to fill. [applause]

We regret that some of our beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were unable to be in attendance at this session. Therefore, I am asking Sisters Effie Mae Davis, Elsie Paladino and Joyce Gilbert to serve on a Committee to send greetings to those special ones letting them know that the membership misses them.

I want you to know that I'll probably use a different gavel at each session. This gavel that I'm using today was presented to me by my Installing Officers back when I was Worthy Matron of my chapter for the very first time, the first time of eight. So it's very special to me to use it today.

We will be treated to special music from the Grand Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder, and under the direction of Mr. Paul Lowe. [Singing of "Like a Lamb Who Needs a Shepherd"] Thank you so much, Brother Paul Lowe, our Grand Choir Director, and beautiful Choir. Thank you, Sister Delphia.

Sisters and Brothers, we're going to be closing shortly. I want you to please, please stay because we're going to have the report of the Fraternal Correspondent and the Grand Representatives Drill immediately upon closing this session. I ask that you please remain for this presentation. They've put a lot of work into it.

I invite Sister Betty Benham, Chairman of the Charter Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, to bring our benediction.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Let's bow our heads and join hands.

Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for all our blessings. We thank Thee for our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star, and for our Grand Chapter meeting here today.

Continue to walk by our side and by the side of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger and those we love.

As we bow before Thine altar, and in the presence of the membership, let it be our purpose in life to approach our duties and responsibilities with honesty and sincerity. To meet our fellow man with our hearts filled with sisterly and brotherly love.

We ask you now to go with us through our time of adjournment and fellowship. Bring us back ready to meet the tasks before us and guide and direct us in all we do.

These things we ask, in Thy Holy name, Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to engage in the ceremony of calling this "Joy in His Kingdom" Grand Chapter session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: [inaudible]

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

I now declare this Thursday afternoon "Joy in His Kingdom" session called from labor to rest until 8:30 a.m., Friday morning. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: [inaudible]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Now, will the Arrangements Committee please clear the floor for this presentation. I ask that the Grand Chapter Officers move to the side. While this is being done, the Grand Representatives and Escorts who will be participating in the "Circle of Friendship" drill should assemble in the back.

Sisters and Brothers, I would like to present Sister Toni Crawford who will present our Fraternal Correspondent program and drill. Sister Toni.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

MRS. TONI CRAWFORD: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Grand East, my Sisters and Brothers, it is a genuine pleasure and distinct honor to bring you this report. Of the sixty-one Commissioned Grand Representatives, twenty-five have reported on their respective Grand Chapters and those reports have been in the Bulletin. Without exception, they each have had a wonderful experience and are appreciative of the opportunity to serve. There was one country that the State Department advised the Grand Representative not to go there because of political unrest.

In the October Bulletin, Sister Elizabeth Wise reported on New Brunswick.

In the November Bulletin, Sister Gail Fuller reported on Delaware, Sister Jean Hemby on Georgia, Sister Sharon Adams on Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Sister Delphia Von Heeder on Washington and Brother Jack Friend on Wyoming.

In the December Bulletin, Brother Stanley Seeley reported on South Dakota, Sister Gloria Bennett on Puerto Rico, and Sister June Bell on Quebec.

In the February Bulletin, Sister Leslie Lowery reported on New York and Sister Shirley Meerscheidt on Iowa.

In the March Bulletin, Sister Jean Hunt reported on Arkansas and Brother Don Lawrence on B olivia.

In the July Bulletin, Sister Phyllis Macon reported on Mississippi, Sister Charleene Smith on Kansas, Brother Glen Rowe on Minnesota, and Sister Ruenell Jarriel on Kentucky.

In the August Bulletin, Sister Kaye Swain reported on The District of Columbia, Sister Linda Carney on North Carolina, Sister Regina Gilbreath on British Columbia and The Yukon, Sister Nettie Oma Carpenter on North Dakota and Sister Rita Landrum on Wisconsin.

In the September Bulletin will be a report from Sister Jo Ann Storie on South Carolina, Sister Pat Turner on Tennessee and Brother Ron Zipp on Australia.

I am delighted to tell you that 14 Counterparts are present at this Grand Chapter which speaks volumes on the impressions made by the Grand Representatives from the Grand Chapter of Texas.

And now that you may see these Wonderful Grand Representatives and their Counterparts or Escorts, Grand Marshal, Sister Abi Freeman will lead them in "The Circle of Friendship" Drill in the following order:

As I call the name of the state, province or country, the Grand Representative will dip or wave the flag so you can see each flag.

Alabama - Sister Mary Scott, Grand Representative; escort, Sister Yvonne Alton. Alberta - presented by Peggy McNeely and escorted by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Linda Winn-Christenson. Arizona - presented by Sister Iris Lowe, Humanitarian Chairman, District 4, and escort, Brother Dale French. Arkansas - Sister Nancy Armstrong, Grand Representative, and escort, Brother Bill Armstrong. Australia - Brother Ron Zipp, Grand Representative, and escort, Sister Sandra Zipp. Bolivia - Brother Don Lawrence, Grand Representative, and escort, Sister Kenlyn Lawrence. Brazil - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Sharon Cobb and escort, Deputy Grand Matron Sister Dawn Lang. British Columbia and The Yukon - Sister Regina Gilbreath, Grand Representative, and escort, Sister Barbara Tramel. California - Sister Anita Durden, Grand Representative; counterpart, Sister Betty Walker. Colorado - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Kathleen Bailey and escort, Deputy Grand Matron Sister Carol Cobb. Connecticut - Brother Jerry Glover, Grand Representative, and escort, Sister Winnie Faye Musgrove. Delaware - Sister Gail Fuller, Grand Representative, escorted by Sister Janice Strange, Deputy Grand Matron. District of Columbia - Sister Kaye Swain, Grand Representative, and escort, Sister Linda Hugo. Florida - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Nancy Reynolds and escorted by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Donna Eason. Georgia - Sister Jean Hemby, Grand Representative, and escort, Brother Frank Hemby. Kansas - Sister Charleene Smith, Grand Representative; counterpart, Sister Judena Lewis; Idaho - Sister Phyllis Wilson, Grand Representative, and counterpart, Sister Dona Busacker; Illinois - Sister Bobbye Straach, Grand Representative, and escorted by Alphen Gressett. Indiana - Sister Lorea Kays, Grand Representative, and escort, Brother Marvin Kays. Iowa - presented by Sister Yvonne Smith and escorted by Brother Skip Smith. Kentucky - Sister Ruenell Jarriel, Grand Representative, and counterpart Brother Warren Miller. Louisiana - Sister Janette Fisher, Grand Representative, and escort, Sister Lenda Reeves. Maine - Sister Hilda Franklin, Grand Representative, and escort, Sister Michelle Furtick. Manitoba - presented by Sister Cindy Newbury and escort, Sister Gelene Johnson. Maryland - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Janice Johnson, escort, Deputy Grand Matron Sister Debra Knight. Massachusetts - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Mackie Teague and escorted by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Betty Kitchens. Michigan - Sister Bonnell Wilson, Grand Representative, escorted by Walter Wilson. Minnesota - Brother Glen Rowe, Grand Representative, and counterpart Brother Dale Smith. Mississippi - Sister Phyllis Macon, Grand Representative, and escort Brother Jack Beall. Missouri - Brother Burley Jones, Grand Representative, and counterpart Sister Paula Howell. Montana - Sister Janell Trees, Grand Representative, escorted by Brother Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron. Nebraska - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Margie Lowery and escorted by Brother Barney Lowery. Nevada - Brother David Nicklas, Grand Representative, and counterpart Sister Sheryl Lang. New Brunswick - presented by Sister Elizabeth Wise, former Grand Representative, and escort Brother Sunny Wise. New Hampshire - Sister Mary Drescher, Grand Representative, and escort Brother Art Drescher. New Jersey - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Cindy Brisko and escort Deputy Grand Matron Sister Linda Hargis. New Mexico - Sister Cathy Eidson, Grand Representative, and counterpart Sister Wanda Hosmer. New York - Sister Leslie Lowery, Grand Representative, and escort Brother Roberto Sanchez. North Carolina - Sister Linda Carney, Grand Representative, and escort Brother James Walker. North Dakota - Sister Nettie Oma Carpenter, Grand Representative, and escort Sister Josephine Hammonds.

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Debi Fincher and escort Deputy Grand Matron Sister Barbara Gant. Ohio - Brother Paul Romine, Grand Representative, and counterpart Sister Elizabeth Gibbs. Oklahoma - Sister Erma Brookshire, Grand Representative, and escort Brother Jimmy Brookshire. Ontario - Sister Peggy Miller, Grand Representative, and counterpart Brother Ken Ulch. Oregon - Sister Willie Mae Shaw, Grand Representative, and escort Brother Duane Hosick. Pennsylvania - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Brenda Piegot and escort Deputy Grand Matron Sister Stephanie Hall. Puerto Rico - Brother Andy Scott, Grand Representative, and escort Sister Betty Scott. Quebec - Sister June Bell, Grand Representative, and escort Brother Karl A. Drescher, Sr. Rhode Island - Sister Helen Dupree, Grand Representative, and counterpart Sister Sandra Flaxington. Saskatchewan - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Chris Puckett and escort Deputy Grand Matron Sister Norma Russell. Scotland - Brother Dwight Phillips, Grand Representative, and escort Sister Norma Phillips. South Carolina - Sister JoAnn Storie, Grand Representative, and escort Brother Greg White. South Dakota - Brother Stanley Seeley, Grand Representative, and escort Sister Dee Seeley. Tennessee - Sister Pat Turner, Grand Representative, and escort Brother Richard Hancock. Utah - Sister Jewel Walker, Grand Representative, and escort Brother Travis Knowlton. Virginia - presented by Brother James Ball, Worthy Patron, and escort Sister Iris Ball. Vermont - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Marsha Jerrels and escort Sister Leota Romine. Washington - Sister Delphia Von Heeder, Grand Representative, and counterpart Sister Gini Dryer Dow. West Virginia - Sister Sharon Willingham, Grand Representative, and counterpart Sister Bonnie Kerr. Wisconsin - presented by Deputy Grand Matron Sister Sylvia Garcia and escort Sister Peggy Saxon. Wyoming - Sister Jackie Schell, Grand Representative, and escort Sister Myra Hannah.

As you have just seen, we have justification in the pride we have in making this presentation. Would you like to help me in showing your appreciation. [applause]

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for this wonderful opportunity. I would also like to thank the Grand Marshal, all the Grand Representatives, their escorts and all the pinch-hitters who helped in this drill. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Toni, Fraternal Correspondent, and Sister Abi Freeman, our Grand Marshal. Sisters and Brothers, this isn't an easy job that she did. She has a lot of little kiddos to look after, and she looks for their reports. I thank you for a job well done, Toni.

Sisters and Brothers, we look forward to you joining us for "Let's Go on a Lion Hunt." Go back to your room, get on your comfy shoes and we'll see you at the Founder's Day Celebration at 6:30 here in the convention center. You are dismissed. Thank you, my sweet ones, for staying and participating.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

August 7, 2009

LOVE IN HIS KINGDOM Session

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Janell Trees
Grand Representative of Montana in Texas

Call to Order

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Leland Benefield
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. It's now 8:30. I am most grateful to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas, for allowing me the privilege of opening and having my very special friend and neighbor, Brother Leland Benefield, to join me in calling to order this Friday morning "Love in His Kingdom" session. We have enjoyed the musical prelude by Mrs. Janell Trees, Grand Representative of Montana in Texas. Let's show our appreciation. [applause]

The opening yesterday was a beautiful reflection of this year and a great beginning to this 127th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, "Peace in His Kingdom," in Arlington. I would like to thank all of the Committees for their hard work to make this Grand Chapter convenient for everyone. I know our Worthy Grand Matron will have an outstanding Grand Chapter. Remember, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, what happens on the ship stays on the ship! Since the ship trip, I've also got to add that what happened at the lion hunt stays on the hunt.

Brother Leland Benefield, thank you for the dedication that you and your wife Lynda have given to this Order. I invite you to say good morning.

MR. LELAND BENEFIELD: I, too, would like to extend my thanks to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of opening this Friday morning session. I am glad that I had the opportunity of opening this session today with my good friend, my neighbor and my Associate Grand Matron, Sister Wanda Fairchild. We all had a great time last night. Yesterday's opening was very nice, and we look forward to a wonderful session. I wish Sister Joyce and Brother Ray the very best of everything. Thank you.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Brother Leland, for those words.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will present "The Cup" drill by the Grand Officers, their Pages and the Texas Grand Representatives.

The Station of Electa is one of the Worthy Grand Matron's honor stations and one of her favorite stations. This is how she chose the emblem, the lion and the lamb. The outer circle is formed by the Lady Grand Pages and the Installed Grand Floor Officers. The triangle is formed by the Texas Grand Representatives. The cup is formed by the Lady Installed Floor Officers. The base of the column is formed by the male Installed Officers and their Grand Pages. Our Masonic Brothers are the foundation of our Order. [applause]

Let's thank the Labyrinth Committee for a very efficient job in such a short time.

[applause]

The Grand Officers will enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it's with great honor that I present Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. You will salute them with the Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is with love, respect and prayers for God's guidance this day that I present to you this gavel. They said it was her "redneck" gavel.

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

I want to thank Sister Wanda Fairchild and Brother Leland Benefield for opening this "Love in His Kingdom" session. I appreciate the love and support that each of them has shown us this year. Sisters and Brothers, it goes a lot further than that because these two will work endlessly helping you do whatever needs to be done, whether it's putting together programs, gluing little stars on the front and back of programs. Anything that they can do to be of assistance, they will do. They're members first and Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron second, and they love you so much. And we love them for all of their contributions. Thank you so much, Wanda and Leland, because we do appreciate you.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you've got some special words for these two precious individuals.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Wanda, in 1995 you had a motto that said, "We're alive in '95." Well, I think we're doing fine in '09. Brother Leland, you may not remember the spirit of the Eastern Star program, but you continue to exemplify the spirit of the Eastern Star in your continued service to the Order. I thank you both for being our special friends and for opening this Friday morning session for us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, would you please show Sister Wanda and Brother Leland how much you appreciate them. [applause]

Brother Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this "Love in His Kingdom" session from rest to labor, and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we're about to call this "Love in His Kingdom" session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

There will be no interruptions, Worthy Grand Matron.

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

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain if all present are entitled to be in this Grand Chapter room.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present should be in this Grand Chapter room.

Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

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

Our Invocation this morning will be given by Sister Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron,

also a member of the Eastern Star Journal General Grand Chapter Committee.

MRS. BETTY FRIEND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You this morning for a restful night. We thank You for the privilege we have of visiting with You in prayer throughout each day and knowing that You will always be available to hear our pleas. This morning we ask You to be with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they lead this “Love in His Kingdom” Grand Chapter session through its business. Give them strength, knowledge and understanding of each event that we are about to pursue in this session. May their peaceful characteristics of love and wisdom be emulated by all members as we consider the legislation to be presented for discussion. Help us to open our minds and hearts to ideas that are presented, and may all decisions be totally made for the good of the Order of the Eastern Star rather than our personal desires. Help us make wise decisions that we will assure our existence for many years. Heavenly Father, during this session fill our minds with Your goodness; fill our hearts with Your love; fill our souls with Your grace. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now declare this “Love in His Kingdom” session called from rest to labor. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this “Love in His Kingdom” session is duly opened for the transaction of business.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. I would ask those who will be presenting reports this morning to be seated in the East. As a reminder, would all those presenting reports to this Grand Chapter session please be sure the Grand Secretary or her Pages have received 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, ask Sister Nell or her Pages and they would be delighted to let you look at the report.

Sisters and Brothers, we will proceed with the business of this Grand Chapter. If at any time you do not understand what we are voting on, please let us know and we will do our best to explain more clearly so that you totally understand the issue. Our Parliamentarian, Brother Ron Zipp, will be up here and he will keep us straight. This is your Grand Chapter, Sisters and Brothers, and your business. We want to conduct it the way that will be most easy for each of us to understand.

Sister Wanda mentioned my “redneck” gavel. This gavel was hand made for me by Brother Bud Barry and presented to me the year that I was elected Associate Grand Conductress. I don’t know that he would believe that I’m using it at a Grand Chapter session. Jo Nell, be sure and let him know.

MR. RONALD ZIPP: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: I call your attention to the Grand Chapter session book, pages 52 through 54, that contain the Parliamentary Rules of Procedure for this Grand Chapter. You will probably certainly be pleased that I am not going to read all of these to you, but I would like to point out number nine which states, “Debate shall be limited to three 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 vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection.” We have a time-keeper, and time will be called if your debate lasts longer than the three minutes.

I also call your attention to number 12e. That relates to the asterisk of the “previous question.” It states, “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."

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Parliamentary Rules of Procedure for this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the Parliamentarian. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. All in favor, raise your blue cards. Those opposed. It carried. Thank you, Brother Ron.

Does anybody have a bell? We've got a timekeeper back here that's going to watch those three minutes. We thought if we had a bell, we could ring it when the three minutes is up, but since we don't, you'll just have to take our word for it.

We are going to start off with the report from Credentials. Sister Loretta Booth.

Maybe we'll wait for Loretta, and we'll go on to Chapters U.D. Sister Elise Hammack, would you and your Committee come forward, please.

REPORT OF THE CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION COMMITTEE

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This is the report of the Chapters Under Dispensation Committee for 2008-2009. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my wonderful Sisters and Brothers all: Members of this Committee attended the constituting of TMRC Daylight Chapter on September 8, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Thank you for inviting us to serve on this Committee, and we had no official duties to perform. May God bless you and keep you is our prayer. This is signed by Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Sharon Fentress and Elise B. Hammack.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we accept the report of this important Committee. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept this report from the Chapters U.D. Committee. All in favor, raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We will now have the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I will not read the complete report that I have submitted on the activities of this year. It is printed in the Advance Report of which you have a copy. Please take time to read it, and I trust it will bring joy when you see the accomplishments of the year. The complete report and supplementary report will be included in the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Your presence here at the 127th "Peace in His Kingdom" session is icing on the cake. This Peaceful Journey has not only humbled me but each of you has inspired me. You have shown so much love and compassion. I pray God's blessings on each of you.

With your unending efforts and beautiful initiations we have gained many new mem-

bers in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Because of the efforts of the Installed Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Elected Board Members, Committees of Grand Chapter, Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Membership we have had a successful year.

My wonderful Sisters and Brothers, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. You have allowed me to represent you in the highest possible capacity imaginable. I pray that I have not disappointed you in any way.

IN MEMORIAM

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.”

Revelation 21:4

This year we were saddened by the loss of two of our Beloved Past Grand Matrons.

Sister Mary Kathryn Smith passed on November 8, 2008. Her service was held in Gainesville on November 10, 2008. Many of her sisters and brothers attended her service. I was privileged to serve as Worthy Matron for her Eastern Star service.

Sister Kathryn Harbor passed on May 6, 2009. Her service was held in Waco on May 11, 2009. Because of a previous commitment, I was unable to attend her service. Our Associate Grand Matron Sister Bess Caldwell represented me and the Grand Chapter at her service.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS 2008-2009

It is the honor and privilege of the Worthy Grand Matron to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions the dedicated members of the Grand Chapter of Texas for commissions as Grand Representatives in Texas.

Arizona	9/1/2008	Beth Moser
Nebraska	10/1/2008	Hazel Jane Wright
Tennessee	10/1/2008	Pat Turner
Alabama	10/31/2008	Mary Scott
Oklahoma	11/2/2008	Erma Brookshire
Vermont	11/13/2008	Judy Northrup
Nova Scotia	11/18/2008	Lyndel Campbell
Arkansas	12/31/2008	Nancy Armstrong
Connecticut	12/31/2008	Jerry Glover
Dist. Of Columbia	12/31/2008	Kaye Swain
Indiana	12/31/2008	Lorea Kays
Nevada	12/31/2008	David Nicklas
Ontario	12/31/2008	Peggy Miller
Rhode Island	12/31/2008	Helen Dupree
Scotland	12/31/2008	Dwight Phillips
Utah	12/31/2008	Jewel Walker
Virginia	12/31/2008	Robert Coursey

West Virginia	12/31/2008	Sharon Willingham
Wyoming	12/31/2008	Jackie Schell
Kansas	1/1/2009	Charleene Smith
Michigan	1/1/2009	Bonnell Wilson
New Hampshire	1/1/2009	Marty Drescher
New Mexico	1/1/2009	Cathy Edison
North Dakota	1/1/2009	Nettie Oma Carpenter
Ohio	1/1/2009	Paul Romine
Illinois	1/31/2009	Bobbye Straach
Maine	3/1/2009	Hilda Franklin
Missouri	3/25/2009	Burley Jones
Puerto Rico	5/16/2009	Andy Scott

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

Alabama	Mrs Alice Johnson	10/01/08
Alberta	Glen Englehardt	03/31/09
Arkansas	Mrs Helen McDonald	03/24/09
Connecticut	Mrs Elizabeth Bard	03/01/09
Illinois	Mrs Virginia Edmondson	03/03/09
Iowa	Mrs Gail Dyer	01/01/09
Louisiana	Printice Johnson	04/01/09
Maine	Mrs Charlene Buzza	05/10/09
Maryland	Donna Almony	03/01/09
Mississippi	Dale Smith	06/01/09
Montana	Mrs Codi Raub	06/15/09
New Brunswick	Douglas Cauker	01/31/09
New Jersey	Phylis Burd	06/01/09
New Mexico	Wanda Hosmer	01/01/09
New York	Mrs Babbett Miller	02/13/09
North Carolina	Mrs Joyce Bridges	01.01.09
Oklahoma	T. Max Tatum	03/31/09
Ontario	Kenneth Ulch	12/31/08
Oregon	Mrs Pamela Woodcock	04/01/09
Rhode Island	Sandra Prestley	12/31/08
Tennessee	Mrs Peggy McClendon	03/01/09
Utah	Michael Moon	03/31/09
Vermont	Daniel Strobridge	06/03/09
Virginia	James J Bowyer Jr.	01/01/09
West Virginia	Bonnie Kerr	09/06/08
Wisconsin	Mrs Sheryl Brethorst	07/01/09
Wyoming	Myra Hanna	01/30/09

**SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION
AND
JOINT FRATERNAL VISITS**

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

There are no words to express adequately what you mean to me. The work you have done this year and the years leading to this one is unimaginable. Thank each of you for representing your Worthy Grand Matron in a manner pleasing to all. The love your deputies have for you speaks so highly of you. I thank God for bringing you into my life. We will be friends for a lifetime. I love you.

DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

WOW! What a year. All of you are outstanding. The schools were a wonderful success and that is because of each of you. The work you put into preparing for your school, the kindness and the love were immeasurable. All of you are my girls and I love you dearly. And so does your Deputy Dad.

THE BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

Having served on this board, I understand the duties and diligence necessary to serve. Each of you has shown that work ethic, and I appreciated your cooperation during the school schedule. It was a joy to have you travel with us. I pray God's blessing for each of you.

The schools were well attended and, hopefully, enjoyed by all.

DISTRICT ONE

Mrs. Charlotte Beall, District Deputy Grand Matron

<u>Sect.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name of School</u>
1	Nov. 19-20	Cindy Brisko	Gainesville	Peace in the Valley
2	Nov. 21-22	Linda Hargis	Sherman	Love of the Lamb
3	Nov. 17-18	Ann Cornelius	Royse City	Learning, Love and Lambs
4	Dec. 12-18	Addie Taylor	Dallas	Christmas with the Stars
5	Nov.14-15	Shelley Walker	Farmers Branch	The Lord is My Shepherd
6	Nov. 5-6	Joy James	Palestine	Abiding in Peace
7	Nov. 24-25	Rhonda Transier	Jacksonville	Tending the Flock
8	Nov.12-13	Janice Johnston	Marshall	Lamb of Knowledge
9	Nov. 7-8	Lin Johnston	Texarkana	Bluebonnets on the Border
10	Nov. 10-11	Tashia Hensley	Gilmer	The Meek and the Mighty

DISTRICT TWO

Ms. Audri Rowell, District Deputy Grand Matron

<u>Sect.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name of School</u>
1	Sept.22-23	Hazel Howard	Pampa	Lambs of Starlight
2	Sept.19-20	Dawn Larson	Amarillo	Lambs of Learning
3	Sept.24-25	Nellie Webb	Floydada	Gathering of the Bluebonnets
4	Oct. 6-7	Janice Strange	Lubbock	Gentle Lambs of the South Plains
5	Sept.17-18	Judith Fowler	Childress	Galloping into God's Country
6	Sept.15-16	Dixie Wetzel	Wichita Falls	Flowers over Texas
7	Oct. 3-4	Joyce Marler	Abilene	Shimmering Stars
8	Sept.26-27	Carla Stringer	Midland	When You Wish Upon a Star
9	Oct. 1-2	Chris Puckett	Fort Stockton	Heart of a Lion
10	Sept.29-30	Beverly Hood	El Paso	Kissing Kin

DISTRICT THREE

Dr. Leslie Keilberg, District Deputy Grand Matron

<u>Sect.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name of School</u>
1	Feb. 20-21	Mackie Teague	Fort Worth	Circle of Life
2	Feb. 27-28	Betty Kitchens	Mineral Wells	The Flock Returns Home
3	Feb. 2-3	Susie Carpenter	Graham	I Only Have Eyes for Ewe
4	Feb. 9-10	Mae Curry	De Leon	The Gathering of the Flock
5	Feb. 4-5	Judy Lunsford	Comanche	The Faithful Shepherd
6	Feb. 11-12	Gelene Johnson	Burnet	Keys to the Kingdom
7	Feb. 16-17	Debbie Knight	Copperas Cove	Peaceful Pastures
8	Feb. 13-14	Helen Thornton	Temple	Walk Through the Bluebonnets
9	Feb. 6-7	Norma Russell	Waco	The Journey to Peace and Love
10	Feb.18-19	Cristi Nickels	Glen Rose	Shining Stars

DISTRICT FOUR

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, District Deputy Grand Matron

<u>Sect.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name of School</u>
1	Jan. 14-15	Dawn Lang	Nacogdoches	Gentle Shepherd
2	Jan. 16-17	Barbara Gant	Silsbee	Lamp of Knowledge
3	Jan. 19-20	Nancy Reynolds	Livingston	Keepers of the Lions and Lambs
4	Jan. 12-13	Brenda Pigott	Baytown	Gathering With Angels, Lambs & Lions
5	Jan. 23-24	Stephanie Hall	Houston	The Lion and The Lamb Meet in the Meadow
6	Jan. 5-6	Debi Fencher	Franklin	Lions On Parade"
7	Jan. 1-2	Sharon Cobb	Spring	Lion-Hearted
8	Jan. 21-22	Marcia Jerrels	Bastrop	The Peace and Harmony
9	Jan. 7-8	Gerry Sturtz	Sugar Land	Footprints of the Shepherd
10	Jan. 9-10	Margie Lowrey	West Columbia	The Shepherd Leads the Flock

DISTRICT FIVE

Mrs. Vickie Mathews, District Deputy Grand Matron

<u>Sect.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>DGM</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name of School</u>
1	Oct. 15-16	Janice Goodwin	San Angelo	Friendships: Great and Small
2	Oct. 20-21	Donna Eason	Sonora	Boots and Sabres
3	Oct. 13-14	Shirley Smith	Kerrville	Foot Prints and Paw Prints in the Hill Country
4	Oct. 22-23	Carol Ann Kolb	Leakey	Down By the River
5	Nov. 3-4	Kathleen Bailey	Pleasanton	Flowers of the South
6	Oct. 24-25	Cladette Allen	Austin	Little Lambs Eat Ivy
7	Oct. 17-18	Sylvia Garcia	San Antonio	The Pride and the Fold
8	Oct 31-Nov 1	Linda Winn Christenson	Cuero	The Peaceable Kingdom
9	Oct. 29-30	Carol Coggins	Corpus Christi	Peaceful Waters
10	Oct. 27-28	Denise McCarthy	Harlingen	Lion's Pride

OTHER FRATERNAL VISITS

Mineral Wells #44	September 6, 2008
Whitney #930	October 9, 2008
Atlanta #151	December 8, 2008
Lake Jackson #1009	December 9, 2008
South Fort Worth #835	December 15, 2008
Decatur #543	December 18, 2008
Nederland #1079	January 26, 2009
Wisteria #823, Port Neches #677	
Groves/Port Arthur #953	
Lake Worth #1109	February 23, 2009
Pittsburg #381	February 24, 2009
Archives #1095	March 2, 2009
<i>(cancelled due to birth of grandbaby)</i>	
Jefferson #627	March 3, 2009
Farmers Branch #687	March 5, 2009
Klein #1141	March 9, 2009
<i>(cancelled due to business of Grand Chapter)</i>	
Polytechnic #420	March 10, 2009
Humble #415	March 12, 2009
Brock #274	March 17, 2009
Pearland #1065	March 19, 2009
Garland #156	March 23, 2009
Handley #617	March 24, 2009
Odessa #447	April 6, 2009
Riverside #834	April 7, 2009
Castleberry #1028	April 9, 2009
New Braunfels #771	April 13, 2009
Silsbee #298	April 14, 2009
Haltom City #982	April 20, 2009

North Shore #1058	April 21, 2009
<i>(cancelled chapter demised)</i>	
Cypress #1102	April 23, 2009
Crescent #820	April 27, 2009
District 4/Section 6	April 28, 2009
Normangee #87, Buffalo #157, Centerville #1002, Rockdale #23, Madisonville #193, Franklin #311, Bryan #222	
Hawkins #908	May 4, 2009
North Fort Worth #684	May 5, 2009
Vidor #914	May 11, 2009
Alvin #15	May 12, 2009
Cedar Bayou #11	May 14, 2009
Weatherford #21	May 18, 2009
Cleveland #465	May 19, 2009
Bluebell #856	May 26, 2009
Travis #472	May 28, 2009
Pasadena	June 9, 2009

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Troup #421	100th	September 14, 2008
Stanton #409	100th	September 28, 2008
McGregor #472	100th	October 5, 2008
Whitney #930	60th	October 9, 2008
Gonzales #403	100th	October 12, 2008
Beeville #444	100th	October 19, 2008
Nacogdoches #428	100th	October 26, 2008
Queen Esther #833	75th	November 16, 2008
Rosenberg #429	100th	January 11, 2009
Cedar Bayou #11	125th	May 16, 2009
Woodville #462	100th	July 25, 2009

STATE EXCHANGE VISITS

This year we tried something new—one day visits. Our first was in Texarkana where we hosted a fun filled day with Arkansas. It was a tremendous success thanks to our committee members. Arkansas showed up in force ready for a good time and Texas provided that for them. We enjoyed good food, fun and games. Everyone went home with a prize.

Our second visit was with Louisiana, They were our host this time and a good time was enjoyed by everyone. Our committee presented all of the Louisiana folks with ditty bags and also had gifts for everyone present.

While attending the visit in Louisiana Sister Bess Caldwell our Associate Grand Matron was in charge.

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS ATTENDED

August 31, 2008	Newly-elected Associate Grand Conductress' Breakfast, Addison
August 31, 2008	Conference for Deputies of Grand Chapter, Addison
September 5, 2008	Constituting of TMRC Daylight Chapter #1145
October 11, 2008	Masonic Family Weekend at TMRC in Arlington
November 2, 2008	Rainbow Installation at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas
December 2nd-6th, 2008	Grand Lodge in Waco
December 14, 2008	TMRC Christmas Party
January 31, 2009	Most Worshipful Grand Master's Banquet
February 15, 2009	TMRC Valentine Party
March 6th-7th, 2009	Associate Grand Conductress' Round-up and Banquet
March 29th –April 5, 2009	Cruise to the Bahamas
April 18, 2009	Texas / Arkansas Exchange Visit
April 25, 2009	Grand Conductress' Round-up and Mr. X Banquet
May 2, 2009	Spring Fling TMRC
May 9, 2009	Texas / Louisiana Exchange Visit
May 10, 2009	TMRC Mothers' Day Party
May29th – 30th, 2009	WGM & WGP Round-up
June 14, 2009	TMRC Fathers' Day Party
June 25th & 26th, 2009	Rainbow Grand Assembly
June 26th & 27th, 2009	Multi-State in San Antonio
June 28, 2009	Rainbow Grand Assembly Installation
July 16, 2009	Arlington Chapter #249 honoring AGM

SPECIAL COURTESIES

The El Paso Chamber of Commerce lit the Star on the side of the mountain in recognition of our arrival to El Paso. I was so honored. At night the star can be seen for miles.

In San Angelo I was interviewed by a reporter from the local news station. I explained our visit to San Angelo and also told of our benevolent projects for the year. The interview aired on the evening news. I was a TV star for a day.

I was appointed Honorary Deputy Sheriff of Fort Bend, and also Honorary Deputy Sheriff of Somervell County.

What an honor to have been commissioned "A Yellow Rose of Texas" attested by our Governor Rick Perry.

I was privileged to be appointed ALCALDE (mayor) of the beautiful city of San Antonio.

Rose Assembly #382 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls conferred "The Order of the Rose" for the Deputy Grand Matron, Christi Nickels, the District Deputy Grand Matron, Dr. Leslie Keilberg, the Grand Examiner, Cheryl Albrecht, and me. A beautiful ceremony enjoyed by us all.

GAVELS and GIFTS

I received two beautiful hand made gavels.

J.D and Nan Martin from Glen Rose presented me a gavel made by a brother who numbered them. Mine was #296.

Brother Bill Armstrong presented me a beautiful gavel he made himself. I will be proud to use both gavels at the 127th Grand Chapter Session in Arlington.

I received so many beautiful gifts from the membership. Your love and generosity is amazing. Thank you my sweet friends for everything.

GRAND LODGE

In December 2008, I attended Grand Lodge in Waco, Texas. On Wednesday evening we were invited to attend the Most Worshipful Grand Master Tommy Griffin's banquet. On Thursday, I attended the First Lady of Masonry, Sister Vi Griffin's luncheon. Later that day I was invited to bring greetings to the members of Grand Lodge.

On Saturday Morning I attended the tea for Mrs. Mary Counts, incoming First Lady and wife of David Counts, the incoming Most Worshipful Grand Master..

Later that morning First Lady Vi invited me to participate in a hat style show she organized to entertain visitors. What fun we had modeling these hats through the Twentieth Century.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Tommy Griffin had me presented me at the Altar and presented me with an Apron and a witty scenario to go with it.

How blessed we are to have the support of our Master Masons.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

One of the highlights of our installation was when I was presented a beautiful white bible from the Rainbow Girls of Texas. My heart soared listening to the beautiful rendition about the Bible.

I was privileged to attend a mid-year installation at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas.

These beautiful young ladies amaze us with their poise and grace; they are our future and I am so proud of them.

DeMOLAY

Years ago I witnessed the Flower Talk given by the DeMolay. I was so impressed that I knew I wanted to see it again. I believe everyone present at our installation was moved by this beautiful presentation. How fortunate we are to have these fine young men striving to become good future Masons.

LION AND LAMB CLUB

The Lion and Lamb club was formed my first year in the grand line. Each of you had so much faith in me and worked so hard to help me reach this ultimate station. You have inspired me. I wish there were enough words to express my feelings for each of you. All I can say is that Ray and I truly love each of you "bunches and bunches."

CONSTITUTING OF CHAPTER

It was my pleasure to participate in the Constituting of TMRC Daylight Chapter #1145, in Arlington on September 6, 2009. The Constituting was under the direction of the Worthy Grand Patron. He extended me the privilege of assisting with the installation of the new officers. I was also invited to bring greetings.

It is amazing how this chapter has grown in members this year. They know the true art of giving and each month have made donations to different endeavors.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

I realize that Honorary Memberships are granted by a vote of your chapters. What a tremendous honor to be an Honorary Member of every subordinate chapter in the "GREAT STATE OF TEXAS"

My heart overflows with gratitude, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

KEYS TO THE CITY

I received Keys to the following Cities:

Bishop Hills Orr City

Texarkana

Royse City

Sherman

Graham

Lott

Glen Rose

FLAG PRESENTATIONS

Seeing the American and Texas flags soaring high fills my heart with pride. How honored I was when presented these flags:

San Angelo	Flown over the capital on the day of our Installation
Austin	Flown over the capital on the day of our Installation
Sherman	Flown over the capital on the day of our Installation
Waco	Flown over the capital on the day of our Installation
Warren and Anna Huckabee	Flown over the capital on the day of our Installation

JOYCE NICKLAS and O.E.S. DAY'S

10-14-08	Kerrville	1 -20-09 Livingston
10-29-08	Corpus Christi	2 -07-09 Waco
11-04-08	Pleasanton	2 -12-09 Burnet
11-08-08	Texarkana	2 -14-09 Lott
11-14-08	Farmers Branch	2 -14-09 Temple
11-20-08	Gainesville	2 -27-09 Mineral Wells
11-22-08	Sherman	2 -27-09 Palo Pinto
1 – 17-09	Hardin County	

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Proclamations from the following were received:

The Governor of Texas
Resolution from Robertson County
Letter from the Mayor of San Angelo
Honorary Citizen of Burkburnett

JOYCE'S LAMBS AND GOOD SHEPHERDS

You, too, have completed a year of service. I hope that it was as gratifying to you as ours was to us. I feel that we are a family. We have worked together to promote the principals of all good Eastern Star members. I pray that your year in the East in your subordinate chapters was a blessing to you; I know that each of you are a blessing to me.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON AND GRAND ESTHER

Brother Ray Hertenberger and Sister Vicki Hertenberger

Where in the world do I begin to thank this awesome man? When I began this journey David and I prayed that God would guide me and help me make wise decisions. We also prayed that he would help us choose a man to share this awesome responsibility with. He led us to Ray Hertenberger. We knew immediately that Ray would be the man for the job. So at my very first round-up as Associate Grand Conductress we asked the big question. How pleased we were when a few days later he accepted the invitation to walk this walk with us. Ray, you are one of the gentlest men I have ever known; love exudes from you. Your love for all members of the Eastern Star is evident in everything you do. Your love of family and your God is genuine in all that you are. David and I are so happy that you and Vicki are part of not only our fraternal family but also our blood family.

Vicki, what a beautiful Grand Esther you are. Your friendship over the years has been a blessing. You have given Ray and me so much support. You and David have been there every step of the way. Know that you are a precious sister to me.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

How proud we are of our General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee members. The entire state of Texas stands behind you and your endeavors. Much love to you all.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

How fortunate I am to have the support of these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. I have held you in awe since being initiated into our beautiful Order some 36 years ago. You radiate love for our Order. Your knowledge is immeasurable, and I appreciate your sharing with those of us in the Grand Line. You deserve the love and respect of us all. Please continue to share and participate. The membership loves to be with you whenever possible.

MUSIC

To Sister Rosemary Swetland our Past Grand Matron and future Worthy Grand Organist and Sister Delphia Von Heeder, Grand Representative of Washington in Texas:

God has blessed you with a beautiful talent, which you share so freely. He has blessed me by bringing you into my life. The “Joyce’s Joy’s” March you composed for me was a very special gift—one that I will always treasure. Thank you my dear friends for giving of your time to create a memorable and precious piece of music, not only for me but also for the membership. I love you both.

POETRY

To my very special friend Sister Pam Johnson:

You have amazed me over the years with your poetry. In a matter of minutes you are able to come up with verse. You share so willingly and are admired by everyone. Thank you, Pam, for serving as our Poet Laureate. You have blessed us with your poems in the Bulletin all year long and have contributed to the yearbook and deputy book with many works of poetry. You are loved by us all.

THE INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MY Grand Family, I cannot begin to express my feelings for the love and support you have given me, not only during this year, but for so many years along the way. I had the privilege of selecting each of the appointed Grand Officers. I spent many hours praying that I made wise choices, and I can truly say that my expectations have been met. I did not get to select those elected to the Grand Line, but I could not have been any more pleased or any prouder of you. The same is true for the members of the Board of Directors. You have backed me and “been there” for me. I thank you for all that you have done for me and for the Order. YOU ARE MY PRIDE.

GRAND SECRETARY AND OUR OFFICE STAFF

Some do not realize how hard our Grand Secretary and her staff work each and every day. Those of us in the Grand Line, and of course chapter secretaries, do know and appreciate everything these wonderful women do for our Order. Thank you Sister Nell Drenner for always being there and keeping us on track. Thank you Marlene, Charlotte, Donna and Tava—your hard work is appreciated.

GRAND TREASURER

To our wonderful Grand Treasurer, Sister Betty Prater:

You have given so much to our beautiful Order. Please know that we appreciate the years of service you have given to the office of Grand Treasurer. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do.

Thank you for being a friend to all of us. Love you Bunches.

SECRETARY TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Thank you, Jerre, for being my friend for over 20 years. You knew that I was going to need someone to keep me on track, and you finally consented to traveling with me as my personal secretary. There are no words to express my gratitude. You have laughed with me, cried with me and prayed with me. We have covered so many miles. Thank you for the countless hours of listening to me. You were not only my confidant, but also assisted the District Deputies and you listened. You always listened and always comforted those around you with sound advice and a good ear. May God pour out countless blessings on you, my sister and, most of all, my friend.

GRAND CHAPTER VAN

A special thank you to the members for providing us with a vehicle that is large enough to hold lots of luggage and numerous other things while traveling this beautiful state. We felt safe and comfortable. It is remarkable just how much a van can hold.

MINERAL WELLS CHAPTER #44

There's no place like home. Thank you my dear sisters and brothers for having faith in me. Thank you for supporting me through these last eight years. You have worked so hard to help me achieve a dream and a goal. I love you all.

GRAND CHAPTER MOM

Freida Dillon, I have seen you dry tears, fix meals, doctor a friend. Everything a Mom would do for her children. Many of us miss our Mothers so much. When I was making this decision, you were my choice. You represent the word Mother to the ultimate limit. I will always love and respect you.

GRAND CHAPTER DAD

Brother Walter Bartlett, the term "Anyone can be a Father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad" says it all. We love you.

GRAND CHAPTER SWEETHEART

Sister Helen Higgins, you are a sweetheart to so many of us. You are always ready for just about anything. You know how to lift our spirits and make us laugh. You will always be my Special Sweetheart. We love you.

FAMILY

There are not enough words to express my love and devotion to my family. You have always been there for me, encouraging me and loving me. David, my precious husband, thank you for helping me to achieve a dream. Because of your love and support, I have attained a goal, a chance to serve this great state.

To my children and grandchildren whom I love with all of my heart, I say thank you

for being so patient with me over these past few years. You have always been there for me and I love you so much. Thank you for attending our installation and participating the way you did. I have many precious memories and you are all part of them.

BAHAMAS

Thank you, Sister Nannette Gwaltney, for arranging a wonderful and memorable cruise for over 200 Eastern Star members. Because of your hard work we had a great time and made memories for a lifetime. While I was out of the state and country I left Sister Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron in charge. Love 'ya, Bess.

ALTAR CLOTH

Sister Georgia Fae Jennings is not only a very talented seamstress, she is a friend. One who takes time to give to others. Thank you so much for all of the hard work in making one of the most beautiful Altar Cloths I have ever seen. I cherish our friendship.

BIBLE COVER AND MARKER

My Bible Cover and Marker were lovingly made and presented to me by our Grand Chapter Mom, Sister Freida Dillon. Thank you, my precious one. I will cherish them always.

SQUARE AND COMPASSES

The Executive Committee presented me the engraved Square and Compasses. They were placed on the Bible for our installation and will also be used during this Grand Chapter session. Thank you, my dear friends, for the beautiful gift. Thank you, too, for the time and effort you have devoted to making this a Grand Chapter to remember. I love you all.

DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES

A Deputy Grand Matron reported that the Treasurer of a chapter had not furnished her books to be examined on her official visit. I sent the Deputy back and instructed her to examine them.

Several members reported that a Worthy Matron was enhancing the ritual for initiations. I sent my District Deputy and Deputy to observe. After the report of the District Deputy I sent a letter to the Worthy Matron explaining that the Ritual could not be changed. I had my District Deputy continue to visit the chapter and continue to observe. More letters of complaint were received. A letter of reprimand was sent to the Worthy Matron and a copy to the Chapter. The Worthy Matron delayed the letter of reprimand from being read, showing disrespect. After much prayer, and discussion with Jurisprudence, the Worthy Matron was removed from office.

A report of a ballot for the office of Associate Conductress of a subordinate chapter was disputed. There were three candidates; two candidates tied and one had a one vote lead on the other two. No one dropped out and the vote was taken several times until a winner was declared. When I was notified I declared the election null and void, and they would have another election. The reason was that by using Robert's Rules of Order, the situation was called a plurality vote and the sister having a one vote lead could have been

declared the winner. The District Deputy visited the chapter and another election took place. The chapter cooperated completely and harmony continues.

I sent My District Deputy to a chapter to remind members that discussion of the ballot was a violation of our laws. After her visit, discussion ceased.

BY-LAWS

It was my pleasure to sign by-law changes for the following chapters:

By Laws Approved

Prospect Hill #817	Handley #617	Royce City #642
Andral Vann #741	Lytle #335	Magnolia #706
Atlanta #151	Farmers Branch #687	Uvalde #297
Strawn #361	Mineral Wells #44	Del Rio #204
Weslaco #772	New Braunfels #771	Sarah #353
Anahuac #649	Caldwell #976	Waxahachie #599
Gun Barrel City #1114	Cushing #368	Garrison #192
San Antonio #734	Kingsland #1118	Seguin #555
Caddo Mills #82	Spring #1141	Fort McKavett #783
Beaumont #71	Killeen #490	Franklin #311
Bowie #16	Saint Jo #17	New Caney #1093
Rosewyn #927	Pasadena #711	South Houston #915
Pine Tree #1090	Carlton #949	

SECIAL DISPENSATIONS

LATE INSTALLATIONS

Kountze Chapter #724
Freedom Chapter #898
Montgomery Chapter #228
Glen Rose Chapter #171
Waxahachie Chapter #599
Garrison Chapter #192
Denton Chapter #259
Vernon Chapter #424

LATE ELECTION WP

University Chapter #1082
Fairfield Chapter #331
Gatesville Chapter #1005

LATE ELECTION - ASSOC. PAT.

Ridglea Chapter #999
Yoakum Chapter #282
University Chapter #1082
Katy Chapter #1121
San Antonio-Radiant Chapter #3

LATE ELECTION-ALL OFFICERS

Mansfield Chapter #876
Waco Chapter #7
Anahuac Chapter #649
Emory Chapter #1120
Matador Chapter #66
Waxahachie Chapter #599
Vernon Chapter #424

LATE ELECTION - ASSOC. MATRON

Ridglea Chapter #999
Cora Posey Chapter #1072
San Antonio-Radiant Chapter #3
Fairfield Chapter #331

LATE ELECTIONS - SECRETARY

Trinity Chapter #186
Gate City Chapter #77
Atlanta Chapter #151
Houston Heights Chapter #258
Uvalde Chapter #297

Templar Chapter #374
Fairfield Chapter #331
Grand Saline Chapter #290
Palestine Chapter #395
Sequin Chapter #555

LATE ELECTION - CONDUCT.

Sillsbee Chapter #298
Bullard Chapter #972
Mary Martha Chapter #981
San Antonio-Radiant Chapter #3

LATE ELECTION - ASSOC. COND.

Jasper Chapter #291
Sequin Chapter #555
Pasadena Chapter #711
Amarillo Chapter #787
Orange Chapter #214
University Chapter #1082
Templar Chapter #374
Edinburg Chapter #473
Dal-Cliff Chapter #574
Sugar Land Chapter #1107

FRATERNAL VISIT

Wisteria Chapter #823

LATE ELECTION WM

Grand Saline Chapter #290

REPLACE LOST/WORN SECRET WORK

Lake Worth Chapter #1109 - 1971C
Graham Chapter #668 - 833AC
Whitewright Chapter #939 - 1284 & 1285C
Evadale Chapter #1111 - 1974, 1975, 1975C & 1975AC 10/3
Cleveland Chapter #465 - SW621C
Mansfield Chapter #876 - SW1160AC
Lufkin Chapter #382 - SW513
Buffalo Chapter #157 - SW212AC
Mission Chapter #527 - SW680
Richardson Chapter # 921 - 1250 10/27/2008
Waskom Chapter #812 - 1032 & 1032C 11/10/08
Canyon lake Chapter #1103 - Copy 1918
Ridglea Chapter #999 - Copy 1405 12/4/08
Cleveland #465 - SW621AC 12/30/08
Beaumont Chapter #71 - 110AC 1/12/2009
Mount Vernon Chapter #956 - 1317 1/29/09
"Clifton Chapter #283 - 387 1/29/09

LATE ELECTIONS - TREASURER

Lufkin Chapter #382
Houston Heights Chapter #258
Velasco Chapter #220
Dumas Chapter #653
Hooks Chapter #1031
Border Chapter #211
Beeville Chapter #422

WAIVE DISABILITY

Houston Chapter #385
Kerrville Chapter #24
Crosby Chapter #261
Bonham Chapter #852
Beaumont Chapter #71

MOVE MEETING PLACE

Beeville Chapter #422
Velasco Chapter #220
Bryan Chapter #222
Beckville Chapter #273
Amistad Chapter #1115
New Caney Chapter #1093

Fort McKavett Chapter #783 - 990 2/19/09
Wedwood Chapter #756 - 962 3/18/2009
Bexar Chapter #616 - 762 5/25/2009
Taylor Chapter #578 - 727 4/8/2009
Princeton Chapter #1126 - 2007 4/15/2009
Copperas Cove Ch. #1070 - 1591 4/15/2009
North Fort Worth Ch#684 - AC857 4/17/2009
Everman #624 - 773C 4/22/2009
Gate City #77 - 122AC 4/23/2009
Amistad Chapter #1115 - Copy 1985C 4/23/09
Livingston Chapter #1139 - Copy 2032 4/27/2009
Gatesville Ch#1005 - Copies 1417-1417C 5/20/09
Brenham Chapter #144 - Copy 198AC 5/22/09
Mission Chapter #527 - Copies 680 & 681C 5/22/09
Caddo Mills Chapter #82 - Copy 129 5/28/2009

REFUSED

Alamo Heights Chapter #734
South Houston Chapter #915
Farmers Branch Chapter #687

REPLACEMENT CHARTER

Linden Chapter #576
Whitney Chapter #930
Edinburg Chapter #473
Blanco Chapter #934

MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE BOARD MEETINGS

Corporate Board Meeting October 3, 2008 Howard Johnson Hotel Abilene, Texas

The meeting was called to order by Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron. Those in attendance were: Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron, Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron, Bill Wyatt, Associate Grand Patron, Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary, Betty Prater Grand Treasurer, Mary Ruth White, Grand Conductress, and Vi Griffin, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Worthy Grand Matron welcomed all and thanked them for coming and Brother Ray gave the opening prayer.

The Worthy Grand Matron expressed her concern for those members who are recovering from Hurricane Ike. A fund has been set up at Grand Chapter and a donation is being taken up at the Fraternal Visits on the School Schedule. Velasco Chapter had to move their meeting place due to damage to the lodge.

The Worthy Grand Patron announced since his banquet and Fraternal visit had to be canceled because of the storm, they had decided not to have one, but to have a joint with the Worthy Grand Matron at their Roundup and a Fraternal Visit will be held at a later date.

All tickets will be refunded by request and a deadline will be set for November 10, 2008. The money not refunded will go to the Benevolent Aid Fund for the storm victims. Sharon Willingham will take care of the refunds.

A discussion followed about the results of the storm damage and the condition of so many of our members.

Brother Bill Wyatt closed the meeting with prayer.

Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Secretary

Corporate Board Meeting
November 22, 2008
1:00 p.m.
Travis Masonic Lodge, Sherman, Texas

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron and prayer was given by Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. Others present were, Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron, Bill Wyatt, Associate Grand Patron, Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary, Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, Mary Ruth White, Grand Conductress and Vi Griffin, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported on two chapters having some problems and both had been helped to resolve the problems. She also reported the School Schedule is going very well.

The Associate Grand conductress, Vi Griffin asked the Corporate Board for permission to have Grand Chapter in Beaumont, Texas on July 25 thru 29, 2012. All were in favor of accepting those dates.

Nell reported a new Vendor Contract was now in place for distribution to the vendors at Grand Chapter. Mary Ruth asked if they could receive a copy of the contract so that future Grand Chapters may benefit. Nell replied she would send them all a copy via Email.

The meeting closed with prayer by Bill Wyatt, Associate Grand Patron.

Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Secretary

Corporate Board Meeting
West Columbia, Texas
January 10, 2009

The Corporate Board Meeting was held in West Columbia, Texas. Those in attendance were Joyce Nicklas Worthy Grand Matron, Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron, Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron, Bill Wyatt, Associate Grand Patron, Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary, Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, Vi Griffin, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Worthy Grand Patron led in prayer.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked all for coming.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported on a problem in a chapter but it has been dealt

with and hopefully will be solved in the near future.

The associate Grand Patron closed in prayer.

Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Secretary

**Corporate Board Meeting
Mineral Wells, Texas
February 28, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron and prayer was given by Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. Others in attendance were Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron, Bill Wyatt, Associate Grand Patron, Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary, Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, Mary Ruth White, Grand Conductress, and Vi Griffin, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked all for coming to the meeting. She then reported the problem reported at the last meeting had been resolved.

The Associate Grand Patron expressed his concern on how Demits are given according to our Code of Laws. A discussion was held and all agreed some better clarification to parts of the constitution and Code of Laws needed to be addressed. All agreed that too much was left for interpretation. The Grand Secretary said she would look into some of these and see if legislation at Grand Chapter should be considered.

The meeting closed in prayer by the Associate Grand Patron.

Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Secretary

**Corporate Board Meeting
Austin, Texas
May 30, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron and prayer was given by Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. Others in attendance were Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron, Bill Wyatt, Associate Grand Patron, Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary, Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, and Vi Griffin, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked all for coming to the meeting. She reported no problems at this time and asked each line officer if they had any concerns.

Legislation and presentation of reports and drills to be presented at Grand Chapter was discussed. The Legislation and a list will be in the July Bulletin.

Sister Betty Prater thanked everyone and expressed how much she has enjoyed working with them. Everyone expressed how much they will miss her.

The meeting closed in prayer by the Associate Grand Patron.

Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Secretary

As this year comes to an end, I want to extend my thanks and my appreciation to ALL the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas. You are ALL so special to me. You have shown your love in countless ways, and I have cherished our times together. I shall treasure the memories we have made this year forever and ever.

Love you Bunches and Bunches,

Joyce Nicklas
Worthy Grand Matron

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Since the advanced annual report, I was privileged to participate in several installations, another fraternal visit and Multi State. The multi-state visit was a tremendous success and that was because of the hard work of everyone on that committee and of those of you who attended.

Rainbow Grand Assembly was wonderful and I was so pleased that we were able to juggle our schedule to attend. A special thank you to the Supreme Deputy Sister Marlene Dribell for arranging transportation to the Airport for the Worthy Grand Patron and me.

On July 10th and 11th, 2009, I was privileged to attend the Round-up and banquet for the Associate Grand Matron Sister Bess Caldwell and Associate Grand Patron Brother Bill Wyatt in Waco. It was such fun being with the membership.

Also in July, I attended the special honor night for our Associate Grand Matron Sister Bess Caldwell at Arlington Chapter.

That same weekend I was honored to attend the retirement banquet for two of our board members, Sisters Lori Goldman and Mickie Campbell. We all arrived at the Arlington Lodge in our attire from the fifties. A beautiful tribute was given in honor of both of these distinguished members. Entertainment was outstanding. An Elvis impersonator gave a wonderful performance.

We were so saddened with the unexpected passing of our beloved Past Grand Patron, Brother Joe Jeffers. Brother Joe and his beautiful wife Pat were living in Mena, Arkansas. We will continue to lift up the family in our prayers.

Sister Bess Caldwell and Sister Jerre Miller accompanied me to a special honor night for our Grand Treasurer, Sister Betty Prater. It was a beautiful tribute and so deserving. Betty has served faithfully for 10 years as Grand Chapter's Treasurer and she will be missed by us all. However, she is not ready to retire from service in other areas, so Betty will continue to serve. We love you bunches and bunches, Betty.

This has been a wonderful year of service. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

I will have further remarks to you at the end of the Session. For now I just want to remind you one more time that I love you bunches and bunches.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move that we accept this report of the Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We have a motion to accept the supplemental report of the Worthy Grand Matron. Do we have a second?

We have a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting the supplemental report of the Worthy Grand Matron, please raise your blue cards. Down cards. All opposed. Motion carries.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now call for the report of the Worthy Grand Patron.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you.

The year of August 2008 to August 2009 will be the most memorable in my life. Several years ago, Sister Joyce Nicklas asked me to accompany her on the journey of our lives. I had no idea at the time that this decision would change our lives forever. During this year we have laughed together, we have cried together, our families have shared in life's ups and downs. The membership has accepted this union with a vigor that cannot be put into words. Wherever our travels have taken us across this great state, we have been met with hugs, smiles and countless words of encouragement. Thank you, membership of Texas, for your love and your confidence in electing me to the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Look into the mirror of your soul and you will see the love that we have shared this year.

INSTALLATION

The "Peace In His Kingdom" installation of officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas was an evening that will be forever embraced in my heart. The participation of beloved friends and the Installed Grand Officers was greatly appreciated and will be remembered forever. I thank our Executive Committee members, Arrangements Committee members and everyone else who worked so hard to make this evening memorable for my family and me. Sister Joyce and I did our best to get our families to work together on the altar presentations, but my grandson Colin was determined to present the Bible Marker by himself. He did a beautiful job; he is my Buddy.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Your service to the Order of the Eastern Star and more especially the Grand Chapter of Texas is both appreciated and loved. You have captured the hearts of Eastern Stars around the globe. The Eastern Star of the world awaits with bated breath the plans for the future of Eastern Star from our very own, Sister Rennie Ofton and Brother Fred Clarke. Sister Alma Bane, you know that you and your family have been special friends of Vicki and mine for many years.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

Words cannot express the gratitude towards each of you for your support. You have allowed yourselves to be open to us and have counseled us when needed. The love and support that you have given to the office of Worthy Grand Patron has been immeasurable and appreciated. The tradition of love for this membership that you have established will inspire Joyce, me and all those who will follow.

ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS & DEMOLAY

The Youth of our Country is the future of our Order. The presentation of the Holy Bible by Grand Assembly of Texas, Order of the Rainbow for Girls was greatly appreciated and will be forever cherished. The Flower Talk presented by the Order of Demolay in Texas touched the hearts of everyone present.

MINERAL WELLS CHAPTER NO. 44

September 6, 2008 was the Fraternal Visit and Banquet of the Worthy Grand Matron held in Minerals Wells, TX. The Officers and members of Mineral Wells Chapter opened up their hearts to host the memorable occasion and your kind expressions of love to Vicki and me were greatly appreciated.

TEXAS CITY CHAPTER NO. 626

My home chapter and my family, thank you for your love. You have welcomed Tricia, Ehren, Vicki and me into your hearts and for that I will forever be grateful. Hurricane Ike cheated us out of a formal banquet in September 2008 but through your sacrifices and the assistance of other members of Texas, we were able to make a substantial contribution to the Board of Directors where a fund was set up to assist our members affected by this terrible storm.

