

The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
128th Session

Love and Friendship
Across Texas
2009-2010

AMARILLO CONVENTION CENTER
AMARILLO, TEXAS

AUGUST 5, 6, 7, 2010



Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Bill Wyatt
Worthy Grand Patron

The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star

Extends Fraternal Greetings and
Welcomes you to the
One Hundred and Twenty Eighth

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Grand Secretary



THEME

Stars of Texas

AIM

To Continue Friendship

EMBLEM

Texas

COLORS

Black Burgundy,
Red, White & Blue

FLOWERS

Bluebonnet
Yellow Rose

SCRIPTURES

Love one another from the heart

1 Peter 1:22

Do no forsake your friends

Proverbs 27:10

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on
your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowl-
edge him and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star



*Mr. Bill Wyatt
Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star*



Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Maron of Texas



Mr. Fred Clarke
Most Worthy Grand Patron
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island



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



Elizabeth Bordeaux
Worthy Grand Chaplain and
Past Grand Matron of Vermont



Rosemary Swetland
Worthy Grand Organist
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

**2009—2012 TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
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PGP of Texas



H. LEE STALLINGS
Finance Chairman—Texas
PGP of Texas



KENNETH R. GREGORY
Co-Chairman—Texas
PGP of Texas



JERRY TREES
Housing Chairman—Texas
PGP of Texas

**2009—2012 TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



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Housing Co-Chairman—Texas
PGM of Texas



JANICE HERRIDGE
Executive Secretary and
Cardinal Crew
PM of Texas



BETTY Y. FRIEND
Social Chairman—Texas
PGM of Texas



JERRY L. MARTIN
Ambassador to Hawaii
PGP of Texas

**2009—2012 TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
APPOINTED COMMITTEES**



ELSIE PALADINO
Appeals & Grievances
Committee
PGM of Texas



BUDDY BAKER
Chapter Restoration
Committee
PGP of Texas



KAREN MORGENTHALER
Cancer Committee
PGM of Texas



DORIS JEAN HESTER
Credentials Committee
PGM of Texas

**2009—2012 TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
APPOINTED COMMITTEES**



ED WARNER
ESTARL Committee
PGP of Texas



WANDA FAIRCHILD
Membership Committee
United States Chairman
PGM of Texas



BILLY H. COMBEST
Knights Templar Charities
Committee – Chairman
PGP of Texas



NANCY BROWN
Pin Committee
Pin Distribution Chairman
PGM of Texas

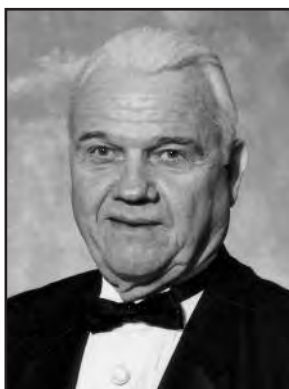
**2009—2012 TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
APPOINTED COMMITTEES**



ALMA CARTER
Registration Committee
United States Chairman
PGM of Texas



LELAND BENEFIELD
Unfinished Business
Committee
PGP of Texas



JACK W. GUY
Service Dog Committee
PGP of Texas

**2009—2012 TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
APPOINTED COMMITTEES**



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United States Chairman
PGM of Texas



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Registration Committee
PGP of Arizona



FRANKIE LITTLE
Necrology Committee
PGM of Iowa

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**



SYLVIA GARCIA
Deputies to the Most Worthy
Grand Matron & Most Worthy
Grand Patron in Mexico



RAUL GARCIA
Deputies to the MWGM &
MWGP in Mexico &
Central America



PHYLLIS MACON
International Grand Reps.
Association – President
Past Matron of Texas



DR. CHARLES W. "BILL" BANE
International Headquarters
Administrator
PP of Texas

**SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS OF THE
MWGM & MWGP**



GAY M. CARNES
Who's Who/Tri-Line Book,
Calendar & Souvenir Book and
Cardinal Crew
PM of Texas



LEATRIS LEGG
Secretary to the MWGM
PM of Texas



JERRY NEUENSCHWANDER
Choir Director
PP of Texas

CARDINAL CREW COMMITTEE



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Chairman
PM of Texas



MARY H. BEACH
PM of Texas



**GEORGIA
CAMPBELL**
PM of Texas



**BOBBE
CHAMBERLIN**
PM of Texas



**SARAH VALKUS
COURSEY**
PM of Texas



**KARL A.
DRESCHER, SR**
PP of Texas



EVA G. HICKS
PM of Texas



BETTY MARTIN
PM of Texas



OPAL MARTIN
PM of Texas

CARDINAL CREW COMMITTEE



BETTY MORRIS
PM of Texas



**SHARON MOSMEY-
ER**
PM of Texas



JANE ROBISON
PM of Texas



**PATRICIA "PAT"
STALLINGS**
PM of Texas



CLETA M. TODD
PM of Texas



JANELL TREES
PM of Texas



JOSEPH F. WHITE
PP of Texas



JAYNE YENGER
PM of Texas

In Memory of
Sister Virginia Lynn Green
Past Grand Matron
1992-93



Virginia Lynn Green was born July 30, 1936 and went to be with the Angels on February 6, 2010. Virginia was born in Dallas, Texas. She was married to her Soul Mate, Floyd. They are members of Mesquite Chapter No. 887 along with their daughter, Donna. Their grandchildren are Jennifer and Matthew. Virginia served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1992 – 1993. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and a faithful friend and touched many lives with her poetry and her generosity in service to others. We indeed were blessed by knowing this beautiful lady. We are a better people because of her life on this earth. Virginia Lynn Green celebrated life by her love and loyalty to her God, family, and her extended Eastern Star family, and will live in our hearts forever as we hear the Whispering of her Angel wings.

*She lives among the angels and bows at Jesus' feet
Cries Holy to the Lord and her Joy is now complete.*

As Worthy Grand Matron, she presided over the 111th Session, “The Whispering of Angel Wings” on November 4th, 1993, in the Dallas Convention Center. These words were taken from the “Whisper of Eternal Life Memorial Service.” The beautiful words of our Heavenly Father “I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” John 11:25:26.

This poem was read while The Worthy Grand Matron was lighting the PROMISE CANDLE:

*Those we love must someday pass
Beyond our present sight
Must leave us and the world we know
Without their beauty and their sight
But we know like a beautiful candle
Their glowing light will shine
To brighten up another place
More perfect...More divine.
And in the realms of Heaven
Where she will shine so warm and bright,
Our Dear One will live forever, in God's Eternal Light.*

Second Timothy, verse 4:7 could have been written especially for our Virginia. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me a crown of righteousness.” I shall always remember so many wonderful things about the years I knew her, but one thing that is edged in my mind and heart is her strength and her smile as she drew so near to her Heavenly departure. What a testimony of her Faith.

As we mourn the loss of Virginia, let us celebrate and remember the beautiful life she lived. We can pay no greater tribute to her, than to continue the work that she loved so much. She has left us a legacy that only God knows the depth, the height and the width.

“When we have lived our lives and wandered all our byways through. When we have seen all that we shall see and finished all that we shall do. When we take that backward glance to where our journey ends, I pray that you shall be as glad as I shall be that we were friends.”

Until we meet again in Heaven,
Joyce Gilbert, PGM

Tribute in Memory of
Mrs. Joyce Roberts
Past Grand Matron
1976-77



“When the setting sun has gone from sight.
We know it is still there.
For though the sky was darkened
The sun still shines somewhere.
When those we love have passed away
and gone from earthly sight,
We know the spirit still lives on -
in Gold’s love and His light.”

Joyce was born in Manchester, England, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Woodall. She attended Elementary and High School there and then attended Manchester College, England, where she studied Speech, English and Modern Language.

During World War Two Joyce witnessed the many terrors and heartaches of War. She worked as Secretary to the Test Pilots of Aviation Company, manned Radio Communications for the English National Guard and the local Red Cross. While working there she met a handsome U.S.A. soldier Joe Roberts, who became the love of her life. They married on December 4, 1943. Joe brought his beautiful English bride back to his home in the U.S.A. Joyce was proud to be an American and was appreciative of all the freedoms she enjoyed, but she always enjoyed going back to visit England.

Joyce was so proud of their only child, a son, Joseph Jr., a commercial artist, who preceded her in death. Joyce was known for her knowledge, beauty, and congenial attitude and for being an elegant lady with a special English accent that drew the attention and admiration of everyone.

She led an active and busy life working in the Episcopal Church, El Paso Women’s Club, the Women’s Department of the Chamber of Commerce, and other Civic Organizations in El Paso, and the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

In 1946 she joined Harmony Chapter #244 and served as Worthy Matron in 1958-59. After her term as Worthy Matron, her poise, talent and leadership ability was soon recognized by Grand Chapter. She served as Deputy Grand Matron, District Deputy Grand Matron, Grand Examiner-At-Large, Chairman International Temple, Chairman Fraternal Visitation then elected to Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Matron in 1976.

She and Mr. Perry Smithwick, Worthy Grand Patron, presided over her Grand Chapter Session “The Sun – A Source of Light-Life-Fruitfulness” which was held in the Civic Center in El Paso in 1977. Her year was called “DAYS-SPRING.” Her Emblem was the “Sun.”

Joyce always said that although she was not blessed with many relatives she enjoyed the Order as her extended family. Through-out the years many happy and precious memories were shared that will never be forgotten. Many strong bonds of love and friendship were also developed. This was exemplified by Sister Lorraine DeWeerd for the loving and compassionate care that she gave to Joyce when her health started to fail in recent years and she was no longer able to be the strong and self-supporting Lady that she had always been. Her dedication and commitment to the principles of our Order marked her life and gave witness to her trustful faith in an Almighty God.

Just as the shadows lengthened and beautiful rays of the setting SUN were reflected across the evening sky, God called Joyce to her Eternal Home to be with her husband Joe and son Jody who waited to greet her with love and open arms.

Today as we pay this Sincere Tribute to this beautiful Past Grand Matron and our cherished friend, we say “Thanks for the Memories.”

Beulah Speer
Past Grand Matron
(Grand Adah 1976-77)

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
Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron
International Grand Representatives Association's Elected Officers
Administrator International Headquarters and Secretary to Executive Committee

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 2009-2010

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron

Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist

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Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory, Executive Co-Chairman

H. Lee Stallings, Finance Chairman

Mr. Jerry Trees, Housing Chairman

Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Housing Co Chairman

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Social Chairman

Mr. Jerry L. Martin, Ambassador to Hawaii

Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Appeal & Grievances Committee

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Cancer Committee

Mr. Buddy Baker, Chapter Restoration Committee

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, Credentials Committee

Mr. Ed Warner, ESTARL Committee

Mr. Billy H. Combest, Knights Templar Charities Committee, Chairman

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Membership Committee, US Chairman

Mrs. Nancy Brown, Pin Distribution, US Chairman

Mrs. Alma Carter, Registration Committee, US Chairman

Mr. Jack W. Guy, Service Dog Committee, Texas and Louisiana

Mr. Leland Benefield, Unfinished Business Committee

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, Youth Committee, US Chairman

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus	Mr. Murray Watson
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	Mr. Wayne P. Jones
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast	Mr. Graham H. Childress
Mrs. Mary Brown	Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Mrs. Elise Hammack	Mr. Garland W. Rattan
Mrs. Beulah Speer	Mr. Richard Ochs
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham	Mr. Harold Trammell
Dr. Effie Mae Davis	Mr. Nelson Campbell
Mrs. Jane Gregory	Mr. John Creel
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Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahan	
Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	
Mrs. Joyce Nicklas	

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Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the MWGP in Mexico and Central America
Mrs. Phyllis J. Macon, President
International Grand Representative Association
Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Bane, International Headquarters Administrator
Mrs. Janice Herridge, Secretary to Executive Committee

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Associate Grand Matron



Mr. Art Drescher
Associate Grand Patron



Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Secretary



Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens
Grand Treasurer



Mrs. Vi Griffin
Grand Conductress



Mrs. Annette Curry
Associate Grand
Conductress



Mrs. Jean Thomas
Grand Chaplain



Mrs. Ann Wyatt
Grand Marshal



Mrs. Darla Dunaway
Grand Organist

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



Ms. Audri Rowell
Grand Adah



Mrs. Mary Calvert
Grand Ruth



Mrs. Glenda Story
Grand Esther



Mrs. Iris Lowe
Grand Martha



Mrs. Sue Barnes
Grand Electa



Mr. Donald L. Reynolds
Grand Warder



Mr. Ken Morford
Grand Sentinel



Mrs. Faye Murphy
Fraternal Correspondent

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Member, District 5

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District 5



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Grand Examiner At Large

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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Treasurer

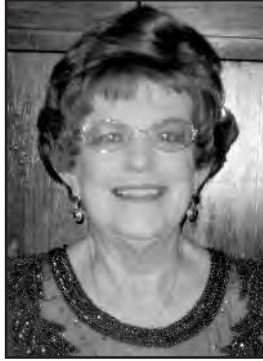


Mrs. Norma Graham
Auditor

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE



Mr. Carl Unlaub
Chairman



Mrs. Betty Unlaub
Secretary



Mrs. Marcia Benton
Housing Chairman



Mrs. Peggy Wright
Social/ Ticket Co-Chairman



Mrs. Sara Valkus Coursey
Credentials Chairman



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Chairman



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Ditty Bags Chairman



Mr. Mark Dieckmann
Election and Equipment
Chairman



Mr. Bobby Stringer
Electrical Sound/PA

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First Aid Chairman



Mr. J. Mac Benton
Labyrinth Co-Chairman



Mrs. Alma York
Paraphernalia



Mr. Michael Larson
Registration



Mr. Dewey Teague
Transportation



Mrs. Jane Clabaugh
Vendors Chairman



Mr. Cleo Ellison
Vidoe/Picture Session
Chairman



Mrs. Ophelia Ellison
Vidoe/Picture Session
Co-Chairman



Mr. Darrell Albrecht
Precision Drill Chairman

CEREMONIAL OPENING

Thursday Afternoon Session
August 5, 2010

“TEXAS PRIDE”

11:00 A.M. Musical Prelude	Mrs. Jackie Stogner Assisting Grand Organist
Special Music	Mr. Don Austin Arrangements Paraphernalia
Master of Ceremonies	Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham Past Grand Matron of Texas
Assisting Grand Marshal	Mrs. Beulah Speer Past Grand Matron of Texas

Processional of Distinguished Members and Guests
Presentation of Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members,
Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Chapter Sweetheart,
and Grand Chapter Mom and Dad

Grand Chapter Mom	Mrs. Dorothy White Escorted by Mr. Chuck Fisher
Grand Chapter Dad	Mr. Jack Johnson Escorted by Mrs. Barbara Johnson
Grand Chapter Sweetheart	Mrs. Billie Glover Escorted by Mr. Jerry Glover
Board of Grand Examiners	Mrs. Melissa Hudman, District 1 Escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman
	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. H. Lee Stallings
	Mrs. Brenda Smith Costello, District 5 Escorted by Mr. Mark Miller

	Mrs. Susan Bigham, At Large Escorted by Mr. Larry Bigham
Board of Directors	Miss Diane Davidson, Chairman Escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock
	Ms. Terri Rozell, Vice-Chairman Escorted by Mr. Paul Halpin
	Mr. Keith Mikeworth, Secretary Escorted by Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth
	Mrs. Betty Scott, District 1 Escorted by Mr. Andrew Scott
	Mrs. Karen Kidd, District 2 Escorted by Mr. Horton Kidd
	Mrs. Lorraine Williams, District 3 Escorted by Mr. Jimmy Williams
	Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, District 4 Escorted by Mr. Sunny Wise
	Mrs. Kathy Teele, District 5 Escorted by Mr. Claude Lindley
	Mr. Ron Zipp, District 5 Escorted by Mrs. Sandra Zipp
Fraternal Correspondent	Mrs. Faye Murphy Escorted by Mr. Mike Murphy
Grand Sentinel	Mr. Ken Morford Escorted by Mrs. Debara Perry
Grand Warder	Mr. Donald Reynolds Escorted by Mrs. Barbara Reynolds
Grand Electa	Mrs. Sue Barnes Escorted by Mr. Charlie 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. Bert Kniseley
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. Victor Christenson
Associate Grand Conductress	Mrs. Annette Curry Escorted by Mr. Jerry Davis
Grand Conductress	Mrs. Vi Griffin Escorted by Mr. Tommy Griffin
Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Lorrie Owens Escorted by Mr. Jerry 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 White
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Bill Wyatt Escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Wyatt
Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Bess Caldwell Escorted by Mr. Al Caldwell

Presentations

The Holy Bible	Ms. Audri Rowell Daughter of the Worthy Grand Matron
Bible Marker	Mrs. Brenda Jones Sister-In-Law of the Worthy Grand Patron
Square and Compasses	Mr. Greg Wyatt Son of the Worthy Grand Patron

Flags

United States	Mr. Jerry Trees Executive Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas
Canada	Mr. Frederick W. Clarke Most Worthy Grand Patron General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia
Texas	Mr. Richard Ochs Past Grand Patron of Texas
Christian	Mr. Harold Trammell Past Grand Patron of Texas
Eastern Star	Mr. Robert Brownfield Escort to the Past Grand Matron
Masonic	Mr. David B. Dibrell Past Grand Master of Texas

1:00 P.M. Call to Order

Mrs. Yvonne S. Brownfield
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Executive Committee,
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Welcome to Amarillo

Mr. Kris Miller
Executive Committee Chairman

Presentations and Greetings

Proclamation from the Office of the Governor

Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Executive Committee,
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Mayor, City of Amarillo

Mrs. Debra McCart

Amarillo Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Gary Molbert

Amarillo Convention and Visitor's Bureau

Mr. Rick Matchett

Amarillo Civic Center

Mr. Sherman Bass

Texas Masonic Retirement Center Board of Trustees

Mr. Orville O'Neill
Chairman

Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo

Mrs. Jan Reid
Executive Director

West Texas Rehabilitation Center

Mr. Woody Gilliland
President / CEO

American Heart Association

Mrs. Krista Markham
President Developing, Texas / New Mexico

Cancer Research of Amarillo

Mr. Jason McCoy
Regional Vice President Panhandle

Greetings	Mrs. Marlene Dibrell Inspector, International Order of Rainbow for Girls
	Miss Laura Pearson Grand Worthy Advisor International Order of Rainbow for Girls
Greetings	Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, Jr. Grand Sr. Councilor and State Executive Officer
	Mr. Aaron Ingersoll State Master Councilor International Order of DeMolay
Greetings	Honorable Orville O'Neill Most Worshipful Grand Master Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.
Partial Report of the Credentials Committee	Mrs. Sarah V. Coursey Credentials Committee Chairman
<p>“Our Beautiful Texas” Drill Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages Directed by Mrs. Ann Wyatt Grand Marshal</p>	
<p>ALL WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR WILL PLEASE RETIRE AT THIS TIME</p>	
Precision Drill	Directed by Mr. Darrell Albrecht Grand Page to Worthy Grand Patron
RITUALISTIC CEREMONIAL OPENING	Installed Grand Officers
Opening Ode: “One Day at a Time”	Grand Choir and Assembly Directed by Mrs. Caron Joseph Grand Choir Director
Flag Presentation	Mrs. Ann Wyatt Grand Marshal
Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Bill Wyatt Worthy Grand Patron

The National Anthem

Grand Choir and Assembly
Directed by Mrs. Caron Joseph
Grand Choir Director

Song: "O Canada"

Mrs. Lesa Smith
Grand Soloist District Three

Filling Vacancies on Committees

FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron
Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons
Elected and Installed Officers of General Grand Chapter
General Grand Chapter Committee Members
General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members
Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas
Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand
Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.
Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of
Other Grand Jurisdictions
Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron
General Grand Chapter Special Appointees
International Grand Representatives Association's Elected Officers
Administrator of the International Headquarters
Secretary to the Executive Committee
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
Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Cardinal Crew
Grand Committee Members and Appointments of
Other Grand Jurisdictions
Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of Appendant Bodies
Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations

Welcome and Greetings

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

Response—Other Grand Jurisdictions

Mrs. Selloise Basinger
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Mississippi

Greetings Other Grand Jurisdictions

Mrs. Leatrice Massey
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Oklahoma

Song: "I'll Fly Away"

Grand Choir and Assembly
Directed by Mrs. Caron Joseph
Grand Choir Director

Benediction

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend
Social Chairman, General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Vi Griffin
Grand Conductress

Session Called from Labor to Rest

Grand Representatives Drill and Program

Mrs. Faye Murphy
Fraternal Correspondent

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

**Please join us this evening for
Dinner and the Texas Play
6:30 P.M.
Palo Duro Canyon**

**Friday Morning Session
August 6, 2010**

“Our Hope for Texas” Session

8:00 A.M. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jackie Stogner
Assisting Grand Organist

8:30 A.M. Call to Order

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Membership Committee, US Chairman
General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Leland Benefield
Unfinished Business, General Grand
Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas

“Our Beautiful Texas” Drill Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages

Directed by Mrs. Ann Wyatt
Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Invocation

Mrs. Rosemary Swetland
Worthy Grand Organist
General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Song: “Texas Our Texas”

Mrs. Caron I. Joseph
Grand Choir Director

Session Called from Rest to Labor

Reports:

Parliamentarian
Credentials
Chapters Under Dispensation

Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw
Mrs. Sarah V. Coursey, Chairman
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Membership Committee, US Chairman
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

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

Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Mr. Bill Wyatt
Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner
Mrs. Lorrie Owens
Miss Diane Davidson, Chairman
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham, Chairman
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Grievances and Appeals

Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Chairman
Past Grand Patron of Texas

By-Laws

Mrs. Mary Evelyn Swanson, Chairman

Benediction

Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Housing Co-Chairman
General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Vi Griffin
Grand Conductress

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

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

**Friday Afternoon Session
August 6, 2010**

“The Splendor of Texas” Sessions

1:15 p.m. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jackie Stogner
Assisting Grand Organist

1:30 p.m. Call to Order

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

Mr. Henry S. Martin
Executive Committee, Chairman
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of Texas

“Our Beautiful Texas” Drill Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages

Directed by Mrs. Ann Wyatt
Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Session Called From Rest to Labor

Reports, continued:

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

International Headquarters

Mr. Horton Kidd, Chairman
Mrs. Yvonne S. Brownfield, Chairman
Past Grand Matron of Texas
Mr. Trey Smith, Chairman

OES Endowment

Mr. John Creel, Chairman

Past Grand Patron of Texas

Titles, Deeds and Properties

Mr. Farris Benham, Chairman

Museum

Mrs. Nell Casparis, Chairman

Webmaster

Mr. Jack York, Chairman

Financial Investment

Mr. Reese L. Harrison, Jr., Chairman

Texas Cardinals

Mr. Jerry L. Martin, Chairman

Past Grand Patron of Texas

HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer

General Chairman

District Chairmen

District 1

Mrs. Shelley Walker

District 2

Mrs. Faye Percy

District 3

Mrs. Margaret Wood

District 4

Mrs. Marceline Crenshaw

District 5

Mrs. Jo Anne Conner

Presentation of One Hundred Percent Humanitarian Chapters

Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons,

Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons

“Gifts As Big As Texas” Drill

Directed by Mrs. Ann Wyatt, Grand Marshal

Benediction

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler

Cancer Awareness Committee

General Grand Chapter and

Past Grand Matron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Vi Griffin

Grand Conductress

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

Please plan to attend our ESTARL and Memorial programs

this evening

GIFTS AS BIG AS **TEXAS**

HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM 2009-2010



THE LONE STAR STATE

T represents **TMRC**

E represents **ESTARL**

X represents **EXTRA MONEY FOR GENERAL FUND**

A represents **BENEVOLENT AID**

S represents **EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

“TEXAS”

HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

MRS. SHARON MOSMEYER
HUMANITARIAN, GENERAL CHAIRMAN

PRESENTATION OF 100% CHAPTERS
REPRESENTED BY
WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS
JUNIOR PAST MATRONS AND PATRONS

GIFTS AS BIG AS “TEXAS”
HUMANITARIAN DRILL
PRESENTED BY:

ANN WYATT,
GRAND MARSHAL

HUMANITARIAN CHAIRMEN:

DISTRICT 1:	MRS. SHELLEY WALKER
DISTRICT 2:	MRS. FAYE PEARCY
DISTRICT 3:	MRS. MARGARET WOOD
DISTRICT 4:	MRS. MARCELINE CRENSHAW
DISTRICT 5:	MRS. JOANNE CONNER

**Friday Evening Session
August 6, 2010**

“Shining Stars of Texas”

7:00 P.M. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jackie Stogner
Assisting Grand Organist

7:30 P.M. Call to Order

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Credential Committee, General Grand
Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Jack Guy
Service Dog Committee, Texas/Louisiana
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of Texas

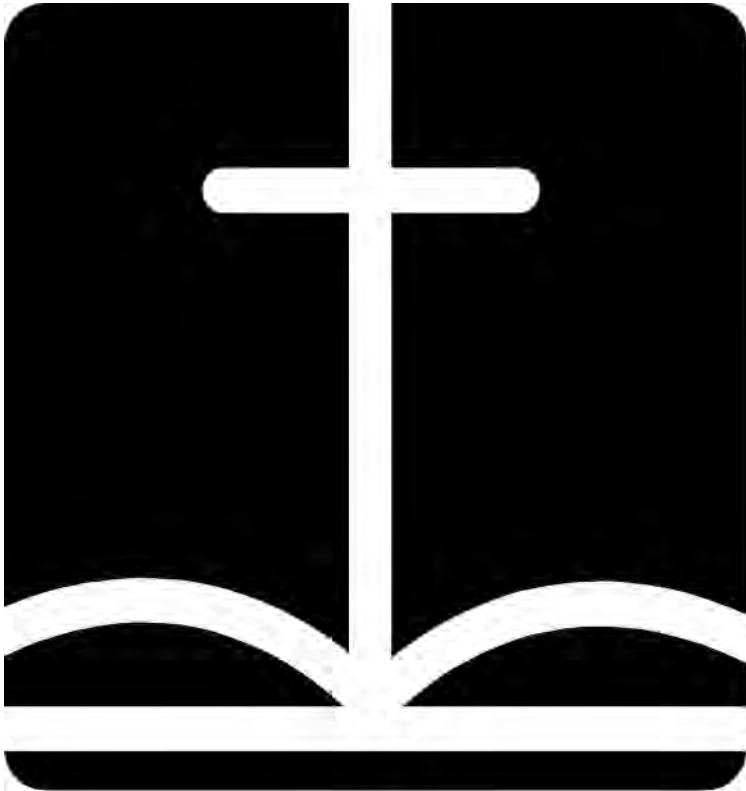
And I say unto you; Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall be opened unto you
Luke 11:9

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

Stand Tall in your Faith

ESTARL Program

Janlen Waclawczyk, General Chairman



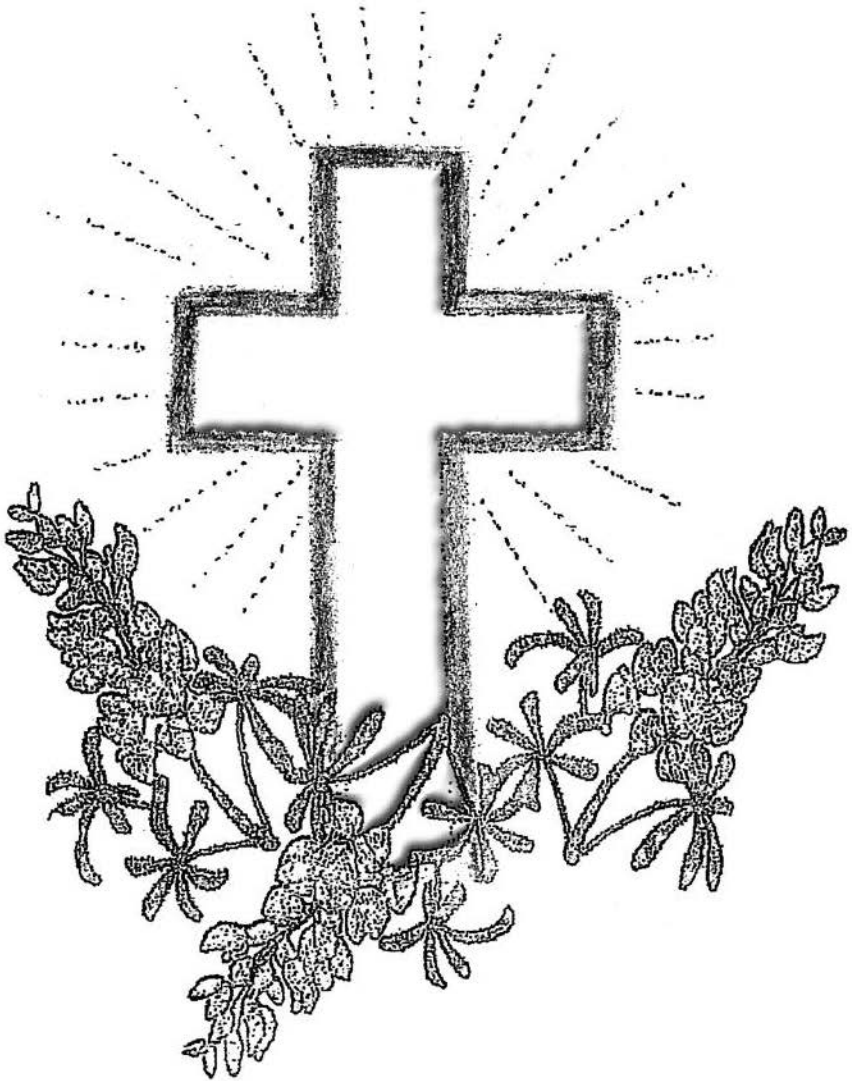
Bess Caldwell
Worthy Grand Matron

Bill Wyatt
Worthy Grand Patron

Musical Prelude	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert Youth Organization, US Chairman General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas
Welcome	Mrs. Janlen Waclawczyk General Chairman
ESTARL Committee	Mrs. Michelle Stegman, District 1 Mrs. Jerri Young, District 2 Miss Rose Ann Lowery, District 3 Mrs. Carolyn Black, District 4 Mrs. Vicki Smith, District 5
Invocation	Mr. Ryan Dennis, Recipient, District 2
Musical Selection	Miss Rebecca Clark Recipient, District 1 Accompaniment Mrs. Joyce Gilbert Youth Organizations, US Chairman General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas
Scripture Reading	Mr. Kristopher Redus, Recipient, District 4
Message	Miss Mireya Martinez, Recipient, District 3
Musical Selection	Mrs. Kristy Mumme, District 5 Soloist
Offertory Prayer	Mr. Ryan Dennis, Recipient, District 2
Offertory Music	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert Youth Organizations, US Chairman General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas

ESTARL LOVE OFFERING

Greetings and Presentation of Awards	Mrs. Bess Caldwell Worthy Grand Matron Mr. Bill Wyatt Worthy Grand Patron
Response from Recipients	Miss Rebecca Clark, Recipient, District 1
Benediction	Mr. Kristopher Redus, Recipient, District 4



*“In God’s Morning Light”
Memorial*

Musical Prelude	Mrs. Jackie Stogner Assisting Grand Organist
Narration	Mrs. Jean Thomas Grand Chaplain
Morning Has Broken” Memorial Drill	Mrs. Ann Wyatt Grand Marshal Installed Grand Officers, Grand Pages
“The Old Rugged Cross”	Mrs. Lesa Smith Grand Soloist, District 3
Invocation	Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham Past Grand Matron
Dedication	Grand Chaplain
Report of the Grand Chaplain	
Tribute to General Grand Chapter	Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Rennie Ofton Right Worthy Grand Matron, GGC And Past Grand Matron of Texas Escorted by Mr. Glenn Whitaker Past Grand Patron
Tribute to Grand Chapter	Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Elise Hammack Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Nelson Campbell Past Grand Patron
“It is Well Within My Soul”	Mrs. Kristy Mumme Grand Soloist, District 5
Tribute to Subordinate Chapters	Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Bess Caldwell Worthy Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt Worthy Grand Patron

Tribute to the United States Military	Grand Chaplain
Floral Presentation	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas Past Grand Matron
	Escorted by Mr. Ray Hertenberger Past Grand Patron
Taps	Mrs. Becky Austin Grand Page to Grand Marshal
Opening of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Vi Griffin Grand Conductress
Draping of the Altar	Mrs. Vi Griffin Grand Conductress
	Mrs. Annette Curry Associate Grand Conductress
	Mrs. Jean Thomas Grand Chaplain
“Amazing Grace”	Mrs. Caron I. Joseph Grand Choir Director
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Vi Griffin Grand Conductress
Benediction “The Lord’s Prayer”	Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir PM Franklin 311

Please retire reverently

Special and utmost thanks to Marcia Benton for arranging the use of the Christmas trees and to her and her husband Mac for bringing them to the convention center. I shall be ever grateful to such loving and dedicated members. A donation has been made to their church for the use of the trees. The Saturday Morning Session will begin at 8:30 A.M.

*Following the Memorial Program
all participants are requested to remain for the
Rehearsal of the 2010-2011 Installation of Grand Officers*

Saturday Morning Session
“Standing Tall in Texas” Session
August 7, 2010

8:00 A.M. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jackie Stogner
Assisting Grand Organist

8:30 A.M. Call to Order

Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Appeals and Grievances
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Nelson Campbell
Past Grand Patron of Texas

“Our Beautiful Texas” Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Grand Pages

Directed by Mrs. Ann Wyatt
Grand Marshal

Precision Drill

Directed by Mr. Darrell Albrecht
Grand Page to Worthy Grand Patron

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Vi Griffin
Grand Conductress

Invocation

Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Special Music “The Eyes of Texas”

Grand Choir
Directed by Mrs. Caron Joseph
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
Final Registration Report

Mrs. Sarah V. Coursey Chairman
Mr. Mike Larson, 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

Special Music	Mr. Don Austin Arrangements – Paraphernalia
Appreciation and Recognition of Executive and Arrangements Committees for 2009-2010	Mrs. Bess Caldwell Worthy Grand Matron
Recognition and Presentations	Mrs. Bess Caldwell Worthy Grand Matron
Invitation to the 2010-2011 Grand Chapter Session	Mr. Mark Dieckmann Executive Committee Chairman
Election Results	Mrs. Bess Caldwell Worthy Grand Matron
Benediction	Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker Chapter Restoration Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Vi Griffin Grand Conductress

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

**Please join us for the 2010-2011
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. Bess Caldwell	Mrs. Joyce Ball, Secretary Mrs. Kathy Paschal Mrs. Pat Winkleblack Miss Jerre Miller Mrs. Toni Crawford Mrs. Sandra Zipp
Worthy Grand Patron—Mr. Bill Wyatt	Mrs. Carol Jackson, Secretary Mr. Ken Jackson Mr. Darrell A. Albrecht Mr. Rex Parkison
Associate Grand Matron—Mrs. Mary Ruth White	Mrs. Cathi Cannon, Secretary Mrs. Patsy Duke Mrs. Frances Johnson Mrs. Nadine Kennedy Miss Leslie Lowry Mrs. Judy Tucker
Associate Grand Patron—Mr. Arthur Drescher	Mrs. Linda Carney, Secretary Mr. Leroy Carpenter Mr. Karl Drescher, Sr. Mr. Gary Drescher Mr. John Searson
Grand Secretary—Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Marlene Scholari Mrs. Tina Stevens Mrs. Gerda Weathers
Grand Treasurer—Mrs. Lorrie Owens	Mrs. Kay Ballentine Mrs. Ethel Dammann Mrs. Bertie M. Loveall Mrs. Linda Rae Mason
Grand Conductress—Mrs. Vi Griffin	Mrs. Dorris Clegg, Secretary Mrs. Robbie Abshere Mrs. Paulette Bartlett Mrs. Betty Fogarty Miss Melanie Rayners Mrs. Sue Shoemaker
Associate Grand Conductress—Mrs. Annette Curry	Mrs. Barbara Martin, Secretary Mrs. Doreen Cardin Mrs. Kathy Crews Mrs. Donna Noël Mrs. Durand Walker
Grand Chaplain—Mrs. Jean Thomas	Mrs. Linda Winn Christenson Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild Ms. Lori M. Goldman

Marshal—Mrs. Ann Wyatt

Mrs. Becky Austin
Mrs. Debra S. Fincher
Mrs. Donna Herrington

Grand Organist—Mrs. Darla Dunaway

Mrs. Kay Hale
Mrs. Paula James
Mrs. Billie Wilk Perdue

Grand Adah—Ms. Audri Rowell

Mrs. Dawn Larson
Mrs. Joyce Malar
Mrs. Carla Stringer

Grand Ruth—Mrs. Mary Calvert

Mrs. Lavelle Ford
Mrs. Allen Milky
Mrs. Debbie Mulholland

Grand Esther—Mrs. Glenda Story

Mrs. Dorothy Angermiller
Mrs. Sadie Pool
Mrs. Nancy C. Storey
Mrs. Jewel “Julie” Wolfe

Grand Martha—Mrs. Iris Lowe

Mrs. Janelle Lowe
Mrs. Gay Sauer
Mrs. Susan D. Seltzer

Grand Electa—Mrs. Sue Barnes

Mrs. Claudette Carroll
Mrs. Patsy Hewlett
Mrs. Rita Lytle

Grand Warder—Mr. Donald Reynolds

Mrs. Charles Fisher
Mr. Albert Coleman

Grand Sentinel—Mr. Ken Morford

Mr. Floyd E. Hall
Mr. George M. Kinner
Mr. Robert R. Schier
Col. John P. Thomas, Retired

**ASSISTING GRAND WARDERS AND
ASSISTING GRAND SENTINELS**

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

Please report to
Barbara L. Reynolds, Chairman
for your assignment.

Please do not leave your station unattended.

THANK YOU!

ASSISTING GRAND WARDERS

Kim Lacy
Judy Parsons
Tamela Hennington
Melissa A Adams
Yvonne Smith
Judy Caldwell

ASSISTING GRAND SENTINELS

Verl Tramel
Roy Parsons
George Skinner
Floyd Hall
Randon Reaves
Skip Smith

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kris Miller Chairman
Mrs. Marjorie Errington Haynes Co-Chairman
Mrs. Jessie Kinsey Secretary
Mrs. Martha Hover Treasurer
Mrs. Norma Graham Auditor

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Carl Unlaub General Chairman
Mrs. Betty Lou Unlaub Secretary
Mr. Richard Izatt Security Chairman
Mr. Larry Bigham Security Co-Chairman
Mrs. Jane Clabaugh Exhibits and Vendors Chairman
Mr. William Clabaugh Exhibits and Vendors Co-Chairman
Mrs. Peggy Wright Social Division /Ticket Chairman
Mrs. Shirley Ratton Social Division/Ticket Co-Chairman
Mrs. Barbara Trayler Distinguished Guests Chairman
Mrs. Barbara Ochs Distinguished Guests Co-Chairman
Mr. James M. Kelley Distinguished Ushers Chairman
Mrs. JaNet Lindsey Ditty Bags Chairman
Mr. Mark Dieckmann Election and Equipment Chairman
Mr. Ron Harris Electrical
Mr. Bobby Stringer Electrical/PA Chairman
Mrs. Georgia Orr First Aid Chairman
Mrs. Nadine Wilson First Aid Co-Chairman
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham General Banquet Chairman
Mrs. Nell Casparis Grand Representatives Breakfast
Chairman
Mrs. Marcia Benton Housing Chairman
Mrs. Michele Romaine Information, Lost and Found Chairman
Mr. J. Mac Benton Labyrinth Chairman
Mrs. Alma York Paraphernalia Chairman
Mrs. Jeanne Freedman Special Needs Chairman
Mrs. Jane Ramos Special Needs Co-Chairman
Mrs. Janice Kelley Stage Pages Chairman
Mrs. Betty Morgan Steno Chairman
Mr. Cleo Ellison Video and Pictures Session Chairman
Mrs. Ophelia Ellison Video and Pictures Session Co-Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Sarah V. Coursey, Chairman
Mrs. Ginger Byrd Mrs. Margie Curry
Mr. Ben Day Mrs. Tonya Foster
Mrs. Betty Kitchen Mrs. Vickie Mathews
Mrs. Barbara Wood

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Mike Larson, Chairman
Mr. Dallas Alford, Co-Chairman

Mrs. Elaine Batchelor	Mrs. Emily Biddler
Mrs. Loretta Booth	Mr. Sherry Dieckmann
Mrs. Ann W. Dunn	Mrs. Betty Hancock
Miss Terri Hugo	Mrs. Deneice Marshall
Mrs. Shelia Nowell	Mr. David Ouellette
Mrs. Brenda D. Ruiz	Mrs. Jo Ann Snow

Mrs. Karen Wright

GOD LIVES IN TEXAS

The Stars at night are high and bright,
There is a reason for that you know
God is like the Texas Starry night
And lights our path wherever we go
He is our protector, our strength and our sight
If we only trust Him, He is all we ever need,

God placed us here to care for the land
He created Texas with His own hand
God put us here to work and grow.
God lives in me and I live in Texas
Don't you know.

William Clabaugh

GENERAL INFORMATION

NO CREDENTIALS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER 9:00 AM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010. (Code of Laws, Article 2, Page 51: The Credentials Committee shall convene not later than 8:00 o'clock on the election morning for the registration of late-comers, but registration of voting delegates shall close at 9:00 o'clock on election morning.)

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

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

Registration Fees are non-refundable.

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

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

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

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

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

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS:

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

Schedule:

Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards with escorts during Opening.

Installed Grand Officers and Pages during Thursday session.

Installed Grand Officers and Pages following Friday afternoon session.

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

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

HUMANITARIAN DRILL: All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons of Chapters participating in the Humanitarian Program for 2009-2010 are invited to participate in the Humanitarian Drill on Friday evening. Ladies, please wear a long dress and gentlemen, please wear a dark suit or tux.

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

PROJECT ITEMS: Merchandise for 2009-2010, 2010-2011, Texas Cardinals and Youth Organizations outside the Grand Chapter Room.

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

VENDORS: The Exhibits are located in the South Exhibit Hall. Hours are: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 8:00 A.M. – noon. Vendors offer a variety of items: jewelry, formals, badges, Eastern Star supplies, Masonic jewelry, cosmetics, and many other items.

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

RESIDENTS OF TMRC: All members will be recognized on Saturday morning. Please be seated in the designated area.

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

PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR GRAND CHAPTER

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

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

8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment, then the original motion as amended.
 9. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. The three-minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection.
 10. A majority vote shall determine all questions, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called. Voting Delegates will hold up the blue card—Chapter Representatives will hold up the red 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.

**128th “FRIENDSHIP & LOVE ACROSS TEXAS”
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS SESSION, OES
Amarillo Civic Center, Amarillo, Texas
SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR**

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2010

9:00 am Executive and Arrangements and subcommittee chairs review setup plan at Amarillo Civic Center.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010

9:00 am Move into Amarillo Civic Center: Executive, Arrangements, Registration and Credentials Committees (ALL MEMBERS) move into Civic Center and begin to set up for Grand Chapter Continue set up.

7:00 pm **“RHINESTONE RIATA”** Installed Grand Officers Banquet
Location: Ambassador Hotel, San Jacinto Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2010

9:00 am **ARRANGEMENTS SETUP:** All Arrangements Committee members will continue to set up for Grand Chapter.

9:00 am Vendor area will be available for Vendor set up. Location: Civic Center South Exhibit Hall.

10:00 am- **REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS** open for registration. Amarillo 5:00 pm
Civic Center, Main Floor Plaza north of Coliseum

10:30 am **PAST GRANDS OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING**
Ambassador Hotel

11:00 am **“STANDING TALL AND TEXAS PROUD”** Deputies of 2009-2010 Grand Chapter luncheon. Ambassador Hotel – Trinity Room

12:00noon **“PRIDE OF TEXAS”** Past Grant Matrons and Past Grand Patrons luncheon. Ambassador Hotel – Canadian Room

12:00noon - Hospitality Room for Distinguished Guests and Grand Representatives
3:00 pm open. Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room South West

12:00noon - Vendor area open. Amarillo Civic Center, South Exhibit Hall
5:00 pm

1:30 pm Drill Practice. Amarillo Civic Center, Coliseum

2:00 pm - PAGO reception. Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room North West
3:00 pm

3:00 pm Grand Choir practice. Amarillo Civic Center, Coliseum

- 5:00 pm Reception for Distinguished Guests hosted by Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron honoring Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, GGC. Open to General Grand Chapter officers and committee members, Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members. Amarillo Civic Center, Hallway South of Heritage Room.
- 6:30 pm ***“LUMINOUS LIGHTS” General Banquet*** – open to membership. Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2010

- 7:00 am ***“HERE’S DA POSSE”*** Grand Warders and Sentinels Breakfast. Amarillo Civic Center, Regency Room A
- 8:00 am - Registration and Credential open for registration. Amarillo Civic Center,
5:00 pm Main Floor Plaza north of Coliseum
- 8:00 am - Grand Examination Room open. Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room
10:00 am North West
- 8:00 am - Vendor area open. Amarillo Civic Center, South Exhibit Hall
5:00 pm
- 8:30 am ***“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE”*** Grand Representatives breakfast. Amarillo Civic Center, Grand Plaza
- 9:00 am - Distinguished Guests/Grand Representatives Hospitality Room open.
12:00 pm Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room South West
- 9:30 am ***“BACK TOGETHER/PEACEFUL KINGDOM”*** Junior Past Grand Matron brunch. Open to 2008-2009 Grand Family, spouses and traveling companions, Amarillo Civic Center, Regency Room B.
- 11:30 am 128th “Session of Grand Chapter of Texas informal opening (formal wear). Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum
- 1:00 pm 128th Session of Grand Chapter of Texas formal opening (formal wear). Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum
- 6:00 pm Leave Amarillo to Palo Duro Canyon for evening meal and “Texas” show. (Rob Morris celebration) (board buses at hotel – you must sign up to ride the bus!)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2010

- 6:30 am ***“RISING STARS OVER TEXAS”*** Worthy Grand Matron, Board Members and Committee members breakfast. Amarillo Civic Center, Regency Room A
- 6:30 am ***“NEW BEGINNINGS”*** Grand Secretary/Treasurer breakfast. Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room
- 8:00 am Distinguished Guests/Grand Representatives Hospitality Room open.
10:00 am Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room South West

- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration and Credential open for registration. Amarillo Civic Center, Main Floor Plaza north of Coliseum
- 8:00 am- 9:00 am Grand Examination Room open. Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room North West
- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Vendor area open. Amarillo Civic Center, South Exhibit Hall
- 8:30 am Grand Chapter session resumes. Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum
- 12:00 noon **“BLUEBONNETS GALORE”** luncheon honoring Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Amarillo Civic Center, Grand Plaza
- 12:00 noon **“GARDENS OF IRISES”** luncheon honoring Associate Grand Matron. Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room
- 12:00 noon **“BELIEVE”** luncheon honoring Grand Conductress. Amarillo Civic Center, Regency Room A.
- 12:00 noon **“DREAM MAKERS SAFARI”** luncheon honoring Associate Grand Conductress. Amarillo Civic Center, Regency Room B.
- 1:30 pm Grand Chapter Session resumes. Humanitarian Report and Drill (Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons, Junior Past Patrons). Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum. (assemble on Coliseum main floor behind Grand West)
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Grand Examination Room open. Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room North West
- 5:30 pm **District I Banquet “Pride of Texas Stars”** - Amarillo Civic Center, Regency Room A
District II Banquet “West Texas Love State” - Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza
District III Banquet “Beautiful, Beautiful Texas” - Amarillo Civic Center, Regency Room B
District IV Banquet “Birthplace of Texas” - Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room
District V Banquet “Texas Sunset” - Amarillo Civic Center, North Exhibit Hall
- 7:30 pm Grand Chapter Session resumes. This session includes ESTARL and Memorial Programs. Location: Amarillo Globe News Performing Arts Center (west across the street from Civic Center). (practice for installation immediately after at Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010

- 6:30 am **“IRISES IN BLOOM”** breakfast honoring Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron. Amarillo Civic Center, Grand Plaza
- 7:00 am - 9:00 am Registration and Credentials open. Amarillo Civic Center, Main Floor Plaza north of Coliseum

- 8:00 am Grand Examination Room open. Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room
- 8:30 am North West Grand Chapter Session resumes. This session includes Elections, Introduction of TMRC Residents and 50 Year Member recognition. Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum
- 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Vendor area open
- 6:00 pm Grand Chapter Session – Installation of 2010-2011 Grand Officers. Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2010

- 8:00 am “A New Texas Flower Blooming” breakfast honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Amarillo Civic Center, Grand Plaza.