DISTRICT 4, SECTION 10

POSSIBLY, the most loving and caring section in the state of Texas. You have been great supporters and most of all great friends. You have traversed this state this year and I would like to think that it was for my benefit, but I know that it was because of your love for the Order of the Eastern Star. The Friends of Ray's Club was established by many members from this section and a few members from other sections. My thanks go to the president, Sister Judy Northup, and the Secretary – Treasurer, Sister Rebecca Dunn, for their hard work in these positions. The many love gifts presented to the Worthy Grand Matron and me were never expected but each one was greatly appreciated.

CONSTITUTING OF TMRC DAYLIGHT CHAPTER

On September 5, 2008 I had the honor of Constituting TMRC Daylight Chapter UD. The ceremony was held at TMRC in Arlington, TX . This was a memorable day for the State of Texas and me. Special recognition should go to Sister Yvonne Brownfield for her diligent work with the Worthy Matron of TMRC Chapter and the officers for their hard work in preparing for the occasion. The constituting was assisted by the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Chapter Officers. The State of Texas will benefit from the constituting of this new chapter and their benevolent work.

SCHOOLS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

My work schedule allowed me to attend and participate in twenty-one Schools of Instruction. Each school was presented with dignity and reflected the individuality of the Deputies and District Deputies. I thank the members of the State of Texas for their participation and for their enthusiasm which made the 2008-2009 schools a great success. The honorary memberships and quilt squares presented at each school will always be cherished. The quilt will be a special part of my home forever.

FRATERNAL VISITS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON & HONORING THE WORTHY THE GRAND PATRON

Throughout the year I had the pleasure of attending thirty-seven Fraternal Visits including those that were held in conjunction with the Schools of Instruction. I appreciate all the courtesies extended to the office of the Worthy Grand Patron during these visits. Each Fraternal Visit was well attended and this reflected the love and support of the membership that the Worthy Grand Matron and I have appreciated during this year of service.

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

The Anniversary of a Chapter is a special occasion and this year I was honored to attend six Chapter Anniversaries. A certificate of excellence was presented at each anniversary during the year for their chapter's hard work, devotion and love for sustaining the heritage of their chapter and our fraternity.

GRAND LODGE

It was a pleasure to attend Grand Lodge in December of 2008 where Brother Tommy Griffin was the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas. I was invited to be a guest at Grand Lodge and attended his Banquet. I am deeply grateful for all the courtesies extended by the Grand Lodge of Texas to Vicki & me. I appreciate the support of all Masons of Texas for our Eastern Star Fraternity.

EXCHANGE VISITS

The Texas-Arkansas and Texas-Louisiana exchanges presented opportunities to share in fellowship and ideas with our Eastern Star counterparts. This year was no different. Vicki and I attended both the Arkansas and Louisiana exchanges while enjoying the fellowship and courtesies of both.

“GOOD SHEPHERD’S MARCH”

Sister Gladys Bruce Cox, a dear friend and a member of Texas City Chapter 626, lovingly agreed to compose the “Good Shepherd’s March” for my year as Worthy Grand Patron. She incorporated my favorite gospel and patriotic hymns into a march that reflected her love for music, her love for our country and her love for the Order of the Eastern Star.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

At a breakfast held during Grand Chapter last year Sister Donna Pope and the Executive Committee for 2008-2009 presented me with a beautiful Square and Compasses set. This presentation and their hard work towards our Grand Chapter session is greatly appreciated. During my travels this year at the Schools of Instruction and other special occasions I was presented with Proclamations, Flags, Keys to Cities and other special recognitions. These were all appreciated and will be forever cherished. Commemorating our Date of Grand Chapter Installation I was presented with an American Flag that was

flown over the Capitol of the United States and accompanied by a letter from our Congressman Ron Paul. Another United States Flag was flown over the United States Capital on January 24, 2009 and a letter from Congressman Chet Edwards was presented. As always Texas patriotism is special and a Texas Flag was presented that was flown over the Texas Capital on August 30, recognizing our Installation and was accompanied by a letter from Governor Rick Perry. I was presented with two Shepherd's Staffs during this year, one from Dixie Wetzel of District 2 and one from Sharon and Gary Mosmeyer of District 4. The shepherd's staff was my chosen emblem for this year of service. A beautiful bible marker was made by my friend Sister Iris Lowe for use at our Chapter's Fraternal visit and will also be used at the Grand Chapter Session. The Bible Marker holds the Shepherd and the Staff, my emblem and is greatly appreciated. A special friend Russell Harper and long time member of Friendswood Chapter of District 4, Section 10 made a beautiful gavel for my use at our Grand Chapter Session. Thanks go to Brother Russell for sharing his wood working talents. Many other wonderful gifts were presented throughout the year such as golf balls, my collectable knives, a Texas clock and Louisiana clock and finally a lovely stained glass of the Masonic Emblem from Sharon and Harold Cobb of District 4.

THE GRAND SECRETARY, GRAND TREASURER AND STAFF OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE

Words cannot describe my appreciation for all of the hard work and support of our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer along with the staff of the Grand Chapter Office. They have met the needs of this membership and have supported my endeavors as Worthy Grand Patron. Thanks for all that you do.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The financial needs and benevolent responsibilities of this Grand Chapter require the utmost diligence of our Board of Directors. I thank each of you for your unselfish service in the performance of your duties in the service to our membership.

PERSONAL PAGES AND SECRETARIES

It has been my honor this year to appoint special Sisters and Brothers to assist me with my needs as Worthy Grand Patron. I will be indebted to these individuals for their years of service to me and to the Order of the Eastern Star.

TO MY FAMILY

Serving as Worthy Grand Patron has been an honor for me, which could not have been possible without the love, support and sacrifice of my family. Ehren and his wife Tricia, Carl and his wife Kattie and my grandchildren Colin and Emma have kept me in their hearts through the travels and other trying times associated with the service of this office. Thank you for your love and understanding and someday life will return to normal for us all.

TO GRAND ESTHER

I love you, Vicki. You have worked hard on your job, maintained our household, traveled with me and stood by my side when nobody else would have. The love that you have given me goes far beyond what I ever deserved. No man can be any luckier than I am to have a wife like you. Thank you for all that you have done for me; you have been the rock of our family. You sacrificed your aspirations in Eastern Star so that I could serve as Worthy Grand Patron and for that, I will be forever grateful. The “Crown and Scepter” of your office truly reflects the loyalty that you have given to me, to your family and to our Order. Thank you and I love you.

TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Whoever said “you can choose your friends but you can’t choose your family” was wrong. It is impossible to say thank you enough to Sister Joyce for choosing me to accompany her in the service of our membership. Since we started, our families have grown in number and in love. Your love for our Order and your dedication to our membership is clearly evident in your personal life and in your travels throughout Texas. The Nicklas’ will forever hold a special place in the hearts of me and my family.

CONCLUSION

Our installation last August was the beginning of one of the most memorable years in my life. No matter where my journeys took me in Texas the membership opened their arms and their hearts to Vicki and me. Your love and generosity will be appreciated long after this year of service is completed.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Ray Hertenberger
Worthy Grand Patron
2008 - 2009

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

My preliminary report had to be submitted to the Grand Secretary for the printing of the advanced proceedings. I now submit this additional information.

After May 15th, the year continued to be busy. I attended four fraternal visits, the Worthy Grand Matron’s and Worthy Grand Patron’s Round-Up, Rainbow Grand Assembly and the Eight State Exchange just to name a few of the events leading up to the 127th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

At the fraternal visits I was honored to bring greetings to the membership and enjoy fellowship with my Sisters and Brothers. I received love gifts and other presentations that I appreciate and will be forever grateful.

The last weekend of May we were warmly received in Austin for the Worthy Grand Matron’s and Worthy Grand Patron’s Round-Up. Our fun theme “Mickey Mouse” filled the air and filled our hearts.

The month of June rings with Installation of Officers in our sub-ordinate chapters. I

attended 4 installations and participated in three which includes Texas City Chapter where I was installed as Worthy Patron.

One of the most rewarding functions in our chapters is that of initiating new members. Since May I have participated in three initiations including a special initiation in Mineral Wells which is the home chapter of our Worthy Grand Matron.

Timing got real close the last weekend of June with both Eight State Exchange and Rainbow Grand Assembly scheduled on the same weekend. The Worthy Grand Matron and I attended the fun night at Grand Assembly and received our Grand Cross of Colors the next day. We made a flying trip to the airport then caught a flight to San Antonio for the Eight State Exchange. I want to thank our chairman and Eight State Committee for showing our guests true Texas hospitality and fellowship.

July was featured by the Associate Grand Matron's and Associate Grand Patron's Round-Up in Waco and our last 100th Anniversary celebration which was for Woodville Chapter.

Wow, here we are at the 127th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I know first-hand what it takes to put on a Grand Chapter session. It is impossible for me to put into words my appreciation to the members of the Executive Committee and the Arrangements Committee for the hard work and long hours in making this a very special time for the Grand Chapter of Texas.

This year of service would not have been possible without the love and prayers of our Worthy Grand Matron Joyce Nicklas. I think you for being my friend and now part of my family. Behind every successful man stands a woman who is there through thick and thin and who makes daily sacrifices through her love. I thank you Vicki for being the love of my life and for being by my side. To my sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren, I love you and I'll be home soon.

Ray Hertenberger
Worthy Grand Patron 2008-2009

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I make a motion to adopt the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt this report from the Worthy Grand Patron. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

I now call for the report of our Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

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 I approach my seventh year in this position and I reflect back on all the advances that have been made in the Grand Chapter office in past years. I feel truly blessed to have had such a competent staff as well as a very supportive membership. But my Sister and Brothers we are not through yet. As we move more into the electronic age, more things will be implemented to cut cost and improve on the services we provide for you the membership. We are here to serve you.

It is with much pleasure I introduce to you the competent staff in the Grand Chapter Office. Tava Smith, Receptionist, Bulletin Ads, Fifty Year Memberships, Donna Kirkpatrick, Supplies, Bulletin and Printing, Charlotte Beall, Membership, Annual Reports and Marlene Scholari, Bookkeeper, and Computer Tech. I wish to thank each of you for your hearth felt dedication to this Membership.

The Board of Directors voted, after bids were solicited, to hire the Audit firm of Ratliff & Sommerville, P.C.. The Audit was done and the firm reported all records were in good order.

All reports on the IRS form 990 for Subordinate Chapters were electronically filed by the Grand Chapter office as required and will be filed in the same manner this year. It will not be necessary for the Chapter to send any paper work to the office as it can be done without it.

A new Grand Chapter Vendor and a Sub-Contractor contract have been put in place with a Hold Harmless Clause to protect Grand Chapter. These must be signed by all Vendors and Sub-Contractors by the Sunday preceding the beginning of the Grand Chapter Session.

The scanning of the records in the Grand Chapter office has been completed and they are being processed. This will be an on going process as we continue to scan any future documents, thus eliminating storage problems.

In compliance with Article 68: Printed Reports

The following Legal Actions for 2008-2009 pertaining to Assets are:

1. Wanda Brown Property
811 Clairemont
Ft. Worth, TX 76102

Was acquired Sept. 1, 2006 upon Mrs. Brown moving into TMRC on a complete turn over. The property was sold to George and Marilyn Jenkins July 13, 2007 for \$20,000.00 with \$10,000.00 down. Property was paid off on September 1, 2008 and a release of Lien was given to the Jenkins.

2. Oil and Gas Lease
Property Description: S/2 N/2 SE/4 & S/2 SE/4 SE/4 & N/2 N/2 SE/4 SE/4 Section 27, Township 13 North, Rande 02 West containing 40 Acres, more or less.
3/16 th of the gross proceeds
Leased to:
United Land Company
6801 N. Boradway, Suite 105
Oklahoma City, OK 73116
Lease signed September 17, 2008 for 3 years or Production

The Second Annual Workshop was held in the Chapel at TMRC with 134 registered. The surveys that were returned were very encouraging and showed a dedication of those present to learn and to do their very best. I want to thank each of you who attended. We plan to hold another one sometime next year.

It has been my pleasure to help our Residents at TMRC by keeping their files up to date and staying in touch with them regularly. Care Plan meetings are scheduled regularly for those who are in the Clinic. Sister Lorraine Williams, Liaison to TMRC from the

Board of Directors and I are in attendance to receive the up dated reports on their care.

It was my pleasure to attend the Constituting of TMRC – Daylight Chapter No.1145, the Cornerstone laying at TMRC, Masonic Family Weekend, Purposes and Policies Committee meeting, eight Board of Director meetings, five Corporate Board meetings, Spring Fling at TMRC, TMRC Board honor banquet, Six schools, four Roundups, Multi State in San Antonio, Board of Directors retirement banquet and many chapter meetings.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger: It has been such a joy serving with you this past year and I sincerely hope all your dreams have come true. May Gods blessings always be with you and yours.

To Sister Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer: Words cannot express how much you mean to me. My heart is sad as you retire from this job for I know how much I will miss you. You have left some big shoes to fill by those who follow you. Your dedication and love for the membership and this beautiful order is beyond any words I could write. I just want to say “A job well done my true and faithful friend.” I love you.

To the Board of Directors: The challenges have been many but you have persevered. I cannot thank you enough for all your support and encouragement as we have worked together to take care of this Grand Chapter. To those of you who are moving on: God Speed! As I know all of you will not be retiring but taking on other challenges. I look forward to working with you in what ever direction God takes you.

To the office staff: Please know how much I appreciate you for your dedication and love for this membership and the way you accept any challenge. You make me smile.

To Lynn Kearney: Thank you for all your many hours of volunteer service. Please know how much I appreciate all you do for our Order.

To George: Thank you my dear one for all your support, love and patience. You light up my life.

To the membership: Please continue to lift each other up with encouraging words and most of all in your prayers. Always remember you are the best.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move 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

MEMBERSHIP

May 31, 2008 **37,125**

INCREASE:

Initiated 735
Affiliated 677
Reinstated 243

TOTAL: **1,655**

DECREASE:

Demits 564
Withdrawn 89

Expelled	5
Transferred	107
Suspended	12,122
Deaths	<u>1,523</u>

TOTAL: 3,410

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON MAY 31, 2009 35,370

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP SINCE 2008 1,755

Exempt from Dues and Per Capita Tax - 150 members residing at TMRC

Exempt from Dues and Per Capita Tax - 289 50 year members.

TOTAL EXEMPT: 439

DUAL MEMBERS: 1,631

80 Chapters reported a gain in membership

25 Chapters reported the same in membership

300 Chapters reported a loss in membership

405 **TOTAL CHAPTERS**

Demised Chapters

Paint Rock No. 391

North Shore No. 1058

Floyd Easterling No. 1074

Lindale No. 864

Chapter Consolidations

Shamrock No. 384 with Pampa No. 65

Tennessee Colony No. 102 with Palestine No. 395

Happy No. 562 with Canyon City No. 105

Lamesa No. 363 with Big Springs No. 67

Bronson No. 337 with Hemphill No. 375

Valley Hi No. 1104 with Adah No. 49

Emory No. 1120 with Quinlan No. 170

Navasota No. 309 with Waller No. 1047

Mission No. 527 with Edinberg No. 473

Constituted Chapter

TMRC–Daylight No. 1145

Reports turned in after June 8, 2009

Devine Chapter No. 43

Brock Chapter No. 274

Alamo Heights Chapter No. 734

Sweeney Chapter No. 873

50 YEAR MEMBERS

SAN ANTONIO-RADIANT 3

MRS. COMMIE RUTH WALKER

WACO 7

MRS. MARTHA A BELCHER

ALVIN 15

MRS. RUBY WHITE

BOWIE 16

MRS. JOYCE CORPENING

RUTH 20

MRS. ELGIE WOOD

MRS. MELDRED L. BOLDEN

WEATHERFORD 21

MRS. VERNELL HUTCHESON

MRS. JOY ANN LYNN

ABILENE 30

MRS. FRANCES ARRINGYON

MRS. BILLIE JEAN BLACKBURN

MRS. GAYLE A STARK

MRS. BILLIE I. WALDEN

VASHTI 32

MRS. HELEN L. SANDERFORD

DEVINE 43

MRS. BETTY JO MITCHELL

MRS. CATHARINE FAY MURDOCK

MRS. ARLENE WILLIAMS

THORNTON 46

TRAVIS ARNEY

ALICE 61

MRS. ALBERTA RUSH

PAMPA 65

MRS. GENEVA BARTON

MRS. ROBBIE JEAN LYNCH

MRS. CHRISTINE UNDERWOOD

MATADOR 66

MRS. MARGIE PAYNE

BIG SPRING 67

MRS. EHTEL GUTHRIE

BEAUMONT 71

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH GILLIT

SOUR LAKE 75

MRS. ELIZABETH JORDAN

LUBBOCK 76

MRS. FLORA L. McKINZIE

RUSK/ALTO 79

MRS. ELIZABETH KINSEL SPIVEY

EDGAR BANKS

PETROLIA 84

WILLIAM S DENNIS

MRS. JEAN (IRENE) BUSHNELL

CURTIS BUSHNELL

JOHN RICHARD GILL

MRS. SHIRLEY GILL

NORMANGEE 87

MRS. EVELYN McPHERSON

BELLE MOON 90

MRS. EVELYN MASSEY

MRS. YVONNE HARPOLE

MRS. LINDA HACKLER

MRS. MARGARET JONES

CHILDRESS 101

MRS. DOROTHY PARKER

MART 109

MRS. DOROTHY HEFLIN

MRS. MARY ETTA HOWE

MRS. ONITA WAYLAND

CORSICANA 118

MRS. PATRICIA WELKENER

MRS. SHIRLEY ANN GILLIAM

MRS. JUDITH ANN PARRISH

MRS. BARBARA JEAN BAHRT

PLEASANTON 133

MRS. ENID SWARTZMAN

RANSFORD 135

MRS. EVA NELL BLALOCK

MRS. MARTHA JOHNSON

MRS. KENNEDY LEONA

MRS. VELMA MEIER

MRS. MARY E MILUM

MRS. GERALDINE NASCHKE

MRS. BEVERLY VARNARDO

ATLANTA 151

MRS. MARGIE RUTH BENNA

DELTON I WASHINGTON

VIOLET 158

MRS. FRANCES DRAGOO

MRS. IMOGENE CHAPMAN

MRS. MARY K. SELBY

WINNIE 160

MRS. HELEN LEE BRASHER

SPUR 164

MRS. RUTH SPRADLING

QUINLAN 170

MRS. ANN DAVIS

MRS. WILMA LYDELL JONES

HOWARD I M KING

ATHENS 177

MRS. BEA MURPHREE

CARPENTERS 183

MRS. CATHARINE RUSSELL

MRS. ALICE B. WILLIS

TRINITY 186

MRS. MAY S. DIXON

ROBERT LEE 187

MRS. BILLIE JEAN CLARK

JAMES CLARK

MRS. MARLENA TERRY

MRS. BETTY F GOODMAN

LEONARD LEVERINGTON

NOAH PRUITT

MRS. DOLORES ROE

MRS. GAYLE SAWYER

HADASSAH 188

MRS. RUBY SAWYER

MADISONVILLE 193

MRS. LINNIE STONE

BOERNE 200

MRS. VERA MERCHANT

DEL RIO 204

MRS. GLADYS SMITH

BORDER 211

MRS. PATSY HEJL

MRS. KAY PRATHER

MRS. HOY(HORTENSE) GATLIN

MRS. MARY C POWELL

MRS. ROBBIE PYNES

ORANGE 214

MRS. KATHLEEN DUBOSE

MRS. ALICE MARIE BUSBY

MRS. ANNABEL WHEATLEY

GRAND PRAIRIE 219

MRS. THERESA ELLA BRASWELL

MRS. LENA McCAIG

VELASCO 220

MRS. DOROTHY CARROLL

DAN LUNDSFORD

MONTGOMERY 228

MRS. GLADYS CAMPBELL WYATT

FORT STOCKTON 230

MRS. MRYTLE CAMPBELL

WICHITA FALLS 237

MRS. HELEN JOHNSTON

SULPHUR BLUFF 246

MRS. WYNELL ANDERSON

ARLINGTON 249

CHARLES CHUCK SEETS

MRS. DOROTHY HILDEBRAND

MRS. JUANITA PAYNE

MRS. NANNIE J. WOLCOTT

MRS. GENEVA SHETTER

MRS. JOYCE WARREN

MRS. BETTY HAMILTON

AVERY 252

MRS. LORENE ESTES

JASPER 291

MRS. CORINNE BALDWIN

HENRY A RALPH

LAMPASAS 295

DAYTON CARPENTER

MRS. GLYNDA CARPENTER

MRS. ALTA MAE EDWARDS

JOHN GAIL EDWARDS

SILSBEE 298

MRS. JACKIE ALLEN

MRS. LILLIE MCCAULEY

M. W. BUCKNER

FRANKLIN 311

MRS. MARY JO COOPER

MRS. REBECCA NICKELSON

MRS. DOROTHY ELLIOTT BAKER

HEREFORD 312

MRS. OLIVE MASSIE

MRS. MARIE CLINE

SPURGER 315

MRS. MARY JO CALLAWAY

LYTLE 335

MRS. MYRTA FLAYE THOMPSON

MRS. EMMA JANE EDWARDS

VESTER L NEAL

CENTER 348

MRS. ALMA REE WARREN

MARSHALL 356

MRS. LUCILLE DAMERON

MRS. WANDA YATES

WILLS POINT 366

MRS. EDDIE BLACK

PORT LAVACA 373

LESTER SPILLER

TEMPLAR 374

FRED CHAMBERS

ROBERT FAULK

MRS. SUE D SHOEMAKER

GONZALES 403

ALLIE SUE GOTTWALD

POLYTECHNIC 420

MRS. FLORENCE ALTA THOMPSON
MRS. JERRI STORY

TROUP 421

MRS. SANDRA DUCKETT
MRS. MAXWELL ANNE

BEEVILLE 422

MRS. GLADYS SPURLOCK

VERNON 424

BAXTER W. GENTRY

ROSENBERG 429

MRS. KATHERINE GARRETT
MRS. JUANITA JOINES
MRS. BERTHA NELL KELM
HUGO F. "LEY, JR."

ODESSA 447

MRS. CORINNE SMITH

CLEVELAND 465

MRS. ODESSA LEWIS

ROCKPORT 479

MRS. ANN McCRAW

KILLEEN 490

MRS. MARY E LOTT

JUNCTION 497

MRS. MARTHA WILSON

SPRINGTOWN 498

MRS. MARY BARGSLEY

FERRIS 508

MRS. GUSSIE HIGHT
MRS. VIRGIE STARR
MRS. MARY KILLOUGH
WAYNE M GADDIS
MRS. FANNIE MAE McKENZIE

CROCKETT 509

MRS. VERA POE
MRS. CAROLYN HARDINE
MRS. DELLA ELVIRA WETTA
MRS. MELVA HAMLIN
NOLAN HAMLIN
MRS. OLA MAE GARVEY

MCKINNEY 518

MRS. WANDA P. BROWN

MISSION 527

MRS. MAURINE DUNCAN NICKOLAUS

GRANBURY 530

MRS. ORENE MASSEY PRICE

MONAHANS 561

MRS. MARTHANA HUDSON
HORACE MILLER
MRS. EVA MITCHELL
WILLIAMS J. MITCHELL

HAPPY 562

MRS. JOYCE RAILSBACK

LINDEN 576

MARVIN PARVINO

TAYLOR 578

MRS. MARY ANN PARKER

WAXAHACHIE 599

MRS. BILLIEQ ANN FULLER
MRS. JOYCE STEVENSON

CREEDMOOR 607

MRS. PATSY HEJL
MRS. KAY PRATHER
MRS. RUTH FORD

BELLVILLE 611

MRS. MARILYN FAYE PFEFFER

BEXAR 616

MRS. DOROTHY D BECKER
MRS. FRANCES JANE HUNTER

HANDLEY 617

MRS. SHEILA TAYLOR
MRS. CHRISTINE TIPTON
MRS. GLADYS LEWIS

TEXAS CITY 626

MRS. BETTY GALBRAITH
MYRON PERRY

JEFFERSON 627

MRS. NORMA YOUNG
MRS. MARIE SCUDDAY

CORRIGAN 631

MRS. MINNIE HARGRAVE

HARLINGEN 641

MRS. DOLORES BROTZMAN
MRS. ANGILEE J. HAWLEY
MRS. MARILYN FORTENBERRY

ROYSE CITY 642

MRS. GLENDA SUE SMITH

BANDERA 643

MRS. DORIS JEAN WATTS

DUMAS 653

MRS. ROWENA BOWERMAN
MRS. KATHARINE LAW
MRS. RUBY VIRGINIA SMITH
MRS. RUBY P. CUMMINGS

CANTON 667

MRS. BARBARA E KIRKLAND

GRAHAM 668

MRS. ADA MCCARTY

NORTH FORT WORTH 684

MRS. IRIS ANN FULLER

MRS. CLARA INEZ KRIVANEK

MRS. LUCIA W. TRAMMELL

FARMERS BRANCH 687

MRS. JUDITH BULL

A. LEON WHITE

MILBURN GRAVELY

ALBERT E. WILLIAMS

MRS. NINA E. WILLIAMS

DE LEON 693

MRS. BILLIE BUTLER

QUITMAN 695

MRS. HELEN ARNOLD

MRS. DOROTHY YARBROUGH

NEW BOSTON 700

MRS. REBA M GRIDER

PLANO 703

MRS. ESTHER LORENE

COLLINSWORTH

MRS. ALICE DUNAWAY

MRS. GEORGIA G. HUGHES

WEST COLUMBIA 705

MRS. LORRAINE VAUGHT

MAGNOLIA 706

FRED E. MCKELVEY

MRS. DIAN F. CLECKLEY LEWIS

W.G. CHILDERS, JR.

MRS. SANDRA JEAN BOATMAN

H. VICTOR DENTON

CONROE 710

MRS. GWEN SMITH

PASADENA 711

MRS. WILMA McCLAIN

LIFUS A CLARK

FAITH 713

MRS. BILLIE IRENE TIMS

RICHARD L TIMS

MRS. RUBY ELLIOTT BICKNELL

PARK PLACE 731

MRS. JEANE COTTRELL

MRS. REBA SPRIGHTS

MRS. EUGENIA SPIVEY

WEDGWOOD 756

MRS. BURKIE THORNTON

MRS. WILMA FINK

MRS. CHARLEEN TOMEY

HILLSBORO 769

MRS. GLORIA SHAFFER

WAYNE C. SHAFFER

NEW BRAUNFELS 771

MRS. MARIE CATHERINE LONG

BROWNFIELD 785

MRS. FRANCES CROSS

HARVEY KNIGHT

AMARILLO 787

MRS. JANE BUMPUS AUSTIN

CHRLHILL DELTA FLORA 794

JAMES R. EDWARDS

LEVELLAND 797

MRS. ALICE SHELTON

BORGER 811

MRS. NINA HENDRICKS

MRS. GENEVA HOWARD

CRESCENT 820

MRS. WANDA REESE

MRS. MARY ANN FIEDLER

MRS. ANN LINDGREN

MRS. HELEN ROUTZONG

MABANK 821

MRS. DORTHY HYDE

MRS. JANNA SCOTT

CONCHO 826

ERVIN J. RIPPLE

MRS. ALTA SWAFFORD

RIVERSIDE 834

MRS. JUANELL EARL

SOUTH FORT WORTH 835

MRS. VERNE MOILANEN

MRS. JOHNNIE OLIVER

BONHAM 852

MRS. VICKI ELLIS

SEMINOLE 855

MRS. JO ANN BRIDGES

MRS. RUBY EVERETT

MRS. ELIZABETH HATFIELD

MRS. CHARLENE HICKS

JOHN L. DEGRAZIER 881

MRS. SUE PUSKARICJ

JOAQUIN 903

MRS. MARY PEARL EDWARDS

DAINGERFIELD 906

MRS. EVA ALEXANDER

SCHERTZ 911

MRS. OTIE JO BOYD
 MRS. CLAUDINE M BURGESS
 PAUL CARR
 MRS. MARGARET ANN ENGLERT
 MRS. GRACE O. HALLUM
 MRS. FLORENCE K. MOSS
 MRS. EDNA H. RIBBLE
 MRS. BILLIE M SCHMIDT
 MRS. EDITH SOWELL

VIDOR 914

MRS. EDNA G. JORDAN
 MRS. VELIDA ELLIS OZMENT
 MRS. WILHELMINA WYLIE
 MRS. MARGIE MORRIS
 MRS. MERLINE WILLETTE
 EARL R CHURCH

SOUTH HOUSTON 915

MRS. ALVERN STANLEY

MELROSE 920

MRS. CAROYLN COOK
 MRS. RUBY DUFFEY
 MRS. WILLIE SUE JOHNSON
 MRS. LANELLE JOHNSTON
 MRS. FRANCES MYERS
 MRS. PAT TOMPKINS
 MRS. ROBIN M GLYNDA

WALTER BALDWIN 929

MRS. DORIS LEE JONES

LEWISVILLE 935

MRS. DOROTHY ATKINS
 MRS. BETTY MORRIS

LANCASTER 943

MRS. SUE PERDUE
 MRS. FRANCES DRY
 ALBERT PUTMAN

MIKE THOMAS-OAKCLIFF 951

MRS. FRANCES CLARK

GROVES PORT ARTHUR 953

MRS. HARRIET JANE KING
 MRS. RACHEL ANN McCOLLUM

EDWIN J. KIEST 959

MRS. ROBBIE NUTT
 MRS. THEDA F. LAWLER
 MRS. ANNIE McSWEENEY

BUNA 968

MRS. RUBY ANDERSON
 MRS. SYBIL PEVETO
 MRS. FLORA JEAN SEAMAN
 MRS. MELBA BROWN

BULLARD 972

MRS. EDITH KUNZMAN
 MRS. BETTY M. JONES

LA MARQUE 979

MRS. EDILEE ZAHRADNIK
 MRS. PHILLIS SUE WILSON
 MRS. CAROLE SUE ENGSTROM
 MRS. NORMA F BYOUS

HALTON CITY 982

MRS. LOU SIMS

A.E. SHIRLEY 986

MRS. ESTHER BURGESS
 DEAN CLEERE
 MRS. MAXINE QUICK

GARDEN OAKS 987

MRS. LILY LOCKE

RULE 989

MRS. ANITA BALDREE DOSIER

YSLETA 991

MRS. ANNABELLE JOHNSON
 MRS. MARILYN C. RAGO
 MRS. BETTY K. WATKINS
 MRS. BONNIE VARNELL
 MRS. IMOGENE JONES
 MRS. KATHERINE F. BYERS
 MRS. FRANCES GRAY

RIDGLEA 999

MRS. OLA MAE FINLEY
 MRS. MARY ANN MOSS
 MRS. BIRDIE JO DEAVER
 MRS. MARY HELEN GARRISON
 MRS. MARY ANN GIBSON
 MRS. BETTY JANE HARLAND

GATESVILLE 1005

MRS. BONALYN HERRINGTON
 MRS. BETH HENSON
 MRS. BETSY INABET
 MRS. WILMA B TENNISON

DUNCANVILLE 1014

MRS. FRANCES SCOTT CASON
 MRS. EDITH DILLARD
 MRS. EMMA JANE SCOTT
 MRS. BETTY LOU SALAS
 MRS. NANCY ANN RAMSEY
 JAMES A GIBBONS

FRANK W. LYNN 1015

MRS. JEANNINE FOSTER

CASTLEBERRY 1028

MRS. DOROTHY B. BERRY
MRS. DENEICE LAUGHLIN
MRS. JUANELL RADFORD
CHARLES R. SULLIVAN
MRS. EDITH GROOMER

INDEPENDENCE 1044

MRS. JUNE BRUNSON
MRS. LORETTA LEONARD
MRS. BETTYE NICHOLS

DEPORT 1045

MRS. EDNA LEE
MRS. YUBA LEE SPARKS

WALLER 1047

DOYLE SITTON
MRS. KATHLEEN McLAUGHLIN
MRS. JEAN DABNEY
MRS. TERESA GLASCO
MRS. SHIRLEY RUSS

NORTH SHORE 1058

MRS. OPAL CHAPMAN
ERCEL FOWLER
MRS. FRANCES FOWLER

NEDERLAND 1079

MRS. KATHERINE WELCH
MRS. MARY GRACEDEL

ALMEDA 1081

MRS. JUDITH ANN EWING

LONE STAR 1083

MRS. NANCY WHITE REESE
MRS. OPAL VAUGHN

ALDINE 1088

MRS. PATRICIA COOPER

ARCHIVES 1095

ROY A SKEEN
MRS. JEAN CRAWFORD

CYPRESS 1102

MRS. GLYNDA FAY BELL
MRS. BETTY J. McCARL

ZAPATA 1106

MRS. ADELA RAMIREZ

PORTLAND 1108

MRS. DOROTHY JEAN LUCE
MRS. NELDA HARRISON
D.E. SHINN

LAKE WORTH 1109

MRS. THELMA SMITH
MRS. MARYLYN DANIEL

GUN BARREL CITY 1114

MRS. MARY LEE McCLURE

KINGSLAND 1118

MRS. THELMA L. SMITH

TMRC DAY LIGHT 1145

MRS. MARIE SEETS

GRAND DEMITS ISSUED

Paint Rock Chapter No. 391

8/25/2009

Mrs. Beatrice B. Crunk, PM
Mrs. Pauline L. Hadley, PM
Mrs. Della Hartgrove
Mrs. Ruth Houston, PM
Stephen Houston, PP
Mrs. Cheryl H. Kennedy
Mrs. Kelly Kennedy
Mrs. Elaine Reno
Mrs. Estiline Robertson, PM
Mrs. Josephine Rodriguez
John N. Rodriguez, PP

North Shore Chapter No. 1058

3/17/2009

Mrs. Reba Anderson
Mrs. Emma Bissonette
Mrs. Melba Bozant, PM
Mrs. Carolyn Brown
Mrs. Sarah Buckey
Mrs. Opal Chapman
Mrs. Brandi Coker
Mrs. Barbara Collins
Bobby R. Crow
Mrs. Mary Alice Crow
Mrs. Mazine Cunningha
Mrs. Dorothy Custer
John E. Darland
Mrs. Verna M. Davis
Mrs. Ruth Delvige, PM
Mrs. Margaret Downing
Mrs. Julia Eberhardt-Mize, PM
Mrs Daphne Essl, PM
Alvie Estes, Jr.
Mrs. Ann Estes
Mrs. Lela Eubanks
Mrs. Sherri Faughtenbery
Ercel Fowler
Mrs. Frances Fowler
Mrs. Judy Fowler
Mrs. Beulah Gandy
Mrs. Vicki Graeff
Mrs. Addie Hampton
Mrs. Marialice Hampton
Austin Taylor Harrell, PP
Mrs. H. Earline Harrell, PM

Mrs. Judy Harrison
Mrs. Barbara Hatch
Mrs. Helen M. Heard
Mrs. Louise Heard
Ronald D. Heard
Robert H. Hicks, PP
Gerald C. Hilbun
Mrs. Patsy Hilbun
Mrs. Mary E. Hill
Mrs. Alma Laura Howard
Mrs. Mary F. Howard
Martin Gene Humphrey
Mrs. Aline Kidwell
Mrs. Betty Jo Kindred
Mrs. Carolyn LaCaze
Mrs. Darlett Lenker, PM
Mrs. Joan Manuel
Miss Carla A. Martin
Mrs. Laneda McGinty
Mrs. Jeanie Mullens
Mrs. Norma Norman
Mrs. Mary Jo Olbrych
Mrs. Max Dean Irr, PM
Mrs. Geneva C. Parker
Mrs Jennifer Parker
John Parker
Mrs. Charlotte Pierce, PM
Earl R. Richardson
Mrs. Lucille B. Richardson
Mrs. Dorothy Risenhoover
Mrs. Reba Roberts
Mrs. Sherry Schoubrock
Albert L. Shafer
Mrs. Kimberly Shibley
Rommel Joseph Shibley
Mrs. Linda Singleton
Mrs. China Smith
Mrs. Kathleen Stark
Mrs. Kay Swann, PM
M.R. Thomas, PP
Mrs. Vivian M. Thomas, PM
Mrs. Donna L. Toal
Mrs. Edythe Tompson
Mrs. Betty Trevathan
Mrs. Linda Ward
Mrs. D. Fern Wright

GRAND DEMITS CONTINUED

Floyd Easterling Chapter No. 1074

4/13/2009

Mrs. Ruth Amos, PM
Mrs. Doris Archer
Mrs. Kathrine Brown
Mrs. Polly Bryant
Mrs. Gwen Burns
Mrs. Linda Christopher
William Crothers
Mrs. Paige Derington
Mrs. Donna Smith Derrick
Mrs. Lela Duke, PM
Mrs. Tammy Duke
Mrs. Leslie Gilliam
Nathan Harding
Mrs. Patty Hisaw, PM
Mrs. Galen Honea, PM
Homer Honea, PP
Mrs. Candace Horton
Mrs. Vera Itz
Mrs. Ashley Llanez
Mrs. Pauline Loving
Mrs. Vianna Lonving

Mrs. Hazel Mauldin
Mrs. Kim McClure
Mrs. Wanda McDonald
Mrs. Tracie Murray, PM
J.C. Presfield
Mrs. Beryl Ragsdale, PM
Glen Ragsdale, PP
Mrs. Ashley Sears
Mrs. Kim Sears
Arnold Slack, PP
Mrs. Erma Gean Slack, PM
William Stallard
Zeta Mildred Stallard
Mrs. Brittany Underwood
Mrs. Elsie Underwood
Frank Underwood
Olga Wallace
Weldon Watkins, PP
Mrs. Glenda Williams, PM
Lester Williams, PP
Mrs. Dorothy Harris
Norman Witcher
Mrs. Kay Witcher

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: Do I have a second?

Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the report of the Grand Secretary. It has been moved and seconded that we accept the report. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

GRAND SECRETARY: May I make an announcement? If you are a chapter secretary or chapter representative, please go to the table in the far back where the supplies are, back to my left, and pick up your packet, Proceedings and Directory. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Nell. I now call for the report of the Grand Treasurer, Sister Betty Prater.

GRAND TREASURER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, if you'd like to follow along with me as I give this report, it begins on page 36 of the Advance Report.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER 2008-2009

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:

It is from the depths of a very grateful heart that I express my appreciation to you, the fine membership of Texas, for electing me to this place of service for all these years. Thank you for the faith and confidence you placed in me and for the words of love and encouragement. I hope that I have not disappointed you in any way.

I'm especially grateful to each of you for your many expressions of sympathy, love, and comfort in the loss of my beloved Don last August.

To Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your fine leadership this year. You have been an inspiration to the entire membership with your positive attitude and your untiring efforts, both of which have motivated and excited the members. Your service, your love of the Order, the many kindnesses, and the support you have extended to me are deeply appreciated.

To Sister Bess Caldwell and Brother Bill Wyatt, who will become our leaders in just a matter of hours, my prayers are with you as you assume your leadership roles. May all of your goals be accomplished and may all of your dreams be realized.

To Sister Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary, thank you for the many courtesies and kindnesses you have shown the office of Grand Treasurer over the years. I wish you continued success as you fill this important office in Grand Chapter. To the office staff, Donna, Marlene, Charlotte, and Tava, my sincere thanks for the assistance you give me constantly and for your continued service to Grand Chapter. Thank you, too, Lynn, for your cheerful attitude and for the many volunteer hours you give.

To the various Board Members with whom I have served these ten years, my sincere appreciation for your untiring efforts and your dedicated service to our Order. Each year has been a challenge as you faced unforeseen problems; yet you met each one with confidence and carried out the responsibilities of your positions admirably.

To those who have served as my Grand Pages over these years, I am eternally grateful. As you performed your duties behind the scenes, you made my job so much easier.

Your time, your faithfulness, and your dedication to our Order have been a source of pride to me. I'll always remember the many happy times we've spent together.

To my chapter, Edwin J Kiest No. 959, my deep gratitude for the love and support you have shown to me over the years. Your words of encouragement have inspired me to always be honest and forthright and to serve Grand Chapter to the best of my ability.

In addition to fulfilling the responsibilities of the office of Grand Treasurer, I attended all but one meeting of the Board of Directors; all meetings of the Corporate Board; a Purposes and Policies Committee meeting; all Grand Line Officers' banquets except one; participated in the Secretary/Treasurer Workshop in Arlington; attended Spring Fling; the Masonic Family Week-end at TMRC; the TMRC Event; 11 schools of Instruction; 5 Fraternal Visits; a banquet honoring the TMRC Board Members; a banquet honoring the two retiring OES Board Members; attended the "hangings" of Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matron; and John Creel, Past Grand Patron; filled my station for the Constituting of TMRC Daylight Chapter; was installed as Grand Treasurer on that day; and have attended many Chapter meetings throughout the State.

A summary of Grand Chapter's financial status for September 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 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, 2009**

Certificates Issued	Date	Number Issued	Principal Amount
1 - 4,520	Nov. 1, 1987 thru Aug. 31, 2007	4,520	\$ 2,260,000
4521 - 4,832	Sep. 1, 2007 thru Aug. 31, 2009	312	156,000
4,833 - 5,087	Sep. 1, 2008 thru May 31, 2009	255	127,500
TOTAL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS		5,087	\$ 2,543,500

Total Endowed Memberships - 5,087 @ \$500.00 = \$ 2,543,500

Note: The Chapters received \$3.31 for each eligible Endowed Member

In accordance with the Code of Laws, Art. 204,(4),(b), page 149, interest in the amount of \$102.61 was credited to the General Fund for the following Endowed Memberships:

Vera A. (Gardner) Biggs	Helen W. Henson	Debra D. Morlock
W. J. Beaver	Lila D. Holt	Heather Morlock
Rita Joyce Bragg	Luella V. Johnson	Raymond D. Moreock
Barbara Brooks	Betty Jo Kindred	Hazel K. Nunn
Lois Carver	Wilyne Faye Laughlin	Lillie Ruth Regian
Charles E. Day	Margaret L. Lowell	Katherine Koym Seymour
In Memory of	Kimberly Morlock Martin	Christi Smith
Dorothy Deering	Sydney C. McMurray	Henry L. Smith
Ann Dodd	Robert B. McMurray	Lois Treadway
Blanca Fowler	Lorie Ware McCulloch	Linda Wentworth
Vernon M. Fowler		
Sandra Jean Gilbert		

**GENERAL FUND
OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT**

	Sep. 1, 2007 Apr. 30, 2008	Sep.1, 2008 Apr. 30, 2009
REVENUE		
Interest Gen Fund Holding	37,783.00	21,000.00
Endowment Interest	103,450.00	173,540.00
Endowment Interest Sub-Acct	100,000.00	67,564.00
Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Fun	57,860.00	30,000.00
General Fund Per Capita	119,064.00	110,964.00
Registration Fees	24,710.00	0.00
Session Misc. Income	13,400.00	28,578.00
Grand Chapter Sales	19,578.50	17,276.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	17,870.00	18,778.00
Bulletin Articles	18,330.00	22,746.00
Supplies/Postage/Shipping	3,035.00	4,400.00
GCC Supplies Sales	32,675.00	43,250.00
Administrative Revenue	0.00	6,000.00
Credit Card Conv Fee/Royalty	4,886.86	4,900.00
Misc.fees/CK./CCREB/Spec. Deisp	547.86	5,095.00
International Headquarters	3,265.00	684.00
Founders Day 100%	10,593.70	3,628.00
Gifts and Donations	1,951.20	0.00
General Fund Humanitarian	0.00	3,773.00
Interest Endowed Memberships	527.50	96.00
Other Misc. Receipts	2,561.83	2,450.00
TOTAL REVENUE	572,089.45	564,722.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grand Secretary Housing	4,800.00	5,600.00
TMRC Board/Directors Ret	50.00	350.00
Computer/Data Processing	430.00	375.00
Auto Acquisition	12,000.00	12,000.00
Copy Machine	4,000.00	4,800.00
Office Salaries	62,608.00	62,730.00
Grand Secretary's Salary	12,462.00	13,115.00
Grand Treasurer's Salary	2,917.00	4,000.00
GC Support Staff Housing	0.00	1,085.00
Vehicle-Fuel/Maintenance	5,720.00	3,600.00
Vehicle-License	150.00	150.00
Vehicle-Repairs	765.00	250.00
Worthy Grand Matron Expense	3,500.00	3,500.00
Worthy Grand Patron Expense	1,600.00	1,600.00
Assoc Grand Matron Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00

Assoc Grand Patron Expense	400.00	400.00
Assoc Grand Conductress Expense	400.00	400.00
Grand Secretary Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00
Grand Conductress Expense	400.00	400.00
Grand Treasurer Expense	600.00	600.00
Grand Master Expense Session	242.00	72.00
Official Reporter-GC	3,250.00	3,500.00
Advanced Reports	3,750.00	4,200.00
Ballots & Voting Cards	370.00	975.00
Installation Programs	500.00	100.00
Photos for Proceedings	500.00	1,200.00
Registration Forms/Postage/ Badges	1,500.00	300.00
Session & Memorial Programs	5,800.00	6,200.00
Review Office	19,690.00	0.00
The Session	750.00	750.00
Past Grand Matrons Jewel	750.00	0.00
Past Grand Patrons Jewel	450.00	0.00
Insurance-Directors Liability	4,200.00	6,400.00
Furnishings, Personel Prop./Umbrella	50,000.00	51,275.00
Insurance-Workmans Comp.	4,500.00	1,550.00
Audit/CPA	15,820.00	20,675.00
Legal Services	0.00	2,560.00
Office & Printing Supplies	9,900.00	3,025.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	960.00
Credit Card Fees	156.00	355.00
Security Services	250.00	250.00
Internet Service	955.00	850.00
Postage/Petty Cash	162.00	200.00
Postage- Bulletin Mailings	8,420.00	10,250.00
Postage Permit	175.00	180.00
Postage Meter Lease	1,800.00	1,650.00
Bulletins	36,225.00	36,950.00
Annual Proceedings-Printing	15,235.00	15,200.00
Printing Other	10,610.00	8,800.00
Janitorial Service	1,925.00	315.00
Office and Printing Supplies	6,900.00	1,250.00
Cost of Supplies/GC/GGC	52,600.00	44,600.00
Utilities- Electric	3,725.00	3,025.00
Utilities-Gas	530.00	365.00
Utilities-Telephone	2,380.00	2,325.00
Payroll Expense (Liability)	6,719.84	6,873.00
GGC Per Capita	39,365.00	37,499.00
International Headquarters		7,080.00
TOTAL DIBURSEMENTS	427,406.84	400,714.00

OES RETIREMENT FUND - 501C(3)

	Sep. 1, 2007 Apr. 30, 2008	Sep. 1, 2008 Apr. 30, 2009
REVENUE		
Per Capita Income	198,440.00	184,940.00
Endowment Interest 501c(8)	207,550.00	182,355.00
Interest	48,390.00	27,639.00
Oil & Gas Royalty	31,232.00	36,800.00
Bequests & Gifts	1,950.00	36,040.00
Home Member Receipts	18,645.00	5,050.00
Ladies Pensions	134,163.00	140,873.00
Humanitarian	5,200.00	4,860.00
TOTAL REVENUE	645,570.00	618,557.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Legal	350.00	150.00
Audit	4,000.00	4,000.00
Data Entry (Property)	3,655.00	0.00
Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	790.00	973.00
Liability Insurance	500.00	0.00
Investment Fees	17,850.00	603.00
Ladies' Residence Housing	112,070.00	98,711.00
Infirmary Housing	321,340.00	390,858.00
In-service/ 501c(3) Accounts Mgmt	0.00	6,000.00
Funeral Expenses	2,816.00	490.00
Allowance to Ladies @\$70.00	10,360.00	10,080.00
TMRC Resident Parties	806.38	122.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	474,537.38	511,987.00

BENEVOLENT AID

	Sep. 1, 2007 Apr. 30, 2008	Sep. 1, 2008 Apr. 30, 2009
INCOME		
Per capita	39,686.00	36,988.00
Interest	615.00	352.00
501C(8) Sub Account Interest	16,500.00	0.00
Humanitarian	1,945.79	23,672.00
TOTAL INCOME	58,746.79	61,012.00
EXPENSES		
Permanent Aid	46,300.00	40,000.00
Temporary Aid	22,400.00	8,000.00
Emergency Aid		14,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	68,700.00	62,500.00

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

	Int. Rate	Maturity	Amount
Guaranty Bank Fannie V. Ward	3.94%	9/3/09	\$ 37,500
Comerica Bank Helen M. Bramlett	3.93%	9/3/09	8,500
Comerica Bank Education Fund	3.93%	9/3/09	65,000
Chase Bank Available Funds	1.723%	5/26/09	33,580
Guaranty Bank Vehicle Acquisition Fund	3.947%	9/10/09	34,532
Brokered CDs (Eastern Star Home Funds)			
Morgan Stanley Bank	4.25%	10/29/10	50,000
Provident Bank	4.25%	10/29/10	49,000
Wells Fargo (Interest on CDs)			5,833

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES
J. P. MORGAN/CHASE**

	Apr. 30, 2008	April 30, 2009
General Fund	\$ 693,778	\$ 388,144
Worthy Grand Matron's Projects	142,903	92,823
Benevolent Aid	27,349	60,580
Education		882.51
Endowment Stamps	96,987	100,839
ESTARL		13,866
Property Sale Account (25%)	439,312	417,420

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund (C3)	\$ 1,465,257	\$ 1,388,098
Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund Checking (C3)	27,194	6,529
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund (C8)	8,775,242	8,526,571
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund Sub Acct. Property Sales Chase (C8)	3,521,587	3,507,417
Educational Fund (Kennington)	529,507	498,143
Endowed Membership Trust	2,366,511	2,482,514

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Treasurer as printed in the Advanced Report and presented to this Grand Chapter be referred to the proper Committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do I have a second?

Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Grand Treasurer. She moves that the report of the Grand Treasurer as printed in the Advance Report and presented at this Grand Chapter be referred to the proper Committee. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

We will now have the report of the Board of Directors, Sister Lori Goldman, Chairman, and her crew.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MRS. LORI GOLDMAN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished members, my sisters and brothers.

It is my honor and pleasure to introduce the members of the Board of Directors: Diane Davidson, Vice Chairman from District 3; Terri Rozell, Secretary from District 4; from District 1, Arthur Drescher and Jack Beall; from District 2, Karen Kidd and Keith Mikeworth; District 3, Lorraine Williams; District 4, Mickie Campbell; and from District 5, Kathy Teele.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the board members for their hard work and diligence to respond timely to the email votes and the challenges that occur each Grand Chapter year. You have especially been a “rock” as the Grand Chapter of Texas and its members have dealt with the effects of Hurricane Ike and the world-wide recession. You have been strong and steadfast. Special thanks go to each of you.

At this time, I would also like to introduce Ann Kelly who is the appointed secretary to the board of directors. All of us owe her a heartfelt debt of gratitude. How she takes hours of discussions and puts them on paper in a condensed form is absolutely amazing. Thank you Ann and thank you Worthy Grand Matron for appointing her to this position.

At Grand Chapter in Addison last year, we had our first executive meeting where the newly elected Board members, Jack Beall and Keith Mikeworth were welcomed. During this short meeting a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary were elected by the board members. We had nine scheduled meetings and two workshops. All the meetings except two were held at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington. The other two meetings were held at the Dallas School and the Fort Worth School. Since these were schools of our board members, it was voted to have the meetings at the schools in order for those members to be able to participate in their schools.

Benevolent aid funds which include those from donations because of Hurricane Ike have been made possible by you, the membership. There was \$69,000.00 of benevolent aid distributed through May 31, 2009 to our Sisters and Brothers. I urge each of you to continue to donate to the benevolent aid fund. Each \$1 you donate goes to help one of our members in need.

The Grand Chapter of Texas has 17 ladies now residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC) for an average cost of \$69,001.21 per month. To show our appreciation, the Board of Directors hosted an annual TMRC appreciation dinner on May 1, 2009 at Arlington Lodge, and presented a donation for the TMRC to Orville L. O’Neill, President of the TMRC.

Because of the uncertainty in the economy, the Board asked JP Morgan Chase, Private Banking Division, the Grand Chapter's investors, to attend the January board meeting to advise the Board on how the economy was going, where it was heading and how our funds were performing. The bankers projected a downward turn in the economy in 2008 and began to move the Grand Chapter funds from equities. The early redistribution of funds from equities saved the Grand Chapter a tremendous amount of money. The investors reported that the economy would continue to head down, but advised it would not be prudent to sell unless necessary, thereby occurring no actual "real" losses. It was projected that the economy would turn around in the later part of 2009 and first part of 2010. AS we can see months later, their projection of a downward spiral was correct. However, with their wise financial planning and forward thining, the Grand Chapter of Texas was able to have enough funds to issue checks, even though small, for the endowed memberships. There were also funds av ailable for benevolent aid, scholarships and to cover the operating expenses of Grand Chapter. Furthermore, based in the worst recession we have experienced in years, the Board is pleased to report that we will be able to return approximately \$58,000 of unused interest money to the principle of the Grand Chapter Endowment Fund, 501 C8.

As it was reported last year, the Board had hoped that we would be moved into the new State office before the end of this Grand Chapter year. As I am sure you are aware, that has not happened. However, this delay has actually saved the Grand Chapter of Texas rental money. I look forward to the completion of the new State Office and attending a board meeting in the new office.

And now to say thank you. As all of you know, regardless of what you do in life, you didn't get there totally by yourself. It is through all the people your life touches that make you who you are today. That being said, it would be impossible to mention each of you individually, so know if you are not specifically mentioned, I did not forget you, but have a special place in my heart reserved for you.

I would like to say a special thank you to Nell Smith Drenner, our Grand Secretary, and Betty Prater, our Grand Treasurer, for attending the board meetings. Their availability to assist the board with necessary information is vital for good decision making and their being at the meeting is greatly appreciated.

A thank you goes out to all of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Chapter Officers, Elected Board members and all of the members that have attended the board meetings this year. It was not only a pleasure to have the opportunity to visit with you, but it is nice to know that you have an interest in the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I invite all of the membership to attend the board meetings on the third Saturday of each month, except in December and June. So, purchase a Worthy Grand Matron's calendar where the meetings are listed which will assist in the funding of Grand Chapter and keep up-to-date on when the board meetings happen and what other events the Worthy Grand Matron has scheduled for her Grand Chapter year.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray, it has been a pleasure working with you this year.

To the Board of Directors, I appreciate your confidence in electing me to serve as our Chairman for the 2008-2009 Grand Chapter year. I know I am a hard task master, but it looks like you all held up well. Inside joke there, they like to eat, and I like to work until I get finished with food not my top priority. Thank you for your dedication and service to this fine membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

A special thank you to my father and mother for without their acceptance of my deci-

sion to seek this position and their support, I would not be speaking with you today. I love you both.

And finally, thank you to the Eastern Star membership of this great State of TEXAS for electing me to the Board of Directors. It has been a very worthwhile learning experience and a quick 5 years. I look forward to seeing and visiting with each of you in the future.

May God Bless you all.

Fraternally,

Lori M. Goldman, Chairman
Board of Directors
2008-2009

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 1 of the Board of Directors.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard Report No. 1 of the Board of Directors. I did have a second. All in favor of this report, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

MRS. LORI GOLDMAN: Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present Sister Diane Davidson who will present Report No. 2 of the Board of Directors.

MS. DIANE DAVIDSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: The Board of Directors presents for your consideration and approval the proposed budget for the General Fund for the year 2009-2010. The details of the budget can be found in the Advanced Annual Report on pages 47 and 48.