2010 GRAND CHAPTER MUSICAL SELECTIONS

OPENING ODE

BECAUSE HE LIVES

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove
my Savior lives.
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

CLOSING ODE

THE EYES OF TEXAS

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

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!
Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.
When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires
of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar
in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence
by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom
that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy,
let us live to make men free;
While God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

He is coming like the glory
of the morning on the wave,
He is wisdom to the mighty,
He is honor to the brave;
So the world shall be His footstool,
and the soul of wrong His slave,
Our God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

IN THE GARDEN

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain :

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

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

Refrain

PRECIOUS LORD TAKE MY HAND

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain :

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffer'ing and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will talk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.

Refrain

Soon we'll reach the silver river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Refrain

HE TOUCHED ME

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

Oh He touched me, oh He touched me
 And oh what a joy that floods my soul
Something happened and now I know
 He touched me and made me whole.

Oh since I met this blessed Savior
 And since he cleaned and made me whole
Oh I never cease, never cease to praise Him
 I'll shout it while eternity rolls

Oh He touched me, oh He touched me
 And oh what a joy that floods my soul
Something happened and now I know
 He touched me and made me whole.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Oh Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hands have made
 I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed

Then sings my soul
My Saviour, God, to Thee
How great thou art
How great thou art
Then sings my soul
My Saviour, God, to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

When Christ shall come
With shouts of adulation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
 Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim My God
How great Thou art

Then sings my soul
My Saviour, God, to Thee
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Then sings my soul
My Saviour, God, to Thee
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I'LL FLY AWAY

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away.

Chorus:

I'll fly away, oh Glory
I'll fly away in the morning
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 these prison walls I'll fly
I'll fly away.

Chorus:

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end
I'll fly away.

Chorus:

When I die Hallelujah, by and by I'll fly away...

ONE DAY AT A TIME

I'm only human, I'm just a woman.
Help me believe in what I could be
And all that I am.
Show me the stairway, I have to climb.
Lord for my sake, teach me to take
One day at a time.

Chorus:

One day at a time sweet Jesus
That's all I'm asking from you.
Just give me the strength
To do everyday what I have to do.
Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus
And tomorrow may never be mine.
Lord help me today, show me the way
One day at a time.

Do you remember,
when you walked among men?
Well Jesus you know if you're looking below
It's worse now, than then.
Cheating and stealing, violence and crime
So for my sake, teach me to take
One day at a time.

Chorus

THERE'S WITHIN MY HEART A MELODY

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

Refrain:

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

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
Discord filled my heart with pain,
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
Stirred the slumb'ring chords again.
Refrain

Soon He's coming back to welcome me,
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,
I shall reign with Him on high.
Refrain

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.
Refrain

MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside,
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and hills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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

LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART

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

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YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

The other night dear, as I lay sleeping
I dreamed I held you in my arms
When I awoke, dear, I was mistaken
So I hung my head and I cried.

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I miss you
Please don't take my sunshine away

I'll always love you and make you happy,
If you will only say the same.
But if you leave me to love another,
You'll regret it all some day:

WALTZ ACROSS TEXAS

CHORUS

Waltz across Texas with you in my arms
Waltz across Texas with you
Like a story-book ending,
I'm lost in your charms
And I could waltz across Texas with you

When we dance together, my world's in disguise
It's a fairy-land tale that's come true
And when you look at me with those stars in your eyes
I could waltz across Texas with you

CHORUS

My heartaches and troubles are just up and gone
The moment that you come in view
And with your hand in mine dear, I could dance on
and on
I could waltz across Texas with you

“TEXAS, OUR TEXAS”

Texas, Our Texas! all hail the mighty State!
Texas, Our Texas! so wonderful so great!
Boldest and grandest, withstanding ev’ry test
O Empire wide and glorious,
you stand supremely blest.

Chorus

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

Texas, O Texas! your freeborn single star,
Sends out its radiance to nations near and far,
Emblem of Freedom! it set our hearts aglow,
With thoughts of San Jacinto
and glorious Alamo.
(Chorus)

Texas, dear Texas! from tyrant grip now free,
Shines forth in splendor, your star of destiny!
Mother of heroes, we come your children true,
Proclaiming our allegiance,
our faith, our love for you.
(Chorus)

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

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

The coyotes wail, along the trail,
deep in the heart of Texas,
The rabbits rush, around the brush,
deep in the heart of Texas.
The cowboys cry, “Ki-yip-pee-yi,”
deep in the heart of Texas,
The dogies bawl, and bawl and bawl,
deep in the heart of Texas.

THE YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS

There’s a yellow rose in Texas,
that I am going to see,
Nobody else could miss her,
not half as much as me.
She cried so when I left her,
it like to broke my heart,
And if I ever find her,
we nevermore will part.

She’s the sweetest little rosebud
that Texas ever knew,
Her eyes are bright as diamonds,
they sparkle like the dew;
You may talk about your Clementine,
and sing of Rosalee,
But the yellow rose of Texas
is the only girl for me.

When the Rio Grande is flowing,
the starry skies are bright,
She walks along the river
in the quiet summer night:
I know that she remembers,
when we parted long ago,
I promise to return again,
and not to leave her so.

Chorus

Oh now I’m going to find her,
for my heart is full of woe,
And we’ll sing the songs together,
that we sung so long ago
We’ll play the banjo gaily,
and we’ll sing the songs of yore,
And the yellow rose of Texas
shall be mine forevermore.

Chorus

The Legend of the Bluebonnet

The Texas fields are covered
With a blanket of deep blue
But for a little Indian girl,
This would not be true.

Texas land was buried and dry.
Rains just would not come.
Indians danced and prayed for rain.
And beat upon their 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 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 time
Of a love so pure and true.

Author Unknown



LUMINOUS LIGHTS



GENERAL BANQUET

Honoring

Mrs. Bess Caldwell Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Rennie Oton Most Worthy Grand Matron
Texas General Grand Chapter
Officers and Committees

Program

Master of Ceremonies	Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham Past Grand Matron
Invocation	Mrs. Elizabeth Bordeaux Worthy Grand Chaplain
Welcome	To Be Announced
Response	Mrs. Barbara White Right Worthy A. G. M.

Dinner

Introductions	Mrs. Betty Friend Social Chairman, G.G.C.
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Entertainment

Program	Mrs. Rosemary Swetland Worthy Grand Organist
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Greetings

Most Worshipful Grand Master	Mr. Orville O'Neill
Past Grand Matrons & Patrons	Mrs. Jane Gregory Past Grand Matron

Tributes and Greetings

**Tribute to the M. W. G. M. and
Texas G.G.C. Family** **Mrs. Beulah Speer
Past Grand Matron**

Response to Tribute **Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary**

Greetings **Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Most Worthy Grand Matron**

Greetings **Mrs. Helen Roquemore Cox
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron**

**Tribute to the
Worthy Grand Matron &
Worthy Grand Patron** **Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Appeals & Grievances G.G.C.**

Greetings **Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt
Worthy Grand Patron**

Greetings **Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Worthy Grand Matron**

Benediction **Mr. Richard Ochs
Past Grand Patron**

**I wish to thank the following members for their hard work
and contributions in making this banquet a success.**

Programs

Jack York

Center Piece Arrangements

Ashley Randall

Gifts

Frances Reedy

Special Thanks to those who helped Decorate for the Banquet.

Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham

General Banquet Chairman

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: I welcome you. At this time we'll have our Processional: our Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Brother Al; our Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by his wife, Ann; Sister Rennie Ofton, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, and I believe she is escorted by Henry Martin. Let's give them a hand. [applause]

Once again, good evening. "Luminous," giving off light, shiny, bright. For example, some people maintain that during an Amarillo sunrise or sunset, one can see the curvature of the earth due to the wide open spaces of the great plains, and on a starry night we can see from Texas to heaven and beyond. A lot of states don't agree with that. It is the presence of those tonight that give off light, love and knowledge, and because of their complete understanding, they luminate the rays of love to those around them. Tonight we gather to luminate the wide open spaces of the Texas Panhandle known for our beautiful panorama of a canopy of stars to luminate the paths that we take. Tonight we honor those who have followed that path to higher service in our Order. When in their presence one can feel the warmth of those being honored.

We have heard of the bright lights of an angel, and we know that lower lights cannot disguise this light because it comes from the love of God. I invite the General Grand Chapter little angel to bring our invocation, Mrs. Elizabeth Bordeaux, Worthy Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Matron of Vermont. I am sure those that know her know that Sister Elizabeth probably has little horns somewhere under her halo.

MRS. ELIZABETH BORDEAUX: I took the horns off, and tonight I can wear my badge. Would you join hands, please, as we go to the Lord in prayer.

We come to You, Lord, with our hearts full of thanksgiving for the many blessings You have given us. How comforting it is to know that You are always there for us, giving us wisdom and strength to guide us each day. As we gather here this evening with old friends and new, let us be ever mindful that it is You, Lord, who makes this possible. We pray for Your guidance in the coming days so that all our acts may be pleasing to You. We pray for our loved ones who couldn't be with us today, asking that You hold them close in Your care, and for our military at home and throughout the world we pray Your special guidance and comfort. We are ever mindful of the many hands necessary to provide this meal, and we ask that You bless those who labored so diligently to prepare it. Loving God, we pray that this food we are about to receive will nourish our bodies. Let it also nourish our souls and strengthen us for the work we need to do. All these things we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Although one may not feel luminous, that person may be a genuine genius within one's own self, being a conductor of light to others, and some people without knowing it possess the remarkable power of stimulating that light. Tonight that legend of light that has stimulated our Grand Chapter over many years and to welcome you by screen is Sister Molly Goodpasture. Please look to the screen.

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: (by video) I want to welcome you to Texas Grand Chapter, and my prayer will be that you will have one of the finest Grand Chapter sessions that Texas has ever had.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: There was a little more to it, but we're glad that we got that part.

"Radiance" is another word for "luminous," and that is the way I feel about our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Barbara — better known as "Bobbi" — White. My friends, this lovely lady has enough energy to radiate the entire world when there is an energy shortage, and soon she will be radiating the entire world. Mrs. Bobbi White, I invite you to respond to the welcome.

MRS. BARBARA WHITE: Betty is a little taller than I am, so I'm going to adjust this microphone. She stands tall and Texas proud.

Thank you, Sister Betty, for the invitation and the distinct honor to respond to the gracious welcome, especially from your very own Sister Molly Goodpasture, your Past Grand Matron. It is a distinct honor to be here and welcome you on behalf of all those present who are at your session this year. This is a lovely event, and we appreciate all the plans you have made to make this such a special evening. We are here to help you begin your Grand Chapter session.

You have a very special lady in Texas. Sister Rennie, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, has been traveling and traveling and traveling. We are here to help you welcome her home as the Most Worthy Grand Matron and as the leader of the Eastern Star throughout the world. But one thing I want to know: Have you ever seen Rennie do the chicken dance? Well, I have. Really, she's pretty good at it. We just came in yesterday from Omaha, Nebraska, where we attended the Supreme Assembly for the Rainbow Girls. Now that is an active and energetic bunch. I thought since I was in the neighborhood that I would drop on down and help you welcome Rennie home. I know everything is bigger in Texas; that does include the neighborhoods, right?

In addition, I am connecting with some of my childhood memories. We used to drive to Texas, the Panhandle, about every year in the summertime when it was hot with no air conditioning to visit relatives here. It's a double-duty trip for me. I think that this part of Texas is the part that most people think of when they think of Texas: the wide open spaces, the wind blowing the dust across the prairie and the sweltering heat. You can almost see the cowboys herding the cattle to water somewhere. I know the ranches are bigger in Texas; I've been told that. Yesterday on my little jaunt around the city, I came upon a big open field. It had these weird looking things sticking up out of the ground. All kinds of people were stopping in their cars and walking out to see what these were. So, of course, I did too. Monkey see, monkey do. I stopped the car, walked about from here — well, farther than the door. There were these cars out there. I found out it was a Cadillac ranch. Well, it ain't growing and I don't know why. Either they didn't get a permit from General Motors or they stuck the wrong end in the ground.

As everyone knows, everything is bigger in Texas. The roads are bigger, the trees are bigger, the wide open spaces are — well, wider. Texans wear the biggest hats, the biggest boots and drive the biggest cars. One day a Texan died and went to heaven. He was met by Saint Peter himself at the pearly gates. Saint Peter was giving him a tour around heaven. He was trying to impress upon the Texan the wonderful attributes of heaven. He showed him the pearly gates, the streets lined with gold and was trying to show him everything else that made heaven such a wonderful place to be. Well, the Texan was not impressed. Everything that Saint Peter showed him, he said, "We've got bigger and better in Texas." Finally, Saint Peter was getting kind of perturbed. He took the Texan over to the edge of heaven and he showed him down below. He said, "Now this is what hell looks like." They could see the fire and brimstone and all the awful sights in hell. Saint Peter turned to the Texan and said, "Now then, do you have anything like that in Texas?" The old Texan thought a minute and then he replied, "Well, no. But I know a couple of good old boys in Houston who could put that fire out for you."

A blind man wanted to see Texas before he died, so he decided to come to Texas. The first thing he did was visit a bar. He asked for a beer, and the bartender brought him a mug of beer. He said, "Now that's a big mug." The bartender said, "Everything is bigger in Texas." So after having two or three beers, he decided he had better run to the restroom.

He asked the bartender where it was. The bartender said, “Down the hallway, second door on the right.” On his way to the bathroom, he tripped over something, missed the second door and went through the third door on the right. Well, he fell into a swimming pool. Scared to death, he started hollering, “Don’t flush, don’t flush.” Enjoy your evening. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: I told you she was energetic and full of life, didn’t I?

This part of the program is what you all came for this evening. At this time dinner will be served. Servers, thank you for your service.

While they’re bringing the food, would all those who helped in putting this banquet together please stand. Jack York participated in doing the programs; the centerpieces were arranged by Ashley Randall; the gifts for the General Grand Chapter Committee Members were made by Frances Reedy. The District Deputies — Pat Winkleblack from District 2, Jerre Miller from District 3, Toni Crawford from District 4 — they came in and helped so diligently yesterday afternoon. Any time you’re in charge of a function like this, you think of all things that could go wrong, they do. But then it is wonderful those that come forward and help you. Is Donna Blocker in the audience? She is our Deputy of District 2, Section 2, my home chapter. You were here daylight till dark. Again, let’s give all of them a hand for all the wonderful service they’ve given. [applause]

Speaking of the decorations, the decorations at the round tables are for a donation, the taller vases for a donation of \$15, the smaller round ones for \$10. Pat Winkleblack and Sandra Zipp, those are the two that if you would like to purchase those for a donation, would you please see those two after we’re finished. These on the head tables are not for sale.

Again, thank you. Enjoy your dinner. We’re so pleased you’re here with us.

[Dinner]

Have we all enjoyed our meal? [applause] The servers that are in the room, we appreciate the service we’ve had this evening. The food was delicious. Will you please pass it on to the chefs. Let’s tell them again how we appreciate it. [applause]

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Installed General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers and Friends all: We are ready for the second half of our programs. It’s the most favorite time, the time for introductions, since no one knows each other. Everyone feels that a cheerful friend is like a sunny day which sheds its brightness all around. That’s how I feel about my friend, Betty Friend, who will do us the honor of introducing our guests.

MRS. BETTY FRIEND: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, for the honor and privilege of introducing the Distinguished Members attending this “Luminous Lights” banquet tonight. “Stand Tall and be Texas Proud” has been the theme of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Texas this year. Their demeanor has echoed this phrase throughout this year, and it is my privilege of introduce them to you now: Sister Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband, Alvin, Grand Escort; and Brother Bill Wyatt, Worthy Grand Patron, and his wife, Ann, Grand Marshal, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Join me in giving them a hearty welcome. [applause]

Texans are equally proud of one who stands tall on the General Grand Chapter stage. We are mighty proud of Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas. [applause]

We are especially honored tonight with the presence of those who have served in the East of General Grand Chapter: Sister Helen Cox, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Georgia; Sister Barbara Benton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma, and her husband, Tom, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma; Brother William E. Owen, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma. Sisters and Brothers, join me in thanking these wonderful people. [applause]

It is always an honor to have in our presence the Honorable Orville L. O'Neill, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM, and his wife, Roxie, the First Lady of Masons in Texas. Welcome them, would you please. [applause]

Now, continuing with the Head Table. To my right we have Sister Bobbi White, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of West Virginia; and Sister Elizabeth Roach, Worthy Grand Electa and Past Grand Matron of Louisiana. On my left we have Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and her husband, C.W. "Bill" Bane, Grand Warder of the District of Columbia and International Headquarters Administrator; Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, Worthy Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Matron of Vermont; Sister Rosemary Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Of course at our Head Table is Sister Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron of Texas, our beautiful Master of Ceremonies, and her husband, Farris, who is on Titles, Deeds and Properties and is a Past Grand Master of Texas. Join me in welcoming them. [applause]

Our cup runneth over with joy because tonight we have so many Distinguished Members at two Sub-Head Tables. At the first Sub-Head Table, beginning on my left, we have: Henry Martin, Executive Committee General Chairman, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, and his wife, Opal, Cardinal Crew; Jerry Trees, Executive Committee Housing Chairman, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas; Jerry Martin, Ambassador to Hawaii and Past Grand Patron of Texas, and his wife, Betty, Cardinal Crew; Jo L. Cullifer, Chairman, Ritual Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Georgia; Doris Hester, Credentials Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Wanda Fairchild, Membership Committee, USA Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife, Barbara, Grand Chapter Arrangements/Distinguished Members. On my right: Sharon Fentress, Executive Committee Housing Co-Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas; I'm Betty Friend, Social Chairman, and my husband is with me, Jack, Grand Escort; Elsie Paladino, Appeals and Grievances Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Karen Morgenthaler, Cancer Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Alma Carter, Registration Committee, USA Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Joyce Gilbert, Youth Committee, USA Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron of Texas and her husband, Brooks, Grand Escort; Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron of Texas. Would you join me in giving a hearty welcome to the first Sub-Head Table. [applause]

At the second Sub-Head Table, on my left is: Ed Warner, ESTARL Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas, and his wife, Beulah, Grand Escort; Lewis O. Braithwaite, Public Relations Chairman and Past Grand Patron of West Virginia and his wife, Lisa Jo, Grand Escort; Buddy Baker, Chapter Restoration and Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife, Judy, Grand Escort; Nick Schultz, International Peace Garden and Past Grand Patron of Wisconsin and his wife, Doris, Grand Escort; Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America; and his wife, Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the

Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico.

On my right we have: Cheryl Martin, Service Dogs Committee and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma and her husband, Michael, Grand Representative of Illinois in Oklahoma; Jack Guy, Service Dogs Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas, and his wife, Linda, Grand Escort; Ira Payne, Service Dogs Committee and Past Grand Patron of Arkansas, and his wife, Mavis, Grand Conductress of Arkansas; Frankie Little, Necrology Committee and Past Grand Matron of Iowa, and her husband, George, Grand Escort; William C. "Bill" Barnes, Membership Committee and Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma, and his wife, Rynd, Grand Escort. Would you join me in giving this group a hearty welcome. [applause]

Next we have Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. We are delighted to have these wonderful people visit with us tonight. I will introduce them in alphabetical order by state. From Arkansas Thomas R. Thompson, Worthy Grand Patron; Kansas, Gayle Cousatte, Worthy Grand Matron; Mississippi, Selloise Basinger, Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband, John, Grand Warder; Marlon O. Drew, Worthy Grand Patron, and his wife, Ann, Grand Escort; Oklahoma, Leatrice Massey, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mike Rapp, Worthy Grand Patron. Join me in greeting these wonderful Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons. [applause]

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Texas is always pleased to have Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons attending our Grand Chapter session. Tonight we are happy they have chosen to join us for this "Luminous Lights" banquet. In alphabetical order by state we have: Georgia, Ellen B. Glass, Past Grand Matron; Steve Kirk, Past Grand Patron, and his wife, Sherri; Minnesota, Margie Olson, Past Grand Matron, and her husband, Harold, Grand Representative of Texas in Minnesota; Bruce Johnson, Past Grand Patron and Grand Representative of New York in Minnesota, and his wife, Georgianne, Grand Treasurer Emeritis; Louisiana, Margaret Ann Taylor, Past Grand Matron; Oklahoma, Debbie Beard, Past Grand Matron, and her husband, Sam, Grand Sentinel; Margie McConnell, Past Grand Matron, and her husband, Warren, Arrangements; Owen Major, Past Grand Patron, and his wife, Donna; Pennsylvania, Betty MacAdam, Past Grand Matron. Join me in greeting and saying welcome to these Past Grand Matrons and Patrons from other Grand Jurisdictions. [applause]

And now the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Texas: Sisters Elise Hammack, Effie Mae Davis, Naomi Wolfe and Joyce Nicklas, Past Grand Matrons. Brothers Nelson Campbell and his wife, Georgia, Cardinal Crew; Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron, and his wife, Vicki, Grand Representative of Florida in Texas, Past Grand Patrons. Join me in saying welcome to these Past Grand Matrons and Patrons. [applause]

Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards. What an exciting time this is in the lives of those serving as elected members of the Grand Chapters. Tonight we have a number of Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members, and we are delighted to introduce them to you. From Kansas, Kimberly D. Dellinger, Grand Conductress, and Rae A. Corbet, Grand Electa, and her husband, Guy; from Maryland, Linda D. Sanner, Associate Grand Matron, and her husband, William R., Grand Representative of Texas in Maryland; from Nevada, Sheryl Long, Grand Ruth; from Oklahoma, Beverly Boyett, Associate Grand Matron; Rohn Hall, Associate Grand Patron, and his wife, Judy, Grand Escort; Shirley Niehoff, Grand Secretary, and her husband, Paul; Melissa Griffin, Grand Conductress; Kathy Stegall, Associate Grand Conductress; Beth Melrose, Grand Organist; June Conrad, Grand Ruth; Virginia Heffernan, Grand Esther; Mary Ellen Tidwell, Grand Martha; and Jenni Walters, Grand Lecturer; from Saskatchewan, Mary Heskett, Associate

Grand Matron, and her escort, Gerald Heskett. Join me in giving these a hearty welcome. [applause]

Next we have our Installed Floor Officers and Elected Boards from Texas: Mary Ruth White, Associate Grand Matron, and her husband, Joe, Grand Escort and Cardinal Crew; Arthur Drescher, Associate Grand Patron, and his wife, Marty, Grand Representative of New Hampshire in Texas; Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary; Vi Griffin, Grand Conductress, and her husband, Tommy, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and their special friend, David Dibrell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas; Annette Curry, Associate Grand Conductress; Jean Thomas, Grand Chaplain; Darla Dunaway, Grand Organist, and her husband, Larry, Grand Escort; Audri Rowell, Grand Adah; Mary Calvert, Grand Ruth; Glenda Story, Grand Esther; Iris Lowe, Grand Martha; Sue Barnes, Grand Electa, and her husband, Charlie, Grand Escort; Ken Morford, Grand Sentinel. These are Texas Grand Chapter Officers. Tell them how proud we are of them. [applause]

Now the Board of Directors. Diane Davidson, District 3 and Chairman of the Board; Keith Mikeworth, District 2, Secretary of the Board, and his wife Wanelle, Grand Representative of Idaho; Betty Scott, District 1, and her husband, Andrew, Grand Representative of Puerto Rico in Texas; Lorraine Williams, District 3, and her husband, Jimmy, Titles, Deeds and Properties; Elizabeth Wise, District 4, and her husband, Sunny, General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Texas; Ron Zipp, District 5, and his wife, Sandra, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5.

The Board of Grand Examiners: Melissa Hudman, District 1; Cindy Echols, District 2; Cheryl Albrecht, District 3, and her husband, Darrell, Grand Page to the Worthy Grand Patron; Christine Armstrong, District 4; Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner at Large, and her husband, Larry, Arrangements/Security, Order of the Eastern Star. Give them a hearty welcome. [applause]

We have the Special Appointments in the General Grand Chapter: Phyllis Macon, President of the International Grand Representatives Association, and her husband, Carroll; Linda Carney, Secretary-Treasurer of the International Grand Representatives Association. Give these special people a hearty welcome. [applause]

The Grand Representatives are OES members who become our “Liaison Team” in Jurisdictions around the world. They keep us informed as to happenings in corners we would rarely hear from if they did not exist. Therefore, it is my pleasure to introduce those who are present at this time. First, the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions. Twila McLain, Grand Representative of Colorado in Oklahoma; Cynthia Reynolds, Grand Representatives of South Carolina in Oklahoma.

Second, we have the Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions. Steve Everitt, Grand Representative of Texas in Colorado, and his wife, Phyllis; Jane Mercer Elkins, Grand Representative of Texas in Florida; Roger W. Hall, Grand Representative of Texas in Georgia, and his wife, Mary Ann, District Deputy #20; Jane Feitz, Grand Representative of Texas in Indiana; Pamela Woolcock, Grand Representative of Texas in Oregon, and her husband, Chris; Frances Kleppinger, Grand Representative of Texas in Pennsylvania; Peggy McClendon, Grand Representative of Texas in Tennessee; Sherry Brethorst, Grand Representative of Texas in Wisconsin. Would you welcome this group of Grand Representatives. [applause]

And now those from Texas who represent Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions. Chris Puckett, Colorado in Texas; Charles Fisher, Delaware in Texas; Lorea Kays, Indiana in Texas, and her husband, Marvin, Masonic Relations; Janice Kelly, Louisiana in Texas, and

her husband, James, Arrangements/Ushers; Donna Pope, New Brunswick in Texas; Leslie Kielberg, New York in Texas; Richard Hancock, North Carolina in Texas, and his wife, Patricia, Arrangements/Decorations; Robert Coursey, Virginia in Texas, and his wife, Sarah, Credentials and Cardinal Crew; Rex Parkison, Pennsylvania in Texas, and his wife, Nancy, Music Committee; Kitty Welch Thompson, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and her husband, Ron, Masonic Relations; Pat Turner, Tennessee in Texas; Sharon Willingham, West Virginia in Texas. Welcome those Grand Representatives who live in Texas. [applause]

From time to time, we have those who, for good reason, had to miss our banquet. Sometimes another will purchase or are given their ticket and therefore do not make our official list. If you are here and have one of the positions that has been introduced and were not introduced by me, would you stand and tell us who you are and give us your name and title. [no response]

This ends our introductions, and be assured, it pleases all Texans to have you attend our Grand Chapter. May the light in your OES life always remain luminous! Thank you. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, my precious friend, Betty Friend. And didn't she do excellent? [applause]

From within or from behind, a light shines through us upon things surrounding us and makes one aware that we are nothing without the light from within. This lady knows from where the light comes, and that light shines through her in her God-given talent of music. Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist and Past Grand Matron of Texas, will bring our program. Sister Rosemary.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Thank you, Sister Master of Ceremonies and my friend, Betty Benham. I'm truly grateful for the confidence that you have shown in me to present your program this evening. The first thing I'd like to say was that in Tulsa, Oklahoma, we didn't have any keys on the piano, so I didn't get to play. At my concert we had a tuning screwdriver in the grand. I cannot imagine how I got through the concert without it twanging and breaking strings. Tonight Sister Betty invited me to do this. I said, "Wonderful, Betty. What instrument am I going to be playing on?" She said, "Nothing." I said, "Betty, you're a precious friend and I do a lot of things, but, really, this is just a little bit more than I can handle." She said, "Well, I've been hearing about your vision and about your images and about your music. Would you do us one of those?" So tonight if everything goes well with the audiovisual, we'll be ready to do this in just a few minutes.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Head Table, my wonderful Sisters and Brothers: In the past several years of my life my Father God has given to my heart a special gift of music and a vision to remind His children of the beauty of His world in which we live. Now in our very busy schedules, there needs to be time to be still and know that He is God. I've been directed to create quieter, therapeutic music which sometimes relaxes the listener so much that they actually drift off to sleep. Well, please feel free to do that tonight in my presentation, but I would ask that you not snore as a courtesy to those around you. My therapeutic style comes from my heart, and unless it's recorded, which this is going to be recorded, I never can do the same presentation twice. But due to the love and support of many friends and believing in my vision, they have shared some of the most beautiful photography for you to enjoy. I have chosen three very well-known compositions to use with the visual and one that I have composed especially for each of you, my membership of Texas.

Now I would be remiss if I did not say again to my precious friend and our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton, how deeply I appreciate this very high honor

that you have conferred upon Texas and me personally. Rennie, I believe that God prepared me for this time in my life, and I believe He touched your heart to grant me the opportunity. So, thank you, my dear one, and I hope you'll enjoy it.

We're going to begin. There's a screen on my left, a screen on my right and a very large screen in the back. [showing of video]

Hopefully you have rested, letting our wonderful food digest and enjoyed the beauty of Father God's world. Now we're going to take you to the mountains and the beautiful photography of Sister Karen and Brother Tom Morgenthaler who believed in my vision and shared with me some of the most absolutely breathtaking views of the Squamish River Valley and the great eagle. This music is "Climb Every Mountain." [showing of video]

And, finally, we will travel to the ocean and enjoy the beautiful photography of Sister Kathy and Brother John Creel who have shared with me some gorgeous and awe-inspiring scenes of the ocean on the northern coast of California. I'm reminded of the great force of the ocean and how the waves crash over our lives, sometimes almost drowning us with doubts and fears. But be reminded, my Sisters and Brothers, that Father God is always with us and His anchor holds us steadfast. The music for this has been composed by me from my heart to the hearts of you, my membership. "Rest and Be Still." [showing of video] [applause]

Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers and Sister Betty Benham.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: And all of God's people said

VOICES: Amen.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Sister Rosemary. What a beautiful presentation. I'm kind of glad we didn't have a piano. Thank you for the wonderful visual, and that piano playing wasn't bad either!

In Masonry and Eastern Star, our organizations point to the same light. In between the light and us are our principles that follow that great light. Mr. Orville O'Neill, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, will bring us greetings from the Grand Lodge of Texas.

MR. ORVILLE O'NEILL: Most Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests, my Brothers and Sisters all: It's great to stand up here and look out and see the people that's involved in Masonry and Eastern Star. I'm probably going to get to coughing here in a minute because I'm just getting over pneumonia. That's why my hair looks so funny. It's not I didn't want to take after Farris or anything, but it's coming back.

It's great to be here. As Past Worthy Grand Matron Molly Goodpasture said to all of the out-of-state guests and the ladies and brethren in Texas that belong to the Eastern Star, I hope y'all have one heck of a good session, I really do. It's just great to be up here and represent the State of Texas. I know we've got Tommy Griffin, David Dibrell and Farris Lane Benham. Do y'all know he jumped on me one time in 1995? I had a broke foot. I was his State Coordinator, and I introduced him as Farris Lane Benham. For some reason or other, he didn't really like that "Lane" part, and he chased me and me hopping around on one foot. Can you believe that? But I tell you what, if I do something a little bad or different to kind of tick y'all off, it's his fault because he got me started. I was his State Coordinator. And it's Farris' fault.

But it's just great to be here with y'all, and hopefully everything is going to turn out all right in the whole State of Texas. When y'all get through, Worthy Grand Matron, if you'd send me a little script that you're going to use through your sessions, I would like to use it in December at mine because I know what's going to happen. We're going to have a good one, and I hope y'all do too. Thank you so very, very much for allowing me to be

here and be part of y'all. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Oh, give us the glow of time; its energy surrounds us and finds us. However, the embers of yesterday are gone, and tomorrow's glow is before us. This moment in time is ours to enjoy. My friend, Mrs. Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron of Texas, we have enjoyed many glowing times together, my friend, and I invite you to bring greetings from the Past Grand Matrons and the Past Grand Patrons.

MRS. JANE GREGORY: Thank you, special friend, Sister Betty, for this privilege.

Would the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas stand with me. This evening has certainly been one of emotion, of beauty and of love. The Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Texas are so delighted that you chose to spend this time with us. Every moment that you spend is a portion of your life that you will never get back. So you have given us a portion of your life by being here, and we are so very grateful. The Past Grand Matrons and Patrons love to see those with whom they have served, those whom they have met in other Grand Jurisdictions, and those who are brand new to us at this particular session. Know that anything that we can do to make your stay more pleasant, all you have to do is ask. It is a delight to be in this beautiful building and see so many out there, even with my diminished sight. You are beautiful. Helen Keller once said, "The eyes see, but the heart feels." We love each of you and please come back. Thank you so much. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: To get the right word in the right place is a rare achievement. To condense the diffused light of a page of thought and praise into the luminous flash of a single sentence is a puzzle within itself. The difficulty is to express those ideas reduced to one glittering paragraph, and that is the challenge for Mrs. Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron of Texas, as she brings tribute to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and our Texas General Grand Chapter family.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Protocol has been established. I thank you, Sister Betty, for according me this special honor and privilege of paying tribute to Texas' own General Grand Chapter Committee Members on behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt, and the membership of Texas. Would the Texas General Grand Chapter Committee Members please stand.

Sisters and Brothers, you are an important part of the foundation for this triennium and session to be held in Fort Worth. Sister Rennie realized that she could not accomplish these important tasks alone and that she would need the love, prayers and assistance of each one of her Texas members. She wanted members that had the same excitement, dedication and enthusiasm that she had and would be willing to put forth all their energy, wisdom and talents to achieve these many goals. Choosing each one of you was an awesome and an enjoyable time for her because after serving Texas Grand Chapter for so many years and traveling over and over our beautiful Texas, she had an excellent opportunity to observe you as you served Texas Grand Chapter. She also observed how proud Texas was of you in various leadership positions. Sister Rennie knew you personally so she could immediately write your name down for the special office knowing that she could count on you to give your very best on each assigned duty in a positive, loving manner, 100 percent and above. When this triennium and session is over and your duties have been fulfilled, our history will record that this General Grand Chapter triennium was the best ever because of your strong foundation and dedication. We congratulate you; we honor you; we love you. Membership, by your applause, please show these Distinguished Members your sincere congratulations. [applause]

Would our Texas General Grand Chapter Officers please stand. I am deeply honored

to pay tribute to these two lovely ladies. We have been friends for many years and shared many happy times together. Sister Rosemary Swetland, our Worthy Grand Organist, God touches the chords of our hearts and lifts us into His glorious presence through the wonderful world of music. In 1995-96 you served as our Worthy Grand Matron. You placed your God-given talented fingers upon the keys of our hearts. You presided with dignity and wisdom. Your compassion for others and your Christian influence was acknowledged by the membership because they love you. You are always so generous in your service to our Order and in sharing your musical ability. Now through the generous and loving heart of Sister Rennie, our Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter, you were appointed Worthy Grand Organist of General Grand Chapter. This must surely be a mountaintop experience for you, a once-in-a-lifetime appointment. Sister Rosemary, it couldn't happen to a more talented, dedicated and gracious Christian lady. God bless you.

Sister Alma Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, while serving as Worthy Grand Matron in 1999-2000, your theme was "Aim for the Stars." You accepted that challenge personally. Your teaching, service to our Order, church activities and serving Rainbow and many other youth groups both in school and church was a big part of your life's work. Sister Alma, you not only saw His Star in the East, you have been following that star year after year. I am sure that you never dreamed that the membership of the whole world, our General Grand Chapter, would elect you as Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and that your office and residence would be in the General Grand Chapter International Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Your work must be an awesome responsibility. We are confident that you can take care of anything that the General Grand Chapter membership presents to you.

Dr. Bill Bane, would you please stand. We congratulate you for your appointment as International Headquarters Administrator. You are a very qualified and a distinguished gentleman. We are pleased that you are both enjoying your work at the Headquarters.

Membership, by your applause please show these Distinguished Members our love for them. [applause]

Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter, one of the greatest joys and highest honors that could possibly come to me as a Past Grand Matron is now mine as I have the delightful privilege of paying tribute to you, my friend. Yes, Sister Rennie, you are our very own, a product of Texas, our very best. You are a beautiful lady laden with charms. Yours is a sweet, Christian character. You learned early in life that Jesus did not say, "At the end of the way you find Me." No, He said, "I am the way." So with your hand in His, you have found strength physically, emotionally and spiritually to fulfill your God-given plan. We know that when love and skill work together, we can expect a wonderful masterpiece. Sister Rennie, your life exhibits a true love for our Order and the membership. Your many skills have been recognized by them. So as you labor for the benefit of mankind, our Order can expect a marvelous masterpiece of achievement during your tenure of service. We know that you are a worthy ambassador of good will all over the world. Wherever you travel, all over the world, may you be comforted and know that you have Texas' love, respect, our devoted prayers and our best wishes for your good health and the culmination of all your dreams. God bless you, Sister Rennie.

Sisters and Brothers, please stand and show our love and congratulations to our own Sister Rennie Ofton. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: At sunrise everything is luminous, but not clear. The Constitution of General Grand Chapter is luminating, but not clear. The rules and the regulations of General Grand Chapter radiate, but are not always clear. Thank goodness for

our Right Worthy Grand Secretary. The very purpose of her existence is to reconcile all the non-clear into a glowing symbol of truth. Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Past Grand Matron of Texas, we are doubly blessed.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Thank you, Sister Betty, Master of Ceremonies. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Head Table, my Sisters and Brothers: It is my honor and privilege to bring a response to this most beautiful tribute given to each of us by Sister Beulah Speer. Sister Beulah, in the annals of Grand Chapter, there have been voices that when they ring out, we know that the voice speaks from the heart. We thank you for those words that you shared for each of us in your tribute. Thank you very much.

I would be remiss if I did not thank someone who made it possible for me to even consider standing here tonight to do this. It was on the recommendation of Sister Rennie Ofton, but it was by the appointment of Sister Barbara Benton that I had the opportunity to learn that there was a higher service that I could find a lot of love and a lot of fulfillment of my Eastern Star dreams and my service to my Sisters and Brothers. Thank you.

Tonight is a coming together for the first time for this session. We have our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron with us and their Officers as we embark on this session. But out there on this night that you share with us are our Sisters and Brothers that have stood by our sides and encouraged all of us through the years. And to those that have come from outside the Texas boundary, we thank you for honoring us by sharing your time with us this evening. Our Past Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester, used the word "TEAM" her year. Together Everyone Achieves More.

Sister Rennie has put together a team worldwide, but she has some anchor points here in Texas. Those are her Texas General Grand Chapter family. I would ask them one more time to please stand with me. Those are the General Grand Chapter Officers from Texas, the Executive Committee, the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, the Ambassador, the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, the International Headquarters Administrator and the President of the Grand Representatives Association. I say for each of us:

We make the world in which we live
by what we gather and what we give,
by our daily deeds and the things we say,
by what we keep or throw away.
We make our world by the beauty we see
in a robin's song or a lilac tree,
in a butterfly's wing, in a pale moon's rise
and the wonder that lingers in the West Texas skies.

To each of you who are here this evening, we say, Measure your lifetime in blessings, not in years you've known; count up the number of people you've touched; add up the love you have shown; measure your days in the gladness that you and your loved ones have shared; tally the smiles on the faces of friends and total the times you have cared, because each of you are also part of our team. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: A privilege of a lifetime is before us this evening. Not only is Texas honored to have the Most Worthy Grand Matron in attendance, but a rare moment to have Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and a Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. At this time we will have greetings from Sister Helen Roquemore Cox, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Georgia.

Sister Molly Goodpasture mentioned serving with Sister Helen; I'm sorry you didn't

get to hear all of it. Sister Molly is 95 years old. When I asked Sister Molly if she was going to attend Grand Chapter, she said, "Well, honey, after all I'm 95." We remember when Molly wouldn't even let us see her driver's license to know how old she was, but now she's bragging about it. So to you, Sister Helen, this hug is from Molly Goodpasture.

MRS. HELEN COX: Thank you, Sister Betty, for giving me this privilege. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, all Distinguished Guests, my dear Sisters and Brothers of the great State of Texas: How wonderful it is for me to once again be in your presence and to enjoy the fellowship of each one of you. I am so privileged that not only am I here from the State of Georgia, but I have 13 members from the State of Georgia with me. I'm so grateful for their presence here this evening.

I have enjoyed so very much your program and the great tribute you have given to your beloved ones of this state. I am reminded of my own self when I say that no one gets to the head of leadership without the help of others. I have certainly had the help of others from the great State of Texas. My first visit was 1962 to this great state when Sister Thelma McReynolds was your Worthy Grand Matron. At this session your Governor Connelly brought greetings. I was so impressed, and I wanted one day to see him the President of this great nation. He was an outstanding individual. Then I saw Molly Goodpasture lay the bricks of her life at the altar the night she was installed, and this impressed me. When she was Worthy Grand Adah, we became lasting friends. We always enjoyed each other's friendship and fellowship. She's an outstanding lady.

I'm coming on down the line to when I served as Most Worthy Grand Matron in 1985-88. I was privileged to be here when Sister Elsie Paladino was Worthy Grand Matron. What a lovely, wonderful time we had in Houston, Texas. It was great, Elsie; and I shall always remember you and the great privilege of being at your session.

A friend is a person who gives to you their all in times of need. I found that friend in our Most Worthy Grand Matron when I was in the State of Texas and I was notified that the lady who had preceded me had passed away. I was the Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter, and I had to step up three years. To my membership in Georgia I was so worried. Sister Rennie, I shall never forget your devotion and friendship to me in those hours of need. I will always remember you in my heart for those gracious things that you did for me. Thank you always, my dear friend.

Dr. O.D. Christian gave the sermon at my ESTARL service in Atlanta. He was a fine gentleman. So many of you wonderful people in Texas have touched my life. As I think about you — and I always love coming back to be with you — I am so grateful and I feel so blessed that God let me touch shoulders with you. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: It is a delight and unique privilege to introduce the next speaker. Sister Rennie Ofton is the pride of Texas and now the pride of the world. I'm sure, Sister Rennie, at one time your life was something opaque, not transparent; you went along your own way doing good deeds and you looked at it as being just an ordinary human day. But now if you hold up your life against the light of God's goodness, it shines and has turned transparent, radiant and bright. Then you ask yourself in amazement, "Is this really my own life I see before me?" Sister Rennie Ofton, our very own Texas pride, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and Past Grand Matron of Texas, I invite you to bring greetings.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, General Grand Chapter family and you, my beloved Sisters and Brothers: What a special

tribute has been brought tonight to the General Grand people, and I appreciate that so much, Beulah. But I must comment on the tribute which Sister Helen Cox paid to you, the membership. Everything each member does reflects on our state. Our state is a very, very loving state. They work hard; they help people. And for Helen to remember that much about our members just says that we've always done it that way. Now normally you don't like to hear that, "We've always done it that way." But, Sisters and Brothers, I want you to say that and keep it up because truly it's an honor to hear that about our membership. You know what you mean to me. I have no idea why the Lord put me in this position, but, you know what, He put you there with me, and we're having a great time.

I thank you so much for everything which you have done and are doing and will be doing for the next few years, but that's life, and life is good. Since we are good people doing good things for a good reason, I think the Lord will guide us and we will be happier while we are doing it. The happier you are, the more that you do.

It is so nice to have our Most Worshipful Grand Master here this evening. I found out as Most Worthy Grand Matron, as I have visited around, that it's very important to see the Most Worshipful Grand Master seated at banquets, on the stage so that we know that our tie to the Masonic Fraternity is still strong. We appreciate so much all the things they do for us. We meet in their Lodges, and most of them help us in the chapters. We're still working on those that are out in left field. Keep a petition in your pocket, will you? We're going to work on them. Truly, we are a fraternal family, and that fraternal family will do a lot of good for humanity.

I will give you just a short recap of what happened in 2006-2009 under Barbara Benton's and Bill Owen's guidance. We gave over \$20 million to various charities. [applause] We had about 500,000 members in there and about 5000 chapters throughout the world. And, you know, if you're a mathematician — I can't add that high — but, you know, that all the 5,500 chapters that we had worked hard to bring that up. So let us continue doing that. I know you will, and I'm so proud of the reports that we're getting in now. Alma Lynn has promised me one pretty soon, so I can tell you the latest. But, you know, we're just getting started. We'll do that some other time.

Let us be grateful for this wonderful Order, and let us be grateful for each other. We must have hope. We must have a feeling of depending upon each other. We must have a hope of knowing that what we're doing is right. I think that our Order is going to turn itself around. I hear from various sources that the Masonic Fraternity is picking up new members, and a lot of them are younger. Maybe we will sort of get into that some way and start picking them up also. I think we're okay. Whatever we do for the good of humanity will continue.

To all of you visitors who are here, I was amazed at the different names of states that went through the receiving line. Thank you, Bess, for that lovely reception. I appreciate it. It was amazing to see how many states were represented. They are happy to be here, and we are happy to have them. I want to compliment Sister Bess and Brother Bill on this past year. It has been a pleasure. You know, they're my children, so I get to tell good things about them and say, "Aren't you proud of my children?" I know that the next two coming up — Sister Mary Ruth and Brother Art and then we have Sister Vi — and I think she has found a fellow that we're going to have to corral for her — those are the ones who will be helping me for the rest of my term. They've already helped me. Thank you for doing that.

All of you out there — I have a bunch of sons out there. I keep calling them "sons," and it kind of worried Helen. She didn't understand how come I had so many sons. But you are wonderful.

So thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for this special evening. Just know that whatever we do, if we do it with all our hearts, with all our minds and in the way that we know the Lord would want us to go, we shall become the strong Order we once were. Thank you so much. God bless. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: We are each gifted in a unique and important way, and it is our privilege and our adventure to discover our own special light. Light comes from itself freely, filling all available space. It does not seek anything in return. It gives of itself and is not there to be diminished. I don't think this fine lady can begin to imagine the special light that her lighthouse illuminates to all of us who love her. I asked Sister Elsie Paladino, our Past Grand Matron of Texas, how in the world does she do this. And her remarks were, "Inside my empty bottle I was constructing a lighthouse while all the others were making ships." Sister Elsie, I invite you to bring our tribute to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Sister Betty. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, as I walked into this beautiful and elegant room, I realized that many, many people had been involved in preparing this. Then to see those of you in attendance this evening, I thought the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have already received a beautiful tribute because of all the work of all those who are here for this banquet. It is a tribute to them. I know that when the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are elected, they know that they're going to be traveling all over the State of Texas and other places. I believe that there's a difference between travelers and tourists. I know they travel many, many miles. But to experience the soul of new landscapes, you have to be a traveler and you have to connect with the people and how they live. That's how you become a traveler instead of a tourist.

Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have been true travelers, and I hope this will help them recall some of the things. They have been true travelers in the finest sense of the word. It is easy to see that they are quite different from the ordinary tourist. Travelers have a clear idea of where they're going. They are prepared and they do their homework before they embark upon the trip. They did this, and they were prepared. But the tourist merely signs on for whatever the trip seems — like it's going to be a bargain or it seems fashionable. Travelers enjoy each step of their appearance. They travel in the first place because they want to see different cultures, meet different people and encounter new ways of living. Well, certainly, our travelers have met different people and they have certainly encountered new ways of thinking because most of us were persuaded to think the same way that they did because we love them so much and they were thinking in the right way.

Travelers know how to pack for a trip. They do not encumber themselves with more than they can keep track of. And, certainly, if you're the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron traveling in Texas, sometimes you're gone a long time and you have to pack the essentials and not load yourself down with those that you don't need.

The trip and its destination trump whatever considerations they may give to themselves. They're not thinking of themselves; they're thinking of the membership of Texas and what they can do. But the tourist is loaded with baggage which is crammed to bursting with more than the trip requires, and it's evidence that this person is preoccupied with the impression he will make on others. Well, they knew that they wanted to make the right impression, and we know that they did. The traveler, on the other hand, is keen to feel the impression that the trip makes on him, not what impression he has made on the others.