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General Fund Budget 2009-2010		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		9/1/07 to 4/30/08	2008-2009 at \$3.00	9/1/08 to 4/31/09	2009-2010 at \$3.00
Income					
1	Interest Gen Fund Holding	37,783.00	45,750.00	21,000.00	31,500.00
2	Endowment Interest	103,450.00	\$109,000.00	173,540.00	35,605.00
3	Endowment Interest Sub-Acct	100,000.00	\$93,345.00	67,564.00	101,346.00
4	Certificate of Deposit				33,500.00
5	Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds	57,860.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
6	General Fund Per Capita	119,064.00	114,495.00	110,964.00	103,484.00
7	Registration Fees	24,710.00	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
8	Session Misc. Income	13,400.00	15,000.00	28,578.00	20,000.00
9	Grand Chapter Sales	19,578.50	29,400.00	17,276.00	26,000.00
10	Bulletin Subscriptions	17,870.00	26,800.00	18,778.00	28,200.00
11	Bulletin Articles	18,330.00	27,500.00	22,746.00	34,100.00
12	Supplies/Postage/Shipping	3,035.00	5,000.00	4,400.00	6,600.00
13	GGC Supplies Sales	32,675.00	49,000.00	43,250.00	64,875.00
14	Administrative Revenue	0.00	12,000.00	6,000.00	12,000.00
15	Credit Card Conv Fee/Royalty	4,886.86	9,200.00	4,900.00	7,350.00
16	Misc.fees/CK./CCREB/Spec. Deisp	547.86	700.00	5,095.00	7,643.00
17	International Headquarters	3,265.00	5,000.00	684.00	7,080.00
18	Founders Day 100%	10,593.70	5,000.00	3,628.00	5,000.00
19	Gifts and Donations	1,951.20	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
20	General Fund Humanitarian	0.00	5,000.00	3,773.00	4,000.00
21	Interest Endowed Memberships	527.50	550.00	96.00	500.00
22	Other Misc. Receipts	2,561.83	2,500.00	2,450.00	3,700.00
Total Income		572,089.45	\$611,240.00	\$564,722.00	\$587,463.00
Expense					
23	Grand Secretary Housing	4,800.00	8,400.00	5,600.00	8,400.00
24	TMRC Board/Directors Ret.	50.00	500.00	350.00	500.00
25	Computer/Data Processing	430.00	3,000.00	375.00	3,000.00
26	Auto Acquisition	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
27	Copy Machine	4,000.00	6,000.00	4,800.00	6,000.00
28	Office Salaries	62,608.00	99,000.00	62,730.00	99,000.00
29	Grand Secretary's Salary	12,462.00	19,000.00	13,115.00	19,000.00
30	Grand Treasurer's Salary	2,917.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00
31	GC Support Staff Housing	0.00	1,700.00	1,085.00	1,700.00
32	Vehicle-Fuel/Maintenance	5,720.00	12,000.00	3,600.00	6,000.00
33	Vehicle-License	150.00	200.00	150.00	200.00
34	Vehicle-Repairs	765.00	1,000.00	250.00	250.00
35	Worthy Grand Matron Expense	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
36	Worthy Grand Patron Expense	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
37	Assoc Grand Matron Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
38	Assoc Grand Patron Expense	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
39	Assoc Grand Conductress Expense	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
40	Grand Secretary Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
41	Grand Conductress Expense	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
42	Grand Treasurer Expense	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
43	Grand Master Expense Session	242.00	1,000.00	72.00	500.00
44	GGC Officers Expense	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00

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45	Official Reporter-GC	3,250.00	3,250.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
46	Advanced Reports	3,750.00	3,750.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
47	Ballots & Voting Cards	370.00	370.00	975.00	1,000.00
18	Installation Programs	500.00	500.00	100.00	500.00
19	Photos for Proceedings	500.00	600.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
50	Registration Forms/Postage/ Badges	1,500.00	2,500.00	300.00	500.00
51	Session & Memorial Programs	5,800.00	5,800.00	6,200.00	6,200.00
52	The Session	750.00	20,000.00	750.00	20,000.00
53	Past Grand Matrons Jewel	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
54	Past Grand Patrons Jewel	450.00	450.00	0.00	450.00
55	Insurance-Directors Liability	4,200.00	4,200.00	6,400.00	6,400.00
56	Auto Insurance				2,500.00
57	Furnishings,Personel Prop./Umbrella	50,000.00	50,000.00	51,275.00	49,000.00
58	Insurance-Workmans Comp.	4,500.00	4,500.00	1,550.00	1,550.00
59	Audit/CPA	15,820.00	21,000.00	20,675.00	23,675.00
60	Legal Services	0.00	500.00	2,560.00	500.00
61	Office & Printing Supplies	9,900.00	10,000.00	3,025.00	4,550.00
62	Miscellaneous	500.00	1,000.00	960.00	1,000.00
63	Credit Card Fees	156.00	200.00	355.00	550.00
64	Contingency Fund	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
65	Security Services	250.00	375.00	250.00	375.00
66	Internet Service	955.00	1,450.00	850.00	1,275.00
67	Postage/Petty Cash	162.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
68	Postage- Bulletin Mailings	8,420.00	15,000.00	10,250.00	18,000.00
69	Postage Permit	175.00	200.00	180.00	200.00
70	Postage Meter Lease	1,800.00	2,700.00	1,650.00	2,500.00
71	Postage meter				4,400.00
72	Bulletins	36,225.00	54,000.00	36,950.00	48,300.00
73	Annual Proceedings-Printing	15,235.00	15,500.00	15,200.00	15,500.00
74	Printing Other	10,610.00	16,000.00	8,800.00	13,200.00
75	Janitorial Service	1,925.00	2,900.00	315.00	1,300.00
76	Office and Printing Supplies	6,900.00	10,350.00	1,250.00	1,875.00
77	Cost of Supplies/GC/GGC	52,600.00	79,000.00	44,600.00	66,900.00
78	Utilities- Electric	3,725.00	5,600.00	3,025.00	4,535.00
79	Utilities-Gas	530.00	800.00	365.00	550.00
80	Utilities-Telephone	2,380.00	3,600.00	2,325.00	3,500.00
81	Rent Office	0.00	32,500.00	0.00	40,000.00
82	Office Review	19,690.00			
83	Payroll Expense (Liability)	6,719.84	10,080.00	6,873.00	10,310.00
84	GGC Per Capita	39,365.00	38,165.00	37,499.00	34,988.00
85	International Headquarters		0.00	7,080.00	7,080.00
86		427,406.84	609,490.00	400,714.00	587,463.00
87		144,682.61	\$1,750.00	\$164,008.00	\$0.00
88	Benevolent Aid Budget 2008-2009	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
89		09/01/07 to 04/30/08	2008-2009	9/1/08 to 4/30/09	2009-2010
90	501C8 Sub Account Interest	16,500.00	62,655.00		
91	Per capita	39,686.00	38,500.00	36,988.00	34,488.00
92	Interest	615.00	500.00	352.00	528.00
93	Humanitarian	1,945.79	12,000.00	23,672.00	25,000.00
94	Roll over funds				27,290.37
95	Hurricane Ike Funds rolled to Bev Aid				16,193.63
96	Total Income	58,746.79	113,655.00	61,012.00	103,500.00
Expense					
97	Permanent Aid	46,300.00	82,800.00	40,000.00	72,000.00
98	Temporary Aid	22,400.00	32,200.00	8,000.00	12,000.00
99	Emergency Aid			14,500.00	19,500.00
100	Total Expense	\$68,700.00	115,000.00	62,500.00	103,500.00
101		-\$9,953.21	-1,345.00	-1,488.00	0.00

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As a summary of the report, we anticipate revenues of \$587,463 with expenditures of \$587,463. This will include \$40,000 for office rent when the Administrative Offices move to the new building. This will give us a balanced budget for the year 2009-2010. Respectfully submitted, Diane Davidson, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors.

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept this report from Sister Diane Davidson. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

MS. DIANE DAVIDSON: Thank you. It is my pleasure to present Sister Lorraine Williams who will give Report No. 3.

REPORT NO. 3 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MRS. LORRAINE WILLIAMS: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers, we the Board of Directors are pleased to present to you the following report:

This report will cover 2 topics:

1. Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC)
2. Ladies Retirement Fund 501 (c)(3)

TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER

I am pleased to bring you this report on our Ladies residing at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Report covers the period from September 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

Grand Chapter year started with 18 residents, 9 in the living center and 9 in the clinic. No new residents have been approved by the board since our last Grand Chapter. Since last Grand Chapter, Irma Grounds has passed to her rewards in our Father's Kingdom.

We currently have 17 ladies, 9 in the living center and 8 in the clinic. There are currently no applications pending.

I have been privileged to be a TMRC resident since April of this year and have had the opportunity to observe the love and care given to our ladies on a daily basis. The nursing staff in the clinic goes far beyond the excellent skills of health care. They give special attention and love to each resident. Our ladies in independent living enjoy the many activities afforded them and often remark on how well they love their home. I feel each one would want to say to you, "Thank You, for all your endeavors in providing for their excellent care and well being."

The current cost of maintaining a sister in the living center is \$46.36 per day (\$16,821.40/year per sister.)

The cost of maintaining a sister in the clinic is \$185.20 per day (\$67,598.00/year per sister.)

We have paid to the TMRC \$779,458.97 through July 31, 2009. The board anticipates the total cost through August 31, 2009 will be approximately \$837,534.88.

LADIES RETIREMENT FUND 501 (c)(3)

The Ladies retirement Fund is a 501 (c)(3) fund, 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 46 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. Bequests and donations are also greatly appreciated.

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 6/30/2009 \$1,170,645.68

A breakdown of the Revenues and Disbursements from 9/1/08 to 4/30/09 can be found on page 40 of the Advanced Annual Report.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers, we the Board of Directors are pleased to present for your consideration the proposed budget for the Ladies Retirement Fund 501 (c)(3) Budget for the Grand Chapter of Texas for the year 2009-2010 as printed on page 46 of the Advanced Annual Report. This includes \$58,000.00 remaining in the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget to be brought forward “thus giving us a balanced budget.”

501C3 LADIES RETIREMENT 2009-2010					
CODE	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL 9/1/07 to 4/30/08	Proposed Budget 2008-2009	ACTUAL 9/1/08 to 4/30/09	Proposed Budget 2009-2010
1	Per Capita Income	198,440.00	185,000.00	184,940.00	172,440.00
2	Endowment Interest 501c(8)	207,550.00	182,355.00	182,355.00	254,202.00
4	Turn back funds				58,000.00
5	Interest	48,390.00	62,650.00	27,639.00	41,458.00
6	Oil & Gas Royalty	31,232.00	46,850.00	36,800.00	55,200.00
7	Bequests & Gifts	1,950.00	20,000.00	36,040.00	20,000.00
8	Home Member Receipts	18,645.00	28,000.00	5,050.00	10,000.00
9	Ladies Pensions	134,163.00	201,225.00	140,873.00	235,000.00
10	Humanitarian	5,200.00	5,500.00	4,860.00	5,500.00
TOTAL 501c(3) RECEIPTS		645,570.00	731,580.00	618,557.00	851,800.00
EXPENDITURES:					
11	Legal	350.00	3,000.00	150.00	1,000.00
12	Audit	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
13	Data Entry (Property)	3,665.00	0.00		
14	Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	790.00	800.00	973.00	1,000.00
15	Liability Insurance	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
16	Investment Fees	17,850.00	26,780.00	603.00	10,000.00
17	Ladies' Residence Housing	112,070.00	170,000.00	98,711.00	160,200.00
18	Infirmiry Housing	321,340.00	485,000.00	390,858.00	640,800.00
19	In-service/ 501c(3) Accounts Mgmt	0.00	12,000.00	6,000.00	12,000.00
20	Funeral Expenses	2,816.00	10,000.00	490.00	5,000.00
21	Allowance to Ladies @\$70.00	10,360.00	18,000.00	10,080.00	16,800.00
22	TMRC Resident Parties	806.38	500.00	122.00	500.00
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES		474,547.38	730,580.00	511,987.00	851,800.00
NET TOTAL		171,022.62	1,000.00	106,570.00	0.00

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 3.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any discussion? There is a motion and a

second that we adopt Report No. 3 from the Board of Directors. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

MRS. LORRAINE WILLIAMS: Worthy Grand Matron, the Board would like to thank the membership for their 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 behalf of our ladies.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Sister Terri Rozell who will present our Report No. 4.

REPORT NO. 4 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MRS. TERRI ROZELL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

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, 2008 through August 1, 2009.

2008 - 2009 Benevolent Budget

Balance Forward:	\$ 1,122.60
Transfer of 2007-2008 Interest	58,000.00
2008 Per Capita	36,988.00
Humanitarian, Interest and Gifts	20,889.70
 Total Funds Available:	 \$ 117,000.30
 Expenditures:	
13 Members Received Permanent Aid	\$ 61,500.00
10 Members Received Emergency Aid	16,000.00
7 Members Received Temporary Aid	12,000.00
 Total Expenditures	 \$ 89,500.00
 Balance in the Fund	 \$ 27,500.30

In September 2008 the southeast coast of Texas was visited by Hurricane Ike. Due to this storm, many of our members sustained losses. For some, their homes were completely destroyed. The Texas membership opened their hearts to help their Sisters and Brothers. \$32,194 was donated to offer assistance to those in need. In answer to requests from Chapters, \$16,000 was given to help our members through this difficult tie. Our Worthy Grand Matron has requested that the balance of \$16,194 remaining in the Hurricane Ike Fund be rolled over into the Benevolent Aid Fund for the 2009-2010 year.

The Budget for 2009-2010 located on pages 48 and 49 of the Advance Annual Reports reflects Available Funds of \$103,500. Included in this amount is the \$1.00 from the 2009 per capita, the Humanitarian Funds, the roll over of the Hurricane Ike Fund, interest and gifts. Anticipated expenditures are \$103,500.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Rozell, Secretary.

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a motion and a second to accept this report. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

MRS. TERRI ROZELL: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, it is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Mickie Campbell who will present the Board of Directors' Report No. 5.

REPORT NO. 5 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MRS. MICKIE CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

The independent accounting firm of RATLIFF AND SOMMERVILLE, P.C., completed their audit of the books of Grand Chapter on December 9, 2008 for the Grand Chapter Fiscal Year ending August, 2008, in compliance with Chapter 5A, Article 82(b) of the Constitution and Code of Laws.

This C.P.A. Firm conducted the audit in accordance with general auditing standards. These standards require that they plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

In their written opinion of December 9, 2008, the financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, and The Eastern Star Home of Texas as of August 31, 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The audit report will be printed in its entirety in the proceedings of August, 2009, 127th Annual Session of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,

Mickie Campbell, Board of Directors, District 4

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: A motion and a second have been made that we accept this report. Any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

MRS. MICKIE CAMPBELL: It is now my pleasure to present Sister Kathy Teele with Report No. 6.

REPORT NO. 6 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MRS. KATHY TEELE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all:

In compliance with Article 204-c, pages 138-141 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors, present the report on the Endowed Membership for the period from September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009.

Two hundred fifty five (255) memberships were purchased from September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 for a total of 5,087 memberships – total dollar amount, \$127,500.00.

In accordance with Article 204c (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 \$3.31 for each eligible Endowed Member.

As of May 31, 2009, a grand total of 4,832 Endowed Memberships have been pur-

chased for a total dollar amount of \$2,416,000.00 (two million four hundred sixteen thousand).

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 6.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt Report No. 6 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? We have discussion. I recognize Brother Henry.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Keist Chapter #959. You're talking about the endowed memberships, and I have a question that I picked up just a little earlier, but it has to do with the endowed memberships. On page 37 of our reports we show total endowed memberships of 5087 for a grand total as of May 31st 2009 of \$2,543,500. When we turn over to page 42 and look down in the investment accounts, as of April 30th, 2009, the endowed membership trust shows \$2,482,514, which is approximately a \$62,000 difference. Can you explain what that difference is?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You're not asking me to explain it?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: No, ma'am. I'm asking the Board to explain it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Henry! I'll turn that over to the Board.

MRS. KATHY TEELE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm going to ask Sister Betty Prater to help me out on this because I got my report from her. This is called passing the buck, I think.

GRAND TREASURER: That's just what I was going to say! Some of our deposits do not get in at the same time. These are the deposits that I made, even though they might not have cleared the bank, Henry.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: So from April 30th, 2009, to May 31st, we may have deposited 62,000. Is that what —

GRAND TREASURER: That had not cleared the bank.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: That had not cleared the bank.

GRAND TREASURER: Right. Does that answer your question?

MRS. KATHY TEELE: Thank you, Sister Betty.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any more discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of approving this report, raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Thank you, Sister Kathy.

MRS. KATHY TEELE: Thank you. It's my pleasure to introduce Sister Karen Kidd who will give Report No. 7.

REPORT NO. 7 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MRS. KAREN KIDD: Thank you. Worthy Grand matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

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, 2008 through July 18, 2009.

The Educational Fund Committee along with volunteers and Board members met on April 30, 2009 to select the applicants that would receive Scholarships in the 2009-2010 Grand Chapter Year. A total of seventy two (72) applications were received. After scoring all applications received, twenty-four (24) \$500 scholarships were awarded based on student need and the criteria defined by the Constitution and Code of Laws and Wills. Due

to the low amount of funds this year, we were only able to award \$500 scholarships. After the multi-state conference, our Worthy Grand Matron gave the committee \$5,000 more for scholarship. The committee met on July 17, 2009 and awarded 10 more \$500 scholarships. Our Total this year was thirty four (34) \$500 scholarships for a total of \$17,000. As a separate attachment, there is a list of all awarded students.

TOTAL FUND AVAILABLE: \$17,000 as of 7/19/09

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

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Tiffany Ann Brock Omaha
Natasha Lynne Fogarty Sugarland
Heather Nicole Gary Tomball
Christine Elizabeth Gratia Pipe Creek
Joshua Alan Hickman Crosby
Britney Nicole Lauer Aubrey
Bailee Shantella Lusk Mineral Wells
Kristen Elizabeth Moore Jefferson
Veronica Christine Royall Deer Park
Jillian Rachel Verret Nacodogoches
Jenna Leigh Lewis Angleton
M.B. Speer Lubbock
Kelsey Dennis Ransom Canyon
Ariel Maxson Denton
Gillian Leigh Salerno-Rebie Plano
Jennifer Marie Shearer Spring
Spencer Hall Sonora
Katherine Whitney Aransas Pass
Zane Allen Whitney Corpus Christi
Wesley Christopher Garner Farmersville
Kelsey Anne Evans Sulphur Springs
Jennifer Elyssa Penn Maypearl
Kolby Michael Clark Brownwood
Rebecca Naomi Smith Tyler
Zachary Clayton Doss Lubbock
Katy Diane O’Shields Abilene
William Brett Batchelor Lorena
Ashley Michelle Smith Stephenville
Megan Day North Richland Hills
Joshua Logan Riggins Pflugerville
Kathryn Lynn Rodriquez Pflugerville
Whitney Ann McCartney Houston
Jeanna Dyer Carrollton

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any discussion? We have a motion and a second that we accept this report. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

MRS. KAREN KIDD: Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce Art Drescher to present Report No. 8.

REPORT NO. 8 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MR. ART DRESCHER: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all:

It is my pleasure to give the following report on the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects for 2008-2009. The cost of her special projects this year was \$39,640.82. As of July 9, 2009, the total sales to date are \$119,253.00, for a total net revenue of \$79,612.18. The revenue was distributed as follows:

Shriner Burn Hospital – Galveston	\$ 11,152.07
Scottish Rite Hospital	11,152.07
Organ Donor Awareness	12,936.16
Order of Rainbow	5,656.87
Order of DeMolay	2,424.87
Rob Morris Gala	1,000.00
General Fund	35,280.14

The Board of Directors wishes to congratulate this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on a very successful year.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of Report No. 8.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt Report No. 8 from the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Thank you, Brother Art.

MR. ART DRESCHER: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present Brother Keith Mikeworth who will give Report No. 9.

REPORT NO. 9 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MR. KEITH MIKEWORTH: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to provide the following report on the Contingency Funds of the Grand Chapter. Reference Article XI, Section 3d.

As of August 1, 2009 the Contingency Fund has a balance of \$10,000. No funds or expenditures were allocated from this fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Mikeworth

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept this report from Brother Keith Mikeworth. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, everyone in favor please raise your blue cards. Those opposed. Carried. Thank you, Brother Keith.

MR. KEITH MIKEWORTH: I would like to introduce at this time Brother Jack Beall who will bring Report No. 10.

REPORT NO. 10 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MR. JACK BEALL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members: I'd like to present the State Office Building Progress and Projection Report.

The General Contractor filed bankruptcy the week of April 13 ceasing all work. They cleaned the project up, locked up and moved out. The bankruptcy stopped all progress with the TMRC Project and some Municipal and School Projects as well.

The Bonding Co. moved quickly with law suits to start a resolution for all of the projects they were involved with. The Project has been idle since then until recently. The TMRC Board approved AUI General Contractors to complete the Project during their June Board meeting. The Bonding Co. has retained all of the sub contractors to help in completing this Project as smoothly as possible. AUI General Contractors is starting to make progress.

They have been moving office trailers in, securing the site, inventorying the materials left by the previous contractor and appraising the completion of the Project. Their tentative completion date is the 1st of December, 2009. January 2010 is the earliest move in. The stopping of the Project caused a lot of anxiety, but now the light at the end of the tunnel is glowing.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move this report be approved.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do I have a second?

I have a motion and a second that we approve this report. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Thank you, Brother Jack.

Sisters and Brothers, yesterday before the opening we voted to seat four chapters that turned in late reports. We did so in open session, so now we need to ratify that vote and make it legal today for sure. Sister Nell, if you'd do it one more time.

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we ratify the vote that was taken yesterday of allowing those four chapters to be seated in this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to ratify yesterday's decision. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Now we're legal.

I now call for Jurisprudence. Sister Nancy Brown, my Jurisprudence Chairman.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. NANCY BROWN: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members: I'd like to begin by introducing the Jurisprudence Committee, if they would join me on the platform. Our member from District 1, Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron; from District 2, Mrs. Betty Benham, General Grand Chapter Committee Member; District 4, Sister Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron; District 5, Sister Gerry Dusek, Past Grand Matron.

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, in compliance with the provisions of our Code of Laws governing Grand Chapter relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee recommend the distribution of matters contained in the Advanced Annual Report, including the Supplemental Reports of Grand Chapter, to the following Committees for consideration: To the members of this Grand Chapter, all matters contained within said reports; to the Board of Directors the report of the Grand Secretary, the report of the Grand Treasurer; to the By-Laws Committee, the amendments to the By-Laws as contained in the report of the Worthy Grand Matron, by-laws of U.D. chapters as submitted by the

Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation and in accordance with the Code of Laws; to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals any disciplinary matters contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's report, including her supplemental report; to the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation that portion of the Worthy Grand Patron's report on new chapters instituted; to the Jurisprudence Committee all matters contained in the report specifically assigned to the Jurisprudence Committee by Chapter 10, Article (e) of the Code of Laws for the government of Grand Chapter.

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept this preliminary report. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Thank you, Sister Nancy.

MRS. NANCY BROWN: Before we begin voting on our proposed amendments today, some things we need to remember. We must maintain a quorum for the transaction of business, which is the representatives or proxies regularly appointed by 25 percent of the subordinate chapters, together with either the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron or the Associate Grand Patron. We will be bringing reports and presenting the proposed amendments that you the membership submitted to the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee under our 100-day rule as stipulated in our Code of Laws, Chapter 14, Article 170, Page 118. Please remember that the Jurisprudence members present these amendments, which are contained in your Advanced Annual Report. The Jurisprudence members are only reporting to you such proposed amendments as they are either in proper form or not in proper form. We're not trying to sway you in any way about how to vote on them. We simply are trying to present them to you so that everyone understands what we'll be voting on.

Our Committee would like to remind that the membership is the governing body of this Grand Chapter, and we encourage each one of you to vote for the good of our Order, according to your own convictions.

Worthy Grand Matron, since our membership has had the opportunity to read and study the proposed amendments, I move the Committee be allowed to present a synopsis of each proposed amendment, rather than reading the entire amendment as it currently is in our Code of Laws and then reading the entire amendment as it would be when it's changed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There has been a motion and a second that we allow the Jurisprudence Committee to just present these amendments in a synopsis form. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Thank you, Sister Nancy.

MRS. NANCY BROWN: I recognize Sister Alma Carter who will present amendment number 1.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 1

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Thank you, Chairman. Amendment number 1 concerns the District Deputy Matron and the Grand Examiner riding in the vehicle with the Worthy Grand Matron. Sometimes they have to get out — I don't think we really need to describe this one too much. I think it's pretty well explained in the amendment itself.

The amendment reads, "The District Deputy, Grand Examiner and Secretary shall travel in the vehicle furnished by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Any time the District Deputy, Grand Examiner or Secretary has an emergency or need which requires either of

them to leave the vehicle while on the school schedule they may do so at their own expense. The District Deputy, Grand Examiner or Secretary will keep the Worthy Grand Matron informed of the emergency or need and their plans to join the Worthy Grand Matron.” Be amended to read, “The District Deputy, Grand Examiner and Secretary shall travel in the vehicle furnished by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Any time the District Deputy, or Grand Examiner or Secretary has an emergency or need which requires one of them to leave the vehicle, she may do so at her own expense. The District Deputy, Grand Examiner or Secretary will keep the Worthy Grand Matron informed of the emergency or need and her plans to join the Worthy Grand Matron.”

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report as amended.
[Amendment No. 1 reads as follows in its entirety.]

AMENDMENT NO. 1

CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 37, PAGE 62 MOTOR VEHICLE

WHEREAS the Grand Chapter of Texas school officers wish to be in compliance with the Code of Laws and

WHEREAS there are times when emergencies require the school officers to leave the vehicle while on the school schedule due to their illness, family illness or death of a close friend or family member, and

WHEREAS there are times when the Grand Examiner may need to arrive earlier to accommodate the membership to take their Certificates of Proficiency, we the undersigned propose the following:

WHICH NOW READS;

Article 37. MOTOR VEHICLE

- d. The District Deputy, Grand Examiner and Secretary shall travel in the vehicle furnished by the Grand Chapter of Texas.

BE AMENDED TO READ;

- d. The District Deputy, Grand Examiner and Secretary shall travel in the vehicle furnished by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Any time the District Deputy, Grand Examiner or Secretary has an emergency or need which requires either of them to leave the vehicle while on the school schedule they may do so at their own expense. The District Deputy, Grand Examiner or Secretary will keep the Worthy Grand Matron informed of the emergency or need and their plans to join the Worthy Grand Matron.

Marlene Scholari Cindy Echols
Brenda Smith Costello Joann Drescher

Pat Archer June Bell
Addie Taylor Linda Jay Puckett
Cheryl Albrecht Susan Bigham
Christine Armstrong

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report on amendment number 1. Is there any discussion?

MRS. ALMA CARTER: We have to vote on the amendment to the amendment first.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry. Sisters and Brothers, there's an amendment to this amendment. We will vote on the amendment first. All in favor of the amendment to this amendment.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: It's just making it singular instead of plural. It was plural up above. It's changing it from plural to singular.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. All in favor. All opposed. The amendment to the amendment passes.

Now we'll vote on the amendment as amended. Any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Thank you, Sister Alma.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 2

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Good morning. We are now looking at amendment number 2, which is found in your Code of Laws, E, under the Grand Secretary, Duties and Prerogatives, Article 69, Page 68. This will take effect, if passed, at the end of this 2009 Grand Chapter session. If you'll look on page 51 in your Annual Report, you will find this. It has been presented in proper form.

There has been, Worthy Grand Matron, an amendment to the amendment presented. I will go ahead and just rationalize what the amendment means to us and then let you take over to vote on it. If this amendment passes, Sisters and Brothers, this would mean that this would add a provision stating that one copy of the Proceedings will be furnished to each Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron. Having served as an important part of the history of our Grand Chapter and because of their commitment to the Grand Chapter of Texas by frequently serving as Chairperson or Committee Member of Standing Committees of Grand Chapter and the fact that the cost of the Proceedings is minimal when compared to the invaluable service that they had and will continue to render to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

How this came about is when our beloved Eastern Star ladies were still in the OES Home, finances became a burden. The Past Grand Matrons and Patrons at this time offered to pay for their own Proceedings. Up to that point each received one free of charge, but we decided that we would help towards having more money for Grand Chapter. So if this amendment passes, it would also not be necessary that they receive a Deputy's book

Would you like for me to read the amendment to the amendment?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, because we'll have to vote on it first.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: It is found under E on the Grand Secretary's Duties and Prerogatives. It will state, "Whereas, in consideration of the cost of printing and mailing Grand Chapter Proceedings annually, and whereas some of those in categories a, b and c would not wish to receive a complimentary copy of the Proceedings, therefore we propose the following amendment to the amendment number 2.

“1. Those wishing to receive a complimentary copy of the Grand Chapter Proceedings as listed in categories a, b and c” — we’re speaking of a, b and c meaning that “a” is one copy of the Proceedings to each Installed Floor Officer, “b” one copy to each subordinate chapter for chapter files. This would be added as “c” — “may do so by requesting in writing to the Grand Secretary’s office within 90 days after the Grand Chapter session has been completed.

“2. Therefore, the Proceedings shall be picked up at the next Grand Chapter session, saving the Grand Chapter the mailing cost.”

So what this amounts to is there are some that are in nursing homes and may not want — well, they probably would if they had the choice — but it means that Grand Chapter does not have to provide to each Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron, but only those that submit in writing to the Grand Secretary that they wish to receive a copy and do that within 90 days after Grand Chapter.

All right. Worthy Grand Matron.

[Amendment No. 2 reads as follows in its entirety.]

AMENDMENT NO. 2 CODE OF LAWS

E. GRAND SECRETARY, DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES, ARTICLE 69, NUMBER FURNISHED, PAGE 68

WHEREAS the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are an important part of the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas; and

WHEREAS the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, unlike any other Grand Chapter title, carries with it a lifetime commitment of service to the Grand Chapter of Texas; and

WHEREAS the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons consistently act as the Chairperson and Committee Members of the majority of the Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter of Texas; and

WHEREAS the cost of providing a printed copy or CD, at the request of the Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron, of the Proceedings of Grand Chapter is minimal when compared to the invaluable service rendered by the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the Grand Chapter of Texas;

We therefore propose the following Amendment to the Code of Laws, E. Grand Secretary, Duties and Prerogatives, Article 69:

WHICH NOW READS;

ARTICLE 69, NUMBER FURNISHED. Copies of the Proceedings shall be furnished, free of charge, as follows:

- a. One (1) copy of Proceedings to each Installed Floor Officer.

- b. One (1) copy to each Subordinate Chapter for Chapter files.
- c. As many copies of the Proceedings to each Grand Jurisdiction as copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of each Grand Jurisdiction are furnished to the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas.
- d. One (1) copy of the Proceedings to the Library of the General Grand Chapter and one (1) copy to the Library of the Texas Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M.
- e. Five (5) copies of the Proceedings to each Junior Past Grand Matron and each Junior Past Grand Patron for personal distribution.
- f. All members may purchase copies by pre-ordering, using a form provided in the Official Bulletin.

BE AMENDED TO READ;

ARTICLE 69. NUMBER FURNISHED. Copies of the Proceedings shall be furnished, free of charge, as follows:

- a. One (1) copy of Proceedings to each Installed Floor Officer.
- b. One (1) copy to each Subordinate Chapter for Chapter files.
- c. **One (1) copy of the Proceedings to each Past Grand Matron and each Past Grand Patron.**
- d. As many copies of the Proceedings to each Grand Jurisdiction as copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of each Grand Jurisdiction are furnished to the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas.
- e. One (1) copy of the Proceedings to the Library of the General Grand Chapter and one (1) copy to the Library of Texas Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- f. Five (5) copies of the Proceedings to each Junior Past Grand Matron and each Junior Past Grand Patron for personal distribution.
- g. All members may purchase copies by pre-ordering, using a form provided in the Official Bulletin.

Betty Y. Friend	Kenneth R.Gregory
Jerry Trees	Sharon Fentress
H. Lee Stallings	Yvonne Brownfield
Henry A. Martin	

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any discussion? I recognize Sister Rosemary Swetland.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Good morning. Those of us that have amended this just want to say that we have done so in concurrence with the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, the Board of Directors and the Grand Secretary. We feel like it's a very good amendment to the amendment. It's going to save some money in printing costs and postage. But the reason we're giving stipulations is the Grand Secretary says she needs to know within 90 days after the session how many want them. That way she will print however many that are needed.

Then, also, over the last several years the Grand Secretary's office has been bringing the Proceedings to Grand Chapter for all of us to pick up. So that's nothing new either, Worthy Grand Matron, but we just want to make sure that everybody understands that if they want a copy out of this first group, they'll need to request it within 90 days and then pick up their copy at Grand Chapter.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Is there any other discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote on the amendment to the amendment. There was a motion and there was a second. All in favor of the amendment to the amendment, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Now we will vote on the amendment as amended. All in favor of the amendment as amended, raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 3

MRS. NANCY BROWN: Sisters and Brothers, we also have an amendment to amendment number 3. But it's simply to have correct grammar in this amendment. It reads, "Each District member of the Board of Grand Examiners" — well, that "each" is one — we need to make sure all of the pronouns listed are singular also since we're talking about one person. So the amendment to this amendment would have it read, "Each District member of the Board of Grand Examiners shall be required to travel with the Worthy Grand Matron in the vehicle furnished by Grand Chapter. Any time the district member of the Board of Grand Examiners has an emergency or need which requires her to leave the vehicle while on the school schedule, she may do so at her own expense. The Board of Grand Examiners will keep the Worthy Grand Matron informed of the emergency or need and her plans to join the Worthy Grand Matron. This likewise applies to the Grand Examiner-at-Large when substituting for a District member." So we're simply changing plural pronouns, "they" and "them," to singular ones, "her" and "she."

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment to the amendment is ready for the vote.

[Amendment No. 3 reads as follows in its entirety.]

AMENDMENT NO. 3 CODE OF LAWS

CHAPTER 5, C. BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS, ARTICLE 87
EXPENSES, PAGE 85

WHEREAS the Grand Chapter of Texas Board of Grand Examiners wish to be in compliance with the Code of Laws and

WHEREAS there are times when emergencies require the Grand Examiners to leave the vehicle while on the school schedule due to their illness, family illness, or death of a close friend or family member and

WHEREAS there are times when the Grand Examiner may need to arrive early to accommodate the membership to take their Certificates of Proficiency, we the undersigned propose the following:

WHICH NOW READS;

ARTICLE 87, EXPENSES.

- a. Each District member of the Board of Grand Examiners shall be required to travel with the Worthy Grand Matron in the vehicle furnished by Grand Chapter. This likewise applies to the Grand Examiner-at-Large when substituting for a District Member, said expenses to be approved and paid by the Board of Directors.

BE AMENDED TO READ;

ARTICLE 87. EXPENSES

- a. Each District member of the Board of Grand Examiners shall be required to travel with the Worthy Grand Matron in the vehicle furnished by Grand Chapter. Any time the District member of the Board of Grand Examiners has an emergency or need which requires them to leave the vehicle while on the school schedule, they may do so at their own expense. The Board of Grand Examiners will keep the Worthy Grand Matron informed of the emergency or need and their plans to join the Worthy Grand Matron. This likewise applies to the Grand Examiner-at-Large when substituting for a District Member.

Pat Archer	Cheryl Albrecht
Cindy Echols	Linda Jay Puckett
Brenda Smith Costello	Christine Armstrong
June Bell	Susan Bigham
Marlene Scholari	Joann Drescher

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any discussion?

MRS. NANCY BROWN: I move the adoption of this amendment to the amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we are going to vote on the amendment to the amendment. Any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. The amendment to the amendment passes.

Now we will vote on the amendment as amended. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

We're ready for amendment number 4.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 4

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: This is amendment number 4. This amendment pertains to the demise of a chapter and the disposal of its assets. It now reads — the restrictions now, when the chapter votes — there's not as many restrictions. It's to be amended to read that no assets may be given away, sold, disposed of from the time that the very first motion is voted on and carried for a chapter to demise. That is when — at that time no assets can be disposed of. The rationale is — this states that no assets may be given away, sold or disposed of from the time a motion is taken and carried by the chapter desiring to demise.

The proposed amendment also states that all assets, including cash, savings accounts, CD's and chapter articles of monetary value will become the property of Grand Chapter at the time of that vote. This, along with all records, paraphernalia, etc., will be delivered to the Grand Secretary.

This is in order and I move its adoption.

[Amendment No. 4 reads as follows in its entirety.]

AMENDMENT NO. 4 CODE OF LAWS

ARTICLE 185, DEMISE AND SURRENDER, a, b, PAGE 136

WHEREAS more chapters are Demising and the disposal of Assets needs to be defined, we propose the following amendment:

WHICH NOW READS;

- a. Should your Chapter make a motion and it carries by vote of the Chapter to consider Demise, the Worthy Matron should direct the Secretary to send written notice to all its members, advising them the Demise of the Chapter is contemplated, setting forth the date of the meeting, either stated or special, that the members will discuss and vote if they wish to Demise. By a majority vote of all members present at said meeting, the Chapter may surrender its Charter PROVIDED that no Charter can be voluntarily surrendered as long as twenty-five (25) members desire to retain it.
- b. If the motion and vote carries to Demise, NO ASSETS MAY BE GIVEN AWAY from the time the motion carries. This includes all cash, savings Accounts, CD's and all Chapter articles of monetary value, etc. This along with ALL records, paraphernalia, etc. will become the property of Grand Chapter immediately upon vote to demise.

BE AMENDED TO READ;

- a. Should your Chapter make a motion and it carries by vote of the Chapter to consider Demise, NO ASSETS MAY BE GIVEN AWAY, SOLD, DISPOSED OF, etc. from the time the motion carries. The Worthy Matron will direct the Secretary to send a written notice to all its members, advising them the Demise

of the Chapter is contemplated, setting forth the date of the meeting, either stated or special, that the members will discuss and vote if they wish to Demise. By a majority vote of all members present at said meeting, the Chapter may surrender its Charter PROVIDED that no Charter can be voluntarily surrendered as long as twenty-five members desire to retain it.

- b. If the motion and vote carries the demise, ALL ASSETS become the property of Grand Chapter from the time the motion carries. This includes all cash, savings accounts, CD's and all Chapter articles of monetary value, etc. This, along with ALL records, paraphernalia, etc. will be delivered to the Grand Secretary.

Nell Smith Drenner Marlene Scholari
Betty Prater Lynn Kearney

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt amendment number 4. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Thank you. We're ready for amendment number 5.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 5

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: Sisters and Brothers, amendment number 5 deals with Form S-142, which is the Petition for Degrees. It can be found on page 54 in your Advanced Annual Report. It is entitled "Petition for Degrees, Form S-142." The Committee finds this in proper form for consideration. What it deals with are two sentences, which I believe are proposed to be added to this Petition for Degrees, Form S-142, in order to conduct a complete and thorough investigation of a candidate prior to balloting, which would include any prior conviction of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, along with the statement that any inaccuracies on the application form would make the candidate ineligible for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

I understand that the form — Brother Henry Martin, do we have a retyped form that you're recommending at this time as an amendment to this form?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Sister Gerry, we do have a retyped form. I can give you a brief summary of what it says. Sisters and Brothers, if you look at page 57 of your reports, this is the previously mentioned form. We've made some changes. For one thing, if you look up there at the top where it says, "Check appropriate line," that has been changed to "Fill in 3A, B or C." Then we came down. Question 2 is "Have you ever been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude," yes or no. We took out that next statement, "any inaccuracies," and we moved that down to the bottom under number 6 to say, "Any inaccuracies on the application form make the candidate ineligible for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star," feeling that we would summarize the form at the bottom by saying any inaccuracies would make that person ineligible.

So, Sister Gerry, those are the changes and we do have a form up there with those.

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: What you're trying to do is clarify —

MR. HENRY MARTIN: We're trying to clarify it. Of course, the basic purpose was that in order to conduct a proper investigation, we need to know if a person has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude. That was the real basic intent of having this amendment. But then we have modified the form to make it a little clearer.

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: Thank you, Brother Henry. I now have been handed your amendment to the amendment.

Sisters and Brothers, do you understand how the form is being amended? Do you have the form before you? This is in proper order. The amendment to the amendment.

[Amendment No. 5 reads as follows in its entirety.]

**AMENDMENT NO. 5
FORM S-142 PETITION FOR DEGREES**

WHEREAS a complete and thorough investigation of a candidate for the degrees is essential, prior to balloting on that candidate for membership in the Order of The Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS accurate and complete information on the Application Form for Membership in the Order of The Eastern Star is necessary to accomplish a thorough investigation; and

WHEREAS, a candidate should be required to disclose any prior conviction of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, during the membership application process; and

Whereas, the current Application Form for Membership in the Order of the Eastern Star (Form S-142) does not contain a question requiring the candidate to respond about any such felony or crime conviction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the current Application Form for Membership in the Order of The Eastern Star (Form S-142) be modified to include (1) the specific question, “Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude?”; and (2) the statement “Any inaccuracies on the Application Form for Membership in the Order of The Eastern Star (Form S-142) makes the candidate ineligible for membership in the Order of The Eastern Star”.

Respectfully submitted by:

Henry S. Martin	Jane Gregory	Nancy Brown	Elise B. Hammack
Alma Lynn Bane	Alma Carter	Karen Morgenthaler	Nelson Campbell
John Creel	Betty Friend	Richard Ochs	Leland Benefield
Billy H. Combest	Doris Hester	Yvonne Brownfield	

WHICH NOW READS:

Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

Petition for Degrees

_____ FOR MAN _____ FOR WOMAN _____ FOR RAINBOW / JOB'S DAUGHTER
(Check appropriate line and fill in 2A, 2B, or 2C below)

Worthy Matron, Officers, and Members of _____ Chapter No. _____, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Texas. The undersigned respectfully petitions to receive the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star, and to become a member of your Chapter. If accepted, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to the laws of the Order.

1. I believe in the existence of a Supreme Being.

2. Petitioner: Date of Birth _____

A. MAN. I am a Master Mason, affiliated with and in good standing in _____ Masonic Lodge No. _____, A.F.&A.M. in _____.

B. WOMAN. I have attained the age of eighteen years and I am the _____ of _____, a Master Mason affiliated with and in good standing in _____ Masonic Lodge No. _____, A.F.&A.M. in _____.
(If Masonic relative is deceased, add: "at the time of his death".)

C. RAINBOW / JOB'S DAUGHTER. I have attained the age of eighteen years. I have attached a certified copy of my Majority Certificate or properly documented proof of three years' active membership in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls or Jobs Daughters.

3. I have resided within the State of Texas six (6) months.

4. Have you ever petitioned any Chapter for the Degrees? _____ If so, when and what Chapter?

5. Give name and address of all subversive organizations to which you belong or have ever belonged. (If none, state none.) Failure to answer this question will be taken as evidence of your membership in such organization.

Recommended by:

Signed: _____
Petitioner

Residence: _____

FORM 142-5

BE AMENDED TO READ:

**Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
Petition for Degrees**

___FOR MAN ___FOR WOMAN ___FOR RAINBOW / JOB’S DAUGHTER
(Check appropriate line and fill in 2Z, 2B, or 2C below)

Worthy Matron, Officers, and Members of _____Chapter No.____, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Texas. The undersigned respectfully petitions to receive the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star, and to become a member of your Chapter. If accepted, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to the laws of the Order.

1. I believe in the existence of a Supreme Being.
2. Have you ever been convicted of a Felony or crime involving moral turpitude? (Yes/No)_____ And, that any inaccuracies on the Application Form make the candidate ineligible for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.
3. Petitioner: Date of Birth _____
 - A. MAN. I am now a Master Mason, affiliated with and in good standing in _____ Masonic Lodge No. _____, A.F. & A.M. in _____, _____.
 - B. WOMAN> I have attained the age of eighteen years and I am the _____ of _____, a Master Mason affiliated with and in good standing in _____ Masonic Lodge No. _____, A.F. & A.M. in _____, _____.
(If Masonic relative is deceased, add: “at the time of his death.”)
 - C. RAINBOW/JOB’S DAUGHTER. I have attained the age of eighteen years. I have attached a copy of my Majority Certificate or properly documented proof of three years’ active membership in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.
4. I have resided within the State of Texas six (6) months.
5. Have you ever petitioned any Chapter for the Degrees?_____ If so, when and what Chapter?_____
6. Give name and address of all subversive organizations to which you belong or have ever belonged. (If none, state none.) Failure to answer this question will be taken as evidence of your membership in such organization.

Recommended by:

Signed: _____

Petitioner

Residence: _____

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, is there any discussion? I recognize the gentleman in the South.

MR. LEONARD PIERCE: I'm Leonard Pierce, Worthy Patron of Houston Heights. I just picked up on this. It says "any inaccuracies." Let's say I'm filling out the application. There's something about the address. I forgot that I lived at such-and-such a place ten years ago, and I didn't put it on there. That would be an inaccuracy and that makes me ineligible. When you throw in that big word "inaccuracy" — I might have signed my name wrong. That is a catchall and it will solve all your problems, but it might create some. I just thought I'd share that with you. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, sir. I recognize Sister Yvonne.

MRS. YVONNE SMITH: My name is Yvonne Smith. I'm secretary of Zapata Chapter #1106. I see no place on here for a telephone number. This would be a wonderful addition. I would recommend putting a space for a telephone number for contact purposes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Would the proposer of this amendment like to address these issues?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you. I am still Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Keist Chapter #959. They made a good point over there for a telephone number. Certainly I think that's very appropriate.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We could add that to the amendment?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: I think we could add that to the amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: As Secretary of my chapter, I'd like it too.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: I think that's a good thing to do. If you need my approval, you certainly have that.

If I might, Worthy Grand Matron, speak to the gentleman who mentioned the inaccuracies. The information that's asked here is not of such detail that I think we should worry about misstating something. It says, "Have you ever petitioned any chapter for the degrees?" There are only two choices, yes or no. When we say date of birth, that's usually not a problem. So I guess I'm saying that the detail we're asking on this petition is not of such great magnitude that we're likely to make those kinds of mistakes. It seems fairly simple. If someone spells their name wrong, I think we would be probably willing to let them restate that or something. I don't think that's a big problem.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Especially where you're moving that sentence to, it's in one area with number 6, so... Sister Alma.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Brother Henry, how about saying "any conscious inaccuracy," and that would take care of any small thing like —

MR. HENRY MARTIN: You could say "conscious." You could also put the word "any intentional" errors or inaccuracies would make you ineligible. You could certainly do that.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: I think some word before that to knock out any little mistake you might make unconsciously.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That can be added to that amendment, that correction.

I recognize the Sister in the North.

MRS. BRENDA REESE: I'm Brenda Reese, Past Matron of Everman Chapter #624. I believe there is probably a typo error. In the very top of this form where it says "For man, for woman, for Rainblow/Job's Daughters," it's my understanding they're no longer eligible.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No, that is inaccurate because a Job's Daughter has to be related to a Mason, so they're automatically eligible. Really, the Job's Daughters don't even need to be on there, I think, but I didn't do this.

MRS. BRENDA REESE: Well, if that's true, in item number C the word "Rainbow" and at the end of it Job's Daughters needs to be added there to make it consistent. Either remove one or add one to make it just like the form before other than the changes we're making.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Henry — were you listening to this, Brother Henry?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: I'm sorry. I was —

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Our Sister in the North stated that we have Rainbow/Job's Daughters. She felt like Job's Daughters shouldn't be there because the Masons don't recognize them in Texas at the moment. However, Job's Daughters are automatically eligible because they are female relatives of Master Masons.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: We don't recognize the organization at this time. But I would think it would still be appropriate to leave Rainbow or Job's Daughters on there because of what you just said.

MRS. BRENDA REESE: Then should we not add it to item C at the very end?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It's there on page 57. Look on 57. Is it there?

MRS. BRENDA REESE: Right. Page 57. Item C it lists Rainbow and Job's Daughters in the caption, but at the end of the sentence it doesn't list the Job's Daughters as it does on the previous form.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Oh, I see what you're saying. Do you see what she's saying, Brother Henry?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Yes, I do.

MRS. BRENDA REESE: That would make it consistent.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: I would agree that we should make it consistent with the requirement for Job's Daughters listed at the end of that sentence as well.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Can you add that to your amendment?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: We can certainly add that, yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I believe we have another Sister here in the North.

MRS. CARRIE REYNOLDS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Carrie Reynolds from Alamo Heights Chapter #734, Past Matron. I want to address the question the lady had about the phone number and information. If you print the petition in true form, there are two sides to it. The back side clearly has e-mail address, phone number and everything, so I don't think we need to add even more to the front, to create more clutter there than we need to.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It's on the back of the petition, Brother Henry, so we don't have to worry about that.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Okay. I don't have that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for bringing that to our attention. Sister Lori.

MRS. LORRIE FAITH OWENS: I am Lorrie Faith Owens, Past Matron of The Colony Chapter #1136. I have a legal question on this. As far as a felony conviction, if you get deferred adjudication does that — I know it wipes it off the record, but does it wipe it off in this instance in what we're doing? Can our lawyer answer that question for us?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Deferred adjudication is probation?

MRS. LORRIE FAITH OWENS: After a certain length of time it gets wiped from the record. But does this mean that you'd have to answer yes if you were under deferred adjudication?

MR. RONALD ZIPP: Well, it's not subject to expunction, though, and that is one of the concerns you had.

MRS. LORRIE FAITH OWENS: What is that?

MR. RONALD ZIPP: It is not subject to expunction. The deferred adjudication basically — in Texas we have a bifurcated trial system where you have a guilt or innocence stage, and then you have a punishment stage. So the deferred adjudication basically says, I enter my plea of, say, guilty, and that is the guilt or innocence phase. Then if the adjudication stage is deferred out by being placed on probation, literally, and it to be dismissed at the satisfactory conclusion of all the conditions of your terms of probation —

MRS. LORRIE FAITH OWENS: So you would not have to answer that you had a felony? That's what I was trying to clear up.

MR. RONALD ZIPP: Right. That basically would be a situation —

MRS. LORRIE FAITH OWENS: Because I know there are certain instances early in some people's lives that that could happen —

MR. RONALD ZIPP: That is correct. And what can be done, if it's necessary, you can either make a listing of a misdemeanor or felony, including deferred adjudication, because many of your employment things now have situations concerning that. Plus, I was going to make the observation concerning this particular situation about that form, that we have material and intentional areas, because if you make a material and intentional change of your name, for example, you don't spell your name right, so that you get fouled up in the computer system — a Smith, S-m-i-t-h, or S-m-y-t-h-e — something that is going to be material and intentional that you've done. I think there's a couple of things that might be addressed there.

MRS. LORRIE FAITH OWENS: Okay. Thank you. That helps answer that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have any aliases in here? We have another discussion here.

MRS. DONNA SAPAREK: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Donna Saparek. I'm the Worthy Matron of Burnett Chapter 425. I think my question was answered, but going back to the intentional misinformation. I think that opens the door for a lot of things that could be misinterpreted. I think the attorney was saying that he was going to check into that. Am I correct?

MR. RONALD ZIPP: If you intentionally misrepresent something on a form for the Eastern Star, with all respect that's not what we're looking for. We want the honest truth.

MRS. DONNA SAPAREK: I understand that. You said, well, if you put the wrong birthday or you misspelled your name.

MR. RONALD ZIPP: But that was not intentional, was it?

MRS. DONNA SAPAREK: Okay. That was clarified for me. Thank you very much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have an aunt that didn't know how old she was because her mother lied so that she could get her to start school early and she could go to work. But this was way back in the '30's. She still doesn't know how old she is. Go ahead.

MRS. JANE CLABAUGH: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jane Clabaugh, Past Matron, Carthage Chapter #747. I am of the understanding that on the petition that the petitioner fills out for the degrees, they only fill out the front part of that petition. The telephone number and everything is filled out by the Secretary on the second page. So I think it would be a good idea if we did put the phone number on the first page where they fill

out the petition.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Thank you, Jane.

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: Brother Henry, the lady over here just stated that she thought the telephone number should be placed on the first page of this form because the other information is information that the Secretary places on the form.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: I guess, Sister Gerry, I don't have a strong feeling one way or another on that. So long as it's on the form, whether it's on the front or back side, to me is the important part. We should have it on there. I would not push to have it added to the front side also.

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: All right. Am I to understand that the word "intentional" will be inserted?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Yes, ma'am. "Any intentional inaccuracies on the application form," yes.

Sister Gerry, may I also say that we will in C, at the end of that line, we will spell the word "have" correctly.

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: Thank you, Brother Henry.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I'm Ray Hertenberger, Past Patron of Texas City Chapter #626. I'd like to get a clarification from Brother Henry. On this amendment, if the question was answered no on being convicted of a felony and it was not discovered by an investigation committee and that this person was initiated — okay. It states that it makes them ineligible to become a member. Does that give us legal authority to remove them from membership after it's found out?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Worthy Grand Patron, I would think that does give us the authority to remove them because they have intentionally misled us in their application to join. Now, not being a lawyer —

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: The interpretation could be that it's only on there to become a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Well, when you become a member, you usually stay a member. As far as I'm concerned, that would mean —

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We've had that situation.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: I would say that would make a person subject to expulsion from the Order, but not being a lawyer I can't categorically say that. But that would be the way I would interpret it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Andi, did you have something to say?

MRS. ANDI MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Andi Martin, Fort Stockton Chapter #230. I wanted a little clarification from Brother Zipp regarding the mark as a felony. Am I understanding it correctly that we have someone that has been convicted of a felony in the guilt/innocence phase and then in the punishment phase takes a plea of deferred adjudication, that they would not have to mark that they have been convicted of a felony?

MR. RONALD ZIPP: Well, here's the situation. They will have an arrest record; there's no question about that. They will have — normally in their arrest record they will have an indication that they've completed, should they complete properly, their deferred adjudication. They will always have that record. You can basically — obviously, it's not a conviction per se because it will be dismissed after the fact, if in fact they complete their probation. It's usually used for young offenders, individuals who maybe got into a pickle, but this is the only time they have ever done anything like that. Deferred adjudication — so it can be taken off their record so that they can have employment and possibly have college, etc., and so on. That is basically the primary purpose of the deferred adjudication.

Unfortunately, in some jurisdictions it is abused.

I guess all I'm trying to indicate, that is the intent of the deferred adjudication law. As far as the arrest for the felony, that will come up, just like you're arrested for a ticket and have DDC — defensive driving. You have the same situation. You still have that arrest. So, I mean, that is an issue. But as far as the actual conviction, you're not going to have an actual conviction because, as I said before, your plea of guilty or no contest or whatever is one stage of our bifurcated process. The bifurcated process is the first stage: guilt or innocence. The second stage is the adjudication or the sentencing stage. That's why, whenever you're on a jury panel, you have to find the person guilty or innocent first. And if you find him guilty, then you go ahead and have a punishment hearing and a sentencing with a jury or a judge, whatever the case may be. Does that answer your question?

MRS. ANDI MARTIN: It does. Thank you very much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I just want everybody to stay out of trouble!

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: If we could summarize the amendment to the amendment, we will include the telephone number of the petitioner. As it reads, item number 2 is "Have you ever been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude," and then the final statement on the form, "Any inaccuracies on the application" —

MR. HENRY MARTIN: "Any intentional inaccuracies."

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: "Intentional," thank you. "Any intentional inaccuracies on the application form make the candidate ineligible for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star." Is that it?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Yes. Now may I speak to one other thing? Under the Job's Daughters thing, number C, if you'll look at 3.C. It says "Rainbow/Job's Daughters," and it goes on to say, "I have attached a copy ... three years." Now, the three years active membership is true for the Rainbow Girls. It is not true for the Job's Daughters. In order to become a Job's Daughter, the girl must have Masonic affiliation anyway. So we don't need to extend that sentence out to add anything else.

May I also say, as we're thinking about this, Sisters and Brothers, the reason we are doing this is really to get that sentence in there about the conviction of a felony because, frankly, our investigation committees have not always been complete. Unfortunately, it is my understanding that in the State of Texas we now have some members — a few, not many, but a handful — who have been convicted of felonies. In fact, one is serving as a Worthy Matron. What we're trying to do, Sisters and Brothers, is close the door to that. We want to remind our investigation committees that they need to be diligent in their investigation so that this does not happen again. That's the real purpose behind this entire amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the South.

MRS. NADINA CHERRY: Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter: Sometimes young people make very bad decisions, and sometimes they have to pay the price. But that doesn't mean that they need to have that held over their head for the rest of their life. Even the police department allow convictions for marijuana — people to be able to apply to be a police officer. I urge you not to hold this over their heads for the rest of their lives. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Did I hear your name? We need your name and your chapter.

MRS. NADINA CHERRY: My name is Nadina Cherry. I'm a Past Matron of Mesquite #887.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I recognize the Sister in the North.

MRS. ELIZABETH WISE: I am Elizabeth Wise, Worthy Matron of John Gillespie Chapter #257. I have a legal question. How is an investigating committee able to find out if a petitioner has been convicted of a felony?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Well, Sister Elizabeth, it's just on our form. They're to answer it honestly, or they won't. That's the reason they included the sentence about "any inaccuracies." Am I correct there, Brother Henry?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: I'm sorry, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Elizabeth Wise says how are we to know if that petitioner is answering correctly. We take their word for it at first, don't we?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Yes, we do.

MRS. ELIZABETH WISE: I was asking how is an investigating committee to find that out.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: If it comes to your attention, you mean?

MRS. ELIZABETH WISE: Correct. How can an investigating committee prove — other than just by word of mouth? Can an investigating committee go to law enforcement and ask them questions? How are they to find that out?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I don't think I would want somebody to do that. Brother Henry.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: I believe that you can go to the Department of Public Safety website and for a fee — a nominal fee, \$3 or thereabouts — you can get that information.

MRS. ELIZABETH WISE: Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Brother in the North.

MR. JERRY SANDERS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jerry Sanders, Worthy Patron of Port Nueces Chapter #677. In response to what he was saying, that's true. The public — based on our petition — does not have access to criminal history records, so it does create a problem for us in that that person has to honestly answer that question. It does create — like he said, you have to go to the websites. But if it's adjudicated, it's not going to be there, and that's what you have to be careful of.

But also in response to one thing that the chairman said, the phone number and the e-mail address, as stated by the previous lady from Alamo Heights, is already printed on the front of the form. So are we going to print it again on the inside of the form?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I don't know. I'll bet that the petitioner can just turn it over and fill that part out herself.

MR. JERRY SANDERS: Well, that's why I was asking. But it was stated in the review of —

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I don't know.

MR. JERRY SANDERS: Why put it on there twice? That's what the lady from Alamo Heights said.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sister JoNell, I recognize you.

MRS. JONELL BARRY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm JoNell Barry. I'm a Past Matron of Brock Chapter #274. I call for the question. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Call for the question. All in favor.

I had a second to that amendment to the amendment. Do we have just one amendment to the amendment, or do we have two amendments to the amendment?

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: We have only one.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have just one. I hope that you all understand what's being done. We're going to ballot first on the amendment to the amendment. All in

favor of the amendment to the amendment, please raise your blue cards. All opposed, raise your blue cards. That passed.

Now, we're going to vote on the amendment as amended. All in favor of the amendment as amended, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. It carried.

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I appreciate this Jurisprudence Committee. I think we're through. We really lucked out this year, Sisters and Brothers. I can remember back when we had like pages and pages and pages! Don't you think this went well? [applause]

MRS. NANCY BROWN: Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank the membership for their cooperation and for your interest in these proposed amendments.

One other thing. I would certainly be negligent if I didn't recognize Sister Frances Burbank who has served as the Secretary to the Jurisprudence Committee. We all know Sister Frances and how many years of dedicated service she has given. Even though she doesn't live part of the year in Texas, she was on the phone with me. She spent many hours working to help us prepare this. Thank you, Sister Frances, and thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my Past Grand Matron, Sister Nancy Brown.

I recognize Sister Wanda Fairchild to give us a report on Grievance and Appeals.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: I'm pleased to bring the report of the Grievance and Appeals Committee. I would like to introduce those on the Committee: Sister Rosemary Swetland, Member, and Brother Leland Benefield, Member.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, members of Grand Chapter:

One issue was brought to our attention when the Worthy Grand Matron removed an officer.

The person making the inquiry requested that the matter go no further, and no action was taken.

Submitted by

Wanda Fairchild, Chairman

Rosemary Swetland, Member

Leland Benefield, Member

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the Grievance and Appeals Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Thank you so much.

We'll now have our By-Laws Committee report. Brother Trey Smith.

I thank you so much, Sisters and Brothers, for staying in here and helping us to conduct business. You are awesome, if I haven't told you that today. You really are.

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

MR. TREY SMITH: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee members, Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patrons, installed Officers, Elected Boards, my Sisters and Brothers:

May I introduce to you Mrs. Alphenie Gressett, and Mrs. Evelyn Tolbert who served with me on the By-Laws committee. I sincerely appreciate their service to our Order and have enjoyed working with them this year. They are extremely caring members of our Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve our Chapters this past year. I also appreciate all of the support you and our Worthy Grand Patron extended to me this past year. To say that I learned a great deal would certainly be an understatement. I received many By-Law change requests, unfortunately, I received 89 requests that were not presented in the correct format or the request was not a By-Laws change as described by our Constitution. These requests were returned to the Chapter and in most cases the request would be corrected and resubmitted for approval. The requests were processed in the order of receipt. Each request would be reviewed, then processed and once signed by our Worthy Grand Matron, the approved request would be returned back to the Chapter. I sincerely appreciate the time an effort each Chapter By-Laws Committee spent on the research and execution of their request. It was a pleasure to work with each Secretary and Committee member as the need arose. The list of approved By-Law requests is as follows:

Prospect Hill #817	Andral Vann #741
Atlanta #151	Handley #617
Lytle #335	Farmers Branch #687
Royse City #642	Magnolia #706
Uvalde #297	Strawn #361
Weslaco #772	Anahuac #649
Gun Barrel City #114	Alamo Heights #734
Caddo Mills #82	Beaumont #71
Bowie #16	Rosewyn #927
Pine Tree #1090	Mineral Wells #44
New Braunfels #771	Caldwell #976
Cushing #368	Kingsland #1118
Spring #1141	Killeen #490
Saint Jo #17	Pasadena #711
Carlton #949	Del Rio #204
Sarah #353	Waxahachie #599
Garrison #192	Sequin #555
Fort McKavett #783	Franklin #311
New Caney #1093	South Houston #915
Texas #35	Round Rock #316
Greenville #189	Longview #610
Velasco #220	Ridglea #999
Border #211	Brenham #14
Zapata #1106	Longview #610
Sanger #10027	

I respectfully request this By-Law report be approved.