Travelers, after they have spent some time in a new locale, are remembered fondly by

those visited. They recall the kindnesses, the consideration, the well-organized behavior of the true traveler. They recall the eagerness the traveler showed while learning about their special place. If it's just a tourist, they soon forget just what the trip was all about and go on their merry way. That's not going to be the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. They're always going to remember what this trip was about. They're always going to have memories that the membership and they shared this year.

The tourist added nothing to the landscape or to the local history. He may have been in company with a traveler, but his aims and purposes were quite different from the well-prepared behavior of the traveler. There were people who were just tourists that some of them traveled on the way perhaps this year, but I don't think it took the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron long to convert them to real travelers and to understand what the traveling was all about this year.

We may all be tourists at times, but you have only to be in the company of a real traveler to learn the value of preparation, study, organization and willingness to learn from the new experiences that life's travels presented to them. This has been true of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. They studied, they were organized, and their willingness to learn and to serve this Grand Chapter of Texas has been unsurpassed. They have traveled over the State of Texas many times. They have been in our homes; they have been in our chapters; they have contributed much to the Grand Chapter of Texas. They are true travelers, and by their presence in our areas they have made us want to stand tall and to help them on their way even though they will not be in the same field of service. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Light spreads the tree tops. That is something we West Texans know nothing about. Perhaps that is the reason that a West Texas lady saw that luster of light shining in the East — East Texas, that is, and followed that Star and found herself a Worthy Grand Patron. Since then our Worthy Grand Patron has shared that brightness all over Texas. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt, we invite you to bring greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Head Table, my special Sisters and Brothers all: What an honor it is to be standing here tonight in front of this beautiful crowd. It's unbelievable to look out and see how beautiful you look tonight. I thank these General Grand Chapter Officers, these General Grand Chapter Committee Members, these Past Grand Matrons, especially these visitors we've got from out of state for being here to help us bring these memories that we will have from this Grand Chapter this year.

This membership in Texas to me, you are special ones. And you know I've said that all year long. The hard work that y'all put out, the support that you gave each of us, the love you gave us when we've been with you will always be memories to me and this Worthy Grand Matron. I thank each and everyone that put work into this banquet tonight. What a beautiful banquet. We know how much hard work goes into putting a banquet on like this, and it is very special, delicious food and great fellowship.

We thank this Grand Master for taking time out to be with us tonight. We know he has a busy schedule and a lot going on. But, Sisters and Brothers, this means a lot, especially to me tonight, because I hold Masonry and Eastern Star very close to my heart. This is one thing I have tried to promote this year, that I feel Masonry and Eastern Star needs to be closer. I know it's getting late tonight, but I think if the Masons in the State of Texas who are Eastern Star will go back into our Lodges and promote Eastern Star, we can make Eastern Star grow. We should be three times larger than our Masonic Lodges. We're prob-

ably a third of what they are. If the ladies know a gentleman out there throughout the state, that you go to church with, you work with, whatever, you can ask that good man to become a Mason. We can't. This would give the opportunity for Eastern Star to maybe get three times larger from one person. So I ask you to please promote Masonry and Eastern Star across this great state and across the world, because we need to make this fraternity grow. It is the greatest fraternity in the world, and I want to thank you for that. I want to thank you for the privilege for me to be able to serve in this office. I want to thank this membership for all the love and support you gave me, and I hope that after this year you'll always remember that kindness is a language the blind can read and the deaf can hear. Always be kind to your Sisters and Brothers. If you can't say something good about your Sisters and Brothers, don't say nothing at all. Thank you. I love each and everyone of you. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: The most wonderful of all things in life I believe is the discovery of friendship with another human being and with whom one's friendship has a growing depth, beauty and joy. As the years increase, this becomes more important. It cannot be found by looking for it or by wishing for it. It's just sort of a divine accident. Worthy Grand Matron, your friendship to me has been a glowing ember throughout this year. To you I say, though your candle burns at both ends — and it will last till the end of the week — but, ah, my dear, it gives a lovely light. Sister Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron, my friend, thank you for the special honor of the evening.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. It is a beautiful banquet; the food was delicious. But, Sisters and Brothers, you have made this a remarkable evening. It is by your presence and you being here that has made this night so special for the Worthy Grand Patron and myself.

Sister Elsie, thank you so very much for that beautiful tribute. You have been my friend for many years. I love you and I appreciate you so very much. Thank you.

To this Worthy Grand Organist, Sister Rosie, we appreciated your music tonight. I'm kind of like Sister Betty, I'm glad you didn't have the keyboard here. It was beautiful; the pictures were outstanding and I thank you.

To this Grand Master, thank you for being here. As Brother Bill said, I know that you have many duties to perform, but to take your time out of such a busy schedule and to share with this membership, we thank you. Thank you for being here tonight.

Sisters and Brothers, I know that there's places that you could have been tonight, but you chose to be here in Amarillo, Texas. And for that I am so thankful. I have co-workers here from other states, and I appreciate you traveling and being here. Thank you, my sweet friends.

Tonight has been a long night; it has been a long day, so I will just say, Sisters and Brothers, as you are standing tall and being Texas proud that I wish each of you a good night's rest and we will see you bright and early in the morning. Thank you so very much. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Sister Bess, Brother Bill and Sister Rennie, would you come join me at the podium. As we have stated all evening, we are so proud of our Texas leaders. We want to thank each of you because nothing would be important if it were not for you to come and enjoy with us. We hope you've enjoyed the evening. I just want to present to our Worthy Grand Matron a token of love from us, and Brother Bill to you, and Sister Rennie to you.

If you have a light on your table, would you please raise your light. It will illuminate the room with your light of love. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, our Most

Worthy Grand Matron, you see the room is overflowing this evening with glitter, sparkle and even a little dazzle. Let each light represent the good deeds of others exchanged by one another. The friendship, the handclasp, take it to heart for this is a luminous moment. Let's work together and dream together for a common goal, that is peace within our Order and to mankind. Let's focus our attention to the light of our Order and let it be with us that we can add our light of pleasantness. To each of you, take the light of love on your travels.

In faith may there be enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who do not. In the beginning there was nothing. God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. There was still nothing, but you could see it a whole lot better. Brother Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron of Texas, will bring our benediction.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Thank you. Father God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, we request Your divine guidance for all who are here tonight, and especially our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and their corps of officers in directing the business of our Grand Chapter this week. As the old goat of Texas that should have just gone to pasture today about 1:30, I ask each of you as members of the great Order of the Eastern Star to be faithful to the obligation we each took at the altar. I also call Your attention to the Worthy Grand Patron's comments to each of us that truth is eternal and unchanging and that we should seek to always rely on truth as one of the most important things we desire for those who are serving and those who choose to serve. Thank you, Lord Jesus, our Counselor, for looking after all our military people which has enabled us the freedom to do what we do. Amen.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Sisters, Brothers, friends all. Have a good evening.]

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Beneath the white banner stating “Friendship and Love Across Texas” was a bronze star on a black curtain in the East. A garden scene was created on the arena floor in front of the stage with ferns, bluebonnets and yellow roses. A giraffe surveyed his kingdom. The garden back was created with lattices laced with greenery and garden posts every six feet topped with pots of fern. The stations of the Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Matron had a wagon wheel festooned with yellow roses behind them. A Texas star was in the center of the spokes. The seal of Texas was on the podiums of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron; a wagon wheel twined with yellow roses and bluebonnets was between the podiums. Officer chairs were paisley easy chairs. Star Point pedestals were a round top on a footed bottom.

The Altar and Kneeling Bench were covered with a burgundy satin covering. The Bible cover had a beautiful beaded Texas shape in its center.

Lady Officers’ formal wear was a long black skirt with a jeweled overblouse with long sleeves and rounded neckline. Gentlemen Officers wore a black tuxedo. For day wear the Lady Officers wore a black suit with a white blouse. Gentlemen Officers wore dark suits or blazers with dark pants.

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CEREMONIAL OPENING
THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
August 5, 2010

“Texas Pride”

11:00 a.m. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jackie Stogner
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Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Betty Benham
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Assisting Grand Marshal

Mrs. Beulah Speer
Past Grand Matron of Texas

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Good morning. Did everyone have a good night’s rest? It’s wonderful to greet you this morning. Before we begin our opening ceremony, we have a delightful treat. We have the General Grand Chapter Service Dogs Committee. Jack W. Guy, Past Grand Patron of Texas, is on the Service Dogs Committee. At this time, Brother Jack, I will turn it over to you.

MR. JACK GUY: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. At this time I will call Ms. Laurie Stevens who is the CEO of Patriot Paws and the founder of the organization. She’ll be much better at telling you what the organization is about.

MS. LAURIE STEVENS: Thank you. It’s very nice to be here. We want to thank Jack and Linda for all their wonderful support and the things they’ve done. We’ve brought two trainers with us today. We’ve brought Rhonda Lee, and she has Houston. Our other trainer is Bonnie, and she brought Ms. York.

Patriot Paws is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Rockwall, Texas. We started the organization in 2006 at the request of some disabled veterans in the Dallas/Fort Worth Veterans Hospital. In 2001 the US government decided that service dogs were great for American veterans; they just forgot to fund it. As I met the veterans, the first gentleman I met had a service dog he trained himself. He dragged him across the parking lot to meet me, so we decided yes, we needed to help them. We started Patriot Paws in February ‘06.

In November of ‘06 we placed our first dog with an Iraqi veteran out of Colorado. Military.com picked it up. We had four volunteers training these dogs for veterans. When military.com picked it up, we had soldiers from all over the United States requesting one of our dogs. There was no way Patriot Paws could do it on our own. In February of ‘08 we partnered with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Our job is to train female offenders in the correctional institutions how to become dog trainers. They are working amazingly well. We now have 24 female offenders in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice training service dogs. [applause] We place these dogs with disabled American veterans all over the United States free of charge. Without groups like you, we would not be able to do this.

We’re going to start off with some basic demonstrations. Our specialty at Patriot Paws is for mobile disabilities: double amputees, single amputees, quadriplegics. Each dog is customized for each soldier’s needs. Each person is different and each person’s need is different, and every dog’s need is different, and every dog’s temperament is different. Each one of our dogs is customized for that particular soldier.

Today we have Bonnie with York, our black Lab. She's going to wave. [applause] York is a career-change dog. She's three years old. When she was two years old, she was placed with a Vietnam veteran in San Antonio and the veteran passed away. So York is coming back. She's only three, so she's going to be able to be placed with another soldier, hopefully very soon. One of the key things they do is pick up dropped items. The dog will reach down and hand it back to you. [applause]

Houston is — as you notice, he reached down and picked up his leash. He's ready to go. One of the things Houston was trained for was a single amputee, a sergeant major out of Washington, D.C. His prosthetic leg weighed 16 pounds, and the dog needed to be able to retrieve that leg. The other thing that Houston is able to do is assist Rhonda out of the chair and do a brace. If you'll notice, dogs like to play tug. So all he has to do is tug Rhonda up. [applause] Also if the veteran is down and needs to get up, the dog will cross in front of her; she'll be able to put her hands on his shoulder and say "brace." He will stand still so she can rise. [applause]

As we start training these service dogs for each of our soldiers — again, each soldier is different; each soldier has different needs. It takes anywhere from 18 months to 24 months to train a dog. Each dog is estimated to cost anywhere from twenty to \$30,000. Because we've partnered with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, we can cut back on the trainer's expense. We estimate it costs us right at twenty thousand a dog. You can train 100 dogs, and you're lucky, industry standard-wise, if 25 of them will get the vets to go out in public. That means we're taking the animals and putting them in a human environment, and 25 of them will be able to ride on planes, or they'll fly somewhere, they'll go in schools with children, and they'll go to football games and different things like that. Patriot Paws' percentage right now is 68 percent; 68 percent of our dogs are making it. [applause] We really give the credit for that to the dedication to the women in the correctional institutions because we have trainers that work 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's a cushy job, and they have a waiting list for offenders to become part of our program.

If you're in a chair and you have a light switch, or if you go to bed and you've taken your prosthetic off, you look up and you go, "uh oh, I forgot to turn the light off," instead of putting your prosthetic back on, you get your dog to go turn the light off. Houston, light. [applause] He takes his nose and he pushes the light switch up, and he takes his paw and he pushes it down.

One of the things we train the dogs to do is when you come in these doors — you saw how heavy the convention center doors are, you need a dog to push the button to open the doors. We practice this. Push. [applause]

Right now Patriot Paws has 32 dogs in our program. We have 24 offenders, 32 dogs and we have over 40 soldiers on our waiting list to get these dogs. When we started the partnership with Texas Department of Criminal Justice, they asked me to go to prisons. I go, "Oh, prisons. I don't want to go to prisons." But we did; we went for an interview. I want you to know that I have met some amazing women in prison. They are wonderful people that made stupid mistakes. I can tell you, I've met a young woman that at 17 years old she was text messaging on her phone, drove through a red light and killed two people. Now she has got a 15-year prison sentence. These are the type of people that we work with. One of the offenders that I fell in love with, when she got out of jail we hired her, and her name is Rhonda Lee. [applause]

Let's do one more. Let's do "get the phone." One of the critical things about someone with disabilities is if you fall or you get hurt, you need help. Working with these veterans, the wives can't leave their husbands because they're afraid they'll get hurt during the day

without them or something like this. We have a veteran in Pearland, Texas, who lives alone. When he falls, he needs help getting the phone so he can call 911. [applause as dog brings phone]

We want to again thank you for your support; Thank you for choosing service dogs as your project. Bringing awareness to this is amazing. We walk into a store and we're told, "Oh, you can't be in here, you're not blind." Service dogs are for anybody with disabilities. We've trained for post-traumatic stress; we've trained for seizure alerts. Our specialty is for mobile disabilities. Bringing this to the project has in my eyes helped us spread the word of what a service dog is, so we really thank you.

The one thing that is special to our hearts is the soldiers. We've trained dogs from the age of three months and up. The special thing we end a demonstration with is we all say a prayer for our soldiers. So, Houston and York, say a prayer for your soldiers. [applause]

If you have any questions for us, we'll be around for a while. Please feel free to come up. If you want to pet the dogs, all you have to do is ask. If the dog is in a sitting position, you're welcome to pet the dog. Jack Guy has a lot of information about Patriot Paws. Again, we thank you very much for your support. [applause]

MR. JACK GUY: Thank you, Laurie. We appreciate you and your trainers, Rhonda and Bonnie, for coming down today. It's no short hop from the Dallas area to Amarillo, and we do appreciate it. On behalf of the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, I would like to present you this check for \$3,000. We hope to give more later. We do appreciate you. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Wasn't that a special presentation? [applause] Thank you for all the service that you're doing for us.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Texas' Distinguished Officers and Members and Sisters and Brothers one and all: It is my happy privilege to welcome each of you to Amarillo, located in the Panhandle of Texas. Our location has us closer to five state capitals than our own; that is Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and New Mexico. It is a very special honor afforded us by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, to hold her Grand Chapter in Amarillo. This is the 128th Grand Chapter session of which only six annual sessions have been held in Amarillo. Now you know why it's so important to us. The last Grand Chapter was when I was Worthy Grand Matron, and I held the "Light from Within" session in 1990. Now, of course, you realize I was one of the youngest Worthy Grand Matrons to serve Grand Chapter at the age of 18. Do you believe that?

Worthy Grand Matron, if you will please allow me a special moment here that I want to share with Grand Chapter. Mr. Derek Brayden Isaacs, would you please stand. How many attended my Installation in Fort Worth? Do you remember the young man that was carried in on his mother's arm at seven months old? Derek is now 21. [applause] When I mentioned that he come to the opening because he was eligible, he said, "Well, maybe I ought to come and see what I missed when I was seven months old." Thank you, Derek; I love you. [applause]

The first session held in Amarillo was Mrs. Mattie Sybitts of Higgins in 1933, Mrs. Reva Burnett of Miami in 1941, Mrs. Robbie Dyer of Amarillo in 1945, Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker, formerly of Pampa, and in 1952 Mrs. Flora Beth Boone of Littlefield had the privilege of having Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron — at that time she was the newly elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of

the General Grand Chapter — to call the Grand Chapter session to order.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for another special record of service in which you have stood tall and shown your Texas pride as the Texas Ladies and Lone Star Gentlemen gave a productive year of service to our Order. Thank you for the honor accorded to me in presiding over the “Pride of Texas” session.

I am pleased to introduce our Assisting Grand Marshal for this afternoon, Sister Beulah Speer. I share the honor of being a Past Grand Matron with you from District 2. We are ready to welcome Sister Bess to our group. We have had special music this afternoon. Please join me in expressing sincere appreciation for the blessing of the beautiful music our talented Sister Jackie Stogner has provided for us. [applause]

At this time we will have the Processional of our Distinguished Members and Guests. Would you please pay attention as they are presented. Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, escorted by Mr. Henry Martin.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and the Past Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

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

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, along with the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, from other Grand Jurisdictions.

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

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, we are privileged to have one of the Installed Floor Officers for the Grand Lodge of Texas, the District Deputy Grand Master, Mr. Gene Carnes. Please escort him to the East.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, to the East.

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

Let us thank Sister Beulah Speer, Assisting Grand Marshal. She wanted you to know that this is her Grand Chapter dress that she’s still wearing. [applause]

At this time we are honored to have special music by Mr. Don Austin.

MR. DON AUSTIN: I’m going to sing about two great West Texas towns. I’ll give you a hint. They both start with “A”. [applause following singing of “Amarillo by Morning” and “Abilene”]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Mr. Don Austin. And, George Strait, eat your heart out!

We will now have the presentation of our Grand Chapter Sweetheart and Grand Chapter Mom. Our Grand Chapter Mom, Mrs. Dorothy White, escorted by Mr. Charles Fisher; Grand Chapter Sweetheart, Mrs. Billie Glover, escorted by her husband, Mr. Jerry Glover.

The Board of Grand Examiners is composed of six members elected annually. The 2009-2010 members are: Mrs. Melissa Hudman, District 1, escorted by Mr. Robert Coursey, Grand Representative to Virginia in Texas; Mrs. Cindy Echols, District 2, escort-

ed by her husband, Mr. Tommy Echols; Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, District 3, escorted by her husband, Mr. Darrell Albrecht; Mrs. Christine Armstrong, District 4, escorted by Mr. H. Lee Stallings, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Mrs. Brenda Smith, District 5, escorted by Mr. Mark Miller; Mrs. Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner At Large, escorted by her husband, Mr. Larry Bigham.

It is my honor to present the Board of Directors: Miss Diane Davidson, Chairman, escorted by Mr. Richard Hancock; Ms. Terri Rozzell, Vice Chairman, escorted by Mr. Paul Halpin; Mr. Keith Mikeworth, Secretary, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth; Mrs. Betty Scott, District 1, escorted by her husband, Mr. Andrew Scott; Mrs. Karen Kidd, District 2, escorted by Mr. Horton Kidd; Mrs. Lorraine Williams, District 3, escorted by her husband, Mr. Jimmy Williams; Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, District 4, escorted by her husband, Mr. Sunny Wise; Mrs. Kathy Teele, District 5, escorted by Mr. Terry Miller; Mr. Ron Zipp, District 5, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Sandra Zipp.

Sisters and Brothers, now it is my pleasure to present the Texas Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent. Taking us to faraway places through her excellent reports of other Grand Jurisdictions is our Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Faye Murphy, escorted by Mr. Mike Murphy. We depend upon this gentleman for our protection and security against interruption, our Grand Sentinel, Mr. Ken Morford, escorted by Mrs. Donna Kirkpatrick. Laboring always for peace and harmony, our Grand Warder, Mr. Don Reynolds, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Barbara Reynolds. Through her fervency and zeal, this lady is a witness of truth and love, Grand Electa, Mrs. Sue Barnes, escorted by Mr. Charlie Barnes. Portraying her Christian convictions and a hope of immortal life, Grand Martha, Mrs. Iris Lowe, escorted by Mr. Gene Lowe. This happens to be a friend, no kin. Through her queenly virtue and devotion, she has found much favor among the members of this Grand Chapter, Grand Esther, Mrs. Glenda Story, escorted by Mr. Charles Story. Reflecting the responsibility of obedience, we have reaped the harvest of her labor, Grand Ruth, Mrs. Mary Calvert, escorted by Mr. Bert Kniseley. Always faithful to the demands of right and duty, she too has displayed her right conduct, Grand Adah, Ms. Audri Rowell, escorted by Mr. Mike Larson. This lady is first with lasting impressions of melodies to remember, Grand Organist, Mrs. Darla Dunaway, escorted by her husband, Mr. Larry Dunaway. Marching forth with courtesy and purpose, she brings honor to her station, Grand Marshal, Mrs. Ann Wyatt, escorted by Mr. Greg Wyatt. Through faith in the divine Creator, she is a doer of His Word, Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Jean Thomas, escorted by Mr. Vic Christenson. Looking happily toward a delightful journey, our Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Annette Curry, escorted by Mr. Jerry Davis. The story of tomorrow will soon be open to her hand, and the clock is ticking, Grand Conductress, Mrs. Vi Griffin, escorted by the Honorable Past Grand Master and her husband, Mr. Tommy Griffin. One who is always faithful to her trust in the financial interest of our Order, our Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Lorrie Owens, escorted by her husband, Mr. Jerry Owens. Much is entrusted regarding prompt and discreet action to the duties of her office, Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nell Drenner, escorted by Mr. Mark Miller. Preparing to meet the challenges of tomorrow and to make it a reality, Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Arthur Drescher, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Marty Drescher. Planning the year always in search of God's plan, our own Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Ruth White, escorted by her husband, Mr. Joe White. Living his life in the tried and true principles of our Order, he commands the love and respect of this membership, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. William "Bill" Wyatt, escorted by Mrs. Cheryl Wyatt. Her worth cannot be measured in words; with an open-hearted mind her eternal spirit has prevailed and brought much credit to her and honor to the

Grand Chapter of Texas, our own Texas Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Bess Caldwell, escorted by her wonderful husband, Mr. Al Caldwell.

To each of you I trust that this will be a memory commemorating the love and devotion of your service, to all those who serve our Grand Chapter.

Our presentations are now in order. The Holy Bible presented by Ms. Audri Rowell, daughter of the Worthy Grand Matron; Bible Marker, Mrs. Brenda Jones, sister-in-law of the Worthy Grand Patron; Square and Compasses, Mr. Greg Wyatt, son of the Worthy Grand Patron.

Our Flags are symbols 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 may present these Flags so dear to the hearts of us all.

Our Flags are presented this evening. The United States Flag, Mr. Jerry Trees, Executive Committee Chairman, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Canadian Flag is presented by Mr. Jerry Martin, Ambassador to Hawaii of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Texas Flag by Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Christian Flag, Mr. Harold Trammell, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Our Eastern Star Flag, Mr. Robert Brownfield, Escort to the Past Grand Matron of Texas. The Masonic Flag, Mr. David Dibrell, Past Grand Master of Texas.

The United States Flag represents our unity, power, ideals and purposes as a nation. May we never forget that. Our Canadian Flag is our protector, and we must never forget that they are on guard for us. The Christian Flag is a beautiful symbol of our Prince of Peace, our hopes and aspirations. The Texas Flag has ever been unfurled not just for any cause, but the cause of right. It is a flag that stands for great courage, and we hold it very dear to our hearts. The Eastern Star Flag, which Rob Morris organized for the Order of the Eastern Star, is always in our hearts. The Masonic Flag, our Masonic Brothers who protect us, who guide us, who are there for widows, orphans, wives, all of those that they take care of. Thank you.

It is my happy privilege at this time to turn the gavel over to Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will call this session to order.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Sister Betty. It is a distinct pleasure to be here this afternoon because I know how proud Amarillo is that we have so many Sisters and Brothers. I personally want to thank Sister Bess, our Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me this honor. She has been so special to Robert and I over the years. I know Brother Kenneth Gregory, who served with us in '97-'98, at my side would be happy to bring greetings at this time.

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you, Past Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity of standing with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, to open this Thursday afternoon session of the 128th "Friendship and Love Across Texas" Grand Chapter. You have encouraged the membership to stand tall and be Texas proud this past year. The membership has felt the friendship and the love that you have exemplified in your leadership. Thank you for the friendship you have extended to Juanita and I over these past years. My Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield, said all through her year that friendship is constant. Truly, your friendship has been constant to this membership. Thank you, Sister Yvonne.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Brother Kenneth. At this time we will have our invocation given by Sister Sharon Fentress, Executive Committee, General

Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. SHARON FENTRESS: Thank you, Sister Yvonne. Let us go to our Heavenly Father in prayer. Gracious, merciful God, how we thank You, Lord, for the privilege You have bestowed upon us to allow us to come together in this beautiful place with so many beautiful friends. We thank You, Lord, that You have given us the privilege of living in a country where we are free to gather together and to do good work in Your Name. Father, I pray that You will be over every word and every deed that takes place in this organization during this week of service. May each thing that is said and done be pleasing in Thy sight. And, Father, please watch over those and heal those as it is Your will who are not able to be with us. And, Lord, watch over those servicemen who are there in our behalf. Watch over them and keep them; surround them with the thorns of Thy protection. Thank you, Lord, for the blessings of each and every day and for all that You have done for each one of us. We pray that we might find favor in Your sight that this organization and we as a people may continue to serve You in love and in all the good things that You have given to us. We pray this in the Blessed Son's Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Sister Sharon. There is one person here this afternoon who I know is breathing a sigh of relief that this day has finally come. Mr. Kris Miller, Chairman of the Executive Committee, I invite you to address this assembly.

MR. KRIS MILLER: Thank you, Sister Yvonne. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas: It's good to have you back. The last time this distinguished group was in this coliseum, I was the general manager here. I had no grandchildren, my hair wasn't gray, I was thin and the seats were orange. I've waited a long time to get you back. Since then I've retired. I have two grandchildren; these blue seats are over 15 years old; and, well ... what took you so long? On behalf of the hardest working group of people in the state, all of our local committees and my co-chair, Marjorie Errington, welcome to the Amarillo Civic Center and the great city of Amarillo.

The Honorable Mayor of Amarillo, Ms. Debra McCartt, will officially welcome you to our great city in a few minutes. Believe me, she does a much better job than I do, and she's a whole lot better looking. Tonight over 800 of you will be going to see a musical romance of Panhandle history. The show "Texas" has played in the beautiful Palo Duro Canyon for 45 years, and it is the largest, longest running outdoor musical in the US. You're in for a treat because two people in this room are actually going to be in the cast tonight. See if you can pick them out.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honor of being your Executive Chairman. I haven't worked near as hard as Marge and my Committees. They've done a great job. I want to thank Marge Errington too for her support. Once again, I welcome you all to Amarillo. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Brother Kris. I know that we are all proud to be here for the 128th Grand Chapter session. And, honey, you haven't changed much in twenty years because none of us have!

Now it's my pleasure to introduce the Honorable Debra McCartt, Mayor of the City of Amarillo. She works hard and represents the city with dignity and honor.

MS. DEBRA McCARTT: Thank you so much. It is quite an honor for me to be here to welcome anyone who comes to Amarillo, but especially this wonderful group of men and women that have such high ideals and have such passion and compassion for what they do. When I was walking in, the man that was singing — he did such a great job. I said he was playing my song, "Amarillo by Morning." I love that song. When you go to see "Texas" tonight, they may be playing that song again. You're going to love "Texas." It

talks about our heritage and the culture that the Texas Panhandle has and has had over the years. It's just a wonderful production. If you forgot to get your tickets, don't let that slip by. I just had the opportunity to bring a group to Amarillo, part of Texas Municipal League. I brought my group here, and they went to see it. They said that was the highlight of the whole trip. So don't miss seeing "Texas." You're going to love it. The weather is going to be great, and it is a great opportunity for all of you to go tell the country and the world about this.

As I look over the different mission statements that you all have as the Eastern Star and representing the Masonic folks, I couldn't help but feel the compassion that you have, the empathy that you have for people, the way that you bring out the best in other people as well. To me I would take great pride in that. I know you do that, and I know wherever you live — and I'm not sure if it's all over the country — is it Texas or all over the country?

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Anywhere we can get them from.

MS. DEBRA McCARTT: All right. Wherever you come from. It meant a lot to me to read over all the different accomplishments that you have. To work with young women to be the best that they can be, that's always a good thing, to let girls know and women know. I want to say that I am so proud of all that you do, wherever you live. We are so glad — honestly so glad to have you in Amarillo. We are a growing and thriving community that loves to have people come and visit and see what we have to offer. Certainly, "Texas" is a big part of that.

But again I want to thank all of you all — all of you all — all y'all — for what you do. Kris was telling me you dress certain ways for certain groups and so forth. I'll need to learn more about that. But you look beautiful, and I know you have hearts of gold. I know you're in the right place. You have a choice when you have a convention, and we're so glad that you chose Amarillo, Texas. Have a wonderful time at your event, and have a wonderful time at "Texas" tonight.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Mrs. McCartt. [applause] The way you talk, you're our kind of gal. You need to dig around in your life's history or maybe talk to your husband and see if you can find a Masonic affiliation so you can become one of us and wear these different-colored dresses. Thank you.

Now it's my privilege to introduce the Chamber of Commerce representative, Mr. Jason Harrison.

MR. JASON HARRISON: Thank you. On behalf of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and the Amarillo Convention & Visitor Council, we'd like to welcome you to Amarillo. Being in the convention industry, we know that you do have choices, not only on where you have these conventions, but also which ones you choose to go to. We're proud to have you here. We know that you get busy with all the activities that you have going on, but we hope that you can get out and see and experience Amarillo. We love our city. We've got many fun things to do here. I know y'all are going out to the State Park, but hopefully you can get out and see historic Route 66, all the museums and attractions, restaurants and shopping that we have here. I know that Mindy Bradley and the CVC, along with the hotels and the attractions put together some information and packets. So I hope that you can get out, view Amarillo, the city that we love, that we live in so you can see what we love about it, and if nothing else, definitely have fun while you're here.

Thank you for coming. We look forward to seeing you back soon. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Harrison, for giving of your time to be with us. This afternoon we also have the Amarillo Convention & Visitor Council represented by Mr. Rick Matchett. Is there someone here from the Amarillo Convention &

Visitor Council that would like to welcome us?

MS. DEBRA McCARTT: I will. I know about the CVC, and I tell you Mindy — she was here, but she has worked very hard on this. She works very hard on these conventions and does a great job. Tourism is so important to any city. What you all are bringing to Amarillo is so important to us as well, all the stores you're going to go visit and all the money you're going to spend. We appreciate all of that.

So from the CVC, I want to say thank you all for being here. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Mayor, before you sit back down, are you going to represent the Amarillo Civic Center, or is there someone here from that? I believe this must be Sherman Bass.

MR. SHERMAN BASS: That's correct. I'm Sherman. I'm the manager of the Amarillo Civic Center and the Globe News Center for the Performing Arts. On behalf of all of our staff, welcome to Amarillo and to our facilities. I hope you'll find that everybody is pleasant and helpful. If you need anything at all, please feel free to stop any of us and we'll try to get you directions or information or find someone that can help you.

I've heard a lot about "Texas" tonight, but I do want to mention that not only will you have a great time, but someone that many of you know very well will be playing Tucker Yeldell this evening. I know the ladies over here can give a big "yee haw." I hope all of you can give him a big "yee haw" tonight. Have a great time. Once again, welcome to Amarillo. Thanks again for choosing us for your 128th session of the Grand Chapter. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, our own Sister Rennie Ofton, has selected service dogs as a project for this triennium. Prior to the opening of this session, we were privileged to witness the work performed by these magnificent animals. Thank you, Rhonda Lee, trainer, and Laurie Stevens, CEO of Patriot Paws, for bringing the program and enlightening us on the work these animals do.

Thanks also to Jack Guy, General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Service Dogs and Past Grand Patron of Texas, for arranging for this demonstration. Many people are able to lead fulfilled lives because of the dogs.

The Ronald McDonald House. This year our Worthy Grand Matron selected several charities to receive the beneficent benefits from the hard work of our members. Worthy Grand Matron, would you please come forward to make a presentation to the Ronald McDonald House.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The Ronald McDonald House has touched many lives. Family and friends have benefitted from the wonderful hospitality provided by them. Each of us knows of someone who has been touched by the houses. I am pleased to report that because of the generosity of the Grand Chapter of Texas we will present to the Ronald McDonald House a check in the amount of \$10,000.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Worthy Grand Patron, I believe you have some words.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We'd like to thank you for your work with the Ronald McDonald House and your hospitality. Many families are able to endure adversities in a loving and caring atmosphere.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I believe at this time Mrs. Jan Reid from Ronald McDonald House will respond.

MRS. JAN REID: Thank you so much. I am so honored to have been invited to attend your meeting. I have watched all of you in your beautiful clothes and also know your beauty is from within because of the work you do. I would aspire for our House to

have the same mission as yours, to care for families and others who are in need. In Amarillo we have been open for 25 years and have served over 8,000 families who had to bring their children to Amarillo for medical treatment. I am overwhelmed with the donation and so will be our board. I want to thank you so much. You have no idea how far this money will go. We appreciate all your efforts. I also hope you enjoy Amarillo. Thank you so much. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: The West Texas Rehabilitation Center is the second recipient today. Worthy Grand Matron, I believe you have a presentation to make at this time. Mr. Woody Gilliland will be receiving the presentation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: West Texas Rehab is an icon in West Texas. We've had it in Abilene for 50 years-plus. It has helped so many people and is run on donations only. Sisters and Brothers, I do appreciate this donation that will be going to Abilene, Texas.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Our rehab centers are remarkable, and I know many of the people who have benefitted from rehab work. I applaud you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I am pleased at this time to present West Texas Rehab a check for \$10,000.

MR. WOODY GILLILAND: I am honored to represent the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and be here today. West Texas Rehab is an organization that for over 57 years has provided occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech therapy for those that have a need, regardless of their financial circumstance. In those 57 years we've never turned anyone away. From the beginning, back in 1953 with one physical therapist and 17 youngsters as patients with a cerebral palsy diagnosis to where we are today with over 26,000 patient visits in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona, that mission hasn't changed. We're honored and privileged to be a part of this event today.

On a personal note, it has additional special meaning to me. About 49 years ago I came to this area, actually about ten miles south of here, and started playing football for a guy who's still a legend today, Joe Kerbal, at West Texas. I married a young lady from this area as well. Bess, I can't tell you how much this means, not only to the rehab center but to me personally and professionally. Thank you very much. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you. The Worthy Grand Matron's family has been affected by heart disease over the years. That is one of the reasons she has selected the American Heart Association as one of her projects for this year. Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: As most of you know, Sisters and Brothers, the Heart Association means a lot to me. My daughter had open heart surgery and is doing beautifully. I wanted to use this to give to the Heart Association so that they can continue their good work.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Worthy Grand Patron, can we hear from you?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I have also lost two members of my family with heart disease, and I know the American Heart Association will continue their hard work to find a cure for heart disease. Thank you very much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I invite Kyle Tugwell to accept this donation to be used by the American Heart Association.

MR. KYLE TUGWELL: First, thank you. It's an honor to accept this in behalf of the American Heart Association. Thank you both for sharing. Unfortunately, so many of our lives are touched by heart disease and stroke. It is the number one and number three killer. It does not matter, regardless of age, race or economic status, so we appreciate that.

On a personal level, I am the new director here in Amarillo. This is actually the first check I have received, and this will always be embedded in my heart and mind. We appreciate all of you for this and your generosity. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Another project that is close to the heart of the Worthy Grand Matron is cancer research. Our Worthy Grand Matron will now make a presentation to Mr. Jason McCoy of the American Cancer Society.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, this project was very close to me. As some of you may know, I am a cancer survivor. I am so pleased to make this donation from the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: My family, like most families, has lost loved ones to cancer. We thank the American Cancer Society for continuing to work to help all of us. Thank you so much. [applause]

MR. JASON McCOY: As Regional Vice-President of the American Cancer Society, the Panhandle Region, it is my pleasure to be here. Ms. Caldwell, I appreciate the opportunity to receive this wonderful donation. Cancer has affected everyone. But the American Cancer Society is making leaps and bounds in the area of cancer research. One example is a medication called Gleevek which is curing leukemia in cancer patients. Just a few years ago that was unheard of. We can't do this without the support of wonderful organizations like yours who definitely do good works of service.

One thing I will mention that is aiding cancer patients as well is at Lubbock, Texas, we have just opened our Hope Lodge, which is the first one in Texas. It's very similar to a Ronald McDonald House which allows cancer patients that are coming from 40 miles or farther out for treatment to stay for free. We appreciate the support of you in that endeavor as well. Thank you so much. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: We honor our youth which is our future for a brighter tomorrow. Through ritualistic work, charity projects and fun activities, these youth groups give their members the opportunity to build self-confidence, discover and enhance their talents and develop leadership skills. Sisters and Brothers, we must unite in promoting the best interests of our youth because they are the future for tomorrow. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will make a special presentation at this time. Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Fidelity, would you please come forward.

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: The Order of the Rainbow for Girls represents the future leaders of the Order of the Eastern Star. We applaud you for the many hours of hard work that you each put into this organization. We want to see each of you become members of the Order of the Eastern Star. We thank you for being here today.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I now invite Sister Marlene to bring greetings.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of my bringing greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and our 50 assemblies and 800 members. I'm overwhelmed with your generosity. Thank you so very, very much for this love gift because I know that it is given in love.

To each of you present this afternoon, we greet you in appreciation of your service to our Order. Many of you were Rainbow Girls, some of you have daughters in Rainbow,

others have granddaughters. But all of you help our assemblies. You love our girls; you support them in all that they do. But more importantly, you have confidence in the youth of today and believe in the promise that they hold for our future. Our Rainbow Girls are blessed to be part of this fraternal family, and we are blessed to have your sponsorship and the many ways that you support our assemblies.

It was Ralph Waldo Emerson who said, "The glory of friendship is not just in the outstretched hands and the kindly smile and the joy of companionship; it is in the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him." Thank you for the trust that you place in our young ladies, for your inspiration, for your mentorship and for believing, as I do, that the world of tomorrow will be safe in the hands of the youth of today if we keep them looking upward, glimpsing their vision through the rays of our wonderful Rainbow organization.

We wish for you a most successful and loving 128th annual session of Grand Chapter. May the "Friendship and Love Across Texas" session be for all attendees a true and beautiful friendship and fraternal experience. Thank you so much for honoring Rainbow in the many ways that you do, and certainly for this generous donation which will be used for the benefit totally of our girls.

It's now with Rainbow pride that I present to you our Grand Worthy Advisor, 2010-2011, Miss Laura Pearson, who will bring greetings in behalf of our Texas Rainbow team. [applause]

MISS LAURA PEARSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East and Friends: Good afternoon. On behalf of each of the 800 members of Texas Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to greet you as a Sister because I was recently initiated into this wonderful Order. [applause]

This past year of Grand Chapter has been spent celebrating and spreading friendship and love throughout Texas, and I know that that love has reached every corner of this wonderful state. Mrs. Bess Caldwell and Mr. Bill Wyatt have worked diligently with their outstanding officers to accomplish a great deal, and I would like to congratulate each of you on a spectacular year that has surely been filled with many sweet memories. One of the Scriptures from this year is one that is near to my heart as a Rainbow Girl and as a member of the Masonic Family. 1 Corinthians 13:13 reads, "Now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity." This verse describes our purpose and all that we are. We practice faith in a Supreme Being, hope in one another and charity in our everyday lives.

Rainbow Girls are taught to practice charity, and as such our state project for this year is the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children located in Dallas. When a child arrives at the Scottish Rite Hospital, they must be feeling anxious, nervous and a little unsettled. But behind all the worry is a rainbow of hope. The hospital is able to provide each child with the attention they deserve and the hope they need to push onward. The Scottish Rite Hospital treats children from all across Texas with conditions ranging anywhere from orthopedic needs to learning disorders, such as dyslexia, all of which is at no cost to the patient or family.

In addition to meeting the needs of patients, the hospital also conducts research to further discoveries in the medical field. This year Texas Grand Assembly would like to raise \$8,800 in honor of Grand Assembly's 88th year. Some ways you can help Grand Assembly reach this goal are by purchasing a plush poodle or tote bag or by donating to the Scottish Rite Hospital. I hope you've seen our plush poodles at our Rainbow display

here at Grand Chapter. Perhaps you've already helped us in this charitable cause. Thank you. Let's all try to help make a child smile and feel just a little better.

I would like to wish the best of luck to Mrs. Mary Ruth White and Mr. Arthur Drescher on their endeavors in the coming year. I look forward to working with you and all of your wonderful Grand Officers. Grand Chapter will surely be well guided this year and reach new heights of success with every coming year because of the outstanding leaders the Eastern Star organization has.

Allow me to thank you for the time to bring greetings on behalf of Texas Grand Assembly. It means the world to be able to be here these days as Grand Worthy Advisor, but, more importantly, as a new member witnessing my first Grand Chapter. I truly look forward to continuing to see all of you in the coming years and beginning my Eastern Star adventure, hopefully learning more and more about this wonderful organization. Thank you all so much. [applause]

These are the poodles we are selling. They are Precious and Pink. We are right outside if you all would like to come visit us. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Representing the Order of DeMolay are J. Weldon Clampitte, Grand Senior Councilor, DeMolay International, and Mr. Aaron Ingersoll, State Master Councilor of the Texas DeMolay Association. I know that our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are pleased to make a presentation after which we will hear from both of these gentlemen.

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 DeMolay.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: The DeMolay is the gateway for our young men to come into our Masonic Fraternity. I am glad to have these young men representing DeMolay here at our Grand Chapter. Brother Weldon, thank you for all you do to help these young men and all you do for our Masonic Fraternity.

MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, my Brothers and Sisters: It is indeed a pleasure to represent DeMolay in this great state. We are one of the better jurisdictions in the United States. Just recently we had a DeMolay International meeting in Dallas, well attended by many people including a lot of you from Texas. We in Texas, and myself as Executive Officer, cannot ask for any better support from the adult Masonic groups. Eastern Star, Grand Lodge, the York Rite and the Scottish Rite all support us very well. We appreciate Eastern Star for all that you have done the past several years. It has been outstanding. I cannot express my thanks any better.

It's my pleasure to introduce to you our State Master Councilor, Aaron Ingersoll, who less than a month ago was raised to a Master Mason. Many of these young men are becoming Masons. I believe I have a young man in the audience somewhere who is a past State Master Councilor who is now the current Patron of his Eastern Star chapter. So as you can well see, these young men are following in our footsteps. We need to give encouragement to them. Please provide it.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you now Aaron Ingersoll, State Master Councilor of the State of Texas. [applause]

MR. AARON INGERSOLL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, Past and Present, Distinguished East, Members and Visitors: Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings at this annual meeting. I would like to congratulate the 2009-2010 Grand Officers on

a very successful year. For those of you who don't know, my grandmother, Mrs. Mary Mollins, was very active in Eastern Star; she passed away in June of 2009. She was the one that paid to get me into DeMolay in 2004.

I would like to let all of you know that DeMolay has partnered with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life program, and it is the goal of Texas DeMolay for each and every chapter to raise at least a thousand dollars toward this cause. Texas DeMolay has a booth set up outside. Myself and the other State Officers would like a chance to meet with and get to know each and every one of you here.

Worthy Grand Matron, at this time I would like to present to you this fan which symbolizes our support for Eastern Star as you have supported DeMolay this past year. I would also like to present you this 2010 Relay for Life pin because in January of this year I was diagnosed with cancer. Most Worthy Grand Matron, I would also like to present you with the same pin.

At this time, with your permission, I would like to introduce the other State Officers present: our State Senior Councilor, Brother Matthew Stokes; State Junior Councilor, Colby Spicer; District Deputy State Master Councilor for District 1, Amarillo/El Paso, Brother Cody Hard. [applause] We are also pleased to have with us in attendance the members and advisors of the Amarillo Chapter Order of DeMolay and their Master Councilor, Brother Brent Hugdon. [applause] Would any other active DeMolays present please rise and be recognized.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful session, and I look forward to bringing greetings at the Installation on Saturday. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure for me to introduce one who needs no introduction, Honorable Orville O'Neill, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. We are so pleased to have him bring greetings after a few words from our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron. Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Honorable Sir, you and I have had a very busy year. I appreciate your support and the fine relationship that the Order of the Eastern Star has 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 the Master Masons, pledge to support you and the Lodges in Texas to the best of our ability. In addition to representing the Grand Lodge of Texas, I hope that you will represent the Texas Masonic Retirement Center as well because I know that you are wearing two hats this year. You are also the Chairman of the Board of Directors for TMRC and the Grand Master.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Most Worshipful Sir, thank you for your efforts in working with us this year to have our fraternities working together for the benefit of both Masonry and Eastern Star. I thank you for being here today and for all you have done for Masonry and I know all that you will do. Thank you.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Most Worshipful, could we hear from you at this time?

MR. ORVILLE O'NEILL: Yes, ma'am, you can. Of course, I was here last night at the banquet; I had a wonderful time and met a lot of new people. There were a lot of questions asked. I won't go into what I said last night. But, Worthy Grand Matron, you said I had two hats to wear. One of them is president of the Board of Directors of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. If you will indulge me just a moment, I'll put that hat on now. Last night there were several ladies and gentlemen asked me some questions about the

Retirement Center. They wanted to know if the Retirement Center was going to run the ladies away from out there. I don't know where that awful rumor got started or how it got started. But the Board of Directors at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center has never, never discussed that idea. We are not going to get into that. You wonderful ladies are there as long as y'all want to be there. [applause] And if the rumors get started again, please holler and I won't have a problem getting up and telling them they're dead wrong. Okay?

Thank you very much for letting me be with y'all today. Thank you for this. They will get that bright and early in the morning as I go through. Thank you very much. It's a pleasure to be here with y'all, and we will see y'all later. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Has Brother Jack Guy got through feeding the dogs? Has he come back in?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Jack, I am grateful to you for arranging the demonstration that we had earlier this morning. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron has a project this triennium to sell pins, and the proceeds from that will be going to the service dog project. At this time I would like to present you with this check that has been taken up for that purpose. [applause]

MR. JACK GUY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all: How much I appreciate this, on behalf of the service dog entity known as Patriot Paws, and we do have some other folks that are donating to Seeing Eye Dogs of Texas, which is great. Any of you that so desire to make a donation, you have the choice of deciding where you want that donation to go. Mainly what I — I say "I" — and the membership have been raising funds for is an outfit called Patriot Paws, which some of you saw a couple of the dogs that they brought in today. On behalf of Patriot Paws and any other service dog entities, I do thank you for this check, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and all the membership that has worked so hard in helping us raise these funds. I think those of you who were here heard what it costs to train one of those dogs. It sounds like an awful lot, but you have several things involved, such as, of course, feed, vets and so forth.

But at any rate so far — and we haven't quite been at it a year — we have donated something in excess of \$10,000 already. We have done well. [applause] The membership of Texas deserves those accolades. I also might add, if any of you haven't gotten one — I don't think too many of you have been missed — but if you haven't already got your scarves, we've got them out here by the Cardinal table. We've got a new item out there that some of the people from Patriot Paws brought for us, and that's t-shirts with their logo across the front. If any of you haven't made the table, well, do so right away. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will have a Partial Credentials report at this time by Mrs. Sarah Coursey, Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

MRS. SARAH COURSEY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron: We do have a quorum. We have 392 chapters; 25 percent of that makes 98 chapters. We've got over 300. So, according to our laws, we have a quorum.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Sarah. I appreciate all your hard work.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Kenneth, I understand you have a presentation to make at this time. Would you please come forward.

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you, Sister Yvonne. It is my pleasure to read this letter from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor. "Greetings. As Governor of Texas, I am pleased to extend greetings to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the

Eastern Star. I commend you all for your benevolence and your commitment to time-honored values. Your organization is known far and wide for its public service, including its support of medical research and education. Your work for these and other worthy causes personifies true Texas spirit. I'm also pleased to congratulate Sister Bess Caldwell for being honored for her leadership and dedication. The First Lady, Anita Perry, joins me in wishing you the best. Sincerely," and it's signed Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas. Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present you this greeting. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now recognize the Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that those chapters that got their reports in late that have been refused to pick up their registration should be able to do that now.