Trey Smith

By-Laws Chairman

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we approve the By-Laws report. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Thank you so much, Brother Trey; I know it hasn't been an easy job.

I believe that we're going to have a report from the Texas Cardinals. Brother Jerry Martin.

REPORT OF THE TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.

MR. JERRY MARTIN: Thank you.

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:

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Board of the Texas Cardinals, I want to 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 who 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 by the way, Worthy Grand Matron, congratulations to you and the Worthy Grand Patron on a very successful year. The membership will long remember your year of devoted service to our order.

On January 11, 2009, the Annual Meeting of the Texas Cardinals, inc. was held at the Alzar Shrine Center, in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting room was filled near capacity with members and visitors. We were pleased to have the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, several General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, many Grand Representatives, several of the Committees of Grand Chapter and Worthy Grand Matron's Special Committees.

I hope that all of you can attend the next Annual Meeting of the Texas Cardinals which will be held in January of 2010. The meeting date, time and location will be placed in the December 2009 Official Bulletin, and the 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. 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, we still have \$298,176 in cash or certificates of deposit as of August 5, 2009, and with the receipts of this Grand Chapter are now over \$300,000.

If you will recall, last year I reported to you that the Texas Cardinals would 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 so that we could shift from selling Cardinals merchandise to helping sell the new Most Worthy Grand Matron's products. However, this plan is being reconsidered and we will work with Sister Rennie to see what she would like for the Texas

Cardinals to do to further assist her.

Our wonderful partners in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island continue to do their part to assist with the 2009 Installation and 2012 General Grand Chapter Session and we are truly grateful for their assistance.

Our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Fred Clarke is with us today along with his lovely wife, Margaret, who is a Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Let's give them and the other visitors from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island a rousing Texas welcome.

At this time I would like to recognize two individuals who have given of their time and talent in the annual audit of our books and the preparation of the federal income tax return for the Texas Cardinals, Inc. Our Grand Conductress, Mary Ruth White, prepares our annual tax return to the Internal Revenue Service and her husband, Joe White, performs our annual audit, and they both donate their services which saves the Texas Cardinals a very considerable amount of money. Please help me in thanking them for their continuing contribution to the Texas Cardinals.

It is now my pleasure to present the other members of the Texas Cardinals 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. These are the people who make it all happen. They are the ones who set up the tables and sell Cardinal merchandise in their Districts.

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 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. 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 the right start to a fantastic term of service to our Order.

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. 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: Sister Yvonne Brownfield, I recognize you for your Purposes and Policies report.

REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my sisters and brothers, pursuant to Article 152-J b, (4) Code of Laws, I submit the following report:

On October 4, 2008, the Purposes and Policy committee met in Abilene and received the proposed Humanitarian projects for the Grand Chapter year of 2009-2010. Presenting these projects was AGM, Bess Caldwell and AGP, Bill Wyatt as follows:

HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

1. Texas Masonic Retirement Center (resident)
2. ESTARL
3. Extra Help (general fund)
4. Aide (benevolence)
5. Students (education)

PROJECTS REQUIRING FUNDING AS FOLLOWS:

1. TMRC - sun catchers
2. American Heart Committee - pins
3. Cancer Awareness - pins
4. Youth - Booklets (When & Where in Texas)
5. Rob Morris Celebration - Texas Tote Bags
6. Calendar Committee
7. Music Committee
8. Proficiency Committee
9. Dress Pins - Red, White & Blue pins

Proceeds to be divided equally between Ronald McDonald House and the West Texas Rehab Center.

AGP Bill presented the yearbook, explaining that an endowed membership would be awarded to the top seller of ads. Cost of which will be part of yearbook expenses.

Committee unanimously approved the above projects reminding the AGM and AGP that they now were to be presented to the Board of Directors for initial purchase and any subsequent re-orders.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES NOT REQUIRING FUNDING:

Bulletin	Endowed Membership Stamps
Texas Cardinals	Grand Escorts, Pages, Secs.
Visitation	Credit Card
Yearbook	Grand Historian
Masonic Relations	Time & Talent
Grand Chapter Mom/Dad/Sweetheart	Name Badges
Grand Soloist	Poet Laureate
Texas Pioneers	Spring Fling

TWO FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE VISITS ARE PLANNED: Louisiana and Oklahoma.

The appointed Purpose and Policy committee members present were: Jack Guy, Nelson Campbell, Doris Hester, Yvonne Brownfield. Also present as per COL Art. 152-J, a, the 8 members of corporate board as follows: WGM Joyce Nicklas, WGP Ray Hertenberger, AGM Bess Caldwell, AGP Bill Wyatt, Grand Sec., Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Treasurer, Betty Prater, Grand Conductress, Mary Ruth White, Associate Grand Conductress, Vi Griffin, and Vice Chairman of BOD, Diane Davidson. This body unanimously approved the entire presentation.

Minutes of meeting were taken by Sister Nell at the request of chairman, copy of which is attached as well as recap of funding data.

Fraternally, Yvonne Brownfield, PGM, Chairman

Committee/Projects	Items to be Available	Cost Per Item	Quantity	Grand Chapter Advance	Donation	Total Cost of Sales	Projected Net Profit	Proceeds
Texas Masonic Retirement Center	Texas Sun Catcher	1.25	1000	\$ 1,250.00	\$5.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00	TMRC
Cancer Awareness	Patriotic Pin	0.45	1000	\$ 450.00	\$5.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,550.00	American Cancer Society
American Heart's Committee	Heart Pin	0.54	500	\$ 270.00	\$5.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,230.00	American Heart Association
Youth Organizations	When & Where in Texas Travel Book	1.00	500	\$ 500.00	\$3.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	IORG & DeMolay
Rob Morris Celebration	Texas Bag	2.25	500	\$ 1,125.00	\$5.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,375.00	Texas Hoe Down
Calendar Committee	Calendar	2.50	1500	\$ 3,750.00	\$5.00	\$7,500.00	\$3,750.00	undesignated
Music Committee	WGM's Music	1.50	500	\$ 750.00	\$5.55	\$2,775.00	\$2,025.00	
Music Committee	WGP's Music	1.50	250	\$ 375.00	\$5.00	\$1,250.00	\$875.00	
Proficiency & Humanitarian	Stickers and Ribbons (1700 per roll)	30.00	6	\$ 180.00	\$1.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,420.00	General Fund
Yearbook		0	1500	\$ -	\$10.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	General Fund
<i>Donations divided between Ronald McDonald House and the West Texas Rehab Center</i>	Texas Dress Pin (Red)	0.768	1000	\$ 768.00	\$25.00	\$25,000.00	\$24,232.00	
	Texas Dress Pin (White)	0.768	1000	\$ 768.00	\$50.00	\$50,000.00	\$49,232.00	
	Texas Dress Pin (Blue)	0.769	1000	\$ 769.00	\$75.00	\$75,000.00	\$74,231.00	
	Texas Dress Pins (All Three \$125)							
Total Advance Funds Requested				\$ 10,955.00		\$195,625.00	\$184,670.00	
Name Badges			1500	\$ -	\$ 2.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	American Heart Association
Bulletin Committee				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Endowed Membership Stamp Committee				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	Endowed Membership
Texas Cardinals Committee				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	Texas Cardinals
Grand Escort, Pages & Appointed Sec				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Membership Visitation Committee				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Credit Card Committee				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	General Fund
Grand Historian Committee	Historical Highlights			\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Masonic Relations Committee				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Time and Talent Committee				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grand Chapter Mom, Dad and Sweetheart				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grand Soloist				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Poet Laureate				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Honorary Members Committee				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Spring Fling Committee				\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
						\$198,625.00	\$187,670.00	
Grand Chapter 25%							\$46,917.50	

Purposes and Policies Committee Meeting
October 4, 2008
Abilene, Texas

Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Payroll Chairman Committee, GGC and a Past Grand Matron of Texas presided as Chairman of the committee. Those in attendance: Purposes and Policies, Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron, Nelson Campbell and Jack Guy, Past Grand Patrons. Corporate Board, Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron, Bess Caldwell, Associate Grand Matron, Bill Wyatt, Associate Grand Patron, Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary, Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, Mary Ruth White, Grand Conductress and Vi Griffin, Associate Grand Conductress. Diane Davidson, Vice Chairman represented the Board of Directors.

Sister Yvonne called the meeting to order and referred to COL, Article 152-J, b, 4, which states this meeting is required and that Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary had agreed to take the minutes of the meeting.

Brother Nelson Campbell opened the meeting with prayer.

Everyone was presented an agenda and a book explaining the projects to be presented by the Associate Grand Matron and were asked to refer to the recap of the projects in the back of the book to connect the information the Associate Grand Matron would present.

The projects were presented by Sister Bess and Brother Bill.

Brother Bill presented the Year Book and explained how it would be handled. They are offering an Endowed Membership to the top dollar seller of ads. The cost of the Endowed Membership will be part of the cost of the Year Book. All agreed this would be a great idea. He also plans to promote Eastern Star to the Masons.

Sister Doris moved the tote bag order be increased to 750 and all projects accepted as presented, the motion was seconded and carried.

Sister Yvonne stated the projects then had to be presented to the Board of Directors for approval, and if re-ordering becomes necessary, it would be requested directly to BOD and not through the P&P Committee. She further requested that some of the undesignated funds perhaps could be used to make a presentation to TMRC, if the AGM would like to.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron gave remarks and a closing prayer was given by Diane Davidson.

Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Secretary

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

I recognize Brother Henry Martin.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you for this opportunity. Sisters and Brothers, I wanted to talk to you briefly about General Grand Chapter this morning.

Some Eighteen years ago, one of Texas' own past Grand Matrons, Sister Rennie Ofton, was elected as a member of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees of General Grand

Chapter. She would serve nine (9) years on this Board, which at that time was a requirement to be elected as Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, the first step in the elected line of GGC toward becoming the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the presiding officer of the world-wide Eastern Star organization. Sister Rennie would serve three years in each of the next three stations, a total of eighteen years as an elected GGC officer. Those eighteen years will end in November of 2009, and Sister Rennie will reach the pinnacle of Eastern Star, that of Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter. She will serve three years, and in 2012 in Fort Worth, will preside over the General Grand Session in Fort Worth and conclude a journey of twenty-one years. And you and I, the membership of Texas, will host that General Grand Session in Fort Worth, as we welcome the entire world of Eastern Star.

Anticipating that Texas would have a Most Worthy Grand Matron and would host the General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly in 2012, the Texas Cardinals, a 501 (c)(3) organization was formed for the purpose of developing the resources, both people and money, necessary to host General Grand Chapter in Texas. The money was raised because Rennie did not want the Grand Chapter of Texas, or the membership through a special assessment, to have to pay for any of the expenses required to hold General Grand Chapter. And today, I can honestly tell you that you have accomplished that task. Through these intervening years, you, the Texas Cardinals and the membership of Texas, have been responsible for raising more than three hundred thousand dollars through your hard work. We have enough money to finance the Installation this November in Tulsa, and the General Grand Session that will be held in 2012 in Fort Worth.

Only a few short years ago, we thought that 209 would never come. But now, the time for Texas to have a Texas Lady as the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, is here... And the time that Texas will host the General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly is only three years away. This is the time and this is the reason that all of you have been working for, and explains why the entire state of Texas is excited and proud. And just as you have helped in the past, your help, everyone's help, is needed now.

First, we want you to come to General Grand Chapter in Tulsa.

General Grand Chapter will be held this year in Tulsa from Saturday, October 31 through Thursday, November 5, when Rennie will be installed.

The hotel assigned to Texas is the Crowne Plaza. Rooms are \$124.00 plus tax, for 1-4.

There are forms available at the General Grand Chapter table in the back.

Housing forms

Forms to order tickets for the social events

Sign up for Tours

Registration forms

Bus Passes

The Grand Representative's luncheon is on Saturday at noon, and if you are now or have ever been a Grand Representative, you are invited to that luncheon. Be prepared, because that luncheon will most likely have more than 1,500 people in attendance. Our own Phyllis Macon will be installed as President of the International Grand Representatives Association for the next three years.

On Saturday night, there will be a Costume Party Mixer, with finger foods, at 6:00 p.m. for everyone at the Tulsa Convention Center.

There will be a General Banquet on Sunday night at 6:30, and another on Wednesday night, both at the convention center and open to everyone. Each one of these will have

excellent entertainment, and it will give you an example of what we will have in Fort Worth in 2012. These banquets typically have more than 2,00 people in attendance.

The Texas/Nova Scotia Banquet is on Monday night, Nov. 2, at 6:00 p.m., and we certainly want Texas to be well represented at that event. I encourage all of you to join us for that event. The Canadians will have a large group there, and we all know that Texas can't be outdone by the Canadians.

For the men, there will be a Master Mason's degree on Tuesday night at the Convention Center, put on by the Oklahoma Indian Degree team, at no charge. You must send in your intent to be there, and bring your current dues card. The forms for that are also on the back table. There will be other entertainment for those not attending the degree.

The Invitation to come to Fort Worth in 2012 will be given on Thursday, November 5, about 11:00 a.m. toward the end of the business session.

We have a video of Fort Worth that will be shown to the crowd.

While that is being shown, we want Texas and Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island people to ring the arena, wearing cowboy hats. Preferably red hats for the ladies and black for the men, but any color that you have will do.

When the video is finished, I will invite the delegates to come to Fort Worth in 2012 for the 148th General Grand Assembly.

And, there will be handouts for you to pass out to the delegates.

Installation is on Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Sisters and Brothers, many of you have expressed an interest in helping at Tulsa. And while some people have been assigned to help in a specific way, the majority of you have not.

Shelley Walker and Alfred Bell are Chair and Co-Chair of the Resource Pool Committee. They have a list of people who have expressed a willingness to help, but do not have a specific job. They have a table, and I encourage you to sign up with them. Then, in Tulsa, they will tell you where people are needed, and you can be a part of General Grand Chapter. Some areas where we will need help include the following:

Hosting a Hospitality suite in the Texas hotel, the Crowne Plaza.

Putting together handouts for the Thursday invitation.

Setting up for Installation as soon as GGC session ends on Thursday morning.

Help setting up the decorations, and getting the arena ready.

Need ushers, people to hand out Installation programs, people to help line up/seat the GGC committee members, and other dignitaries, etc.

Helping sell the various General Grand Chapter publications at Rennie & Fred's vendor booth.

Helping pass out literature about Fort Worth at the Fort Worth Convention Bureau booth.

Helping staff the information table in the Crowne Plaza hotel, the Texas hotel.

And much more...

So, when you have an opportunity, go to the back of this Grand Chapter room and sign up with Shelley and Alfred's committee. And, when we finish with the Installation in Tulsa, we will begin preparing for the 2012 Fort Worth Session, and believe me, that we will need the help of all of you to get that done. Sisters and Brothers, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and you certainly want to be a part of it.

Sisters and Brothers, the job of Installation this year and preparing and holding the

events in Fort Worth in 2012, requires the help of many people. I have asked those who will serve with me on the Executive Committee for the next three years to join me in the East. Let me introduce them to you. Kenneth Gregory, General Co-Chairman; Lee Stallings, Texas Finance Chairman; Jerry Trees, General Chairman of Housing and Transportation and Sharon Fentress, Texas Chairman of Housing and Transportation; Betty Friend, Texas Social Chairman; and Janice Herridge, Executive Committee Secretary.

Would you help me thank these people for all the work they have done and will do. [applause] Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I want to thank you for allowing us to make this report this morning. We appreciate all the support you've given us and we're looking forward to three more years.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much, Brother Henry. I know that all of us are excited about Tulsa and then in three years Fort Worth. We're all excited about that.

We'll now have the report of the International Headquarters, Sister Kathy Franks.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

MRS. KATHY FRANKS: Thank you.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of chairing this committee this year. I am extremely honored to have been offered this opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas.

At the 2008 Grand Chapter session, the membership voted to report new members, whether by initiation, dual or affiliation, on the annual report, and to make payment when the annual report is filed with the Grand Secretary. Most chapters held their donations to be forwarded with their annual report. Donations received as a part of an annual report have not been reported to me and, thus, are not included herein.

Over the past year, donations for 62 new memberships, totaling \$310, were received by me and forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

Additionally, I have been notified of donations of \$524 which were received, prior to the filing of annual reports, in the Grand Secretary's office.

These monies, along with any funds forwarded with any chapter's annual report, should keep us 100% current with the International Headquarters fund.

This concludes my remarks and I, therefore, move the acceptance of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Franks

International Headquarters

General Chairman

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the Chairman of the International Headquarters. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Thank you so much, Kathy.

Is Sister Toni Crawford in the room, so we can adopt your Fraternal Correspondent report?

MRS. TONI CRAWFORD: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I make the motion to adopt the report of the Fraternal Correspondent that was given last night.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of our Fraternal Correspondent and that beautiful program that we had yesterday. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Thank you so much, Toni. It was beautiful. The flag presentation was awesome.

Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to give you a couple of minutes to get to your luncheons. Brother Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this session from labor to rest, and you will direct him to permit no interruption while we're thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, by order of the Worthy Grand Matron we are calling this Friday morning "Love in His Kingdom" session from labor to rest, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

There will be no interruptions, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. I invite Sister Alma, Past Grand Matron, to please voice our benediction.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Thank you.

Our Father and our God, we come to you this morning with thankful and loving hearts. Thank you for the Privilege of meeting as a free people, to conduct the business of our Grand Chapter.

Bless the work and decisions we have made this morning. We ask for your blessings for the lunch hour and the Session this afternoon. We ask for your love and guidance to always do our work well and with love and mercy. We ask for thy loving care and blessings on our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron and their Officers.

Dear God, Father of us all, we beseech you to bless and keep our Beloved Country safe in these troubled times.

Amen

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

I now call this Friday morning "Love in His Kingdom" session from labor to rest until 1:30 at which time we will continue the business session. I believe we're moving so well we're going to get lots done today. I thank you for your attention.

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

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 7, 2009

HOPE IN HIS KINGDOM Session

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jerri Young
Registration Committee

Call to Order

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro Tem
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Henry Martin
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. It's a pleasure to welcome each of you to this Friday afternoon session. I'm pleased to call to order this "Hope in His Kingdom" session of the "Peace in His Kingdom" Grand Chapter. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas, for this honor. We have enjoyed the prelude by Sister Jerri Young, and she was accompanied by our Grand Organist, Mary Harvey. Please join me in showing our appreciation to both of them for sharing their talents with us this afternoon.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, from my observation everyone is enjoying the events and the social gatherings you and your Executive and Arrangements Committees have planned and provided for us since our arrival. Likewise, your Grand Chapter Committees and Special Committees have worked hard all year to fulfill the responsibilities and the duties they assumed last year at your Installation. Time does fly when we are having fun. That is the social enjoyment our founder promised us when we became members of our Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, I want to say a special thank you for inviting my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Henry S. Martin, to be in the East with me this afternoon. Brother Henry, it was just ten short years ago that we presided together at the "Tapestry of Love and Service" 117th Grand Chapter session in Waco. I invite you to greet the membership of our Order.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Sister Alma. I also want to express my appreciation to Sister Joyce Nicklas and Brother Ray Hertenberger for the privilege of opening this Friday afternoon session of Grand Chapter 2009 here in Arlington and for being allowed to share the East with my own Cameo Lady, Sister Alma Lynn Bane. As we stand here together, I also think back to that year of 1999 when we stood together in Waco. Sister Alma, I was proud of you then for what you had accomplished during our year in the East, and I'm proud of you today for what you have done for our Order since then and your work, especially as Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro Tem of General Grand Chapter. In the short time you have been in Washington, you have made major contributions. But I also know that your heart is here in Texas. It's good to have you standing here in Arlington with all of us today.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Sister Grand Marshal, you will present “The Broken Column” drill by the Grand Officers, their Personal Pages and the Deputies of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

The broken column is one of the Worthy Grand Matron’s honor stations and one of her favorite stations. This is how she chose her emblem, the lion and the lamb. The outer circle is formed by the Lady Grand Pages of the Installed Grand Officers. The triangle is formed by the Deputies of the Grand Chapter. The broken column will be formed by the Lady Installed Grand Officers, and the base of the broken column is formed by the Gentleman Installed Grand Officers and their Grand Pages, our Masonic Brothers who are the base of our foundation. Let’s show them how much we’ve enjoyed this 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 Ray, we are all so very proud of the work you have done for our Order this year. You have been outstanding leaders as you have crossed the state multiple times encouraging our membership with positive attitudes. 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 Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray, we are all proud of the love and service you have given to our Grand Chapter and our Order this year and in previous years. From one person with sand between her toes to another, you’ve done your chapter, your section and your district proud. And when all of this is over, you can go to Disney World and see Mickey Mouse and his friends. You’ve earned a true vacation.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce, as a member of your section, I can say without any reservations that we are proud of you and that you have been a great leader who knows what the words “service to our Order” mean, and you exemplify it. Measure your lifetime in blessings, not in years you’ve known. Count up the number of people you have touched; add up the love you have shown. Measure your days in the gladness that you and your loved ones have shared. Now, I told you when you got here to expect the unexpected. I told one of your Pages that I noticed they were bringing you plain water. Today when they bring you plain water, Brother Henry and I have something for you and Ray to put in that water to give it a little zing. Now I don’t want you telling anybody that this is instant margarita mix because it does not have any tequila in it. But enjoy because it’s five o’clock somewhere, babe! [applause] I present you your gavel.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Alma Lynn Bane and Brother Henry Martin, for extending us the honor of opening this “Hope in His Kingdom” session. Sister Alma, I realize how busy you are, and I’m so pleased that you have given us your time. You know, Sister Alma, we’ve come a long way, and I thank you for you always put Texas first. I thank you for being here. Brother Henry, thank you for the service that you give, and you know how much we care about you. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Alma and Brother Henry, we appreciate your service to the Order not only the way you presided in Texas at the “Tapestry of Love” session, but also what you are doing and what you’re going to do for General Grand Chapter. We’ve been friends for many years and I hope for many, many more. We love you, and we

thank you for opening this session for us.

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

Brother Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this “Hope in His Kingdom” session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we’re thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Friday afternoon “Hope in His Kingdom” session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we’re thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

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

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain 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 with us in these deliberations.

Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

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

Our invocation this afternoon will be given by Mrs. Gerry Dusek, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: Let us bow our heads in prayer. Heavenly Father, we most humbly thank You for the opportunity of coming together as we have for this Grand Chapter session and for the many blessings You have bestowed on each of us and for the Order of the Eastern Star. We give You the credit, Father, for any accomplishments which may be here attained, and we pray that whatever transpires here may be pleasing in Your sight. Father, we ask that You watch over and bless the men and women in our armed forces as they offer their service to our nation that we may be safe, secure and free in this beautiful land of ours. Be with us, God, in all of our actions. Guide and direct us in everything that we do and say. We thank You for the multitude of blessings which You bestow upon us on a daily basis. For all these things we give You all the praise. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now declare this “Hope in His Kingdom” session called from rest to labor. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Warder, this “Hope in His Kingdom” session is called from rest to labor.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sisters and Brothers, I hope that you returned to the Grand Chapter room before the music was finished. Sister Jerri Young and our Grand Organist, Sister Mary Harvey, did a wonderful, wonderful melody of Disney tunes with the flute and the piano. It was so enjoyable. Please show them how much we appreciate them.

I also thank my very, very good friend, Sister Gerry Dusek, our Past Grand Matron, for bringing the invocation this afternoon.

We did well this morning, but we do have a couple of reports that I want to get before we get on with this afternoon’s reports. I would ask Sister Anna Huckabee and the Educational Fund Committee to come forward at this time.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

DR. ANNA HUCKABEE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity to serve on a Committee that is so dear to my heart. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is a pleasure to present this report of the Education Fund Committee for your consideration.

The Education Fund Committee met on April 30, 2009, the first time in the Grand Secretary's office with these members present: Committee Members: Betty Fogarty (d4), Raul Garcia (D5) and Anna Huckabee (D3-chairman) and Board Members: Keith Mikeworth (D2) and Kathy Teele (D5). After scoring all applications, the Committee awarded 24 \$500.00 scholarships. The only money for these scholarships came from the Humanitarian Fund which was \$12,000.00.

The Worthy Grand Matron requested that the Education Fund Committee come to the Grand Secretary's Office on July 17, 2009 to select applications for 10 more scholarships. Committee Members present were: Jane Clabaugh (D1), Betty Fogarty (D4), Anna Huckabee (D3-chairman) and Oru Wrothy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, and Associate Grand Patron, also the Board Members were having a meeting. The applicant's files were checked again and 10 more scholarships for \$500.00 were given. This \$5,000.00 was given by our Worthy Grand Matron from monies returned from the Multi-States activities.

A total of 34 scholarships for \$500.00 were awarded. The list of recipients is included.

Respectfully submitted,

EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

Dr. Anna Huckabee, Chairman

Mrs. Jane Clabaugh, District I

Mr. Horton Kidd, District II

Mrs. Betty Fogarty, District IV

Mr. Raul Garcia, District V

2009 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

William Batchelor Tarleton State University
Tiffany Brock NE Tx. Community College
Koby Clark Texas Tech University
Megan Day University of Arlington
Kelsey Dennis Lubbock Christian University
Zachary Doss Texas Tech University
Jeanna Dyer University of North Texas
Keisey Evans Hardin Simmons University
Natasha Forgarty Wharton Jr. College
Wesley Garner Oklahoma University
Heather Gary Lone Star College
Christine Gratia University of Texas at Austin
Spencer Hall Lon Morris College
Joshua Hickman Lee College
Briney Laur Midwestern State
Jennah Leigh Lewis University of Texas at Tyler

Bailee Lusk Texas Tech University
 Ariel Maxson Texas Woman’s University
 Whitney McCarthy Baylor College of Medicine
 Kristen Moore Texas A&M University
 Katy O’Shields Abilene Christian University
 Jennifer Penn Texas A&M University
 Joshua Riggins Texas Tech University
 Kathryn Rodriguez Texas State University
 Michael Roe Texas Tech University
 Veronica Royall Texas A&M Corpus
 Gillian Salerm-Rabie Franklin & Marshall College
 Jennifer Marie Shearer Sam Houston State University
 Ashley Smith Tarleton State University
 Rebecca Smith Tyler Jr. College
 M.B. Speer Texas Tech University
 Jillian Verret Texas State University
 Katherine Whitney Stephen F. Austin State University

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the Educational Fund Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

We thank all of you for your hard work. We know that you traveled many miles to go over these applications. We’re hoping that next year we can give twice as many.

Sisters and Brothers, this afternoon I’m using a gavel that was presented to me by Sister Nan Martin and her husband. It was made by a gentleman who lives in Glen Rose. He numbers all of the gavels that he makes. I have number 246. This one is very special to me because they wanted me to have it. That’s why I’m using it this afternoon.

At this time we’re going to pause with business. I would ask that my husband David come up here and stand beside me, because he and I have a presentation to make. Becky, would you come up here with us. Eastern Star means a great deal to this family, but we also know there comes times when we get older that we may not be capable of paying our dues and going on. We want our chapter to continue because they’ll receive money from these endowed memberships from now on. Even when we’re gone our chapter will benefit. David and I know that our children will benefit from these also. So, Rebecca, I’m proud to present you an endowed membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Your daddy and I — now when Sarah comes tonight, don’t tell her because she’s getting one. Be here and watch her expression. Becky has to leave because she has an engagement this evening. Daddy paid for yours and Sarah’s, but my love gift paid for yours! [applause]

If the Humanitarian people will be very patient, we’re going to listen to these reports from our Deputies first. But you’re seated where it’s nice and cool. I’m not going to leave you standing anywhere.

I recognize Sister Charlotte Beall, my District Deputy Grand Matron, from District 1.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 1

MRS. CHARLOTTE BEALL: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters

and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas, the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1, join me in expressing our love and appreciation for the honor bestowed upon us for this special place of service. It gives me a great honor to introduce the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1 – my “Charlie’s Angels” and give the report for District 1.

Cindy Brisko, Section 1 and the 14 chapters of Section 1, hosted the “Peace In the Valley” School on November 20, 2008 in Gainesville with **137** in attendance.

Linda Hargis, Section 2 and the 9 chapters of Section 2, hosted the “Love of the Lamb” School on November 22, 2008 in Sherman with **188** in attendance.

Ann Cornelius, Section 3 and the 11 chapters of Section 3, hosted the “Learning, Love and Lambs” School on November 18, 2008 in Royse City with **113** in attendance.

Addie Taylor, Section 4 and the 10 chapters of Section 4, hosted the “Christmas With the Stars” School on December 13, 2008 in Dallas with **156** in attendance.

Shelley Walker, Section 5 and the 16 chapters of Section 5, hosted the “Lord is my Shepherd” School on November 15, 2008 in Dallas/Farmers Branch with **231** in attendance.

Joy James, Section 6 and the 7 chapters of Section 6, hosted the “Abiding In Peace” School on November 6, 2008 in Palestine with **100** in attendance.

Rhonda Transier, Section 7 and the 9 chapters of Section 7, hosted the “Tending the Flock” School on November 25, 2008 in Jacksonville with **78** in attendance.

Janice Johnston, Section 8 and the 9 chapters of Section 8, hosted the “Lamb of Knowledge” School on November 13, 2008 in Marshall with **100** in attendance.

Lin Johnston, Section 9 and the 11 chapters of Section 9, hosted the “Bluebonnets on the Border” School on November 8, 2008 in Texarkana with **152** in attendance.

Tashia Hensley, Section 10 and the 9 chapters of Section 10, hosted the “Meek and the Mighty” School on November 11, 2008 in Gilmer with **123** in attendance.

The total attendance for the 10 school for District 1 was **1,379**.

Thank you to the members for your attendance and the incredible questions at our schools. Your participation was greatly appreciated. My thanks to these ten fantastic deputies for their outstanding schools and their dedication they have for our beautiful Order.

Statistical Report for District 1

Chapters Assigned	105
Chapters Demised	1
Chapters Consolidated	2
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	105
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	20
Schools Attended Unofficially	98
Letters Written	2,926
Miles Traveled	79,904

This Grand Chapter year began with 105 chapters and with a total membership in District 1 of 9,429.

In Section 7:

Lindale Chapter #864 demised on May 30, 2009.

In Section 6:

Tennessee Colony Chapter #102 consolidated with Palestine Chapter #395 on February 16, 2009.

In Section 3:

Emory Chapter #1120 consolidated with Quinlan Chapter #170 on June 9, 2009.

Worthy Grand Matron, Joyce Nicklas, this has been a wonderful year filled with incredible schools and treasured memories that I will always treasure. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this high honor as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 1.

To our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger, our #1 Good Shepherd. We enjoyed your presence at our schools when you were able to attend. Your beautiful Star Point Closing presentation gave a sense of beauty to our Star Points and to our beautiful Order. Our thanks to you and your lovely wife, Sister Vicki Hertenberger, Grand Esther, for your loving support.

Sister Linda Puckett, Grand Examiner – District 1, thank you for your words of encouragement and being such a great roommate. Your beautiful rendition of the secret work made our schools complete. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

To the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards, Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Betty Scott, Grand Chaplain; Mary Harvey, Grand Organist; Bill Vaughn, Grand Sentinel; from the Elected Boards of District 1, Arthur Drescher and Jack Beall. We were honored with your presence at our school and your dedication to our Order.

To my special friend, Tava Smith, Humanitarian Chairman for District 1, your presentation of the Humanitarian Program was impressive and you brought out the distribution of our Worthy Grand Matron Humanitarian Program, PEACE.

Jerre Miller, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, you were always there to support, encourage and praise, comfort and guide us. Thank you for your loving ways, and an extremely big heart, and especially your devotion to our Order.

To the Members of District 1 – the Deputy Grand Matrons and I would like to say “WOW! What a membership.” Your loving support, service and dedication is why you are #1 in the state. Thank you for giving us the many memories that we will cherish for a lifetime.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Beall

District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1

It is with pleasure I introduce my sweet friend, Audri Rowell, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 2

MRS. AUDRI ROWELL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas for the confidence and trust you placed in me by allowing me to serve this Grand Chapter as District Deputy Grand Matron in District II.

It is my honor and privilege to present the annual report for District II and introduce these lovely Deputy Grand Matrons who have traveled and served our District with great pride.

Section 1 – Miss Hazel Ruth Howard; her “Lambs of Starlight” School of Instruction was held in Pampa with 56 in attendance on September 23, 2008

Section 2 – Mrs. Dawn Larson; her “Lambs of Learning” School of Instruction was held in Amarillo with 89 in attendance on September 20, 2008.

Section 3 – Mrs. Nellie Webb; her “Gathering of the Bluebonnets” School of Instruction was held in Floydada with 51 in attendance on September 25, 2008.

Section 4 – Mrs. Janice Strange; her “Gentle Lambs of the South Plains” School of Instruction was held in Lubbock with 63 in attendance on October 7, 2008.

Section 5 – Mrs. Judith Fowler; her “Gallop into God’s Country” School of Instruction was held in Childress with 57 in attendance on September 18, 2008.

Section 6 – Mrs. Dixie Wetzel; her “Flowers of Texas” School of Instruction was held in Burkburnett with 88 in attendance on September 16, 2008.

Section 7 – Mrs. Joyce Marlar; her “Shimmering Stars” School of Instruction was held in Abilene with 195 in attendance on October 4, 2008.

Section 8 – Mrs. Carla Stringer; her “When You Wish Upon a Star” School of Instruction was held in Midland with 128 in attendance on September 27, 2008.

Section 9 – Mrs. Chris Puckett; her “Heart of a Lion” School of Instruction was held in Ft. Stockton with 47 in attendance on October 2, 2008.

Section 10 – Mrs. Beverly Hood; her “Kissing Kin” School of Instruction was held in El Paso with 47 in attendance on September 30, 2008.

Chapter Assigned	44
Chapters Demised.	1
Chapters Consolidated	2
Chapters Inspected	44
Schools Conducted.	10
Schools Attended Officially	20
School Attended Unofficially. . .	57
Correspondence	481
Mileage	30,318

These beautiful Deputy Grand Matrons of District II join with me as we extend our appreciation to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas for allowing each of us to be a part of her “Grand Family” and serving our Order. The memories we have made will be cherished for a lifetime.

Brother Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you for the time you were able to spend in District II. Your love for our Order shows through your everyday life.

Cindy Echols, Grand Examiner of District II, it was na honor to share this year with you. We know the membership of District II truly appreciates your continued hard work and dedication for the good of our Order.

Sister Jerry Miller, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, no words can express our sincere appreciation for the many ways you touched each of our lives by the little things you did for us. Thank you for being our friend.

To the membership of District II, we thank each of you for every courtesy or act of kindness that was extended to each of us. We especially thank you for your participation

and willingness to serve during each School of Instruction. Thank you for the Honorary Memberships and Certificates of Appreciation. We know it took the vote of the chapter to give these and for that we thank you.

Thanks for the memories.

Respectfully submitted,

Audri Rowell

District Deputy Grand Matron, District II

It is with great pleasure that I recognize my co-worker and friend, Sister Leslie Kielberg and District Deputy Grand Matron, District II.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 3

DR. LESLIE KEILBERG: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is with much pride that I bring you the report from District 3. Worthy Grand Matron, may I publicly thank you for the confidence you placed in me by appointing me as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3 and the honor you brought to one of the smallest sections in the State of Texas, and recognition to my own Chapter No. 668 in Graham and my dual Chapter No. 390 in Jacksboro.

I am also appreciative of your selection of the ten lovely deputies that I have had the privilege to serve with this year and I want to present them to you along with information from their schools.

- Mackie Teague Section 1 "Circle of Life" held in Ft. Worth Feb. 20-21
- Betty Kitchens Section 2 "The Flock Returns Home" held in Mineral Wells Feb. 27-28
- Susie Carpenter Section 3 "I Only Have Eyes for Ewe" held in Graham Feb. 2-3
- Mae Curry Section 4 "The Gathering of the Flock" held in De Leon Feb. 9-10
- Judy Lunsford Section 5 "The Faithful Shepherd" held in Comanche Feb. 4-5
- Gelene Johnson Section 6 "Keys to the Kingdom" held in Burnet Feb. 11-12
- Debbie Knight Section 7 "Peaceful Pastures" held in Copperas Cove Feb. 16-17
- Helen Thornton Section 8 "Walk Through the Bluebonnets" held in Temple Feb. 13-14
- Norma Russell Section 9 "The Journey to Peace and Love" held in Waco Feb. 6-7
- Christi Nickels Section 10 "Shining Stars" held in Glen Rose on Feb. 18-19

The following is a summary of the year's work in District Three:

Chapters Assigned . . . . .	.83
Chapters Demised or Consolidated . . . . .	.0
Chapters Instituted . . . . .	.0
Chapters Constituted . . . . .	.1
Chapters Inspected . . . . .	.83
Chapters Not Inspected . . . . .	.0
Schools Conducted . . . . .	.10
Schools Attended Officially . . . . .	.20
Schools Attended Unofficially . . . . .	.74
Letters Written . . . . .	.1,892
E-mails . . . . .	.Uncountable
Miles Traveled . . . . .	.42,146

Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a fun experience working with you. I could never express my feelings to have served with someone who is so dedicated to OES and to his family. Thank you for allowing me to help with your “Bubba” fun.

Vicki, our Grand Esther, I have certainly enjoyed working again with you.

Cheryl, our Grand Examiner, it was such a fast trip - our one month together. We shared some good times and you were so kind to help me whenever I needed help. Your kindness to our membership is appreciated also.

To Jerre, the WGM’s secretary, Wow! It has been so great to travel with you and get to know you better this year. Several years ago you became “My bestest New Friend”, and you are strengthening this bond every day!

To the membership in District 3, we thank you for the honorary Memberships presented this year, the many love gifts and hugs. Thank you for being such a cooperative and loving membership.

To the World of OES... I have had a GREAT, FUN TIME; and a most LEARNING YEAR. Thanks to all the membership.

Worthy Grand Matron, these 10 Deputies join me in expressing our gratitude to you for the “Kindness” and “Love” you have spread, not only in our District, but all over the state. It has been a fun time working with you! Wow! Just think of all the memories! I love you!

I would like now to invite a really good friend — another one, we’ve made so many good friends this year — Sharon Mosmeyer, District Deputy from District 4.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 4

MRS. SHARON MOSMEYER: Thank you, Sister Leslie Keilberg, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3.

It is my pleasure to bring this report for District 4.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as District Deputy Grand Matron for District 4 for the year 2008-2009. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for giving me these capable Deputy Grand Matrons, also known as the Emerald Angels of District 4. They have worked very hard and they have completed all their tasks in a beautiful and dignified manner. It was my pleasure to work with these dedicated ladies who have shown their love and dedicated service to our beautiful Order.

Sister Dawn Lang, Deputy Grand Matron, and the 15 chapters for Section 1 hosted the “Gentle Shepherd” School of Instruction on January 15, 2009 in Nacogdoches. There were a total of 159 in attendance for the school activities. Sister Dawn traveled a total of 6,378 miles during her year. During the year Bronson Chapter NO. 337 consolidated with Hemphill Chapter No. 375 leaving 14 chapters for Section 1.

Sister Barbara Gant, Deputy Grand Matron, and the 17 chapters of Section 2 hosted “The Lamp of Knowledge” School of Instruction on January 17, 2009 in Kountze. There were a total of 224 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Barbara traveled a total of 7,520 miles for the year. There were no chapters that consolidated or demised during the year.

Sister Nancy Reynolds, Deputy Grand Matron, and the 8 chapters of Section 3 hosted the “Keepers of the Lions and Lambs” School of Instruction on January 20, 2009 in Livingston. There were a total of 106 members in attendance for the school activities.

Sister Nancy traveled a total of 23,819 miles for the year. There were no chapters that consolidated or demised during the year.

Sister Brenda Pigott, Deputy Grand Matron, and the 13 chapters of Section 4 hosted the “Gathering With Angels, Lambs and Lions” School of Instruction on January 13, 2009 in Baytown. There were a total of 164 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Brenda traveled a total of 4,506 miles for the year. There were no chapters that consolidated or demised during the year.

Sister Stephanie Hall, Deputy Grand Matron, and the 18 chapters of Section 5 hosted “The Lion and Lamb Meet in the Meadow” School of Instruction on January 24, 2009 in Houston. There were a total of 228 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Stephanie traveled a total of 3,942 miles for the year. One chapter, North Shore No. 1058, demised leaving 17 chapters for Section 5.

Sister Debra Fincher, Deputy Grand Matron, and the 8 chapters of Section 6 hosted the “Lions on Parade” School of Instruction on January 6, 2009 in Franklin. There were a total of 136 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Debi traveled a total of 6,114 miles for the year. There were no chapters that consolidated or demised during the year.

Sister Sharon Cobb, Deputy Grand Matron, and the 13 chapters of Section 7 hosted the “Lionhearted” School of Instruction on January 3, 2009 in Spring. There were a total of 226 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Sharon traveled a total of 10,136 miles for the year. One Chapter, Navasota Chapter No. 309, consolidated with Waller Chapter No. 1048 leaving 12 chapters for Section 7.

Sister Marcia Jerrels, Deputy Grand Matron, and the 7 chapters of Section 8 hosted the “Peace and Harmony” School of Instruction on January 22, 2009 in Bastrop. There were a total of 116 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Marcia traveled a total of 12,092 miles for the year. There were no chapters that consolidated or demised during the year.

Sister Gerry Sturtz, Deputy Grand Matron, and the 5 chapters of Section 9 hosted the “Footprints of the Shepherd” School of Instruction on January 8, 2009 in Sugar Land. There were a total of 115 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Gerry traveled a total of 16,092 miles for the year. There were no chapters that consolidated or demised during the year.

Sister Margaret Lower, Deputy Grand Matron, and the 11 chapters of Section 10 hosted “The Shepherd Leads the Flock” School of Instruction on January 10, 2009 in West Columbia. There were a total of 191 members in attendance for the school activities. Sister Margie traveled a total of 14,382 miles for the year. There were no chapters that consolidated or demised during the year.

A total attendance of the schools in District 4 was 1,665 members.

Although Hurricane Ike damaged several lodge buildings and official visits were scheduled and rescheduled, all Deputies were able to complete their tasks.

Statistical Report for District 4:

Chapters Assigned	115
Chapters Inspected	115
Chapters Consolidated	2
Chapters Demised	1
Chapters Instituted	0
Schools Attended Officially	19

Schools Attended Unofficially	96
Letters Written	2,909
Miles Traveled	130,280

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas, thank you so much for allowing me the privilege to serve you and this Grand Chapter as District Deputy Grand Matron for District 4. Your confidence in me was overwhelming and your kindness and deep understanding of our Order has deeply touched my heart. This has truly been a year of wonderful memories that I will cherish always. I also would like to thank you for the 10 special blessings, the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4. We really do love you Bunches and Bunches!!

Brother David Nicklas: It was fun getting to know you. Your green vest and tie made us proud in District 4 and we were glad you joined the ranks as our Deputy Dad.

District 4... the home of the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger. Brother Ray, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support to me and the Deputies of District 4. You were the rock behind us and you inspired us with your encouragement and your support.

Sister Vicki Hertenberger, Grand Esther: Your smiling face was always a pleasure to see and we appreciated your love and support. Your character exemplified the crown you wore.

Sister Christine Armstrong, Grand Examiner of District 4: Your countless hours in the Examining room, your perfect renditions of the secret work, and your unselfish travel throughout District 4 was greatly appreciated by the Deputy Grand Matrons and the membership and most of all, me. Your kindness and love sets a wonderful example for us all.

Sister Iris Lowe, Humanitarian of District 4: It was a joy to hear your presentation and to see your smiling face when you presented the Worthy Grand Matron's Humanitarian Program before each of the Fraternal Visits.

To my Emerald Angels, the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4: You did all I asked and much, much more and made this year a year to remember, not only for me, but for us all. I am confident that all the members of District 4 join me in thanking you for all your hard work and your dedication to our Order. Your love for the Order is what made this year the special year that it was.

To the membership of District 4: WOW, simple words cannot express my gratitude to you for your support, acceptance and participation this past year. At every school, meeting or any event we were welcomed with your smiling faces and an outstretched hand or even better, a hug. A simple "thank you" seems inadequate but I want you to know that it comes from our hearts. Thank you!!!

Respectfully submitted,
 Sharon Mosmeyer
 District Deputy Grand Matron
 District 4

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to now recognize my co-worker and friend Sister Vickie Matthews, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 5.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 5

MRS. VICKIE MATTHEWS: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters

and Brothers, what a pleasure it is to have the opportunity to bring my report for this Grand Chapter year.

It is an honor to present the District V report for the 2008-2009 Grand Chapter Year and to introduce these 10 deputies from District V, also known as Vickie's Charms:

Sister Janice Goodwin served as Deputy Grand Matron for Section 1, but was unable to be here due to business commitments.

Sister Donna Eason, Section 2

Sister Shirley Smith, Section 3

Sister Carol Ann Kolb, Section 4

Sister Kathleen Bailey, Section 5

Sister Cladette Allen, Section 6

Sister Sylvia Garcia, Section 7

Sister Linda Winn-Christenson, Section 8

Sister Carol Coggins, Section 9, could not be here due to family commitments.

And, Sister Denise McCarthy, Section 10

These ladies have proven that Sisterly love and team work make all things possible. Each of them learned much about the Order and about working with one another and through those experiences, the membership of District V enjoyed ten schools of instruction.

On October 14, 2008, the Section 3 "Pawprints and Hoofprints in the Hill Country" School of Instruction was held in Kerrville, Texas. There were a total of 113 present, with 38 chapters represented.

On October 16, 2008, the Section 1 "Friendships: Great and Small" School of Instruction was held in San Angelo, Texas. There were a total of 52 present, with 16 chapters represented.

On October 18, 2008, thirteen of the chapters of Section 7 came together for "The Pride and the Fold" School of Instruction, held at the Alzafar Shrine Center in San Antonio. There were a total of 178 present for the school, with 57 chapters represented.

On October 21, 2008, the "Boots and Sabres" School of Instruction in Sonora, Texas for Section 2. Although this was an abbreviated school, there were 41 present, with 12 chapters represented.

On October 23, 2008, the "Down by the River" School of Instruction was held at the Alto Frio Baptist Encampment in Leakey, Texas, for Section 4. There were 35 chapters represented, with a total of 79 members attending.

On October 25, 2008, Section 6 held the "Little Lambs Eat Ivy" School of Instruction at the St David's Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas. Registration totaled 201, with 89 chapters represented.

The "Lion's Pride" School of Instruction for Section 10 was held at the Harlingen Masonic Lodge in Harlingen, Texas, on October 28, 2008. There were 73 in attendance.

The "Peaceful Waters" School of Instruction for Section 9 was held on October 30, 2008, at the Al Amin Shrine Center in Corpus Christi, Texas. Registration was 102, with 37 chapters represented.

On November 1, 2008, "The Peaceable Kingdom" School of Instruction was held at the Masonic Lodge in Cuero, Texas. The registration for this school was 141, with 60 chapters represented.

The "Flowers of the South" School of Instruction for Section 5 was held in Pleasanton, Texas on November 4, 2008. There were a total of 84 present, with 28 chapters represented.

Statistical Report for District Five

Chapters Assigned	72
Chapters Consolidated or Demised	3
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	71
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended Officially	10
School Conferences Attended Unofficially	31
Letters Written	985
Miles Traveled	33,748

District 5 began the year with 72 chapters. In Section 2, Paint Rock Chapter No. 291 demised, Valley Hi No. 1104 consolidated with Adah No. 49, and Mission No. 527 consolidated with Edinburg No. 473, leaving District 5 with 69 chapters.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas, how honored and blessed I am that you selected me to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron for District V. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve our Order in this position.

Thank you for the confidence you showed in me, the encouragement you offered when I needed it most and the fun that you brought to our schools. But most of all, I thank you and David for your friendship. Thank you for selecting the ten Deputy Grand Matrons you chose. They have served tirelessly and are a credit to our Order. I love each of them more than they know.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger, thank you for all of the encouragement during this year. Your dedication to our Order is an inspiration to all and your presence at the schools of instruction was most welcome. Thanks also to Vicki, our Grand Esther, for sharing you with us. Thank you for your support.

Sister Brenda, our Grand Examiner of District V, I enjoyed the opportunity to work with you in our schools of instruction. Your love for the membership showed at each of our schools. Your secret work rendition and the hours in the examining room demonstrate your love of our Order. Thank you for being a friend and for encouraging me to do my job.

Sister Vicki Smith, our Humanitarian Chairman for District V, your Humanitarian program was so awesome. The information you researched and shared with the membership brought so much to the program. I'm especially honored to call you my friend.

To the Secretaries for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters Jerre Miller, LaTricia Hertenberger, and Kiki Treichel, thank you for all of the work that you did for Grand Chapter. Sister Jerre, what a great pleasure it was to travel with you. You cannot know how much I treasure your friendship.

To the other four District Deputy Grand Matrons, Sisters Charlotte Beall, Sister Audri Rowell, Sister Leslie Keilberg and Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, what a year we have had! I have enjoyed getting to know each of you and I am so lucky to have you for friends. I know that your friendship can only continue to grow.

To the ten Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for doing all that was asked of you and more especially, thank you for your enthusiastic acceptance of me and being my "Charms." We have had a fun year and I hope you cherish your memories as much as I cherish mine. You are all so special to me!

To the Membership of District V, thank you very much for the many acts of kindness

and the kind expressions of encouragement you have shown me. Thank you for the love gifts, the Honorary Memberships and the help you gave our Deputy Grand Matrons and me. Words cannot convey what my heart feels. To the membership of Section 6 and especially my home chapter, Creedmoor Chapter No. 607, you are the ones who taught me about this Order and I am indebted to you for your support. It has been my honor and privilege to serve you and the membership of this Order this year. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Mathews
District Deputy Grand Matron
District V, 2008-2009

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these five District Deputy Grand Matron reports.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I'll second that motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the reports of the District Deputy Grand Matrons of Texas. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

GRAND SECRETARY: Sisters and Brothers, if you will look on page 51 of your session program, please. The bottom paragraph says "Safety." I would ask you to please read this, the last sentence. "If you are injured, please report to the Grand Secretary's desk immediately. Please get names of any witnesses." Now if you're injured, go to First Aid first, but send someone so that I know. I need to know and I certainly would appreciate your help on this. Be very careful, please. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Nell. I would ask if there are those present who are serving on General Grand Chapter Committees, Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons or anyone else that we missed to please go to the West so we can do introductions.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present this Committee Member of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present this Committee Member of General Grand Chapter, Sister Jane Gregory, Registration Committee, and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Jane, of course you'll always be our Strawberry Girl, but you are so very, very dear to the membership of Texas and to me personally. I thank you for your wise counsel and for the joy that you always bring to us when we're together.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to greet this Past Grand Matron and General Grand Chapter Committee Member.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Jane, we've always been proud of you in District 4. You're one of our own. We appreciate everything that you have done for this Order, are doing for the Order and will be continuing to work, because you're that type person. We appreciate everything you do for General Grand Chapter, and we're looking forward to seeing you back home shortly.

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

Sisters and Brothers, it is such a pleasure to present this General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Matron of Texas. Please join me in saluting her with

the Grand Honors.

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

We're going to have a quick report from the Titles, Deeds and Properties. Sister Lynn Kearney, you're the chairman. Will you and your Committee come forward.

REPORT OF THE TITLES, DEEDS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

MRS. LYNN KEARNEY: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

The research documents from the previous chairman of this committee were received, reviewed and updated. The information was turned over to the Board of Directors for entry into the Assets database. No further action was taken by this committee.

I would like to introduce the members of this committee:

Farris Benham

Ben Day

Henry Martin

Lee Stallings

And I am Lynn Kearney, Chairman.

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

Lynn Kearney

Chairman; Titles, Deeds & Properties

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Thank you so much.

Sister Diana Ray, I know we have some Assistant Warders and Sentinels who wish to participate in the Humanitarian drill. So if we have any volunteers that would like to go and take their place so that they can participate, it would really be appreciated.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.]

Sisters and Brothers, you are going to enjoy this Humanitarian program very, very much. However, we will have to clear the Grand Chapter floor for this report because we have so many participants. I'm anxious to hear the totals. I think you're going to be very pleased. Please participate; please stay and support all of these chapters who worked so hard to be 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000 percent; and I believe that we have one that's over 1500 percent. That's a lot of work.

Sister Diana.

REPORT OF THE HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE

MRS. DIANA RAY: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, what a pleasure it is to have the opportunity to bring the Humanitarian program and for each District chairman to bring their reports for this Grand Chapter year.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I want to take this opportunity to thank you both for appointing me as your Humanitarian General Chairman for 2008-2009.

For me, help in a time of need came in August 2006 during a traumatic incident that was so emotionally and psychologically overwhelming that all ordinary coping mechanisms failed. During that time, my OES Sisters and Brothers drew me near; held me and saw me through the dark times. Each of you, through the Humanitarian program of 2006, helped me reach the light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you Sisters and Brothers. May you know the Humanitarian program of the Order of the Eastern Star holds a special place in my heart and I love you very much for your generosity to the various programs.

We have all heard the phrase “and the lamb will lie down with the lion” but this phrase is not an exact quote from the scripture, but rather a combination of thoughts from two verses.

Isaiah 11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

The ferocious (lion) will live peaceably with the gentle (lamb). This will be a literal reality on the earth. However, the picture is also symbolic of the peace that will pervade the entire earth. This will be at the time of peace when Jesus will reign as King over the earth. I like to think of it as the verse that discloses God's ultimate objective for His people. You see, even though it speaks of animals living peacefully together, it's really speaking of something more than that... it speaks of what God has planned for His people. GOD created us to multiply His blessing of love and thus live in peace with one another. God's purpose for us is to feed together and thus live at peace.

In Deuteronomy 15:11 it is written: *For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'* Isn't it amazing that our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron chose “Let There be PEACE” for the presentation of the Humanitarian program? The purpose of the Humanitarian program is to provide funds for the General Fund; ESTARL; Beneficent Aide; TMRC Ladies and Education. On May 31, 2008 there were 418 chapters consisting of 37,432 members and from this collection of minute parts we have the Let There Be Peace Humanitarian Program. At this time I will ask the following Sisters to give the individual District reports.

Sister Tava Smith of District 1

Sister Barbara Wickham of District 2

Sister Terri Hugo of District 3

Sister Iris Lowe of District 4

Ladies, if you would come forward. I want to thank each one of you for doing a magnificent job. I was able to attend a minimum of three schools in each district, and of course in my district I attended all but one. These ladies have done a phenomenal job, and you're going to drop your jaws when you hear. It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Tava Smith who will give the report for District 1.

REPORT OF THE HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE, DISTRICT 1

MRS. TAVA SMITH: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers, good afternoon.

You start out with a year in front of you and now you wonder where that year has gone. To me it has been an incredible year serving as your Humanitarian Chairman for District One.

In attempting in my own humble way, I extend my sincere love and appreciation to the Worthy Grand Matron, Joyce Nicklas and Worthy Grand Patron, Ray Hertenberger for having faith in me. It will be forever a year of wonderful memories.

It was good to visit all the different Chapters that I had not been to before. Not knowing their location, I trusted my GPS to guide me. With the lady's voice telling me how far and where to turn, I made each meeting on time.

District One is the greatest. With the support of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and membership, our year has been successful and our goals accomplished. You will always be remembered fondly in my heart.

It is my wish to thank my District Deputy Grand Matron, Charlotte Beall, my dear friend and her 10 Deputy Grand Matrons for their support.

Thanks go out to my kind Pages who assisted me in preparing for my program.

It takes the vote of Chapters to be 100% and that is giving One dollar per member.

Therefore, I am proud to give the final Humanitarian Report for District One as follows.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS IN DISTRICT ONE – 105

Total number of Chapters 100% or better – 104

One of my Chapters consolidated with Palestine

No. of 100% Chapters	60
No. of 200% Chapters	24
No. of 300% Chapters	7
No. of 400% Chapters	4
No. of 500% Chapters	3
Waskom Chapter #812	
Pine Tree Chapter #1090	
Royse City Chapter #642	
No. of 600% Chapters	2
Athens Chapter #177	
Lewisville Chapter #935	
No. of 700% Chapters	1
Chico Chapter #433	
No. of 1000% Chapters	2
Beckville Chapter #33	
Farmers Branch Chapter #687	
No. of 1600% Chapters	1 (which is my Chapter)
Ferris Chapter #508	

Number of members in District One as of May 31, 2008 9,439

Humanitarian Program – “Let There Be Peace”

The letters in the PEACE represent the components of this year’s Humanitarian efforts.

P - PROSPERITY	\$ 1,159.60
E - ESTARL	\$ 3,108.10
A - BENEVOLENT AID	\$ 14,105.65
C - CARING	\$ 529.10
E - EDUCATION	\$ 2,160.60

Total monies donated to the \$ 21,063.05
 Humanitarian Program in
 District One

Thank you again District One for all your support of this worthy cause.

I am now pleased to introduce Sister Barbara Wickham, Humanitarian Chairman for District Two.

REPORT OF THE HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE, DISTRICT 2

MRS. BARBARA WICKHAM: Thank you, Sister Tava.

I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege and honor to serve as District 2 Humanitarian Chairman. Through these trying economic times the District 2 membership gave generously of their money and their hearts for the success of this program. I am proud to give the following report:

Membership in District	3,921
Number of Chapters in District.	45
Number of Chapters Participating	45
Number of 100% Chapters	24
Number of 200% Chapters	9
Number of 300% Chapters	4
Number of 400% Chapters	1
Number of 500% Chapters	3

The District 2 overall average is 193%

Funds donated to the PEACE (Peace) Humanitarian Program are:

P - General Fund.	\$ 385.20
E - ESTARL	\$2,505.87
A - Benevolent Aid	\$2,638.32
C - TMRC	\$ 773.36
E - Education	\$1,270.20
For a total of	\$7,572.95

I wish to say thank you for this honor to serve with the wonderful ladies of the Humanitarian Committee and the membership.

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara Wickham

It is my privilege to introduce Mrs. Terri Hugo, District 3

REPORT OF THE HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE, DISTRICT 3

MRS. TERRI HUGO: Thank you, Sister Barbara.

Sisters and Brothers, I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for giving me the opportunity to serve the membership of District 3 this year. It has been a pleasure to witness the generosity of the Chapters I have also had the privilege to work with Sister Diana Ray, our General Chairman, as well as the wonderful Humanitarian Chairmen of Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5.