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, please raise your blue cards. Motion carried.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I'll now ask the Grand Chapter Officers and their Pages to retire to the West for the "Our Beautiful Texas" 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 2009-2010 and their Personal Pages to enter for the "Our Beautiful Texas" drill under the direction of Mrs. Ann Wyatt, Grand Marshal. [applause following drill]

We have appreciated all of you for being here this afternoon. We thank you for taking of your time and sharing your time with us, but at this time we are about to prepare for the business of Grand Chapter. We would request that all who are not members of the Order please retire at this time, again with our heartfelt thanks for being with us today.

Sisters and Brothers, we're in for a treat at this time. We'll have a Precision Drill done by the Distinguished Ushers directed by Darrell Albrecht. [applause following drill]

I invite those who are to participate at this time to please enter the Grand Chapter room. Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East, please.

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to present Sister Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Wyatt, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Please join me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

Sister Bess, you know what you and Brother Al mean to Robert and I and what you and Brother Bill have meant to the membership of Texas for this year and for the years to come. It is with great honor and pride that I present you your gavel.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Past Grand Matron. The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the duties of this Grand Chapter. [Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening]

Let us sing the opening ode, "Because He Lives."

I now call this 128th "Friendship and Love Across Texas" Grand Chapter of Texas, the "Texas Pride" session, duly opened for the transaction of business. Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this 128th session of Grand Chapter, "Friendship and Love Across Texas," is now duly opened for the transaction of business.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You will join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the

Flag of our country

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Please join me in singing the National Anthem led by our Grand Choir Director.

Please remain standing as Lesa Smith, Grand Soloist from District 3, sings “O Canada.”

Those who participated in the opening this evening — and I know some of them had to leave, they were getting tired — but each of them has touched my life in many ways. I thank them for opening this Grand Chapter session. I love each of them. Sister Jackie Stogner, for your music we thank you. You always, always play beautifully and you share your God-given talent with us. We thank you for that. [applause] I’m not sure if Brother Don Austin is still in the building. But, Brother Don, you know how special you are to me, and I thank you so very much for those two beautiful songs as we started out the day. [applause]

Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, General Grand Chapter Officers, Ambassadors and Committee Members and our Distinguished Members and Visitors all: It is with a grateful heart that Brother Bill and I welcome you to this 128th Grand Chapter session. We are delighted that you have chosen to be in Amarillo, Texas, to share this time with us. I invite Brother Bill to bring greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, it would take volumes to put into words the appreciation that is in my heart for each of you. Thank you for all you have done for me and for this beautiful Order. You each hold a special place in my and Ann’s hearts. Our friendship goes back a long way. Thank you for taking a part in this special day for us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will now have our Formal Introductions. We are honored with the presence of our Most Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our most distinguished leader at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce Sister Rennie Ofton, the Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I bid you welcome. It is an honor and a pleasure that I welcome you, Sister Rennie. We are happy that your membership is in Texas, and we are proud of the great honor that you have brought to this Grand Jurisdiction. Yours is devoted service with great accomplishments for your many years of service. Your graciousness and kindness endear you to many not only in Texas, but around the world.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Rennie, I have always admired your hard work and your love for our Order. I have always considered you a very close friend. We know that this triennium is going to be one of the best, and we look forward to being there with you. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to be here with us today.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it is with much joy that I present our Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. You will salute her with Grand Honors.

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

We are honored with the presence of Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor to introduce these Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons: Sisters Helen R. Cox, Past Grand Matron of Georgia; and Barbara Benton, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma, Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Your faithful service and dedication to our beautiful Order have endeared you to the world. You have brought honor and distinction by being at our “Texas Pride” session. Thank you for being here.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you for your many years of labor to our Order and for the counsel and support you have given us this year. We hope your stay in Texas will be a pleasant one. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride that I present these Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons of General Grand Chapter. You will salute 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 Elected and Installed Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Elected and Installed Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Installed Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter: Sisters Barbara “Bobbi” White, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia; Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Elizabeth Bordeaux, Worthy Grand Chaplain and a Past Grand Matron of Vermont; Rosemary T. Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Elizabeth Roach, Worthy Grand Electa and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: What is so rare as a day in June? It is a day in August when friends have traveled far and near, coming not as strangers or visitors, but as Sisters and Brothers with hearts filled with love and enthusiasm for our beautiful Order. I bid you a loving and sincere welcome to the “Texas Pride” session of our Texas Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you would like to greet these Elected General Grand Chapter Officers.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: What an honor it is to have you here with us today. We thank you all for doing all you do for our Order and taking time out to be with us today. We hope that your visit here in Texas is a delightful one.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Elected and Appointed Installed Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much joy that I present the Elected and Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter. You will salute them with Grand Honors.

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

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

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these members of the Executive Committee of General Grand Chapter: Brothers Henry S.

Martin, General Chairman, Texas; Kenneth R. Gregory, Co-Chairman; H. Lee Stallings, Finance; Jerry Trees, Housing, and Past Grand Patrons of Texas; Sisters Sharon Fentress, Housing Co-Chairman; Betty Y. Friend, Social Chairman and Past Grand Matrons of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I do believe you are all “Texas Pride.” Yes, you are our General Grand Chapter Officers. How proud we are of each of you. Rennie did well when she chose you because I know, dear friends, how hard you will work for this wonderful lady.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present them in the East. [applause]

I am pleased to present these Executive Committee Members of General Grand Chapter. You will salute them with Grand Honors.

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

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

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Committee Members of General Grand Chapter: Sisters Elsie Paladino, Appeals & Grievance; Karen Morgenthaler, Cancer; Doris Jean Hester, Credentials; Wanda Fairchild, Membership, United States Chairman, and Past Grand Matrons of Texas; Frankie Little, Necrology, Past Grand Matron of Iowa; Alma Carter, Registration, Past Grand Matron of Texas; Jo Cullifer, Ritual, Past Grand Matron of Georgia; Cheryl Martin, Service Dogs, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Joyce Gilbert, Youth, United States Chairman, Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brothers Jerry L. Martin, Ambassador to Hawaii; Jack Guy, Service Dogs, and Past Grand Patrons of Texas; Nick Schultz, International Peace Garden, Past Grand Patron of Wisconsin; Duane “Buddy” Baker, Chapter Restoration, Past Grand Patron of Texas; Ira Payne, Service Dog Committee, Past Grand Patron of Arkansas; Lewis Braithwaite, Public Relations, Past Grand Patron of West Virginia; William C. “Bill” Barnes, Membership Committee, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma; Ed Warner, ESTARL, Past Grand Patron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Many of you are our very own. It is an added happiness to have you as our honored guests at this “Texas Pride” session. To you and to those who have joined us for this Grand Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, thank you for coming and sharing your time with the membership of Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you want to greet our Committee Members and Ambassador.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: What an honor it is to have you here with us at this session. I know our Most Worthy Grand Matron is so proud to look out there and see all of you here. Thank you for representing our Most Worthy Grand Matron and our Most Worthy Grand Patron in other Grand Jurisdictions. You are special friends of ours here in Texas, and we know General Grand Chapter is as proud of you as we are. Thank you for being here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be presented in the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to present the Ambassador and Committee Members of General Grand Chapter. You will salute 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 from other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present them at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the honor to introduce these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Beverly Clinker, Georgia; Gayle Cousatte, Kansas; Selloise Basinger, Mississippi; Leatrice Massey, Oklahoma; and Brothers Thomas R. "Tommy" Thompson, Arkansas; Mike Rapp, Oklahoma; and Marlin O. Drew, Mississippi, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The word "welcome" means to receive gladly into one's presence. This indeed expresses our thoughts as we extend the hand of fraternal friendship to you. As co-workers in our respective jurisdictions, we know what it means and the time and energy that you have spent to be here with us. Your presence with us today cements the strong bond of friendship and fraternalism existing between our Grand Jurisdictions. Welcome to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I extend to you a warm welcome. Indeed, it is an honor to have you here in Amarillo to share this special time with us, but more especially getting to know you and sharing our good times together. Thank you for being here to honor us.

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

Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my honor to present to you these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will salute them with Grand Honors.

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

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

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Sue Bishop, California; Ellen Glass, Georgia; Rae Anderson, Manitoba; Margie Olson, Minnesota; Debbie Beard, Oklahoma; Margie McConnell, Oklahoma; Betty MacAdam, Pennsylvania; Brenda Jones, Virginia; Barbara Heden, Washington; and Brothers Steve Kirk, Georgia; James Hutchison, Manitoba; Bruce Johnson, Minnesota; Tom Benton, Oklahoma; James Boyer, Sr., Virginia; Glen Douglas, Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Our door of friendship is open wide with a welcome warm and true. No greater joy could come to a Worthy Grand Matron than to welcome those who have served before her. Yes, by your presence at our session you signify your continued concern and interest in our great fraternal order. Several of you are personal friends, and I am delighted to welcome you.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you so much for being here. The only difference between your year of service in your state as opposed to a year of service in the great State of Texas is merely a difference in location. We thank you for 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. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride and joy that I present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will salute them with Grand Honors.

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

We are honored with the presence of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and the Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Sisters Elise Hammack, Beulah Speer, Betty Phillips Benham, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Yvonne Brownfield, Jimmie Lee McMahon, Joyce Nicklas; and Brothers Glenn Whitaker, Richard Ochs, Harold Trammell, Nelson Campbell, John Creel and Ray Hertenberger, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Beloved members, you have given much service and the sharing of your talents and your life to this Grand Chapter of Texas. You are indeed the pride of Texas in our eyes. As I come to the climax of this year, the experience of this service has convinced me that there is a thousand times more goodness, wisdom and love in this world than man can imagine. Having traveled this way, you knew this. I thank God for this added knowledge. Thank you for the leadership, for your ability and for the inspiration that you have given to the Grand Chapter of Texas and to me.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: What a beautiful sight you are. You are Texas' finest. You represent the love and beauty of this great State of Texas. Thank you for sharing this time with us and more especially for the support you have given us this year. I look forward to spending many, many more years with you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to present the 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 these Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions back of Esther's station.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: It is my honor to introduce these Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sister Mavis Payne, Grand Conductress, Arkansas; Brother Dr. Bill Bane, Grand Warder, District of Columbia and International Headquarters Administrator, General Grand Chapter; Sisters Kimberly Dellinger, Grand Conductress, Kansas; Rae Corbet, Grand Electa, Kansas; Jean Hutchison, Grand Conductress, Manitoba; Linda Sanner, Associate Grand Matron, Maryland; Georgeann Johnson, Grand Treasurer, Minnesota; Brother John Basinger, Grand Warder, Mississippi; Sisters Sheryl

Long, Grand Ruth, Nevada; Debbie Davis, Associate Grand Matron, New Mexico; Bonnie Varnell, Associate Grand Conductress, New Mexico; Beverly Boyett, Associate Grand Matron, Oklahoma; Brother Rohn Hall, Associate Grand Patron, Oklahoma; Sisters Shirley Niehoff, Grand Secretary, Oklahoma; Melissa Griffin, Grand Conductress, Oklahoma; Kathy Stegall, Associate Grand Conductress, Oklahoma; Beth Melrose, Grand Organist, Oklahoma; June Conrad, Grand Ruth, Oklahoma; Virginia Heffernan, Grand Esther, Oklahoma; Mary Ellen Tidwell, Grand Martha, Oklahoma; Brother Sam Beard, Grand Sentinel, Oklahoma; Sister Mary Heskett, Associate Grand Matron, Saskatchewan, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We are honored with your presence. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for coming. We are so pleased that you came to Texas. Please know that you are always welcome.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: What an honor it is to have you with us here today. You are a counterpart serving other Grand Jurisdictions of our Order. We appreciate your service and are very pleased to have you here today with us. Thank you for being here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much joy that I present the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will give them a very warm welcome. [applause]

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

Sisters and Brothers, I have just been handed a note that the last bus will leave the coliseum going back to the hotels at four o'clock. We are going to close Grand Chapter and begin in the morning with the rest of the introductions.

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

MRS. BETTY FRIEND: Heavenly Father, we thank You for this beautiful "Texas Pride" session that Texas has shared with members gathered here from around the world. Thank You for the Christian influence and leadership that the 2009-10 Officers of this Grand Chapter have provided our membership during this Grand Chapter year. We praise Your Name in all that we do as members of the Order of the Eastern Star. We pray that our love and mission will be recognized throughout the many countries around the globe. Be with our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill, as they lead the remaining sessions of this Grand Chapter. Give them the patience and love that will be needed for the business session, as well as the strength and wisdom that they will need as we engage in the legislation. Remind us daily, dear Lord, to love one another and to be joyful and kind in our relations with each other during our deliberations. May all our actions glorify Your Name. Go with us now as we are dismissed, and help us to rest well so that we will be prepared for the decisions that we will be making in the next few days. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

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

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, by the order of the Worthy Grand Matron we are calling this "Texas Pride" session of Grand Chapter from labor to rest, and

you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

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

I now call this Thursday afternoon, the “Pride of Texas” session, from labor to rest until 8:30 a.m. Friday morning. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this “Pride of Texas” session of Grand Chapter is now called from labor to rest.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

August 6, 2010

“Our Hope for Texas” Session

8:00 a.m. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jackie Stogner
Assisting Grand Organist

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Membership Committee, US Chairman
General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Jerry Trees
Executive Committee, Housing Chairman
General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Sisters and Brothers, we are pleased to greet and welcome you to this Friday morning “Our Hope for Texas” session. We thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this courtesy. We have enjoyed the musical prelude by Sister Jackie Stogner, Assisting Grand Organist. You will let her know your gratitude. [applause]

It is only natural that we reflect on the last session held in Amarillo in 1990, “The Radiance of the Light Within” session presided over by Sister Betty Benham and Brother Joe Jeffers.

Past Grand Patron and my special friend, Brother Jerry Trees, I know you will want to greet this membership.

MR. JERRY TREES: Good morning. I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for asking me to fill in for Brother Leland Benefield to help open the “Our Hope for Texas” Friday morning session of Grand Chapter. It is my honor to open this session with Sister Wanda Fairchild who I consider a very special friend and one of the many Worthy Grand Matrons I’ve had as I have served as Worthy Patron of my chapter, and admire her for all her dedication and contributions to our Order. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you have shown your love for this membership, and as your year comes to a close, we know that you will be able to look back and say, “It was a good year.” Thank you. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Brother Jerry. You and your wife have given much service to the Order of the Eastern Star, and we appreciate you. Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, we have much business to transact today. So with appreciation to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, along with our expressions of gratitude for their leadership, I call this session to order. Grand Marshal, you will direct the Floor Officers and Personal Pages in “Our Beautiful Texas” drill. [applause]

I don’t know how many of you got to see our Worthy Grand Matron on the stage last night in her beautiful pink dress. She looks just as pretty this morning. Let’s tell her so. [applause]

We will now be honored with the Precision Drill under the direction of my Worthy

Patron, Darrell Albrecht. [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. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you again for the very special privilege of opening this session. I hand to you your gavel with love, best wishes and prayers as you preside over the business of this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Past Grand Matron. I appreciate it so much. I would like to say thank you to Sister Wanda Fairchild, our Past Grand Matron, and Brother Jerry Trees, our Past Grand Patron, for opening this “Our Hope of Texas” Grand Chapter session.

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Wanda, you continue to reflect your love for this Order through your good works. Brother Jerry, you continue to exemplify the spirit of Eastern Star in your continued service to our Order. Thank you both for opening this session.

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

Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we’re about to call this Grand Chapter “Our Hope for Texas” session from rest to labor, and you will direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we’re about to call this “Our Hope for Texas” Grand Chapter session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will now have our invocation.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Our Heavenly Father, we ask Thy divine guidance today for this Grand Chapter, for these leaders, for this great State of Texas and our General Grand Chapter in the things that we do for others, which is one of the more important things in life after believing in Jesus Christ and being able to be a Christian believer and to be able to have things that are so important in life. We ask Thee to guide them during this session. We thank You very much for all You do for our military people who enable us to be able to have the freedom to do the things we desire such as participation. These things we ask You, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain and report if all present are members of this Grand Chapter.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be at this Grand Chapter session. [The Grand Chapter was proved.]

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sisters and Brothers, we can all stand to be prayed for more than once. Our invocation will be given by Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: 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, and that all things we do must be in honor to You. We recognize that on this very day the history of our Order will move forward, hopefully for the good of all. We give thanks to You, Father, for the peaceful and productive sessions You have granted us thus far. Now, Father, we pray for continued peace and wisdom for our leaders as we make powerful choices in the business of our Order. 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. So may we today walk in that plan. I humbly pray for our Worthy Grand Matron, our Worthy Grand Patron and those who have given a year of their lives in service to You and our great Order. Grant them peace and comfort on this day and for the remainder of our Grand Chapter session. I also pray for the hearts of those who will be offering their lives in service to this great Order in the coming years. Grant them direction, purpose and joy in their paths of service. Thank you, Father, for hearing this simple prayer on behalf of our membership, the very dear members who will honor You. I pray this in the Name of Him whose star we follow. Amen.

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

I now declare this “Our Hope for Texas” session called from rest to labor. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Warder, this “Our Hope for Texas” session is now open for the transaction of business.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. At this time, Sisters and Brothers, we will finish our introductions from yesterday when we left to go for the Rob Morris Celebration out at the canyon.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the General Grand Chapter Special Appointments in back of Esther’s station.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter: Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico; Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America; Sisters Phyllis Macon, President of the International Grand Representatives Association; Janice Herridge, Secretary to the Executive Committee, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Beloved members, you have given much service and sharing of your talents to our blessed Order. Thank you for your leadership, for your abilities and for the inspiration that you have given to General Grand Chapter and to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you want to greet these Special Appointees.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Your service to our General Grand Chapter extends your work beyond the boundaries of all states and countries. We thank you for your service and for being here with us today. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Special Appointees to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride that I present the General Grand Chapter Special Appointments. You will extend them a very, very hearty welcome. [applause]

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

We are honored with the presence of Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Joyce Hanalog, California; Jane Mercer Elkins, Florida; Brother Roger Hall, Georgia; Sisters Virginia Edmondson, Illinois; Gail Dyer, Iowa; Rebecca McGee, Kentucky; Faye Morris, Mississippi; Brothers Edward Ketzer, Missouri; Dale Hicks, Nebraska; Sisters Greta J. Smith, New Hampshire; Phyllis Bird, New Jersey; Wanda Hossmer, New Mexico; Pamela Wilcock, Oregon; Frances Kleppinger, Pennsylvania; Brother Loren Kilzen, Saskatchewan; Sister Peggy McClendon, Tennessee; Brother James Boyer, Jr., Virginia; Sisters Mary Kingsbury, Washington; Bonnie Kerr, West Virginia; Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for coming to Texas. May your stay be such a pleasant one that you will feel that you have been repaid for the miles that you have traveled and the sacrifices that you have made to be here. I know each of you exemplifies fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love in your chapters and to the members you meet in each Jurisdiction.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Your service to our Order and your Grand Jurisdiction is recognized by your appointment as a Grand Representative of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. We are very pleased to welcome you to the Lone Star State and extend a fraternal welcome to each of you. Thank you for being here.

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. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride and joy that I present the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. You will salute them with Grand Honors.

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

We are honored with the presence of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions to other Grand Jurisdictions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Dee Harmonson, Grand Representative of Iowa in Illinois, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Distinguished Friend, we welcome you to the grand State of Texas. We are delighted that you are here with us, and we hope you have safe travels home.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: It is indeed a pleasure to have you with us. You proudly represent distinguished people who spread our Eastern Star love beyond your home state. We are glad you came our way and consider you a friend.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort this Grand Representative to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much pride that I present this Grand Representative of

other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions. You will salute her with the Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she 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 these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Sister Mary Scott, Alabama; Brother Gary Mosmeyer, Australia; Sisters Linda Wilkins, British Columbia and Yukon; Chris Puckett, Colorado; Brother Charles Fisher, Delaware; Sisters Kaye Swain, District of Columbia; Vicki Hertenberger, Florida; Virginia Akins, Georgia; Wanelle Mikeworth, Idaho; Bobbye Staach, Illinois; Lorea Kays, Indiana; Brothers Larry Hart, Iowa; Al Caldwell, Kentucky; Sisters Janice Kelly, Louisiana; Hilda Franklin, Maine; Linda Jackson, Maryland; Oleta Cornelius, Massachusetts; Bonnell Wilson, Michigan; Marcia Benton, Minnesota; Brother Burley Jones, Missouri; Sisters Hazel Jane Wright, Nebraska; Donna Hill Pope, New Brunswick; Marty Drescher, New Hampshire; Barbara Grant Scott, New Jersey; Leslie Keilberg, New York; Brother Richard Hancock, North Carolina; Sister Nettie Oma Carpenter, North Dakota; Brother Paul Romine, Ohio; Sister Linda Hugo, Oregon; Brothers Rex Parkinson, Pennsylvania; Andrew Scott, Puerto Rico; Sisters June Bell, Quebec; Helen Dupree, Rhode Island; Kitty Welch Thompson, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Sissy Furrie, Saskatchewan; Pat Turner, Tennessee; Connie Henson, Washington; Sharon Willingham, West Virginia; Helen Milner, Wisconsin; Jackie Schell, Wyoming, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Distinguished Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, how proud this Grand Jurisdiction is to see you here behind the Altar this morning knowing that you bring greetings and the representation here to this 128th annual session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you for your continued dedication and devotion to the principles and teachings of our Order. We are proud of each one of you and welcome you most sincerely to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, it is a joy to read about your experiences as you travel to the state that you represent. You carry Texas pride with you wherever you travel. Thank you for your service and for your dedicated work and for being here today.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Grand Representatives to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to present the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas. You will salute them with Grand Honors.

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

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

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, the Cardinal Crew: Sisters Gay Carnes, Who's Who Tri-Line Book, Calendar and Souvenir Book; Willie Mae Shaw, Chairman; Georgia Campbell; Bobbe Chamberlain;

Sarah Coursey; Brother Karl Drescher, Sr.; Sisters Betty Martin; Opal Martin; Sharon Mosmeyer; Patricia Stallings; Brother Joe White; Sister Jayne Yenger, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You have been working for many years for Sister Rennie and Brother Fred. They are in their term of office, and you still continue. You are a hard-working, dependable group, and I commend you for the work that you have done and will do in General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas. Thank you, Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron for coming to Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, it is a pleasure to have you at this Grand Chapter. Thank you for your service, and you are the special group who has given untold years of service to our Order. Each of you is very special to the State of Texas. Thank you for being here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with much joy that I present the Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. You will give them a warm Texas welcome. [applause]

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

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

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these officers of Appendant Bodies: Right Worshipful T.E. "Gene" Carnes, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons; Tommy F. Chapman, Right Excellent Grand Scribe and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Texas; Sisters Deborah Harper, Worthy President, Port Arthur Assembly #160, Social Order of the Bouceant; Mary Dennis, Queen of Ramada Temple #89 in Galveston, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for coming and sharing your time with us. We are so happy for your presence, and we thank you for coming.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We know that Masonry extends well beyond the Blue Lodge, and we appreciate your dedication and service to our appendant organizations. I thank you especially for being here today.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Presiding Officers of Appendant Bodies to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present the Presiding Officers of Appendant Bodies. You will extend to them a very warm welcome. [applause]

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

We are honored today to have Grand Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions with us. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present them in the West.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to introduce these Committee Members of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Mary Ann Hall, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 20, the Grand Chapter of Georgia; Rose Davis, Credentials, Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My dear friends, you are heartily welcome. We appreciate you traveling to the grand State of Texas. We look forward to visiting with you. Thank you again for being in Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We commend you and your leaders. It is always a pleasure to see our youth participate in their respective organizations and also in ours. Thank you for being here today.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to present the Committee Members and Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join me in giving them a very hearty welcome. [applause]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will return them to their place in the chapter room.

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 introduce these youth and adult leaders of fraternal youth organizations: Sisters Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Fidelity, Supreme Inspector in Texas and Mexico, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; Laura Pearson, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas; Brother J. Weldon Clampton, State Executive Officer of Texas DeMolay Association and Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay International, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How proud we are of our youth groups. We know that you are our future. We have enjoyed visiting with you whenever possible. Please know that the members of the Order of the Eastern Star wish to help you in all of your endeavors.

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You know how proud Texas is of each of you. You both are dedicated as group leaders. We always want to support our youth in any way we can. Of course, we look at our youth as the future leaders of Texas. We welcome you here today. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the youth and adult leaders of the fraternal youth organizations to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to introduce to you these youth and adult leaders of fraternal youth organizations. You will extend them a very warm welcome. [applause]

At this time, Sisters and Brothers, I would like to congratulate Sister Marlene on her appointment as Supreme Fidelity. We are so very proud of you. [applause]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you have completed your duties. Sisters and Brothers, please express our appreciation to these Sisters for their

outstanding performance. [applause]

Sister Sarah.

MRS. SARAH COURSEY: My tidbit for you is we have 324 chapters represented.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Sarah. I am honored to invite Sister Leatrice Massey, Worthy Grand Matron from the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma, to bring greetings.

MRS. LEATRICE MASSEY: Good morning. What a beautiful morning the Lord has given us to be here in Amarillo with you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, my dear Sisters and Brothers: The words of a Michael W. Smith song come to mind when I look across this Grand Chapter room filled with Sisters and Brothers from other Grand Jurisdictions, your friends, Texas Grand Chapter. The lyrics, "Friends are friends forever, if the Lord is the Lord of them," adequately express the sentiments of your many Eastern Star friends who are here with you today to celebrate the 128th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

On behalf of your many friends from other Grand Jurisdictions, I bring you greetings. Our wish for you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, is that your "Love and Friendship Across Texas" Grand Chapter session will be harmonious and filled with love and that it will bring you many fond memories.

Sister Bess, I thank you for this privilege to bring greetings and for the friendship we have shared these many years. May the spirit of faith and prayer sustain you. May the spirit of hope encourage you, and may the spirit of friendship in this Grand Chapter room always surround you with love. 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 endear her to everyone. She shares the theme of the beautiful bird of Eastern Star around the world. She is one that Texas is very proud to say, "She belongs to us." It is an honor to present Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. [applause]

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers all: It's great to stand up here and look on this beautiful scene. I've missed being with all of you, but you're taking such good care of Texas I'm not sure you'll let me come home when I get off this. To our visitors, all I can say is, "Folks, y'all are in Texas," and all of you are welcomed with open arms.

Sister Helen Cox, your being here adds much to the excitement of our 128th "Friendship and Love Across Texas" Grand Chapter session. You have been and continue to be a special leader in our Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you so much with honoring us with your presence.

It has been very special for me to see our General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members and Special Appointments here. So many are working very hard. I think I did well in selecting them. Our Deputies, Sister Sylvia and Brother Raul Garcia, are working on our next trip to Mexico, Mexico City, next spring. Y'all come.

How proud we are of Sister Phyllis Macon who has the world of Grand Representatives in such good hands. I don't know how many of you have had the opportunity to meet Sister Gay Carnes who is in charge of our Who's Who Book and is still after you for any changes, and she is getting them in the Eastern Star Journal for us. So if she calls you, you had better snap to.

I extend greetings from the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Fred Clarke, and Margaret, Worthy Grand Esther. They regret not being able to be here, but he has pneumonia and his doctor has grounded him for a while.

To all y'all from near and far, we hope you will enjoy the uniqueness and singular beauty of this part of Texas. If we should forget to welcome you in every way possible, just let us know and we'll tell our Worthy Grand Matron, Bess Caldwell, and Worthy Grand Patron, Bill Wyatt. They surely will get it done. They are our finest leaders.

What a signal honor it was to have the General Grand Chapter service dog project presentation. It is dear to my heart, and the efforts of Texas to give such outstanding support has been just wonderful. My deepest appreciation goes to Jack Guy, our leader in Texas, and all of you who are following this path of service.

We're looking forward to more wonderful reports in this session which will portray our charitable services this past year. The dedicated leadership of our Grand Chapter officers has encouraged our membership to remember the purposes of our Order which are for charitable and benevolent purposes and to cement the bonds of good fellowship and brotherly love among its members. We extend a loving and sincere welcome to one and all. We are glad you are here. May God bless. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To bring a response to the welcome is one who exemplifies dignity, thoughtfulness and poise everywhere she goes, and that I am so pleased to call a special friend. Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to present Selloise Basinger, Worthy Grand Matron from the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

MRS. SELLOISE BASINGER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Ambassadors and Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: Never in my fifty years being a member of this grand Order did I ever think that I would be standing in front of a crowd like this doing the response to the Most Worthy Grand Matron. The first time I saw this lady I think was in Arkansas Grand Chapter. I was going in the door and she was coming out. She looked at me and she said, "What a precious lady." I knew right then she had the strings of my heart. She's a wonderful lady.

The hospitality that we have witnessed since we have been in Texas has been superb. Of course, we've always heard that Texas knew how to do everything right, and they do because I don't think that I have talked to a single person that hasn't welcomed us.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess, I will forever be in debt for the opportunity that you have given me today. It has been a privilege to give the response. In behalf of the guests of the great State of Texas, I thank you for this privilege. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I have the honor of giving y'all a little token of the love and gratitude of your visitors today. They let me have this money for a whole night. So it is with pleasure that I give you this donation that your visitors have given to you. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We say thank you to the members from other Grand Jurisdictions for the love gift. We thank you.

I would ask for the "Stampede of Flags." Would you please go to the West with Sister Faye Murphy.

Next on our list is filling vacancies of Grand Chapter. Our Code of Laws, Article 155(a)(1) states that we will do this the first thing before we start. Sister Nancy Brown, our Past Grand Matron, is recovering from back surgery. Sister Gerry Dusek injured her foot. I am going to place Sister Yvonne Brownfield for the Board of Jurisprudence for District 3 and Brother Kenneth Gregory has been appointed for District 5 to fill the vacant

positions on the Jurisprudence Committee.

We regret that some of our beloved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are unable to be in attendance for this Grand Session. Therefore, I am asking Sister Jane Gregory and Sister Joyce Nicklas to serve on the Committee to send greetings to those special ones letting them know how much the membership misses them.

We will be treated with special music by our Grand Choir under the direction of Ms. Caron Joseph. [applause followed singing of "Texas our Texas"]

While they're getting ready, Sisters and Brothers, I realize that some of the information in the printed program is incorrect. Some names have been listed incorrectly, some names are listed in the wrong places, and some names have been left out completely. I sincerely apologize to any person who has been affected. Please know that no person was intentionally omitted or listed incorrectly in our program.

Thank you, Sister Caron.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

I would like to present Sister Faye Murphy who will present our Fraternal Correspondent's program and the Stampede of Flags drill. Sister Faye.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

MRS. FAYE MURPHY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as the Fraternal Correspondent. This has been a most rewarding experience for me.

Report of the Fraternal Correspondent

We have 6 Grand Representatives that Represent Texas in other grand jurisdictions. As of July 31st, twenty four have made their visits and have been printed in the Eastern Star Bulletin. Several have reported their counterparts are with us for our "Stampede of Flags" drill.

They have truly earned the title for they have traveled many miles cementing the ties of friendship and brotherly love and "Standing Tall for Texas."

Sister Grand Marshal; will you present the Grand Representatives in the "Stampede of Flags" Drill?

Alabama	Mrs. Mary Scott
Alberta	Mr. Bart Henderson
Arizona	Mrs. Beth Moser
Arkansas	Mrs. Nancy Armstrong
Australia	Mr. Gary Mosmeyer
Bolivia, S.A.	Mr. Don Lawrence
Brazil S.A.	Mrs. Kitty Welch-Thompson
District of Columbia & Yukon	Mrs. Lynnda K. Wilkins
California	Mrs. Kathryn Whaley
	Counterpart: Joyce Honerkaa
Colorado	Mrs. Chris Puckett
Connecticut	Mr. Jerry Glover

Delaware		Mr. Charles Fisher
Dist. of Columbia		Mrs. Kaye Swain
Florida		Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger
Georgia		Mrs. Virginia Akins
	Counterpart:	Jane Feitz
Idaho		Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth
Illinois		Mrs. Bobbye Staach
	Counterpart:	Jane Feitz
Indiana		Mrs. Lorea Kays
	Counterpart:	Chris Rowel
Iowa		Mr. Coy L. (Larry) Hart, Jr.
Kansas		Mrs. Charleene Smith
	Counterpart:	Judena Lewis
Kentucky		Mr. Alvin (Al) Caldwell
	Counterpart:	Becky McGee
Louisiana		Mrs. Janice Kelley
Maine		Mrs. Hilda Franklin
Manitoba		Mrs. Marsha Owens
Maryland		Mrs. Linda Jackson
Massachusetts		Mrs. Oleta Cornelius
Michigan		Mrs. Bonnell Wilson
Minnesota		Mrs. Marcia Bennet
	Counterpart:	Hal Olson
Mississippi		Mrs. Phyllis Macon
	Counterpart:	Faye Morris
Missouri		Burley Jones
Montana		Mrs. Janell Trees
Nebraska		Mrs. Hazel Jane Wright
	Counterpart:	Dale Hix
Nevada		Mr. David Nicklas
New Brunswick		Mrs. Donna Pope
New Hampshire		Mrs. Martha "Marty" Drescher
	Counterpart:	Gretta Smith
New Jersey		Mrs. Barbara Grant-Scott
	Counterpart:	Phyllis Burd
New Mexico		Mrs. Cathy Edison
New York		Dr. Leslie Keilberg
	Counterpart:	Bobatt Miller
North Carolina		Mr. Richard Hancock
North Dakota		Mrs. Nettie Oma Carpenter
Nova Scotia & PEI		Mrs. Lyndel Campbell
Ohio		Mr. Paul Romine

Oklahoma		Mrs. Erma N. Brookshire
Ontario		Mrs. Peggy Miller
Oregon		Mrs. Linda Hugo
	Counterpart:	Tamela Wilcox
Pennsylvania		Mr. Rex Parkison
	Counterpart:	
Peurto Rico		Mr. Andrew Scott
Quebec		Mrs. June Bell
Rhode Island		Mrs. Helen Dupree
Saskatchewan		Mrs. Lillian (Sissy) Furrie
Scotland		Mr. Dwight M. Phillips, Jr.
South Carolina		Mrs. Jo An Storie
South Dakota		Mr. Stanley Seeley
Tennessee		Mrs. Pat Turner
	Counterpart:	Peggy McClendon
Utah		Mrs. Jewel Walker
Vermont		Mrs. Judy Northrup
Virginia		Mr. Robert Coursey
	Counterpart:	James Bowyer
Washington		Mrs. Connie Henson
	Counterpart:	Mary Kingsbury
West Virginia		Mrs. Sharon Willingham
Wisconsin		Mrs. Helen Milner
	Counterpart:	Sheryl Brethorst
Wyoming		Mrs. Jackie Schell

You are the representatives that bring us together in our service to the order as you visit other Grand Jurisdictions.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Fraternal Correspondent's report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to accept the Fraternal Correspondent's report. You will vote by using your blue cards. All in favor. All opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Faye, Fraternal Correspondent, and Sister Ann Wyatt, Grand Marshal.

I would ask those who will be presenting reports this morning to be seated in the Grand East.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

I have a couple of announcements. We have a diamond ring, European cut, antique, one-carat diamond, which will be at the Board of Directors' table. We will have a sealed bid to be opened by the Board of Directors on Saturday at 9 a.m. The minimum bid is \$1250. Sisters and Brothers, if you would like to see that ring, the Board of Directors has it at their table.

Also, those who will be participating in the Humanitarian Drill, please sit in the West after lunch.

I invite Sister Willie Mae Shaw to come and explain the parliamentary procedure for this Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

MRS. WILLIE MAE SHAW: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: I call your attention to the Grand Chapter session book, pages 60, 61 and 62 that contain the parliamentary rules of procedure for this Grand Chapter. You will probably be pleased to know that I am not going to read all of them for you, but I would like to point out number 9 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 timekeeper, and time will be called if your debate lasts longer than three minutes. I also call your attention to number 12.e, relating to the asterisked "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: I second that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a motion and a second that we accept the rules from the Parliamentarian. You will vote by using your blue cards. All in favor. Any opposed. Motion carried.

Our timekeeper will be Kathy Paschal.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2009-2010 MRS. BESS CALDWELL

There are no words strong enough to tell you of my appreciation to the membership of Texas for allowing me to serve this year as Worthy Grand Matron. My life will never again be the same. It has been enriched in many ways. But mostly by contact with this membership, your love, caring, and fellowship will always be the highlight.

As we travelled the highways and byways we were blessed with safe travels and warm welcomes at each destination. The weather did not always cooperate, but it was only a detour, never a road block.

Our motto to, "Stand Tall and Be Texas Proud," was exhibited in the members! Their enthusiasm thrilled us as we learned about the successes in their Chapters. Many have an increase in membership, attendance, and activities. All showed the positive spirit of the year.

We close this year encouraged by all we have seen. The State of Eastern Star is alive and well in the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas.

IN MEMORIAM

“When we take that backward glance to where our journey ends.
I pray that you shall be as glad as I shall be that we were friends.”
Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green

Grand Chapter was grieved February 6, 2010, by the death of our beloved Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron. She served 1992-1993 with Brother Garland Rattan.

I attended the service for Sister Virginia Lynn Green in Garland, Texas. I am grateful to those who also represented Grand Chapter. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Oton, served as Worthy Matron and Brother Henry Martin as Worthy Patron for the funeral service. Past Grand Matrons of Texas attending were Sisters Elise Hammack, Elsie Paladino, Wanda Fairchild, Alma Carter, Betty Friend, Jimmie Lee McMahan, Sharon Fentress, Nancy Brown, Joyce Gilbert and Joyce Nicklas.

Past Grand Patrons of Texas in attendance were Brothers Glenn Whitaker, Leland Benefield, Billy Combest, Richard Ochs, Ed Warner, Jack Guy, John Creel, and Jerry Trees.

IN MEMORIAM

“I am going your way, so let us go hand in hand.
You help me and I’ll help you. We shall not be here
forever. One day the kind old nurse will come and rock
us all to sleep. Let us help one another while we may.”
Mrs. Joyce Roberts

The membership was saddened April 8, 2010 by the death of our precious Mrs. Joyce Roberts, Past Grand Matron. She served 1977-1978 with Brother Perry Smithwick.

I attended the service for Sister Joyce Roberts in El Paso, Texas. I truly appreciate those from El Paso who were present to represent the Order of the Eastern Star.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

*Grand Representatives appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron for
2009-2010 Grand Chapter Year*

One of the nicest privileges of a Worthy Grand Matron is to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matron of other Grand Jurisdictions those members for Grand Representatives whom she knows to be deserving of this lovely honor. Some of the most exciting and joyous times were those when these commissions were presented.

Alabama	Mrs. Mary Scott
Alberta	Mr. Bart Henderson
Arizona	Mrs. Beth Moser
Arkansas	Mrs. Nancy Armstrong
Australia	Mr. Gary Mosmeyer
Bolivia- South America	
British Columbia Yukon	Mrs. Lynnda Wilkins
California	Mrs. Kathryn Whaley
Colorado	Mrs. Chris Puckett
Connecticut	Mr. Jerry Glover
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Missouri	Mr. Burley Jones
Montana	
Nebraska	Mrs. Hazel Jane Wright
Nevada	Mr. David Nicklas
New Brunswick	Mrs. Donna Hill Pope
New Hampshire	Mrs. Martha "Marty" Drescher
New Jersey	Mrs. Barbara Grant-Scott
New Mexico	Mrs. Cathy Eidson
New York	Dr. Leslie Keilberg

North Carolina
North Dakota
Nova Scotia & PEI
Ohio
Oklahoma
Ontario
Pennsylvania
Puerto Rico
Quebec
Rhode Island
Saskatchewan
Scotland
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

Mr. Richard Hancock
Mrs. Nettie Oma Carpenter
Mrs. Lyndel Campbell
Mr. Paul Romine
Mrs. Erma N. Brookshire
Mrs. Peggy Miller
Mr. Rex Parkison
Mr. Andrew Scott
Mrs. June Bell
Mrs. Helen Dupree
Mrs. Lillian (Sissy) Furrie
Mr. Dwight W. Phillips, Jr.

Mrs. Pat Turner
Mrs. Jewel Walker
Mrs. Judy Northrup
Mr. Robert Coursey
Mrs. Connie Henson
Mrs. Sharon Willingham
Mrs. Helen Milner
Mrs. Jackie Schell

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS

Arizona
Australia
British Columbia and Yukon
Delaware
Florida
Indiana
Kentucky
Manitoba
Massachusetts
Minnesota
Missouri
North Dakota
Nova Scotia & Prince Edwards Island
Ohio
Ontario
Puerto Rico
Quebec
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
West Virginia

EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS AND FRATERNAL VISITS

We experienced kindness and the desire to learn and share the wisdom of our founder in the following School of Instructions. Planning and working together with this membership has been very rewarding.

Mrs. Antoinette (Toni) Crawford- District Deputy Grand Matron, District Four

Section	Place	Date	D G M	School Name
1	Lufkin	8-25-09	Nell Thornton	East Texas Proud
3	Livingston	8-27-09	Marie Best	Piney Woods Stars
2	Orange	8-29-09	Marialice Bailey	Pride of South East Texas
4	Pasadena	9-01-09	Cynthia Huber	Birthplace of Texas
7	Katy	9-03-09	Jennifer Bodnar	Star School of Knowledge
10	Lake Jackson	9-05-09	Cathy Helms	Cradle of Texas
9	Sugar Land	9-10-09	Kellie M. Gibson	Waltzing Across Texas
5	Houston	9-12-09	Laura S. Clampitte	Let Texas Freedom Ring
6	Franklin	9-15-09	Connie Deal	Texas Hold 'Em
8	Caldwell	9-17-09	Georgia A. Ptacek	Texas Began at Washington on the Brazos

Mrs. Sandra Zipp, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Five

Section	Place	Date	D G M	School Name
6	New Braunfels	9-19-09	Emma Markins	Texas Roundup
8	Victoria	9-23-09	Nancy Peikert	Star Dust Trail
9	Corpus Christi	9-24-09		Sea Scholars
10	Harlingen	9-26-09	Denise McCarthy	South Texas Pride
5	Jourdanton	9-29-09	Lanona Jackson	Deep in the Heart of Texas
4	Del Rio	10-01-09	Santo "Bebe" Poulsen	Renewing Friendships on the Border
7	San Antonio	10-03-09	Diane Beckley	Starlight Past and Star-bright Future
3	Bandera	10-06-09	Loretta Lindley	Pride of Texas
1 & 2	San Angelo	10-08-09	Quida Jackson	Jungle Fever

Ms. Jerre Miller, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Three

Section	Place	Date	D G M	School Name
8	Leander	10-13-09	Rosa Lee Jones	Trail of Bluebonnets
6	Marble Falls	10-15-09	Dottie Ammerman	Journey to the Meadow and Lakes
1	Ft. Worth	10-17-09	Sandy Trimble	Texas in Bloom
3	Graham	10-20-09	Tissie Ford	Standing Tall in Texas
5	Brownwood	10-22-09	Jeanie Reiger	Heart of Texas
2	Weatherford	10-24-09	Georgia Fay Jennings	Standing Tall Safari
4	De Leon	11-10-09	Judy Sadberry	Hearts as Big as Texas
10	Cleburne	11-12-09	Billy Henslee	Eastern Star Gathering on the Chisholm Trail
9	Waco	11-14-09	Carylon Orum	Up the Chisholm Trail
7	Copperas Cove	11-17-09	Sue Whitted	Texas "Bess"t - Stars

Mrs. Kathy Paschal, District Deputy Grand Matron, District One

Section	Place	Date	D G M	School Name
3	Paris	11-19-09	Jane Miller	Bluebonnet
2	Plano	11-21-09	Patsy Jones	Beautiful, Beautiful Texas
1	Gainesville	11-24-09	Kathy McColl	Tall and Proud
6	Palestine	12-01-09	Carolyn Martin	Deep in the Heart of Texas
7	Athens	12-08-09	Pat Blank	Texas our Texas

10	Quitman	12-10-09	Barbara Trammel	Boots across Texas
8	Longview	12-12-09	Janis Warner	Lone Star
9	Omaha	12-15-09	Trace Huston	Deep in the Heart of East Texas
5	DeSoto	12-17-09	Barbara Zihlman	Let Your Light Shine Across Texas
4	Dallas	12-19-09	Sandra Gubrud	God Bless Texas

Mrs. Pat Winkleblack, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Two

Section	Place	Date	D G M	School Name
6	Wichita Falls	1-09-10	Cindy Pearce	Bluebonnet Fields Forever
5	Spur	1-12-10	Jane Ann Roby	Spurs and Bluebonnet Across Texas
4	Lubbock	1-14-10	Leah Hayes	Pride of West Texas
2	Amarillo	1-16-10	Donna Blocker	Panhandle Proud
1	Pampa	1-19-10	Carol Sue Knutson	Texas Pride in the Panhandle
3	Canyon	1-21-10	Anna Martin-Wright	The Historical Panhandle
8	Odessa	1-23-10	Barbara Wickham	Drilling for Knowledge
10	El Paso	1-26-10	Debra Blake	West Texas Stars
9	Ft. Stockton	1-29-10	Shirley Scholl	Tumbling Tumbleweeds
7	Abilene	1-30-10	Barbara Ann Smith	West Texas Tall Girls & Southern Gentlemen

OTHER FRATERNAL VISITS

Cora Posey Chapter No 1072	Abilene	August 15, 2009
Pine Tree Chapter No 1090	Longview	August 22, 2009
Handley Chapter No. 617	Fort Worth	October 27, 2009
Athens Chapter No. 177	Athens	January 4, 2010
Crosby Chapter No. 261	Crosby	January 5, 2010
Haltom City Chapter No. 982	Haltom City	February 1, 2010
Webb Chapter No. 1140	Fort Worth	February 2, 2010
Tomball Chapter No. 838	Tomball	February 8, 2010
Pearland Chapter No. 1065	Pearland	February 11, 2010
Weatherford Chapter No. 21	Weatherford	February 15, 2010
Lewisville Chapter No. 935	Lewisville	February 16, 2010
Lancaster Chapter No. 943	Lancaster	February 18, 2010
New Braunfels Chapter No. 771	New Braunfels	March 1, 2010
Park Place Chapter No 731	Houston	March 2, 2010
Everman Chapter No. 624	Everman	March 4, 2010
Vidor Chapter No. 914	Vidor	March 9, 2010
Daingerfield Chapter No 906	Dangerfield	March 11, 2010
Bryan Chapter No. 222	Bryan	March 15, 2010
Jacksboro Chapter No. 390	Jacksboro	March 16, 2010
District 4, Section 10	Freeport	March 22, 2010
New Caney Chapter No. 1093	New Caney	March 23, 2010
Cedar Bayou Chapter No 11	Baytown	March 25, 2010
Queen Esther Chapter No. 833	Abilene	March 29, 2010
Farmers Branch Chapter No 687	Farmers Branch	April 1, 2010
Amarillo Chapter No 787	Amarillo	April 6, 2010
Castleberry Chapter No 1028	Fort Worth	April 8, 2010
Abilene Chapter No. 30	Abilene	April 13, 2010
South Ft. Worth Chapter No 835	Fort Worth	April 19, 2010'
Andral Vann Chapter No741	Houston	April 20, 2010

Humble Chapter No. 415	Humble	April 22, 2010
Midland Chapter No 253	Midland	April 27, 2010
Archives Chapter No 1095	Pasadena	May 3, 2010
Bluebell Chapter No 856	Houston	May 4, 2010
Port Neches No 677 & Nederland No 1079	Port Neches	May 6, 2010
Pittsburg Chapter No 381	Pittsburg	May 11, 2010
Cora Posey No 1072	Abilene	May 17, 2010
Cypress Chapter No 1102	Cypress	June 3, 2010
La Porte Chapter No 683	La Port	June 14, 2010
Pasadena Chapter No 711	Pasadena	February 9, 2010
<i>Cancelled due to the death of PGM Virginia Lynn Green</i>		
Templar Chapter No 374	Dallas	February 13, 2010
Roy Stanley Chapter No 1086		
<i>Cancelled due to snow and ice storm</i>		
Friendship Chapter No 1008	Odessa	February 23, 2010
<i>Cancelled due to snow and ice storm</i>		

OTHER EVENTS ATTENDED

100th Anniversary	Cleveland No 485	9-13-09	Cleveland
100th Anniversary	Rockport No. 479	9-27-09	Rockport
100th Anniversary	Crockett No. 509	10-04-09	Crockett
100th Anniversary	Ferris No. 508	10-11-09	Ferris
100th Anniversary	Odessa No. 447	10-25-09	Odessa
100th Anniversary	Gorman No. 443	11-08-09	Gorman
100th Anniversary	Springtown No. 498	11-29-09	Springtown
100th Anniversary	Throckmorton No 500	1-10-10	Throckmorton
75th Anniversary	Riverside No. 834	11-15-09	Fort Worth
125th Anniversary	Ruth No. 20	11-22-09	Cleburne
Thanksgiving Party	TMRC	11-15-09	Arlington
Christmas Party	TMRC	12-20-09	Arlington
Banquet	Honor AGC	2-06-10	Ft. Worth
Banquet	Honor Gilbert/Trees	2-13-10	Granbury
Banquet	Honor Nicklas/Hertenberger	3-06-10	Kilgore
Reception	Honor Bill Wyatt	3-07-10	Longview
Stated Meeting	Franklin No311	3-08-10	Franklin
Brunch	Honor WGM	3-16-10	Arlington
Banquet	Honor GC & Mr. X	3-27-10	League City
Instituting	Kurten UD	4-09-10	Bryan
Instituting	Lindale UD	4-10-10	Lindale
Banquet	Honor TMRC Board	4-16-10	Arlington
Exchange Visit	TX-LA	4-17-10	Jefferson
Easter Party	TMRC	4-18-10	Arlington
Tea	Honor D2/ S7 Grand Off.	4-25-10	Abilene
Spring Fling	TMRC	5-01-10	Arlington
Mother's Day Party	TMRC	5-02-10	Arlington
Round Up	Caldwell/Wyatt	5-7/8-10	Tyler
Alaskan Cruise		5-24/31-10	
Father's Day Party	TMRC	5-13-10	Arlington
Grand Session	DeMolay International	6-17-10	Dallas
Grand Assembly	IORG	6-24-10	Wichita Falls

Banquet	Honor AGM & AGP	7-19-10	Houston
Valentine Party	TMRC	2-14-10	Arlington

Cancelled due to snow and ice storm

SPECIAL COURTESIES

I had the honor of being the recipient of many thoughtful gifts during my travels this year. Among them are:

Certificate-Mayor	Honorary Citizen-Gainesville	D1/S1
Certificate-Sheriff	Honorary Deputy-Gainesville	D1/S1
U S Flag	Flown over White House on August 8, 2009	D1/S2
Letter-Mayor	Welcome to City-Dallas	D1/S4
Proclamation	Bess Caldwell Day-De Soto	D1/S5
Proclamation	Eastern Star Day-Palestine	D1/S6
Texas Flag	Flown over Capitol-Breast Cancer Awareness	D1/S8
Proclamation-Mayor	Bess Caldwell Day-Omaha	D1/S9
Key to City	City of Quitman	D1/S10
Proclamation	Honorary Citizen-Lubbock	D2/S4
Texas Flag	Flown over Capitol / TX Independence Day	D2/S7
Proclamation	Bess Caldwell Day-Odessa	D2/S8
Texas Flag	Flown over Capitol	D2/S8
U S Flag	Flown over Capitol in honor of WGM	D2/S8
Texas Flag	Flown over Capitol on August 5, 2009	D3/S2
Proclamation-Mayor	Welcome to City-Weatherford	D3/S2
Proclamation-Mayor	Bess Caldwell/Eastern Star Day-Graham	D3/S3
Proclamation-Sheriff	Honorary Deputy-Burnet County	D3/S6
Key to City	City of Copperas Cove	D3/S7
Texas Flag	Flown over Capitol	D3/S8
Proclamation-Mayor	Eastern Star Day-Cleburne	D3/S10
Texas Flag	Flown over Capitol	D5/S1&2
Proclamation	Eastern Star Day-San Angelo	D5/S1&2
Gavel	Robert L. Lewis	Bogata
Gavel	Bill Armstrong	Graham
Hand painted picture		D1/S1
Star named for WGM		D1/S4
Christmas stocking		D1/S9
Wooden cut-out Texas		D2/S4
Star lighted on mountain		D2/S10
Framed picture of WGM & WGP		D3/S2
Hand painted tea cup		D3/S5
TV interview in San Angelo		D5/S1&2
Newspaper interview in Victoria/Ronald McDonald House		D5/S8

I have received numerous other gifts along the way. Please know that I treasure each gift and that I cherish the memories each memento brings

DECISIONS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

A chapter was considering consolidation. After multiple votes and disputes over the outcomes, I sent a letter to the chapter requesting that they mail a letter to each of their members explaining the intentions of the chapter.

A chapter reported a discrepancy in their books. The District Deputy Grand Matron assisted in an audit, corrections were made, and the books were corrected.

A Deputy Grand Matron resigned her position because of personal and family health issues.

A group requested a tax number using "Order of the Eastern Star" as part of the title. After consulting with our attorney, he informed me that this action was improper. I wrote a letter to each chapter in the district informing them of these facts.

Several chapters in a section questioned the expenses for their School of Instruction. I asked the Deputy to submit her expenses for the School to the chapters.

A member entered the Labyrinth in a manner not allowed by our ritual. I conferred with the Worthy Matron informing her of actions to take if this should occur again.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

LATE INSTALLATIONS

Austin Chapter #304
Cockrell Hill Delta Flora
Edwin J. Kiest #959
Beeville Chapter #422
Richardson Chapter #921
TMRC Daylight Chapter #1145
Cuero Chapter #618
Newbern Chapter #1135
Glen Rose Chapter #171
Paris Chapter #5
San Marcos Chapter #276
Aransas Pass Chapter #162
Seabrook Chapter #1096
Alameda Chapter #1081

LATE ELECTION - ALL OFFICERS

Zapata Chapter #1106
Alamo Heights Chapter #734
Sarah Chapter #353
Liberty-Dayton Chapter #634
Wichita Falls Chapter #237
Boyd Chapter #897
Monahans Chapter #561
Sarah Chapter #353
Wisteria Chapter #823
TMRC Daylight Chapter #1145
Polytechnic Chapter #420
Brazoria Chapter #74
Woodville Chapter #462

LATE ELECTION - ASSOC. MATRON

Conroe Chapter #710

LATE ELECTION - ASSOC. PATRON

Conroe Chapter #710
Grand Prairie #219

Lorena Chapter #1124
Corpus Christi Chapter #354
Brownfield Chapter #785
Portland Chapter #1108
Ridglea Chapter #999

LATE ELECTION - SECRETARY

Woodville Chapter #462
Port Lavaca Chapter#373
Fairfield Chapter #331

SPECIAL GREETINGS

GRAND LODGE

I attended Grand Lodge and was privileged to address those present. We have stressed this year that we have a great source of prospective members among both Masons and Eastern Stars. The courtesies extended by the Masons of Texas are an example of the respect our fraternities have for each other.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

One of the year's greatest honors was having the Rainbow Girls attend my Installation August 8, 2009. The grace and beauty of these girls is taught in their meetings, and they have learned well. Miss Kari Castillo, Grand Worthy Advisor, presented me with a white Rainbow Bible to be forever cherished. This is another beautiful memory of a wonderful day. I was honored to attend their Grand Assembly in Wichita Falls in June and was asked to speak to this group of remarkable young ladies.

INSTITUTING OF CHAPTERS UD

I was privileged to assist the Worthy Grand Patron in instituting Kurten Chapter UD on April 9, 2010, in Bryan and Lindale Chapter UD on April 10 in Lindale. I am thrilled and excited to know that we will soon have two new chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Since Honorary Memberships require the vote of the members of each Chapter, I was especially pleased to receive an Honorary Membership in each Chapter in the state. What a privilege it is to receive this special gift.

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

A sincere thank you goes to each Grand Officer for supporting the Worthy Grand Matron's projects. All of you have my love and respect. These are friends of long standing and I am pleased to have shared this GREAT year with each of you.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our elected board members donate their time to our Order. Much is accomplished by them. Our thanks and appreciation is extended for what they have given this year. We commend them for their unselfish support of Grand Chapter.

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

What fun we had as we traveled across this great state. I appreciate the time you give. Each of you shows compassion and care for the members when they come to your examining rooms. I shall cherish the memories of juicy Whataburger Jr's and ice cream cones and laughing in the van. Thanks for your kind efforts and for the great memories.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

I chose each of you after much thought and prayer. You have led your Districts with kindness and grace. I thank you for the many miles we have traveled and for the joy you have brought to my life. Thanks for a job well done.

DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Your love for the Order is so strong. Each of you had beautiful Schools of Instruction. Much hard work and many hours went into the preparation of these events. While I am aware that no Deputy can make a School happen by herself, you, with your sweet leadership and knowledgeable guidance succeeded in making our Schools events to remember. Thanks for everything.

GRAND SECRETARY AND HER OFFICE STAFF

Thank you, Nell and girls, for the many hours you spend in support of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Our members look to you for help in so many ways. Thank you for your courtesy towards them. Thanks, too, for your kindness to the office of the Worthy Grand Matron.

GRAND TREASURER

My dear Lorrie, this year has been a first for both of us—my first year as Worthy Grand Matron and your first year as Grand Treasurer. You have made a tough job look easy as you took up the work and performed your duties with competence. Thank you for looking after our finances.

TEXAS LADIES AND LONE STAR GENTLEMEN

You have stood tall and made this Worthy Grand Matron proud. Each of you has served your Chapters with love, kindness, and, most of all, caring to your officers and members. Thanks, too, for your support for these last four years. You have given me strength. Thanks for all you have done and will continue to do for Grand Chapter and for your subordinate Chapter.

GRAND CHAPTER SWEETHEART

Sweet Billie Glover, our ties go back many years. You were my District Deputy the year I served as Deputy Grand Matron. I have always looked to you for advice and counsel. Thank you for lending a guiding hand along the way.

GRAND CHAPTER MOM

Dorothy White, not only have you been a real, true friend to me, but you are so special to my girls. They look upon you as their grandmother. You also have taken good care of my Al while I have been away. What more could I have asked from a Mom. I love you and I thank you.

GRAND CHAPTER DAD

Jack Johnson, you and Barbara have been so special to me for so many years. You were close to my brother, Joe, and he loved and appreciated you. Through your association with him, I also learned to love and appreciate you for your many kindnesses and courtesies to so many others. You have always supported me, and I have depended on you. Thank you for always being there.

SECRETARY TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

I asked Sister Joyce Ball to work and travel with me. This was a choice which has blessed me all year long. Sister Joyce, you were there for me from the beginning. With your years of service, you were my beloved sister, workmate, advisor, confidant, and, sometimes, confessor.

MUSIC

The "Texas Lady March" and "Miss Bess" were written for me by Sister Jackie Stogner. The beauty of the music is a reflection of our Grand Chapter year. Thank you for sharing your great talent. Thank you, my Assisting Grand Organist.

POET LAUREATE

Your poetry has inspired us throughout the year. I know our members have enjoyed reading your contributions in the Bulletin. Thank you, my friend-- June Hukill, for allowing us to be the recipients of your talents.

ALTAR CLOTH

Sister Georgia Fay Jennings made my beautiful altar cloth. Everything she creates is lovely. She is a special friend, I appreciate her special efforts, and I love her.

BIBLE COVER AND MARKER

Sister Janice Kelley designed and made my gorgeous Bible cover and marker. It was exactly what I wanted. She and Brother James stood by for any emergency and were always willing when I said "Do I have a deal for you!" May God bless and keep you forever.

GRAND CHAPTER VAN

It has been my privilege to travel the great state of Texas in a very comfortable van. I hope that Sister Mary Ruth and Sister Vi have as much fun and excitement along the way as we have experienced this year. Thank you for allowing us to travel comfortably and safely.

CORA POSEY CHAPTER NO. 1072

Having a wonderful Chapter is only the beginning. From the start to the finish you never left my side. Each step I took along this journey you were there with support and love. "Thank You" for your continued faith and prayers as we traveled the beautiful Texas highways.

MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 2

We may be miles and miles apart, but your love and support made me feel as if you were right up the street. I thank you for your encouragement. You have traveled many miles with me and for me. You have given me strength and lightened my burdens. Thank you, my precious friends and coworkers.

ALASKAN CRUISE

The Worthy Grand Patron chaired this event, and he made sure that we all had a great time. Thank you, Bill, for your work. Thank you Sister Nanette Gwaltney for your assistance and thank you to all who sailed with us for making this an event to remember.

TEXAS-LOUISIANA EXCHANGE VISIT

The members of the states of Texas and Louisiana enjoyed a day of fun and relaxation in Jefferson as we hosted the exchange visit. The evening concluded with a delicious banquet and an entertaining program. Thanks to all who were able to share in this fantastic day.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

I was proud to represent the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas, along with the Worthy Grand Patron, at the Installation of OUR Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The beautiful garden was the perfect setting for this occasion. Thank you, Trey Smith, for making the convention center so lovely and making Texas proud. Texas is honored to have the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, and the Worthy Grand Organist, Sister Rosemary Swetland, among our members. We also

have 20 General Grand Chapter Committee Members representing our State.

Thank you, Sister Beulah Speer, for serving as Acting Worthy Grand Matron while I was out of state.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

What a great source of information, advice, and support. I knew each time when I looked your way; you were ready and willing to assist as needed. Our members have enjoyed you as you traveled and visited with them in their Chapters, in our Schools, and in every event we attended. Thanks for your strong shoulders.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON AND GRAND MARSHAL

Brother Bill Wyatt, we are so glad you and Sister Ann, Grand Marshal, walked this year with us. You not only attended the Schools, but also Fraternal Visits and other functions. We learned that not only were you a good man, but one on whom I could lean, respect, trust your advice, and feel secure you were supporting me all the way. Your sweet Ann traveled with us as she was able, and we always enjoyed her company. Al and I made a good choice. The members love you and so do we.

MY FAMILY

Please know how proud I am of each of you for having patience with me as I was unable to attend each family event this year. I felt your love and support as I traveled the high-ways of Texas. I love each and every one of you more than I can tell. Thanks for always being there for me.

AL RAY

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. Loving me and allowing me to serve in the Grand East this year is only one way. You have filled our home with happiness and love and supported me always. I know you are keeping the home fires burning and your arms will open wide to welcome me when this year of service is complete. I love you.

Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Worthy Grand Matron

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to give my Supplemental Report of things that happened after we sent it in to be printed. I would like to make the following additions to the Report of the Worthy Grand Matron found in your Advanced Report.

A chapter reported their Worthy Patron-Elect had not gone to the Altar for the Obligation or for the investing of the jewel at the Altar at Installation. I informed the chapter that they needed to hold a late installation to install the Worthy Patron. I was also

informed that since the Worthy Patron does not relinquish his office until his successor is installed, they would need to install him at a later date as well.

After conferring with the Jurisprudence Committee, the Board of Directors and the Corporate Board, I removed a Board Member of the Board of Directors so that we would be in compliance with our Constitution.

The Board of Directors presented information concerning our agreement with TMRC regarding the Grand Secretary's Office and Museum. The Worthy Grand Patron and I presented the information to the Corporate Board, and the Corporate Board agreed that we would not move into TMRC because of the cost per month.

Worthy Grand Patron.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

2009 - 2010

Mr. Bill Wyatt

MEMBERSHIP

How fast this past year has flown. I don't know where to start; so many people have done so much this year. Thank you to the membership for electing me to the office of Worthy Grand Patron in Arlington, Texas, August 8, 2009. I know this is the highest honor that can be conferred upon a Brother by our Order. Thank you for the many acts of kindness extended to me and to the office of Worthy Grand Patron. The phrase, "Thank You", are two little words that carry a lot of meaning when they are spoken or written. I use these words to express my appreciation to all the people who have made this a beautiful year that will always be remembered.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Thank you Sister Bess Caldwell for asking me to walk by your side as you served the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star as Worthy Grand Matron. Your dedication and love for the Order and the membership have impressed me. Thank you especially for giving me this wonderful privilege to serve this membership with you. Ann and I thank you and Al for your friendship and love and for becoming one big family.

INSTALLATION

The installation of the 2009 – 2010 officers will be my most cherished memory of the year. Everyone who worked or was involved in any way for making this evening so special I say thank you. A special thank you to our Installing Grand Officers...

Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield – Installing Grand Officer
Mr. Kenneth Gregory – Assisting Installing Grand Officer
Mrs. Elise Hammack – Installing Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Betty Benham – Installing Grand Marshal
Mrs. Joyce Gilbert – Installing Grand Organist
Mrs. Rennie Ofton – Installing Grand Secretary

CORA POSEY CHAPTER No. 1072

On Saturday, August 15, 2009, Ann and I attended the Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell. This homecoming for the Worthy Grand Matron was very special with a beautiful banquet and the Fraternal Visit was performed in a very proficient manner. Thank you for giving us these happy and beautiful memories.

PINE TREE CHAPTER No. 1090

On Saturday, August 22, 2009, Pine Tree Chapter No. 1090 honored me with a beautiful banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, my friends, for all the hard work and love you always show me. You will always be close to my heart.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

It was great for Ann and I to attend the 46th Triennial Session of General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star this year. We were so proud to see Sister Rennie Ofton installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Alma Lynn Bane as Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Sister Rosemary Swetland as Right Worthy Grand Organist. We are also proud of our other General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Congratulations all.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, you are the ones I have always admired and respected. You have always been there for me and the membership and I love each of you for that. Thank you for your support this year. You will always have a special place in my heart for what you do for the Order.

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

It was my privilege to attend Grand Lodge on December 2nd through the 5th, 2009. Sister Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron, addressed the membership of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. We were pleased to see so many of our Eastern Star members in attendance.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

It was a wonderful journey for me to be able to attend all 49 of the Schools of Instruction held across the State. All Schools were well attended and this reflected the love and support of our membership. The quilt squares presented at each school will always be cherished.

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

I thank each of you for your support this year. You were beautiful ladies in your black attire and handsome gentlemen in formal. Thank you for attending the events throughout the year when you could. Your loyalty to us and the membership was great.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It was indeed a pleasure to work with the Board of Directors this year. Thank you for giving of your time, always looking at what is best for our Order and always willing to work for the good of our Order.

DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER

It has been a pleasure to serve with each of the 5 District Deputy Grand Matrons and 49 Deputy Grand Matrons. Each of you took your responsibilities to heart and worked very hard. Each school or task was performed by reflecting your personality and that made each one unique. I appreciate all your hard work. You will always be special to me.

TEXAS LADIES AND LONESTAR GENTLEMEN

As leaders of a subordinate Chapter, I thank you for your commitment to serve our Order. It was indeed a pleasure to meet each of you on the school schedule and I look forward to our paths crossing again.

SECRETARY

To Sister Carol Jackson, thank you for serving as my secretary. You always do a great job at whatever you undertake. I knew I wouldn't have anything to worry about when you accepted this position. I am proud to call you my sister and friend.

GRAND PAGES

What a wonderful group of guys. I could not have asked for better pages. Ken, Rex and Darrell, you exemplify what a true mason is. Thank you for all you have done for me the past two years - the traveling, get this, get that, tote this, go there, etc. I am proud to call each of you my brother, my friend, my page.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Thank you Sister Nell and your staff for everything that you have done for me as Associate Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Patron. Your service to Grand Chapter is very much appreciated.

INSTITUTING

It was indeed my distinct pleasure to preside at the Instituting of Kurten Chapter on April 9, 2010 and also Lindale on April 10, 2010. To have the following Installed Grand Officers participate in these ceremonies was indeed a pleasure.

Worthy Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Patron
Associate Grand Matron
Associate Grand Patron

Bess Caldwell
Bill Wyatt
Faye Murphy (pro-tem)
Rex Parkison (pro-tem)

Grand Secretary	Nell Drenner
Grand Treasurer	Charles Barnes (pro-tem) in Kurten Carol Jackson (pro-tem) in Lindale
Grand Conductress	Vi Griffin
Associate Grand Conductress	Annette Curry
Grand Chaplain	Lesa Smith (pro-tem)
Grand Marshal	Ann Wyatt
Grand Organist	Darla Dunaway
Grand Adah	Audri Rowell
Grand Ruth	Mary Calvert
Grand Esther	Jerre Miller (pro-tem)
Grand Martha	Iris Lowe
Grand Electa	Sue Barnes
Grand Warder	Joyce Ball (pro-tem)
Grand Sentinel	Connie Deal (pro-tem) in Kurten Charles Barnes (pro-tem) in Lindale

We wish these new Chapters much happiness and success.

EXCHANGE VISIT

The Texas – Louisiana Exchange was held in Jefferson, Texas. We share in fellowship and ideas with our own Eastern Star counterparts. We had a great time. I thank each and every one who had a part in making this time memorable.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

What a humbling feeling to receive the Honorary Memberships. This was by vote of each chapter and will be very special to me. Thank you all.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were many presentations, proclamations, special awards, and flags presented to me. I thank each chapter and member for all the presentations. They will always be part of my memories.

FRATERNAL VISITS

I had the pleasure of attending 77 Fraternal Visits which includes those held in conjunction with the Schools of Instruction. All were attended with love and support. I appreciate all the courtesies extended to the office of the Worthy Grand Patron during these visits.

FUNERALS

The Grand Chapter of Texas was saddened by the loss of 2 Past Grand Matrons. They were called to their heavenly home and are now resting from years of service and love for our order. I attended Sister Virginia Lynn Green's funeral on February 6, 2010, which was well attended. Sister Joyce Roberts' funeral was on April 8, 2010, and was held in El Paso.

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

The anniversary of a Chapter is a special occasion and this year it was my honor to attend 7 Chapter anniversaries. A certificate was presented at each chapter for the hard work, devotion, and love sustaining the heritage of their chapter.

“LONESTAR PROMENADE”

My dear friend, Michelle Stegman, who beautifully arranged my music, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I heard you playing in chapter and wanted to know what you were playing. It was then I asked you to write what is now my “Lonestar Promenade”. Thank you for sharing your talent.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS AND DEMOLAY

We were honored to have our youth with us for our installation. The presentation of the Holy Bible by Grand Assembly of Texas, Order of the Rainbow for Girls was greatly appreciated and I will always cherish it. It will have a special place in my home. I attended Grand Assembly in Wichita Falls on June 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2010 and I was honored and humbled by being presented the Grand Cross of Colors.

Our DeMolay did a great job at installation. I was proud and honored to attend the Annual Grand Session of DeMolay International on June 17, 2010.

We should always support our youth for they are our future.

INITIATIONS

How proud Ann and I were to serve as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron when our chapter, Pine Tree Chapter No. 1090, initiated our son, Greg; daughter-in-law, Cheryl; and our granddaughter, Brandi. Adding to that excitement we initiated others, Jim Rumsey, Worshipful Master of Pine Tree Masonic Lodge No. 1396; Carl and Lynn Till, our dear friends; and Gay Huff. We were excited as well as our chapter to get these new members.

What a delight it was to participate as Worthy Patron in the initiation of Mr. Shawn Larson on January 16, 2010, at A.E. Shirley Chapter No. 986 in Amarillo. It was a pleasure to serve with the Worthy Grand Matron and the other Grand Officers on this occasion.

CRUISE

On May 24, 2010 we set sail on our Alaskan Cruise. What a wonderful adventure we had. There were approximately 180 members traveling with us. We traveled the seas to Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, Victoria, B.C., Canada. Seven days of a much needed rest and fun with our friends made the ties of friendship even stronger.

TMRC

It's been a pleasure joining our Sisters and Brothers at TMRC for the many parties hosted by the "Spreading Good Cheer" committee. It was enjoyable seeing everyone having a good time. Thank you to this committee for "Spreading Good Cheer".

GRAND MARSHAL

Ann you have been there for me for over 28 years. You have always worked hard in life and for the Order of the Eastern Star. You have been a great wife and mother to my children. I couldn't have done this without your help. I love you for who you are. You have been a beautiful lady at all times and a most regal Grand Marshal this year.

IN CONCLUSION

In closing, I want this membership to know that you have made so many wonderful memories for me; memories that I will cherish for many years. I appreciate the honor bestowed upon me of serving you as your Worthy Grand Patron. In the words of Mark Twain – always remember...

*"Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear
and the blind can see"*

Always be kind and thoughtful to one another.

Fraternally submitted,

Bill Wyatt
Worthy Grand Patron

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Grand Secretary, would you like to give your report.

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.

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 dedication to this Membership.

All reports on the IRS for 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.

The biggest challenge this year has been to bring the printing of approximately 2,400

copies each month of the Bulletin in-house, which will save approximately \$1,400.00 a month. Printing of the Bulletin takes about two (2) working days. We have leased a printer/copier that will not only print the Bulletin, but most all the printing we need for Grand Chapter. We printed the Advanced Report, Session Program, Installation Program, and Directory in-house for this Grand Chapter Session at a substantial savings. Having brought the subscription renewal of the Bulletin in house has created more savings. All of this has created more work on the Grand Secretary and her staff, but has been graciously accepted.

The Data Base is complete, with all the membership cards having been scanned and formatted for research. This is the last phase of being able to research electronically. It has taken five years to get this project completed – my thanks to the Board of Directors who served during these years for having the foresight to see the need and for assisting me in completing this project.

In compliance with Article 68: Printed Reports

The following Legal Actions for 2009-2010 pertaining to Assets are:

Sept. 19, 2009

Oil and Gas Lease

Lease to Chesapeake Energy, LLC, an Oklahoma Limited Liability Company

P.O. Box 18496

Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0496

Ellis County

SE/4 less a strip of land 16 1/2 feet wide and lying west along the west side of SE/4 Section 8, Township 19 North, Ranges 26 West and containing 159.00 gross acres and 53.0000 net acres more or less.

Three years or as long as in production

3/16ths of proceeds

Bonus \$15,900.00

February 1, 2010

Oil and Gas Lease file No. 82

Lease to OXY USA Inc. A Delaware Corp. P.O. Box 4294, Houston, TX 77210-4294

Ward County

Water Tracts 1 & 2 section 46, Block 33, H&TC Ry. Co. survey, Ward County, Texas, containing 80 acres more or less.

Three year lease or as long as in production

1/4th of proceeds

Bonus \$1,600.00

One of our many assets is the cemetery plots at Parkdale Cemetery which Moore Funeral Home owns. Internment costs are going up each year. I met with a director of Moore Funeral Home to secure a Pre-Paid plan on ten (10) of the plots After presenting this to the Board of Directors, they voted to proceed in purchasing this plan. Included in the plan is opening and closing, concrete vault and the marker. On October 9, 2009 we obtained a contract for 10 plots at \$1,900.00 down and \$515.20 per month for 36 months. There are 46 plots left in the Eastern Star section of the cemetery.

Contracts for the Grand Chapter Sessions to be held in Beaumont, July 25 to 28, 2012

and Arlington, August 15 to 18, 2013 were presented to the Board of Directors, approved and signed by the Grand Secretary.

The Third Annual Workshop was held in the Chapel at TMRC with 134 registered. I want to thank each of you who attended.

It was my pleasure to attend the Instituting of Kurten UD and Lindale UD, I attended the General Grand Chapter in Oklahoma, Purposes and Policies Committee meeting, eight Board of Director meetings, four Corporate Board meetings, Spring Fling at TMRC, TMRC Board honor banquet, as many schools as possible, Roundups, Installations, Board of Directors retirement banquet and many chapter meetings.

One of the duties and pleasures of the Grand Secretary is to have a close relationship with our ladies at TMRC. Care Plan meetings are scheduled regularly with the staff at TMRC to discuss the progress of all ladies in the clinic. As Registered Legal Agent for the Grand Chapter of Texas, the Grand Secretary is responsible for taking care of not only the business affairs, but the medical needs when needed for the ladies. The Grand Secretary has not only the Durable Power of Attorney, but also the Medical Power of Attorney of all the ladies. As Medical Power of Attorney she is responsible for making sometimes hard decisions concerning the health of the ladies. The Grand Secretary is also responsible for seeing that their wishes are carried out upon their death. Most of our ladies do not have a family, and even if they do, it is our responsibility to respect their wishes. Therefore, it is imperative the office of the Grand Secretary be in a close proximity of TMRC as there are many times she will be called upon to see to their needs. Above all else, our ladies must be our first priority and must feel safe and secure in knowing we are there for them.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt: It has been a joy serving with you this past year and I sincerely hope all your dreams have come true. May God's blessings always be with you and yours.

To Sister Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer: I know this first year for you as Grand Treasurer has been a challenge, but you have persevered. My best wishes are with you.

To the Board of Directors: 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 you will not be retiring, but taking on other challenges.

To the office staff: Please know how much I appreciate you for your loyalty, dedication and love for this membership and the way you accept any challenge. I will miss you all very much and I cannot thank you enough for your love and loyalty all these years. You are the greatest and I know you will continue to serve this wonderful membership.

A very special thank you to Lynn Kearney for all her very competent volunteer help and dedication to our membership, and to Debara Perry for helping when needed. You will never know how much I appreciate you.

A heartfelt thank you to those of you who have served as pages for me these past six years: Loretta Lindley, five years, Kelly Killingbeck, one year, Marlene Scholari, four years, Gerda Weathers, one year and Tina Stevens, one year. Please know how much I appreciate all you have done. I have been so blessed to have you in my life.

To George and my family: Thank you my dear ones for all your support, love and patience. Now that I am retiring, I am looking forward to having more time for more of our family fun. I love you all dearly. 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 and remember: Life is not a rehearsal. This is the real thing, so always do your very best.

The 2010 Annual Reports again report a decrease in membership in the number of subordinate chapters.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Total May 31, 2009	35,380
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INCREASE:

Initiated	757	
Affiliated	374	
Reinstated	251	

TOTAL:	1,382
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DECREASE:

Demits	273	
Withdrawn	71	
Expelled	4	
Transferred	104	
Suspended	113	
Deaths	1338	

TOTAL:	2921
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Total membership May 31, 2010	33841
Loss of Membership since 2009	1539

Exempt from Dues and Per Capita TMRC	143	
Exempt from Dues and Per Capita 50 year members		235

TOTAL EXEMPT:	378
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DUAL MEMBERS:	1474
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- 70 Chapters reported a gain in membership
- 292 Chapters reported a loss in membership
- 32 Chapters reporting the same membership

394 TOTAL CHAPTERS

DEMISED CHAPTERS	CHAPTERS INSTITUTED
Brady 167 4/10/10	Kurten UD
	Lindale UD

SECTION CHANGE

Luling 155 – Dist 5 Sec 6 to Dist 5 Sec 8

CHAPTERS CONSOLIDATED

Northside 651 with Aldine 1088
Matador 66 with Floydada 31
Magnolia 706 with Pearland 1065
Lometa 871 with Goldwaite 909
Flatonia 813 with Smithville 39
Garden Oaks 987 with Oak Forest 1080
Ganado 957 with El Campo 535
Vernon 424 with Faith 713
Dawson 1049 with Corsicana 118
University 1082 with Lubbock 76
Lampasas 295 with Burnet 425
Houston 385 with Ransford 135

REPORTS TURNED IN AFTER JUNE 7

Sarah Chapter #353
Woodville Chapter #462
Omaha Chapter #997

GRAND DEMITS

Duplicate Grand Demits issued 2009 - 2010

Mrs. Cynthia Reeves	Lindale Chapter #864	2/8/2010
Kenneth Reeves	Lindale Chapter #864	2/8/2010
Mrs. Mary Flay Munn	Lindale Chapter #864	2/17/2010
Mrs Diana Nash	Lindale Chapter #864	2/26/2010
Jerry Nash	Lindale Chapter #864	2/26/2010
Mrs. Vickie Watson	Hurst Chapter #1099	3/1/2010
Mrs. Shawnia Partridge	Lindale Chapter #864	3/9/2010
Mrs. Pamela Praytor	Lindale Chapter #864	3/12/2010
Dwayne Praytor	Lindale Chapter #864	3/12/2010
Mrs. Elizabeth Elaine Murphree	Lindale Chapter #864	3/19/2010
Mrs. JoAnn Smyth	Floyd Easterling #1074	4/5/2010

Brady Chapter #167 - Demised April 10, 2010

Grand Demits issued April 10, 2010

Mrs. Sharon Abernethy	Mrs. Bennie Moore
Brent Banister	Mrs. Iris Moore
Mrs. Trudi Banister	Mrs. Janet Renon
Mrs. Aubrey Bierman	Mrs. Rowena Roberts
Mrs. Betty Sue Bierman	Mrs Leigh Schmidt
Mrs. Darlene Brown	Mrs. Diana Tate
Jay Brown	Mrs. Bobbie Turner
Michael Brown	Mrs. Lucy Underwood
Mrs. Oleta Cox	Mrs. Lynne White

Mrs. Marie Edmiston
Mrs. Lou Dell Eudaly
Mrs. Eloise Ficke
Quinn Jones
Mrs. Augusta Jordan
Joe Jordan
Mrs. Susie Jordan
Mrs. Teresa Kimbriel
Mrs. Lindy Lange
Mrs. Rosa Lange
Mrs. Julianna Lindsay
Mrs. Carolyn Milbert
Charles Miller
Mrs. Linda Miller
Mrs. Elsie Mohler

Mrs. Jo Wright-Howell

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

DALLAS 1

LAWRENCE R. ATWOOD, JR

ALVIN 15

MRS. CLORA CAMPBELL
MRS. MARTHA DUPREE OLSON

RUTH 20

MRS. DORTHY MALCOM

WEATHERFORD 21

MRS. LENA JIM WILSON

ABILENE 30

JOHN A TUCKER
MRS. LUCILLE E TUCKER
MRS. ANN MATHENEY

FLOYDADA 31

MRS. FRANCE M. REEDY

BIG SPRINGS 67

MRS. JUNE SAMPSON

BEAUMONT 71

MRS. DOROTHY HUSBAND
MRS. JOYCE PARKS
MRS. KATHERINE WIGINGTON

LUBBOCK 76

MRS. BEVERLY RODEWALD
JAMES T. RODEWALD

BIG SPRINGS 76

MRS. MARILYN JEFFCOAT
MRS. JUANITA YEARY
MRS. MARY LOU CHENAULT

LUBBOCK 76

MRS. JAN BARTLETT

GATE CITY 77

MRS. CATHERINE PILKILTON
J.B. WARD

RUSK-ALTO 79

MRS. JUDITH WAUGH
MRS. CAROLYN SMITH

WINTERS 80

JOE R BETTES
MRS. RUTH JOBE
MRS. SUE HINDS

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MRS. ERNESTINE VAN WINKLE

CHILDRESS 101

MRS. BLANCHE G. LOVE

BROWNWOOD 116

MRS. CLAUDIA FUNDERBURG

CORSICANA 118

MRS. CHLODINE BITTNER
MRS. PEGGY DARLENE MYERS
JOHN D. MYERS

PLEASANTON 133

MRS. THELMA SMITH SHAW

RANSFORD 135

MRS. MARY RUTH WHITE
MRS. DUANE R. ZIMMERMAN

ATLANTA 151

MRS. MAMIE RUTH FITTS

SPUR 164

MRS. MILDRED HAGINS
M.A.(Mutt) HAGINS

QUINLAN 170

MRS. NADYNE TAYLOR

CARPENTERS 183

MRS. EDITH PETTIT

TENAHA 185

MRS. JEAN PARKER

BOERNE 200

MRS. NANCY M FAULKNEY
MRS. REGINA WOLFF

BORDER 211

MRS. WANDA SCOTT
MRS. WILMA DEAN OWEN

GRAND PRAIRIE 219

MRS. LUCILE GRAHAM
MRS. JANE MORTON
MRS. EVELYN SIMMONS
MRS. MARGARET WHITLEY

VELASCO 220

MRS. BETTY CAPEL
MRS. JULIA R. HOOT
MRS. NANCY SERBANICH
MRS. DOROTHY
NEWTON

BRYAN 222

MRS. ELLEN LOUISE SWENDSEN
MRS. GRACE YEAGER ASHLEY
MRS. NORMA WOLF HAGLER

MONTGOMERY 228

MRS. JESSIE WRIGHT
J.R. WRIGHT

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MRS. JANIS SUE LATIMER
MRS. BETTY J DYER

SOMERVILLE 245

MRS. LYNN JUNEK
MRS. JOYCE GIESENSCHLAG

SULPHUR BLUFF 246

MRS. LOU WILDA BASSHAM

ARLINGTON 249

MRS. MAXINE NEFF
MRS. PAULA JEAN GARRETT
MRS. ANITA MCMULLEN

AVERY 252

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MRS. JUANITA F. LEE

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MRS. ANNIE MCHANEY
MRS. HAZEL SINGLETON
MRS. ROSE TIDWELL**BROCK 274**

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MALCOLM SCOTT**CLIFTON 283**MRS. DORIS MIMS
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MRS. LYDIA BRYAN
MRS. MARY GEORGIA BURKE
MICHAEL FERDA, JR.
MRS. JACKIE GREGER
MRS. ADDIE PEARL McALISTER
MRS. AMBER SIMPSON
MRS. MYRTLENE SMITH
MRS. ANNA L. WILKEY
JAMES T. WILKEY
MRS. JEAN HARRISON**GRAND SALINE 290**MRS. GLORIA HERRON
MRS. LYNNA MARTIN**JASPER 291**MRS. EDITH LIDIA
MRS. ESTHER BLANCHARD**LAMPASAS 295**

MRS. JO ANN GARNER

SILSBEE 298

MRS. MILDRED CHANCE

FRANKLIN 311

MRS. BARBARA CROOK

HEREFORD 312MRS. WANNIE STEVENS
MRS. JUDY MAE FILLPOT**CENTER 348**

MRS. WANDA SMITH

HUGHES SPRINGS 349MRS. NORMA CLARK
MRS. NANCY HOOD**TEMPLAR 374**MRS. MARY LOU FUNK
MRS. DOROTHY BOYD**LUFKIN 382**

MRS. OPAL RAY

PALESTINE 395MRS. LUCILLE HANEY
MRS. RENEE RANDOLPH**HUMBLE 415**

MRS. PATRICIA ROGERS

POLYTECHNIC 420MRS. DORIS MOORE
MRS. NEVA MAE EVANS CHERRY**TROUP 421**

MRS. JUANITA SMITH

ROSENBERG 429ODIS L. SIMMONS
JAMES T JOINES
CALVIN S LANDERS
MRS. CARMEN LANDERS**CHICO 433**

MRS. DONNA COFFMAN

CLEVELAND 465

BILLY J LEWIS

TRAVIS 472

MRS. OLIVIA ADAMS

EDINBURG 473MRS. PEARL LOUISE MOORE
MRS. MARY LEONARD**ROCKPORT 479**

MRS. FRANCIS EUTON

KILLEEN 490

PAUL E. SAWYER

SEGUIN 555

WILLIAM Q LEWIS

LINDEN 576

MRS. ANN MCKINNEY

MORAN 591R. C. LOGAN
MRS. PATRICIA LOGAN**HENDERSON 597**

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MRS. FAYE RIDENOUR
MRS. MARY TALLANT**LONGVIEW 610**MRS. JO ANN METCALF
MRS. MARIE WHITTEN**HANDLEY 617**MRS. BETTY A. COOMER
A. W. FOSTER
LELAND BENEFIELD
MRS. LYNDA BENEFIELD
MRS. BARBARA WINKELMEYER
ROBERT WINKELMEYER**LEAGUE CITY 621**

GEORGE W. EVANS

JEFFERSON 627MRS. LA JUAN HARVEY
EDMOND R. SCHELLINGER**LIBERTY/DAYTON 634**MRS. BETTY WHITLEY
MRS. IMOGENE WARD
MRS. JIMMIE WARNER
MRS. DORIS TYWATER
MRS. JEANE TUER
LOUIS TUER
MRS. JOHNNIE MAE RILEY
MRS. DORIS BODENHAMER
MRS. FLORENCE LAVERN
DERRINGTON**HARLINGEN 641**

MRS. RAY LEONARD

ANAHUAC 649

JAMES MATTHEWS

DUMAS 653MRS. LOUISE JAMESON
MRS. ZELDA LANG**ALVARADO 656**

MRS. HAZEL SATTERWHITE

PORT NECHES 677MRS. ROSE MAE COPLEY
MRS. NORENE NUNEZ
MRS. PATRICIA EDWARDS
MRS. DOROTHY FAYE CUNIFF**LAPORTE 683**

MRS. BARBARA WARNOCK

FARMERS BRANCH 687

MRS. RUBY JEAN OGLETREE

PLANO 703MRS. BETTY LOU MERRITT
CHARLES A MERRITT
MRS. JOAN SMITH
MRS. DORRIS BRAKEFIELD**MAGNOLIA 706**MRS. MAXINE AGEE DURHAM
MRS. SARAH M BIERMAN
MRS. FAY RASBERRY
MRS. ANN RICHARDS WOODS**FAITH 713**

MRS. DOROTHY FAYE SELLS

KOUNTZE 724

MRS. WALTERINE LOFTIN

PARK PLACE 731MRS. MARGIE BACCUS
LESTER ROBERTS
MISS MATTIE SUSANNE
BROWN**ALAMO HEIGHTS 734**MRS. BETTY HICKS
MRS. JOANN LOWE**ANDRAL VANN 741**MRS. LILLIE FUTCH
MRS. DORIS JOHNSON
MRS. BABE RUTH LOGAN**WEDGWOOD 756**

MRS. MARY MORRIS

HILLSBORO 769

MRS. ANNA LOU WRAY

FORT MCKAVETT 783

MRS. WILDA MEIXNER
CHARLES KOTHMANN

AMARILLO 787

MRS. VONCILLE NORTH
MRS. ELOISE PANCAKE

LEVELAND 797

MRS. HETTIE ROWLAND

GROESBECK 810

MRS. DOROTHY CRUTCHER

BORGER 811

MRS. FRANCES GRAHAM
MRS. LINDA GRAHAM
MRS. GERTRUDE HODGES
THOMAS HOWARD
MRS. MARY JOANNE WAIGHT

CRESCENT 820

MRS. MARY FRANCES MASON
A. R. MASON

MABANK 821

MRS. LAURA FRANK ATKINSON

WISTERIA 823

MRS. PHYLLIS HICKS
MRS. DORRIS CLEGG
MRS. JEAN PARKHILL

CONCHO 826

ALVIN R BAILEY
MRS. MADGE WEATHERBY

RIVERSIDE 834

MRS. DOROTHY ASHBY
DR. RUFUS EARL
GERALD L ROBINSON
MRS. ALICE ROBINSON

SEMINOLE 855

MRS. D'LOIS BRYSON

MESQUITE 887

MRS. HAZEL STANLEY

FREEDOM 898

MRS. RHEBA BURGESS

JOAQUIN 903

MRS. ANITA WORSHAM

HAWKINS 908

MRS. KATHLEEN THOMSON
MRS. RUTH DOWD

MELROSE 920

MRS. NANCY BUCK
MRS. WILMA McQUEEN
MRS. ELSIE MAE McDANIEL

RICHARDSON 921

MRS. BONNIE ALDRIDGE
MRS. SANDRA DES PLAS
MRS. TWILA HOY
MRS. BILLIE MOSS

LEWISVILLE 935

MRS. GLENNA SCHLEGEL
MRS. CORDELL VANCE
MRS. BETTYE CLEM
MRS. LUCY JERNIGAN

YORKTOWN 945

MRS. LILLIAN BROOM

MIKE THOMAS-OAKCLIFF 951

LUTHER C. HARRISON, JR
MRS. LILLIE STOKES
GERALD BROWN

GROVES PORT ARTHUR 953

MRS. WILMA MOORE
MRS. PEARL TROSCLAIR
MRS. DIANE MITCHELL
MRS. BARBARA J BALLARD
MRS. VIRGINIA

EDWIN J. KIEST 959

BAIN MRS. FRIEDA MOORE
MRS. IRENE GARRISON
MRS. MOZELLE KISLER
MRS. DOROTHY EMMONS
MRS. BILLIE O WORTHAM
MRS. SHIRLEY GRAY

WINNSBORO 967

MRS. GENEVA KENNEMER
MRS. JOYCE REEVES
MRS. MARTHA LAJOY SIMS
MRS. SYBLE STEPHENS

BUNA 968

MRS. MELBA BREITHAUP
BOBBY BREITHAUP

BULLARD 972

MRS. HELEN F KEY
MRS. MARILYN WILLIAMS
MRS. KATHRYN KEHLBECK

LAMARQUE 979

MRS. EILEEN M KOEPPE

HALTOM CITY 982

MRS. JEAN M HYDE

GARDEN OAKS 987

MRS. VERLA ROY

MEDINA 988

MRS. BETTY GARRISON
PAUL LAVON GARRISON
MRS. LENVAL MAYFIELD
MRS. BILLIE SUTHARD

YSLETA 991

HERMAN L ENGLE
MRS. OLA MADEAN ENGLE
MRS. YVONNE LIPE
MRS. ALA JO PARROTT
MRS. MARGUERITE
McFARLAND
J. G. BARTLETT

FRIENDSHIP 1008

MRS. BILLIE GLOVER

NORMAN READ 1010

MRS. GLENNETTA FAYE
McADAMS

CASTLEBERRY 1028

MRS. DOROTHY BERRY
MRS. LAVERNE BERRY
MRS. EDITH GROOMER

DEPENDENCE 1044

MRS. BETTIEJO LANCE
LEE ROY LANCE
MRS. CORRINE BRADSHAW
MRS. JOHNNIE RAY SEALE
MRS. FRANCE HANSHAW
EDWARD HANSHAW

CORA POSEY 1072

MRS. DOROTHY WHITE

NEDERLAND 1079

ROBERT A FRENCH
MRS. GLORIA M FRENCH

UNIVERSITY 1082

MRS. DANA SMALLWOOD

NEW CANEY 1093

MRS. IRENE B RAY

SEABROOK 1096

MRS. MARGARET COWARD
MRS. CAROLE WIEDEMAN

CYPRESS 1102

MRS. BETTY JO ARTIS

ZAPATA 1106

MRS. GEN DAVIS

GUN BARREL CITY 1114

MRS. DORIS MOORE
MRS. GLADYS PHILLIPS

JUSTIN 1128

MRS. DOROTHY WALLING

KLEIN 1141

MRS. CORA FERGUSON
MRS. NORMA SUE THRAILKILL

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the report of the Grand Secretary as presented to the Grand Chapter be referred to the proper Committee.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Grand Secretary. All in favor, please raise your blue card. Any opposed. Motion carried.

And I move the adoption of the report of the Worthy Grand Matron report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Do I have a second?

All in favor will raise their blue card. All opposed will raise their blue card. The motion carried.

I invite Sister Wanda Fairchild, Chapters U.D., to come to the microphone.

REPORT OF THE CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION COMMITTEE

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers,

I am pleased to present the members of this committee:

Mrs. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron

Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron

We have enjoyed serving on this committee.

Kurten Chapter UD was instituted on April 9, 2010, and Lindale Chapter UD was instituted on April 10, 2010.

The laws of Grand Chapter require a Chapter to be under dispensation at least six months before a charter is granted. Therefore, we recommend that Kurten Chapter UD and Lindale Chapter UD continue under dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Hammack, Richard Ochs, Wanda Fairchild - Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I recommend that this report be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we accept the Chapters Under Dispensation report. All in favor, raise your blue card. All opposed. Motion carried.

I invite Sister Lorrie Owens to come to the microphone.