At this time I would like to present the following Humanitarian report for District 3:

The number of Chapters in District 3 are: 81

The number of Chapters participating in the Humanitarian program: 81

The number of 100% Chapters: 57

The number of 200% Chapters: 10

The number of 300% Chapters: 4

The number of 400% Chapters: 6

The number of 800% Chapters: 2

The number of 1000% Chapters: 1, Eastland Chapter #280

The number of 2000% Chapters: 1, Santo Chapter #270 at 2850%

District 3 donated the following amounts to the five Humanitarian programs:

Prosperity, for the General Fund: \$ 139.10

ESTARL: \$ 1984.77

Aid, for Benevolent Aid: \$ 5,481.34

Caring, for TMRC: \$ 984.27

Education: \$ 4,044.59

Total amount donated by District 3: \$ 12,634.07

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Hugo

Humanitarian, District 3.

Now it's my great pleasure to introduce Sister Iris Lowe, Humanitarian Chairman for District 4.

REPORT OF THE HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE, DISTRICT 4

MRS. IRIS LOWE: Thank you, Sister Terri Hugo.

Hello, Grand Chapter. I'm Iris Lowe, Humanitarian Chairman for District 4. I have a positive and very glorious report to share with you. It's always wonderful when reporting good news to begin by saying those magical words, "100 percent." What that means in terms of our Humanitarian program in District 4 is that everyone was on board for the train

that would take them to Grand Chapter. In the Humanitarian work, it is always “here a little and there a little.” We can bring joy and relief to many who had no idea there was any hope of being helped. The members of District 4 saw, empathized and shared in a world where so many people are simply out for what they can get for themselves. “What is in it for me” is their attitude. In District 4 the attitude was, “What’s needed from me? Let me know what is needed and I will see that it is provided.” When you work with entire chapters of the Eastern Star members, this is the attitude you encounter. The people in the chapters of District 4 do not understand the meaning of no or “I can’t help right now.” They all helped, and the results speak for themselves.

Ordinarily, we think 100 percent is a great goal to work for, and that is true. If everyone gives 100 percent, that should get the job done. But it’s wonderful when people go beyond that goal. There are 115 chapters in District 4. Some of them are among the largest in Grand Chapter, but most of them are quite small, struggling to survive, hoping to continue their distinction in name and location. Even as they struggle simply to maintain their status as a chapter, they responded to the Humanitarian call and gave 100 percent. In fact, many of them gave more. Isn’t that at the heart of the meaning of Eastern Star? To quote John Wesley, “Earn all you can, save all you can and give all you can.”

Of the 115 participating chapters in District 4, 53 gave 100 percent; 29 chapters gave 200 percent; 11 chapters gave 300 percent; 4 chapters gave 400 percent and 7 chapters gave 500 percent. There were 11 chapters and 4 clubs who gave over 500 percent. It was determined that certificates of appreciation should be presented to these chapters. It was one of my greatest pleasures to make the rounds and present these certificates to the membership that deserves special recognition above the ribbons presented up to 500 percent.

As I call the names of these chapters and clubs, will the members present please stand and remain standing until all chapters and clubs have been recognized. Grand Chapter, please hold your applause until the names have been called. These chapters gave 600 percent: Rockdale #23, Somerville #245, Woodville #462, Shepherd #1003 and Willis #1027. Chapters who gave 700 percent are Alvin #15, Brazoria #74, Zavalla #952. The chapter who gave 900 percent was Archives #1095. The chapters who gave 1000 percent are Mary Martha #981 and Oak Forrest #1080. These clubs in District 4, Section 10 gave over a thousand percent: Daytime Study Club, Nighttime Study Club and the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club. Believe it or not, one club, the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons Line Officers Club of District 4, Section 2 gave 2083 percent. Now, Grand Chapter, let’s show them how much we appreciate what they’ve done. [applause]

In conclusion, the money given to the Humanitarian for District 4 was distributed as: the General Fund - \$444.60; ESTARL - \$4,820.78; Benevolent Aid - \$10,848.21; Ladies at the TMRC - \$2,095.47; Education - \$3,362.67; Ike Relief - \$6,599.42. Total amount given for District 4 is \$28,171.15. District 4, with only one thousand and some-odd dollars, we could have been 30,000. That’s a little joke between us!

I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this wonderful honor. I have really enjoyed working with the members in District 4. The members in District 4, thank you. If it had not been for your generosity, your voting on it in your chapters, we would not have been as well represented as we are.

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer and the Deputies of District 4, thank you for all the courtesies and all the love you showed to me as Humanitarian Chairman this year.

Now I turn it over to Sister Diana Ray, Humanitarian General Chairman, and who will give the District 5 report.

REPORT OF THE HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE, DISTRICT 5

MRS. DIANA RAY: Thank you, Sister Iris, for that glowing report. I am Diana Ray. On behalf of Sister Vicki Smith, who could not attend due to a serious illness, I ask that each of you lift her name in prayer. I also ask that you send cards for a speedy recovery to 1710 Deerfield Road, Dripping Springs, TX 78620. I now present her report.

It is an honor to present the District V Humanitarian report for the 2008-2009 Grand Chapter Year.

District Five is made up of 72 Chapters.

63 chapters were 100% plus.

30 chapters were 200%

13 chapters were 300%

1 chapter (Mathis #874) was 400%

1 chapter (Floresville #271) was 600%

1 chapter (Gonzales #403) donated 700%

1 chapter (Waelder #1023) was 800% AND

2 chapters (Amistad #1115 and Prospect Hill #817) were 1000%

District Five Chapters designated:

\$1,908.01 to the General Fund

\$1,858.01 to the ESTARL Fund

\$5,248.83 to the Benevolent Aid Fund

\$1,079.03 to the TMRC Fund AND

\$1,711.35 to the Education Fund

For a total of \$11,805.32

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Smith
Humanitarian Chairman
District V

Now...

Sister Marshal, you will now excuse those who are participating in the Peace is Like a River Drill.

Isaiah 66:12 states: When we obey God's laws, Peace will come like a river to each of us just as our righteousness will be to waves on the sea.

We know that Peace is the basis for true love. To be able to love our Beautiful Order of the Eastern Star, we must be at Peace with its principles and concepts. We must be dependant upon God to bring peace to our lives. We must love our Sisters and Brothers as we love ourselves and by doing so we can and will live in Peace with one another.

PEACE embodies our Order and each letter represented the Humanitarian efforts of the 2008-2009 Let There Be Peace Program.

P represents **Prosperity**. Psalm 1:3 says "And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also do not wither; And whatsoever he does shall prosper."

The P represents the General Fund. Its purpose is to maintain the correct amount of revenue to support the operation of the Grand Chapter (example is the expense of holding this Grand Chapter session in the beautiful and secure facility) and to serve the needs of

our subordinate chapters. You can see serving the needs of this membership is NOT and easy task. This year \$3,941.00 was donated to the General Fund through the Humanitarian program.

E represents **ESTARL**. The scholarships provided through this program helps theology students achieve their goals in furthering the ministry of God and meeting the spiritual needs of all mankind. Isaiah 55:12 says You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. This is what ESTARL represents by spreading the Good News. Our Order is based on the precepts that men and women have dedicated their lives to study and assist us in our spiritual needs. This year \$14,313.43 was donated to ESTARL through the Humanitarian program.

A represents **Aide** to our Sisters and Brothers. Our foundation is built to assist our Sisters and Brothers in their time of need. Matthew 19:19 states, Thou Shall love thy neighbor (brother) as thyself. Mother teresa said the following regarding helping Sisters and Brothers in Christ: "You can do something I cannot do. I can do something you cannot do. Together we can do something beautiful for God."

What better way to show love than assisting a Sister or a Brother through short term aide of 3 months and thereafter depending upon their needs through application submitted to our Board of Directors. My Sisters and Brothers you never know when adversity or sore berevent may come your way. This part of the Humanitarian program addresses those needs either short or long term. This year \$29,673.03 was donated through the Humanitarian program to Aide for our Sisters an Brothers.

C represents **Caring** for our Sisters in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. We have been given the responsibility to provide for our senior members that have entered the TMRC until the time our Heavenly Father calls them home to "That city not made with hands." Each of these Sisters are part of our History as our Worthy Grand Matron has beautifully reminded us throughout this year. Just as Ruth followed the aged Naomi, we are to see for the needs of our aged Sisters. This is much more than an obligation, it is a privilege. There is no better way for us to confirm our obligation to our God and each other than providing for their needs. This year \$5,348.63 was donated to the Humanitarian Programs for the Ladies at TMRC.

E represents **Education**. The Education Fund allows our membership a means to achieve their educational goals beyond High School. Their accomplishments will serve not only our beloved Order, but make them more productive in their own communities. Dr. Charles Wilson, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church in Sunnyvale, TX once told em when we stop learning, our earthly bodies are dead. Education is our future and allows us to also learn from our past. This year \$12,801.31 was donated by our members and subordinate chapters to the Humanitarian Program for Education.

The combined grand total of the Let There Be Peace Humanitarian Program for 2008-2009 is \$66,077.40.

But wait! September 13, 2008 brought about an event that soon had our Worthy Grand Matron passing the hat, a bucket, or a paint can! Our Sisters and Brothers needed help and they needed it quickly. Hurricane Ike made landfall in southeast Texas around 2:10 a.m. local time, September 13, 2008, Saturday, near Galveston, packing winds of 110 miles per h our, just shy of Category 3 strength, shuttering essential oil facilities and threatening to devastate towns along the Gulf of Mexico. Newswires reported thousands of homes, government buildings and Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters were severely damaged or totally washed away. Roads became impassable by washouts, and widespread power

outages affecting about 1.3 million people. Authorities were reportedly concerned for the safety of an estimated 140,000 people in four counties near where the storm made land-fall, who had ignored mandatory evacuation orders and opted to stay in their homes. The coastal regions were still being battered by the back end of the storm, with hurricane-force winds and the threat of storm surge still active. Our Board of Directors began sending emergency funds and our beautiful members sent \$14,129.57 through their Humanitarian District Chairman. What an awesome show of love!

To each of our Humanitarian District Chairmen, I now ask that you ascend to the Chapter Room Floor and Collect the stuffed animals from the participants.

Sisters and Brothers, the animals that you so lovingly have brought here this afternoon will be distributed to Law Enforcement and Fire Departments throughout the State of Texas by the District Chairmen. Each minute of every day, at least one child comes into contact with a law enforcement official or fireman. It can be through traffic accidents, home invasions, burglaries, fires in the home, neglect, or abuse. Can you imagine a stranger approaching your car or home after an incident? Perhaps it is Child Protective Services. They have come to take a 3 year old and/or a 10 year old from the home. Did you know in 2008, 900,000 children were the victims of child abuse and neglect which result in about 1,500 deaths? They are scared, frightened, crying. These animals will help with the trauma they are experiencing. They will see our officials as someone who loves and cares about them by giving a stuffed animal they can cling to. No, my Sisters and Brothers, they will never know that members of the Order of the Eastern Star gave these from the heart; without expecting thank you's or accolades, but they will calm their fears and distress. Do you know a better way to show peace and love than by giving to a child?

The Order of the Eastern Star is dedicated to charity, truth and loving-kindness. We each came of our own free will and gave from the heart. The total given to the Humanitarian Program for 2008-2009 is \$80,206.97 including Ike Funds.

In closing may I leave you with the following?

Peace is flowing like a river.

Flowing out through you and me--.
Spreading out to those in our communities
Helping those who are in need.

Joy is flowing like a river.

Flowing out through you and me--.
Spreading out to Aide our Sisters and Brothers
Helping those who are in need.

Hope is flowing like a river.

Flowing out through you and me--.
Spreading out to those in the TMRC, and ESTARL
Helping those who are in need.

Love is flowing like a river.

Flowing out through you and me--.
Spreading out through our beautiful Order
Helping those who are in need.

Peace is flowing like a river.

Flowing out through you and me--.

Spreading out throughout Texas.

Showing we are Humanitarians

In Peace the way God wants us to be.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas, and Brother Ray Hertenberger. You have guided us well and your Humanitarian General Chairman and district Chairman love you Bunches and Bunches.

Sister Marshal, you will now retire the Peace is Like a River Drill. This concludes the Humanitarian Program for 2008-2009.

Grand Chapter of Texas Number of Chapters and Members as of May 31, 2008

District	# Chapters	Membership	Sec 1		Sec 2		Sec 3		Sec 4		Sec 5		Sec 6		Sec 7		Sec 8		Sec 9		Sec 10	
			M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C
District 1	105	9,429.00	996	14	776	9	869	11	1386	10	1544	16	504	7	827	9	817	9	859	11	851	9
District 2	45	3,921.00	281	4	458	4	298	4	353	5	220	4	501	6	318	4	789	9	218	2	485	3
District 3	81	6,621.00	2522	19	595	8	197	4	271	6	255	4	519	9	356	5	618	8	688	10	600	8
District 4	115	11,501.00	1110	15	1991	17	711	8	1626	13	2091	18	760	8	1056	13	435	7	454	5	1267	11
District 5	72	5,960.00	455	6	113	2	576	7	342	5	301	6	1009	11	1481	13	497	9	769	8	417	5
TOTAL	418	37,432.00																				

I move the adoption of this report of the Humanitarian Program for 2008-2009 in the amount of \$80,206.97.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the Humanitarian Chairman for the year 2008-2009. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

I invite Sister Doris Hester to lead us in prayer.

MRS. DORIS HESTER: Sisters and Brothers, please hold the hand of the one beside you as we go to our Heavenly Father in prayer as we close this “Hope in His Kingdom” session.

Heavenly Father, we come to you this afternoon with humble and thankful hearts, thanking you for the many blessings in life we have enjoyed and taken for granted many times. We ask for your forgiveness where we have failed to live up to YOUR teachings as we should. We are so grateful for the safe arrival of our many members that are here today, and ask for watch and care for those who are traveling to join us in our deliberations. WE ask for OUR guidance as we continue with the business of this Grand Chapter Session. May all our actions be for the good of our Order and to glorify YOU. May those elected to serve, do just that – serve and not be served. Dear Lord watch over our service men and women and bring them home safely soon. Give us the strength to always remember our Obligation so that Peace and Harmony will prevail. We will give YOU all the praise. In YOUR PRECIOUS name, we pray.

AMEN

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Doris.

Brother Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are calling this Friday afternoon session from labor to rest until 7:30 p.m. tonight.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, by order of the Worthy Grand Matron we are calling this Friday afternoon “Hope in His Kingdom” session from labor to rest until 7:30 this evening.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sisters and Brothers, enjoy your dinner this evening. We hope to see you tonight for our ESTARL service and our Memorial. It’s going to be beautiful.

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FRIDAY EVENING SESSION
August 7, 2009
FAITH IN HIS KINGDOM Session

Musical Prelude

Mr. Daniel Caldwell
Bonham Chapter #852

Call to Order

Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Ed Warner
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. SHARON FENTRESS: I now call this Friday evening, “Faith in His Kingdom” session to order.

I want to express to the Worthy Grand Matron my appreciation for extending to myself and my own Worthy Grand Patron the privilege of opening this beautiful session. You know, Worthy Grand Matron, I like to give you a smile. I don’t want you to let your worries get you down. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case. [laughter] That just seemed so appropriate for a night like tonight. Again, my appreciation for the courtesy and the opportunity of opening this lovely session.

Brother Ed, do you have some word you would like to say?

MR. ED WARNER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I, too, would like to thank Sister Joyce and Brother Ray for the opportunity of helping open this 127th evening session. It’s a privilege and an honor for me to be here, especially to be here with my Worthy Grand Matron again. Thank you for all you’ve done this year and for the many hours you’ve spent and the travel you’ve done. May God bless you and be with you the rest of the evening. Thank you.

MRS. SHARON FENTRESS: Thank you, my Worthy Grand Patron. I want to also extend appreciation to Brother Daniel Caldwell for the beautiful music that we have enjoyed as a prelude to our meeting. Thank you. [applause] Daniel is a member of Bonham chapter.

I now call this session to order. I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I present Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in extending to them Grand Honors.

I will hand the gavel over to this Worthy Grand Matron, but I have one other thought for her before I do. The task ahead of us is never as great as the power that is behind us. I know that you have had a beautiful session till this point, and this evening is going to be the very highlight. I thank you again for the opportunity of opening this session. You know I love you, and you know that I appreciate all that you have done for the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. I present to you your gavel.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations.

Sister Sharon Fentress, our Past Grand Matron, and Brother Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron, you two are very, very special to the State of Texas and very special to me. You know, you don't realize how big this state is until you're traveling the state and you're on the road for three and four months at a time. You go to places that you don't normally go, but you can look up and all of a sudden you see the face of someone that you know so well and so dear. You see Sharon Fentress there supporting you in your travels and visiting those Sisters and Brothers in those faraway places because she loves them and she wants to be with them and she wants to be supportive of her Worthy Grand Matron. You were there so many times, and I appreciate that so much. I tried to express it to you. I just hope that you realized it.

MRS. SHARON FENTRESS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. You have always been most gracious.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Ed, I loved seeing you, but I almost loved seeing your beautiful wife, Sister Beulah, more! Well, not that — she's a lot prettier. She is so loving and so kind. I just know when I see Brother Ed that he's going to give me a hard time and tell me a new joke.

MRS. SHARON FENTRESS: Usually a blonde one.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That was for you, his blonde jokes. But I do appreciate you opening this session this evening for us. Know that I love you a bunch. I know our Worthy Grand Patron would like to say something, if I give him the chance.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Sharon and Brother Ed, shortly we'll be among the ranks that you now share with other people. You have always been an integral part of the foundation that the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Texas has been built upon. Sister Sharon, I thought being a basket case was a prerequisite for assuming the dias at Grand Chapter for the first time.

MRS. SHARON FENTRESS: No comment.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: And, Brother Ed, if I knew my work half as well as you know blonde and Aggie jokes, I would be pretty good. We thank you both for your years of service to this Order and for the service that you continue to render. Thank you very much for opening this session. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we are ready to begin our ESTARL service. Our dedicated honorees 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 the command by providing some of the financial assistance to those whom God has called to serve His people in these capacities. Our hearts overflow this evening with the knowledge that those who are receiving recognition for their outstanding dedication, we will have had a very small part in their attaining their goals. The letters ESTARL mean Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership. How grateful we are to have a part in this tremendous service of love of our fellowman. It is with great pleasure that I present Sister Jean Hodson, General Chairman of the ESTARL Committee, who will present the service and awards.

MRS. JEAN HODSON: 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 Patron, other Distinguished Guests, my Sisters, Brothers, Guests and Friends:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome you to the “All God’s Children” ESTARL Service and Awards Program.

If there are any scholarship recipients in the audience, I ask that you come down and join the others on the stage.

ESTARL – Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, has been a part of the Humanitarian program for many years. We are very proud to be able to assist these young men and women to further their religious training.

From the Bible, in the book of John, Chapter 1, Verse 12, it states – Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

God regularly takes ordinary things and ordinary people and uses them in extraordinary ways. Some people have a two-fold calling – one by God and another by the Church.

All God’s children – that’s what these recipients are. They have followed God’s calling to continue His work.

Would the recipients please stand, along with their family and guests?

Please join me in giving them a round of applause.

Choosing these young people was not done by one person alone. There are five hard working and dedicated district chairmen who have helped. I would like to introduce them at this time. Would the Chairmen please join me at the podium?

District 1 – Tonya Foster

District 2 – Delores Harris

District 3 – Rose Ann Lowry

District 4 – Evelyn Peek

District 5 – Glenda Story

Let’s show them how much they are appreciated!!!

Our invocation this evening will be given by Mallory Homeyer, a student at Truett Seminary and a District 5 recipient. Please stand as we unite in prayer.

MISS MALLORY HOMEYER: Would you pray with me. God, we take this moment to acknowledge Your presence and Your work among us. Whether recipients or generous givers, we know that our money, positions of influence and our opportunity are all gifts of grace, nothing that we deserve. As we enter into this time of worship with thankful hearts, do not let us take for granted the legacy of servant leaders in this room. Remind us that just like every person we pass each day, all are created by You and we are all Your children, worshipping together tonight by Your grace. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we’re going to pause a minute because we have a very, very important person who’s with us tonight. We want her to have all the accolades that is due this great lady. At this time I would like to present Sister Virginia Lynn Green, our Past Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting our Past Grand Matron with the Grand Honors. [applause]

MRS. JEAN HODSON: Thank you, Mallory. Our musical selection will be by Rebecca Jill Clark, a student at Howard Payne University and a District 1 recipient. If you were here last year, she sang and it was beautiful. [applause following singing]

MRS. JEAN HODSON: Thank you, Rebecca. Your talent is one that many of us, I think, would love to have.

The Scripture reading this evening is by Grant Baker Barnes, a student at Perkins School of Theology and a District 4 recipient.

MR. GRANT BAKER BARNES: Good evening. The Scripture for tonight is Psalm

33:8-12. Let all the earth fear the Lord. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him for He spake and it was done. He commanded and it stood fast. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to naught. He maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MRS. JEAN HODSON: Thank you, Grant. The devotional will be brought by Franklin Smith, a student of Crown Southwest Norris Seminary and a recipient from District 3.

MR. FRANKLIN SMITH: It's an honor to be here this evening. I think I speak on behalf of all the recipients when I say thank you for your support and encouragement of our education. The passage that was just read was Psalm 33, or a part of it. That would be what I'm speaking about this evening. Now that psalm gives no indication of who its author is, and there's no background as to what was going on in his life when he penned the words. But I don't think a background is necessary to understand the truths that are contained in it. Some of those truths I want to share with you this evening quickly is the grandeur or the magnificence or the impressiveness of God's greatness, God's goodness and God's grace.

Quickly we'll look at God's greatness. All you have to do is look at all of creation to see the greatness of God. The complexity and the congruity and the harmony of creation reveals that there is a creator. It would be nice if the rest of the world would believe that and see that. One of my favorite things to study is creation science. I'm very fascinated with technology and all that it has revealed in respects to creation. One of the things I think is really impressive. Something we learned in science class is that the atom is the building block of all matter. Within an atom is a nucleus, and within the nucleus is a chromosome. Within the chromosome they've recently discovered are 20 billion bits of information. That would be the equivalent of a library of 10,000 books. To me that's a fascinating fact. That's an incredible feat, a remarkable thing that we've been able to discover as mankind. I think about the fact that all it took was one breath from God to speak that into existence, and I think about how great God is.

The first statement of the passage says, "Let all the earth fear the Lord." That word "fear" is talking about a fearful reverence for God, and that's what God expects from us. We understand that there is a God. The next thing we must face is that there's a way that we ought to live our lives before that God. God wants us to live in reverence of Him. There are a few things in this world that I fear. One of those is speaking to a large audience. In addition to that, I have a fear — a real fear — of snakes. I have no idea where that came from because I used to have snakes when I was a kid. But I don't like snakes. I imagine in a crowd this large there are probably some of you who share that same fear. I see a lot of heads nodding.

A couple of years ago I had a couple of young men help me clean my backyard and remove some metal. As they picked it up, there was a six-foot long snake underneath that metal. Now this isn't a fish story; I'm not exaggerating. It took three of us about thirty minutes to kill this snake. We measured it and it was six feet one inch long. Now my fear of snakes created or influenced my actions so that when I go outside now and I pick something up off the ground, I'm very careful about how I do it. Well, this is the way God expects us to reverence Him. He expects us to know Him so well that He influences our decisions and our actions so that we'll live a life that pleases Him, a life in reverence, in

a manner that He deserves and desires from us.

Now the next statement says, “Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.” It’s a continuation of that thought previously about reverencing God. What does it mean to stand in awe of God? What does it mean to reverence God? Well, the best thing I can give an analogy of would be to stand atop a precipice overlooking the Grand Canyon and looking out at the miles and miles and looking at the depths and realizing and beholding the wonders that it possesses, or standing at the base of Niagara Falls. I used to live about 2 1/2 hours from Niagara Falls, so I’ve been there several times. When you stand at the base of Niagara Falls, you can imagine you can see the masses of water thundering down and behold its splendor. You see standing in awe is this. It’s recognizing something or someone that is bigger than yourself. That’s what God wants from us in reverencing Him. Now, reverencing God begins with knowing what God is as the creator of all things. But that’s just the beginning. You see, reverence of God is not just a mindful recognition of who God is as a creator of all things, but it’s a willful submission to who God is as the sovereign of all things, as the authority of our lives. That’s what it means to reverence God.

That brings me to the second point. The first point is recognizing God’s greatness in all of creation. The second point is God’s goodness. The Word of God contains many promises for those who submit to God’s authority, but it also contains promises for those who do not submit to God’s authority. God’s goodness is contained in His promises and in His faithfulness to keep those promises. I think of Noah and the fact that the Bible tells us that Noah walked with God. That means he was in obedience to God, and he was submitted to God’s authority. God blessed him and saved him from His wrath when he brought the flood upon the whole earth and destroyed all the earth, except for those who were in the ark. And then I think of Abraham and how God promised Abraham that He would bless him and make nations out of him, because Abraham also walked with God and lived a life in obedience to God and was yielded to God’s authority. They set the example that we are to submit to God’s authority. God also made a promise to the world that He would send a savior to save us from our sins. God once again was faithful to keep His promises, and we know that He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we continue in that passage, verse 10 says, “The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to naught. He maketh the devices of the people of none effect.” What that’s saying is those people that choose not to live for God and not to yield to God’s authority, all their purposes and all their plans will in the end amount to nothing.

Then it continues — and I almost want to interject the conjunction “but” here — “but the counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations.” What he’s saying is no matter what everybody else is doing that’s not walking with God, all their plans and all their purposes, God’s purposes and God’s plans will prevail. It’s kind of like clockwork. I think of the old clocks that were hand made and all the gears that were in them. You have some gears going in one direction and other gears going in the opposite direction, but they all work together to accomplish the purpose of the clock. The same is true in the world. You’ve got good people going in one direction, and you’ve got evil people going in another direction. But it all works together to accomplish the purposes of God, to accomplish God’s will.

So what is God’s will? What is God’s purpose in all things? It’s that He receives the honor and glory from our lives, in everything that we do that we please Him. Part of that, the Bible tells us, is that He’s not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Part of His goodness is that it leads us to repentance. The Bible also tells us that.

That brings me to the third point. The first point was God's greatness is recognized in all of creation. His goodness is recognized in His promises and His faithfulness to keep His promises. The third point is this: God's grace, the magnificence of God's grace or the grandeur of God's grace in saving us from our sins. Revelation 4:11 says, "For God's pleasure we are and were created."

In verse 12 — our theme here is all God's children. Verse 12 kind of speaks to that point. It says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance." Those people are God's children. In this context it's talking about the Israelites, the nation of Israel. But in the prophetic context it's talking about all of God's children. The Bible makes it very clear there's only one way to become a child of God, and that's by faith. Now, anything that's not done for God's pleasure, anything that breaks the law of God is called sin. I'm not going to assume that everybody in here understands that; that's why I want to explain this. The Bible tells us that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Just like any time you break a law, whether you're speeding or something like that, you have to stand before a judge and he renders a sentence or a punishment. Some day each one of us will stand before Almighty God, and He will be our judge. If you're not a child of God, your judgment for breaking God's law will be eternity in the lake of fire. We call that hell. It's a very real and literal place, a scary place that nobody would want to go. But God provided a way out.

He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. When He sent His Son, He lived on the earth for about 33 years and lived a perfect life. As He lived His perfect life, at the end of that life He died to pay a punishment, a judgment for your sin. That punishment was placed on Him. He offers His perfect life to be placed on you, so that when God looks down upon you, He sees His Son's perfect life. He doesn't see your sin anymore. God offers that to each one of us. Some of you have taken hold of that gift that God offers. But like any gift, it's not yours until you take it.

So how do you become a child of God? It's very simple. You acknowledge your sin, "God I'm a sinner and I realize that. I've broken your law." You repent of your sin. "God, I'm sorry for my sin." And you live your life to please God. "God, I want to live my life to please you."

My earnest prayer tonight is that each person in here is a child of God, that we're all God's children and I hope that's the case. If you're not, I hope you'll believe those things I just shared with you. God's greatness is revealed in all of creation. We can look at the complexity of creation and see God, and we can rejoice in that. God's goodness is revealed in His promises that He has made to each one of us as His children and His faithfulness to keep those promises. And then God's grace in saving us from our sins. The Bible says to stand in awe of Him. I hope you'll reverence God with the reverence that He deserves and that He desires for the rest of your life. May God bless each one of you. [applause]

MRS. JEAN HODSON: Thank you, Franklin, for that wonderful message.

I would now ask that the Pages, Warders and Sentinels or anyone who can assist to please quietly and quickly come down and stand by the table with the boxes on it back here so that you will be ready to collect the offering. Then after we collect the offering, please bring the boxes back.

Carrie DeLeon, a student at Perkins School of Theology and a District 4 recipient, will bring our offertory prayer. Would you please stand.

MISS CARRIE DeLEON: Dear Lord, we come to You this evening acknowledging all the wonderful many gifts that You have given us. It is many, Lord, You have been so gracious with us. So, Lord, we give You the praise and the thanks for everything that You

have given us. Now as we take a portion of those gifts and return them to You, we pray that You will bless those gifts, Lord, and that You will use them to accomplish Your works and to build Your kingdom in this world. In Jesus' Name we pray, amen.

MRS. JEAN HODSON: Thank you, Carrie. While the offering is being collected, Kale Stevens, a student at Hardin-Simmons University and a recipient from District 1, will bring us his talents in song and guitar. [applause following singing]

Thank you, Kale. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, would you please honor us tonight by presenting the 2008-2009 scholarship certificates to the students who were able to attend the ceremony tonight. The District Chairmen will call their names.

MRS. TONYA FOSTER: I've been very excited this year to represent District 1 as your ESTARL Chairman. I thank you, Sister Jean, for all your hard work that you have done. Would the District 1 recipients please come forward when I call your name. Austin Lee Turner, sponsored by Jefferson Chapter #627, and he is attending Dallas Baptist University. Walter Harrel Braddock, Jr.; he is sponsored by Corsicana Chapter #118, and he is attending Brite Divinity School. Rebecca Jill Clark, sponsored by Carpenters Chapter #183, and she is attending Howard Payne University. Kale Garrett Stephens, sponsored by Midlothian Chapter #234, and he is attending Hardin-Simmons University.

Congratulations to all the recipients. It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Delores Harris, ESTARL Committee, District 2.

MRS. DELORES HARRIS: I have the honor of introducing Douglas Gaskey, District 2. He is going to school at Wayland Baptist University in Wichita Falls. He is a minister at a Henrietta, Texas church. He's working on his Master's degree.

MS. ROSE ANN LOWRY: It is with pleasure that I present the recipient from District 3. The recipient from District 3 is Franklin Smith. He is attending Crown Seminary in Fort Worth to study to be a minister. He is sponsored by the South Fort Worth chapter in Fort Worth.

At this time it is with pleasure that I present to you the District 4 Chairman, Evelyn Peek.

MRS. EVELYN PEEK: Thank you, Sister Rose Ann. Tonight I'd like to present Grant Baker Barnes from Liberty Chapter #634 in District 4. He attends the Perkins School of Theology. Carrie Annette Slaughter DeLeon attends Perkins School of Theology, and she's sponsored by Humble Chapter #415. Both of these young people are studying the ministry.

I'd like to introduce to you Glenda Story from District 5.

MRS. GLENDA STORY: Thank you, Sister Evelyn. It is an honor to represent District 5 in presenting this ESTARL award to a very deserving student: Ms. Mallory Kaye Homeyer sponsored by Kennedy Chapter #36. Mallory is attending Truett Seminary at Baylor University.

MRS. JEAN HODSON: Thank you. We did have 21 recipients this year. I'll give it in my report in the morning. Only nine could attend tonight. Two others were supposed to be here.

Doug Gaskey, a student at Wayland Baptist University and a recipient from District 2, will respond for all the recipients.

MR. DOUG GASKEY: Good evening. It's certainly an honor to be with you tonight. I am the father of Brandy, Justin, Amber, Melinda and Gregory and the husband of Virginia Gaskey seated here on the stage with me. With that being said right there, you can obviously see how grateful we are for the scholarship that you have given to our family for sure. But I want to take just a second to get you to ponder for a minute a couple of

things that I was pondering as I was thinking about the gift of these scholarships and what y'all have done for us as people moving forward into the ministry. I appreciated it earlier when you said young people getting these awards, and some of us appreciate it more than others. Amen! So we're thankful for that tonight as well.

They told me to keep this short and sweet. I'm a Baptist preacher so I took that to mean 45 minutes and we'll take up another offering. Amen!

The gifts we received this year help our families a lot. I don't know if many of you know, but times are tough right now. Things are hard. They're not as easy as they used to be. But thanks to your kindness, those of us that have received these awards tonight for your help for us to further God's kingdom, that could be 400 gallons of gasoline that our family does not have to do without; 500 loaves of bread that we might not have to give up; 333 point something gallons of milk — I didn't figure that all the way to the exact. But you can see that this makes a difference in the lives of people moving forward in the ministry. Everyone in this room knows that ministers make millions of dollars; right?

But we want to tell you — Scripture says what is impossible with man is possible with God. I want you to know something tonight, that y'all and your organization is allowing God to work through you to make things possible with man. We appreciate that very much. Scripture also tells us, when Paul was talking to the church at Philippi, he said, "Be confident of this very thing, that the one that has begun a work in you will carry it on to completion, until the day of Christ Jesus." My fellow recipients and myself, I do believe that God has started something in our lives. But many times we can't follow that through for many different reasons, be it finances, be it other reasons. But today know that God has used you to help us follow through with the plans that He has for our lives and for our ministries. I'm just very thankful, and our recipients are very thankful, for your loving kindness and the way that you have given so generously to us tonight. Thank you very much. [applause]

MRS. JEAN HODSON: Thank you, Doug.

Worthy Grand Patron, we would like for you to bring greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I want to again congratulate the recipients of these scholarships. The people that you see seated behind us are those that are going to carry on the future of the ministry, because without that, like they said earlier, we have nothing. Through your generosity, these people are able to continue on their studies, and we hope some day be our religious leaders. We want God's graces to be on each and everyone of them as they continue their studies. We hope some day either we're going to sit in church with them, or they may be seated among us. I want you to know that everybody here joins with me in congratulating you on your accomplishments. We ask that God's grace be on you as you go forward. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. JEAN HODSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I know everyone would like to hear from you, too.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much, Sister Jean. I don't have any notes. Does that surprise anybody in this room? But I do have a comment to make to the young man that said that he appreciated us thinking that some of them were young. Well, to probably three-fourths of the people in this room, everyone of y'all are real young. [applause] We also realize it doesn't matter what your age is, that everyone is a witness and you are some of the greatest witnesses that we have. We are so fortunate to be able to contribute to what you're doing and what you're striving to do. We all have a goal, and your goal is a very important one. How proud the Order of the Eastern Star, this Grand Chapter of Texas is that we're able to help you reach and make your goals.

I was very moved by the message. It was beautiful. The music was touching and moving. How proud I am that I'm Worthy Grand Matron this year and have a small part in this ESTARL service. Thank you so much.

Thank you, Jean. [applause]

MRS. JEAN HODSON: 1 John 3:1 says, "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God," and that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Dear friends, these recipients and young people, I say again, are children of God.

Our benediction tonight will be in song. "The Lord's Prayer" will be sung by Rebecca Jill Clark. I would like for you to stand while she sings, but after she finishes, I'd like for you to be seated for just a short time. We have one other thing to do. [applause following "The Lord's Prayer"]

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Rebecca Jill Clark — she didn't know I was going to be here tonight, but I wouldn't have missed that beautiful singing for the world. Amen! Rebecca, you are the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to me. There's nowhere else that I would rather spend the rest of my life than right by your side. Will you marry me?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: She said yes! [applause] I told y'all there would be some surprises at this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We have Reverend Paul Lowe standing over here, if you'd like to do this quick.

MRS. JEAN HODSON: Thank everyone for being here this evening.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Jean, and the ESTARL Committee and our recipients. What an awesome evening and we still have a ways to go. Worthy Grand Patron, I'm sure you have something you want to say.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Just like the Education Committee, the ESTARL Committee meets and goes through applications of these deserving students. This is a job they don't take lightly. I want to commend Jean and her other members for doing this job so well, because you are dedicated to the service of the Order of the Eastern Star; you're dedicated to your Lord. We thank you for your hard work. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, this is so much fun. I knew it was going to happen, so I'm so calm. I looked back here, and all five District Deputy Grand Matrons are crying. They said, "You knew and you didn't tell us." I can keep secrets!

Could my daughter, granddaughter and husband come up here for just a moment. Sisters and Brothers, I have a very busy family. They try to give me time when they can. Sometimes it's not easy to keep up with them or for them to keep up with me. But Sarah is stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. She teaches every day and she has duties that she has to perform because the government says she does. She has flown from Wichita Falls in her pickup with the baby yesterday and tonight to participate in this Memorial service. She knows nothing of what happened earlier today. But, Sarah, your dad and I want to make sure that no matter what happens, that you're always a part of the Order of the Eastern Star, and that even years and years from now your name will be a major part of our chapter. Therefore, it is with much pride that your dad and I present you an endowed membership to Mineral Wells Chapter #44. You'll never have to pay dues again! [applause]

GRAND CHAPLAIN: The Grand Officers will retire and prepare for the Memorial Service. Would the Arrangements Committee complete setting up for this, please.

THE LAMB OF GOD'S GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL PROGRAM

The Grand Chapter room was filled with reverent and ethereal music as Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron, presented the musical prelude for the Memorial Program.

Before the program was presented, the scenery was slightly changed by adding a gated arbor decorated with greenery and lights, a life size Christ statuette holding a lamb and an empty chair thus setting the whole tone for "The Lamb of God's Garden of Remembrance Memorial Program." The Grand Chaplain invited the Installed Grand Officers and the Grand Pages under the direction of Miss Abi Freeman, Grand Marshal, to present the "In the Garden" drill accompanied by Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, Grand Soloist and the Grand Choir under the direction of Mr. Paul Lowe, Grand Choir Director.

As the Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages entered the Grand Chapter room to perform the opening drill, the Grand Choir reverently sang "In the Garden." The Officers and Pages formed a "Cross" within the labyrinth around the Altar. Once the cross was formed, the Grand Chaplain escorted the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron into the Labyrinth to complete the cross. The arbor lights were turned "on" as the Grand Soloist sang one verse of "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer." The Grand Officers and Grand Pages completed the drill, the officers assumed their stations and the Grand Chaplain began the presentation of the program.

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, Brothers and friends:

It is my pleasure to present the "Lamb of God's Garden of Memories Memorial Program." Scripture verses from John 14 remind us:

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God. In my Father's House are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you so. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also." When our hearts are filled with sorrow, we may turn to the Lamb of God for comfort. Our Invocation will be brought by Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron.

Invocation:

Mr. Kenneth Gregory, P.G.P.

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to Thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, thou wilt grant their requests. Fill us with peace and joy as we remember our departed members. We thank Thee for giving them to us to love on this, our earthly pilgrimages. Our remembrances of them will live on in our hearts to cherish until we are brought together in that "city not made with hands" to dwell with Thee. As we celebrate their lives this evening, may we feel thy abiding love and Devine presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Solo: "Abide with Me"

Sarah Johnson, Grand Soloist

Report of the Grand Chaplain:

To a beautiful garden our friends have gone to a land of perfect rest;
Their work is done and the setting sun has sealed their lives of quest.

During this Grand Chapter year, many have passed through the gateway that leads to the Lamb of God's Garden of Remembrance in the world where death comes not. Expressions of our sympathy were extended from the Grand Chapter of Texas to forty-five (45) Grand Jurisdictions with ninety-five (95) Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and four (4) Installed Grand Officers having taken their places in the Garden of Peace. In behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, ninety-nine (99) condolences were extended to other Grand Jurisdictions due to the death of these past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and Installed Grand Officers. Numerous expressions of love and sympathy were sent to our own Texas bereaved families and members suffering from illnesses. Our Grand Family was deeply saddened by the deaths of Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith and Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand Matrons, and Mr. Joe Everett Jeffers, Past Grand Patron. Memorials, cards and letters were sent to their families. Additional memorials were given in memory of the family members of Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham Mrs. Betty Friend, Past Grand Matrons, Mrs. Mary Harvey, Grand Organist and Mrs. "Sissy" Furrie, Grand Ruth. The Subordinate Chapters of Texas mourned the loss of 1,523 members. Correspondence was issued to our membership in the form of memorials, letters, sympathy, get well and thinking of you cards to convey expressions of our love, thoughts and prayers.

During the year, it was my distinct honor to serve as Grand Chaplain in the Constituting of TMRC Daylight Chapter No. 1145. I also had the privilege to attend eighteen (18) schools of instruction, 2 State Exchanges, and 21 fraternal visits. It has been an awesome experience to be able to represent our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Chapter of Texas in this beautiful place of service. I humbly pray that those who have lost loved ones will be comforted by our Memorial Service, that they may feel the Lamb of God's comforting presence, His faithful love, and His abiding peace that surpasses all understanding.

The Dedication of the "Lamb of God's Garden of Remembrance" Memorial Program will be given by Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro tem, and past Grand Matron of Texas.

Dedication:

Mrs. Alma Bane

"The Lamb of God's Garden of Remembrance" Memorial Service is lovingly dedicated to Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron, and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas who have served this Grand Jurisdiction so faithfully throughout the years, ever striving to instill those tenets that make the Order of the Eastern Star so meaningful and worthwhile. These Distinguished Members who walk before us today, as well as those who walked before us in years past, have exemplified a strong faith in our living God. A high mark of standards was set in the late eighteen hundreds, when those tried and true servants of God, now resting with our heavenly Father in the "Garden of Memories", blazed the trail before us. They walked in a manner worthy of the Lamb of God, "striving to please Him in all respects and bearing fruit in every good work." They preserved the ideals of our Order: fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faithfulness and love - thus setting a venue for benevolent work and friendship that has taken place throughout the years.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand

Patrons, present and past: The Lamb of God in the Garden of Memories surely looks down upon you, and says: “Well done, my good and faithful Servants.”

Instrumental Presentation: **Mrs. Rosemary Swetland and Mrs. Jerri Young**

Grand Chaplain: Grand Marshal, you will conduct our distinguished presenters to our Star Point stations for our Lamb of God’s Garden of Remembrance presentations.

Tribute to General Grand Chapter

Although there have been no losses of members within the General Grand Chapter family during the 2008-2009 year, their lives have been touched by the hand of sorrow with the loss of 51 Past Grand Matrons and 44 Past Grand Patrons within 44 Grand Jurisdictions. We join these members in their times of fond recollections and silently lift them up in our thoughts and prayers. May the ideals of our faith in God be brought closer to our hearts as we take time for remembrance.

The Garden gate swings open,
And a loved one slips away; earthly grief is forgotten;
In the bright eternal day.
Where pain can be no more;
To peace past understanding,
For God has opened wide the gate
In the Lamb of God’s Garden of Remembrance.

Mrs. Rennie Oton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Mr. Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron, will present our floral tribute in memory of the General Grand Chapter members’ losses.

Tribute to Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons

The Grand Chapter of Texas has been saddened by the loss of two Past Grand Matrons and one Past Grand Patron.

Sister Mary Katherine Smith served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1959-1960. She passed on November 8, 2008. Sister Mary Katherine presided over the 78th session of “The Sundial” session in Dallas. During the session she paid tribute to time, thus sharing with the membership great insight into God’s design for life and how God gives light and order of events. Her writings on symbolism will live on with us in our Garden of Memory. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us, “To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven.”

Sister Katherine Harbour served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1972-1973. She passed on May 7, 2009. Sister Katherine presided over the 91st session, “Drama in Excellence” session in Dallas. Her messages and programs emphasized excellence, encouraging the membership to seek knowledge and wisdom because in her words, “They have a value for living and can lead us away from error to right action.” Philippians 4, “If there is any

excellence, if anything is worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.”

Brother Joe Everett Jeffers served as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Betty Phillips Benham as his Worthy Grand Matron during 1989-1990. Their year of service culminated with “The Radiant Light from Within” Grand Chapter session in Amarillo. The Order of the Eastern Star lost another link in their chain of valued members when Brother Joe passed on July 11, 2009. Revelations tells us, “He that hath an ear, let him hear, for the spirit has said, Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

When the Lamb of God opened the gateway,
You silently slipped away and made no outward show.
What it meant to lose each one of you,
No one will ever know.

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron, will place a floral tribute in honor of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron at the Lamb of God Garden of Remembrance.

Tribute to Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions

We pay tribute to the numerous Grand Chapter Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions who have entered into eternal rest. The service of these departed members in their Grand Chapters and to our beautiful Order will be remembered for years to come by their membership. We pause this evening to remember those whom we did not know on this our earthly journey, but who have left empty chairs throughout their numerous Jurisdictions of our beautiful Order. Isaiah 41:10 tells us, “Fear thou not for I am with thee. Be not dismayed for I am thou God. I will strengthen thee. Yea, I will help thee. Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

In the Lamb of God’s Garden there is an open gate
Through which each must go alone,
And there, in a light we cannot see
Our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gate these loved ones
Find happiness and rest.
And there is comfort in the thought
The Lamb has welcomed them home.

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron, will present a floral tribute to the Grand Chapter Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions in the Lamb’s Garden of Remembrance.

Tribute to Subordinate Chapters

Over the past year the Grand Chapter of Texas has suffered the loss of 1,523 members due to death. We pay love’s tribute to those who have gone to their heavenly home to abide with our Heavenly Father eternally in heaven. We tenderly cherish our sacred ties that are now severed. They leave behind an empty chair in the Lamb of God’s Garden of Memories.

There is a gateway of truth and justice through which we pass when hands release
And it leads to the feet of our master in the beautiful Garden of Peace.

Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron, will place a bouquet in tribute to our departed Sisters and Brothers in the Lamb of God's Garden of Memories.

Tribute to the United States Military

We now pay tribute to our United States Military - men and women who have given their lives in action to ensure the freedom of our great country.

On Memorial Day this year, American troops honored their fallen on two battlefields, one war winding down and another ramping up. In Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. Military remembered the toll thus far on the troops - more than 4,900 dead.

It is with fervent love that we pay tribute to our Fallen Angels. We grieve their loss, but smile at their memory. Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron, will place a bouquet in tribute to the United States Military in the Garden of Remembrance.

Grand Chaplain: The Empty Chair

Why is there an empty chair in the Garden of Memories?

Why are our hearts filled so with despair?

Did once sit there a loving friend

In that lonely, empty chair?

Oh, how we shall truly, sorely miss them

As overflowing hearts fill the empty chair.

We shall always say prayers for them

While we bid a fond farewell.

The friends gone now, but not forgotten

Were called to the Lamb of God's celestial home;

When taken by His hand through the Garden's Gate

Went there to meet our tender Savior face to face.

Leaving behind an empty chair in the Garden of Memories

We lift our eyes of sorrow and look beyond the golden shores

To the Lamb of God's Garden of Tomorrow

Where we will never, never part a'more.

The Star of Remembrance will be placed in the Empty Chair in the Lamb's Garden of Remembrance by Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron.

Star Presentation

The Empty Chair

Why's an empty chair in the corner?
Why are hearts filled so, with despair?
Did once sit there a loving father, son, or brother
In that lonely, vacant chair?

The soldier's gone now, but not forgotten,
He bravely answered his country's call,
Gone to fight with brave and true men,
Father from yon chair did fall.

Perhaps a brother fought with honor...
For a country loved so dear
Striving right to defend with valor
We will miss him many a year.

Our Men left in faith their favorite chair,
Spent their life where cruel war rages.
Left loved ones in trepidation's despair,
Gone to fight the battle of the ages.

Many years have passed that we've gathered
To honor father, brother, son,
Our joys now golden cords severed
Rivers of tear shed for our blessed one.

Oh, how we sorely miss him.
As overflowing hearts fill his vacant chair.
We shall always say prayers for him,
While we bid a fond farewell.

That empty chair tells their story
Standing tall red, white and blue,
Of how they earned in battle - wreaths of glory,
Father, brother, son... Oh how we sorely miss you.

The Wreath of Remembrance will be presented by Mrs. Geraldine Dusek, Past Grand Matron, and Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron, to be received by Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron.

Memorial Wreath Presentation

**Mrs. Geraldine Dusek, P.G.M.
Mr. John Creel, P.G.P.**

**Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, W.G.M.
Mr. Ray Hertenberger, W.G.P.**

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible.

Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Chaplain, you will assume your positions for the Draping of the Altar. ["Lamb of God" sung by Mrs. Sarah Johnson as Altar was draped.]

GRAND CHAPLAIN:

Dear Heavenly Father, Giver of all good gifts, Healer of broken hearts, we ask Thy comforting love now, as we come to this Altar to pay a last tribute to our beloved members. Thank you for giving us the consolation to know that death is not the end, and that after the Spirit has discarded the garments used on earth, the glorified robes of eternity will be given to our beloved. Thank you that we, too, shall wear such garments when we have laid down our mortal bodies. Give us hope and assurance that we shall meet them again, where there is no parting, no suffering or sorrow. Grand that our hearts will be quieted by Thy gentle peace, strengthened by Thy care, and rested in the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit. Bless us, keep us, and Thine be the glory forever. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Your program indicates that Sister Margie Shenkir was to sing "The Lord's Prayer." She had traveling companions, and they were Virginia and Ray Atkins from Franklin Chapter #311. Their daughter passed away suddenly, and they had to leave Grand Chapter. We ask that you be in prayer for this family and for Margie as they drive. In lieu of the song, the benediction will be given by Brother Kenneth Gregory.

As a final thought.

God's finger touched them
And they slipped away.
From earth's dark shadows
To a brighter day.
God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills were hard to climb.
He gently closed their weary eyes
And whispered, "Come home, it's time."
To a beautiful garden
These gentle friends have gone,
To a land of perfect rest.
They are home in heaven now,
And are happy, and at peace.
With perfect joy and beauty,
That we know will never cease.
Though they are gone, they still live on,
In the Lamb of God's Garden of Remembrance.

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Sisters and Brothers, for our benediction let us join together as we repeat The Lord's Prayer.

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION
August 8, 2009
TRANQUILITY IN HIS KINGDOM Session

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Murial Rowell
Music Committee

Call to Order

Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Good morning, my Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers all: It is an honor and a privilege to be joined by Brother H. Lee Stallings in calling to order this segment, “Tranquility in His Kingdom session, the final business session of our 127th “Peace in His Kingdom” Grand Chapter session. This morning we thank God for the accomplishments of the year and for abounding blessings. Much business awaits our attention, and we trust that all our actions today will honor Him whose star we follow.

We know you have enjoyed the lovely melodies provided by Sister Murial Rowell, Music Committee and a member of Templar Chapter #374. Will you join me in thanking her. [applause]

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you for loving us all and for demonstrating your caring love, kindness and thoughtfulness at all times. We are grateful for the sweet privilege and courtesy extended to us to call this session to order.

Brother Lee, this assembly awaits your remarks.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Sister Elise Hammack.

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

Sisters and Brothers, it is an honor for me to open this morning’s Session with my good friend, Sister Elise Hammack. When my WGM, Sister Betty Friend first introduced me to Sister Elise, she asked Betty this question, “Where did you get this stud?” I quickly responded (in jest) that I had just gotten out of the county jail. I quickly became a “dud” instead of a “stud.” But, in spite of my quick retort, Sister Elise and I have remained good friends and I respect her very much for who she is and for her contributions to this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas, thank you for giving me this honor of helping Sister Elise open this “Tranquility in His Kingdom” Session. You and your officers have had a fun year, full of love, joy, and great memories. A year built on faith, fellowship, and love for the membership. Thank you for your dedication to our beautiful Order and for serving this Grand Chapter in a most positive and heart felt way.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger, you are a good friend, a respected leader, and a beloved Worthy Grand Patron. You have served with great dignity and you have made all of us who are members of District IV, Section 10 very, very proud. Your

actions this year have truly exemplified the spirit of kindness and forbearance which is a benchmark of our Order.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you have been given leaders who have truly shown your love to this membership. I hope that the final hours of your year in the East are as rewarding and satisfying as this past year has been. May the good Lord continue to bless, guide and comfort you in all that you do now and in the future.

Thank you for bringing peace and joy to this Grand Chapter session.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Brother Lee. It is with great pleasure that we call this Saturday morning session to order.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will now present “The Farewell Joyce and Ray” drill. The Grand Pages will form the outer circle. The Installed Grand Officers will form the ears. As members of “The Pride,” the Grand Family will form Mickey Mouse. They wish to thank Sister Joyce and Brother Ray for an exceptionally good time and for all the wonderful memories. Again, let’s thank our Grand Marshal, Sister Abigail Freeman, the Grand Officers and the Grand Pages for your lovely presentation of “The Pride” drill. Thank you. [applause]

Our program this morning now calls for the Precision Drill under the direction of Brother Bill Wyatt, our Associate Grand Patron. [applause following Precision Drill]

We now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [A sheaf of red roses, white daisies and bluebonnets was presented to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pride and pleasure that I present Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ray Hertenberger, 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, it is my joy and it is with much confidence that I give you your gavel of authority.

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

Sister Elise, we go way, way back. I remember when you served as District Deputy Grand Matron of this great State of Texas, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3. Your smile still radiates as brightly today as it did then, and everyone recognizes your laughter and it is contagious. Thank you for the love and support you have given us this year. You know, Elise, I think back and I think of the travels that we’ve had, the places we’ve gone and so many, many funny things that we’ve laughed about. I can remember a trip that we took together with Helen Dupree, and she couldn’t find us. I think you scolded Edna Jeffries and I because we stayed out all night long, but we found this machine and if you put quarters in it sometimes you’d get some back. She says, “You’re telling that.” But when we came back to the room, we got a little bit scolded. But the next night Sister Helen Dupree stayed out with us. But I want you to know that you’re such a joy. You’re so uplifting to everyone you come in contact with. You have lifted me up so many times. You called me when I nearly died, when I was serving as Deputy Grand Matron, from a kidney stone that was lodged and they had to do emergency surgery. Elise called me, and David said, “She is really bad.” I heard him say Elise. And I said, “I’ll talk to her,” and I did. She prayed for me. She has prayed for me so many times. When we lost our son, she

kept me — I'm still on her prayer list to give me strength at times, and I thank you for those prayers. I thank you for your friendship; I thank you for your love and dedication to this beautiful Order.

Now, Brother Lee, you just know how to lift everyone up. I never did hear Elise call you a “dud,” ever. But I have heard the word “stud” quite a few times! I'm almost through; I'll get in trouble tomorrow. You have a very special gift, and you bring laughter wherever you go. We love it, and we thank you for being with us this morning. You and Elise opened this wonderful session for us, and we will appreciate it forever.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to say something to these two wonderful people?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Yes, I would. Sister Elise, we've been friends for many years. You and Brother Oliver Chamberlain presided over the centennial session of this Grand Chapter. Our membership was covered under the umbrella of love, and we thank you for your continued service to this Order.

Brother Lee, we've been friends for many years. We still are. We still in District 4, Section 10 consider you our number one Allstar. Thank you for your continued service to Grand Chapter and this membership. Thank you very much for assisting in the opening of this morning's session.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this “Tranquility in His Kingdom” session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Saturday morning “Tranquility in His Kingdom” session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secure and there will be no interruptions.

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

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain 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 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. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

We will now look to God for our inspiration for today. Our invocation will be voiced by Sister Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Let us pray.

Good Morning, Father God. We humbly invite you to be among us on this day and in our Grand Chapter room where we are reminded that it is Your star that we follow. We recognize that on this very day, lives will be changed forever, and the history of our order will move forward. We give thanks to You for our peaceful and productive sessions we have had thus far, and now, Father, we pray for continued peace and wisdom as we make very powerful choices in today's elections. Let us ever be reminded that You love each of us just as we are, and You have designed a divine plan for each of our lives. May we trust that Your perfect will is being done on this day.

Father, as I once made this walk with you, I know the emotions that are filling the

hearts of our precious candidates at this moment, and we join you in recognizing that each one has given their very best; therefore, I earnestly pray that You will draw near to each one, hold their heart gently, and let them know how special they are to You.

Thank you, Father, for hearing this simple prayer on behalf of my order, and these very dear members, and I pray this in the name of Him whose star we follow. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time our Grand Choir, under the direction of Brother Paul Lowe, and accompanied by Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder, will present special music, “Pass It On,” which is appropriate. [applause following song] Thank you, Brother Paul and the Grand Choir, for providing us beautiful music this morning as we start a very important day of our Grand Chapter session.

I now declare the “Tranquility in His Kingdom” session called from rest to labor. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Warder, this “Tranquility in His Kingdom” session is called from rest to labor.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sisters and Brothers, we again want to thank you for your concern and cooperation. Registration is now closed. I do have a couple of announcements to make. Sister Pat Winkleblack just notified our Grand Secretary that Sister Donna Swindle, a Past Matron of Pampa, had a car accident this morning on I-20 and 287. James Winkleblack, who is Pat’s husband, went to check on her and she was not hurt seriously. James and Donna are now on their way to Grand Chapter. I hope they’ve gotten here. Pat, have you heard where they are?

They’re still on their way. We might want to discuss that, Sisters and Brothers. I realize that when we close our registration at nine, there’s a reason. But sometime things happen that can’t be prevented. If this assembly wishes to allow Donna to have her credentials, we can vote on that. I mean, a car accident is kind of different. But that’s up to you. I would have to hear that in the form of a motion, and we would have to go out and tell Registration to pull that one.

You move that we allow Donna to have her credentials. Do I hear a second?

MANY VOICES: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. It carried. Would one of my Pages inform Registration to pull Donna Swindle’s registration so she can have it. Okay. We’ll send one of the Grand Secretaries.

Nell, if you would report on one of our ladies at TMRC.

GRAND SECRETARY: One of our sweet ladies, Mrs. Sylvia Pleneke, has hospice with her. We expect the news that she has gone to be with her Lord at any time. I just wanted to report that to you. Lift her up in your prayers that she has a peaceful journey. A sweet, sweet lady who has been with us for quite some time. I will let you know if it happens during this session. For those of you who are from Waco chapter, she is a member of your chapter which you probably know, and her service and burial will be in Waco. So I will let you know when this happens. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Nell.

I want to remind you again to keep your ballot with the signed envelope — many of you are not aware of this — in the event a question is raised, you will have to have your dues card with your valid signature on it and your credentials to prove that you are a voter. You may have to show these two with your signature, especially the one of your ballot. It’s just a precaution. So keep up with them.

We plan to have our business session over in time so that Sister Bess and Brother Bill

can rest just a little bit before their Installation. In order to do that, we must have your undivided attention and assistance because, Sisters and Brothers, I am planning on nominating Sister Bess Caldwell for the office of Worthy Grand Matron at 10 a.m. So we've got to move rapidly. And there's another word down here and I'm not sure I can say it, "expeditiously." I did!

Would the voting delegates hold up their blue cards. We just want to know where you are. How many nonvoting delegates do we have? Could you raise your hands? I don't want to make you move. This is a learning experience. We have a lot of trust and faith in our members, so I'm not going to ask you to move so that you can learn just what's going on by sitting by a voting delegate. [applause]

I would also like to ask if there are any Chairmen here today who plan on giving their reports. I'd like you to come and sit in the East. Now I would also like to have all of those who are going to be nominated for an elected office and the person who will be nominating them to make their way to the East and be seated so that we don't have any delays. When those being nominated and the ones nominating them come to the East, bring your credentials.

At this time I'd like to recognize Sister Jean Hodson for a wonderful ESTARL report.

REPORT OF THE ESTARL COMMITTEE

MRS. JEAN HODSON: Thank you.

Worthy Grand matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other distinguished guests, my sisters and brothers:

Before I give the report, Worthy Grand Matron, I just want to thank you for this wonderful appointment and I know the District Chairmen say the same. It has been a pleasure working with all of them.

As part of the Humanitarian program, we received \$19,747.60 this year. From the funds carried over from last year, we were able to award 20 scholarships for \$1,000.00 each and one for \$500.00, making a total of 21 scholarships.

We received a generous offering last evening of \$3,350.00. A list of the recipients is attached.

RECIPIENTS 2008-2009

DISTRICT 1:

Austin Lee Turner
Walter Harrell Braddock, Jr.
Rebecca Jill Clark
Kale Garrett Stephens
Doyle Roy Clifton, Jr.
Chris Robbins
Jon David Lemming

DISTRICT 2:

Ryan Dennis
Hideyo F. Hayworth
Douglas Dean Gaskey

DISTRICT 3:

Amanda Housley
Franklin S. Smith

DISTRICT 4:

Adam Travis Shafer
Grand Baker Barnes
Carrie Annette Slaughter DeLeon
Clayton Shae Faulkner
Steven G. Rindahl
Jeffery B. McDonald

DISTRICT 5:

Linda Baumheckel
Mallory Kaye Homeyer
Robert John Knapp

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of our General Chairman of ESTARL. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Thank you so much, Sister Jean, and all of these Committee members for the hard work that you put in. Last night was a night that I think we'll long remember. We had some surprises, a proposal and just many blessings in message and song. Thank you so much. I love you. Sisters and Brothers, show them how much you appreciate them.

I now recognize Sister Betty Scott, my Grand Chaplain, for her report.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

During this Grand Chapter year, many have passed through the gateway that leads to the Lamb of God's Garden of Remembrance in the world where death comes not. Our Grand Family was deeply saddened by the deaths of Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith and Mrs. Katherine Harbour, Past Grand matrons, and Mr. Joe Everett Jeffers, Past Grand Patron. Memorials, cards and letters were sent to their families. Additional Memorials were given in memory of the family members of Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham, Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Harvey, Grand Organist and Mrs. "Sissy" Furrie, Grand Ruth. This yer the Subordinate Chapters of Texas mourned the loss of 1,523 members.

Expressions of our sympathy were extended from the Grand Chapter of Texas to forty-five (45) Other Grand Jurisdictions for 50 Past Grand Matrons, 45 Past Grand Patrons and 4 Installed Grand Officers. Ninety-nine (99) condolences were extended to other Grand Jurisdictions on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Numerous expressions of love and sympathy were also sent to our own Texas bereaved families and members suffering from illnesses. Two hundred and twelve (212) pieces of correspondence were issued to our membership in the form of memorials, letters, sympathy cards, get well cards and thinking of you cards to convey expressions of our love, thoughts and prayers.

During the year, it was my distinct honor to serve as Grand Chaplain in the Constituting of TMRC Daylight Chapter No. 1145. I also had the privilege to attend 18 schools of instruction, 2 State Exchanges, and 21 fraternal visits. It has been an awesome experience to be able to represent our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Chapter of Texas in this beautiful place of service.

There are no words that are mine that can fully express my deep appreciation for the honor and privilege of having been able to serve the membership of Texas as Grand Chaplain. It is an honor that comes to few, therefore, it is always an appointment that finds the recipient humbled and filled with awe. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for inviting me to be a part of your Grand Family and for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

No man is an island unto himself. The duties that I was able to complete during this year can be attributed to the assistance, guidance and efforts of others that I esteem highly. I wish to express my deep appreciation to Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro Tem and Sister Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron. You were listening ears and encouragers as I expressed my plans. Thank you.

Then, there are my four fantastic Grand Pages: Sisters Edna Adams, Agnes Few, Carol Jackson and Kenlyn Lawrence. They have been by my side throughout the year lending a helping hand with each step that I took. There were other special friends who went extra, extra miles with assistance. Sister Marion Pierce sketched the “Lamb of God” Memorial program cover and worked on floral decorations. Sister Pat Thompson made the Altar cloth for the Memorial Program. Sister Shelly Walker gave the Christ figurine to use in the decorations. Sister Donna Pope, Executive Chairman, and her committee members provided us with our storage, sound, electrical and seating arrangements. To each of the aforementioned and each one of the participants in the “Lamb of God’s Garden of Remembrance” Memorial Program - thank you very, very much.

There’s a wonderful thing that gold cannot buy - a blessing that’s rare and true and that’s the gift of wonderful friends like the friends I have in you. Always remember: “There always walks beside you a Friend, the Lamb of God.”

Fraternally and sincerely,

Betty M. Scott, Grand Chaplain
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of our Grand Chaplain. There is a motion and a second to accept her report. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Thank you, Sister Betty, for a beautiful evening, one that I’ll never forget.

We have some tables that we need to set up. I’m going to go ahead and appoint judges for those tables so that when they get here, they can go to them. For Table #1 I would like to ask Sister Naomi Wolfe and Dr. Effie Mae Davis to be the table judges. Table #1 will be over here near to the Conductress’s station. Closest to the East will be one. Table #2, the judges, I would like to ask Sister Karen Morgenthaler and Brother Richard Ochs. For Table #3 which will be over here by the Associate Grand Conductress’s station, closest to the East, will be Sister Joyce Gilbert and Sister Jane Gregory. At Table #4, the table

judges, Brother Billy Combest and Brother Glenn Whitaker.

At Table #1, I would like Addie Luce, Ann Dodd, Barbara Cunningham, Barbara Trammell, Barbara Wood, Bertha Fincher, Betty Mugg, Betty Timberlake, Audra Voigt, Beverly Shoan, Wanelle Mikeworth and Regina Gilbreath. Please bring your credentials with you.

For Table #2, Billie Glover, Billie Reedy, Carlotta Fairchild, Charles Fisher, Charles Kitchens, Charles Story — I got stuck on Charles — Kalena Zarro, Coy Baker, Danny Poole, Debra Blake, Sandra Goff, Bill Polk.

Table #3, which will be over here by the Associate Grand Conductress closest to the East, Diane Ellis, Don Whistle, Donna Swindle — hopefully if she'll feel like it, if not we'll replace her — Dorothy Anglemiller, Drew Terry, Ellen Ferguson, Eva Dehart, Fran Johnson, Frank Knight, Georgia Ptacek, Gay Carn and Diane Wilson.

Table #4, Gardene Gray, Carol Franks, Helen Milner, James Gibbons, Helen Plunte, Jane Ann Roby, Janice Warner, Jeanette Munn, Jean Thomas, Gedi Farrin, Kay Searson and Marijo Johnson.

Is John Creel in the room? Brother John, would you please serve as a table judge on Table #2? Thank you.

Table #1, Joyce Shanks, Judith Abernathy. For Table #2, I need Karen Joseph, Linda Hugo, Margie Curry. Grand Pages, if you would get the pencil boxes and very quietly pass the boxes down each row so everyone has a #2 pencil.

Mary Gibb and Maryann Collins, Table #3. Table #4, Maydell French, Melynda Giesenschlag, Michelle Stegman, Mike Larson.

Monte Crawford, you're going to be a teller. Nanette Gwaltney, would you go to Table #2. Monte to Table #1. Pat Cain to Table #3. Peggy Ledinski, Table #3. Priscilla Armstrong, Table #3.

Would Sister Cheree Knowle please come to the East for just a moment.

I appreciate your patience so much this morning, Sisters and Brothers. While these elections are going on, while they're counting and such, we'll probably have a couple of surprises and some fun today.

Priscilla Lott, would you go to Table #3, please. How about Rachel McCollum, Ray Johnson — is Red Withers here? Scott Coke, you're going to be a teller. Table #4.

Cheree is here. Where have you been? I guess you were doing official duties for Grand Ruth. Well, I know that this is a very, very special year for your mom. It was for Mike, too. They love you deeply, so at this time I'm going to present you your endowed membership. I'm so proud that I get to present it. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, we must make intelligent choices. The Sister elected to be Associate Grand Conductress today will be your Worthy Grand Matron in three years. The members elected to the Board of Directors will serve five years. The Board of Grand Examiners may serve as many terms as they are elected. Again, we solicit your cooperation and participation. I want to remind you 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 they are spelled correctly. As each candidate is nominated, the name will be placed upon the board. If you cannot see the board, please let us know at sometime so that we can get it fixed where everybody can see.

I am pleased to appoint those who will be operating the computer: Brothers Mark Dieckman and Jack Friend. Sister Leslie Lowery is learning, and she will be observing and helping with the adding machine. We also have as an observer Brother Kenneth

Gregory. Sisters and Brothers, with these experienced operators, I think this election is going to go smoothly and quickly.

Would everyone who is attending Grand Chapter for the first time raise your hand. [applause] We'll have some fun with y'all in just a little bit.

I am pleased to introduce our election judge for today, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon. I thank you, Jimmie, for undertaking this important responsibility.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Why didn't you tell me all the good things that you were going to say, and I wouldn't have had to write all this stuff down? You did really good, but we're going to remind them of what we need to do.

As she asked, we have several — a great number — first-timers to vote today. So these instructions are going to be more for them, because I know that all of our Past Matrons and Past Patrons that have been many times since we've had the voting machines know all of the rules. But we're going to go over them because, Sisters and Brothers, our Code of Laws consists of specific instructions concerning elections. Let us briefly review them.

When making a nomination, only the name of the candidate, 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 Grand Chapter can be nominated for more than one office at one session. If only one candidate is nominated, the election shall be by acclamation, which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated, the election may be upon the official form furnished to the voting delegates during registration. A majority of all votes cast must be necessary for a choice. If on any ballot no candidate has received the majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In the case that more than two tie for the lowest number, and there are more than two candidates, we shall drop both.

Subject to these regulations the election shall proceed until we receive a majority vote. The results of the vote shall be declared by the presiding officer. Additionally, the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels have been instructed according to the law to allow no one to enter the chapter room when a ballot is being taken unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be courteous and understanding in this regard, knowing that if you are caught outside during a ballot and are denied admission, our people are faithfully performing the duties which have been assigned to them. Do not leave your seat without your credentials. This includes your signed envelope with ballot and your badge with current dues card. You will need these to reenter the chapter room.

I would like to remind the Pages that all votes must be deposited inside the chapter room. Members caught outside the chapter room after the ballot has been declared open will not be allowed to reenter until the ballot is closed. The Assistant Grand Sentinels must step inside the room to cast their ballot. The ballot box must not leave the Grand Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside the door where they are stationed, and the Assistant Grand Warders in each case will open the door when the Page approaches and the Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside and deposit their ballots in the Teller's box and return to their stations outside the door.

Sisters and Brothers, we have some of our members who are required to continue to work. They are the Registration Committee, the Credentials Committee and those involved in First Aid. For those we will allow them to enter at entrance one to the lobby. That door will be opened by the Assistant Grand Warden. The teller will approach the door and remain inside, and only the members of Registration, Credentials and First Aid will

be allowed to step inside, deposit their ballot, 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 while the ballot is being taken.

Let me talk to you about the ballot. We have ballot A, B and C and an additional Z, which is for or against. We would respectfully request that you keep these ballots as clean as possible. They will be read by a machine. This machine does not like candy; it doesn't like chocolate, and it is not thirsty. It does not need water. So, please, keep it as clean as possible. And it doesn't like ink pens at all. We would request that you keep the ballot as straight and as clean as possible. Please try to keep it clean, so this will speed up the process for our election. Your vote is important to you, to your chapter, to the candidates and to our Order.

Do not mark any ballot until the instructions are given by the Worthy Grand Matron. She will announce the number of the ballot which is to be marked when she declares the ballot open. They may not be used in the order of A, B or C. At that time you will mark your ballot. Remember, please, use only the #2 pencil that has been provided for you or that you brought with you. I will make sure that all of you have a pencil. Please hold up your hands if you do not at this time have your pencil. Do not use a ballpoint pen. The machine will not read your vote if you use a ballpoint pen. The votes must be clearly blackened to vote. You must clearly blacken the rectangle to the left of the candidate's name of your choice. To write in a name, you must blacken the rectangle to the left, write in your choice in that space provided.

When voting for a candidate, please vote for only one for each position. If you vote for two candidates in one position, your vote for that race will be voided. Please do not fold your ballot. When the ballots are collected, we ask that you simply place them face down in the ballot box of the tellers.

Now our Worthy Grand Matron has agreed, since the aisles are so close, we are going to pass the ballot box down the row, just as you would in your church. So as the ballot box passes in front of you, simply place your ballot in the ballot box. We would ask, please, that no one else is in the aisles during the ballot. We will not open the doors until the Pages have returned to the Grand Chapter floor and are located at the tellers' tables and the ballots collected. When the Worthy Grand Matron has closed the ballot, we will open the doors at that time. We have four tables set up with their table monitors ready to go in the North and in the South.

Let me repeat. No one can cast more than one ballot, and each ballot is placed face down for security. No one can leave the chapter or ask anyone else to cast their ballot for them. After the presiding officer declares the ballot open and nominations are completed, the Pages will begin to collect the ballots in the area they are assigned. There are also table monitors, which the Worthy Grand Matron has designated. They will observe the processing of the ballots. A scanning machine will be used to tabulate the votes. If in case a ballot is rejected, we will review the ballot and attempt to determine what the voter intended to do. As for an example: Sisters and Brothers, someone may mark a ballot for one candidate and then change their mind and vote for another one, trying to erase the first. They do not erase it enough, and the machine then will look at it as two for the same race. We will observe and try to decide if one has been erased and we will count your vote.

Also, you are not supposed to use check marks or X's because the machine will not read them. But if we find that it is clearly intended that you have voted for a specific candidate, we will count the vote. If there is a blank line for a write-in, mark it to the left. The machine will pick up the mark, and we will read the written name. If the machine kicks

out a ballot, it will be hand counted. Do not mark more than one in any position. And if one or more positions require a second ballot, the voting delegates will be instructed as to which ballot is to be used and the names of the remaining candidates will be given.

In previous years we have segregated the delegates from nonvoting to voting. Our Worthy Grand Matron, as she has said, has decided this year to let you sit exactly where you are and enjoy your day.

Let me repeat. Remember, you may vote only one time. The ballot which you were given in your individual registration packet should be in your possession, and no one else is allowed to use it.

We are requesting that no one be back of the machine to my right because Mark Dieckman, Leslie Lowery, myself and Jack Friend will be there. Leslie Lowery will run the adding machine if needed. Brother Kenneth Gregory, as she told you, will be the monitor. You will go to Kenneth Gregory and relay your concerns, if you have a question as to what is going on in that area. He will in turn come to me and relate your concern.

Sisters and Brothers, may I have your very undivided attention. Please listen very closely to the next statement that I am going to give you. The name of William Groth will be dropped from our election. William has been declared ineligible to run at this time. Please do not mark a line through his name. Use your ballot as it is. Just please do not waste your vote and mark that name.

The Election Committee and workers wish all of our candidates good luck and God's blessings.

Worthy Grand Matron, we are now ready for your Credentials report so that we are ready for your election.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Registration and Credentials are not quite ready, but they're almost on the verge of being ready! Sisters and Brothers, we'll have a short report and then we'll have that behind us, while we're waiting for Registration and Credentials to come in. I recognize Brother Kenneth Gregory for a short report, the Multi-State.

REPORT OF THE MULTI-STATE COMMITTEE

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, for the honor of serving as Chairman of the Multi-State Committee this past year. I'd like to recognize Brother Jerry Trees; he was our Co-Chairman. Jack Friend served as the Ticket Chairman. Jane Hodson was Housing; Mickey Smith was Registration. We had several Committee members that served with us this past year. I'd like for them to stand. And any volunteers who worked for the Multi-State function that was held in San Antonio.

On June 26th, the members of the Multi-State Committee joined with 167 other members of the Grand Chapter of Texas to Welcome our OES Sisters and Brothers from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Oklahoma to the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, Texas for the "Ride the Rio" 2009 Texas Eight State Exchange Visit.

Registration and the issue of tickets for the luncheon and banquet were opened Friday and Saturday. After registration, our guests were invited to pick up a "Don't Mess With Texas" bag and create their own ditty bag by selecting gifts from a Texas gifts table including a bottle of water donated by members of the Multi-State Committee. An information table provided our guests with brochures concerning tours, shopping and historical sites in the city. A hospitality room in the WGM's suite was opened Friday afternoon

and all day Saturday.

Friday afternoon, our guests were given the opportunity to explore the Riverwalk and enjoy dinner at the restaurant of their choice. After dinner, two buses shuttled our guests from the hotel to the Arneson River Theatre where they enjoyed authentic Mexican music and dancing at “Fiesta Noche Del Rio” in the open-air theatre. Sister Betty Friend, OES Journal Committee of GGC and a PGM of Texas coordinated the Friday evening activities.

The Saturday luncheon for the WGM’s and WGP’s and their line officers was held in the San Antonio Ballroom and there were 130 in attendance.

The Texas Ballroom for the Saturday Banquet was beautifully decorated in a Western Cowboy theme. Sisters Reba Fox and Wanda Hollingsworth and their team decorated each table with cowboy boots and flowers. Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, PGM of Vermont, kept everyone laughing as she served as Master of Ceremonies, while Mr. Frank Knight, Credit Card Committee, added his humor while presenting his “Cowboy Poetry”. Our entertainment for the evening was a beautiful musical program presented by Sister Rosemary Swetland, PGM of Texas.

After remarks by the WGM’s and WGP’s of each state and the distinguished guests, our WGM announced the winner of the Eight State banner. The attendance by state was as follows: Alabama - 71; Arkansas - 57; Florida - 28; Louisiana - 56; Mississippi - 47; Missouri - 26; Oklahoma - 63; and Texas - 167; for a total of 515.

The winner was determined by a percentage of the number of registered attendees based on each state’s 2008 membership. The winner was Alabama with a percentage of 0.00843731.

The AGM and AGP of Alabama extended an invitation for everyone to come to the 2010 Eight State visit in Birmingham, Alabama on August 13th – 15th, 2010.

Everyone enjoyed their visit to San Antonio. The group on the bus from Alabama spent four nights in the hotel while those on the bus from Oklahoma spent three. There were 570 tickets sold for the banquet on Saturday night. The Multi-State Committee received no funds from Grand Chapter for expenses of the Multi-State Visit, however, due to the generosity of the Multi-State Committee, the increased room nights used at the hotel, and the number of tickets sold for both the luncheon and banquet, the Multi-State Committee was able to forward to the Grand Secretary on July 22nd, 2009, a check in the amount of \$6,077.31.

I want to thank the members of the Multi-State Committee and all Texas members who volunteered their time, talents, and resources to make this event a success.

Respectfully submitted;

Kenneth R. Gregory, PGP
Chairman, Multi-State Committee

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the Multi-State Visit Committee. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried. Brother Kenneth and Brother Jerry, I knew when I asked you to work on this event — and in a weak moment you said yes, and then as time went on they looked at me really funny and sometimes they frowned, not real bad. But they said, “I’m not sure this was a good idea.” But they worked so hard together. You know, when you have two

Past Grand Patrons like Brother Kenneth and Brother Jerry and they take on a project, it's going to be a success because of their love for this Order and the love of being with the members all around the world like they were that weekend, because we had some from everywhere. I appreciate them and love them so much. I'm just thankful that they still love me. Thank you for your hard work. [applause]

Our Election Chairman is going to give you a couple more instructions. There are a couple of things that we need to discuss with you. Some of you have dug out some pencils from your purse; make sure it's a #2 pencil. Also when you mark that little dot, you've got to mark it hard so that the machine can read it. Don't just make a little light line like you're shading; we want it dark so we can see it and the machine can see it. What else, Sister Jimmie? Is that it?

Okay. Here comes our Credentials and Registration. Come on up to the East. We're ready.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MRS. LORETTA BOOTH: Let me tell you, when you get one of these appointments and you open The Bulletin and you see a list of names, you always think, "I wonder how it's going to be." Worthy Grand Matron, you could not have given me a Committee that was harder working, more diligent and more patient. I could not have done better if I had picked them myself.

Your Credentials Committee has worked very hard; we appreciate your patience with Registration and Credentials. The Committee this year is Sarah Coursey, Melissa Hudman, Linda Hugo, Linda Roy, Ann Dunn, Jean Thomas, Kimi McGee could not be with us because of a contract with her school, and Johnece Marrs was anticipating shoulder surgery. We know they were with us in spirit.

We the Credentials Committee wish to submit the following final report for Grand Chapter 2009:

Total Number of Chapters in Texas		408	
Number of Chapters Required for Quorum		102	
Chapter Representative Packets Issued		351	
Number of Votes	#1	1189	1189
	#2	347	694
	#3	75	225
Ballots Issued		1611	
Grand total of Votes			2108

Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Booth
Credentials Chairman

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report from the Credentials Committee and a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Thank you, my sweet friends, for your hard, hard work.

I recognize the Chairman of Registration.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

MRS. BOBBYE DYER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

We wish to thank the membership for their patience and courtesy during this process. Our special thanks to the members of the Credentials Committee who have worked with us in a joint effort to achieve our goals. We also wish to thank the Grand Secretary and her staff for all the assistance they provided to this Committee and to the Executive and Arrangements Committees at this Grand Chapter for all the provisions they have made for our comfort and convenience.

I now report the final results of the Registration Committee of the 127th Grand Chapter Session:

Total Pre-Registration	1,924
Registrations at the Grand Chapter Session.	231
Total Registrations.	2,155
Out of State Pre-Registrations	86
Registrations at the Grand Chapter Session.	13
Total out of State Registrations	99
Other Grand Jurisdictions Represented	225
TMRC Registrations.	24
Total Registration Fees Collected and Delivered to Grand Secretary's Office	\$21,320.00
And a donation of	20.00

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is my pleasure to introduce the hard working members of the Registration Committee.

- District 2 - Bonnie Varnell
Alma York
- District 3 - Donna Herrington
Shirley Melton
- District 5 - Doris Davis
Jane Hudson

And three members of our committee who were unable to attend this Grand Chapter Session.

- Jan Hall - District 1
 - Jerri Young - District 2
 - Anne Langston - District 5
- Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Bobby Dyer
Registration Chairman

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard a motion and a second that we adopt this report from the Registration Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Sisters and Brothers, the gavel I'm using today was one that was handcrafted for me by Brother Bill Armstrong. He also gave me a Key to the County and anywhere else. All it is a big bolt cutter that opens wire gates. But I thought it would be more preferable to bring this gavel today.

I invite the Worthy Grand Patron 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.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize Sister Joyce Nicklas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I am Joyce Nicklas, a Past Matron of Mineral Wells Chapter #44. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to place the name of Sister Bess Caldwell, a Past Matron of Cora Posey Chapter #1072, for the office of Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Bess Caldwell has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Bess Caldwell for the office of Worthy Grand Matron say aye. Opposed no. Sister Bess Caldwell, you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Yes, Worthy Grand Patron, with a humble heart I accept. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Ray Hertenberger.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ray Hertenberger, a Past Patron of Texas City Chapter #626. I would like to place in nomination the name of my friend and helper, Brother Bill Wyatt, a Past Patron of Pine Tree Chapter #1090, for the office of Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations? Hearing none, Brother Bill Wyatt has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Patron. We will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Bill Wyatt for the office of Worthy Grand Patron will say aye. Those opposed. Carried.

Brother Bill Wyatt, you have been elected to the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I accept with pride, and I thank the Grand Chapter of Texas for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Thank you very much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Bess Caldwell, a

Past Matron of Cora Posey Chapter #1072. It is indeed my honor to place in nomination the name of Sister Mary Ruth White, a Past Matron of Ransford Chapter #135, for the office of Associate Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mary Ruth White has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Mary Ruth White for the office of Associate Grand Matron please say aye. Those opposed no.

Sister Mary Ruth White, you have been elected Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: I accept. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Tony Whitehead.

MR. TONY WHITEHEAD: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Tony Whitehead, Past Patron of Dal-Cliff Chapter 574. It is with pleasure that I nominate Brother Arthur Drescher, Past Patron, Dal-Cliff Chapter 574, for the office of Associate Grand Patron for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Art Drescher has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Art Drescher for the office of Associate Grand Patron, say aye. Those opposed no.

Brother Art Drescher, you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MR. ART DRESCHER: Worthy Grand Matron, it is an honor and a pleasure to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas, and I do accept. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

MRS. JOY WILSON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize you.

MRS. JOY WILSON: I am Joy Wilson, Worthy Matron of Bandera Chapter #643. It is with pleasure that I nominate Sister Nell Smith Drenner, a Past Matron of Bandera Chapter 643, for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing Grand Chapter year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Nell Smith Drenner has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Nell Smith Drenner for the office of Grand Secretary say aye. Those opposed no.

Sister Nell Smith Drenner, you have been elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GRAND SECRETARY: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. My sweet, sweet ones, thank you so much for allowing me to serve in this position. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Frances Burbank.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Frances Burbank, Past Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter #835. It is with pleasure that I place in nomination the name of Donna Noe, Past Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter #835, for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MR. HAROLD WERT: My name is Harold Wert, Past Patron of Bryan Chapter 222.

I am nominating Jane Wert, Past Matron of Bryan Chapter 222, for the office of Grand Treasurer for this ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MRS. MARIJO JOHNSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Marijo Johnson, Worthy Matron of Canyon Lake Chapter 1103. I am honored to nominate Lorrie Faith Owens, Affiliated Past Matron of Canyon Lake 1103 and Past Matron of The Colony Chapter 1136, for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MRS. CAROLYN GERON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Carolyn Geron, Worthy Matron of Dal-Cliff Chapter #574. I place in nomination the name of Sue Briwa, a Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747 and Dal-Cliff Chapter #574, for the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations? Hearing none, would all of those who were nominated please come to the East so that the membership can see who you are. Sisters and Brothers, in the order of their nomination, we have Sisters Donna Noe, Jane Wert, Lorrie Faith Owens and Sue Briwa. Thank you.

I have not declared this ballot open. The Credentials people have gone back out to the table. So what do I do? Is everyone in the room who is supposed to be in here to ballot except for the Assistant Grand Sentinels? [confers with Election Judge] I told each and everyone of y'all that you learn something every day, and I do too.

Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Mary Ruth White.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: I am Mary Ruth White, a Past Matron of Ransford Chapter #135. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Vi Griffin, a Past Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649, for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Vi Griffin has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Vi Griffin for Grand Conductress please say aye. Those opposed no.

Sister Vi Griffin, you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: [inaudible] [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

MRS. DONNA POPE: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Donna Pope. I am Worthy Matron of North Fort Worth Chapter #684. I place in nomination the name of 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: Sister Annette Curry has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations?

MRS. LINDA TURNER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Linda Turner, Worthy Matron of Garland Chapter 156. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Dr. Linda Jay Puckett, a Past Matron and Endowed Member of Garland Chapter 156, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Linda Puckett has been nominated for the

office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations?

MR. JIMMY POMROY: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Jimmy Pomroy, present and Past Patron of Schertz Chapter #911. I am pleased to nominate Jerre Lucas, a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Jerre Lucas has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations?

MRS. ALICE OLTMER: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Alice Oltmer. I'm the Worthy Matron of Vashti Chapter #32. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Jayne Yenger for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations? Hearing none, would those nominated please come to the East so that your Sisters and Brothers can see you. In the order they were nominated, Sisters and Brothers, you have Sisters Annette Curry, Dr. Linda Puckett, Jerre Lucas and Jayne Yenger. Thank you so much, sweet ladies and sweet friends. [applause]

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Directors, District 1. It is to complete the two-year unexpired term.

MRS. IRIS BALL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Iris Ball, Worthy Matron of Roy Stanley Chapter #1086. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Betty M. Scott, a Past Matron of Roy Stanley Chapter #1086 and also a Past Matron of Pine Tree Chapter #1090, for the office of Board of Directors, District 1, two-year unexpired term.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Betty Scott has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 1, two-year unexpired term. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Betty Scott, say yea. Those opposed no. Sister Betty Scott, do you accept?

MRS. BETTY SCOTT: Worthy Grand Matron and membership, I accept with pleasure and consider it to an honor to serve. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Directors, District 4.

MRS. VONDA SUBLETT: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Vonda Sublett, Past Matron of John Gillespie Chapter #257 in San Augustine. It's with honor that I nominate Sister Elizabeth Wise, past and present Matron of John Gillespie Chapter #257 and Dual Member with Kirbyville 1143, for the office of Board of Directors of District 4.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Elizabeth Wise has been nominated for the Board of Directors of District 4. Are there other nominations?

MRS. MARTHA LYTLE BETTIS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Martha Lytle Bettis, a Past Matron of Spring Chapter #1105. I place in nomination the name of Toby Lytle, past and present Worthy Patron of Spring 1105, for the office of Board of Directors, District 4.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Would Sister Elizabeth and Brother Toby come up to the East. Sisters and Brothers, this is Sister Elizabeth Wise and Brother Toby Lytle. Thank you. [applause]

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Directors, District 5.

MRS. MARSHA PUTNAM: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Marsha Putnam, and I am Worthy Matron of New Braunfels Chapter #771. It is my honor to place the name of Brother Ron Zipp, Past Patron of New Braunfels, in nomination for the office of Board of Directors, District 5.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Ron Zipp has been nominated for the Board of Directors of District 5. Are there other nominations?

MRS. JOYCE SCHNEIDER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joyce Schneider, Worthy Matron of Texas Chapter #35. It is my honor to place the name of Patti Littlepage Strey, a Past Matron of Texas Chapter #35, in nomination as a member of the Board of Directors, District 5. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Patti Littlepage Strey has been nominated for the Board of Directors, District 5. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I would like to introduce Brother Ronald Zipp and Sister Patti Littlepage Strey. Thank you. [applause]

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1.

MR. DAVID THOMPSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am David Thompson, Past Patron of Grand Saline Chapter #290. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Sandra Adams, Past Matron of Grand Saline Chapter #290 and Worthy Matron of Canton Chapter #667, for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Sandra Adams has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Are there other nominations?

MRS. MARY LOU LIBERTO: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Mary Lou Liberto, a Past Matron and present Worthy Matron of Loyal Chapter 648. I place in nomination the name of Melissa Simonton Hudman, a Past Matron of Loyal Chapter #648, for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Melissa Simonton Hudman has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, Sisters and Brothers, I would like to introduce these two to you. In order of their nomination, we have Sister Sandra Adams and Sister Melissa Simonton Hudman. Thank you. [applause]

Brother Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this ballot open, and no one is allowed to enter or leave the assembly room.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we're about to open the ballot, and you are to allow no one to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room.

Your order has been obeyed, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we are going to ballot on ballot B. Please take out your ballot that has the "B" on it. I now declare the ballot open. Mark your ballots.

Pages, you can collect the ballot boxes. The Assistant Grand Sentinels will step in the door. We have a lady in the infirmary on oxygen. We will collect her ballot.

First Aid has been just right handy through every event. If we were here late at night for a banquet or anything that was going on, they were on call, on duty. If they left that room for any reason, they had a note on the door with a phone number where they could be reached in this building. I really appreciate all those who worked in our First Aid. Give them a hand. [applause] Thank you.

I hope the Assistant Grand Warders have told the Assistant Grand Sentinels outside that we are voting on ballot B. Have you done that? Good job!

We're going to use tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 to separate these ballots. It will go quickly. As soon as they get these separated and we get them to the machine, it's pretty speedy.

Assistant Grand Warders, have the Assistant Grand Sentinels outside voted? Sister Pam, have yours voted? Have Credentials and Registration been allowed to vote? Have we got the ones out of First Aid? Has everyone deposited their ballot? If you haven't deposit-

ed your ballot, raise your hand.

If all the Pages will come to these four tables. Empty your boxes on the tables.

One more time, has everyone cast their vote? We don't want to skip anyone. I now declare the ballot closed. You can go out, but come back.

Sisters and Brothers, nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2.

MR. BO LEDINSKI: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Bo Ledinski. I am past and present Patron of Lubbock 76. I would like to nominate Sister Cindy Echols, Past Matron of Lubbock 76, for the office of Grand Examiner for District 2.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, Sister Cindy Echols has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2 [confers with Election Judge]. Sisters and Brothers, Sister Cindy Echols is sitting back here waiting for me to say this. All in favor of Sister Cindy Echols to serve on the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, say aye. Those opposed say no. Sister Cindy, you've been elected as Grand Examiner of District 2. Do you accept?

MRS. CINDY ECHOLS: Worthy Grand Matron, with a joyful heart I do. Thank you, membership. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3. Are there any nominations?

MRS. MOLLY WILLIAMS: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Molly Williams, Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter 820. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Cheryl Albrecht, a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter 820, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners of District 3 for the ensuing year.

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, please say aye. Those opposed. Sister Cheryl, do you accept?

MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT: Worthy Grand Matron, I can think of no greater honor than to serve as Grand Examiner of District 3. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4.

MRS. SANDRA CHANDLER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sandra Chandler, Worthy Matron of Friendswood Chapter #1131. It is my honor to place the name of Christine Armstrong, Past Matron of Alvin Chapter #15 and Friendswood Chapter #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 Board of Grand Examiners, District 4. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Christine Armstrong for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, please say aye. Those opposed no. Sister Christine, do you accept?

MRS. CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG: Worthy Grand Matron, with a humble heart I do accept. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for allowing me this opportunity. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5.

MRS. JOY WILSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joy Wilson, Worthy Matron of Bandera Chapter 643. It is with pleasure that I nominate Sister Brenda Smith Costello, a Past Matron of Bandera Chapter 643, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, for the ensuing Grand Chapter year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Brenda Smith Costello has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Brenda Smith Costello for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, will say aye. Those opposed no. Sister Brenda Smith Costello, you've been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. Do you accept?

MRS. BRENDA SMITH COSTELLO: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my privilege to serve this membership, and I do accept this wonderful opportunity. I look forward to serving with Sister Bess because I know that she has taken on a lot of your fun-ness, I should say, but I do hope we don't run into any more raccoons along the school trail. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Brenda.

Sisters and Brothers, nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At Large.

MRS. MARGIE HATLEY: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Margie Hatley, Junior Past Matron of Wills Point Chapter #366. I would like to place into nomination the name of Susan Bigham, a Past Matron of Abernathy Chapter #877 and Worthy Matron of Wills Point Chapter #366, for the office of Grand Examiner At Large for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Susan Bigham has been nominated for 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 aye. Those opposed nay. Sister Susan, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners. Grand Examiner At Large. Do you accept?

MRS. SUSAN BIGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, it is an honor and a privilege to serve our membership and our Order in this way. Thank you very much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, please pay attention to what your Election Judge is about to tell you.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a slight glitch in the printing of the ballots to coordinate with the machine. I am having a table set up at the area where the machines are, back behind the cross. We are going to have to count by hand some of the ballots. We're running them back through, but they are still rejecting. We will have a total to add to what the machine says. I apologize for this, but it is the way the machine is picking up and the way the ballots were printed. We knew there was a mistake on ballot A. That's the reason we're using B. I am fixing to come down to the tables that we already have tellers on, and I'm going to touch you on the shoulder and you're going with me.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we're going to hear a wonderful, wonderful report from Sister Beverly Plante. She is my Chairman of the parties at TMRC. She has worked diligently, but she is in a little pain right now so we're going to let her do her report.

REPORT OF THE TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE

MRS. BEVERLY PLANTE: When I was in high school, I heard that algebra was really hard. This year I found out it's really easy. All you do is take TNT plus OES, and it equals a lot of fun. We had a lot of help this year, and I'd like to introduce my chairmen. I don't know where they are or if they're even in the room at the present time. First, if Wayne Gattis is here, would you stand up and wave your hand, from District 1; Jane

Ramos from District 2 and Jane Reynolds, she's over here somewhere; District 3 was Violet Kilgore; District 4, Bertha Fincher; and District 5 was Yvonne Smith. We did a total of five parties this year. They were well attended. We had a great time, and the people that were involved worked very hard. Our chairmen and their committee members and members of OES raised money for each of these parties from \$400 up to \$1100. So they did a great job.

All of the residents were provided with gifts, lots and lots of cookies. The gifts ranged from homemade things and crafts all the way to stamps, jewelry and money. Everybody expressed that they really had a good time. We did one Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day and ended on Father's Day with an ugly tie party. Everybody really enjoyed that. They all wanted ties.

Anyway, they had a great time. We appreciate the fact that we were allowed to do the parties and would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity of allowing me to be the Chairman of this Committee this year. I would like to thank all of the members of Eastern Star that weren't on the Committee that also helped us by baking cookies and coming over and being involved in presenting to the residents. Thank you very much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much, Beverly.

Brother Gayle Brown was General Chairman of the Sections Review Committee. He was going to do some checking on redistricting and see what we needed to do to help some of our chapters. We're going to hear his report at this time.

REPORT OF THE SECTIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE

MR. GAYLE BROWN: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished members, my sisters and brothers:

As Chairman of the Sections Review Committee, I present the following report. Thank you WGM for the honor of serving Grand Chapter. I commend you on your selection of the members you chose to serve with me on this committee, and with your permission, I would like to introduce them at this time. District 1: PGP Henry Martin, Sister Bonita McElroy, District 2: Sisters Joyce Ball and Marjorie Arrington Haynes; District 3: PGM Sharon Fentress, Brother R. Gayle Brown; District 4: PGM Doris Hester, PGP Jerry Trees; District 5: PGP Nelson Campbell, Grand Conductress Mary Ruth White. We, as a committee, have undertaken the task of conducting a review of the districts and sections with the love and welfare of our beautiful order as our main objective. Conducting an overall review of the fifty sections would be an enormous undertaking, to say the least. The committee feels that we, together with each chapters input, have a "window of opportunity" to submit to Grand Chapter the changes that would make our overall membership stronger and more united. To accomplish this, each chapter across Texas was mailed a special letter requesting that they review their overall situation with respect to, but not limited to, total membership, distances to adjacent chapters, along with other special circumstances that apply, and then, after carefully reviewing all these facts, forward the chapter's recommendations to their District Chairman. Your committee was aware from the very start of this review process that we would not be able to reach any final conclusions that could be presented to you, the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, at this Grand Chapter. With this in mind, I spoke to the WGM and AGM. They both were in agreement that ours would be a hold-over committee. At each of our meetings, your Associate Grand

Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, and Associate Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt, along with the Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Vi Griffin, were in attendance and spoke to the committee. The goal of the committee is to bring a recommendation on section changes to Grand Chapter in 2010. Keep in mind that if approved by Grand Chapter in 2010, the earliest the changes would go in effect would be 2010 for Sister Vi Griffin's year. To date, the committee has heard from approximately 25% of the 406 chapters. When you return home, please check with your secretary to see if your chapter has responded. One of the biggest concerns has been the chapter's cost of hosting the schools in the different sections. All of these in puts are being provided to the AGC to assister her as she plans her year.

The committee has received some sweet letters. Several stated that they were happy where they were, but if it would help the committee and Grand Chapter, then they would honor any moves we suggested. For these, the committee thanks you. There have been others who stated that they were down to only a few, but they would demise before they would have someone tell them what to do. Please, membership, your Sections Review Committee only wants to recommend what would be best for your chapter and only then, with your written request, to make changes.

This concludes our report, and I move for the adoption of this report of the Sections Review Committee.

Respectively submitted, Brother Rupert Gayle Brown, Chairman

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I hope that you were listening to Brother Gayle Brown's report on the redistricting. There has been a motion to accept the report and a second. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

I really appreciate these serving on this Committee. It's very difficult. Some of you don't realize that they're not trying to move you or make you do anything you don't want to do. They're simply trying to come up with a solution. By studying and seeing how everything is laid out, they can present something to you where you can understand it better. I thank all of this Committee for working on this. It wasn't an easy assignment, but you took it and we appreciate it. Sisters and Brothers, please show them how much you appreciate their work.

I recognize Sister Sherry Thompson for the Museum Committee report.

REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

MRS. SHERRY THOMPSON: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of myself and the five other members of the Museum Committee:

Barbara Zihlman - District 1

Polly Pate - District 2

Jan Holland - District 3

Doris Wyont - District 4

Dorothy M. White - District 5

I would like to thank you for allowing us to serve on this committee. We did not receive any new items for the museum and due to construction delays, we were not able to fulfil our duties. We wish next year's committee the best of luck in their endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Thompson, Chairman

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the Museum Committee. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Thank you, girls. We were so looking forward to moving into the new building and the museum. They had high expectations of being able to go and help get that set up. We're just going to pray that next year Bess's Committee will have lots of help. It's going to be a big job. Thank you so much.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Sisters and Brothers, as your Election Judge, let me explain a little bit about what's going on. We have a machine that has a glitch in it. It wasn't working properly. But you know what this is? That's an index finger. If you hold it inside the machine, it works. So we took the front off of it. Mark is holding the little button down on the side. We are going to leave you exactly where you are at the table, because if it starts to act up again we will start the process all over. We are hoping that it will continue, because if it continues to work, then it will take us far less time than it would to count. We have three Deputies that I pulled from the floor and two Past Grands that are over there already starting to count the ones that have rejected because of the printing error. So please bear with us. And if you don't mind, bow your heads in prayer that the machine will keep working. I'll hold up if it keeps working.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I hope Mark's finger doesn't get tired.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: If it does, I have one!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, I hope some of you were the ones who came to Spring Fling because we have a wonderful report for you. I recognize Sister Lesa Smith, General Chairman of Spring Fling.

REPORT OF THE SPRING FLING COMMITTEE

MRS. LESA SMITH: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Would the district chairmen of the Spring Fling committee please stand with me?

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patron, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, my sisters and brothers;

May I introduce to you the following District Chairmen of the Spring Fling Committee:

District One	washers/horseshoes	Debbie Mullholland
District Two	silent auction	Debra Land
District Three	drinks	Ann Walton
District Four	meadow muffins	Maydell French
District Five	skillet toss	Scott Kolb

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I want to thank you for this super fun grand appointment. I had a great time planning and working with a great committee as well as District Chairman. Everywhere I went, there were always committee members being introduced. We set out to have an old fashioned family picnic and I believe, no matter what the weather tried to do to us, you could not keep us down. Come rain or shine we had a great time. At Sister Joyce's urging, we had some fun events for people to participate in, including a Meadow Muffin toss, with a Ladies and Men's division, which was

quite interesting, I will add. Spring Fling members worked very hard to ensure that all members of this order had a great day at the TMRC. We also enjoyed a washer toss as well as a skillet toss.

If the following people are in the Grand Chapter room, would they please come forward to the Grand East for the awarding of the medals?

The scores from the "Meadow Muffin" toss:

Ladies:

Cathy Helms - a piece in the pot

Linda Shaw - a leaner

Vi Griffin - 11"

Men:

Burley Jones - In the pot

William Groth - 1 ft.

Brady Ruskin - 8 ft.

The scores for the skillet toss are as follows:

Ladies:

Sarah Johnson - 53 ft.

Annette Curry - 47 ft.

Sarah Nutt - 45.3 ft.

Men:

Burley Jones - 46 ft.

David Nicklas - 45 ft.

James Walker - 44 ft.

We sold 150 hamburgers with drinks for a total sales of \$1,050.00.

We enjoyed a silent auction which helped us make \$1,447.00 with a grand total of monies collected of \$2,497.00. I sincerely want to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron again for appointing me to such a fun committee. I truly had a blast, no matter how wet I was.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesa Smith

Spring Fling Chairman

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I did everything and I didn't win a thing!

MRS. LESA SMITH: You took your skillet that day.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I sure did. I wore mine. That's right.

I now recognize Brother Jess Carden, Chairman of Endowed Membership Stamps.

REPORT OF THE ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP COMMITTEE

MR. JESS CARDEN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, protocol being established, I'd like to introduce Nadine Wilson from District 2. She was our chairman of the Endowed Membership Stamp Committee for District 2.

The report for the Endowed Membership Stamp Committee for 2008-2009.

A total of 2,941 endowment stamps were sold during this fiscal year, making a total of \$29,410.00.

In addition, 279 endowments were sold. At \$500.00 each, that would be a total of \$139,500.00. Of course, that total is inaccurate, since some of the endowments were paid with endowment stamps.

Tootsie Creech, Chairman for District 5, reported 30 endowments; of that number, Fidelis Chapter No. 963 in Section 6, sold 17. This from a chapter that in 2007-2008 had 67 members.

Robert Burbridge, Chairman of District 3, reported 24 endowments. Nadine Wilson, Chairman of District 2, reported at least 15 in May, 2009, so had probably more by the end of July.

It is unfortunate that my telephone number was incorrect in the September Bulletin, and that I did not discover that fact until July 24, when the secretary for Orange Chapter No. 214, Mrs. Patsy Phillips, called me; she had checked with the Grand Secretary's

Office to get the correct phone number and to tell me that their Worthy Patron, Dennie Reeves, sold 8 endowments.

All the District Chairmen worked very diligently to interest their members in the endowment program and the advantages the Chapters will receive from this. It was a pleasure to once again serve as general chairman for this committee. The numbers are a far cry from those in 2002-2003, but understandable with the present economy.

Jess Carden, General Chairman
Endowed Membership Stamp Committee

I move that this report be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the Endowed Membership Stamp Committee. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Thank you so much, Brother Jess. I know you've served on this Committee before and it's very special to your heart. I appreciate the hard work.

I recognize Sister Ann Kelly. She has a presentation.

MRS. ANN KELLY: Sister Lorrie Owens, would you join me, please. I'm the president currently of the PAGO Club. The PAGO Club is the Past Appointed Grand Officers of Texas, and we invite all of you floor officers to join us. Maybe some of you already have. But if not, we invite you to join us. Our next business meeting will be at the Mr. X Banquet. I think it's in March. We invite you to come. We have a reception each year at Grand Chapter for our visiting Past Appointed Grand Officers. We're getting ready for Sister Rennie's year when we expect a number of past appointed officers because in the other states there are several clubs.

Sister Lorrie was our president from 2005-2008. At this time I would like to present her with her Past President pin. Thank you, Lorrie. [applause]

All of you who are eligible please join because I know there's some out there that have not done it yet. We'll find you. We do need your e-mail addresses also.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Now I'm going to call on Sister June McGinty for her report from the Financial Investment Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

MRS. JUNE MCGINTY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Other Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

I am not the Chairman of this Committee, but Ed Pickett, who is the Chairman, had his daughter call me on day last week to say that he and Gladys had gone on vacation and that I should make this report to Grand Chapter.

I am sorry to say that we have not done our work as set forth in the Code of Laws due to the lack of information received. We should be invited to the Board Meetings when the bank officers make their Reports to the "Board of Directors and the Financial Investment Committee"¹. In addition, we feel that the Board of Directors should insure that the CPA firm making the annual audit prepare sufficient copies to that Ed, Reese, and (or whomever the Committee members are) may have copies to review and keep in our file.

¹Per Code of Laws, page 107, final paragraph under B. duties.

June McGinty

I move that this report be accepted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister June. We have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the Financial Investment Committee. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

I now recognize the Board of Grand Examiners.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS, DISTRICT 1

DR. LINDA JAY PUCKETT: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers, my friends all. My fourth 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-nine 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. My friends - you enrich my life! And, I hope I have blessed you in some way. **I eagerly look forward to my continued service to YOU and Our Beloved Order. Our service “together” offers many opportunities for learning - perfecting our work - and, setting our sights on a high horizon for Our fantastic Order!**

It is my pleasure, to submit the District One Report for the Grand Chapter Year 2008-2009.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

Section	No. “A” Certificates	No. “B” Certificates
ONE	68	0
TWO	82	0
THREE	50	0
FOUR	63	0
FIVE	89	0
SIX	24	0
SEVEN	31	0
EIGHT	44	0
NINE	78	0
TEN	63	0

TOTAL 592 “A” Certificates issued during School Schedule and the months following. -0- “B” Certificates issued. \$403.00 was collected for Proficiency Stickers.

Our membership responded so well which speaks clearly to the continued strong interest of our member in our beautiful work and maintaining it accurately.

It was a fantastic School Year!

The Peaceful Journey School Schedule was delightful, informative and learning was fun! Our Worthy Grand Matron’s Home District turned out en mass and in love for their beloved home girl. We are grateful to our Worthy Grand Matron for her inspiring teaching and her outreaching leadership as well as her many successful accomplishments during her term. The District 1 Apron Project of the Grand Examiner on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron garnered \$302.00 which was donated to the Organ Donor Project. Thanks to all of you for your support of this project.

The perfect compliment along the Journey of our Schools, Brother Ray Hertenberger,

gave us the warmth of his loving kindness to each of us, strong handshake, and friendly nature. He and His Grand “Bubbas” are beloved by our Order. Sister Vickie Hertenberger, you are a beautiful Queen Esther, and a dear friend who clearly shows us all her love.

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 Charlotte Beall, 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 Charlotte’s guidance were indeed a joy!

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...”

Thank you for four wonderful years as Grand Examiner, District 1.

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 MATRON: Thank you, Linda. We’re going to pause before we let Cindy talk. We’ve held Cindy off all day. We have a spill in the room, and we don’t want anyone to fall. We have called in some maintenance people that will come into the room to mop up the spill. Let’s have a song while they’re mopping.

Sister Cindy Echols, it’s your turn.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS, DISTRICT 2

MRS. CINDY ECHOLS: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers,

What a wonderful year this has been! It has again been my privilege and honor to serve as Grand Examiner of District Two.

First of all, I would like to say thank you to Sister Audri Rowell, District Deputy Grand Matron, and the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District Two. Thank you for all the courtesies you showed me as Grand Examiner, but, most of all, thank you for your friendship and love.

Sister Jerre Miller, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, we had such a good time traveling the District Two School schedule! Thank you so much for your encouragement and many acts of kindness. I will always treasure our friendship.

Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Vicki, we were honored to have you with us when you were able to attend the District Two Schools. And, Worthy Grand Patron, your Star Point Program was absolutely beautiful! Thank you both for your love and support.

Worthy Grand Matron, I enjoyed traveling with you on the School schedule so much! We had such fun as we traveled down those highways! Thank you for the love and encouragement that you so graciously gave me. I have so many wonderful new memories.

Members of District Two, thank you for your love and dedication to our beautiful

Order. I treasure your friendship, and I appreciate your hard work and everything you did to make this report possible!

I am now honored to present the following report for District Two:

Section	“A” Certificates	“B” Certificates	First Timers
Section One	20	-	-
Section Two	57	-	1
Section Three	30	-	3
Section Four	30	-	-
Section Five	25	-	2
Section Six	41	-	1
Section Seven	44	-	2
Section Eight	95	-	8
Section Nine	20	-	-
Section Ten	29	-	-
TOTAL:	391	-	17

“A” Certificates Earned	391
“B” Certificates Earned	0
Total Certificates Earned	391

I am very proud to report that 57 more members earned “A” certificates this year than did last year, which is a 7% increase. We also had 17 “First Timers” earn their certificates.

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 \$185.00 was turned in to the Grand Secretary’s office through donations made for Proficiency stickers. Also, a total of \$325.00 was donated to the Grand Examiners’ Special Project. These funds were donated to the Worthy Grand Matron’s Special Project, the David Matthew Nicklas Organ Donor Awareness Foundation.

It is now my pleasure to introduce my co-worker and friend, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Examiner of District Three.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Cindy Echols
 Board of Grand Examiners
 District II

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS, DISTRICT 3

MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT: Thank you, Cindy.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patorn, Distinguished Members, my S isters and Brothers:

It is a distinct honor to present the report of the Grand Examiner of District 3. The members of District 3 are not only fantastic in their work, but they are wonderful in the hospitality and generosity to our projects.

There were 536 “A” Certificates earned in District 3 this year.

Section 1	158
Section 2	60
Section 3	21
Section 4	20

Section 5	31
Section 6	41
Section 7	30
Section 8	62
Section 9	52
Section 10	41
TMRC	20
Total:	536

Forty-four 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. \$419.00 was donated to this project.

I was pleased to present a check to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Dallas in the amount of \$1,021.00. This donation was made possible by the generosity of the membership of Texas.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for a wonderful year. Your words of encouragement and support were so appreciated, and I enjoyed traveling with you. Sister Jerre Miller, you are a special friend, who was always there to keep me on the right track, or at least try.

Leslie Keilberg, District Deputy Grand Matron, and the Deputies of District 3 - Thank you for all your hard work and the preparations made on my behalf. I enjoyed every minute of our travels through District 3.

To this sweet membership, thank you for allowing me to serve Grand Chapter in this Office. This year was a joy because of your friendship, and I look forward to visiting with everyone during the School Schedule.

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 BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS, DISTRICT 4

MRS. CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, my friend and co-worker.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger for making this another year that I will never forget. Your friendship and encouragement have touched my heart.

To Sister Jerri Miller, thank you for the fun and fellowship we shared traveling across District Four. I will always treasure our friendship.

Special thanks to my good friend, Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, District Deputy Grand Matron, for your kindness and the courtesy you extended to me as we roomed together. I commend you for your gentle way and your love for the membership and for your knowledge of our Order. To the ten Deputies of District four, thank you for your thoughtfulness and many acts of kindness.

It has been an honor to serve as Grand Examiner for the enthusiastic membership of District Four and I thank everyone for allowing me this privilege. I appreciate the support of the Alvin Chapter No. 15 and Friendswood Chapter No. 1131 and everyone across Texas.

I am honored to present the following report for District Four for the Grand Chapter Year 2008-2009

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

Section One	62
Section Two	116
Section Three	44
Section Four	97
Section Five	94
Section Six	51
Section Seven	76
Section Eight	32
Section Nine	43
Section Ten	122
Total Number of "A" Certificates	737
Total Number of "B" Certificates	0

Of these totals, 70 members achieved an "A" Certificate for the first time.

A detailed report is on file with the Grand Secretary. Each Chapter in District Four has been forwarded a list of their members who have earned Certificates of Proficiency.

A total of \$527.00 was turned in for the sale of Proficiency Stickers. The monies that were donated for the signing of the apron were to be given to the Galveston Burns Institute. However, word was received that the Galveston Burns Institute would not re-open due to the devastation received from Hurricane Ike. Therefore, on June 24, 2009 the decision was made to donate the money to the Grand Chapter Benevolent Aid fund which will assist the members of our Grand Chapter. I am pleased to report recently word has been received that the Galveston Burns Institute will be repaired and re-opened. Thank you again for all your donations.

Respectively Submitted,

Christine Armstrong

Board of Grand Examiners, District Four

It is my honor to present my co-worker and friend, Sister Brenda Smith Costello, Grand Examiner of District Five.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS, DISTRICT 5

MRS. BRENDA SMITH COSTELLO: Thank you, Sister Christine.

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

As we approach the end of another great year, I have enjoyed serving the membership

of District Five as your Grand Examiner. Traveling with the school officers has awarded me the opportunity to get to know these sisters as true friends. I will cherish the times we prayed together, played together and took care of the business at hand.

I want to thank the members of District Five for the Honorary Memberships which I will enjoy for many years. The quilt squares have been made into a beautiful quilt by Sister Jane Wert and I want to thank those who made the squares and Sister Jane for her talents in assembling and quilting my quilt. Thank you each one for the love gifts, and every courtesy extended to me at the Schools of Instructions or wherever our paths crossed along the Eastern Star trail this past year. I commend each of the participants in the Schools for a great job. The Grand Chapter Schools Officers appreciated your warm smiles and hugs. Thanks to those who assisted in the Examining room, your help was much needed and appreciated. Thank you to each of my pages and drivers. You made me feel welcome and comfort and met every request. Thank you to all the Deputy Grand Matrons from District Five for making each school unique and productive for the membership. It was apparent that each of you spent numerous hours preparing for your school. To Sister Vickie Mathews, my roomy and the District Deputy Grand Matron, District Five, thank you for sharing your time and kindness to me. To Sister Jere Miller, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, it has been my pleasure to get to know and love you for your sweet personality and integrity. To the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joyce Nicklas, thank you for a beautiful and fun year traveling in the Eastern Star van, your many stories and for making each school a new and sometimes comical experience. To the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Hertenberger, thank you for your long time friendship and Christian example to all of us.

This year 512 members obtained their "A" Certificate of Proficiency. They are as follows:

Section One	24
Section Two	14
Section Three	58
Section Four	38
Section Five	37
Section Six	94
Section Seven	103
Section Eight	67
Section Nine	57
Section Ten	20
TOTAL:	512

We collected on the apron fundraiser \$766. This money was divided between the Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of the DeMolay.

I wish the very best to Sister Bess Caldwell and Brother Bill Wyatt as they assume their roles as our WGM and WGP for 2009-2010. I know we will have a great time and accomplish the business of Grand Chapter for this membership to the best of our ability.

Respectfully Following His Star,
Brenda Smith Costello
Board of Grand Examiners - District Five

It is now my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Susan Bigham, Board of

lot and that we will be doing another ballot. This is just a partial report of the first ballot, Sisters and Brothers. The other reports are still being tallied.

Brother Grand Warder, please have the Grand Sentinel see that the doors are secure.

Sisters and Brothers, realize that these candidates have spent a year in pursuit of a dream. I want you to be respectful. They're your Sisters and your Brothers.

For the office of Associate Grand Conductress: number of votes cast - 1835; number of votes to elect - 918. Annette Curry - 751; Dr. Linda Puckett - 170; Jerre Lucas - 527; Jayne Yenger - 387. The name of Dr. Linda Puckett will be dropped.

For the office of Grand Treasurer, we still do not have an election. Number of votes cast - 1829; number of votes to elect - 915. Donna Noe - 320; Jane Wert - 527; Lorrie Faith Owens - 646; Sue Briwa - 336. We will drop the name of Donna Noe.

For the Board of Directors, District 4, we do have an election. Number of votes cast - 1814; number of votes to elect - 908. Elizabeth Wise - 1178; Toby Lytle - 636. I declare Sister Elizabeth Wise has been elected to the Board of Directors, District 4. Sister Elizabeth, do you accept?

MRS. ELIZABETH WISE: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with humility and love that I accept this position. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we'll be voting on ballot C, like in "cat." I now declare the ballot open. Will my Deputies and Grand Pages please get the ballot boxes and collect the ballots. I am going to call out the names of those who will be on this ballot. For Associate Grand Conductress: Annette Curry, Jerre Lucas and Jayne Yenger. For the office of Grand Treasurer: Jane Wert, Lorrie Faith Owens and Sue Briwa. The Deputies and Pages can collect the ballots.

If the residents of TMRC would come to the East after you have deposited your ballots.

Have all the ballots been picked up? I now declare the ballot closed. Would you please deposit the ballots on the four tables.

Grand Choir Director, we're about to have our ladies and gentlemen from TMRC come to the East. Would you like to sing them up here? [come to the East as "Onward Christian Soldiers" is sung] Aren't they a good looking group? [applause]

I now recognize Sister Sandra Power, the Chairman of our Exchange Visit with Arkansas.