GRAND TREASURER: Thank you.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Members, my loving Sisters and Brothers:

My sincere thanks to the membership of Texas for electing me to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas in this responsible position. I have done my best to fulfill your expectations and the duties of this office. This year has been a rewarding and busy one for me. As is the case in all new jobs, there is a learning curve. My gratitude to our Worthy Grand Matron

and Worthy Grand Patron for their support, suggestions and encouragement to me as well as the membership of Texas. Their leadership shows their concern for all members of our Order. A special thanks to the hard working and dedicated members of the Board of Directors who encouraged me to perform my duties diligently and to their satisfaction. I have tried to provide them with the information and input needed for the Board Members to make informed financial decisions for our Grand Chapter. I extend my deep appreciation to Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary, and her capable office staff of Marlene Scholari (bookkeeper and computer assistant), Charlotte Beall, Tava Smith, Donna Kirkpatrick and volunteer, Lynn Kearney. Their cooperation and support in their individual work fields and cheerful attitudes made my first year duties easier to perform. A loving thanks to my Pages, Kay Ballentine, Linda Rae Mason, Ethel Dammann and Bertie Loveall who have been willing to travel with and assist me whenever it was necessary.

In addition to performing the Constitutional duties of the Grand Treasurer, I have traveled to the various Districts to get to know the members and their problems or suggestions dealing with my elected position. I have attended or participated in the following activities: All meetings including the budget meeting of the Board of Directors; all meetings of the Corporate Board; a Purposes and Policies Committee meeting; the Secretary/Treasurer workshop in Arlington; Spring Fling; 11 Schools of Instruction; 12 Fraternal Visits; 42 Chapter meetings; 18 social functions (banquets, roundups, fund raisers, Masonic activities); 2 Funerals; 1 Rainbow meeting; 3 Installations; banquet honoring TMRC Board Members; banquet honoring the two retiring OES Board Members; the "hanging" of Ray Hertenberger; all General Grand Chapter sessions in Tulsa, including the Texas/Nova Scotia banquet, the Installation and the breakfast for the Grand Secretaries/Treasurers.

For your information and consideration, I have prepared a summary of Grand Chapter's Financial status for September 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. The exception is the report for Endowed Memberships that is from the beginning November 1, 1987 through May 31, 2010. Detailed Accounting of all Funds are on file 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.

Lorrie Owens
Grand Treasurer

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

May 31, 2010

Certificates Issued	Date	Number Issued	Principal Amount
1 - 4,520	Nov. 1, 1987 thru Aug. 31, 2007	4,520	\$2,260,000.00
4,521 - 4,4832	Sep. 1, 2007 thru Aug. 31, 2008	312	156,000.00
4,833 - 5,127	Sep. 1, 2008 thru Aug. 31, 2009	295	147,500.00
5,128 - 5,235	Sep. 1, 2009 thru May 31, 2010	108	54,000.00
TOTAL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS		5,235	\$2,617,500.00

Total Endowed Memberships: 5,235 @ \$500.00 = \$2,617,500.00

Note: The Chapters received \$5.27 for each eligible Endowed Member.

In accordance with the Code of Laws, Art. 204,(4),(b), page 149, interest in the amount of \$168.64 was credited to the General Fund for the following Endowed Memberships:

W.J. Beaver	Sandra Jean Gilbert	Debra D. Morelock
Vera A. (Gardner) Biggs	Helen W. Henson	Heather Morelock
Rita Joyce Bragg	Lila D. Holt	Raymond B. Morelock
Bertha D. Brown	Luella V. Johnson	Hazel K. Nunn
Lois Carver	Tommy Kelso	Martha Phillips
Charles E. Day	Betty Jo Kindred	Lillie Ruth Regian
Margaret L. Lowell	Katherine Koym Seymour	Henry L. Smith
Ann Dowd	Kimberly Morelock Martin	Elsie Underwood
Winnie Fenton	Robert B. McMurray	Rose Watkins
Blanca Fowler	Sydney C. McMurray	
Vernon M. Fowler	Lorie Ware McCulloch	
In Memory of Dorothy Deering		

GENERAL FUND OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT

Sep. 1, 2008 thru
Apr. 30, 2008

Sep. 1, 2009 thru
Apr. 30, 2010

REVENUE

Interest General Fund Holding	21,000	12,900
Endowment Interest	173,540	109,025
Endowment Interest Sub-Account	67,564	43,300
Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds	30,000	35,200
General Fund Per Capita	110,964	108,915
Registration Fees	0	0
Session Misc. Income	28,578	29,100
Grand Chapter Sales	17,276	11,000
Bulletin Subscriptions	18,778	14,600
Bulletin Articles	22,746	20,000
Supplies/Postage/Shipping	4,400	1,900
GGC Supplies Sales	43,250	18,920
Administrative Revenue	6,000	12,000
Credit Card Conv Fee/Royalty	4,900	3,800
Misc. Fees/CK/CCREB/Spec. Dispensations	5,095	740
International Headquarters	684	7,080
Founder's Day 100%	3,628	1,320
Gifts and Donations	0	0
General Fund Humanitarian	3,773	3,450
Interest Endowed Memberships	96	350
Other Misc. Receipts	2,450	308
TOTAL REVENUE	564,722	433,908

DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Secretary Housing	5,600	5,600
TMRC Board/Directors Retirement	350	75
Computer/Data Processing	375	2,260
Auto Acquisition	12,000	12,000
Copy Machine	4,800	500
Office Salaries	62,730	60,114
Grand Secretary's Salary	13,115	13,115
Grand Treasurer's Salary	4,000	4,000
GC Support Staff Housing	1,085	0
Vehicle-Fuel/Maintenance	3,600	4,380
Vehicle-License	150	0
Vehicle-Repairs	250	0
Worthy Grand Matron Expense	3,500	3,500
Worthy Grand Patron Expense	1,600	1,600
Associate Grand Matron Expense	2,000	2,000
Associate Grand Patron Expense	400	400
Grand Secretary Expense	2,000	2,000
Grand Treasurer Expense	600	600
Grand Conductress Expense	400	400
Associate Grand Conductress Expense	400	400

Grand Master Expense-Session	72	0
Official Reporter-GC	3,500	3,500
Advanced Reports	4,200	2,900
Ballots and Voting Cards	975	900
Installation Programs	100	200
Photos for Session	1,200	500
Registration Forms/Postage/Badges	300	800
Session and Memorial Programs	6,200	4,700
The Session	750	20,000
Past Grand Matron's Jewel	0	0
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	0	0
Insurance-Directors Liability	6,400	4,200
Auto Insurance	0	956
"Furnishings,Personal Prop/Umbrella"	51,275	47,400
Insurance-Workman's Compensation	1,550	2,375
Audit/CPA	20,675	24,750
Legal Services	2,560	1,300
Office and Printing Supplies	3,025	10,300
Miscellaneous	960	4,400
Credit Card Fees	355	252
Security Services	250	250
Internet Service	850	950
Postage/Petty Cash	200	500
Postage-Bulletin Mailings	10,250	7,400
Postage Permit	180	0
Postage Meter Lease	1,650	3,650
Bulletins	36,950	29,427
Annual Proceedings-Printing	15,200	12,955
Printing Other	8,800	2,500
Janitorial Service	315	0
Office and Printing Supplies	1,250	0
Cost of Supplies/GC/GGC	44,600	30,079
Utilities - Electric	3,025	3,430
Utilities - Gas	365	360
Utilities - Telephone	2,325	2,500
Rent - Office	0	2,750
Payroll Expense (Liability)	6,873	5,760
General Grand Chapter Per Capita	37,499	35,370
International Headquarters	7,080	7,060
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	400,714	387,318

OES RETIREMENT FUND - 501c(3)

Sep. 1, 2008 thru Sep. 1, 2009 thru
Apr. 30, 2009 Apr. 30, 2010

REVENUE

Per Capita Income	184,940	180,915
Endowment Interest 501c(8)	182,355	254,202
Turn Back Funds	0	58,000
Inrerest	27,639	16,224
Oil & Gas Royalty	36,800	37,850
Bequests & Gifts	36,040	5,000
Home Member Receipts	5,050	170
Ladies Pensions	140,873	143,911
Humanitarian	4,860	5,600
TOTAL REVENUE	618,557	701,872

DISBURSEMENTS

Legal	150	1,512
Audit	4,000	6,045
Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	973	1,023
Liability Insurance	0	500
Investment Fees	603	1,333
Ladies' Residence Housing	98,711	103,130
Infirmary Housing	390,858	350,747
In-service/501c(3) Accounts Mgmt.	6,000	12,000
Funeral Expenses	490	6,750
Allowance to Ladies @\$70.00	10,080	9,100
TMRC Resident Parties	122	216
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	511,987	492,356

BENEVOLENT AID

Sep. 1, 2008 thru Sep. 1, 2009 thru
Apr. 30, 2009 Apr. 30, 2010

INCOME

Per Capita	36,988	36,183
Interest	352	350
Humanitarian	23,672	14,100
Roll Over Funds	0	27,290
Hurricane Ike Funs Rolled to Benevolent Aid	0	16,194
501c(8) Sub-Account Interest	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	61,012	94,117

EXPENSES

Permanent Aid	40,000	37,600
Temporary Aid	8,000	13,500
Emergency Aid	14,500	11,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	62,500	62,100

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

	Maturity	Amount
Guaranty Bank Fannie V. Ward	Sep. 9, 2010	35,000
Coamerica Bank Helen M. Bramlett	Sep. 9, 2010	8,500
Coamerica Bank Education Fund	Sep. 9, 2010	65,000

BROKERAGE ACCOUNT

J. P. Morgan/Chase Mary C. Kennington		506,421
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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES J.P. MORGAN/CHASE

	Apr. 30, 2009	Apr. 30, 2010
General Fund	388,144	304,961
Worth Grand Matron's Proj.	92,823	57,561
Benevolent Aid	60,580	61,187
Education	883	23,488
Endowment Stamps	100,839	104,005
ESTARL	13,866	11,369
Property Sale Acct. (25%)	417,420	404,314
TMRC	0	1,362
Auto Acquisition	0	12,000

OTHER ACCOUNTS

	Apr. 30, 2009	APR. 30, 2010
Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund 501c(3)	1,388,098	1,392,630
Eastern Star Home of Texas Fund Checking 501c(3)	6,529	50,373
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund 501c(8)	8,526,571	8,314,576
Grand Chapter Endowment Fund Sub-Acct. 501c(8)	3,507,417	3,425,586
Endowed Membership Trust	2,482,514	2,603,993

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a motion to adopt the report of the Grand Treasurer. Do I have a second?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a motion and a second. All in favor, please raise your blue card. Opposed, same. Motion accepted.

I invite Sister Diane Davidson to the microphone.

MS. DIANE DAVIDSON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, My Sisters and Brothers.

It is my pleasure to present the Report of the Board of Directors for the Grand Chapter year of 2009-2010,

And to introduce the members of your Board of Directors:

Mrs. Terri Rozell, Vice Chairman from District Four

Mr. Keith Mikeworth, Secretary from District Two

Mrs. Betty Scott, District One

Mrs. Karen Kidd, District Two

Mrs. Lorraine Williams, District Three

Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, District Four

Mrs. Kathy Teele and Mr. Ron Zipp, District Five.

It is impossible to convey my thanks and appreciation for the dedication and hard work that these Board members have given to Grand Chapter this year. Each member brings special talents and gifts to the Board of Directors and gives so willingly of their time and talents for the membership of Texas. Together these members have worked as a team to create a well rounded Board with many expertises.

I would also like to recognize Sister Ann Kelly, the appointed secretary to the Board of Directors. Sister Ann has quietly recorded the minutes making sense of our discussions. She is diligent, faithful and a wonderful friend to all. Thank you, Sister Ann, for your dedication for the past nine years and being a special part of our team. I could not have made my five years on the Board without you.

Our first Board meeting for the 2009-2010 Grand Chapter year was held at the Grand Chapter Session in Arlington, Texas. A Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary were elected by the Board members as well as welcoming new Board Members -- Betty Scott, Elizabeth Wise and Ron Zipp. Two Board meetings were held in conjunction with the Schools of Instruction at New Braunfels and Ft. Worth and the remainder of the Board meetings were held in the Administration Building in Arlington. I meet with the Corporate Board at League City in March and the entire Board of Directors met with the Corporate Board in Arlington during May's Spring Fling.

The range of topics and issues we the Board of Directors handled was very broad and challenging. In addition to the supervision of the financial affairs of Grand Chapter, the Board

members reviewed benevolent aid requests, approved contracts for future Grand Chapter Sessions, assisted in the scholarship program, approved finances for the Associate Grand Matron's Special Projects, processed new residents to Texas Masonic Retirement Center, approved the disposal of assets, negotiated contracts for services and oil leases in addition to overseeing the storage of Museum items and the Administration Building. The other Board members will be bringing detail reports of Board of Directors' duties.

In light of these many tasks, several special presentations were made to the Board of Directors. Our Bankers at JP Morgan Chase presented an in depth report in January along with providing quarterly reports to the Board, our Auditors at Ratliff & Sommerville made a report on the Grand Chapter year 2008-2009 to the Board in November and throughout the year many members also addressed the Board. The Financial Investment Committee was invited to each Board meeting and given the opportunity to participate.

The members of the Board of Directors have worked together to accomplish the many tasks presented to them and to meet the challenges that the year has brought. Each task has been met with the goal always of service and giving only our best to provide for our membership. Our focus has been to take care of the membership and their resources today so that Eastern Star will be here for the future.

Many of our members have been touched with situations that we were able to alleviate through benevolent aid, whether it be in the form of permanent, temporary or one time emergency aid. Some \$61,000.00 through June 1, 2010 has been distributed to needy members. The application process has been refined so that each application provides the information needed to be given a thorough and prayerful consideration by the Board members. It has been the goal of the Board of Directors to fairly provide for the membership's needs while carefully watching the funds of the Grand Chapter.

The Texas Masonic Retirement Center is currently the home to 16 ladies that the Grand Chapter of Texas is responsible for at an average cost of \$55,000.00 per month. We appreciate TMRC for allowing our members to reside in their retirement center and we are grateful for the care that they provide to all our members in residence. It was the Board's honor to host a dinner honoring the TMRC Board in March for this service they give to our members. This was well attended and we were delighted that some of their Board members including Chairman, Orville O'Neill, were able to be in attendance.

We appreciate the attendance of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer at the Board Meetings. Thank you for the wealth of information you have provided and answering all of our questions.

Sister Nell, our Grand Secretary, we thank you for your hard work and the service you have given to the Board of Directors and the membership of Texas. The Administration Office under your term as Grand Secretary has made many advances for the future. The scanning of our records for easy access as well as preservation was a big task but such a wonderful accomplishment. The Board of Directors thanks you and your staff for their readiness to meet the challenges presented. We wish you God's grace in your "retirement".

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Grand Line Officers, and members who have taken time to attend the Board Meetings, thank you. You are always welcome and your smiles and words of support are greatly appreciated.

To my fellow Board members, thank you for the uplifting manner in which each of you have

served and supported Grand Chapter and me this year. Your friendships, your smiles, those kind emails and encouraging, supportive words have been a wonderful gift. I will always treasure your friendships. Each of you have become such a special part of my life. Truly, God placed you at this time in this place of service for a reason and I thank Him for you and the service you give.

To my chapter, McLennan Chapter No. 639 and the members of District Three, Section Nine, thank you. It is impossible to put into words the love and gratitude I have for you. Over the years you have taught me the real meaning of service by the example you set in your service to others. Thank you for letting me be a part of Star in our area.

To Sister Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Wyatt, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your guidance, your assistance and your support this year. We were always delighted to have you in attendance at our Board meetings and appreciated your interest in the financial operation of Grand Chapter with the membership always being first in your concern.

To the membership of Texas, the goal of your Board of Directors is to be good stewards of the membership resources so that there will always be a Grand Chapter of Texas. It is a big responsibility but so rewarding. We solicit your prayers as the Board of Directors goes about Grand Chapter's business.

As I complete this journey of service on the Board of Directors, the decisions have not always been easy but with the love and support of others and always with you the membership in mind; the journey has been rewarding. I cherish the moments of service and hope that I have been able to give back to Eastern Star for all it has brought to my life.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the past five years on the Board of Directors.

Diane Davidson
Chairman
Board of Directors

Worthy Grand Matron, I have a Supplemental Report which was not published.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In meeting with the Corporate Board in May, 2010; the Jurisprudence Committee Chairman, Mrs Betty Benham, advised that the Jurisprudence Committee was reporting that the Constitution and Code of Laws does not allow for anyone on the Board of Directors to be related to a member of the Office Staff. After Discussion with the Board of Directors, the Board members left so that the Corporate Board could discuss this matter.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron late advised me as Chairman of the Board of Directors; that a District One Board member had been removed from the Board of Directors due to a conflict in our Laws.

At the March, 2010 Board of Directors meeting; the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron brought to the Board of Directors concerns that had come to them regarding the future office lease. They both related conversations with TMRC (Texas Masonic Retirement Center) regarding the amount of space and cost. Each Board member expressed their concern and with much prayer for the membership of Texas; the Board

of Directors voted to not go forward with the Lease space at TMRC (Texas Masonic Retirement Center). The Corporate Board later endorsed this decision.

Members of the Board of Directors have met with the Corporate Board on this issue. The Board of Directors at their July, 2010 meeting voted to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matron that the Administrative Offices remain where they are for an unspecified period of time and that we enter into a formal agreement with TMRC (Texas Masonic Retirement Center) for a period of two to three years. It was further recommended that the incoming Worthy Grand Matron appoint a Committee with representatives of the Corporate Board and others she desires to work with the Board of Directors to seek a long term solution and that committee to make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Diane Davidson,
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of printed report and the supplemental report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have a second?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the Board of Directors, as well as the Supplemental Report. All in favor, please raise your blue card. All opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Diane.

MS. DIANE DAVIDSON: Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Terri Rozell, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, for Report No. 2.

MS. TERRI ROZELL: Thank you.

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

We, the Board of Directors, present for your consideration and approval the proposed budget for the General Fund for the 2010-2011 Grand Chapter year.

The following is a summary of the report. We anticipate total Revenues of \$542,403. This includes projected receipts from Per Capita in the amount of \$104,964 based upon anticipated membership of 34,988 and projected interest revenue of \$170,634. Anticipated Expenditures is \$542,403 which includes office rent of \$33,000, office salaries of \$99,000 and General Grand Per Capita of \$35,988. We are pleased to present to Grand Chapter a balanced General Fund Budget. The details of the General Fund Budget can be found on pages 47 and 48 in the Advanced Annual Report.

General Fund Budget 2010-2011

		Actual 9/1/08 to 4/31/09	Budget 2009-2010 at \$3.00	Actual 9/1/09 to 4/30/10	Budget 2010-2011
INCOME:					
1	Interest Gen Fund Holding	21,000.00	31,500.00	12,900.00	31,500.00
2	Endowment Interest	173,540.00	35,605.00	109,025.00	95,673.00
3	Endowment Interest Sub-Acct	67,564.00	101,346.00	43,300.00	43,461.00
4	Certificate of Deposit	0.00	33,500.00	33,500.00	0.00
5	Worthy Grand Matron's Designated Funds	30,000.00	30,000.00	35,200.00	30,000.00
6	General Fund Per Capita	110,964.00	103,464.00	108,915.00	104,964.00
7	Registration Fees	0.00	24,000.00	0.00	22,500.00
8	Session Misc. Income	28,578.00	20,000.00	29,100.00	20,000.00
9	Grand Chapter Sales	17,276.00	26,000.00	11,000.00	26,000.00
10	Bulletin Subscriptions	18,778.00	28,200.00	14,600.00	28,200.00
11	Bulletin Articles	22,746.00	34,100.00	20,000.00	34,100.00
12	Supplies/Postage/Shipping	4,400.00	6,600.00	1,900.00	6,600.00
13	GGC Supplies Sales	43,250.00	64,875.00	18,920.00	64,875.00
14	Administrative Revenue	6,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
15	Credit Card Conv Fee/Royalty	4,900.00	7,350.00	3,800.00	0.00
16	Misc.fees/CK./CCREB/Spec. Deisp	5,095.00	7,643.00	830.00	1,250.00
17	International Headquarters	684.00	7,080.00	7,080.00	7,080.00
18	Founders Day 100%	3,628.00	5,000.00	1,320.00	5,000.00
19	Gifts and Donations	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
20	General Fund Humanitarian	3,773.00	4,000.00	3,450.00	4,000.00
21	Interest Endowed Memberships	96.00	500.00	350.00	500.00
22	Other Misc. Receipts	2,450.00	3,700.00	308.00	3,700.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$564,722.00	\$587,463.00	\$467,498.00	\$542,403.00
EXPENSE:					
23	Grand Secretary Housing	5,600.00	8,400.00	5,600.00	8,400.00
24	TMRC Board/Directors Ret.	350.00	500.00	75.00	300.00
25	Computer/Data Processing	375.00	3,000.00	2,260.00	3,000.00
26	Auto Acquisition	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
27	Copy Machine	4,800.00	6,000.00	500.00	3,000.00
28	Office Salaries	62,730.00	99,000.00	60,114.00	99,000.00
29	Grand Secretary's Salary	13,115.00	19,000.00	13,115.00	19,000.00
30	Grand Treasurer's Salary	4,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00
31	GC Support Staff Housing	1,085.00	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00
32	Vehicle-Fuel/Maintenance	3,600.00	6,000.00	4,380.00	5,800.00
33	Vehicle-License	150.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
34	Vehicle-Repairs	250.00	250.00	0.00	1,000.00
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	GGC Hospitality		0.00	0.00	500.00
44	Grand Master Expense Session	72.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
45	GGC Officers Expense	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
46	Official Reporter-GC	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
47	Advanced Reports	4,200.00	4,200.00	2,900.00	3,500.00
48	Ballots & Voting Cards	975.00	1,000.00	900.00	500.00
49	Installation Programs	100.00	500.00	200.00	100.00
50	Photos for Proceedings	1,200.00	1,200.00	500.00	1,000.00
51	Registration Forms/Postage/ Badges	300.00	500.00	800.00	300.00
52	Session & Memorial Programs	6,200.00	6,200.00	4,700.00	4,000.00

		Actual 9/1/08 to 4/31/09	Budget 2009-2010 at \$3.00	Actual 9/1/09 to 4/30/10	Budget 2010-2011
53	The Session	750.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
54	Past Grand Matrons Jewel	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
55	Past Grand Patrons Jewel	0.00	450.00	0.00	450.00
56	Insurance-Directors Liability	6,400.00	6,400.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
57	Auto Insurance	0.00	2,500.00	956.00	2,500.00
58	Furnishings.Personel Prop./Umbrella	51,275.00	49,000.00	47,400.00	47,500.00
59	Insurance-Workmans Comp.	1,550.00	1,550.00	2,375.00	2,500.00
60	Audit/CPA	20,675.00	23,675.00	24,750.00	25,000.00
61	Legal Services	2,560.00	500.00	1,300.00	2,000.00
62	Office & Printing Supplies	3,025.00	4,550.00	10,300.00	4,550.00
63	Miscellaneous	960.00	1,000.00	4,400.00	1,000.00
64	Credit Card Fees	355.00	550.00	252.00	550.00
65	Contingency Fund	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
66	Security Services	250.00	375.00	250.00	375.00
67	Internet Service	850.00	1,275.00	950.00	1,500.00
68	Postage/Petty Cash	200.00	200.00	500.00	200.00
69	Postage- Bulletin Mailings	10,250.00	18,000.00	7,400.00	12,000.00
70	Postage Permit	180.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
71	Postage Meter Lease	1,650.00	2,500.00	3,650.00	2,500.00
72	Postage meter		4,400.00	0.00	0.00
73	Bulletins	36,950.00	48,300.00	29,427.00	31,500.00
74	Annual Proceedings-Printing	15,200.00	15,500.00	12,955.00	13,000.00
75	Printing Other	8,800.00	13,200.00	2,500.00	10,000.00
76	Janitorial Service	315.00	1,300.00	0.00	0.00
77	Office and Printing Supplies	1,250.00	1,875.00	0.00	1,000.00
78	Cost of Supplies/GC/GGC	44,600.00	66,900.00	30,079.00	64,000.00
79	Computer Maintenance		0.00	0.00	6,000.00
80	Utilities- Electric	3,025.00	4,535.00	3,430.00	5,500.00
81	Utilities-Gas	365.00	550.00	360.00	550.00
82	Utilities-Telephone	2,325.00	3,500.00	2,500.00	1,500.00
83	Rent Office	0.00	40,000.00	2,750.00	33,000.00
84	Payroll Expense (Liability)	6,873.00	10,310.00	5,760.00	10,310.00
85	GGC Per Capita	37,499.00	34,988.00	35,370.00	34,988.00
86	International Headquarters	7,080.00	7,080.00	7,060.00	7,080.00
86	Total Expense	400,714.00	587,463.00	377,318.00	542,403.00
87	Net Total	\$164,008.00	\$0.00	\$80,180.00	\$0.00
BENEVOLENT AID BUDGET		Actual 9/1/08 to 4/30/09	Budget 2009-2010	Actual 9/1/09 to 4/30/10	Budget 2010-2011
88	Per capita	36,988.00	38,500.00	36,183.00	34,988.00
89	Interest	352.00	500.00	350.00	528.00
90	Humanitarian	23,672.00	12,000.00	14,100.00	25,000.00
91	Roll over funds	0.00	0.00	27,290.00	25,984.00
92	Hurricane Ike Funds rolled to Bev Aid	0.00	0.00	16,194.00	0.00
	501C(8) Sub Account Interest	62,655.00	62,655.00	0.00	0.00
93	Total Income	123,667.00	113,655.00	94,117.00	86,500.00
EXPENSE					
94	Permanent Aid	40,000.00	82,800.00	37,600.00	50,000.00
95	Temporary Aid	8,000.00	32,200.00	13,500.00	20,000.00
96	Emergency Aid	13,000.00		11,000.00	16,500.00
97	Total Expense	48,000.00	115,000.00	51,100.00	86,500.00
98	Net Total	\$75,667.00	\$(1,345.00)	\$43,017.00	\$ -

Worthy Grand Matron, I move for adoption of Report 2 of the Board of Directors.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made that we adopt Report No. 2. Is there a second?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All in favor, please raise your blue card. Any opposed. Motion carried.

MS. TERRI ROZELL: Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present Sister Betty Scott who will present Report No. 3 of the Board of Directors.

REPORT NO. 3 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MRS. BETTY SCOTT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: The Board of Directors is pleased to present Report No. 3 which consists of two parts:

1. Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC)
2. Ladies OES Retirement Fund 501 (c)(3)

Texas Masonic Retirement Center

The report on our Ladies residing at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center covers the period from September 1, 2009 through July 1, 2010.

The Grand Chapter year started with 16 residents at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, 9 in the independent living area and 7 in the clinic. The Board approved one new resident, Sister Pat Smith. Sister Pat Smith later demised. She is now receiving her rewards in our Father's Kingdom.

We currently have 16 ladies who reside at TMRC, 8 who reside in the independent living center and 8 who reside in the clinic.

The current cost of maintaining each lady in the independent living center is \$48.14 per day or \$17,571.11 per year. The current cost of maintaining each lady in the clinic is \$180.40 per day or \$65,846.00 per year. Each year in June, TMRC audits their actual cost per resident in the living center and the clinic. The above costs may be increased or decreased based on the TMRC audit.

From September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 we have paid \$573,293.73 to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The Board projects the total cost through August 31, 2010 will be approximately \$687,952.48. In addition, each resident is given an allowance of \$70.00 per month which would be approximately \$13,440.00 for the ladies per year.

LADIES' OES RETIREMENT FUND, 501(C)(3) REPORT

The Retirement Fund is a 501(C)(3) fund, a designated fund which can only be used for the care of the ladies residing at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

The income for this fund is derived from several sources which can be found on page 40 of the Advanced Annual Report. The three main sources of income continue to include a portion of the per capita, (which is \$5.00 per member), the Endowment Interest and the Ladies' pensions.

The care and happiness of our ladies will continue to be the main concern of the

Board of Directors.

Ladies Retirement Fund 501(C)(3):

Beginning Balance	9/1/09	\$1,634,623.28
Balance as of	6/30/10	\$1,405,428.74

The 2010-2011 projected revenues for the 501(C)(3) Ladies OES Retirement Fund are \$722,740.00 and the projected expenditures are \$722,740.00 giving a balanced budget for 2010-2011.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers, the Board of Directors is pleased to present for your consideration the proposed budget for the Ladies' OES Retirement Fund 501 (c)(3) budget for the Grand Chapter of Texas for the year 2010-2011 as printed on page 46 of the Advanced Annual Report. This includes \$45,060 remaining in the General Fund Budget and \$129,060.00 remaining from the 2009-2010 Infirmary Housing Budget to be brought forward, "thus giving us a balanced budget."

501C3 BUDGET 2009-2010		ACTUAL 9/1/08 to 4/30/09	Proposed Budget 2009-2010	ACTUAL 9/01/09 to 4/30/10	Proposed Budget 2010-2011
CODE	RECEIPTS				
1	Per Capita Income	184,940.00	172,440.00	180,915.00	172,415.00
2	Endowment Interest 501c(8)	182,355.00	254,202.00	254,202.00	68,327.00
3	Turn back funds		58,000.00	58,000.00	174,120.00
4	Interest	27,639.00	41,458.00	16,224.00	24,336.00
5	Oil & Gas Royalty	36,800.00	55,200.00	37,850.00	56,775.00
6	Bequests & Gifts	36,040.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
7	Home Member Receipts	5,050.00	10,000.00	170.00	300.00
8	Ladies Pensions	140,873.00	235,000.00	143,911.00	215,867.00
9	Humanitarian	4,860.00	5,500.00	5,600.00	5,600.00
	TOTAL 501c(3) RECEIPTS	\$ 618,557.00	\$ 851,800.00	\$ 701,872.00	\$ 722,740.00
	EXPENDITURES:				
10	Legal	150.00	1,000.00	1,512.00	2,000.00
11	Audit	4,000.00	4,000.00	6,045.00	6,000.00
12	Property Tax (Oil & Gas)	973.00	1,000.00	1,023.00	1,025.00
13	Liability Insurance	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
14	Investment Fees	603.00	10,000.00	1,333.00	1,500.00
15	Ladies' Residence Housing	98,711.00	160,200.00	103,130.00	154,695.00
16	Infirmary Housing	390,858.00	640,800.00	350,747.00	526,120.00
17	In-service/ 501©(3) Accounts Mgmt	6,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
18	Funeral Expenses	490.00	5,000.00	6,750.00	5,000.00
19	Allowance to Ladies @\$70.00	10,080.00	16,800.00	9,100.00	13,650.00
20	TMRC Resident Parties	122.00	500.00	216.00	250.00
	TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	\$ 511,987.00	\$ 851,800.00	\$ 492,356.00	\$ 722,740.00
	NET TOTAL	\$ 106,570.00	\$ -	\$ 209,516.00	\$ -

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 3.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a motion —

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a motion and a second that we adopt Report No. 3. All in favor. Any opposed. Thank you.

MRS. BETTY M. SCOTT: The Board extends its appreciation to the membership for its continued support of our ladies and invites the members to visit them as much as possible.

It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Lorraine Williams who will give Report No. 4.

REPORT NO. 4 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MRS. LORRAINE WILLIAMS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Th independent accounting firm of RATLIFF AND SOMMERVILLE, PC., completed their audit of the books of Grand Chapter on October 30, 2009, for the Grand Chapter Fiscal Year ending August 31, 2009, 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 October 30, 2009, 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, 2009, 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, 128th Annual Session of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,

Lorraine Williams, Board of Directors, District 3

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to adopt Report No. 4. All in favor. Is there any opposed? Motion carried.

MRS. LORRAINE WILLIAMS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce Brother Ron Zipp for Report No. 5.

MR. RON ZIPP: Thank you, Sister Lorraine. I certainly appreciate that kindness.

REPORT NO. 5 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with Article 204e, pages 148-151 of the Code of Laws, we, your Board of Directors, present the report on the Endowed Memberships, for the period from September 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.

One hundred eight memberships were purchased from September 1, 2009 through

May 31, 2010 for a total dollar amount of \$54,000.00 (fifty four thousand dollars).

In accordance with Article 204e, page 151 distributions of earnings cannot be made until May 31 of the first year after purchase of the Endowed Membership.

The distribution of earnings to chapters for endowed membership this past year resulted in \$5.27 for each Endowed Membership.

As of May 31, 2010 a grand total of 5,235 (five thousand two hundred thirty five) Endowed Memberships have been purchased for a total dollar amount of \$2,617,500.00 (two million six hundred seventeen thousand five hundred dollars). There is a decrease of 187 endowed memberships purchased by our members this year.

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 Report No. 5. All in favor. Any opposed. Motion carried.

MR. RON ZIPP: Thank you. It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Karen Kidd to present Report No. 6.

MRS. KAREN KIDD: Thank you.

REPORT NO. 6 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EDUCATIONAL FUND

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, 2009 through July 17, 2010.

The Educational Fund Committee along with volunteers and Board members met on March 19, 2010 to select the applicants that would receive Scholarships in the 2010-2011 Grand Chapter Year. A total of fifty-four (54) applications were received. After scoring all applications received, twenty-eight (28) \$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. Later in May we were able to award three more scholarships with moneys available at that time. Our Total this year was thirty one (31) \$500 scholarships for a total of \$15,500. As a separate attachment there is a list of all awarded students.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$15,500 as of 7/17/10

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a motion and a second to adopt Report No. 6. All in favor. Any opposed. Motion carried.

MRS. KAREN KIDD: Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce Keith Mikeworth to present Report No. 7.

MR. KEITH MIKEWORTH: Thank you.

REPORT NO. 7
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BENEVOLENT AID FUND

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 from September 1, 2009 through August 3, 2010.

INCOME:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 48,093.93
2009 Per Capita	\$ 36,183.00
Humanitarian Fund:	\$ 29,673.03
CD Interest:	\$ 100.00
Interest 4/30/2010	\$ 236.78
Donations 5/17 & 24/2010	\$ 75.00
 TOTAL INCOME:	 \$ 114,361.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Permanent Benevolent Aid	\$ 56,400.00
Temporary (3) Benevolent Aid	\$ 4,000.00
Emergency (10) Benevolent Aid	\$ 14,000.00
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 \$ 74,400.00

BALANCE IN FUND \$ 39,961.74

At this time 11 members of 10 chapters are receiving permanent benevolent aid.

Benevolent Aid Budget 2010-2011

Estimated Income:

2010 Per Capita	\$ 34,988.00
Interest	\$ 528.00
Humanitarian Fund	\$ 25,000.00
Rollover	\$ 25,984.00
Proposed Budget	\$ 86,500.00

Estimated Expenses

Permanent Aid	\$ 50,000.00
Emergency Aid	\$ 20,000.00
Temporary Aid	\$ 16,500.00
Total Benevolent Aid Budget	\$ 86,500.00

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt Report No. 7. All in favor. Any opposed. Motion carried.

MR. KEITH MIKEWORTH: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure to introduce Elizabeth Wise to present Report No. 8.

MRS. ELIZABETH WISE: Thank you, Brother Keith.

REPORT NO. 8 CONTINGENCY FUND

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, Sisters and Brothers:

We, the Board of Directors, are pleased to present this Report of the Contingency Fund for 2009-2010.

CONTINGENCY FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009	10,000.00
EXPENDITURES	0.00
ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 2010	10,000.00

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt Report No. 8. All in favor. Any opposed. Motion carried.

MRS. ELIZABETH WISE: It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Kathy Teele for Report No. 9.

REPORT NO. 9 WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S PROJECTS

MRS. KATHY TEELE: Thank you, Sister Elizabeth. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers all: It's my pleasure to give the following report of the Worthy Grand Matron's Projects as of July 15th, 2010.

Total Sales - \$89,013.42
The Heart Fund, which went to Founder's Day Committee - \$3,727.17
Spring Fling - \$1,607
Cost of the items - \$32,288.87
Yearbook price for sale - \$500
TMRC Donation - \$500
Rainbow Program Ad - \$250
Net Revenue - \$60,808.72
Distribution to the General Fund - \$14,282.21
General Fund, 25 percent - \$10,610.61
American Cancer Society - \$5,000

American Heart Association - \$8,000
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls - \$1,000
Order of the DeMolay - \$750
Texas Hoedown, the Rob Morris Gala - \$1,165.90
Ronald McDonald House - \$10,000
West Texas Rehab Center - \$10,000
Total Distribution - \$60,808.72

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 9.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a motion and a second that we adopt Report No. 9. All in favor. Those opposed. Motion carried.

I invite Sister Betty Benham to the microphone to report on the Jurisprudence Committee.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron.

This is the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee. We will report to this Grand Chapter that no unfinished business from the 2008-09 session is to come before this Grand Chapter. Therefore, I present the partial report of the Jurisprudence Committee. 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 the matters contained in your Advanced Annual Report, including the Supplemental Reports of Grand Chapter, to the following Committees for your consideration. The following Committee reports which you are hearing and will continue to hear is for you, the membership of Grand Chapter, to know the matters coming before you. Also, the reports of the following: the Board of Directors, the report of the Grand Secretary, the report of the Grand Treasurer, the report of the By-Laws Committee which contains the amendments to the By-Laws as contained in the report of the Worthy Grand Matron, and also the report of U.D. chapters as submitted by the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation in accordance with the Code of Laws, and also the Committee on Grievances & Appeals, any disciplinary matters contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's report, including her Supplemental Report.

To the Committee on Chapters U.D., the portion of the Worthy Grand Patron's report on newly instituted chapters.

And to the Jurisprudence Committee, all matters contained in the report specifically assigned to the Jurisprudence Committee by Chapter 10, Article 152e of the Code of Laws of the Government of the Grand Chapter body.

I will introduce my Committee at a later time. At this time, Worthy Grand Matron, this completes my preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee, and I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. All in favor. Any opposed. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your hard work.

I now invite Sister Effie Mae Davis to the microphone.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL COMMITTEE

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: It is a pleasure to present the report for the year 2009-2010, that no grievances were presented to the Committee for Grievance and Appeals.

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 that we accept the report of the Grievance and Appeals Committee. All in favor. Any opposed. Motion carried.

I invite Sister Corky Swanson, By-Laws Committee, to come to the microphone.

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

MRS. MARY SWANSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, other General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: Sister Pat Archer and I want to thank Sister Bess and Brother Bill for allowing us the honor of having a small part in your year. I regret that Sister Pat is not able to be here with us today. She is recovering from a hospital stay and sends her regrets.

The By-Laws Committee report is kind of short.

Forty-six (46) Chapters had By-Laws Amendments approved during the 2009-2010 year. They included the following:

A.E. Shirley	La Porte #683
Alvin #15	LaMarque #979
Amarillo #787	League City #621
Andral Vann #741	Liberty/Dayton #634
Arlington #249	Lufkin #382
Austin #304	Mansfield #876
Beeville #422 (x2)	Marshall #356
Bexar #616	Midland #253
Big Spring #67	Nacogdoches #428
Cedar Bayou #11	Norman Read
Centerville #1002	Normangee #87
Ckrlhill Delta Flora #794	Park Place #731
Clarendon #6	Pearland #1065
Corpus Christi #354	Ransford #135
Floresville #271	Rosewyn #927
Hadassah #188	Ruth #20
Hadley #617	Taylof #578
Houston #385	Throckmorton #500
Houston Heights #258	Velasco #220
Huffman #1112	Violet #158
Jacksboro #390	Wimodausis #141
Katy #1121	Ysleta #991
Kingsville #325	

Six Chapters (6) submitted By-Laws Changes that were not approved because they were not in proper form and (2) Chapters submitted changes that were not actual By-Laws Changes.

Respectfully Submitted,
By-Laws Committee
Mary E. Swanson, Chairman

I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the By-Laws Committee. All in favor. Any opposed. Motion carried.

Sisters and Brothers, since we have luncheons to attend and we're doing really well on our reports, we're going to close a little early so that we might do this.

Brother Richard Ochs, a Past Grand Patron of Texas, will voice our benediction.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Thank You, Lord, for Your guidance today so far. We are so grateful for being people who can look forward to an eternal time. We are so grateful for what has occurred today. We ask Thee to be with us as we go for a short break for a little bite to eat and then returning to continue the business. We thank You very much. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling "Our Hope for Texas" Grand Chapter session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Warder, by the order of the Worthy Grand Matron, we are calling this "Our Hope for Texas" session from labor to rest, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

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

I now call this Friday morning "Our Hope for Texas" session from labor to rest until 1:30 p.m. at which time we will continue with the business session.

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

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Warder, this "Our Hope for Texas" session is closed.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have deeply appreciated your attention.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
August 6, 2010

“The Splendor of Texas” Session

1:15 p.m. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jackie Stogner
Assisting Grand Organist

1:30 p.m. Call to Order

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

Mr. Henry S. Martin
Executive Committee Chairman
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. It is a pleasure to welcome each of you to the Friday afternoon session. I am pleased to call this session to order. This session is entitled “The Splendor of Texas” and is part of the “Friendship and Love Across Texas” 128th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, for this honor. We have enjoyed the prelude that has been played by Sister Jackie Stogner, Assisting Grand Organist. Let’s show her how much we appreciate her music. [applause]

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, from my observation everyone is enjoying the events and social gatherings you and your Executive and Arrangements Committee have planned and provided for us since our arrival. The last time I was at a Grand Chapter session in Amarillo in 1990 during the session presided over by Sister Betty Benham and Brother Joe Jeffers, I was very excited at that session because I was about to be nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 3. It was twenty years ago. Time does fly when we’re having fun and experiencing that social enjoyment our founder promised us when we became members of our Order. Grand Chapter of Texas was meeting in October at that time, and as Bill and I drove home to Waco, it snowed on us. History may repeat itself again. I will be returning to Washington, D.C. via Denver, Colorado, and Casper, Wyoming. I may see snow again even in August.

Worthy Grand Matron, 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 eleven very short, but busy, years ago that we presided together over the “Tapestry of Love and Service” 117th Grand Chapter in Waco in 1998-99. Brother Henry, do you know what eight, eight, eight is?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Sister Alma, no, I don’t at the moment, but, you know, it could be what some of our members did at a steakhouse out on the interstate the other night. They ate, and they ate, and they ate some more. One guy tried to eat that 72-ounce steak. He was in bad shape when he left.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: No, Brother Henry. It’s the number of days until the opening session of the 47th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter in Fort

Worth on November 5th, 2012.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Sister Alma, I'm glad you reminded me of that. I better mark that date on my calendar so I don't forget it. Come to think of it, that's when Sister Rennie Oton told me she was going to ride that mechanical bull at Billy Bob's. I really need to be available for that, so I'll check my calendar and see if I'm in town that week.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: I sure hope so. Brother Henry, it's good to be able to share some humor with you in the East again. I invite you to greet the membership.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Sister Alma. It's good to be sharing the East with you again. We don't see you as often now that you've been elected Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter, and you and Bill have gone to live in that big Eastern Star International Headquarters in Washington.

It's certainly an honor to be standing here today looking out at this great Texas membership. You know, the more I travel to other Eastern Star Jurisdictions around the country and the world, I'm always glad to be able to come back to these great Eastern Stars in Texas because, as I've always said, you meet the greatest people in the world in an Eastern Star chapter in Texas. [applause]

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Sister Grand Marshal, you will present "Our Beautiful Texas" drill by the Grand Officers and their personal pages. [applause following drill] Sister Grand Marshal, thank you and the Grand Officers for that outstanding drill. Let's give them another round of thanks. [applause]

Sister Grand Marshal, at this time I would request that you informally bring the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Worthy Grand Matron, I hand you your gavel informally.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, we're going to have the Humanitarian drill before we set up the labyrinth. That will cut down on some of the time. At this time I invite Sharon Mosmeyer to come to the Grand East.

MRS. SHARON MOSMEYER: Thank you.

"Gifts As Big As Texas" Humanitarian Program

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. It is with pleasure that I welcome you to "Gifts As Big As Texas," Humanitarian Program for 2009-2010. The theme this year was chosen because the main purpose of our Order is to promote charity and benevolence. The members of our Grand Jurisdiction accepted the challenges of the "Loving and Giving Across Texas" Humanitarian Program and gave generously to the "T-E-X-A-S" program. Your gifts and your hearts were "As Big As Texas."

It was a pleasure to serve this year on this committee and a very rewarding experience and I wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for appointing me to this committee and giving me five wonderful Sisters to work with. These ladies made my year as General Chairman exciting and very rewarding. It is my pleasure to introduce them:

Sisters: Shelley Walker, District 1
 Faye Percy, District 2;
 Margaret Wood, District 3;
 Marceline Crenshaw, District 4;
 JoAnne Conner, District 5

Thank you, my sisters for your sincere dedication and all that you have done for our beautiful Order. Everyone, please join me in thanking them for their devoted service.

The respective Chairman will give their final report for each District. I am pleased to recognize sister Shelley Walker.

MRS. SHELLEY WALKER: Thank you, Sister Sharon. It has been a pleasure to serve with you as the District 1 Chairman. Thank you for all of your work as our General Chairman this year.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I want to again thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the members of District 1 as Humanitarian Chairman. This has been a special place of service and a very rewarding experience.

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to the wonderful members of District 1, for without their support of these worthy projects our benevolent obligations could not be met. Thank you for your generous and enthusiastic donations, your support and encouragement and most of all for caring so much about the needs of others.

At this time, I am very proud to bring you the final Humanitarian report for District 1:

Number of Chapters in District 1:	102
Number of Chapters 100% or greater:	71
Number of Chapters 200% or greater:	13
Number of Chapters 300% or greater:	8
Number of Chapters 400% or greater:	3
Number of Chapters 500% or greater:	4

And they are: Beckville Chapter #273
Loyal Chapter # 648
Boyd Chapter # 879
Chico Chapter #433

Number of Chapters 600% or Greater:	1
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And this is: Lewisville Chapter #935

Number of Chapters 700% or Greater:	1
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And this is: Athens Chapter #177

We have one Chapter that is more than 1900% and this is:

Farmers Branch Chapter #687

Number of members in District 1 as of may 31, 2009: 8,828

Total monies donated to the 2009-2010 Humanitarian Program from District 1:

\$17,446.33

Again, thanks to each of you for your support and assistance. This is your accomplishment and I congratulate each of you. At this time it is my pleasure to introduce Sister Faye Pearcy, Humanitarian Chairman of District 2.

MRS. FAYE PEARCY: Thank you, Sister Shelley.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for affording me the honor and pleasure to serve as Humanitarian Committee for District 2. It was an exciting experience to learn of the Humanitarian Program. Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the confidence you have in me and the encouragement you give our members.

Membership in District - 3,616

Number of Chapters in District - 40

Number of Chapters Participating - 40

Number of 100% Chapters - 22

Number of 200% Chapters - 6

Number of 300% Chapters - 2

Canyon City #105

Seminole #855

Number of 400% Chapters - 4

Midland #253

Dumas #653

Norman Read #1010

University #1082

Number of 700% Chapters - 1

Odessa #447

Number of 1000% Chapters - 1

Cora Posey #1072

Funds donated to the TEXAS Humanitarian Program:

T-TMRC	\$	833.40
E-ESTARL	\$	2,602.90
X-General Fund	\$	402.90
A-Benevolent	\$	1,457.75
S-Education	\$	2,174.40

For a total of \$ 7,471.35

May God bless you for your generosity. I now present Sister Margaret Wood.

MRS. MARGARET WOOD: Thank you, Sister Faye Percy, for your gracious introduction. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers,

The year 2009-2010 has come to a close and what an amazing year it has been. To have been appointed Humanitarian Chairman for District 3 was an honor I had not anticipated.

My deepest desire was that I could have visited each of the 81 Chapters in the District, but I realized that would not be possible.

The schools I attended afforded me the opportunity to meet the membership and make new friends. I will always cherish this time and treasure the friends I made during my travels.

Special thanks to the Deputies, School Officers, Chapter Secretaries, Worthy Matrons and Sharon Mosmeyer, our General Chairman, who were so helpful to me throughout the year.

The points of our Humanitarian Programs were to assist with extra needs for our Sisters and Brothers in TRMC, to help provide scholarships for ministerial students, to provide funds for the operation of Grand Chapter, to provide benevolent aid to the membership who are experiencing financial difficulties and to provide educational funds for families of Eastern Star members.