REPORT OF THE TEXAS-ARKANSAS FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

MRS. SANDRA POWER: Worthy Grand Matron, when you asked me to fill a day with fun, I hope that we did not disappoint you, even with the rain and everything that we had.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Chapter Officers and committee members, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: It is my pleasure to present the report for the Texas-Arkansas Friendship Exchange held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, in Texarkana, Texas, at Border Lodge.

Honored guests were:

Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, Texas

Brother Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron, Texas

Sister Carol Anderson, General Grand Chapter Committee, Vision Quest

Sister Elizabeth Anne Cooney, General Grand Chapter Committee, Unfinished

Business

Sister Carol Ann Roberson, Worthy Grand Matron, Arkansas

Brother Sherrill Baker, Worthy Grand Patron, Arkansas

Past Grand Matrons of Arkansas: Roberta Fooks & Barbara Gadbury Swift

Past Grand Patrons of Arkansas: Paul Goings, Eugene Hamlin, Ira Payne, Jerry

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Past Grand Patron of West Virginia: Robin Jarrell

Officers of Grand Chapter & Installed Boards:

TEXAS: Bess Caldwell - Associate Grand Matron, Bill Wyatt - Associate Grand Patron, Betty Scott - Grand Chaplain, Sissy Furrrie - Grand Ruth, Vicki Hertenberger - Grand Esther, and Susan Bigham - Grand Examiner at Large.

ARKANSAS: Lois Craig - Associate Grand Matron, Tommy Thompson - Associate Grand Patron, Carol Anderson - Grand Treasurer, Jeanette Goings - Grand Conductress, Patricia Jarrell - Grand Chaplain, Brenda Wingard - Grand Marshal, Darcy Baxley - Grand Organist, JoAnn Cadenbach - Grand Ruth, Arlean Rogers - Grand Esther, Josephine McGaugh - Grand Martha, Jo Greenlee - Grand Electa, Christine Summerford, Grand Warder, and Jim Pluskett - Grand Sentinel.

106 Eastern Star members from Texas, Arkansas, & West Virginia attended the Friendship Exchange. Everyone was assigned the name of a city in Texas and Arkansas and they sat with these citizens in that town. They spent the entire day with their new "city" friends.

A Silent auction and other contributions of \$563 were donated to Mena Chapter #243 in memory of Sister Ana Cress.

The morning was filled with "Winnie the Pooh" Bingo and everyone was a winner. Lunch was served and everyone was entertained with "The Texarkana Story" about the "Wright" families. Many walked away as winners, again. Everyone went back into the chapter room for an afternoon of social "Find someone who" to meet new friends.

The rooms were decorated with bluebonnets, boots, wagon wheels, Texas mirrors and, of course, armadillos. Red, white and blue was used throughout the entire day of fun.

The "Banquet on the Border" started at 5:30 p.m. Introductions included music by Don Power to honor the Worthy Grand Matrons & Worthy Grand Patrons of Texas and Arkansas.

It was a fun filled day shared with our Sisters and Brothers from Texas and Arkansas.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Money Collected: \$2,124.00

Total Disbursements: \$2,129.71

Balance: -\$4.71

The committee recommends the adoption of this report.

Sandra Poewer, Chairman

And members of the Texas/Arkansas Friendship Exchange

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept the report of the Texas-Arkansas Friendship Exchange visit. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Carried.

Thank you, Sandra.

Would our 50-year members make your way to the West, and our Grand Marshal will pick you up.

We have an election. Board of Directors, District 5. Number of votes cast - 1824; number of votes to elect - 913. Ron Zipp - 1281; Patti Littlepage Strey - 543. I declare Brother Ron Zipp to be elected to the Board of Directors, District 5. Brother Ron, do you accept?

MR. RON ZIPP: Worthy Grand Matron, I humbly and thankfully accept, and I thank you membership. Thank you so much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: For the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, we have an election. Number of votes cast - 1808; number of votes to elect - 905. Sandra Adams - 880; Melissa Simonton Hudman - 928. Sister Melissa Simonton Hudman has been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Sister Melissa, do you accept?

MRS. MELISSA SIMONTON HUDMAN: Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept and thank you to the membership of Texas for allowing me to serve you. Thank you so much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Melissa.

I am going to release the tellers and judges for tables 1 and 2. We need the ones at 3 and 4; you're closer to the machine. If you're tired and need a break, let your table judge know.

I will now recognize Sister Nanette Gwaltney who was our travel person, our cruise person who took such good care of us and arranged our fun — as Brother Leland Benefield said, our fun ship trip. Sister Nanette.

MRS. NANETTE GWALTNEY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron: First of all, thank you so much for the honor of helping you with your trip. It was a huge success. 258 people traveled on the fun ship Conquest to the Bahamas. We were privileged to share this trip with some of our Scottish Rite friends. That is the first time that I'm aware of that we've done something like that, and it was wonderful. We had some funds that were left over. Scottish Rite uses their cabins as a fundraiser for their scholarships and they made a lot of money. But we used our cruise just for fun, just for the fellowship of the membership. So, Worthy Grand Matron, I have a check for you for \$251 from the cruise line for you to put in any of your charities that you wish.

Again, thank you so much. If you didn't go on the cruise, you missed out. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron went parasailing. I said, "I hope y'all told Sister Bess and Brother Bill to start praying." I was really glad when I had them back on the ship and everybody was okay. Thank you again, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Nanette. Sisters and Brothers, a lot can be done with \$251. Brother Ray and I saw a need just this last month when we were preparing scholarships for our kiddos on education. Brother Ray, I think that we ought to put this in the Education Fund, and it'll kind of be like you're going to prime the well for Sister Bess and Brother Bill to help them get a start on the educational scholarships for next year. What do you think?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I think that's a great idea.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: What do y'all think? Okay. [applause] I'll turn this over to you, Sister Nell Smith Drenner, our Grand Secretary. I know you'll take care of this.

GRAND SECRETARY: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, we gave every penny we had for scholarships for this year. We also did the same in ESTARL. I know each one of

you knows what interest rates have been. Everything came from what you gave to the Humanitarian. I just want you to understand that. I know that through your generosity the same will happen this coming year. You prime the pump for education with this one. You primed the ESTARL last evening. So thank you; the students thank you; the Committee really thanks you because it's very difficult to try and go through all these applications knowing that the funds are so limited. Thank you for all you do. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Nell.

While the 50-year members are getting lined up, we'll hear a song from our Grand Choir.

The Grand Marshal will now present our 50-year members. How proud we are of them. All the way to the East.

It's so very, very special when we have members of a chapter who have been members for 50 years and some plus. It touches my heart that these came today to share this special time with us. I believe there is a presentation that needs to be done at this time. Brother Harold Trammell, don't you have something? And Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Iris Phillips has attained her 50 years of service. I have been asked and given the honor to present her 50-year pin to her. Sisters and Brothers, as you can see by this wonderful group, all the love and the Eastern Star heritage we have with us here today. We want to thank you all for being here. Sister Iris.

MR. HAROLD TRAMMELL: I'm presenting my wife her 50-year pin. I must have married her out of the crib as far as I can tell. How she attained this, I'm not quite sure. I believe she went in when her mother was Worthy Matron many moons ago. At the age of 18 she says. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we're recognizing some of these for the very first time as being 50-year members. Since they're at Grand Chapter, I would like for each and everyone of you to join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. Thank you. [applause]

All of those who are attending Grand Chapter for the very first time ever, would you please raise your hands. This is great. We invite each and everyone of you to make your way down this aisle because we're going to bring you up here. Sisters and Brothers, this is something new. We haven't ever done this before, but I feel it's important.

Sister Bess Caldwell, our Associate Grand Matron, if you decide to do this in Amarillo, you've got to print up a lot more certificates than a hundred! This was an experience, Sisters and Brothers. I was a member for probably — I don't know how many years — before I ever went down on a Grand Chapter room floor. I was nervous just being on the floor itself. The first time I stepped on a Grand Chapter stage in the Grand East, my heart was beating so fast that I wasn't sure I was going to make it off. So it's just something I thought would be fun to do at this Grand Chapter, to let all of our first-time visitors experience this. [applause] Besides that, I got a lot of sweet hugs. Sister Bess Caldwell, I encouraged each and everyone of them to come to Amarillo for our next Grand Chapter.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you please present these members in back of Esther's station: Sister Vicki Hertenberger, Brother Larry Hart, Sister Donna Pope, Sister Leslie Keilberg, Sister Sissy Furrie.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: [inaudible]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Grand Conductress. Sisters and Brothers, I wish that we had many more Grand Jurisdictions so that we would be able to present commissions to so many deserving people. But in my life there have been some

who couldn't go without recognition because they have done so much, and I feel that they're so very, very deserving. Sister Vicki, we've been friends a long time. You have worked so hard this year supporting Brother Ray, going and doing so many things. I am so very, very pleased to read this. I'll read one, and then I'll tell y'all where they're to. But I will tell you that some of these were due maybe six months ago. But with our Grand Chapter falling the way it has, you'll probably only have a year-and-a-half to serve. I figure that's better than nothing. I want you to enjoy these.

"Whereas, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and ... seeking to promote fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the Order promoted, its unity, integrity and strength be protected, and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives of each of the Grand Chapters, therefore, be it known that as evidence of our trust and confidence we by these presents do constitute and appoint Sister Vicki Hertenberger, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida." [applause]

Brother Larry, I have seen you work endlessly, tirelessly, not just at this particular Grand Chapter session, but so many in the past. This is your commission to the Grand Chapter of Iowa. [applause]

Sister Donna Pope, for three years you have worked endlessly, tirelessly. When I asked you to assume this position as Executive Chairman, you agreed to do it. But when you put your heart into something, you go, you put everything out there. I've watched you work hours and hours, tirelessly, endlessly. I've watched you run, I've watched you go to meetings, I've watched you call meetings. I'm sure they didn't want to fire you, and I know I wouldn't for anything. My sweet friend, I am pleased to present you with your commission to New Brunswick. [applause]

Dr. Leslie Keilberg, my friend for so long, but not just to me but to everyone. I have called you at the last minute to do things. We have stayed up many, many nights until 5, 6 in the morning, all night long working, and you worked tirelessly. You can yell at me, and I can yell at you and then we laugh. You burned every finger you had helping put this wall together. But I think that you're one of the best friends that anyone could ever have, and I love you a great deal. I know you had no idea this was going to happen, but I am pleased to present to you your commission to New York. [applause] And, Sisters and Brothers, it will never be the same when Sister Leslie goes to New York!

Now, Sister Sissy, you weren't my first choice for this. I had this saved for someone extremely special. Both of you are special to me. I can't think of anyone that I could give it to — but I know that Michael is going to be watching and he'll be with you when you receive your commission to Saskatchewan. [applause]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you please escort these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, would you please join me in saluting these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas with the Grand Honors. Thank you. [applause]

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

We're going to have one more ballot. It will be on ballot A. Would the Assistant Grand Sentinels please notify those in the hallway that we're going to have a ballot. While we're getting ready for this, I would invite Brother Henry to come to the Grand East because we want him to talk to us in just a moment. Has everyone been notified?

For the office of Grand Treasurer, number of votes cast - 1775; number of votes to elect - 888. Jane Wert - 679; Lorrie Faith Owens - 826; Sue Briwa - 270. We will drop the name of Sue Briwa. You will cast your vote for either Jane Wert or Lorrie Faith Owens on ballot A, as in "apple."

I now declare the ballot open. Would the Pages collect the ballots and take them to tables 3 and 4 over here in front of our Associate Grand Conductress. The machine and Brother Mark's finger are still working. We hope to be out of here in time for y'all to rest some before the Installation this evening.

I want to thank the Grand Floor Officers for the beautiful flowers that were presented to the Worthy Grand Patron and I when we were brought into the room this morning. I hope you noticed the flowers on the Grand Secretary's station and the Grand Treasurer's station. These flowers were presented to Brother Ray and I on our first night here by the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Association. I was so touched; it has been a long time since I received flowers. That was such a sweet surprise, and I just want them to know how much it was appreciated. Thank you.

Have all the ballots been collected? Pages and Deputies, empty the boxes on these two tables over here. I now declare the ballot closed.

Would somebody get some of those ballot boxes and pass them down the rows, and I want everybody to put their little pencils in that box.

I would like for my Executive Committee and Arrangements Committee to assemble in the West. Brother Ray has something real important to say to you.

Those of you who are attending Grand Chapter for the first time, I want you to notice this group of Sisters and Brothers that are lined up in the West. These are those responsible for making this Grand Chapter a success. They have worked diligently. They have made sure that we had tables, we had chairs. They have made sure you knew where you were going and what was going to happen. They made sure the paraphernalia and the furniture was where it was supposed to be. They decorated. They stored, they loaded, they unloaded, then they unloaded more and more. They saw my quilt got put up back in the West, my quilt top from all of the squares that we collected over the State of Texas at all 50 schools. They saw that the DVD's were playing in the lobby so you could see a little bit of what went on on the school trail. They've worked hard. They found things that you lost and they put them in a place where you could go pick them up. They prepared your ditty bags. They worked Registration, Credentials, just to name a few of their jobs. I thank you, each and everyone of you, so very, very much for giving of your time and effort to make this Grand Chapter such a success and one that I will remember forever. And Leslie said, "Look at them, they did it with a smile." Know that we could never repay what you've done for us.

Brother Ray.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have been working on this Grand Chapter as long as we have. You get here in the morning way before we do; you stay in the evening way after we leave to make sure that this membership is as comfortable as they can be. I know a lot of you have done this before, because I see faces out there that I have actually worked with on the floor many times. There is no way that we can express the love in our hearts for all the work that you have done for not only us, but for this membership. We are here to help conduct the business. You people put on Grand Chapter. Sisters and Brothers, I want you to know that this hard-working group of people love you, and I want you to love them. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Ray and I love you bunches and bunches.

Thank you. Everybody stand up and give them a big cheer. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, we have an election. I'm going to give you these numbers, but would you stay in here just a little bit longer. We still have a ballot going and you'll want to see the invitation because it's going to be awesome. Number of votes cast for the office of Associate Grand Conductress - 1715; number of votes to elect - 858. Annette Curry - 882; Jerre Lucas - 531; Jayne Yenger - 318. Sister Annette Curry has been elected to the office of Associate Grand Conductress. This is a really, really special time in her life, and it's also a very hard time for others. Be kind to your Sisters and Brothers. Sister Annette Curry, you have been elected Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MRS. ANNETTE CURRY: Worthy Grand Matron, with a very humble heart and appreciation to this membership, Sisters and Brothers, thank you. I will do my very best, and I love you so very much. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, these wonderful table judges and these tellers at tables 3 and 4, you're being released at this time so you can go and join your friends and get comfortable. [applause] If the Arrangements Committee will move the tables and chairs for the invitation.

At this time I recognize Brother Henry Martin.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I appreciate the Worthy Grand Matron allowing me to speak. I gave this report — some of you will recognize me from yesterday — but we have new people in the room today; some of the people who couldn't come yesterday are with us today. I wanted everyone to be aware of what's coming up. The Worthy Grand Matron recognized those who were at this Grand Chapter for the very first time. Now let me ask you: How many of you have never been to a General Grand Chapter session? Would you raise your hands. Sisters and Brothers, we have an opportunity for you.

I'm going to give a summary of this report. Some 18 years ago one of our own Past Grand Matrons, Sister Rennie Oton, who's right here on the stage, was elected as a member of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees of the General Grand Chapter. That would start a period of time of 18 years, which is ending in November of this year, that she has been in the elected line of General Grand Chapter. In November of this year Sister Rennie will be installed as the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. What that means, Sisters and Brothers, she will be the presiding officer over Eastern Star throughout the world. And when I say the world, I mean all of the United States, all of Canada, all of Central and South America, parts of Europe, parts of Asia and so forth. The world, some half million or so members.

We are going to be installing Sister Rennie and Brother Fred Clarke, who is from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in November of this year. We want you to come to Tulsa. This will be an exciting time for Texas because this doesn't happen very often. It has been since the '60s since Texas has had a Most Worthy Grand Matron. So you can understand why it's a special occasion.

For some ten years the Texas Cardinals organization has been raising money for this event, for the Installation and for the General Grand Chapter session in Texas. We reported to you today that we will be holding the General Grand Chapter session in Fort Worth, Texas, in 2012, the first week of November. Sisters and Brothers, this is a singular achievement, and we will be hosting the world in Texas. So we want it to be a very special occasion, and we want all of you to participate. Believe me, we're going to have a lot

of jobs, a lot of things for people to do.

But, first of all, we want you to come to General Grand Chapter in Tulsa this year. It will be held from Saturday, October 31, which, incidentally, is Halloween, through Thursday, November 5. That's when Sister Rennie and Brother Fred will be installed. We have a hotel in Tulsa assigned to the Texas delegation, the Crowne Plaza. If you go on the General Grand Chapter website, you will find all the forms necessary to register for this, to sign up to get your housing, etc., and the social events. There are a lot of things to see and do there. We have a Grand Representatives luncheon on Saturday at noon. If you've ever been a Grand Representative now or in the past, you're invited to that. On Saturday night there will be a costume party mixer for people to attend. On Sunday night there will be a General Banquet. The thing that we would like for you to attend very special is on Monday night, the Texas and Nova Scotia delegations will be having their banquet, a joint banquet at the convention center in Tulsa. We want you to come for that, and you can sign up for it.

We also would like to have those who would like to help us, because we're going to have a lot of jobs. We're going to have things such as hosting a hospitality suite, putting together handouts, etc. We will need ushers. We'll need people to hand out Installation programs, people to help us line up and speak to delegates and other dignitaries, helping sell General Grand Chapter publications, working Sister Rennie and Brother Fred's vendor booth, helping pass out literature about Fort Worth to attract the membership to come to Fort Worth.

So when you have an opportunity, we have a signup sheet right outside this door. If you go out here and see the Registration table, if you look directly across from the Registration table, the Texas Cardinals area is there where they're selling merchandise. There are signup sheets for you to sign up if you would like to help. We have a lot of jobs. A few have been assigned to people, but most of them have not. So we would like to have you sign up so that we can contact you and ask you to help in this area or that. We encourage you to do that. If you'll go out there when you have an opportunity.

The other thing we'd like for you to participate in in Tulsa is the invitation to the world of Eastern Star to come to Fort Worth in 2012. On Thursday at the session in the morning, we will have an opportunity to issue an invitation. We have a video that the Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau has prepared for us that we will be showing on all the video screens there in the arena. While that's going on, we want the Texas and Nova Scotia people to ring the arena. We want a solid line of people around that arena all wearing cowboy hats, and we're going to issue an invitation to Eastern Star people around the world to come to Fort Worth in 2012.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, as I said earlier, we want you to be a part of it. This is a special occasion. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and it's going to require the help of a lot of people. We want you to be a part of this.

Sister Rennie and Brother Fred are standing up here with me. Of course, we are proud of them. It took a lot of effort and energy to get here, and we're really proud of these people.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: I am so full of Texas pride, and the folks of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have come in, and we're going to make a great team. So I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you've always done for me. You know, I told them after this time, I promise not to be a candidate again, unless if I can, I might take Sarah Palin's place up in Alaska and sell part of it off so Texas will be the biggest state again. [applause]

MR. FREDERICK CLARKE: Sisters and Brothers, one thing we've got to do is pay tribute to Brother Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron, for the hard work and dedication he has shown to General Grand Chapter and Sister Rennie and I. [applause] There's going to be lots of Canadians in Tulsa, and we want all of you there too.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing us to do this.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Henry.

I now recognize Mr. Kris Miller and Sister Marjorie Errington Haynes and Sister Betty Benham.

MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON HAYNES: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we don't want to steal any of Henry's thunder, but we're going to have a Grand Chapter in Amarillo, we hope, in 2010. Right now Sister Betty Benham and Brother Kris Miller will escort the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron to the Grand East. ["Amarillo by Morning" sung as representatives from District 2 come to the East.]

Thank you for that beautiful song. [applause] How many of you were in Amarillo for Grand Chapter twenty years ago? We're ready to have you come back. Kris Miller will give you the formal invitation.

MR. KRIS MILLER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Brothers and Sisters all: Good afternoon. My name is Kris Miller, Past Patron of A.E. Shirley in Amarillo. Twenty years ago we had the pleasure and honor of hosting Grand Chapter at the Amarillo Civic Center. We had just opened a new banquet room officially called the Grand Plaza. But since then I've always referred to that room as the Sister Betty Room because the first event held in that room was her Worthy Grand Matron banquet.

Since the last time this group assembled in Amarillo, we've added 100,000 square feet of exhibit and meeting room space and a beautiful performing arts center. I just recently retired from the City of Amarillo, but my last official duty, by order of Her Honor, the Mayor of Amarillo, Debra McCartt, is to invite Sister Bess and Brother Bill and this assembly to hold next summer the 128th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. [applause]

MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON HAYNES: Sister Bess, would you and Brother Bill like to respond?

MRS. BESS CALDWELL: We would be happy to. I hope and each and everyone of you will come to Amarillo in August of 2010 for the time of your life.

MR. BILL WYATT: We're excited about being in Amarillo. It has been a long time, like you say, since we've been in District 2 to hold a Grand Chapter. We're really looking forward to it. We would love to have everybody, and I know we're going to have a crowd. We've got a beautiful facility up there. So put your boots on and come on. [applause]

MRS. BESS CALDWELL: We realize, Sisters and Brothers, it is a long way, but it's not any further up there than it is for us to go down there. Thank you.

MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON HAYNES: Worthy Grand Matron, would you like to call for a vote?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, ma'am. Sisters and Brothers, if y'all want to go to Amarillo for the next Grand Chapter, raise your blue cards! Those who don't, stay home. We're going to Amarillo.

I've really enjoyed the music. I appreciate everybody that volunteers and sings; our Grand Choir Director enjoys that too when everybody joins in.

Sister Rosemary Swetland, would you grace us with a selection on the piano. You're going to be really busy the next three-and-a-half years. We would love to hear from you.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. What a sweet courtesy you've extended to me. I'm delighted to play for a moment. I'll just play from my heart. Now, Worthy Grand Matron, I'm a therapeutic pianist, so your audience might go to sleep. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause following music]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much, Sister Rosemary. She's going to be Worthy Grand Organist for Sister Rennie, and we're so excited about that. [applause]

Brother Paul, how about a song we can all sing? ["Victory in Jesus" sung by assembly]

We have an election for the office of Grand Treasurer. Number of votes cast - 1745; number of votes to elect - 873. Jane Wert - 815; Lorrie Faith Owens - 930. Sister Lorrie Faith Owens has been elected to the office of Grand Treasurer. Sister Lorrie, do you accept?

MRS. LORRIE FAITH OWENS: Worthy Grand Matron, this has been a very unusual year for me with many ups and downs. This is very up. I want to thank the membership of Texas for being so caring and sharing and placing your confidence in me. I'll do my best to merit that confidence. Yes, I accept. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a message from our Election Judge.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Worthy Grand Matron, your Election Judge and your Monitors and your Tellers and your Adding Machine Operators and your Computer Operators quit! That concludes the election, and we have finished our tasks. We thank you for the privilege of having that task. We enjoyed it. We wish you the very, very best for your year to come with David and your family again and our Worthy Grand Patron to enjoy his life. You both have done a beautiful job. We say thank you for this honor, and we quit!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I appreciate you, Jimmie Lee McMahon, our Past Grand Matron. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, all you have to do now is listen to Brother Ray and I give our last remarks. Brother Ray, shall we stand here together? Brother Ray and I started this journey together this year and we wanted to finish it together.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We are only two parts of a big team. Whenever she asked me to do this journey with her, that was our agreement, that we're not any better than anybody else. You guys are the membership of Texas. We agreed that our service would be for you. There's no way we could do this by ourselves. We've had the love of everyone of you, the support of our families. Everyone of you has made a difference in our lives. The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons have been more than Sisters and Brothers to us. They've been our confidantes, they've been our backbone, they've been our support. The Grand Floor Officers, there's no way that we can thank you enough for being by our sides this year. My wife Vicki has been through a lot, and I want you to know I thank you for being here, for being by my side. I'm coming home shortly. Sister Joyce, thank you. This lady and her family is a part of our family now. I thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I think I should have talked first. Sweet, sweet membership of Texas, thank you; thank you for what you've given to me. Your love and your friendship mean so very much. These Installed Grand Floor Officers are so very dear to me, and I love them so much. They are my family too. We know just about everything there is to know about each other and some things that we probably shouldn't know but

we do. The Deputy Grand Matrons, my sweet, sweet Deputies, I don't care what anybody says. I've got the best, and I've had the best. But most of all, Sisters and Brothers, to each and everyone of you who has supported us this year, you've given of your time and yourself, you've given us so much, so much. I ask God to bless each and everyone of you because we'll keep you in our prayers and we'll keep lifting you up. We hope that you'll lift us up. Ray and Vicki, thank you for traveling this wonderful, fantastic journey with David and I. I'm not even sure if David is still in the room — he is. He said, "Don't get up there and talk about me," and I can't help it because he is the most wonderful man. He's the love of my life, and I love him so much. I just like to tell people how wonderful he is because he is my soulmate, my heartmate, and he's my best friend. I thank him for allowing me this journey.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, one more time, wherever Brother Ray and I go and whatever we do, we'll think about you. We want you to know that we'll always, always and forever, love each and everyone of you bunches and bunches. [applause]

To bring the benediction of the 127th session of the Grand Chapter is Brother Jack Guy, Past Grand Patron.

MR. JACK GUY: Would you bow with me for the benediction, please. Almighty God, we thank You for Your presence throughout this Grand Chapter session. We know that without Your guidance, love and patience, we could not accomplish the good that our Order does. We're thankful for all the leaders and all the members that make up this Order. I pray that all that has been accomplished this week is pleasing in Your sight. Lord, we ask now that You might be with the new leadership for the coming year, and we ask that You help them accomplish all the good things that our Order stands for. Lord, we especially ask that You be with our military as we all know they are the ones we should be thanking for the freedoms we enjoy here in our country. Now, Lord, we ask You to be with each of us in all that we do, and let it be pleasing to You. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this Grand Chapter session from labor to rest, and direct him to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: [inaudible]

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

I now call the "Tranquility in His Kingdom" session of Grand Chapter from labor to rest until 6 p.m. tonight at which time we will have our Installation of Officers for 2009-2010. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

Grand Officers, would you please meet at the Altar to retire our badges. To this wonderful membership who has contributed their time and effort for a successful session, please accept our deepest gratitude.

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WRITTEN REPORT OF THE CREDIT CARD COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

The Credit Card Committee would like to make the following report:

We received the following returns for the 2008-2009 Grand Chapter year.

11/21/08	\$2,495.31
02/19/09	\$2,276.75
05/22/09	\$1,843.79

Total: \$6,615.85 Good returns on what our members charge on the cards.

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for this honor and the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter. I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Williams
General Chairman
Credit Card

A black and white photograph of a Texas state flag waving on a pole, positioned in the upper left. Below the flag is a large, dense arrangement of flowers, likely geraniums, with many small blossoms. The entire scene is set against a light, hazy background.

*Love and Friendship
Across Texas
2009-2010*

Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Bill Wyatt
Worthy Grand Patron

*The One Hundred Twenty-Eighth
Installation of Grand Officers
2009-2010*

Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star

Arlington Convention Center
Arlington, Texas

August 8, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Bess Caldwell	Mr. Bill Wyatt
Worthy Grand Matron	Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Secretary

Honored Guests

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Ray Hertenberger
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	Mr. Murray Watson, Jr.
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	Mr. Wayne P. Jones
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast	Mr. Joe Jeffers
Mrs. Joyce Roberts	Mr. Graham H. Childress
Mrs. Mary Brown	Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Mrs. Elise Hammack	Mr. Garland W. Rattan
Mrs. Beulah Speer	Mr. Leland G. Benefield
Mrs. Elsie Paladino	Mr. Billy H. Combest
Dr. Effie Mae Davis	Mr. Richard Ochs
Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green	Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	Mr. Henry S. Martin
Mrs. Rosemary Swetland	Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Mrs. Alma Carter	Mr. Harold Trammell
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Mr. Ed Warner
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan	Mr. Jack Guy
Mrs. Sharon Fentress	Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Mrs. Doris Hester	Mr. Nelson Campbell
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler	Mr. John Creel
Mrs. Nancy Brown	Mr. Jerry Trees
Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	
Mrs. Joyce Gilbert	

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. Walter D. Counts, Most Worshipful Grand Master
Orville O'Neal, Jr., Deputy Grand Master and other Masonic Dignitaries of the
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF & AM

Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons in Texas

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Inspector in Texas and Mexico
Miss Kati Castillo, 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
Cora Posey Chapter No. 1072
Members of District Two, Section Seven
Worthy Grand Patron-elect's Family
Pine Tree Chapter No. 1090
Members of District One, Section Eight

INSTALLATION PROGRAM

6:00 p.m.

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jackie Stogner

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Processional Marshal

Mrs. Geraldine Dusek
Past Grand Matron of Texas

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

Grand Examiner at Large	Mrs. Susan Bigham <i>Escorted by Mr. Larry Bigham</i>
District 5	Mrs. Brenda Smith Costello <i>Escorted by Mr. Michael Fitzgerald</i>
District 4	Mrs. Christine Armstrong <i>Escorted by Mr. Anthony Armstrong</i>
District 3	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht <i>Escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht</i>
District 2	Mrs. Cindy Echols <i>Escorted by Mr. Tommy Echols</i>
District 1	Mrs. Melissa Simonton Hudman <i>Escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman</i>

Board of Directors

District 5	Mr. Ronald Zipp <i>Escorted by Mrs. Sandra Zipp</i>
District 5	Mrs. Kathy Teele <i>Escorted by Mr. Claude Lindley</i>
District 4	Mrs. Elizabeth Wise <i>Escorted by Mr. Herman "Summy" Wise</i>
District 4	Mrs. Terri Rozell <i>Escorted by Mr. Paul Halpin</i>
District 3	Miss Diane Davidson <i>Escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock</i>
District 3	Mrs. Lorraine Williams <i>Escorted by Mr. Jimmy Williams</i>

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

District 2 Mr. Keith Mikeworth
Escorted by Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth

District 1 Mrs. Betty Scott
Escorted by Mr. Andrew "Andy" Scott

District 1 Mr. Jack Beall
Escorted by Mrs. Charlotte Beall

Presentation of Grand Officers for 2009-2010

Grand Chapter Sweetheart Mrs. Billie Glover
Escorted by Mr. Jerry Glover

Grand Chapter Mom Mrs. Dorothy White
Escorted by Mr. Kim Wills

Grand Chapter Dad Mr. Jack Johnson
Escorted by Mrs. Barbara Johnson

Fraternal Correspondent Mrs. Faye Murphy
Escorted by Mr. Charles Murphy

Grand Sentinel Mr. Ken Morford
Escorted by Mrs. Donna Kirkpatrick

Grand Warder Mr. Donald Reynolds
Escorted by Mrs. Barbara Reynolds

Grand Electa Mrs. Sue Barnes
Escorted by Mr. Charles Barnes

Grand Martha Mrs. Iris Lowe
Escorted by Mr. Paul Lowe

Grand Esther Mrs. Glenda Story
Escorted by Mr. Charlie Story

Grand Ruth	Mrs. Mary Calvert <i>Escorted by Mr. Shelton 'Cal' Calvert</i>
Grand Adah	Ms. Audri Rowell <i>Escorted by Mr. Mike Larson</i>
Grand Organist	Mrs. Darla Dunaway <i>Escorted by Mr. Larry Dunaway</i>
Grand Marshal	Mrs. Ann Wyatt <i>Escorted by Mr. Greg Wyatt</i>
Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Jean Thomas <i>Escorted by Mr. Jerry Trees</i>
Associate Grand Conductress	Mrs. Annette Curry <i>Escorted by Mr. Larry Hart</i>
Grand Conductress	Mrs. Vi Griffin <i>Escorted by Mr. Thomas Griffin</i>
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner <i>Escorted by Mr. George L. Drenner</i>
Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Lorrie Faith-Owens <i>Escorted by Mr. Jerry L. Owens</i>
Associate Grand Patron	Mr. Arthur Drescher <i>Escorted by Mrs. Marty Drescher</i>
Associate Grand Matron	Mrs. Mary Ruth White <i>Escorted by Mr. Joseph 'Joe' White</i>
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Bill Wyatt <i>Escorted by Mrs. Kim Bowling and Mrs. Melissa Hensley</i>
Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Bess Caldwell <i>Escorted by Mr. Alvin 'Al' Caldwell</i>

Presentation of Holy Bible

Miss Kortni Rowell
*Granddaughter of
Worthy Grand Matron-elect*

Presentation of Square & Compasses

Mr. Trey Wyatt
*Grandson of
Worthy Grand Patron-elect*

Presentation of Bible Marker

Mrs. Janice Kelley, *PM*
Friendship Chapter No. 1008

Bess and Al's family consist of three daughters and one son, Audri and her daughters Kortni and Kelci; Margie and her husband Jeff their daughters Taylor, Morgan, Banner and their son Jaron; Charlotte; and son, Greg, and his wife Brenda and their sons Brandon and Derrick along with their wives.

Bill and Ann's family consist of one son and two daughters, Greg and his wife Cheryl and their son Trey and daughter Brandi and her husband Matt, their daughter Kim and her husband Jim and their son Brandon and daughter Meghan and their other daughter Melissa and her husband James and their son Wyatt and daughter Alli.

Star Point Presentation

Narration

Mrs. Nancy Brown, *PGM*

Adah

Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, *PGM*
Escorted by Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, PGP

Ruth

Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, *PGM*
Escorted by Mr. Garland Rattan, PGP

Esther

Mrs. Sharon Fentress, *PGM*
Escorted by Mr. Leland Benefield, PGP

Martha

Mrs. Doris Hester, *PGM*
Escorted by Mr. Jack Guy, PGP

Electa

Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan, *PGM*
Escorted by Mr. Harold Trammell, PGP

PRESENTATION of FLAGS

Tribute & Presentation of the United States Flag	Mrs. Alma Carter, <i>PGM</i> Mr. Henry Martin, <i>PGP</i>
Tribute & Presentation of the Canadian Flag	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, <i>PGM</i> Mr. Frederick W. Clarke, <i>RWAGP</i>
Tribute & Presentation of the Texas Flag	Mrs. Betty Friend, <i>OES Journal GGC & PGM</i> Mr. H. Lee Stallings, <i>PGP</i>
Christian Flag	Mr. Nelson Campbell, <i>PGP</i>
Eastern Star Flag	Mr. Richard Ochs, <i>PGP</i>
Opening of Holy Bible	Mrs. Mary Ruth White <i>Grand Conductress</i>
Invocation	Mr. Richard Ochs, <i>PGP</i>
Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Ray Hertenberger, <i>WGP</i>
National Anthem	Mrs. Lee Stark <i>Grand Soloist, District 1</i>
O Canada!	In Unison
Presentation of Grand Chapter Installing Officer	Mrs. Elsie Paladino, <i>PGM</i>
Grand Chapter Installing Officer	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, <i>Payroll Chairman GGC & PGM</i>
Assisting Grand Chapter Installing Officer	Mr. Kenneth Gregory, <i>PGP</i>
Installing Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Elise Hammack, <i>PGM</i>

Installing Grand Marshal

Mrs. Betty Benham,
Charters Chairman GGC & PGM

Installing Grand Organist

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, *PGM*

Installing Grand Secretary

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, *RWAGM*

The Grand Officers to be installed will retire to the West

~INSTALLATION CEREMONY~

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Vi Griffin
Grand Conductress

GREETINGS

Texas DeMolay

Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte
Executive Officer
Mr. Paul A. Canales
Master Councilor

The Flower Talk

Mr. Chance Chapman
Past Master Councilor

International Order of the Rainbow
for Girls

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
*Supreme Inspector in
Texas and Mexico*

Rainbow Drill & Bible Presentation

Miss Kati Castillo
Grand Worthy Advisor

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Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte
Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

Mr. Gene Carnes
Most Worship Grand Master

General Grand Chapter

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, *RWAGM*
Mr. Fredrick W. Clarke, *RWAGP*

Presentation of Jewels

Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas <i>Past Gand Matron</i>
Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel	Mr. Ray Hertenberger <i>Past Grand Patron</i>
Past Grand Matron's Jewel	Mr. David Nicklas <i>Grand Representative - Nevada</i>
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger <i>Grand Representative - Florida</i>

Presentation of Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Year

Worthy Grand Matron's Dedication	Mrs. Jane Gregory, <i>Registration GGC & PGM</i>
Worthy Grand Patron's Dedication	Mr. Jerry Martin, <i>PGP</i>
Message to "Texas Ladies"	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, <i>PGM</i>
Message to the "Lone Star Gentlemen"	Mr. Ed Warner, <i>PGP</i>
Theme, Emblems, Aim, Colors, Flowers	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, <i>PGM</i>
"Legends of the Bluebonnet"	Mrs. Doris Hester, <i>PGM</i>
Scriptures	Dr. Effie Mae Davis, <i>PGM</i>
Humanitarian Program	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane <i>RWGS-Protom, GGC & PGM</i>
Worthy Grand Matron's Music	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, <i>PGM</i>

Presentation of WGM's March

Mrs. Jackie Stogner
Written by Jackie Stogner

Worthy Grand Patron's Music

Mr. John Creel
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Presentation of WGP's March

Mrs. Michelle Stegman
Written by Michelle Stegman

Solo: "One Day at a Time"

Mrs. Lesa Smith
Grand Soloist, District 3

Address of the Worthy Grand Patron

Mr. Bill Wyatt

Address of the Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Bess Caldwell

Benediction

Mr. Jerry Trees
Past Grand Patron of Texas

~R E C E S S~

To each of 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. Bess Caldwell <i>Worthy Grand Matron</i>
Proving the Grand Chapter	Mrs. Mary Ruth White <i>Associate Grand Matron</i>
Presentation	Board of Directors
Retiring of the Flag	Mrs. Ann Wyatt <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. Vi Griffin <i>Grand Conductress</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“New Star on the Horizon” Breakfast
Honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress
Sunday, August 9, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
Grand Hall Salon A

Deputies Conference & Pictures
Sunday, August 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Room 7-8

Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers
and Elected Board Members are invited to attend.

INVITATIONS

Cora Posey Chapter No. 1072

Cordially invites you to attend the
Texas Gala Banquet and
Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron
Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron
Saturday, August 15, 2009

Banquet at 5:00 p.m.
Fraternal Visit at 7:00 p.m.

MCM Elegante Suites
4250 Ridgemont Drive
Abilene, Texas
Phone: 888-897-9644

Tickets: \$26.00 Donation
Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Sue Barnes
P.O. Box 112
Tuscola, Texas 79562
Phone: 325-554-7710

PLEASE include a SASE and your 2009-2010 Title
Please notify of any Dietary Restrictions

Hotel Accommodations

MCM Elegante Suites
4250 Ridgemont Drive
Abilene, Texas
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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.



The 128th Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas was held in the Arlington Convention Center. "Love and Friendship Across Texas" proclaimed the banner at rear stage. Giraffes took center stage in the garden created in front of the stage, along with a lavish display of bluebonnets. Metal stars adorned the podiums of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with yellow roses in vases beside each podium. The Altar had a deep burgundy covering. Lady Grand Officer dresses were black with a full skirt and a long-sleeved jeweled overblouse with an illusion neckline. Gentleman Grand Officers wore black tuxedos.

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MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Good evening, Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to the 128th Installation of Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. The Worthy Grand Matron-Elect said I would be fired if I did not start on time. Processional Marshal, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

I think I hear a knock at our door. I think I know the cause. It is the new Grand Chapter year eager to come in. All preparations have been made, so let us begin.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, behold your Sisters and Brothers. Sisters and Brothers, behold your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and salute them with the Grand Honors.

First, I want to say that the musical prelude we have been enjoying this evening has been beautifully rendered by Sister Jackie Stogner. Thank you for once again sharing your talents for our delight and enjoyment.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you placed your dreams on a star, and you have never lost sight of your faith and never wavered in giving God the glory and praise for your accomplishments. I know you are mindful, as you stand here this evening, that all of life's memories are cherished gifts, stored in the corridors of your minds to bring you much happiness and joy in retrospect for the years of your life. May the beautiful spirit of love and friendship you have shown to the membership of Texas abide with you always.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is by the kind invitation of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect that I serve as Master of Ceremonies. I have the honor of placing this gavel in your hands for your official act of calling this Grand Chapter session to order. [rap of gavel]

Texas has the distinct pride of claiming membership to the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pro Tem and five General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Our Texas pride is evident as the Processional Marshal escorts this group to the East.

We are especially pleased to have our friends from up north, our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, and his wife Margaret who will be brought to the East in just a few minutes.

It is always a joy to have friends and neighbors of like thoughts with you. We welcome them to this Texas Grand Chapter. Thank you for sharing your time. Sister Processional Marshal, you will present this group to the east. We are honored with the presence of these two special people. Thank you for coming.

We look to the future with its possibilities; we hold onto the past with pride. Processional Marshal, you will present Texas' own beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East. Aren't they beautiful, wonderful, handsome and special?

[applause]

There are always those very special people who are willing to serve and give of their time and talent to make our Order better. Processional Marshal, you will present the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter to the East.

Processional Marshal, you will escort the Right Worshipful T.E. “Gene” Carnes of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM, to the East.

Processional Marshal, you will present the Dignitaries of other Fraternal Organizations to the East.

Will you join me once again in expressing our appreciation for these who have taken time to come and share this very special evening with us? [applause]

Now I know you’re eager to greet those who will serve this Grand Chapter in the year 2009-2010. The Texas Constitution and Laws provides for two boards composed of elected members of 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. They ask us questions, and they expect us to have the right answers. I now am pleased to present the members of the Board of Grand Examiners. If you would hold your applause until all of the board members have been introduced, then we will greet them.

Grand Examiner At Large, Mrs. Susan Bigham, escorted by Mr. Larry Bigham. District 5, Mrs. Brenda Smith Costello, escorted by Mr. Terry Miller. District 4, Mrs. Christine Armstrong, escorted by Mr. Marc Anthony Armstrong. District 3, Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht. District 2, Mrs. Cindy Echols, escorted by Mr. Tommy Echols. District 1, Mrs. Melissa Hudman, escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman.

Our Board of Directors is composed of ten members, each elected for a term of five years. If you want to appreciate what they do, you just look at the budget. The 2009-2010 members of the Board of Directors are: District 5, Mr. Ronald Zipp, escorted by Mrs. Sandra Zipp; District 5, Mrs. Kathy Teele, escorted by Mr. Claude Lindley; District 4, Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, escorted by Mr. Herman “Sunny” Wise; District 4, Mrs. Terri Rozell, escorted by Mr. Paul Halpin; District 3, Miss Diane Davidson, escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock; District 3, Mrs. Lorraine Williams, escorted by Mr. Jimmy Williams; District 2, Mrs. Karen Kidd, escorted by Mr. Horton Kidd; District 2, Mr. Keith Mikeworth, escorted by Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth; District 1, Mrs. Betty Scott, escorted by Mr. Andrew “Andy” Scott; District 1, Mr. Jack Beall, escorted by Mrs. Charlotte Beall.

Sisters, Brothers and Friends, let’s express our appreciation now to these board members. [applause]

Again, I will ask you to hold your applause until all of the Grand Officers have been presented. Our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect have selected members from all over the state to serve as the Installed Grand Officers, Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Chapter Dad, Grand Chapter Mom and Grand Chapter Sweetheart. It is my honor to present them to you at this time.

Grand Chapter Sweetheart, Mrs. Billie Glover, escorted by Mr. Jerry Glover. Grand Chapter Mom, Mrs. Dorothy White, escorted by Mr. Kim Wills. The Grand Chapter Dad could not be present. Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Faye Murphy, escorted by Mr. Charles Murphy. Grand Sentinel, Mr. Ken Morford, escorted by Mrs. Donna Kirkpatrick. Grand Warder, Mr. Donald Reynolds, escorted by Mrs. Barbara Reynolds. Grand Electa, Mrs. Sue Barnes, escorted by Mr. Charles Barnes. Grand Martha, Mrs. Iris Lowe, escorted by Mr. Paul Lowe. Grand Esther, Mrs. Glenda Story, escorted by Mr. Charlie Story.

Grand Ruth, Mrs. Mary Calvert, escorted by Mr. Shelton "Cal" Calvert. Grand Adah, Ms. Audri Rowell, escorted by Mr. Mike Larson. Grand Organist, Mrs. Darla Dunaway, escorted by Mr. Larry Dunaway. Grand Marshal, Mrs. Ann Wyatt, escorted by Mr. Greg Wyatt. Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Jean Thomas, escorted by Mr. Jerry Trees. Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Annette Curry, escorted by Mr. Larry Hart. Grand Conductress, Mrs. Vi Griffin, escorted by Mr. Thomas Griffin. Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens, escorted by Mr. Jerry L. Owens. Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner, escorted by Mr. James Kirkpatrick. Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Arthur Drescher, escorted by Mrs. Marty Drescher. Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Ruth White, escorted by Mr. Joseph "Joe" White. Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Bill Wyatt, escorted by Mrs. Kim Bowling and Mrs. Melissa Hensley. Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Bess Caldwell, escorted by Mr. Alvin "Al" Caldwell. [applause]

It is always a joy on any special occasion or just any occasion to share it with family and friends. This is a very special occasion. The family of Brother Bill and Sister Bess are sharing with them this evening. Bill and Ann's family consists of one son and two daughters: Greg and his wife Cheryl and their son Trey and daughter Brandi and her husband Matt; a daughter Kim and her husband Jim and their son Brandon and daughter Meghan; another daughter Melissa and her husband James and their son Wyatt and daughter Alli.

Bess and Al's family consists of three daughters and one son: Audri and two daughters, Kortni and Kelsei; Margie and her husband Jeff have four children - Taylor, Morgan, Banner and Jaron; Charlotte; their son Greg and his wife Brenda and their sons, Brandon and wife Mary Lee and Derrick and wife Leah.

The Bible which our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect will be using was presented to her from her husband and family when she was elected to the Grand North as Associate Grand Conductress. Miss Kortni Rowell, 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 were a gift from Happy chapter when they consolidated with Canyon City chapter. Presenting the Square and Compasses is Mr. Trey Wyatt, grandson of the Worthy Grand Patron-Elect. Each time we have an Eastern Star meeting, we open our Bible to the second chapter of Matthew. The beautiful Bible cover and marker were made for our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect by Sister Janice Kelley. This evening Sister Janice Kelley, a Past Matron of Friendship Chapter #1008, will present the Bible marker.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The lessons of our Order are sculptured and are portrayed by Biblical characters. We are admonished to let the virtues of these tried servants of God reflect in our lives. It is with pleasure that I introduce Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will narrate our Star Point presentation. Our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect have invited these special Past Grand Matrons and Patrons to assist. Sister Nancy Brown is narrator; Sister Adah is represented by Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, Past Grand Patron; Ruth is represented by Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron; Esther is represented by Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Leland Benefield, Past Grand Patron; Martha is represented by Mrs. Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Jack Guy, Past Grand Patron; Electa, Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Harold Trammell, Past Grand Patron.

MRS. NANCY BROWN: More than a hundred years ago, the historical heroines of

our Order — Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa — were selected by Dr. Rob Morris, master builder of the Order of the Eastern Star, to represent the five rays of our emblematic star. Their stories, taken from the Scriptures, are the keys which open the doors of understanding of the teachings of our Order. During the times of Adah, Ruth and Esther, God had not yet sent His Son to penetrate the darkness of mortal beliefs. Martha was privileged to know Jesus and to be taught by Him. Electa was a devoted follower of St. John the Evangelist whose guidance turned her from paganism to Christianity. The major part of daily living is made up by faith in action. Our five heroines epitomize the faith which gave them the courage and the will to endure sacrifice, toil, tribulation, sorrow and persecution. Let us, like them, remember when God speaks to us, let us hearken to Him. When He sets His word before us, let us read it. When He stretches out His hand to us, let us put our hand in His.

Although the faith of our Star Point heroines was sorely tested by the trials they were called upon to endure, their reliance upon that inaudible communication, which the Bible calls the “still, small voice,” enabled them to rise above adversity. Faith grasps the blessings she desires. Hope points the upward gaze, and love, celestial love, inspires the eloquence of praise.

But sweeter far is the still, small voice unheard by human ear,
when God made the heart rejoice and dried the bitter tear.
No accents flow, no words ascend. All utterance faileth there,
but God Himself doth comprehend and answer silent prayer.

Adah is the blue ray and the first point of our star. From the Book of Judges in the Old Testament, we learn the moral courage exhibited by Adah. Only and beloved child of the mighty warrior Jephthah, her father’s self-imposed vow to make a sacrifice to the Lord in return for a military victory would cost Adah her life, for in the tradition of those times she was required to preserve her father’s honor. She requested a reprieve of two months to prepare herself for the coming ordeal. Returning refreshed in body and spirit, secure in God’s encompassing love, she submitted to the fulfillment of her father’s vow. Adah’s emblem, the sword and veil united, is placed on her pedestal as a symbol of fidelity to a spoken vow.

Ruth, the yellow ray, is the second point of our star. The Old Testament book of Ruth is one of the most memorable historical accounts ever written. Ruth, a young widow devoted to her aged mother-in-law Naomi, presents us with a beautiful story of a strong family relationship. Caring for her mother-in-law with all the unselfishness of true affection, Ruth, a Moabitess, volunteered to return with Naomi to the land of her nativity. Forsaking her own country, kindred and friends, Ruth turned away from the cruel gods of Moab and embraced the faith of her mother-in-law. Supporting herself and Naomi by gleaning in the fields of kinsmen, Ruth looked for no great measure of payment, but her piety, faith and humble service brought her a rich reward. She was to become an ancestress of Christ Jesus. In the New Testament book of Matthew, Ruth is one of only four women named in the genealogy of Jesus of Nazareth. Ruth’s emblem, the sheaf of barley, is placed on her pedestal as a symbol of constancy and faith.

Esther is the third point of the star, the white ray. The history of this noble queen is told in the Old Testament book which bears her name. Esther, as depicted in this narrative, appears as virtuous as she was fair, being dutiful to her foster father, faithful to her kindred, loyal to her people and pious to her God. Her story breathes the spirit of truest patriotism, for she willingly faced death to save her countrymen. It also illustrates the working of divine providence, for though the name of God does not appear anywhere in the Book

of Esther, the whole history implies the belief that it was an instrument in His hand through which Esther brought her people's deliverance. Esther's intercession to save her people from the cruel edict that would have exterminated them is still commemorated yearly by her race. Esther's emblem, the crown and scepter united, is placed on her pedestal to remind us of the importance of faith and loyalty to kindred, to friends and to our God.

Martha is the fourth point of our star, the green ray. The New Testament story of Martha is one of hope and faith, promise and fulfillment. We learn of Jesus' love for Martha, her sister Mary and their brother Lazarus, and how receptive this little family was to His teachings. During His frequent visits to their home in Bethany, He would tell them of God's Word and instruct them by similitude and parable. Thus, when Lazarus fell ill and died, Martha in her grief called upon Jesus for help in strengthening her faltering faith. His response and the consequent resurrection of Lazarus restored her trust in Jesus' promise of eternal life. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" Let us answer, as Martha did, "I believe." Martha's emblem, the broken column, is placed on her pedestal as a symbol of faith and hope.

Electa is the fifth point, the ray of red. The lesson of Electa is told in the second epistle of John, and although the name "Electa" is not mentioned, reference is made to the "elect lady and her children." However, a modern translation in a biblical commentary states that this epistle begins with a letter which is addressed to a Babylonian lady, by name Electa. Electa, as we know her in our Eastern Star teachings, was a convert to the Christian faith. She and her family endured bitter persecution at the dictates of the Roman emperor. Her personal courage and fortitude were sustained by her faith in, and reliance on, God. To Christians throughout those perilous times, she was a constant source of strength and courage. The Bible tells us, "Beloved, let us love one another." This simple statement is the key to happiness and harmony, the kingdom of heaven. How can we love God unless we first love one another? These three words fulfill the law and the gospel, cover man's duty to God and man's duty to man, and thereby unlock the gates of heaven. Electa's emblem, the cup, is placed on her pedestal as a symbol of charity and loving hospitality.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Sisters and Brothers, our hearts beat proudly and heads are held high with love and respect for the American flag. It represents different things to different people. The American flag, first and foremost, respects freedom to all Americans. Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron, will bring the tribute to the American Flag, proudly held aloft by Mr. Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: The Flag of the United States of America, the Star-Spangled Banner, our flag, the symbol of freedom around the world, the flag that stands for liberty wherever it may wave. Born in conflict, she inspires a great nation. Our red, white and blue is still giving inspiration to a great nation with her 50 stars flying in a field of blue. There she is, Old Glory, flying free and unfurled. We rejoice with pride, just as we mourn when from the battlefield we see her blanket our dead.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The heritage of Canada is deeply rooted in tradition, and it is evident by their beautiful flag. Mrs. Wanda Fairchild extends the tribute to the Canadian Flag, proudly carried by Mr. Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: The flag of Canada, our friend and neighbor to the north. She bears a beautiful, red maple leaf on a banner of white. Their history developed

much as ours with many hard-won victories. Come, sit with us, friends; we're your neighbors. We're glad you're here.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: All eyes are upon the Texas flag as Mrs. Betty Friend pays tribute as it is proudly presented by Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron.

MRS. BETTY FRIEND: The flag of the great state of Texas has but one star, which at one time represented the Republic of Texas. Now, it represents the Lone Star State of Texas.

The design of our flag has gone under several revisions, because it has flown under six SOVEREIGNTIES. One of these flags flew at the Alamo where 183 men stood in a church fighting for freedom from Mexico. They had a chance to walk out and save themselves, but stayed instead to fight and die for the cause of "Freedom."

A Texas flag was with Sam Houston when he captured Santa Anna at San Jacinto, and won independence for the Republic.

A 1993 Texas Law stipulates the red and blue colors of the state flag are to be the same colors used in the United States Flag – the so-called "Old Glory Red" and "Old Glory Blue." Its colors are said to impart the "lessons" of the flag:

Red for Bravery

Blue for Loyalty, and

White for Purity

Texas is the only state in the Union that was a Republic before it became a state. Because of this, by Federal Law, Texas is the only state in the United States that may fly its flag at the same height as the United States flag.

As Texans, we are proud of our heritage. Our hearts swell with pride when we see the Lone Star flag displayed, and hear the words:

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THEE, TEXAS; ONE AND INDIVISIBLE.

Yes, Texas our Texas.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron, carries high the international flag of our Order uniting Eastern Star worldwide.

The cherished Christian flag keeps us mindful of our Heavenly Father. This symbol of our Christian beliefs is reverently carried by Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron.

May these symbols of freedom be lifted high and carried proudly by each of us during the days ahead. Worthy Grand Matron, you will direct the Conductress to open the Holy Bible.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Prayer is communication between God and man. I call upon Brother Richard Ochs to voice the invocation.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: God, thank You for all You have done for each of us and for this Grand Chapter in enabling us to help and to serve others through the various charities in Texas and beyond. We ask that the Holy Spirit, our counselor who Jesus left to guide us and direct us, be with our Worthy Grand Matron in the coming year and the entire Grand Chapter entourage in traveling about Texas and beyond, and that we all may then return to Amarillo for our Grand Chapter, the 128th. In Jesus' name we make this request. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You will join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance to

the flag of this great nation. [Singing of the National Anthem by Mrs. Lee Stark, Grand Soloist.]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Let us hide those words in our hearts. Thank you, Mrs. Lee Stark, Grand Soloist for District 1, for an indescribably beautiful rendition.

Let us remain standing as we sing “O Canada.”

The hour has arrived. We are now ready to proceed with the formal installation of a new corps of officers. The selection of an Installing Grand 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. Sister Yvonne selected Sister Bess, in whom she had great respect and trust, to serve as her District Deputy Grand Matron of District 2. It is no surprise that Sister Bess 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. It is my genuine pleasure to introduce to you Sister Yvonne Brownfield who will introduce those who will be assisting in the installation.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Sister Elsie, our Master of Ceremonies. I'd like to introduce those who are going to assist with the installation: Assisting Grand Chapter Installing Officer, Brother Kenneth Gregory; Installing Grand Chaplain, Sister Elise Hammack; Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Betty Benham; Installing Grand Organist, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert; and Installing Grand Secretary, Mrs. Rennie Oton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

It is with pleasure that I call a short recess for us to prepare for the ceremony of installation.

[Installation Ceremony]

Installing Grand Marshal, you will now proclaim the Grand Officers regularly installed.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL: In the name of the Grand Chapter and by order of the Past Grand Matron, I proclaim the Officers of this Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year regularly installed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the Bible.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, you have just witnessed what I think was a beautiful Grand Chapter installation. [applause] 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, and we are honored with their presence here this evening. Because of this gentleman's leadership, DeMolay is alive and well in Texas. It is 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 presentations.

MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Brothers and Sisters: I'm not going to go back over what I said to you-all Thursday because I hope you remember it. If you have been out in the lobby, you have seen our youth out there shaking your hands and visiting with you. I hope you have been genuinely impressed with these young men's ability, their character and their charisma. I'd like to present to you again our State Master Councilor, the first one, like I said earlier, that I was able to confer the Master's Degree on myself, which I thought was unique. A couple of others I'd like to have done also, but I might have had to fight their fathers who wanted to do it, which I understand.

It's my pleasure to introduce to you — and I'm not going to bore you with my stuff, but let you listen to him — Aaron Saldana, State Master Councilor of DeMolay. [applause]

MR. AARON SALDANA: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, both present and past, Distinguished East, Members and Visitors: I'd like to express my gratitude for you allowing me the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of all the DeMolays in Texas this evening. I would like to congratulate you and the rest of the 2009-2010 Grand Officers. It was an amazing installation service, and I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to be here this evening to witness it. I am sure that most of you are completely aware of what DeMolay is, but for those of you who are not too familiar with it, DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy and productive lives, basing its approach on timeless principles and practical hands-on experience. We have over 20 chapters in Texas with over 800 members. In fact, we actually just had our state convocation a few weeks ago in July, and we are very excited about the upcoming year, as I'm sure you are.

DeMolay International has entered a three-year partnership with Relay for Life. Relay for Life is the world's largest movement to end cancer. It unites 3.5 million people each year. Texas DeMolay will assist Relay for Life in raising much needed funds and awareness that will enable the American Cancer Society to help people stay well, help people get well, help find cures and help fight back against cancer.

Worthy Grand Matron, with your consent, may I please introduce the other State Officers present this evening? Can I please get y'all to rise? We have our Deputy State Master Councilor, Brother Aaron Ingersoll; our State Senior Councilor, Brother Wesley Wunching; our State Junior Councilor, Brother Shawn Waldrip; District Deputy State Master Councilor for District 1, Brother Cody Hardin; and our District Deputy State Master Councilor for District 4, Brother Larry Carreon. Behind me we have our State Illustrious Knight Commander, Brother Chance Chapman. [applause]

Worthy Grand Patron, we really do like your tie, sir.