As of August 2009, District 3 had a membership of 6,357 with 81 chapters.

Number of 100% Chapters - 67

Number of 200% Chapters - 9

Hillsboro #769, Leander #73, Vashti #32, Copperas Cove #1070,
Gatesville #1005, Goldthwaite #909, Brock #274,
Crowley #1125 and Mansfield #876

Number of 300% Chapters - 1

Graham #668

Number of 400% Chapters - 2

Brownwood #116 and Santa Anna #247

Number of 500% Chapters - 2

Hadassah #188 and Coleman #360

Congratulations to all of you for your generous donation of \$9,041.40

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess, for allowing me this year of service to Grand Chapter. Your grace and serenity are admirable qualities and you have a special place in my heart.

It is with pleasure that I now introduce Sister Marceline Crenshaw, Chairman of District 4.

MRS. MARCELINE CRENSHAW: Thank you, Sister Margaret.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill, thank you so much for having the trust and confidence to place me in this position. It has truly been a rewarding experience, one that I have thoroughly enjoyed and will always cherish. I love and appreciate you both for your leadership of our beautiful Order this year and especially for your support and encouragement to me.

To my General Chairman, Sister Sharon, you are such an inspiration - I tried to emulate you, but just could not. Thank you for your guidance, when I had questions, you had answers and didn't make me feel that they were stupid questions. It is a privilege to call you my friend.

To Sister Toni Crawford, District Deputy Grand Matron, and the ten Deputy Grand Matrons in District 4, thank you for every courtesy extended to me at your schools and fraternal visits. Each of you is so special to me.

To the membership of District 4 - you are the best. I appreciate your support of the Worthy Grand Matron's Humanitarian Program. And, to the Chapter Secretaries, thank you so much for your cooperation.

We began the year with 112 Chapters.

We had: 76 - 100% Chapters

18 - 200% Chapters

4 - 300% Chapters and they are:

Iola-North Zulch #458

Caldwell #976

La Marque #979

Mont Belvieu #1142

6 - 400% Chapters and they are:

Center #348

Cushing #368

League City #621

- Port Neches #677
- Zavalla #952
- Burke #1098
- 2 – 500% Chapters and they are:
 - Huntington #938
 - Lexington #996
- 2 – 700% Chapters and they are:
 - Bluebell #856
 - Huffman #1112
- 1 – 1000% Chapter
 - Oak Forest #1080
- 1 – 1100%
 - Night Time Study Club Dist 4, Sec 10
- 1 – 2400%
 - PM and PP Association of Houston

Following is a breakdown of the amounts given to each fund:

T – TMRC	\$ 2,040.0
E – ESTARL	5,359.95
X – GENERAL FUND	743.60
A – BENEVOLENT AID	5,521.10
S – EDUCATION	4,882.82
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$ 18,548.37

It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister JoAnne Conner, District 5 Chairman.

MRS. JOANNE CONNER: Thank you, Sister Marceline Crenshaw.

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

It has been my happy privilege to serve as the Humanitarian Chairman for District V, and I thank you Worthy Grand Matron, for honoring me with such a worthwhile appointment. Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you too for your support.

I am so pleased to have had the opportunity to work with the Deputy Grand Matrons in District V. I thank you, sweet ladies, for the accommodations and banquet tickets you afforded me while I was in your respective sections. Words cannot adequately express what your kindness means to me.

It is with pleasure that I present the following report:

Number of Members in District V	5,658
Number of Chapters	69
Number of Chapters Participating	65
Number of Chapters just under 100%	1
Number of Chapters 100%	32
Number of Chapters 100% plus	16
Number of Chapters 200%	4
Number of Chapters 200% plus	3
Number of Chapters 300%	3
Leakey #18; Jourdanton #581; Weslaco #772	
Number of Chapters 300% plus	3
Floresville #271; San Marcos #276; New Braunfels #771	

Number of Chapters 400% plus Prospect Hill # 817	1
Number of Chapters 500% plus Mathis	1
Number of Chapters 1000% Amistad #1115	1
Total amount given in District V	\$8,509.00

It is with pleasure that I present our General Chairman, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer.

MRS. SHARON MOSMEYER: Thank you, Chairmen. Now under the direction of the Grand Marshal, our Junior Past Matrons, Junior Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Chapter Representatives and Participants will perform the “Gifts as Big as Texas” drill. [applause following drill] Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, each chapter was asked to bring a stuffed animal for each one hundred percent their chapter contributed. As you can see, some are carrying quite an array of stuffed animals. These animals will be donated in the name of the Eastern Star to the Women and Children’s Healthcare right here in Amarillo. As you can see, our gifts are as big as Texas. [applause]

This concludes the Humanitarian Program. If you will deposit your stuffed animals up here in the East for us to all see. Then we’ll pick them up and take them to the center. Thank you.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: A very impressive ceremony is about to take place. If you’ve not had the opportunity to see it, I know you’ll want to be seated so that you can fully appreciate this most beautiful ceremony. [applause following Precision Drill] I don’t know about you, but every time I hear that song and every time I see that ceremony I’m reminded why I am here.

I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar.

Sister Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Wyatt, Worthy Grand Patron, during my travels to other Grand Jurisdictions, I have observed the various methods of presenting and greeting the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron by those honored to open a session. Thank you for allowing me to share this method with you and our membership.

Membership, you may be seated at this time. I’ll call you back up in a minute.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, from my observation your motto of “Stand Tall and Be Texas Proud” has been indelibly impressed on the mind and soul of every Texas member. From the first moment when you walked from that Altar after being invested with the badge of your office, to the nominating of Sister Rennie Ofton for Most Worthy Grand Matron in Tulsa, to the past few moments when you stepped from the ranks of your Grand Officers to stand before this Altar, you have stood tall and radiated pride to the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The tenure of a Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron is filled with the heights of joy and depths of sorrow and concern. As you have served your Grand Jurisdiction, you did not have the luxury of thinking, acting or speaking as Bess or Bill. Instead, you assumed the mantle of service and obedience to our Constitution and Laws. Each member who has served as the highest officers in our Grand Jurisdiction also knows of the emotions you have experienced and borne with dignity, grace and endurance. The planning and preparing for a year of leadership and its

responsibility culminates with both of you presiding over this 128th session of the Grand Chapter. Your Grand Chapter Committees and Special Committees have worked hard all year to fulfill the responsibilities and duties they assumed last year at your Installation.

Again, I want to say thank you for the honor of opening this session for you. I shall treasure this cameo moment for many years to come.

Brother Henry Martin, I know that you would like to greet our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Sister Alma. I certainly would.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill, I appreciate your asking me to open this Friday afternoon session of this 128th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Alma Lynn Bane. This year the two of you have worked very hard and have had a very successful year. You have earned the respect and the gratitude of this entire membership. We all thank you for your commitment, your dedication and the leadership you have provided to this Grand Chapter during this past year. Thank you.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege and honor to present Sister Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Wyatt, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill, we are proud of all the love and service you've given to our Grand Chapter and our Order this year and in previous years. Ann and you have been special friends to Bill and me for a number of years, and I look forward to sharing many years to come with you.

Sister Bess, you are a lovely lady within and without. I can say without any reservation that I am proud of you and that you have been a leader who not only knows the Eastern Star Obligation, but you live it. It is my honor and my extreme pleasure to present to you your gavel as you preside at this Friday afternoon session.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Alma Lynn Bane and Brother Henry Martin, for extending us the honor of you opening our "Splendor of Texas" session. Sister Alma, I realize how busy you are, and Brother Henry, we are so pleased that you have given your time to be with this membership.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Alma and Brother Henry, we appreciate your service to our Order, not only here in Texas presiding at the "Tapestry of Love and Service" session of Grand Chapter, but also for all that you do and are doing and all you are going to do for General Grand Chapter. Thank you so much for opening this session for us.

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

Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this "Splendor of Texas" session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Warder, we are about to call this "Splendor of Texas" session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

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

ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order. [The Grand Chapter was proved.]

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

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

Our invocation will be given by Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Let us pray together. Gracious Heavenly Father, we come to Thee with grateful hearts seeking Your guidance and Your loving care as we open this afternoon's session of Grand Chapter. We thank Thee for the great assembly of devoted members and for those who have governed and directed the affairs of our Grand Chapter through the past year. Grant as this session progresses that we may work together in the spirit of unity and friendship and the spirit of Christ be evident in all we do and say. We invoke Thy special blessings upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they direct the activities of Grand Chapter. Bless us now as we work for the good of our beautiful Order. Attune our hearts and minds to Thee so that we may sense Thy presence in every endeavor. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now declare this "Splendor of Texas" session called from rest to labor. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this "Splendor of Texas" session has been called from rest to labor.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Again, I ask those who are scheduled to bring reports this afternoon to be seated in the Grand East.

Sisters and Brothers, I'd like to make this announcement. The printed program on page 61 in 10 states that the voters will be raising the pink and green cards. Now, Sisters and Brothers, anybody who knows this Worthy Grand Matron knows it's red and blue. It should read that the voting delegates will hold up blue cards, chapter representatives will hold up red cards. We apologize for this inconvenience.

I invite Sister Yvonne Brownfield to come to the microphone.

REPORT OF THE PURPOSES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: I'd like to give the report of the Purposes and Policy Committee.

On October 16, 2009 the Purposes and Policy Committee met in the board room of the Grand Chapter Headquarters. Two appointed members were present, with three others being unavailable. All elected officers of Grand Chapter were present with the exception of one, due to illness, plus the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors. Our Grand Secretary, Sister Nell Drenner, recorded minutes as requested by Chairman. (Copy of minutes are attached).

Associate Grand Matron Sister Mary Ruth White and Associate Grand Patron Brother Arthur Drescher presented proposed Humanitarian and other projects for the Grand Chapter year of 2010-2011 as follows:

HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM entitled: "If we can dream it, we can do it."

DREAM = Education Fund

REVENUE = General Fund

EDUCATIONAL = ESTARL

AID = Benevolent Aid

MEMBERS = TMRC

PROJECT REQUIRING FUNDING AS FOLLOWS:

1. Calendar
2. Caring for others - pins
3. Dress/Blazer
4. Music
5. Proficiency - stickers
6. Time and Talent - pins
7. Young Americans - pins and sun catchers
Young Americans - special award pins

After these projects were presented, a lengthy discussion followed. Motion was made to approve them with adjustments to follow by AGM and AGP which would not affect the overall funding of proposal. Committee unanimously approved and Chairman reminded AGM and AGP that they would need to present these requests to the Board of Directors for initial purchase and any subsequent re-orders.

The committees that do not require funding were presented as follows:

1. Bulletin
2. Credit Card
3. Endowed Membership Stamps
4. Historical Highlights
5. I can make a difference
6. Masonic Relations
7. Membership Visitation
8. Precious Memories
9. Publicity
10. Ritual Competition
11. Rob Morris Celebration
12. Spring Fling
13. Yearbook
14. Grand Escorts/pages and appointed secretaries
15. Grand Chapter Mom and Dad
16. Grand Chapter Treasured Sister
17. Grand Soloist
18. Poet Laureate
19. Friendship Exchange Visit with Louisiana

Committee unanimously approved these non-funded committees.

Fraternally,

Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman 2009-2010

Purposes and Policy Committee Meeting

October 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Yvonne Brownfield, Payroll Chairman, GGC, and a Past grand Matron of Texas, at 3:00 PM at the Grand Chapter office. Bill Wyatt, Worthy Grand Patron opened the meeting with prayer.

Others present were: Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron, Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron, Mary Ruth White, Associate Grand Matron, Arthur Drescher, Associate Grand Patron, Nell Smith Drenner, Grand Secretary, Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer, Vi Griffin, Grand Conductress, Diane Davidson, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Terri Rozell, Co Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The chairman explained the composition of the committee as prescribed in COL, Article 152-J and appointed the Grand Secretary to take the minutes. It was announced that some not attending were ill, others had commitments elsewhere.

A listing of the projects, with explanations, were passed out to the committee and the process of presenting the Associate Grand Matron's projects was given by the Associate Grand Patron. (Sister Mary Ruth was stuck in traffic and arrived late.) All projects were explained and discussed in length. Sister Karen requested at least five appointments be given to assist her in her project with GGC for the next triennium. This request was so noted with no action taken as this is not within the responsibility of Purposes and Policy.

After much discussion some of the projects needed to be adjusted. Sister Karen moved the projects be accepted as amended, seconded and carried.

Brother Arthur dismissed the meeting with prayer at 4:45 PM.

Nell Smith Drenner
Grand Secretary

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 that we adopt the Purposes and Policy Committee report. Is there any discussion? All in favor. Any opposed. It will carry.

Thank you, Sister Yvonne.

I invite Brother John Creel to the microphone.

REPORT OF THE OES ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

MR. JOHN CREEL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you for appointing me as the General Chairman for the O.E.S. Endowment Fund for the year 2009-2010. It has been an honor to serve in this position, continuing serving Grand Chapter, and our wonderful membership.

Unfortunately, there has not been any activity recorded concerning the Endowment

Fund. This does not include the Endowed Memberships as this is a different committee. I appreciate the other appointed members of this committee and it has been my pleasure working with them this year. Those appointed members are:
District 1: Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron
District 2: Mr. Garland Rattan, Past Grand Patron
District 4: Mrs. Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron
District 5: Mr. Jerry Trees, Housing Chairman, Texas, GGC and Past Grand Patron
Fraternally,
John Creel
Past Grand Patron

I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a motion and a second that we adopt the OES Endowment report. All in favor. Those opposed. Motion carried.

I invite Brother Jerry Martin to come to the microphone and talk to us about the Texas Cardinals.

REPORT OF THE TEXAS CARDINALS, INC. 2010

MR. JERRY MARTIN: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most 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 I begin the report, I wish to extend the gratitude of the Texas Cardinal Board to you and the Worthy Grand Patron, as well as the elected line officers, for allowing us to sell Texas Cardinal merchandise, and General Grand Chapter books at many of your various functions. Without these special acts of kindness, we could not have had the success that we have had. I also would like to commend you and the Worthy Grand Patron for your dedication and service to this Grand Chapter during your term of office. Your efforts and actions during this past year have demonstrated the love and affection you have for this beautiful Order and our Grand Chapter. You have left the footprints of "Standing Tall and being Texas Proud" all across this great state we call home, and I have no doubt that as the sun sets on those footprints, they will be further illuminated by two new stars in the Texas sky representing the glowing accomplishments of your year.

And now for the report of our activities since the last Grand Chapter. In October of 2009, the event that we had been waiting on for so many years, finally occurred. Our own Sister Rennie Ofton was installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron at the General Grand Chapter Session in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is hard to believe that in a little over two months, she will be completing the first year of her three year term, and before you know it, we will be having her General Grand Chapter Session in Fort Worth. That is what the Texas Cardinals have been preparing for all these past years. An organization formed specifically for the purpose of providing funds to assist Sister Rennie in paying for all the neces-

sary expenses of General Grand Chapter that are not paid for by General Grand Chapter.

A dedicated crew of Texas Cardinals worked a booth during the 2009 General Grand Chapter Session and sold over \$20,000 of calendars, Who's Who/Tri-Line books, Protocol books, and music. Since then, we have sold out of calendars, and only have a few Who's Who, Protocol books, and music left. We also are closing out the remaining pieces of merchandise of the Texas Cardinals. Come on by the booth and help put us out of business. We are having a Texas Cardinal Garage sale.

On January 10, 2010, the Annual Meeting of the Texas Cardinals, Inc. was held at the Alzar Shrine Center, in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting room was packed with members and visitors. We were pleased to have the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, several General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, many Grand Representatives, several of the Committees of Grand Chapter and Worthy Grand Matron's Special Committees. The necessary business of the Texas Cardinals, Inc., was conducted, and the actions approved by the members. Minutes of the meeting will be available for review and approval at the next annual meeting, which will be held on January 16, 2011 at Hella Shrine Temple in Garland, Texas.

Usually, at this point in the report, I give you an update on financial status of the Texas Cardinals. As many of you are probably aware, our Secretary/Treasurer, Eva Hicks, has been in and out of the hospital lately fighting pneumonia and has not been able to prepare an updated financial statement for this report at Grand Chapter. However, I can assure you that we are in a stronger financial position than at this time last year as our profits from sales have exceeded our expenditures. We did add a new checking account for financial transactions involving expenditures related directly to expenses which should be reimbursable from General Grand Chapter in the future. An accounting system to track the financial activities of this new account was implemented at the same time the account was established. The complete financial report of the Texas Cardinals will be given at the annual meeting next January. Please keep Sister Eva and Brother Robert in your prayers.

Our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Fred Clarke and his wife Margaret, Worthy Grand Esther, are usually with us at our Grand Chapter. Brother Fred has been having problems recovering from pneumonia; therefore, he and Sister Margaret cannot be with us.

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 Associate Grand Matron, Mary Ruth White prepares our annual tax return for the Internal Revenue Service, and her husband, Joe White, performs our annual audit. They both donate their services which saves the Texas Cardinals a very significant 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 Most Worthy 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 thier 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 Patron Buddy Baker; 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 financial goals of this organization could never have been realized without each or you out there and the many other Eastern Star members who could not be with us today. You have supported every fund raising item we have put before you, and always with a smile and a realization that you wanted to make sure Sister Rennie had a General Grand Chapter Session that was truly as big as Texas. All of the Texas Cardinals Board and support staff thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are truly amazed and humbled by your generosity.

The Texas Cardinals vendor booth is open all during the session as long as the merchandise lasts, so come on by and see us.

Sisters and Brothers, I think you for your time and your attentive ear, but most of all, I thank you for all you do day in and day out in the support of your local Chapters and 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, thank you again for the privilege of presenting this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time I call Brother Henry Martin to the mike to talk to us about the General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SESSION IN 2012

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, by sisters and brothers all.

I certainly appreciate this opportunity to talk with you about our plans for the General Grand Chapter Session to be held in Fort Worth From November 1 – 9, 2012.

Last year, in November 2009, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the last General Grand Chapter Session was held, and it was there that Texas was proud to see our own Sister Rennie Ofton installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron, along with Brother Fred Clarke from Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island installed as her Most Worthy Grand Patron. And many of you were there. If you attended GGC in Tulsa, would you stand? Did you have fun??? You worked in many areas. From the decorations in the Convention Center, to the several social events to the registration activity, to the vendor booths, to the Hospitality area, to the many, many other activities. You made Texas successful and you made us look good to the rest of the Eastern Star world... And for all that you did, we sincerely thank you.

I want to mention that we have a commemorative DVD of the entire Installation that occurred in Tulsa, and it is available for you to purchase. Check with the Texas Cardinals table outside.

But now, it's time to turn our attention to 2012, when Texas will host the world of Eastern Star in Fort Worth during the first week of November. We have the Fort Worth Convention Center reserved for our business sessions, our two large general banquets on the nights of Sunday, the 4th, and Wednesday, the 7th, and the Grand Representatives'

Luncheon on Saturday, the 3rd. The Convention Center will also house the Vendors' area, along with registration and credentials. In addition, we have reserved a block of rooms at five of the major downtown hotels, the Renaissance Worthington, which will be Sister Rennie's headquarters hotel, the Omni, which will be the headquarters of the RWAGM and RWAGP, the Sheraton, which will be the headquarters of the RWGC and Grand Sentinel, the Hilton, and the Park Central. All of these hotels, except the Renaissance, are within one block of the convention Center.

We plan to start the festivities with a Mixer on Saturday night at Billy Bob's in the Stockyards area. We have reserved the entire club for several hours, and there will be food, and opportunities to do some line dancing and other boot-scootin' with the house band, and even to ride that mechanical bull. Our plan is to transport everyone to the stockyards area early enough in the afternoon to see the cattle drive down the street at 4:00. There will be shopping and museums there for you to see, before moving on to Billy Bob's. Our busses will be available to bring you back to the downtown area and your hotels at various times throughout the evening.

Regarding the busses, even though 4 of the 5 hotels are within walking distance of the convention center, we will have bus service available for those who feel they need that assistance. And, let me add, our busses will be handicapped-available and wheelchair-accessible.

We hope to have some tours, not only of the Fort Worth area, to the museums, the Bass Performance Hall, the zoo, and the Cowgirls' Hall of Fame, but also to other attractions in the area such as Texas Motor Speedway and Dallas Cowboy's new stadium. These will be on those days prior to the business sessions.

But, what does this say to you? It simply says that we will need the help of a lot of people. Doing all sorts of activities. We will need people greeting our out-of-town guests and helping them with information, people driving courtesy cars for our distinguished guests, decorating for the various social events, decorating the convention center, working security, helping with registration and credentials, making and filling ditty bags, passing out gifts to the distinguished guests in the East, working as ushers, helping coordinate the busses, and many more activities. We want each of you to be involved in this General Grand Chapter Session, because this will be the first opportunity for Texas to host a GGC Session since the 1960's, and as our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess says, we want to be Texas Proud. We want to host the best GGC session that has ever been held, and show the rest of the Eastern Star world that Texas just does things better.

So, let me ask you to start planning your calendar now, and let us know what you would like to do. I can assure you that it will be a lot of fun.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill, thank you for allowing me to bring this report and update the membership on our plans for the General Grand Chapter session. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sure, Brother Henry, that we're going to be there Texas proud to support Sister Rennie.

I invite Trey Smith to the microphone. Trey is the Chairman of the International Headquarters.

MR. TREY SMITH: Thank you.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS REPORT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, my sisters and brothers. It is a pleasure to present the International Headquarters report. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for this great appointment. It was my pleasure to speak at schools of instruction and chapters as well as answer questions about the International Headquarters. I tried to share the history and beauty of OUR home. Yes, I said home, as this beautiful building is more than just the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Administrator; it is their home as well as all of ours. If you ever have the opportunity to visit, give Brother Bill a call and you will be welcomed with open arms. The mansion is one of the most beautiful in Washington DC and was built to be shared and enjoyed by the original builders, the Belmonts. I am very proud of the monies received from our Texas chapters. We collected \$5,659.00. Which means we had 1,131 members signed the by-laws book in your chapters, whether new or dual or transfer of membership. That is a great increase of sisters and brothers joining chapters. Texas should be proud of this representation of its support of the International Headquarters and proud in the knowledge that the beautiful home and office will continue to shine for another 100 years

Respectfully submitted,
Trey Smith, International Headquarters

I move for the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we approve the International Headquarters report. Is there any discussion? All in favor. Those opposed. Motion carried.

I invite Brother Farris Benham to come to the microphone and give the report of Titles, Deeds and Properties.

MR. FARRIS BENHAM: Thank you.

REPORT OF THE TITLES, DEEDS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt, thank you for the opportunity to serve as chairman of this committee.

Please allow me the privilege of introducing our committee: Mr. Farris Benham, Chairman, District Two; Mrs. Pat Washington, District One; Mr. Jimmy Williams, District Three; Mr. James Rippey, District Four; and Mr. Lee Stallings, District Five.

No action was requested of this committee on any matter.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Farris Benham, Chairman

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we accept the report of Titles, Deeds and Properties. All in favor. Is there any opposed? Motion carried.

I invite the Humanitarian Chairman to come and give her report.

MRS. SHARON MOSMEYER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

REPORT OF THE HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron: The respective Chairmen gave their final reports for each district. Thank you, District Chairmen, for the outstanding summary reports. Through the membership's outstanding efforts, it is my pleasure to give the Summary of the Humanitarian gifts for the 2009-2010 year.

The year started with 405 chapters, and there were 35,370 members.

District Number	"T" TMRC	"E" ESTARL	"X" General Fund	"A" Benevolent Aid	"S" Education Fund	TOTAL
District I	\$ 1,477.74	\$ 4,511.56	\$ 1,534.40	\$ 5,776.06	\$ 4,146.57	\$ 14,446.33
District II	\$ 833.40	\$ 2,564.90	\$ 440.90	\$ 1,457.75	\$ 2,171.40	\$ 7,468.35
District III	\$ 930.00	\$ 1,309.50	\$ 695.50	\$ 2,408.90	\$ 3,697.50	\$ 9,041.40
District IV	\$ 2,040.90	\$ 5,359.95	\$ 743.60	\$ 5,521.10	\$ 4,882.82	\$ 18,548.37
District V	\$ 1,388.73	\$ 3,333.23	\$ 561.40	\$ 1,547.90	\$ 1,677.74	\$ 8,509.00
Grand Total	\$ 6,670.77	\$ 17,079.14	\$ 3,975.80	\$ 16,711.718	\$ 16,576.03	\$ 61,013.45

I am pleased to report the total amount given to the "Loving and Giving Across Texas" Humanitarian Program is \$61,013.45

Each Chapter and each chapter member has given generously this past year. Each of you helped make this year a huge success. YOU, each member, has provided many with assistance. Do you realize with your donations you have changed people's lives? Yes, you have made a difference and I would like for you to give yourselves a round of applause.

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of the reports.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the report of the Humanitarian. All in favor. Any opposed. Motion carried.

Is Reese Harrison in the Grand Chapter room? Okay. Sister Nell, our Grand Secretary, will give the report of the Financial Investment Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

GRAND SECRETARY: This is the report of the Financial Investment Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Other Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers:

Members of the Financial Investment Committee have met with the Board of Directors and representatives of J.P. Morgan Private Bank during the past year to review investments of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.

We believe the investments of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S., as diversified through the investment strategies of J.P. Morgan Private Bank, are prudent and within the scope of Article VII(B) Board of Directors Duties.

Worldwide economic conditions have adversely affected the overall performance since J.P. Morgan assumed management of Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. as of September 30, 2006. However, Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. portfolio value has realized a net loss of only 1.80% since September 30, 2006 – a remarkable achievement in view of 10% - 15% losses in many portfolios.

The Board of Directors and Corporate Officers are to be complimented for their diligent performance of duties in protecting the investments of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.

This is Ed Pickett's report. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the report of the Financial Investment Committee. All in favor, raise your blue card. Any opposed. Motion carried.

Let's have a song from the Choir. [applause followed singing of "I'll Fly Away"]

Sisters and Brothers, we have a member with us from West Virginia, Mrs. Annabell Hayworth. She has been a member for 69 years, and she is 92 years old. [applause] She is the traveling companion of the Grand Representative from West Virginia. We're so pleased you are here, and we hope you're able to come back next year. I understand you were here last year, so I hope you can come back next year. [applause]

We're ready to start on our legislation.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: If my Jurisprudence Committee would please join us. I am happy to introduce the wonderful team of Jurisprudence team members who joined me this year in serving our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, from all of us and from me for appointing the following: Representing District 1, Sister Alma Carter; I'm Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron and Chairman from District 2; District 3 was Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron; however, due to illness she was not able to attend Grand Chapter. I have to tell you this story that I shared with Nancy.

If you remember, she was Chairman of Jurisprudence last year. So, Sisters and Brothers, I asked her how she was so lucky, and she just smiled and grinned. So I want to reintroduce myself. My name is Nancy Brown. [laughter]

The Worthy Grand Matron appointed Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron, to serve as the District 3 member. District 4, Sister Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron. District 5 was Sister Gerry Dusek, Past Grand Matron, who became ill and could not be with us. You'd think I was hard on this Committee, but I really wasn't, Sisters and Brothers. We're thankful that the Worthy Grand Matron appointed Brother Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron, to serve as the member from District 5.

To this Committee, I wish personally to thank you wonderful friends for your support and encouragement and our Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to serve the membership.

Sisters and Brothers, before we present the amendments and resolutions, may I ask in behalf of your Jurisprudence Committee that the laws of Grand Chapter designate the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee, and we have tried to fulfill those duties to the best of our ability. In our reports today, and maybe tomorrow if we don't get finished, we want you to know that we have sincerely considered each proposition and that we have solicited the counsel and advice of minds that we consider better than ours. When we present these to you, we do not propose to trespass upon your private opinion. You are to vote as

you see fit, and that is your prerogative. We come and recommend and we pass upon these matters as we consider the law. You either accept or reject. As old Ike once said — and I think all of us in here remember Ike — “It makes no difference how you vote, just make sure you vote.”

Worthy Grand Matron, I would ask at this time that we see if there is a quorum for the transaction of business, which is the representatives or proxies regularly appointed for 25 percent of the subordinate chapters, together with either the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron or Associate Patron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Would the chapter representatives hold up your red cards? Would you please stand and hold your red cards.

There is a quorum.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Then we’ll proceed with our reports. Thank you.

We will be bringing the reports on the proposed amendments and resolutions 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 126. Please remember this as the Jurisprudence members present these amendments and resolutions which are contained in your Advance Report: The Jurisprudence members are only reporting to you the proposed amendments and resolutions in proper form, or that they were not legal or in proper form.

Worthy Grand Matron, since our membership has had the opportunity to read and study the proposed amendments and proposed resolutions, I move the Committee be allowed to present a synopsis of each proposed amendment and resolution, rather than reading the entire law as it now reads and then the proposed reading of each matter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I think what she just said was that we can do this as a synopsis instead of her reading the whole thing, since you have already read it in your Advanced Report. Do you wish to do this? If so, raise your blue cards. Those against. The motion carried.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: We shall proceed. Thank you.

Amendment number 1 will be presented by Sister Alma Carter, District 1 Jurisprudence Committee member.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 1

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Thank you, Sister Betty. I will read a short analysis. If adopted on the first reading, a second vote will be required the following Grand Chapter year. If adopted on second reading, it will take effect at the end of the session.

Amendment number 1, page 49 in the Advanced Annual Report, titled “Entertainment Activities,” section 5. I have had an amendment to this one handed to me, and I will read the amendment to the amendment.

“Entertainments. Subordinate Chapters may have benefit entertainments for the purpose of raising money but shall not engage in any amusement or entertainment in violation of the law of the land; and provided further, that no Chapter shall be permitted to accept funds raised by any such methods or forms of entertainment herein prohibited by the laws of General Grand Chapter or the laws of the land. All Subordinate Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction qualify under 501(c)(8) as a subsidiary of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. And, therefore, Raffles/State of Texas Enabling Act effective January 1, 1990, only two raffles a year shall be held: January 1 to December 31. No two raffles shall be held at the same time in a Subordinate Chapter. A disclosure shall

be made on the tickets as follows: Name and address of the Subordinate Chapter, general descriptions of each prize of a value over \$10 and no prize shall be for over \$50,000” — I don’t think we’d have a prize for that - “the date on which the prize will be awarded. If unable to award the prize after 30 days, a refund shall be given. The Subordinate Chapter shall not advertise the raffles in any mass communications, including television, radio or newspaper. All tickets shall be sold by authority only as the Subordinate Chapter. Bingo: Due to the complications of Bingo Enabling Act of the State of Texas, no Subordinate Chapter shall use bingo as a fundraiser.”

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: So the membership will understand, do you understand this as being the amendment —

VOICES: No.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: You don’t understand. That’s what I was afraid of. She just read the amendment to the amendment. If you vote the amendment in, then we have to read the amendment. The amendment to the amendment cleared the first amendment up.

All right. Let’s clarify this. The amendment says, “Entertainments. Subordinate Chapters may have benefit entertainments for the purpose of raising money but shall not engage in any amusement or entertainment in violation of the law of the land; and provided further, that no Chapter shall be permitted to accept funds raised by any such methods or forms of entertainment herein prohibited by the laws of General Grand Chapter or the laws of the land.” It was decided that this did not clarify exactly what they were stating. They were stating that raffles and such things could be provided, but it was not totally explained in the amendment.

So, therefore, the amendment to the amendment that was just read in detail was presented to explain it. Is that more confusing? I can’t hear; go to a mike.

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: Past Grand Matron, I’m Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Matron of Mineral Wells Chapter 44. I think there’s several things in there that we don’t understand, such as limiting us to two raffles a year, when some of us — if we find something that works, that will help our chapter, we have so many events in small towns where we really need help and in large towns. Why limit us to something that’ll work, that’s going to help our chapters? This is the thing that stuck in my mind right away when it was brought up.

Also, the description in what you’re giving us is going to be confusing. I think if we allow raffles, let’s go for it because we’re struggling. So I’m against the amendment to the amendment, and then I’m for the raffle. [applause]

GRAND SECRETARY: I am Nell Smith Drenner, the Grand Secretary. I have researched this quite thoroughly. There are strict rules for nonprofits to have raffles in the State of Texas. This amendment comes directly from the State of Texas law. If we violate that law, we could lose our 501(c)(8) and possibly our (c)(3). That’s why I wrote this amendment because we must have strict guidelines to enable us to do that. Everything that she read comes under the State of Texas Raffle Enabling Act, effective January 1, 1990, and chapter 2002, Charitable Raffles, Occupations Code, Texas Codes, Annotated. And also down at the bottom which got left off, number c, “This amendment shall be updated automatically if the law of the land changes.” But this is the law of the land. This is specified in our state law, and that’s why I wrote the amendment, because I did not want us to get in trouble.

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: Sister Grand Secretary, now that I know that that was illegal what I said, can I take it back —

GRAND SECRETARY: You sure can.

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: We don't want to do anything against that. We just didn't fully understand.

GRAND SECRETARY: I understand.

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: When I get a chance to speak for the raffle, can I?

GRAND SECRETARY: Yes, ma'am, because I know how desperately we need to be able to raise money, but I want us to be within the law because we cannot afford to jeopardize our nonprofit status. They have very strict rules. As I said, I have researched this thoroughly and have on my desk this research if you want to see it. This should be published in our Bulletin if this passes. Of course, it'll have to go another year.

Also, on the bingo — I just want to make this plain, it's also in here. It says, "Due to complexities of Bingo Enabling Act of the State of Texas, no subordinate chapter shall use bingo as a fundraiser." Sisters and Brothers, there are thousands of rules about bingo for nonprofits. It's something we just cannot get into. Is that clear? Does everybody understand now?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a Sister in the West.

MRS. KAREN SHARP: I'm Karen Sharp, Past Matron of Jacksboro Chapter #390. I just want something clarified. You said we could not have two raffles going at one time. Does that mean —

GRAND SECRETARY: That's in your chapter. Your chapter and the chapter twenty miles from you could have one and you could have one, but you can't have two in your chapter.

MRS. KAREN SHARP: Okay. I have attended places where they've got a raffle where there's something for the men and there's something for the women. Is that considered two raffles?

GRAND SECRETARY: It would be under your chapter. If the Masonic lodge is doing one and you're doing one, that's not you.

MRS. KAREN SHARP: No, no, you're not understanding what I'm saying.

GRAND SECRETARY: You've got a man gift and a woman gift?

MRS. KAREN SHARP: Yes, ma'am.

GRAND SECRETARY: That is two raffles. You must —

MRS. KAREN SHARP: You buy five tickets for \$20, and there's a rifle and there's \$200 in groceries — or there's a rifle and some jewelry, and you get your choice of it.

GRAND SECRETARY: You must state what the prizes are on the ticket.

MRS. KAREN SHARP: It does state that on it.

GRAND SECRETARY: If it says that on it, then you're legal.

MRS. KAREN SHARP: Okay. Thank you.

GRAND SECRETARY: Also, the two raffles a year — which I believe didn't get read — it runs from January 1 to December 31. This is not your chapter year, nor Grand Chapter year. It is a State of Texas year. Does everyone understand?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. CHRISTY KESTLER: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Christy Kestler, Secretary of Boerne Chapter #200 and the first signer under this amendment. We've been in communication, as Nell mentioned, researching about this. I would like the membership to consider not passing the amendment because it would be putting in our Constitution laws that are in place in the State of Texas. If the State of Texas changes its laws within the next year, we'll already be out of compliance and more confusing to our membership. A constitutional statement such as this is our guiding principle, and I firmly believe that if the

membership takes this and we work through this next year to come up with the laws that we want in our Code of Laws to support this amendment and then the amendment passes next year, we can put into our laws more things. For instance, it may be that the Grand Chapter membership decides that we can only have one raffle a year instead of the two that are allowed by the state law. We know we don't want to get into bingo.

GRAND SECRETARY: I know, Sister Christy, we talked about this via e-mail. That's why I added at the bottom, "This amendment shall be updated automatically if the law of the land changes." That's why I added that.

MRS. CHRISTY KESTLER: It's difficult though to think of updating our Constitution automatically if the law changes in six months. Our Constitution is already printed out. And as one person recommended to me, some of the things may be in the Worthy Grand Matron's Handbook or instruction book. There may be some things we want to put in there, to make sure that our chapters understand. The Grand Lodge hands out a handout to explain these details, and we'll want to be able to get that information to people. And the general membership does not read the Constitution.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. JAN HOLLAND: I am Jan Holland, Past Matron of Hillsboro Chapter #769. My husband has assisted with the Hillsboro Lodge raffle for the past three years I think it has been. Something that has not been stated so far that I think our membership needs to know is that these funds must be kept separate, if they are raised from a raffle. Hillsboro Lodge maintains a separate account, and those funds are used only for things like a scholarship, the Community Builder Award, other special things that are considered as beneficent purposes and things of that nature. But they have to maintain a separate bank account. They cannot be used for the operating funds of the lodge and would not be able to be used for operating funds for a chapter. Thank you.

GRAND SECRETARY: I was just informed that all our laws must be in the Constitution. If the State of Texas is giving us the guidelines — Sisters and Brothers, my only concern is that we never jeopardize our nonprofit situation. Perhaps you're not aware, but if we had to try to go and qualify today for nonprofit, it would be very difficult to do. We must not jeopardize our nonprofit tax situation. That's my only concern, that we don't do that, and that we get something in our law that helps guide you so you can raise money because I know how desperate it's getting to be. It's getting harder and harder to do that. That's my only thing. That's all I have to say, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: We have to vote on the amendment to the amendment; then we will vote on the amendment as amended.

Worthy Grand Matron, we find the amendment to the amendment in proper order and ready to be voted upon.

[Amendment No. 1 reads as follows in its entirety.]

AMENDMENT NO. 1
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 5, page 46

WHEREAS subordinate chapters need to raise money to support charitable purposes; and the combination of an aging membership and demands of family and employment on the younger members are limiting the manpower available to work fundraising events; and changing lifestyles are reducing the participation at dinners and craft sales; and

WHEREAS many organizations and churches have been successful with events such as raffles to raise funds for charitable purposes; and participants are knowingly contributing to the charitable goal rather than seeking personal gain; and the general public view of such events is no longer a negative one since such events do not encourage compulsive gambling or outlays of large sums of money that could impact a family's well-being; and the laws of the State of Texas provide detailed instructions to ensure the legality of such events and protect the public from abuse; and

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Texas allows legal charitable raffles conducted in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS the Constitution has to be amended before the Code of Laws can be changed;

THEREFORE, we propose a change to the Constitution:

WHICH NOW READS:

ENTERTAINMENTS. Subordinate Chapters may have benefit entertainments for the purpose of raising money, but shall not engage in or permit any form of gambling whatsoever or any other amusement or entertainment in violation of the law of the land; and provided further, that no Chapter shall be permitted to accept funds raised by any such methods or forms of entertainment herein prohibited by the laws of General Grand Chapter or the laws of the land

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ENTERTAINMENTS: Subordinate Chapters may have benefit entertainments for the purpose of raising money but shall not engage in any amusement or entertainment in violation of the law of the land; and provided further, that no Chapter shall be permitted to accept funds raised by any such methods or forms of entertainment herein prohibited by the laws of General Grand Chapter or the laws of the land.

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Mary Ellen Penwell	Kathy Teele	Robyn McGarr
Betty F. McMahan	Debbie Holman	William J. Scales
Gary L. Bausell	Claude L. Lindley	Gerda Weathers
Laurent Sorell	Abner L. Kestler	Jeanne E. Green
Terry Miller	Loretta Lindley	Joan Miller
Brenda Smith Costello	Joy Wilson	Shirley Smith

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we're about to ballot upon the amendment to the amendment. We will vote using the blue card. All in favor. Those opposed.

Let's have those in favor to please stand. Those opposed, please stand. Sisters and Brothers, it has been adopted.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Now, Worthy Grand Matron, we will vote on the amendment as amended.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we're about to ballot upon the amendment as amended. Those in favor, raise your blue cards — let's just go ahead and stand. Those against, please stand. It is passed.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, are there two microphones, for and against? Which —

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: On the south —

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: If you're speaking for an amendment, go to the microphone by the Warder station; against the Northwest corner, there's a microphone there if you want to speak against. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amendment number 2, if adopted, will take effect at the close of the Grand Chapter session. It is titled Board of Directors, article D, 2..b.(2) and (3) on page 76 in the Constitution, we find it in proper form. What it will do, if this is passed — the rationale states that an applicant entering TMRC is required to have a physical examination by a physician of her choice. Therefore, this amendment deletes (2) and (3), which required a medical examination by the TMRC physician.

Worthy Grand Matron, we find this in legal form and pass it on to you to be voted on by the membership.

[Amendment No. 2 reads as follows in its entirety.]

AMENDMENT NO. 2 CODE OF LAWS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ARTICLE 82, p, ARTICLE D, 2., b. (2) and (3) page 76

WHEREAS, an applicant for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center is required to have a physical examination by a physician of their choice as part of the application process, and

WHEREAS, such examination is accepted by the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and becomes part of the applicant's medical records upon her acceptance into the Texas Masonic Retirement Center

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS;

- (2) All applicants may be subject to further medical examination by the TMRC physician on a date designated to the Chapter by the Superintendent of TMRC. Following the examination, the applicant will return home and there will be a waiting period before the Chapter is notified of acceptance or rejection. The applicant SHALL visit the TMRC and make their presence known to the Superintendent in charge before the medical examination. The Superintendent of TMRC will arrange for a room for the applicant and one traveling companion at the time of the physical examination by the TMRC physician.

- (3) The Chapter shall make all arrangements for the member to come to Arlington for the medical examination on the date designated by the Superintendent. All transportation expense for this examination and, if accepted, the return trip for entrance into the TMRC must be without expense to Grand Chapter.

Be amended by deleting (2) and (3)

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any discussion?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. I'm not pro or con on this; I would like some clarification, though. Our ladies are in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. They have allowed them to go in there under the auspices of Eastern Star. What does the TMRC feel like about this amendment? It seems to me that we are changing the rules of the TMRC. It says that they may be subject to further medical examination by the TMRC physician. Now is that something — are we changing something about the TMRC that we have no authority to change or what? I'd just like some clarification.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Diane, can you answer that question?

MS. DIANE DAVIDSON: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Diane Davidson. I'm a Past Matron of McClendon #639. This is an effort to comply with the TMRC regulations. Their physician cannot examine someone until they become a resident. This part means they are still an applicant. So this is something that TMRC has asked us to change.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any other discussion? [no response]

We will proceed to vote. All those in favor, raise your blue cards. All those opposed. Amendment number 2 passed.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Amendment number 3 will be presented by Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 3

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Amendment number 3 can be found on page 51 of your Advanced Annual Report and if adopted will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter session. It's titled Article F, Benevolent Fund, 1, I believe, page 79.

This amendment changes the wording in the Benevolent Aid Fund for members seeking assistance from "emergency, temporary or permanent assistance" to "emergency, temporary or long term." The wording change is "long term."

Worthy Grand Matron, I believe this is ready for a vote.

[Amendment No. 3 reads as follows in its entirety.]

**AMENDMENT NO. 3
CODE OF LAWS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ARTICLE 82, p. ARTICLE F,
BENEVOLENT FUND, I, page 79**

WHEREAS, Benevolent Aid is set up to provide one time emergency, temporary or long term assistance to members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and

WHEREAS, the current title of Permanent Aid Assistance for those requiring assistance for more than 3 months is misleading, and

WHEREAS, Long Term Assistance more appropriately defines the Benevolent Aid assistance for members in need of assistance for more than a 3 month period of time.

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS;

1. The Benevolent Aid Fund was set up to provide one time emergency, temporary or permanent assistance for members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Funding is based on need and the availability of funds. This fund shall be used to care for deserving and needy members of the Grand Jurisdiction and their orphan or dependent children as provided by the Constitution and Law.

BE AMENDED TO READ;

2. The Benevolent Aid Fund was set up to provide one time emergency, temporary or **long term** assistance for members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Funding is based on need and the availability of funds. This fund shall be used to care for deserving and needy members of the Grand Jurisdiction and their orphan or dependent children as provided by the Constitution and Law.

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have any discussion? [no response]

We will proceed to vote. All in favor, raise your blue cards. Those opposed. It does pass, amendment number 3.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: At this time we will present amendment number 4. Sister Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron, will present this one.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 4

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Amendment number 4 is just housekeeping. It changes two words. It's amendment number 4, Article 82, and it's on page 52 of your Advanced Annual Report. We all understand Permanent Aid Assistance — we understand the word “permanent” is from now on. If someone is receiving Permanent Aid, it's not supposed to be stopped in the middle of something. They want to change “Permanent Aid Assistance” to simply state “Long Term Aid Assistance.” The situation can be reviewed and then maybe a different decision may need to be made.

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper order and awaits your pleasure. [Amendment No. 4 reads as follows in its entirety.]

**AMENDMENT NO. 4
CODE OF LAWS**

**ARTICLE 82, p., ARTICLE F, 6,
PERMANENT AID ASSISTANCE page 81**

WHEREAS, Benevolent Aid is set up to provide one time emergency, temporary or long term assistance to members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and

WHEREAS, the current title of Permanent Aid Assistance for those requiring assistance for more than 3 months is misleading, and

WHEREAS, Long Term Assistance more appropriately defines the Benevolent Aid assistance for members in need of assistance for more than a 3 month period of time.

We, the undersigned, propose the following Amendment.

WHICH NOW READS;

- 6. Permanent Aid Assistance was established to provide permanent aid for situations that require long-term assistance. This assistance is normally set up for 12 months and requires periodic reviews to validate continued need and payment. Again, the amount and payment is based on need and availability of funds.

BE AMENDED TO READ;

- 6. **Long Term Aid Assistance** was established to provide extended assistance for situations that require aid for a period of more than 3 months. This assistance requires an annual review to validate eligibility for continued extended assistance. Again, the amount and payment is based on need and availability of funds.

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have any discussion? [no response]

Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. Those in favor, raise your blue cards. Those opposed. Passed.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Sister Elsie Paladino. Amendment number 5 will be presented by Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron of District 5.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 5

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you. Amendment number 5 is found on page 53 of the Advanced Annual Report. It is titled "Permanent Aid Assistance," as found on page 81 of the Code of Laws. If adopted, it will take effect at the close of the Grand Chapter session. The rationale for this amendment is the Permanent Aid Assistance on page 81 presently states that the Chapter Investigation Committee shall make a thorough investigation of the applicant's eligibility for benevolent aid assistance under the Government Department of Human Resources guidelines prior to being submitted to the chapter for vote.

This amendment changes the article to read that the Chapter Investigating Committee shall work with the applicant to determine their eligibility for assistance through programs offered by the Texas Health and Human Service Commission.

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment has been received by your Jurisprudence Committee, is in proper form and ready for consideration by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 5 reads as follows in its entirety.]

AMENDMENT NO. 5 CODE OF LAWS

ARTICLE 82, p., ARTICLE F, 6, PERMANENT AID ASSISTANCE b. page 81

WHEREAS, the guidelines for Benevolent Aid assistance requires periodic updating to reflect accurate terminology,

We, the, undersigned propose the following Amendment.

WHICH NOW READS;

- b. After completing the application, the committee shall make a thorough investigation of the applicant's eligibility for assistance under the Government Department of Human Resources guidelines, attaching a copy of their findings to the application. When completed, the application will be submitted to the Chapter at a Stated Meeting, and depending on the report of the Investigating Committee, the Chapter will vote whether or not to submit it. If the Chapter votes not to submit the application to the Board of Directors, then the Secretary of the Chapter shall write a letter to the member notifying them that their application has been denied by the Chapter.

BE AMENDED TO READ;

- b. After completing the application, the Chapter Investigating Committee shall work with the applicant to determine their eligibility for assistance through pro-

grams offered by the Texas Health and Human Service Commission, attaching a copy of their findings to the application. When completed, the application will be submitted to the Chapter at a Stated Meeting, and depending on the report of the Investigating Committee, the Chapter will vote whether or not to submit it. If the Chapter votes not to submit the application to the Board of Directors, then the Secretary of the Chapter shall write a letter to the member notifying them that their application has been denied by the Chapter.