Can I please ask the other active DeMolays in the room to rise? We appreciate all the support we have received from you over the years and your continued support. We would all like to congratulate you once more on the installation this evening and on your new offices. We wish you a very successful year. I cannot stress the importance of the strength of the bond that we share as members of the Masonic Family. We must keep this bond strong. And if the Order of the Eastern Star ever needs anything from me or any of the other members of Texas DeMolay, please do not hesitate to ask. We will always be here. I ask that you remember that us coming together is merely a beginning; us keeping together shows progress, while us working together ensures success. Therefore, we must all work together to make this year the most successful year possible. Thank you for allowing me to bring greetings this evening.

MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE: By special request of our Worthy Grand Matron, we're going to perform the Flower Talk. Some of you have seen this. Our State Illustrious Knight Commander, Chance Chapman, will perform this. State Officers, if you will come around the Altar; bring the flowers, please.

If you've never seen this, it's intended to be presented to young men who have just been initiated into DeMolay. As you hear the words, you'll understand why. This started many years ago, and it's a heart-touching ceremony. Many of you have heard this because we've done this before here. But those that haven't heard it, please pay close attention.

Chance, I'll turn this over to you for the ceremony.

MR. CHANCE CHAPMAN: Normally, this ceremony would be done with the Bible open and a set of school books placed in the northeast corner of the Altar. But out of respect to the authority of this Grand Chapter, we will have it with the Altar as is, with the flowers loosely scattered on top.

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.
our 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 you 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 in 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 his 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[]]

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of all the DeMolays in Texas, we would like to present you with these flowers as a reminder to you of your installation tonight. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I should have told all the ladies and mothers to get tissue. I always have to have one for the Flower Talk.

These young men — some of them have already reached the age that they have become Masons. They've already started on that path. I would almost know that the rest of them, when they reach that age that will permit them to do so, they will become Masons. I think that is a wonderful, wonderful thing. The young man that gave the Flower Talk, I've known him since he was much younger. I've loved him and admired him ever since. I know that he's going to be a wonderful Mason.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is continuing to prosper under the direction of Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Inspector for Texas and Mexico. It is with

pleasure that I present Mrs. Dibrell who will introduce the Worthy Grand Advisor and other representatives for their presentation.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Master, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers.

Thank you for this opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the 55 active assemblies in Texas Grand Assembly and also Guadalajara Assembly LT 2 in Mexico, our assembly South of the Border that is placed under the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. We appreciate the privilege you extended by your invitation to participate in this beautiful installation. It is our honor to be part of this celebration, a moment in time that we shall long remember
Rainbow Gets Girls Ready For Life!

It is through the sponsorships of our Eastern Star Chapters and Masonic Lodges that we have our assemblies and we thank you for being our trained mentors and adult advisors. Thank you for creating safe, caring environments 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, Sister Bess, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill, and we want to be a part of your plans this year, work side by side with you, join hands with you in friendship and fellowship, and be a part of your many accomplishments.

We especially invite you to the 2010 Grand Assembly Session in Wichita Falls, June 24, 25, 26 27. We look forward to honoring you at that time.

It is now, with Rainbow Pride, that I invite the Rainbow Girls of Texas to enter this Grand Chapter Room.

*(They enter with a drill and pause in Rainbow formation back of the
Star Point Stations.)*

Sister Grand Drill Leader, Melanie Seymour, and Assisting Grand Drill Leader, our Grand Faith, Kim Dormady, you will conduct the Grand Worthy Advisor, Miss Kati Castillo, to the Altar and then conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Altar.

MISS KATI CASTILLO: Mrs. Caldwell and Mr. Wyatt, many pleasant duties have fallen to me during my association with this Order, but none more pleasant than that which I am privileged to discharge at this time. There comes a time in the affairs of everyone when it seems no one can be depended upon, and we are left to our own resources. But that all-wise and Supreme Being has furnished us a way for our own consolation. Upon reflection you will doubtless remember that among the first things brought to your attention in this Order was a copy of this old Book, which you placed next to your heart and have been taught that it alone should be the rule and guide to your faith and practice. At each succeeding step in your advancement, you have been reminded that it will guide you to all truth, direct your path to the temple of happiness and point out to you your whole duty to mankind. And now at this most auspicious hour, surrounded by those who take you as a Sister and Brother and in whose very hearts you have no doubt of the sincere wish for your future happiness, let me impress upon your mind in the most lasting and substantial manner possible that this old Book contains the mind of God, the state of mankind the way to salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, strength to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's

map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the Rainbow Girl's light and the Christian's character. Through it, heaven is opened, paradise is restored and the gates of hell are disclosed. The Messiah is its grand subject, your good its design and the glory of God its end. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. If you will obey its precepts, it will be to you a river of pleasure, a mine of wealth and a paradise of glory.

And now on behalf of this Grand Assembly, I have the very distinct honor, as well as the supreme pleasure, of presenting to you this beautiful white Bible, a gift of this Grand Assembly. May it be a beacon light to direct you through life to that assembly above where all is love and religion and nature and immortality and fidelity and patriotism and service. [applause]

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Please stand and join us in singing "My Rainbow."

Thank you. [applause] Sister Grand Drill Leader and Assisting Grand Drill Leader, please conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East.

Thank you, Mrs. Trees, for once again playing for us. Thank you, girls, for coming from all over this great state and for your beautiful presentation this evening. You are incredible, and I know that you know how much I love you. Thank you so much. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Sisters and Brothers, if you are not encouraged by what you've seen this evening with these young men and these young ladies — isn't it wonderful? [applause] It gives us hope that our Order and the Masonic Order will prosper and grow.

We're all familiar with the Texas Masonic Retirement Center I believe. It hosts our ladies who have entrusted their care into our hands. It's under the direct supervision of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons. They allow us to share in the care and support of our members who reside in TMRC. I am privileged to present one who wears many hats and makes a difference in a lot of lives. I am privileged to present Brother J. Weldon Clampitte, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons in Texas.

MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE: Thank you. Before I bring you greetings from our Grand Council, I'd also like to bring you greetings from our Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in behalf of our Grand High Priest, Doug Collins, who is in the hospital; he's been there about two weeks in San Antonio, and he will not be out for a while. He sends his regrets and he's sorry he's not able to be here, but he wants me to convey his best wishes for our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all the new Grand Officers for their year. He wishes you the best. Let me tell you, I think we need to keep him in our prayers. He has had a lot of clots in his veins, and it looks like it's several more weeks and some rehabilitation before he gets out. So let's keep him in our prayers.

The Texas Masonic Retirement Center, as you all know, houses not only the Masons and the widows of Masons in Texas, but our ladies from the Eastern Star. Our new addition that we've been working on has hit a snag or two. We lost a contractor, but I think things are getting back on track and we'll get some more. The fact is the economy got our contractor and he filed for bankruptcy. But the bond that we had and so forth, we will be back in operation and should be getting it going on pretty soon. I'm sure that Kirby Rudisell, the superintendent, wishes you the best. I'm sorry that he wasn't here, but he wasn't.

Now for Cryptic Masons and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, I bring you greetings. I will not take a lot of time because it's getting late and I know that a lot of you have been here since five o'clock this morning, because I know I

have. I was here to help my wife decorate at five. Lunch I think was pretzels and a cup of coffee, so we're all in good shape. I know many of you are weary.

I want to thank you very much for allowing me to say a few words. I will not keep you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I've known Bill for several years closely; we've worked together. I wish y'all the very best this coming year. I know you will have one. Thank you very much. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The Order of the Eastern Star is the direct result of the efforts and support of the Masonic Fraternity and the Grand Lodge of Texas. It is our very distinct honor to have Right Worshipful T.E. "Gene" Carnes, Grand Senior Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM. We would invite him to address the assembly.

MR. GENE CARNES: Thank you very much. I really appreciate the introduction there. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Special Guests and my Sisters and Brothers all: It's indeed a pleasure for me personally to be here to address this assembly this evening. I was told yesterday afternoon by our Worthy Grand Patron that he would like for me to be here to address the assembly on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master because he couldn't be here tonight. So I stayed up till about four o'clock this morning writing a 45-minute speech. [laughter] Bill greeted me at the door out here, Worthy Grand Matron, and my notes disappeared. I'm sorry that y'all are not going to be able to have the privilege of hearing all of those attributes about Masonry and the Eastern Star that I was going to expound on this afternoon.

But on a more serious note. It is indeed a pleasure to be here to bring greetings from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas and the members of the Masonic Order in Texas. This was a beautiful installation, wasn't it? [applause]

On a more personal note, it's a personal privilege for me to be here this evening. I consider all of the members of the Eastern Star to be friends. But this occasion, several of the officers that have been installed here today are very close personal friends. So it's a special privilege for me to be here and to address you on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, David Counts, and all the Masons in Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, in the coming days we will cross paths many times as we cross the State of Texas fulfilling the goals of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Fraternity. We look forward to meeting you on those occasions. We wish you Godspeed and His blessings upon the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you so much for the privilege of being here and addressing the Grand Chapter. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: We certainly thank you, sir, for your presence. You have added special honor to our evening by making the effort to be here. Thank you.

Certainly we know in Texas about our ties with General Grand Chapter, and they are strengthened by the active participation of Texas' own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. We are pleased to have this evening Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, and Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We're just about to make Texans out of him and Margaret. Any time – our arms and our hearts are open. They will bring greetings from General Grand Chapter.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all: Brother Fred and I have really enjoyed this session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We do bring greetings from the General Grand Chapter. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron are out in Arizona, so I will extend their greetings to you and their best wish-

es to the Junior Past and the incoming Worthy Grand Matron.

MR. FREDERICK CLARKE: I'll second that. I want to draw attention to the youth, the Rainbow and DeMolay, and particularly that young man at the Altar. Sisters and Brothers, there's an example we can emulate; we should take pride in our workmanship like he did. Sisters and Brothers, we should be following the example of the youth displayed here tonight. [applause]

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: We are not installed until November 5th in Tulsa, but our program for the next three years will be something that we feel is very important, not only to our organization, but to those with whom we associate so closely. We will have chapter restoration, membership and public relations. We will serve the fraternal charities. We will have youth programs, plus those that we normally help in our community: cancer, heart, dread diseases. We are a proud organization, and we can do much good for humanity. We're proud to be a part of a fraternal organization which feels the same way. These youth organizations do their own share of it. So just think of the blessings that we are when we do our work from the heart and helping as we can.

MR. FREDERICK CLARKE: The Most Worthy Grand Patron has a special project every year. This one is going to be for the membership. You all know where the George Washington Monument is in Alexandria, Virginia. Have you seen it? Have you been there? Sisters and Brothers, there's a display of all Masonry in that building, all except Eastern Star. My project is to put a display of Eastern Star in that building with the support of the membership. There will be forms given out, and we'll ask for donations to that project as we go forward. Of course, we can't do anything until after November 5th.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: My special project is going to the dogs, service dogs. You'll hear much more about that, but we hope to be able to help many of the less fortunate who can use the help of the wonderful animal, the dog.

Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the privilege of speaking here tonight. Just know that we wish you the very best for your year. I'll be home when I can.

MR. FREDERICK CLARKE: I want everyone to put a petition in your pocket and bring in a membership by next year. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Tonight we stand on the borderline of expectancy. Every installation is an end and a beginning. The foundation is laid, and if we are not to fail the very purpose of our toil, we must go on to better and finer things. It is not just the responsibility of the past, but each one who serves to pass on something better for the future. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will now receive the emblems of their office.

I've known you two a long time. You two have traveled this starlight path for many years. You have remained good friends all along the way. I believe that passing and receiving of the jewel makes the tie that binds you even closer. May love and happiness be yours as you continue your journey.

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: Bess, I've worn this pin with pride this entire year. This pin is very special because I think of all those who've worn it before me and all of those who will wear it after me. But nothing could give me more pride than to pin it on one of my very closest friends and someone that I love so very, very much; the Sister I never had.

It looks good! I love you, my sweet, sweet friend. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Past Grand Matron, and I will wear it with pride.

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The Worthy Grand Patron's jewel will be presented by the Junior Past Grand Patron, Brother Ray. Brother Ray, you know how pleased I was when Sister Joyce selected you to serve by her side. I am proud of your service as Worthy Grand Patron. It is a joy like no other. Now you know why I love this membership so much. As you pass this cherished emblem on to Brother Bill, I know that it will be worn with the same pride and dedication you have shown.

MR. RAY HERTENBERGER: Brother Bill, embedded within this jewel is the love of the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I have had the joy to wear it for this past year, and I trust you will wear it with that same joy. I pray God's graces as you travel in the service of this membership for this coming year.

Congratulations, Worthy Grand Patron. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Junior Past Grand Patron.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: This is kind of personal because I feel like you're mine. Sister Joyce and Brother Ray, as you wear your Past Grand's jewel, I assure you that friendships will continue to bless your lives. Brother Ray, when you were installed as Worthy Grand Patron, I felt that you deserved the honor. Now I am sure the membership of Texas joins me in the same pride in the manner in which you discharged your duties. Sister Vicki has been by your side with total support. I know she is happy to present you with the Past Grand Patron's jewel. District 4, Section 10 will be thrilled to welcome you home. [applause]

MRS. VICKI HERTENBERGER: Brother Ray, I am very excited to be able to present this to you tonight. I started crying ten minutes ago. I've been wanting to pin it on you for the last two months since Brother Trey designed it for you. I know that you will wear this with much pride. Your family is very proud of you; your chapter is proud of you; your section is extremely proud of you; and I know the State of Texas is proud of you. [applause]

MR. RAY HERTENBERGER: Thank you. I love you.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Brother David, several years ago you and I had a discussion about the sacrifices and understanding required by a spouse of someone making the journey to the East. You have been there in support every step of the way. Well done, my friend!

MR. DAVID NICKLAS: I've watched you emerge from being commonly known as David's wife, Rowdy — David Matthew, Becky or Sarah's mom, you were content to be the wind beneath our wings — to an elegant, radiant, beautiful leader within our wonderful organization. These past nine years, after being elected as Grand Examiner, have been some of the most joyful and rewarding in your Eastern Star life. You now join a group of some of the most elegant, loving and great leaders of this great organization of ours. It is my utmost pleasure to present you with this Past Grand Matron's jewel. I hope you wear it with great pride to yourself and honor to this wonderful fraternity. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Traditionally, the presentations that appear in the Installation program are given by beloved friends and distinguished members. Through their service they have left a legacy of love that continues to flow and reflect for the Order. Listen carefully to their words because they have been especially selected. Their messages will foreshadow the hopes and the dreams of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year. We will better understand their goals and what they hope to accomplish with the assistance of the membership. Each presenter will come forth with their dedications. First, we have the Worthy Grand Matron's Dedication presented by Mrs. Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron and General Grand Chapter Committee Member.

MRS. JANE GREGORY: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. It is indeed my honor to present the Dedication of our Worthy Grand Matron in her own words.

“This year of service is lovingly dedicated to Al Ray, my husband of 11 years, who has supported me in every endeavor. Thank you, Al, for your patience and understanding. Your loving ways have sustained me through the years.

“My daughters, Audri Rowell and Margie Bell, and to my son-in-law Jeff, who have continued to encourage as I travel this road to the Grand East. Your help has made it possible for me to fulfill my obligations. You have always been my strength. Thank you for all that you do.

“My five grandchildren, Kortni and Kelsi Rowell, Taylor, Morgan and Banner Bell. Thank you for your love and understanding when Nan had to be other places and did not have the opportunity to be with you on special occasions.

“To the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas whose vote of confidence, support and trust have made this year of service possible.

“In memory of Roy Madison whose Masonic affiliation allowed me to become a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and in memory of Joe and Roy Leggett, beloved brothers, whose lives reflected the Masonic teachings.” [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The Worthy Grand Patron’s Dedication will be presented by Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron.

MR. JERRY MARTIN: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. It is a pleasure and a distinct privilege to bring the Dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron. He is a great Eastern Star member, a great Mason and a great friend.

The Worthy Grand Patron would like to thank God for giving him the strength and knowledge to allow him to be at this point in his life. He is extremely grateful to Sister Bess for selecting him to walk with her in this year of service to the Grand Chapter of Texas. He expresses his gratitude to the membership for electing him to this high honor.

He has chosen to dedicate this year as Worthy Grand Patron to his wife Ann, our Grand Marshal. Without her encouragement, support and love, he could not have taken this important step. He also dedicates it to the membership of Texas for accepting him and pledges his best efforts to serve you in the coming year. And, lastly, he dedicates it to Freemasonry for without it, there would not be Eastern Star.

The message he wishes to bring to you tonight is one of hope and promise for the future of our Order and Freemasonry. He believes that if you take the teachings you receive from Freemasonry and Eastern Star and practice them in your daily lives, it will make each of us a better person and our world a better place to live. He will concentrate his efforts on what he can do for others, not what they can do for him, what he can do for the Order of the Eastern Star and not what Eastern Star will do for him. It is also his hope that the Blue Lodges and the Eastern Star chapters will work together and in doing so promote membership growth for each other. He would like for you to think about this phrase during the coming year, “Remember that kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can read.” And most of all, Sisters and Brothers, be kind to one another. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Sister Yvonne Brownfield is sitting back there waving some envelopes. I think she wants to give them to someone and they may be important. So if the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will come, maybe we can see who’s going to get them.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Sister Elsie. But before I give them these envelopes with green stamps — maybe those have been outdated — I’d like to tell

the membership or assembly that the lovely bouquet of flowers that we surprised our Worthy Grand Matron with was presented by Brandon Bolin, the grandson of Bill and Ann Wyatt. I thought it was a lovely gesture. [applause]

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, my sweet friends, your installing team felt very honored to be asked to participate in this evening. We have given you a little token of our appreciation and love for both of you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I'll bet you they were worth waiting for!

The message to the "Texas Ladies" from the Worthy Grand Matron is presented by Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. KAREN MORGENTHALER: "Each of you is like our Lone Star State. You have the strength and the fortitude to lead your chapter. Your knowledge and leadership skills will provide the basics. Your love and compassion will endear you to the membership. Your faith in God will lead you to a wonderful and satisfying year. Together we will make a difference. The Lone Star State has a big heart and opportunities abound. Set your goals and meet each one with enthusiasm. This is your chance to bring your chapter together so that it may prosper. Remember to always be kind, understanding and loving in all that you do. Alone you will do your very best, but together we will be meeting your goals to make our Order great. Each of you is precious to me, and we will stand tall and be Texas proud." Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The message to the "Lone Star Gentlemen" will be presented by Brother Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron.

MR. ED WARNER: I'd like for those that are serving as Worthy Patrons in the subordinate chapters to stand with me at this time. I know we have to have a few.

"My Brothers, I hope you're as excited to serve as Worthy Patrons in the subordinate chapters as I am to serve the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Your chapter has elected you to the highest office that can be bestowed upon a Brother. I encourage you to work closely with the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members. Our Masonic teachings compel us to have high moral values, and this is to be a gentleman. Let these teachings guide you in your Eastern Star life too. Stand with me this year and pledge to do all that is necessary to make this year a fantastic year as we serve in the East together." Thank you, Brothers. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The Theme, Emblems, Aim, Colors and Flowers will be presented by Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this honor.

The Worthy Grand Matron's Theme: Stars of Texas. The Aim: To continue friendship. The Emblem: The State of Texas. Her colors: Black, burgundy, red, white and blue. Flowers: the bluebonnet and the yellow rose. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The legend of the bluebonnet will be presented by Mrs. Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. DORIS HESTER: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, and thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It is my privilege to present to you the poem, "The Legend of the Bluebonnet." The author is unknown.

The Texas fields are covered with a blanket of deep blue.

Except for a little Indian girl this would not be true.

Texas land was barren and dry. Rains would not come.

Indians danced and prayed for rain and beat upon the drums.

The chief made a proclamation; he appealed to one and all.

A prized possession must be sacrificed before the rains would fall.

The Indian camp went silent while each person searched his heart.
But when it came time to sacrifice, with possessions they would not part.
Suddenly a little girl stepped forth, holding her blue-clad doll.
She placed it in the roaring fire and raindrops began to fall.
The rain brought forth the grass, among its blades flowers of blue,
To be a sign for all the times of a love so pure and true.

Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The Scriptures will be presented by Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron.

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: To express the love and friendship of our Order, the Worthy Grand Matron has chosen Scriptures of love. 1 Peter 1:22, "Love one another from the heart." Proverbs 27:10, "Do not forsake your friends." 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love."

The Worthy Grand Patron's Scripture is Matthew 7:7-8. "Ask and it shall be given you. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened unto you, for everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth. And to him that knocketh, it shall be opened." [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The Humanitarian will be presented by Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Pro Tem, of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: The Humanitarian Program 2009-2010. Giving of ourselves — hearts, hands and worldly goods — is essential to the wellbeing, satisfaction and humanity within us. We cannot give to others without receiving blessings in our own lives. Jesus said if we give unto others, we give unto Him. Our Worthy Grand Matron has given us a word with which we have pride. Each letter in this word will help remind us of the Humanitarian Program.

T - TMRC. Our Sisters and Brothers are not expecting us to supply their room and board, but how blessed we are when we can supply some of their needs and make them more comfortable. Would you want them to have less than you?

E - ESTARL is our insurance for the future of the world. These young people are giving of themselves and teaching others the way of Christianity and the love of God. Our children and their children will live in this world.

X - Extra money for the General Fund is necessary for operating expenses of the Grand Chapter. These funds are for the good of our Order.

A - Aid. Benevolent Aid is temporary aid to those of our membership who have financial problems. We must commit to keeping funds available.

S - Students. The Student Education Fund is available to sons and daughters of Eastern Star members. This is to help them attain a higher education.

I have wept in the night for the shortness of sight
That to someone's needs I was blind.
But I have yet to feel a twinge of regret
For being a little too kind.

Our Worthy Grand Matron asks us to always remember Acts 20:35. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Music stirs the soul and calms the mind. Music is another

er form of prayer. What a magnificent link with God! Tonight we hear it from loving hearts. Mrs. Joyce Gilbert presents the Worthy Grand Matron's music.

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Thank you. "With a grateful heart, I dedicate my marches to Sister Jackie Stogner. Sister Jackie, thank you for being my friend and for composing the 'Texas Ladies March' and 'Miss Bess's March.' Sister Jackie serves her chapters and Grand Chapter with her great talent and her beautiful voice. With a loving heart, I appreciate her gift to me. The membership of District 2 is so very proud of this Affiliated Past Matron of Friendship Chapter #1008. We are honored each time that she unselfishly shares her God-given talent any time that she is asked."

Mrs. Jackie Stogner, composer, will present both marches of the Worthy Grand Matron. [applause following marches]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I think we'd all better get on an exercise program because if we keep up with that, we're going to be stepping lively!

We eagerly await the Worthy Grand Patron's march composed and presented by Mrs. Michelle Stegman. [applause following march]

We've heard the music. Now Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron, will present the Worthy Grand Patron's music. We know we're going to like it!

MR. JOHN CREEL: "Music brings beauty to our world. True friends add beauty to our lives. The composer and writer, Sister Michelle Stegman, a Past Matron of Pittsburg Chapter #381, you are my special friend. It is with a grateful heart and appreciation to Sister Michelle for sharing her God-given talent with the membership and me. I would like to dedicate my march, 'Lone Star Promenade,' to the 'Lone Star Gentlemen,' the Worthy Patrons that serve their respective chapters during the 2009-2010 Grand Chapter year." [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you. A very delightful lady will sing a very special song, our Grand Soloist of District 3, Mrs. Lesa Smith. While she was living in Abilene and a member of Queen Esther Chapter #833, no one even knew what a lovely voice she had, because she would never sing and never shared it with them there. But they learned! The song is very close to the Worthy Grand Matron's heart. [applause followed singing of "One Day at a Time"]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Brother Bill, we know of your willing hands, earnest heart and your sincere desire to serve and know Grand Chapter. The membership welcomes your message.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, Sister Elsie Paladino. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess — that has a beautiful sound; we've waited a long time to hear that, and it has a beautiful sound — General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, my Sisters and Brothers all, our Distinguished Guests: Sister Bess, it is an honor for me for you to choose me and Ann to walk beside you. Your and Al's friendship has come so close to us. A lot of our thoughts are the same way. I think that's why we trusted each other from the start.

I pledge to the membership this year — get behind our Worthy Grand Matron. She has got a heart of gold; she'll do anything for anybody. She is a great leader. She has a lot of plans this year. We hope in some way we can make our membership grow. So all I ask is get on that wagon with us; head west, south, north and east. Let's make this membership grow and be a better Order.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in this installation tonight. It was a beautiful job, a job well done. It will be fond memories and special memories in my heart

for the rest of my life. I would like to thank all these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for being here tonight. Your support that you show this great State of Texas has amazed me for years. You have served this Order great, and we look forward to working with you this year.

To Brother Jerry Martin who did my Dedication, who has been a very close friend of mine for years — Jerry and I have worked together in Masonry and Eastern Star; we hold each other very close friends — I thank you so much for being here and giving this Dedication when I know you had other places to be. But you chose to be with me and Sister Bess tonight.

I would like to thank Michelle for my beautiful music. Michelle has been a close friend of ours; she has played in our chapter many times, and she's a very special person. I'm not real good in music, so she took it. I told her one night — I heard her play something, and I said, "I like that, Michelle." She said, "Well, let me put something together," so she did. She did a beautiful job. She designed everything for me, and I'm very proud and thank you, Michelle, from the bottom of my heart.

To my wife, Sister Ann, our Grand Marshal this year. Thank you for standing beside me in all my endeavors. There was no way I could be here tonight without the support you gave me, the love and the encouragement. I love you from the bottom of my heart. I don't know how I'll ever pay you back. Thank you.

Sister Bess — as I said, I cherish yours and Al's friendship. I told you that the day you asked me to take this walk with you. I said, "Sister Bess, if this will in any way deter the friendship we have for each other, I wouldn't want to go a step," because Brother Al and I have become very close. And of course you and I became close over the years. I cherish y'all's friendship and love. I don't know how I will ever pay you back for giving me this opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas in this manner. Thank you.

I thank the Grand Chapter of Texas for electing me to this position. I know Sister Bess chose me, but y'all had to elect me. I do appreciate you. I hope that I can do something this year or in the future to pay you back for the love you have gave me, the hugs you have gave me and the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter in this manner.

I would like to introduce some of my family at this time. If you would, please stand. My son Greg and his wife Cheryl; my grandson Trey; my granddaughter Brandi and her husband Matt. Greg, you are a friend, a buddy, my pal. We have always had a very close relationship. We've hunted together; we've fished together; we've been in business together; we've done a little of everything together. We probably argued and fought a little bit too while you were growing up, but I'm very proud. The day you became a Mason, it made me a very, very proud father. This year when I was able to initiate you and Cheryl into the Eastern Star [applause] Thank y'all for being here tonight. It means so much for you to escort Ann and Trey to present the Square and Compasses for us. Thank you. [applause]

To my daughter Kim, her husband Jimmy, my grandson Brandon and granddaughter Meghan, and to my other daughter Melissa, her husband James, my granddaughter Alli and my grandson Wyatt — he came along — we thought we was through with grandchildren, but he came along this past year. I mean, he's a pride to us. Of course, especially after — since he wasn't a Wyatt, but his first name is Wyatt, it's very special to me to have that. But thank you both. We've had unique relationships. I enjoy the times we get to spend together, the times we're able to talk. I appreciate the support and love that you always gave me, and I love you both very much.

To my grandchildren, you are very precious to me and I love you very much. I hope

after this year I will try to be able to spend a little more time with you.

To all my family, it means a lot to me for each of you to be here tonight. My sister-in-law, Sister Brenda Jones, a Past Matron of Virginia, and her husband Bob, you two have always been very special to me. I've never looked at you as a sister-in-law and a brother-in-law; I've always looked at you as a sister and a brother. You know how I love you and how I admire everything that you've ever done. Sister Brenda, you impressed me over the Eastern Star for years. I probably have to give you all the credit for the Order of the Eastern Star because I've always admired the love that you gave Eastern Star. I thank you and Bob both for always coming down here, especially this year. I appreciate you so much. [applause]

I also have some chapter members here tonight from Pine Tree Chapter 1090. Would you please stand, if I haven't kept you up so late. The Worshipful Master of my lodge at Pine Tree is here and also the Worshipful Master of Little Cypress Lodge. I have some other lodge members also here, I believe, unless they have gone. They may have had to leave because they had some other family with them. But I do appreciate y'all very much for being here, giving me the love and support you have over the last few years.

My Worthy Matron, Sister Linda, and Brother Ken, Worthy Patron, y'all have always been there for me and Ann. Of course, you were our Big Sister and Big Brother. We love y'all very much and we appreciate y'all. We appreciate your serving our chapter the way you have.

I would also like District 1, Section 8 to please stand tonight. I also would like District 1 to please stand, the whole district. You each know what you mean to me, your support over the years. I look out — I've always been able to look to District 1. Anything that we need, all we had to do was mention it, and you've always been there for us. I am very proud to be from District 1, and I love each and everyone of you and I appreciate you. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, this is the start of a new year. I look forward to working with each of you. I believe we can make a difference by working together. Times are changing. We have to change with them. So I hope you will join Sister Bess and me as we work to make this Order of the Eastern Star across the State of Texas grow. First, we must put our faith in God that He will prosper our Order. Then if the Brother Masons that are Eastern Star will go out and start Eastern Star in our Lodges, we can make a change. I strongly believe that our Masons can help us make that change. Every time we get a Mason in the Lodge — a lot of times he doesn't hear about Eastern Star. We need to make that change. We have the opportunity in Eastern Star. When we pick up a Mason, ninety percent of the time he has a wife. We're going to get two members out of it. We're not getting that. So I challenge each Mason in the State of Texas to go back into your Lodges, work your Lodge, let the members know that we need them, then sell Eastern Star to them because we can do it if we try.

I think our youth group has gone tonight, but I'm going to have to say this. These DeMolay boys amaze me, the talent they have, and of course yes, it made me very proud to see my tie on these boys. It made me very proud. It honored me deep in my heart. So if you see any of these boys, tell them this, because I will tell them again and again.

These Rainbow ladies — they are ladies — they are our future. This Bible that was presented to me tonight will be always very close to my heart because I believe if we take it as our rule and guide, it will make us all a lot better person. So we do need to support our youth groups. We need to get these young ladies into our Eastern Star and these DeMolay boys when they come of age.

I do thank Brother Weldon Clampitte for bringing the DeMolay. Weldon has been a close friend of mine — I know he has left — we've worked together. I have several Brothers in this chapter room tonight that I've worked in Grand Lodge with, and I appreciate everyone of them being here. I'm not going to start calling names because if I did, I'm going to overlook somebody and that's the last thing I would ever want to do.

I think Brother Gene Carnes had to go back to Waco. I wanted somebody here to speak on behalf of Grand Lodge. I went to Gene Carnes here and asked him if he would come speak. He changed his schedule to come speak to this membership. It makes me very proud and honored for a member of our Grand Lodge of Texas to change something in their schedule to come to be with us. So I do honor him.

We had several Appendant Bodies here tonight. They are in the same situation we are. They need the membership, so we need to work together. If we'll each one work together, I know we can do miracles this year.

My Sisters and Brothers, we are privileged to be part of this great Order. It was given to us by those who worked hard in the past to preserve it. We should endeavor to keep it alive for our children, our grandchildren. Let us embrace the changes and change with it, as long as it's for the good of the Eastern Star.

Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. Remember, kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, the road ahead has been well engineered and paved by the fine examples of all our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. I know you will add to those labors and keep the path smooth for those who will follow you. We will hear your address at this time.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Protocol being established, this is the ending of a perfect evening. When I joined the Order of the Eastern Star, this was never in my wildest imagination. I have chill bumps; my heart is filled to a bursting point. I am so honored to serve in this position as your Worthy Grand Matron. I pledge to give you and this Order the best that is in me. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for electing me to this high office.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield and Brother Kenneth Gregory, I fell in love with you when I served as your District Deputy Grand Matron. We have made many sweet memories. May you be blessed for the kindness you have shown to me. You are so special, and I want to thank you both for serving as my Installing Grand Officers.

Sister Betty Benham, as always, your floor work was superb. Having you in my own district is a big plus for me, knowing you're there to cheer me on and to make things so much easier. Thank you for serving as the Installing Grand Marshal.

Sister Elise Hammack, I know how hard that prayer is to learn. Yet, as always, you did your work perfectly. You always brighten my day, and I'm so grateful for you serving as our Installing Grand Chaplain.

Sister Rennie Oton, how honored I am to have you participate in my Grand Installation. I am so privileged to be serving as Worthy Grand Matron of Texas during your triennium. Just know how proud I am to be a part of your General Grand Chapter year. Thank you so much for serving as Installing Grand Secretary.

Sister Elsie Paladino, you are such an elegant lady and a very special friend to me. Thank you for making the bumps along my Grand Chapter path a little less rocky. You smooth over the rough edges of my day with your love, support and laughter. My thank you seems so small compared to all that you have done for me. Just know how much I appreciate you and love you and look to you for guidance. My gratitude and sincere thanks for you serving as the Master of Ceremonies tonight.

Sister Jackie, thank you for playing my music. All of you have guided me and supported me in this journey. I know you will be there when I need you. I thank you in advance for continuing your guidance.

I would like to introduce my family. Would you please stand. First, my husband Al Ray. He's my friend and my love. When I come home, he opens his arms and I find love, support and welcome just waiting for me. Here tonight to help celebrate this important evening in my life are our daughters: Audri Rowell and Margie Bell and her husband Jeff; our granddaughters Kortni and Kelsi Rowell, Banner Bell and Morgan Slauenwhite; our son Greg Caldwell and his wife Brenda. Others who are very special to me and have meant a lot in my life, my niece Sherry Stringer, and my very favorite cousin, Pete Leggett, his wife Jo and his daughters are with him tonight, Karen and Buz and Sheila. Your love for me fills my life. I thank you for your support and understanding of my needs and your support of my undertakings. I love you, family. [applause]

Sister Jackie Stogner and Michelle Stegman, Lesa Smith and Lee Stark, you truly blessed us with your gift of music and song. Thank you so much for sharing your talents with us. Each of you has a special place in my heart.

Brother Bill Wyatt, thank you for making this journey with me. Al and I, you and Ann, will make a formidable team. I thank you both.

I would not want to leave anyone out. I want to thank everyone who has had a part, large or small, in this spectacular Grand Installation of Officers. Each of you knows the place that you hold in my heart.

Will my chapter, Cora Posey Chapter #1072, please stand and remain standing. Will District 2, Section 7 please stand. Now will all of District 2 please stand. Your backing and support over the last five years have been phenomenal. I have seen your loyalty and caring over and over again. Thank you for all that you have done for me and all that you will be doing for me in the near future. Your love and support have sustained me. Thank you. [applause]

Will the "Texas Ladies" please stand. This is the Worthy Matrons. I named you the "Texas Ladies" because that's what you are. You were chosen by your chapters, but you're also my girls. I expect good years from all of you, and I know that you will give it. We will work on our Grand Chapter plans through you and your chapters. Thank you. [applause]

I have many plans for our Order in this new year. As this year unfolds, we will remember that we are a benevolent fraternity. As such, we will work to meet the needs of those unfortunate ones without jobs, health, hunger or someone who cares. We have fraternal Brothers and Sisters with the same needs. Let us reach out this year to help those who reach out to us. I truly hope that we can bring new members into our Order. I would like to see more of our Masonic Brothers joining us. We have so much to offer. Our community concerns are giving 100 percent to those asking for help. We form an extended family who is sharing and caring. We have fun in associating together. The fellowship is like a family reunion.

I place my faith and trust in God and know that whatever this year brings, I will not be alone. I pray that our Heavenly Father will guide me and give me health, wisdom, strength to fulfill my duties, the courage to face the problems that the year may bring, and the knowledge and understanding to make wise decisions. I ask for your prayers and the love and support of each member of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The memories that I have made tonight have laid a foundation for us in the prosperity of our Order and the honor of all who continue to love and serve our great Order. Thank

you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The Worthy Grand Matron would like to remind the membership that Grand Chapter does have to be formally closed. After we do the benediction for the Installation, there will be just a short recess for those who are not members of the Order to retire from this Grand Chapter room. Thank you.

With God as our guide, we let go of what once was, embrace what is new and look forward to what is yet to be. The benediction will be pronounced by Mr. Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron.

MR. JERRY TREES: Would you please hold the hand of the person next to you. Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, thank You for all the blessings that You have given us as members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Be with those who cannot be with us tonight; watch over them and guide them. Be with and guide our new Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt, as they lead this great fraternal organization. Watch over them in their many travels over our great state. Put Your protective hand on our soldiers who fight to protect our freedom. Grant each person safe travels as they travel to their homes tonight. It is in Your Holy Name that we ask all Your blessings. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Remember, Sisters and Brothers, we have to have a quorum before we can close. To our visitors, we thank you for sharing the joy of this special evening. Those who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will retire.

[Recess]

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.

Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this Grand Chapter from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: [inaudible] Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secure and there will be no interruptions.

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

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain and report if all present are 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.

All present are members of the Order.

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

I declare this 127th session of Grand Chapter of Texas called from rest to labor. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: [inaudible] Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will have a presentation by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

MISS DIANE DAVIDSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I have a gift from the membership of Texas. I have the keys to a brand new 2009 Chevrolet Explorer conversion van that's parked right outside the door. The Board of Directors is pleased to give you these keys for your safe travel this year. We have one other thing that's really important. We

have a way to put gas in it. We wish for you all the good things that life can bring, and we pray for God's traveling grace as you cross our state. [applause]

Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the flag of our country.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do you know of any further business to come before the Grand Chapter?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: There is none within my knowledge.

[Ritualistic closing]

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

[Ritualistic closing]

I now declare this 127th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas closed.

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REPORT OF THE BULLETIN COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, I sincerely appreciate the privilege of serving as the General Chairman of the Bulletin Committee for the 2008-2009 Grand Chapter year. It has been my pleasure to work with my co-workers and the other sixty-five (65) members of this committee. I would like to introduce the District Chairmen:

District One, Mrs. Patricia Kettle

District Two, Mrs. Martha Phillips

District Three, Mr. Jack Johnson

District Four, Mrs. Jennifer Batchelor - who could not be with us today

District Five, Mrs. Joyce Wagner

As a committee we encouraged the Chapters to promote the Bulletin in many different ways. And as a result we had 438 New Subscriptions and 955 Renewals. This generated an income of \$25,914.50.

Thank you, the membership, for your cooperation in recognizing that the Official Bulletin is indeed a necessary and important asset to the Grand Chapter of Texas. On behalf of the five District Chairmen and our committee members, we appreciate the support that the membership of Texas has given to the Official Bulletin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Melba Jean Hanna

General Chairman, Bulletin Committee

REPORT OF THE FOREVER YOUNG TEAM COMMITTEE

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

Thank you for the opportunity of serving as General Chairman of the Forever Young Team. Also, thank you for the very capable district chairpersons who served with me. They were:

District I Mary Ann Ivy

District II Shelbie Capps

District III Lavelle Ford

District IV Camille Luke

District V Cathy Eidson

I am happy to report that all the first order of Mickey Mouse pins were sold in record time. The second order did not go as fast. There was no way to keep up with the number of pins that each person had since so many were picked up at the schools.

The money that came through our committee and turned in to Grand Chapter was almost \$5,000.00. The proceeds from the Mickey pins will be shared equally with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman Abshere

General Chairman

Forever Young Team

RECAP WGM PROJECTS 2008-2009

Recap WGM Projects 2008-2009										
ITEM	DATE	SALES	COST	NET	GEN FUND	GF 25%	Disbursements	BALANCE	Final Disbursements	Designation
4090.70 Year Book	8/31/2009	\$ 37,548.00	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 15,948.00	\$ 15,948.00	\$ -		\$ 15,948.00	\$ 15,948.00	Gen. Fund
4090.71 Red, White, Blue	8/31/2009	\$ 33,585.00	\$ 2,305.00	\$ 31,280.00	\$ -	\$ 7,820.00		\$ 23,460.00	\$ 23,460.00	Scottish Rite, Shriners' Hosp. & Organ Donor Awareness
4090.72 Bluebonnet Necklace/pin	8/31/2009	\$ 12,155.50	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 9,035.50	\$ -	\$ 2,258.88		\$ 6,776.63	\$ 6,776.63	Scottish Rite & Shriner's Hospitals
4090.73 Green Ribbon	8/31/2009	\$ 5,823.50	\$ 850.00	\$ 4,973.50	\$ -	\$ 1,243.38		\$ 3,730.13	\$ 3,730.13	Organ Donor Awareness
4090.74 Mickey Mouse Pin	8/31/2009	\$ 16,850.00	\$ 5,875.00	\$ 11,175.00	\$ -	\$ 2,793.75		\$ 8,381.25	\$ 8,381.25	Youth Organizations
4090.75 Lion & Lamb Sun Catcher	8/31/2009	\$ 2,510.00	\$ 1,264.55	\$ 1,245.45	\$ -	\$ 311.38		\$ 934.09	\$ 934.09	Gala at Grand Chapter
4090.76 Calendar	8/31/2009	\$ 3,070.00	\$ 2,405.00	\$ 665.00	\$ -	\$ 166.25		\$ 498.75	\$ 498.75	Organ Donor Awareness & Gala at Grand Chapter
4090.77 WGM'S Music	8/31/2009	\$ 2,143.00	\$ 102.50	\$ 2,040.50	\$ -	\$ 510.13	\$ 1,056.08	\$ 474.30	\$ 474.30	Parties for TMRC
4090.78 WGP'S Music	8/31/2009	\$ 945.00	\$ 102.50	\$ 842.50	\$ -	\$ 210.63	\$ 604.04	\$ 27.84	\$ 27.84	Parties for TMRC
4090.79 CD'S-Chapter Music	8/31/2009	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 1,986.59	\$ 2,063.41	\$ -	\$ 515.85		\$ 1,547.56	\$ 1,547.56	Organ Donor Awareness
4090.80 Proficiency Stickers	8/31/2009	\$ 1,731.00	\$ 271.28	\$ 1,459.72	\$ -	\$ 364.93		\$ 1,094.79	\$ 1,094.79	Organ Donor Awareness
4090.81 Badges	8/31/2009	\$ 3,198.00	\$ -	\$ 3,198.00	\$ 3,198.00	\$ -		\$ 3,198.00	\$ 3,198.00	General Fund
TOTAL		\$ 123,609.00	\$ 39,682.42	\$ 83,926.58	\$ 19,146.00	\$ 16,195.15	\$ 1,660.12	\$ 66,071.32	\$ 64,296.66	
										Rainbow for Girl
										\$5,656.87
										Demolay
										\$2,424.67
										Organ Donor A
										\$12,936.19
										Scottish Rite
										\$11,152.07
										Shrinres Hospit
										\$11,152.07
										Rob Morris Gal
										\$1,000.00
										TMRC Parties
										\$1,056.08
										General Fund
										\$34,433.56
										TMRC Parties
										\$1,000.88
										Total Disb.
										\$80,812.18

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-2007

Year	WORTHY		WORTHY		ASSOCIATE		ASSOCIATE		GRAND		TREASURER
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	SECRETARY		
1884	†Mrs. E.J. Talbot	†W.L. Holt	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†W.J. Wickham	†R. R. McPhail	†Mrs. A. McGregor	†R. R. McPhail	†Mrs. A. McGregor		
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. Hawkins	†Mrs. Sallie Wayne	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Carr Forest	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. McGregor	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. McGregor		
1886	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P.H. Stevens	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†Mrs. Sallie Wayne	†D.H. Hightower	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. M. Hightower	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. M. Hightower		
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. Schwartz	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. Schwartz		
1888	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner		
1889	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.W. Ellender	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†T.J. Neely	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh		
1890	*Mrs. Belle Moon	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	*Mrs. Jennie Cassill	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh	*Mrs. Jennie Cassill	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh		
1891	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†L.L. Miller	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter		
1892	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†L.L. Miller	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†J.W. Felbaum	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim		
1893	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†Tom Murrath	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†D. Ludlow	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim		
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Kate Birch		
1895	†Mrs. Sadies A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph		
1896	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph		
1897	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†J.T. Atchinson	†Mrs. Rec Alvord	†Mrs. Rec Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh		
1898	†Mrs. Rec Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†S.D. Moore	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh		
1899	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne		
1900	†Mrs. Agnes V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne		
1901	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne		
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. A. Walker	†Mrs. A. Walker	†P.S. Park	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph		
1903	†Mrs. Alma M. Walker	†P.S. Park	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman		
1904	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman		
1905	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman		
1906	†Mrs. Mollie E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman		
1907	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†J.H. Anderson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman		
1908	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†C.H. Thorn	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle		
1909	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†G.W. Glasscock	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson		
1910	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson		
1911	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen		
1912	†Dr. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody		
1913	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Cora Posey	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody		
1914	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody		
1915	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson		
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson		
1917	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson		
1918	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson		
1919	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson		

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Year	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND TREASURER
1920	†Mrs. Margaret L. 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	†Miss Cora Posey	†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	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1934	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1935	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Mrs. Florence Read	†Mrs. Florence Read	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1936	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1937	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1938	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1939	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1940	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Mrs. Viva Huffman	†Mrs. Viva Huffman	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1941	†Mrs. Viva S. Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1942	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1943	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1944	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker	†E.B. Gauntt	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1945	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1946	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1947	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Miss Blanche Earl
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1949	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gaudin	†Mrs. Lucile Dufter	†Mrs. Lucile Dufter	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Dufter	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†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 E. Schoverling	†Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1953	†Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	†Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles
1954	†Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1955	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Chas. E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1956	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	†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. Saily Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1969	†Mrs. Saily Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Frances Herrin	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1970	†Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	†J. Victor Jones	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1971	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill [†] Holmes	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1972	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill [†] Holmes	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop	†Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1973	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop	†Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neinaast	†Joseph B. Powell	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1974	†Mrs. Patricia Major Neinaast	†O.D. Christian	†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	†L.L. Weaver	†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	†Gene Belk	†Mrs. Lois Bell	†Gene Belk	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank
1982	†Mrs. Lois Bell	†Gene Belk	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	†Ralph A. Davis	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank
1983	†Mrs. Marjorie Johnson	†Ralph A. Davis	†Mrs. Beulah Speer	†Wayne P. Jones	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank
1984	†Mrs. Beulah Speer	†Wayne P. Jones	†Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Frances Burbank
1985	†Mrs. Elsie Paladino	†Arnold Paul	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†Leonard M. Ellington	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1986	†Mrs. Jean Nesbitt	†Leonard M. Ellington	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	†B.F. Hutson	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1987	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	†B. F. Hutson	†Mrs. Doris 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. Effie Mae Davis	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	†Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1990	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	†Graham H. Childress	†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	†Garland W. Rattan	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1993	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	†Charles Morris	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace

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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 Fentress	Ed Warner	Mrs. Alma Carter	Mrs. Betty Prater
2002	Mrs. Sharon Fentress	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
2008	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas	Ray Hertenberger	Mrs. Bess Caldwell	Bill Wyatt	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN
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AUDIT REPORT**

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Statements of Financial Position
August 31, 2009 and 2008

ASSETS		
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 255,387	\$ 91,640
Certificates of deposit	185,196	180,571
Accounts receivable	-	51,117
Accrued interest receivable	23,408	46,533
Merchandise inventory	36,159	31,379
Prepaid expenses	30,954	37,206
Real estate note receivable	-	<u>5,000</u>
Total current assets	531,104	443,446
Investments	2,636,036	2,868,917
Net property and equipment	63,852	37,962
Investments held in trust	2,504,423	2,413,958
Endowment investments	11,823,575	12,752,591
Other assets	76,963	<u>76,485</u>
Total other assets	<u>17,104,849</u>	<u>18,149,913</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 17,635,953</u>	<u>\$ 18,593,359</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable	\$ 58,223	\$ 56,791
Other accrued liabilities	3,404	7,578
Deferred income	184,835	183,244
Funds held for others	<u>2,504,153</u>	<u>2,413,688</u>
Total liabilities	2,750,615	2,661,301
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	5,209,254	6,257,273
Temporarily restricted	4,472	3,173
Permanently restricted	<u>9,671,612</u>	<u>9,671,612</u>
Total net assets	<u>14,885,338</u>	<u>15,932,058</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 17,635,953</u>	<u>\$ 18,593,359</u>

**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, 2009

	Care of Elderly	Educational Scholarships	Benevolence	Fraternal Activities	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs:							
Compensation	\$ 12,596	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,104	\$ -	\$ 108,739	\$ 128,439
Housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll taxes	950	-	-	536	-	8,203	9,689
	<u>13,546</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,942</u>	<u>138,128</u>
Care of the elderly							
Allowance to home members	14,962	-	-	-	-	-	14,962
Funeral	3,250	-	-	-	-	-	3,250
Infirmary and TMRC housing	840,116	-	-	-	-	-	840,116
Scholarships	-	38,000	-	-	-	-	38,000
Benevolence							
Chapter benevolence	-	-	110,871	-	-	-	110,871
Special funds	-	-	42,687	-	42,686	-	85,373
Fraternal activities							
Grand officer's examiner's committee	-	-	-	10,900	-	-	10,900
Grand session expense	-	-	-	87,465	-	-	87,465
Past Grand Matron Jewels	-	-	-	1,200	-	-	1,200
General Grand Chapter per capita	-	-	-	37,479	-	-	37,479
Endowed membership expense	-	-	-	20,464	-	-	20,464
Postage	322	-	-	13,194	-	11,235	24,751
Printing	-	-	-	85,379	-	-	85,379
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	1,389	1,389
Management and general							
Administrative fee	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	12,000
Auto	699	-	-	350	-	5,943	6,992
Depreciation	1,364	-	-	682	-	11,591	13,637
Insurance	6,872	-	-	3,186	-	54,165	64,223
Investment trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	28,664	28,664
Legal and professional	150	-	-	-	-	31,235	31,385
Computers and technology	1,000	-	-	2,616	-	7,567	11,183
Office supplies	-	-	-	3,291	-	8,539	11,830
Other	4,294	-	-	16,695	-	23,215	44,204
Rent	2,968	-	-	1,494	-	25,538	30,000
Repairs and maintenance	51	-	-	25	-	432	508
Telephone	369	-	-	186	-	3,137	3,692
Utilities	558	-	-	279	-	4,745	5,582
	<u>876,975</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>153,558</u>	<u>284,885</u>	<u>42,686</u>	<u>229,395</u>	<u>1,625,499</u>
	<u>\$ 890,521</u>	<u>\$ 38,000</u>	<u>\$ 153,558</u>	<u>\$ 292,525</u>	<u>\$ 42,686</u>	<u>\$ 346,337</u>	<u>\$ 1,763,627</u>

**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
Rent	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>

Photographs
from the
"Peace In His Kingdom"
127th Grand Chapter Session
Order of the Eastern Star

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Worthy Grand Matron

&

Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Worthy Grand Patron



Nicklas ~ Hendenberger Grand Chapter Session



2008-2009 Installed Grand Officers



Grand Chapter Installing Officers for 2008-2009



**Joyce Nicklas, Worthy
Grand Matron escorted by
Mary Ruth White,
Grand Conductress**



**Ray Hertenberger, Worthy
Grand Patron escorted by
Vi Griffin, Associate
Grand Conductress**



**Joyce Nicklas,
Worthy Grand Matron**



**Ray Hertenberger,
Worthy Grand Patron**



**Joyce Nicklas,
Worthy Grand Matron
Escorted by
David Nicklas**



**Ray Hertenberger,
Worthy Grand Patron
Escorted by
Doris Jones**



**Bess Caldwell,
Associate Grand Matron
Escorted by
Al Caldwell**



**Bill Wyatt,
Associate Grand Patron
Escorted by
Ann Wyatt**



**Nell Smith Drenner,
Grand Secretary
Escorted by
James Kirkpatrick**



**Betty Prater,
Grand Treasurer
Escorted by
Mike Biddler**



**Mary Ruth White,
Grand Conductress
Escorted by
Joe White**



**Vi Griffin,
Associate Grand
Conductress
Escorted by
Tommy Griffin**



**Betty Scott,
Grand Chaplain
Escorted by
Andrew Scott**



**Abi Freeman,
Grand Marshal
Escorted by
Bill Bane**



**Mary Harvey,
Grand Organist
Escorted by
Bob Stringer**



**Joanne Conner,
Grand Adah
Escorted by
Foy Watson**



**Sissy Furrie,
Grand Ruth
Escorted by
Mike Furrie**



**Vicki Hertenberger,
Grand Esther
Escorted by
Burley Jones**



**Sue Lockhart,
Grand Martha
Escorted by
Charles Kitchens**



**Edna Jefferies,
Grand Electa
Escorted by
Bert Hammack**



**Dwight Von Heeder,
Grand Warder
Escorted by
Delphia Von Heeder**



**Bill Vaughn,
Grand Sentinel
Escorted by
Wanda Vaughn**



**Toni Crawford,
Fraternal Correspondent
Escorted by
Monte Crawford**



**BOARD
OF
DIRECTORS**

**Lori Goldman,
Chairman
Escorted by
A.L. Casparis**



**Diane Davidson,
Vice Chairman
Escorted by
Richard Hancock**



**Terri Rozell,
Secretary
Escorted by
Paul Halpin**



**Arthur Drescher,
District 1
Escorted by
Marty Drescher**



**Jack Beall,
District 1
Escorted by
Charlotte Beall**



**Karen Kidd,
District 2
Escorted by
Horton Kidd**



**Keith Mikeworth,
District 2
Escorted by
Wanelle Mikeworth**



**Lorraine Williams,
District 3
Escorted by
Jimmy Williams**



**Mickie Campbell,
District 4
Escorted by
Robert Squires**



**Kathy Teele,
District 5
Escorted by
Claude Lindley**



**GRAND
EXAMINERS**

**Linda Puckett
District 1
Escorted by John Puckett**



**Cindy Echols
District 2
Escorted by
Tommy Echols**



**Cheryl Albrecht
District 3
Escorted by
Darrell Albrecht**



**Christine Armstrong
District 4
Escorted by
Dale French**



**Brenda Smith Costello
District 5
Escorted by
Terry Miller**



**Susan Bigham
At Large
Escorted by
Larry Bigham**



**Helen Higgins
Grand Chapter Sweetheart
Escorted by
James Walker**



**Freida Dillon
Grand Chapter Mom
Escorted by
Allen Duncan**



**Walter Bartlett
Grand Chapter Dad
Escorted by
Paulette Bartlett**



Left to Right:

Courtne Ridgway, niece of the WGM, presented the Bible Marker.

Rebecca Kelley, daughter of the WGM, presented the Square and Compasses.

Sarah and Paige Johnson, daughter and granddaughter of the WGM, presented the Holy Bible.



Worthy Grand Matron and her children Rowdy, Becky and Sarah.

THE 127th GRAND CHAPTER SESSION BEGINS

"Peace In His Kingdom" 127th Grand Chapter Session



Precision Drill



**Introductions: General Grand Chapter Officers
Rennie Ofton, Fred Clarke and Alma Lynn Bane**



General Grand Chapter Committee Members



Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas



**Installed Grand Officers
2008-2009**



District Deputy Grand Matrons

**Front to Back: Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron;
Charlotte Beall, District 1; Audri Rowell, District 2;
Leslie Keilberg, District 3; Sharon Mosmeyer, District 4;
Vickie Mathews, District 5; and Joyce Nicklas,
Worthy Grand Matron.**



Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas



Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, David Counts, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, and Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron



Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron, Rodney DeBaun, founder of the David Nicklas Organ Donor Awareness, and Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron



Rainbow for Girls



DeMolay



Donation to Scottish Rite Hospital for Children



Donation to Galveston Burn Hospital



Chapters UD

Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron; Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron; Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron; Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron and Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron



Grievance and Appeals

Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron; Wanda Fairchild, PGM; Rosemary Swetland, PGM; Leland Benefield, PGP and Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron



Jurisprudence

Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron; Geraldine Dusek, PGM; Elsie Paladino, PGM; Nancy Brown, PGM; Betty Benham, PGM; Alma Carter, PGM and Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron



Purposes and Policies

Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron; Doris Hester, PGM; Nelson Campbell, PGP; Jack Guy, PGP; Yvonne Brownfield, PGM and Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron



Board of Directors



Board of Grand Examiners

"Peace In His Kingdom" 127th Grand Chapter Session



Registration



Credentials



ESTARL



ESTARL Recipients



Education Committee



Museum Committee



**Section Review Committee
On Re-districting**



Cardinal Crew



District 1 Deputies



District 2 Deputies



District 3 Deputies



District 4 Deputies

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District 5 Deputies



Humanitarian Committee

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Humanitarian Drill





TMRC Residents



Fifty Year Members



Grand Choir



**Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Grand Matron listening to
Jerri Young play tunes from Disney.**



Spring Fling Committee



**Ray Hertenberger, Worthy Grand Patron; Joyce Nicklas,
Worthy Grand Matron and Alma Lynn Bane,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary &
Past Grand Matron of Texas**



**Larry Hart,
Chairman of
Arrangements
Committee,
presenting the
Worthy Grand
Matron with a
proclamation from
the State of Texas.**

**Donna Hill Pope,
Executive Committee,
Chairman and Jimmy
Williams, Executive
Committee, Co-
Chairman, presented
Flags that had flown
over the Capitol of
the United States to
Joyce Nicklas,
Worthy Grand
Matron and Ray
Hertenberger, Worthy
Grand Patron.**



**John Merk,
Co-Chairman of
Arrangements
Committee presented
Joyce Nicklas,
Worthy Grand
Matron and Ray
Hertenberger,
Worthy Grand
Patron with Flags
that had flown over
the Texas Capitol.**

Memorial Program Floral Tribute



Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Henry Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas, with a floral tribute to the losses of General Grand Chapter.



Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron of Texas, with a floral tribute to the losses of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.



Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron of Texas, with a floral tribute to the losses of Grand Chapter Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions.



Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas, escorted by Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron of Texas, with a floral tribute to the losses of Subordinate Chapter Members.



**Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron of Texas,
escorted by Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron of Texas,
with a floral tribute to the losses of our
United States Military.**



**Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron; Joyce Nicklas,
Worthy Grand Matron and Betty Benham,
Charter Committee of General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Matron of Texas**



Colin Hertenberger, grandson of our Worthy Grand Patron, Ray Hertenberger.



Worthy Grand Patron Family



**Worthy Grand
Matron's Family**

**Worthy Grand
Matron's daughter
and granddaughter –
Sarah and Paige**



**Worthy Grand Matron
Joyce Nicklas and her
grandchildren,
Ethan and Emily Nicklas.**





**PRESENTATION
OF
JEWELS**

**Bess Caldwell,
Worthy Grand Matron
to
Joyce Nicklas, Jr. Past
Grand Matron**



**Bill Wyatt,
Worthy Grand Patron
to
Ray Hertenberger,
Jr. Past Grand Patron**



Jr. Past Grand Matron, Joyce Nicklas and David Nicklas



**Jr. Past Grand Patron, Ray Hertenberger
and Vicki Hertenberger**



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*Cheerful thoughts, like sunbeams
Lighten up the darkest fears.
For when the heart is happy
There's just no time for tears.
And when the face is smiling
It's impossible to frown.
And when you are high-spirited
You cannot feel low-down.*