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have any discussion? [no response]

Hearing none we will proceed to vote by using your blue cards. All in favor. Those against, raise your blue cards. The amendment has passed.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: We are now ready for amendment number 6 which will be presented by Alma Carter.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 6

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Sisters and Brothers, number 6 is about changing our Grand Chapter Districts or Sections. I'll just go ahead and read the way this is now and what it has been amended to. It says, "Some of the sections no longer have enough chapters to adequately support a School of Instruction." It says, "This Grand Chapter shall be divided into five Districts of ten Sections each, numbered and composed of Counties and Chapters as follows," be amended to read, "This Grand Chapter shall be divided into five Districts of not more than ten Sections, each numbered and composed of Counties and Chapters as follows."

So what this does is it doesn't say how many chapters; it just says that it will have ten sections — I mean, five sections — five districts and no more than ten sections. But this way it doesn't put a limit on how many sections. If that eases the question about whether you have to move or not. It seems to give you evidence — if you want to stay wherever you are or if you want to go to another section, it's your choice. That's the way I understand it.

[Amendment No. 6 reads as follows in its entirety.]

AMENDMENT NO. 6 CODE OF LAWS

CHAPTER 6, DISTRICTS AND SECTIONS, ARTICLE 89, DIVISION, page 87

WHEREAS, Our state was originally divided into five districts and each district into ten sections, and

WHEREAS, Our membership and number of chapters have declined over the years, and
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WHEREAS, Some of our sections no longer have enough chapters to adequately support a School of Instruction

We propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS;

This Grand Chapter shall be divided into five Districts of ten Sections each, numbers and composed of Counties and Chapters as follows:

BE AMENDED TO READ;

This Grand Chapter shall be divided into five Districts of not more than ten Sections each, numbered and composed of Counties and Chapters as follows:

R. Gayle Brown
Nelson R. Campbell

Nancy Brown
Sharon Fentress

Dona Ernst

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Henry Martin.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. As I understand this, we have areas — we have sections in some of our districts — one section I believe has only two chapters. I believe, if I understand this correctly, the purpose of this is to not mandate that we have ten sections in each district, but, rather, if those small sections want to consolidate into one section, leaving the district with nine sections instead of ten, this would allow them to do that, which would make it easier to have a School if you had more chapters coming together and so forth. It puts a limit of ten sections on each district, but it does not mandate that we can only have ten. We can have less than that if the purpose is served to do that.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: It just says, each district into ten sections. That's eliminating that "to have," whatever. Thank you, Henry.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Joyce Ball.

MRS. JOYCE BALL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Joyce Ball, Junior Past Matron of Cora Posey Chapter No. 1072. I was on the Committee; Brother Henry was also on that Committee. I just wanted to explain more exactly what he said. This means that some of our districts will have less than ten. Some will have ten; some will have eight; some will have seven. It's just what the membership wants.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any other discussion? I recognize Sister Sharon Fentress.

MRS. SHARON FENTRESS: I am Sharon Fentress, Past Matron of Crescent 820. I was a member of this Redistricting Committee, which was a recommendation Committee, approved by this Grand Chapter I believe two sessions ago. What we did is we listened to everything that we could get from the different districts, sections and chapters about how this Grand Chapter wanted to be organized. What we came up with was this amendment. All we're trying to do with this amendment is to give these sections a way to work with another section or be in another section and not be required to try to operate a section with one and two chapters. Some of our sections are in dire circumstances. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. DONNA EASON: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Donna Eason. I'm a Past Matron, District 5, Section 2, Fort McKavett. We are one of those sections that has two chapters. My question is who determines how these sections are going to be combined?

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: I believe if you have looked at amendment number 7 — it's not voted on yet, but if you have read it in your Advanced Report, and that passes, then that will answer your question.

MRS. DONNA EASON: So you can't answer it? Could you just tell me the answer? I don't have the paper. I would just like the answer.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: I can't because it's not law until it's passed. Does anyone have an Advanced Report? Amendment number 7.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. ANDI MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Andi Martin, District 2, Section 9. We also have two chapters. Each of our two chapters now has less than ten active members. Both chapters have more than half of those ten over the age of 80. We are struggling to stay alive. Three of us dualled with the other chapter so that we could continue to go as long as possible. This redistricting would enable us to go into District 8 and be able to continue our chapters. Otherwise, we are going to be losing two chapters because we can no longer keep our section alive. It's very difficult to have a School — bless Section 8's hearts, they're coming this year to us. We'll have more Section 8 officers than Section 9, in order to continue our School. I'm very much in favor of this amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any other discussion? [no response]

We will proceed to vote. All those in favor, raise your blue cards. All those opposed. It passed.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: If Sister Yvonne Brownfield would come forward with amendment number 7. This to the Sister that I couldn't give a definite answer to. It states, if this passes, that it will be your choice. Sister Yvonne Brownfield.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 7

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Thank you, Sister Betty.

If adopted, this amendment will take effect at the close of the Grand Chapter session. It's amendment number 7 on page 55 in the Advanced Annual Report. It is Consolidation of Chapters on page 183, Code of Laws. The rationale is, what it will do and what it will affect if it passes: the amendment makes it possible for a chapter to unite with a different section or district if it would be more beneficial for the chapter. It does require a vote of the members of the chapter and a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron with a fee of \$10. This amendment would provide information regarding the wishes of the chapter members, as well as providing a definite record for the Worthy Grand Matron and the records in the Grand Secretary's office. I find this in proper form.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is ready for your ... whatever.

[Amendment No. 7 reads as follows in its entirety.]

**AMENDMENT NO. 7
CODE OF LAWS**

**CHAPTER 13, CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS, page 183
CODE OF LAWS**

WHEREAS, due to the decrease in membership some chapters want and need to change Districts and/or Sections, and

WHEREAS, there are no guidelines in our Constitution and Code of Laws to instruct them on how to do this

We propose the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

**CHAPTER 13
CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS**

BE AMENDED TO READ:

**CHAPTER 13
CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS
AND
CHANGING OF DISTRICT AND/OR SECTION**

AND ADD;

ARTICLE 268-1

- (a) Should your Chapter make a motion and it carries by vote of the Chapter to change District and/or Section, the Worthy Matron will instruct the Secretary to send written notice to all its members, advising them that the change is contemplated, setting forth the day of the meeting, either Stated or Special, that the members will discuss and vote if they wish to make this change.

- (b) If the motion carries to change to a certain District and/or Section the Secretary will write a letter to the Worthy Grand Matron requesting a Special Dispensation to change District and/or Section and attach a \$10.00 fee for such Dispensation. A copy of all correspondence and Special Dispensation must be sent to the Grand Secretary's office.

Nell Smith Drenner
Charlotte Beall

Marlene Scholari
Donna Kirkpatrick

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have any discussion?

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: I'm Alma Bane, Past Matron of Waco Chapter #7. Worthy Grand Matron, for many years we've sat in these sessions and we adopt resolutions to change pages in our Code of Laws whereby a chapter can move into location from

one section to another for permanence. My question is: This motion — this amendment will allow us immediately to have a dispensation, which is good for the tenure of the one signing the dispensation, to take effect and then it would be followed up with the resolution at the next session to permanently move them in the Code of Laws where our chapters are listed by section? This is a question.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: A special dispensation is only good for one year, as Sister Alma stated. This district or section that writes for this special dispensation next year will have to bring to Grand Chapter a written resolution to make it permanent.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the North.

MRS. ETHEL DAMMANN: I am Ethel Dammann, Past Matron of Seguin Chapter 555. As I understand the amendment that we just passed, it would in effect create the possibility of eliminating some sections. The one we are discussing now seems to me it's only dealing with chapters changing sections. If we're going to eliminate a section, as I see it, all chapters in the two sections would have to agree, not just one chapter agreeing to change sections. I think what I'm asking for is clarification on this rather than a question as to whether it's legal or not.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: To the Sister that just asked that question, we did not eliminate — when it was voted on and passed, no sections were eliminated. It was the wording to be changed in the Code of Laws because it states the five districts and each district into ten sections, but only stated that they had to have ten sections. What we voted on is this allows them to have less than the ten because it stated only ten sections — I mean, it said ten sections. We didn't eliminate anything. It just put another wording into the Constitution that would make this one legal to have less than ten.

MRS. ETHEL DAMMANN: That's what I'm saying. If you're going to have less than ten sections — and right now everyone does have ten sections. All right. If, say, these people over here in Section 2, 3, whatever it is, decide that we could work together better as one section, then that would effectively eliminate one of those sections so that that district would have nine sections instead of ten, as I understand that. Now the one we're trying to vote on still is about chapters changing sections. But if you have enough people joining into one section, one of those sections is going to have to be — the number is going to have to be eliminated. Not the chapters, just the number of a section, if a section — if a district is going to have less than ten sections.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: This one we're going to vote on, that allows them — usually you're close to — say, I'm close to Section 1, 2 and 3. If I chose to go in another section, I would go to the closest one to me. I'm Section 2. I would either want to go to Section 3 or Section 1. So that would just be — we're combining into the Section 3 or 1. Those two sections are already there. Back to the other one, which that makes it legal because we can have less than ten sections.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. SUE SHOEMAKER: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Sue Shoemaker, Past Matron of Templar 374. My question is on a slightly different topic, so if Brother Jerry Martin wished to address this topic, I would yield to him.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Jerry Martin.

MR. JERRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Jerry Martin, Past Patron of Travis Chapter 472. I think I can help Ethel's question here. What if we take the situation that was just presented? There's only two chapters left. Fort McKavett and one other — I can't remember which one it is right now — or in the other case that Andi had. What if both of them elected to move to another section? There is no provision here to do

away. You have a section with no chapters. There is no provision to do away with it. Yet it says that we have to have — still have.... Do you follow what I'm saying?

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: If I'm understanding that correctly, the young lady that said they had two chapters is all in that section. Well, if those two chapters — there's only two — go into another section, there's nothing to worry about because there's no chapters there. The two went to another section.

MR. JERRY MARTIN: Correct. But it still states that we have ten sections.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: No. We just voted — that's what we voted on previously, to get the ten sections out.

MR. JERRY MARTIN: Okay. I was misunderstanding then that it was saying that it didn't have to have ten chapters —

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Not chapters, no. Sections.

MRS. SUE SHOEMAKER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Sue.

MRS. SUE SHOEMAKER: As I stated, I'm Sue Shoemaker, Past Matron of Templar chapter. My question is in regard to the fee for the dispensation. It is my understanding that at this time the fee for dispensations is \$3. My question is as to why this fee, this dispensation, would require a fee of \$10. It requires the same amount of signatures. I don't understand the fee.

GRAND SECRETARY: May I answer that, Worthy Grand Matron?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Please.

GRAND SECRETARY: When you start moving chapters around, sections around — I guess my thought on that was that it requires more work. I guess I was just trying to get a little more money for the General Fund. That's my only answer, Sue.

MRS. SUE SHOEMAKER: Sister Nell, I appreciate your dilemma. But the dispensation fee is for the permission of the Worthy Grand Matron to take the action.

GRAND SECRETARY: As a proponent of this, let me tell you why I wrote this. First of all, Sisters and Brothers, we've already got people — chapters moving into different sections and different districts. They have no guidelines as to how to do that. We have been literally flying by the seat of our pants on this. We've been getting the okay of the Worthy Grand Matron. That's really how it has been done. We've had no rules, no way. I wrote this just to give people a way — these chapters a way to do this because it's already happening, but we have no way of doing it.

As to the fee, that was my reason behind it, is because it does create more paperwork, more of ... you know, that kind of thing. That was the reason that I did that.

MRS. SUE SHOEMAKER: Would you clarify for me what we pay a dispensation fee for?

GRAND SECRETARY: To get something authorized by your Worthy Grand Matron.

MRS. SUE SHOEMAKER: So, therefore, what you have to do in the office should not be covered by a dispensation fee. I don't have a problem — I know you have a lot of work to do. I perfectly understand that. You know, I know what you-all do. But a dispensation fee is not to pay for the work that the Grand Secretary's office does.

GRAND SECRETARY: I understand that. But what it creates — okay. But you know what? I knew when I put that \$10 in there, somebody was going to say something about it. I wouldn't mind amending my thing to \$3. Not at all.

This is only a way to allow them to do this, as per our Constitution, a guideline, because we have had none. That's my only reason for this.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a motion that we amend it from \$10 to \$3. Do I have a second?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I'll second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we had an amendment to the amendment to change it from \$10 to \$3. We're going to vote. All in favor, please raise your blue card. Against, raise your blue card. We passed that.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, we're going to vote on the amendment — the original amendment. I recognize Sister Iris.

MRS. IRIS SLOAN: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Iris Sloan, Past Matron of Brazoria Chapter #74. My question or what I don't understand — I go along with somebody else. We just voted that you can switch chapters — sections within your districts. Okay. Is that not right? So then why are we making them now pay a dispensation fee and then having to write a resolution to bring to Grand Chapter when we're already told them they could do it without all that. I think we just need to leave — or I'll make a motion to eliminate where it says "and/or Section." All we need to worry about now is dispensation for maybe one district to another district. That's just my idea.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: I think what they were trying to do with this amendment is to give that area the choice where they want to go.

MRS. IRIS SLOAN: We already gave it to them in this other —

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: No, no, no. It just states not more than ten sections. If we come in and renumber it, they get out of the section number they're used to — this gives the area — the area, the chapter where they live, they know better. Just like the example I gave. I know I'm in Section 2. I have Section 1 and 3. You get to Section 10 that's out in El Paso. I don't know the closer chapters and sections, which are not many out in El Paso.

MRS. IRIS SLOAN: Thank you. I understand.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: All right. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. JERRI YOUNG: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jerri Young, Worthy Matron of Norman Reed Chapter in Midland. Using Fort Stockton as an example — or Fort Stockton and Monahans — if they came into our section, then would that eliminate Section 9, or would the El Paso area become Section 9?

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: What section are you?

MRS. JERRI YOUNG: Fort Stockton and Monahans are in District 2, Section 9. If both of them voted to come into Section 8, what does that do to El Paso which is Section 10?

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: They're still Section 10.

MRS. JERRI YOUNG: Okay. So Section 9 would sort of be reserved. Thank you.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: There is no 9 right now, so nobody loses a section. If Section 9 moves over to Section 8, everybody from Section 9 moves to Section 8, there is no longer a Section 9. That section is 8, and El Paso and that area still has 10.

MRS. JERRI YOUNG: Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Darla.

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Darla Dunaway, Past Matron of Mansfield Chapter #876. My comment is I would like to remind our membership, as we consider this amendment, that we are speaking on chapters that are struggling to survive. So, therefore, because they are going to have to change their normal way of being, that we make this as easy on them and as cost free on them as possible. I would just like for us to consider that yes, they do have to come back and make an amendment for

our Constitution and Code of Laws to change what chapter numbers are in what district and section, and that we consider that dispensation as maybe being no fee at all because these chapters are struggling. That's why they're having to consider that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any other discussion? I recognize the Sister in the Northwest.

MRS. MARSHA PUTNAM: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Marsha Putnam, Past Matron of New Braunfels Chapter #771. Perhaps I don't understand this at all, but I see no guidance by the Grand Chapter as far as reason for a chapter to change section or district. Does that allow a situation of musical chapters, or are there going to be guidelines that say why you can change your section? If you've got a section that's already struggling and a chapter says, "I think I want to move to a section that's really off and going," then they can just vote to do that, and Grand Chapter is not involved in that whatsoever other than a dispensation. So perhaps you can enlighten me as to what guidelines — why can a chapter ask to change sections or even districts? Surely, somebody has to have oversight over this.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: It's my understanding that when this Committee was asked to serve, the only district that is really affected is District 2. District 2 has miles and miles and miles — as you all know coming to Grand Chapter — and all of our chapters who have demised or have consolidated, there is a long way to go to the chapter. When we have a School, we have two chapters in one section. This is not making them or having them have guidelines, it's giving them the opportunity that this Committee has brought forward — and that's what we've been voting on. It gives them the opportunity, if those two chapters want to come over to another section, it just allows them to. It's not a demand. It's not anything telling anybody that they have to. It's more, I think - because on the Committee, our two Committee chairmen, which is Marge Errington Haynes and Joyce Ball, from District 2, were on the only ones that turned in any problem. So that's what we're trying to do is to see that the sections in our area — and if there are in other districts, certainly for them too — but that's why this is being brought to Grand Chapter to consider.

MRS. MARSHA PUTNAM: To clarify, this is primarily for District 2. But the other districts, they can still go ahead and change sections at will; is that correct?

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: That's correct.

MRS. MARSHA PUTNAM: Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. KATHY TEELE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Kathy Teele, Worthy Matron of Boerne 200. I call for the question. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we're about to ballot. All in favor, please raise your blue card. Those against. It passed.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, I fibbed. You asked me if it would take very long on these last two amendments, and I said no. But at this point we are through with our amendments for the day, and we'll turn it back to you. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a banquet in just about 59 minutes. I apologize for taking so long. The question has been asked.... [confers with Parliamentarian] Sisters and Brothers, I'm told that we have to vote to stop the debate. It will take two-thirds vote. We're voting on the amendment to the amendment —

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: We had discussion — I don't believe we voted on the amendment to the amendment, for the \$3 change.

All right. Now we're ready to vote on the amendment — we have to vote on the ques-

tion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we're going to take a ballot on the question. It takes a two-thirds vote. Those in favor, raise your blue cards — to stop the debate. Those against. The debate is stopped.

Sisters and Brothers, we're going to vote on the amendment as amended. Those in favor, raise your blue cards. Lower them. Those against. It did pass.

Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this Grand Chapter, "The Splendor of Texas" session, from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, by the order of the Worthy Grand Matron, we are calling this "Splendor of Texas" session from labor to rest, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I invite Sister Karen Morgenthaler, Cancer Committee, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, to bring our benediction.

MRS. KAREN MORGENTHALER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sisters and Brothers, I'd like to ask you at this time to please stand and clasp hands with those next to you.

Our Father in Heaven, we are thankful for this day, for this session and for the decisions that we have made and will continue to make for the good of our Order. Guide and direct us in all that we do and say, for it is in Your Name that we do pray. Amen.

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

I now call this Friday afternoon session from labor to rest until 7:30 p.m., which will be across the street. Brother Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this "Splendor of Texas" session has been called from labor to rest.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

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FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

August 6, 2010

7:00 p.m. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jackie Stogner
Assisting Grand Organist

7:30 p.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Credentials Committee, General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Jack Guy
Service Dog Committee
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. DORIS HESTER: Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that I call this meeting to order. It's always a special time on Friday evening, all the thoughts you've had all week while you've been here at Grand Chapter, and all the memories you've made all this year standing tall and Texas proud. It is a pleasure for my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack Guy, and I to open this session this evening. How much we have enjoyed being able to be a part of the team that Sister Bess Caldwell has had all this year, and I know you have too. Now the thing of it is you see us. Right now we can't tell who any of you are or where you are. Maybe that's good!

Sisters and Brothers, through the courtesy and graciousness of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, I am pleased to call this Grand Chapter session to order, "Shining Stars of Texas," with my distinguished Past Grand Patron, Brother Jack Guy. This is an evening so special with ESTARL and the Memorial Program. We have enjoyed the musical prelude from Sister Jackie Stogner. Will you help me show our appreciation for this beautiful music. [applause]

It's always a joy and how much pride we have in our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron each year. But it's always special when it comes to this time to look back at some of the special memories and special occasions that we have enjoyed knowing them through the years as they've progressed. This special lady has been fantastic, for the year that Brother Jack Guy had the team going, the special times that we spent together traveling. Brother Jack, do you have any comments you want to make about this Worthy Grand Matron and this Worthy Grand Patron?

MR. JACK GUY: Sister Doris, I'd be remiss if I didn't make a few remarks. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: It is with gratitude that I accepted the invitation of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt, to join my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester, again in the Grand East.

Sister Bess and Brother Bill, we, the membership, are most appreciative of your service to our great fraternity this year. Your total dedication to the fraternity and love for the membership have been most evident throughout the year. Thank you both for giving of yourselves to promote the principles and good of the Order of the Eastern Star. Your accomplishments are favorably noted and appreciated by your Sisters and Brothers. Thank you for your personal friendship with Linda, my better half, and me. Please know how

much we treasure that friendship. I hope that success will continue to accompany you both as you go forward with your service to our beloved Order. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. DORIS HESTER: Sister Bess got to travel in the van with us during the school schedule. For someone who was so dedicated, so talented, always had time to look after the rest of us, whether it was picking up ironing — Bess, I don't have an ironing board anymore. Do you want to go home with me?

Well, shucks, I tried. But to know this special lady, to know what has gone through her mind, especially today and tonight, as she looks forward to the session tomorrow. About this time tomorrow night, she's going to be so relieved. She won't have this big thing in her hand anymore, she's going to pass it on. But to this special lady, Sister Bess, and Brother Bill, to Al and Ann — you know, sometimes we forget about the spouses and all the running and everything. But to Brother Al and Sister Ann — where are you? I want you to know from the membership what it means to us that you've allowed your spouses to travel these extensive miles across Texas and all their service, because without you pushing and encouraging, the task of being Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron would not mean so much. Sisters and Brothers, would you help me show our appreciation to Sister Ann and Brother Al. [applause] I know Brother Bill and Sister Bess, our Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron, will be delighted to thank them personally and very privately later for all their encouragement.

I now call this "Shining Stars of Texas" session to order. I invite the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to please join Brother Jack and I. It is with pleasure, and from the bottom of my heart, and with pride that I present to you Sister Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt. How excited we are in Texas that they have served us so diligently all this year. Would you please join with me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, with much pride and pleasure and with love in my heart, I present you your gavel to continue your business for this evening. Thank you so much for this privilege and this honor.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Doris Hester, and Brother Jack. We appreciate you opening the "Shining Stars of Texas" session this evening. You have been supportive this year, and we appreciate your dedication.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Doris and Brother Jack, the 122nd session of Grand Chapter was characterized by your keen wit. Thank you for opening this session for us. You both mean a lot to me.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron of Texas, will bring our invocation.

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Please bow your heads and join me in prayer. Our Heavenly Father, we embark this evening on a journey that tells of the humanitarian work of our beautiful Order as we meet and hear from some of our ESTARL recipients. We are confident as they share with us their dreams and plans for the future that You in Your infinite wisdom will lead them as they do so. Smile on them as they endeavor to do Your will. Lord, as we bid farewell to our Sisters and Brothers whose lives of service brightened the road and who are now absent from our golden chain, that will be a source of great sadness for each of us. But, thank You, Lord, for affording us the opportunity to know, work with and appreciate these Sisters and Brothers. While they may have departed from this earth, they will now dwell with You in our heavenly home. Be with us as we encourage and praise our ESTARL recipients in their endeavors and lovingly bid farewell to our departed Sisters and Brothers. All of this we ask in Thy Name. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we are ready to begin our ESTARL service with our dedicated honorees for this evening, our scholarship awardees. Now is the time when we really see the fruit 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 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 have given outstanding dedication. We will have had a very small part in their attaining this goal.

The letters in ESTARL mean Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership. How grateful we are to have a part in this tremendous service of love for our fellowman. It is with great pleasure that I present Sister Janlen Waclawczyk, General Chairman of the ESTARL Committee, who will present the service awards.

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, My sisters, brothers and friends. It is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to this “Stand Tall in your Faith” ESTARL service and awards ceremony. The Order of the Eastern Star is founded on many religious principles. We are honored to assist many men and women who chose to follow the Lord through religious training. The Order of the Eastern Star and its generous members contributed \$19,000 therefore we were able to give 19 scholarships to these men and women.

Faith isn't the ability to believe long and far into the misty future. It's simply taking God at His Word and taking the next step. These scholarship recipients are taking the next step to follow in the footsteps of the Lord. Therefore, as God is the light that shows the way, there is nothing that you cannot do. Keep your dreams alive. Understanding to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination and dedication and remembering to stand tall in your faith.

It has been my honor to work with such a distinguished group. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this privilege. I would like to introduce the following committee members:

Sister Michelle Stegman District 1

Sister Jerri Young District 2

Sister Rose Ann Lowry District 3

Sister Carolyn Black District 4

Sister Vicki Smith District 5

Thank you for the dedication that you put into this appointment and for helping with the important work of this committee.

Prayer releases the power and wisdom of God into a situation. Let us go to our Lord in prayer with the invocation given by Ryan Dennis a recipient from Lubbock Christian University.

MR. RYAN DENNIS: Let us pray. Father God, we thank You for the many blessings You bestow upon us. Father, we thank You for this great nation You've given us where we can come and worship. Father, we also pray for our leaders. Give them the strength and the wisdom they need to carry us forward. We also thank You for this assembly where we can come together as one and worship as the Body of Christ. We ask You now to open our hearts and to open our minds to the message we are receiving tonight. We also thank You for Your Son You've given to us and who made the ultimate sacrifice. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: Thank you, Ryan, for praying with us.

Faith is no irresponsible shot in the dark. It is a responsible trust in God who knows the desires of your hearts, the dreams you are given and the goals you have set. He will guide your paths right. Therefore, if the path you have chosen has a song of faith in your heart, it will be heard by the look on your face. We are pleased to have Rebecca Redus, a recipient from the Southwestern Theological Seminary, share her God-given talents with these musical selections. [applause following singing]

Thank you, Rebecca. Just a side note: Those of you who were with us last year, this is our engaged couple, now married. [applause]

Kristopher Redus, a recipient from Southwestern Theological Seminary, will read our Scripture.

MR. KRISTOPHER REDUS: I'll be reading from 1 Corinthians 15:56-58. "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God. He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: Thank you, Kristopher. God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow or sun without rain, but He did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears and light for the way. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it. Let us listen to the message as Mireya Martinez, a recipient of the Perkins School of Theology, reminds of us the faith we should have in ourselves and above all in our God.

MS. MIREYA MARTINEZ: Thank you, Janlen, for that kind introduction. I am indeed thankful to God for the opportunity to bring the message tonight. I bring greetings from Beckville Chapter 273. I am thankful for this group of men and women who share words of hope, life and good news in my life as I pursue my Seminary studies. I'm delighted to represent them this evening and am thankful for their presence and also thankful for my family who is here, who I'm calling my fan club.

Before beginning with tonight's message, I'd like to share one of my favorite jokes with you because I believe that humor is the gift of God and that laughter is one of the most precious sounds on this planet. It has nothing to do with the message, so don't look for a connection. It's not there. It doesn't exist. It's just a funny joke.

The story goes that near Christmas time a little boy wanted a new bike. He was talking to his mother about this, and apparently he hadn't been a very good little boy because she told him he needed to go to his room and think about whether he really deserved this bike or not. She suggested that he go upstairs and write Jesus a letter explaining to Him why he deserved this bike. So he goes upstairs, goes to his room, pulls out pen and paper — pencil and paper probably; little boy — pencil and paper and starts to write. "Dear Jesus, I have been a good boy this year and have done everything that my mom and dad told me to do."

Then he sits back and he realizes, well, that's a lie. So he crumples up the paper and throws it in the trashcan and starts again. "Dear Jesus, I have been a very good little boy this year and have said all my prayers like I was supposed to." And he sits back and realizes, well, that's not quite right either. So he crumples it up and he throws it away.

He sits back, he's frustrated. He's just trying to decide what he needs to do next. After a few minutes of thinking, an idea occurs to him. He gets up, runs out of his room, down the stairs, out of the house, across the street, down the block to the church that's near his house. He takes the statue of Mary from the nativity scene. He goes back to his room and he writes his final letter. "Dear Jesus, I've got your mom. If you want her back, give me

my bike.” [applause and laughter]

It is most definitely great to set aside time this night to rejoice with one another, laugh and to share the gifts and talents that God has given us with one another as we stand tall in our faith together. I'd like to share with you a poem written by Ted Loeders, titled “Quicken in Me a Sense of Humor.” May these words reflect our desires as we celebrate our Lord, our faith and one another tonight.

O God of gifts, quicken in me a sense of humor,
bright enough to help my way in these tarnished times,
fruitful enough to be made the wine of hope
to warm the hearts of those I live with.
Make me glad to be one of a kind,
yet one with a kind.
Called not to be more like others,
but more of myself,
a gorilla of grace, that in daring to be authentic
I may be more of a human kind.

So God of gifts, liberate me to share without apology
or arrogance not only the gifts that I have,
but the gift that I am.

And now, Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

In reflecting on tonight's theme, two passages of Scripture came to mind. The first is the classic text on faith, the so-called Hall of Faith text, found in Hebrews 11 in which I will read verses 1 through 3. The second passage is found in Philippians 1:27-28.

Would you please listen to the Word of the Lord. In Hebrews 11 we find these words to the church at Philippi: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the Word of God so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.”

In Philippians — oh, I'm sorry; that was to the Hebrews. In Philippians we find these words, in chapter 1, verses 27 and 28, where Paul is telling the recipients, “Only live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.” This is the Word of the Lord.

This evening I'd like to share with you some thoughts on “one spirit,” “one mind,” “one faith.” When I consider what it means to be a follower of Christ, two things come to my mind. First of all, being a Christian is about being in community and relationship, not just with God and Christ and the Holy Spirit, but with my fellow human beings. Secondly, my witness falls glaringly short of the mark if I am not sharing words of light, hope and good news with others. If my witness doesn't help another to stand tall in their faith, then in my opinion my witness means nothing. I'd like you to keep these thoughts close by: We are meant for community and we are meant to build one another up in the faith.

Some of you will remember the Nike commercial from several years ago that stated, “Verb: It's what you do.” They were popular commercials. And for that year at least, students all across America knew the definition of the word “verb.” I was a teacher, I should know.

Indeed, in the context of the passages I just read, faith is often followed by a verb. Faith is followed by something that is to be done. Faith is what you do. Scriptures are wrought with stories about what can be done with faith. With faith all things are possible. In Hebrews 11 we find that Abel offered an acceptable sacrifice, Enoch pleased God, Noah respected God's warning and built an ark, Abraham obeyed and set off for an unknown land and offered Isaac as a sacrifice, Isaac invoked blessings for future generations, Moses' parents hid him for three months. The list goes on. The people crossed the Red Sea on dry land. Jesus' ultimate sacrifice wouldn't have been possible without faith in His Beloved Father.

While not specifically mentioned in Hebrews 11, the list doesn't stop with men, because I'm a feminist. The list does not stop with men. Rahab hid the spies that were checking out the promised land. Esther spoke to the king and saved Jesus' bloodline. Mary gave birth to God's Son. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna and others provided for Jesus and the twelve disciples out of their own means.

We could be here well into the next century, not just decades, the next century speaking of what has been made possible through faith. Not just the faith of the ancestors of our faith, the great cloud of witnesses that is spoken of in Hebrews 12, but of our faith and what God has allowed us to accomplish through said faith.

But I must pause for a moment here because I believe this to be vital to our witness. Noah was ridiculed when he agreed to enter into the ark. Sarah accompanied Abraham to that unknown land. Moses' parents had each other and his sister to watch over him as he floated down the river into the arms of Pharaoh's daughter. Esther's cousin, Mordecai, encouraged her to find her voice, for who can forget the inspiring words, "Who knows? Maybe you have come to royal dignity for such a time as this?" And Mary — well, Mary was betrothed to one unwilling to expose her to public disgrace and who adopted her son. Jesus, seemingly alone at the cross, wasn't. His mother and brothers were there. Some women watched at a distance, and they were ready to honor the body and life of their loved one with a proper, albeit hasty because of Jewish law, burial.

So I ask you to consider this. What have you accomplished through your faith? Who are your companions on the journey? I ask you to consider this as well. What are the circumstances that made you stand in your faith? And who were the people who lifted you up to help you to stand tall in said faith.

My Brothers and Sisters, I believe that standing tall doesn't mean to stand with arrogance or pride. In Christianity things are not often what they seem. The first shall be last; whoever wants to gain their life shall lose it; the master shall become the servant. I would say standing tall means standing with humility, confident and acknowledging that indeed all things are possible through Christ, who through His amazing sacrifice allowed for us to be grafted into the family of God and created to live in community.

The prayer that I read earlier mentioned that realizing each one of us are one of a kind, yet one with a kind, becoming more of a humankind. Paul in his letter to the Philippians expresses his desire to know whether with them or not that they are standing firm in one spirit and to know that they are striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

So how do we go about doing this? I believe Ted Loeders' poem offers more answers for us. He mentions having a sense of humor, of being the wine of hope, a gorilla of grace. I believe that most people, when speaking about the situations that have formed them in their faith, often refer to times of crisis, times of trial or times of testing. It is the encouraging word of a friend, the smile of a stranger, the hug of a loved one, the lips of the ones

who bring laughter that we are reminded of God's unfailing, all-encompassing love for us. I call these people hope junkies. They're agents of hope that build us up in the faith. It is my prayer that we would continue to be such agents of hope with our fellow humankind and to build one another in the faith. May we always remember to pay it forward.

Spiritual Father Elder Porfurius mentions in one of his devotions that unity in Christ is the basic element of the spiritual life in Christ. It is realizing that in praying, "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me," the "me" includes one's fellow sisters and brothers. It is to suffer when they suffer, rejoice when they rejoice, laugh when they laugh, cry when they cry, fall when they fall, and to get up again when they get up again. He says, "In this wonderful and simple way, how many problems were solved and how many sins were avoided? Did my brother or sister fall? I fell. How can I blame him or her since I am at fault? Did my brother or sister succeed? I succeeded. How can I envy him or her since I am a winner?"

What a blessing indeed to be united here this evening with my fellow ESTARL scholarship recipients, sharing our gifts and our talents with you and with one another. You, my Sisters and Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star, have helped us to stand tall in our faith. Your willingness to help us answer God's call to serve in the Christian arena is an affirmation of that call. Without you our educational endeavors might very well be impossible. Our success is your success. We praise God for your generous contribution to Eastern Star, for placing you on our path and for making you part of our faith foundational support system.

It is a great joy to stand with you in one spirit, one mind and one faith. It is a tremendous joy to do so standing tall. In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. [applause]

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: Thank you, Mireya. You have certainly inspired us and our faith.

We will listen to the beautiful talents of Mireya Martinez while our Pages, Warders and Sentinels will all please assist with the collection. Please pick up the boxes from here in the front. Please return them after the collection to the side of the stage.

[Violin offertory music, "How Great Thou Art," by Mireya Martinez.]

By prayer all things are possible. Ryan Dennis, a recipient from Lubbock Christian University, will lead us in our offertory prayer.

MR. RYAN DENNIS: Pray with me once again, please. Father, we thank You for all the things You provide and that You continue to bless us with. We thank You for the opportunities You present to us in our lives. We also thank You for the gift of giving. Help us to give freely not just tonight, but in the remainder of our lives. We thank You for the ultimate gift that You've given us, and that of course is Your Son. Thank You for this offering. Thank You for the many gifts it's going to bless people with. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: Music is the window to our soul and helps bring us closer to our faith. Sister Kristy Mumme, District 5 soloist, will share her talents with us. [applause following song]

We will be pleased at this time to have greetings from our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Sister Janlen and your Committee, for your hard work. Special thanks to the ESTARL recipients for continuing the training that will help seal our Christian foundation. Thank you so much. [applause]

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: We will now have greetings from our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Janlen, your ESTARL Committee and our recipients. We appreciate each of you for all that you have done this past year. You are deeply appreciated. [applause]

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: I invite the District Chairmen to call the names of the recipients from their districts. I invite the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to please stand with us while we present the scholarships to the students who were able to join us.

District 1. Sister Michelle Stegman was unable to be with us tonight. Her recipients are: Kris Redus, Southwestern Theological Seminary; Rebecca Redus from Southwestern Theological Seminary; Mireye Martinez, Perkins School of Theology.

Sister Jerri Young will present the District 2 recipients.

MRS. JERRI YOUNG: Thank you. It is such a pleasure and privilege to be on this Committee and get to know these recipients and know that they're doing the Lord's work.

District 2 recipients include James Venable, Mary Hardin Baylor; Douglas Gaskey, Wayland Baptist University; Ryan Dennis, Lubbock Christian University; Hideyo Hayworth, Truett Theological Seminary.

At this time I'd like to introduce my friend, Sister Rose Ann Lowry from District 3.

MS. ROSE ANN LOWRY: I, too, am very pleased to be on the ESTARL Committee. It is a wonderful, inspiring and faithful Committee. At this time I would like to read off the recipients of the scholarships from District 3: Kyle Emory who is a student at Arlington Baptist College studying to be a minister; Micah James, Brite Divinity School, who is studying to be a youth director.

At this time it is with pleasure that I present the District 4 Chairman, Sister Carolyn Black.

MRS. CAROLYN BLACK: What a pleasure to be asked to serve on this Committee with these fine ladies. It is such a deserving Committee because we do such good work for these kids. District 4 has two recipients. The first is Dale Prudhome from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; the second is William Alred from Dallas Theological Seminary.

Now I'd like to introduce District 5, Sister Vicki Smith.

MRS. VICKI SMITH: Thank you, Sister Carolyn. The two recipients from District 5 couldn't be here tonight, but I want to be sure that you know that Donna Shaw who's attending Austin Presbyterian and Jordan Cornelius who's attending Criswell College will be receiving their awards. Thank you.

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: Rebecca Redus will bring the response from the recipients.

MRS. REBECCA REDUS: On behalf of all this year's recipients and the few of us here tonight, thank you. Thank you for supporting our ministry and therefore our education. Thank you for praying for us, which just means so much to all of us who are going into the ministry. Life in ministry is a beautiful calling. The support of Eastern Star makes it even more lovely and special. So from the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much.

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: Kris Redus, will you please give us the benediction.

MR. KRISTOPHER REDUS: Would you bow with me. Dear Lord, thank You for Your presence here tonight and for the blessings we've received through this program. Thank You so much for those willing to give support to Your followers through the support of Christian education. We love You and ask that You keep everyone safe for the rest of this Grand Chapter. In Your Precious Holy Name we pray. Amen.

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: Thank you. This concludes our ceremony.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will now have a brief recess while we prepare for the Memorial Program.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Guests all: It is my honor and pleasure to present the “In God’s Light Memorial Program.”

In the beauty of the morning when the sun awakes the world,
when the birds begin their singing and the clouds are unfurled,
have you ever stopped to listen as the darkness fades away,
when the golden dawn is breaking and heralds in the day?

If you’ve never seen the glory of the rising sun,
now is the time to do this, to enjoy just even once.

Your heart will swell with praises as you see the beauty there.

You will find your heart soaring and your head bowed down in prayer.

Installed Grand Marshal, I invite you, the Grand Officers and Pages to perform the “Morning Has Broken” Memorial Drill.

[“The Old Rugged Cross” sung by Mrs. Lesa Smith, Grand Soloist, District 3.]

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Morning has broken under the Texas sky. The birds are chirping and pecking their heads out for the new day. Deer are feeding. A low cloud of mist blankets the ground. It is a new day, a new beginning, a day of celebration. Our Heavenly Father has spread His grace over the land. Our dear departed Sisters and Brothers are now in the arms of our Heavenly Father. God’s light shines with His peace and understanding and makes everything right with the world.

Rising like the morning sun, bringing hope to everyone. Praise to the Lord, His work is done for Jesus is our Morning Sun.

Sister Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron, will bring the invocation.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Let us bow our heads in prayer.

Our Father, we pray Thy blessings upon this service lovingly dedicated to the memory of those whom Thou has called to life eternal. As we remember them in this quite hour, rekindle our hope, renew our courage and strengthen our faith. We thank Thee for their lives of unselfish service and dedication that built and promoted great Christian principles of our beloved order. Give us wisdom and courage to preserve these ideals and make them enduring instruments of service for Thee. We ask Thy tender compassion for their bereaved loved ones. May their faith in Thee find peace in Thy divine love. And now, our Father, bless and guide our footsteps to a life eternal where Thou has prepared a place for those who love Thee. Amen.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: First of all, I wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this most wonderful Grand Appointment. Thank you also for honoring my chapter, Beeville Chapter #422. It has been a great honor and experience to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas and its membership. After I accepted, I thought to myself that perhaps maybe I had stuck my neck out a little bit too much. But in the background I heard my Father’s voice say to me, “You can do anything you set your mind to.” So this is why I am standing here Texas proud before you. I hope I have filled this position to your expectation.

I attended 33 Schools of Instruction and almost as many Fraternal Visits, plus sever-

al roundups. I have traveled approximately 14,000 miles-plus to different Eastern Star events. It has been a worthwhile and most wonderful experience.

I dedicate this Memorial to Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron, and Bill Wyatt, Worthy Grand Patron, and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons that have served our Order over the years. It takes a lot of dedication, love and a lot of time to make the trip, and patience. And sometimes that runs a little thin. But they endure and trudge on, all for the betterment of our Order. We thank them from our hearts and appreciate their years of continued service.

We have lost two endearing and loving Past Grand Matrons this year: Sister Virginia Lynn Green and Sister Joyce Roberts. Our Texas Grand Chapter has lost 1338 members. We have received notice of the passing of 86 members of other Grand Jurisdictions, which includes a Worthy Grand Matron, 36 Past Grand Matrons and 34 Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, as well as a Grand Secretary Emeritus, one Grand Treasurer Emeritus, one Grand Sentinel, one Grand Trustee and one Grand Trustee Emeritus. Memorials were made from the Installed Grand Officers in memory of Brother John Paladino, husband of Past Grand Matron Elsie Paladino, and Sister Virginia Lynn Green and Sister Joyce Roberts. I have sent 88 memorials to the Grand Chapters of other Grand Jurisdictions and 204 cards of sympathy, get well and thinking of you to the members of our Texas Jurisdiction. I have been touched by those who have sent back a card of thanks for remembering me and for those that have come up to me personally here at Grand Chapter to thank me for the card from the Installed Grand Officers.

I was most honored to send a birthday card to Eunice Sanborne, a member of Jacksonville chapter who turned 115 years old on July 20 and holds the oldest living American title. How proud we are to have her as a member. [applause]

We pay respect to those who have gone before us from our General Grand family. We have lost one Worthy Grand Matron from the Jurisdiction of Alberta, Canada; 36 Past Grand Matrons and 34 Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions who are members of General Grand Chapter, plus five Distinguished Members. Our Sisters and Brothers came into the light of our world and extended their shining light by the great work they did for our beloved organization. This light of God's everlasting light guides us through our life and shines over us with His protective arm and guides our footsteps. He is the light of the world. Sister Rennie Ofon, Most Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Brother Glenn Whitaker, Past Grand Patron, will make the floral presentation in their memory.

Our Grand Chapter of Texas has lost two remarkable ladies who served as Worthy Grand Matrons with grace and dignity, Sister Virginia Lynn Green on February 6, 2010, and Sister Joyce Roberts, April 8, 2010. Their names are now recorded in our fraternal history, but let us remember they led great and good lives, and great and good lives never die. Sister Virginia Lynn Green served as Worthy Grand Matron 1992-1993 over the 111th session, "The Whispering of Angel Wings," with Brother Garland Rattan. Those we love must some day pass beyond our present sight, must leave us and the world we know without their beauty. But we know, like a beautiful candle, their glowing light will shine to brighten up another place more perfect, more divine. There she will shine so warm and bright, our dear one will live forever in God's eternal light

Sister Joyce Roberts was Worthy Grand Matron in 1976-1977 and presided at "The Sun, a Source of Light" session with Brother J. Harry Smithwick. Everyone loved this English warbride who came to live among us and became our Sister. When the setting sun has gone from sight, we know it is still there. The sun still shines, for though the sky is darkened, the sun still shines somewhere. When those we love have gone from earthly

sight, we know the spirit still lives on in God's love and His light.

It has been said that 2 Timothy 4:7 could have been written for Sister Virginia and perhaps for Sister Joyce too, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race and I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me a crown of righteousness." They fought life's arduous fight with stalwart soul, kindly in heart their life reached out to all. Upright in dealing, they achieved a goal, filled with grace and wisdom of the years, serene they moved to life's inevitable end, leaving a memory too deep for tears within the hearts of those who called them friends. Through the Eastern Star garden of flowers and fragrance and color and light we pass, there comes a sacred thought, There is no loss. What to us is gone is Heaven's gain, victory of Paradise.

Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Brother Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron, will make the floral presentation in their honor.

["It Is Well with My Soul" sung by Mrs. Kristy Mumme, Grand Soloist, District 5.]

We pay respect to all the wonderful members of our subordinate chapters who have gone into the light. We shall miss each and every one and we thank them for their many years of service to our Order. From the tree of life each leaf must fall, the green, the gold, the great, the small. Each one in God's own time, He'll call with perfect love. He gathers all. The chain will link again. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, we shall gather again. It is the bridge that we call love. We look at the sky in the quiet of the day, and they are never far. In some small or profound way they're closer than we know because it is their light that shines on our world. It is the brilliance of their souls that makes our morning sky glow. May peace shine down upon you and bring you comfort.

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Bess Caldwell, escorted by our Worthy Grand Patron, Bill Wyatt, will make the floral presentation.

We give thanks to our members who have served in our military keeping our nation safe on foreign soil and on our own. Eternal God, today we have come to pay a loving tribute to the memory of our brave soldiers, men and women who have given their lives for the defense of our country. Their service to our great nation helped us to make this land safe for all of us to worship as we choose, to serve, to live, to be free. May their hallowed memory inspire us to give our best wherever they may be called. Sister Joyce Nicklas, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Brother Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron, will make the floral presentation.

At this time I would just like to add, when we leave this memorial please leave reverently and quietly. Thank you.

[Playing of "Taps" by Mrs. Becky Austin, Grand Page to Grand Marshal.]

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 Draping the Altar.

["Amazing Grace" sung by Mrs. Caron Joseph, Grand Choir Director.]

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Teach us to pray with our hearts open to receive Thy wisdom. In Thy promise, Lord, Thou didst take away the bitter sting of parting. Grant us the will so to live that when our shadow hour approaches, we may be worthy and be ready to answer Thy call. Come thou, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of the Lord. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: We will now have our benediction by Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir, Past Matron of Franklin 311.

[“The Lord’s Prayer” sung by Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir, Past Matron, Franklin #311.]

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION
“Standing Tall in Texas” Session
August 7, 2010

8:00 a.m. Musical Prelude

Mrs. Jackie Stogner
Assisting Grand Organist

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Appeals and Grievance
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Nelson Campbell
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. I know that everyone is having a wonderful time visiting. Isn't it great to see those people who maybe we haven't had an opportunity to visit with since last Grand Chapter? But it is time to begin the business of this Grand Chapter session. We have had a wonderful prelude this morning by Mrs. Jackie Stogner. Certainly, she has gotten us started off with a toe-tapping time today, so we're going to have a good day because we have listened to her beautiful music.

I am so pleased to be serving with Brother Nelson Campbell this morning to open this Saturday morning “Standing Tall in Texas” session.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the “Our Beautiful Texas” drill. [Installed Grand Officers wore giraffe ears, horns and tails during the drill. Following the conclusion of the drill, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron did the Texas two-step as the Grand Officers retired.]

We will now have the Precision Drill. What a beautiful addition to the opening of this Grand Chapter session.

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. [Red roses presented to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron by the Grand Conductresses before beginning their trip to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that I present Sister Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bill Wyatt, 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 and Worthy Grand Patron, each one in this room this morning feels and are aware that you must be feeling great satisfaction at this very moment. Let me refer to the book of Hebrews, chapter 12, “Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” A year ago we witnessed your Installation as the leaders of our Order. We know with certainty that you have laid aside all the concerns that would distract you from your great responsibilities and that the year that lay ahead would be given your greatest and sincerest abilities. As you conclude the year of service, you may be feeling mixed emotions of relief, sadness and satisfaction. Some of us felt those same emotions. But, Worthy Grand Matron, in the years ahead you will receive great div-

idents; and, Worthy Grand Patron, you also will receive great joy and pleasure from having walked this way.

Through the year you admonished this audience to stand tall. Indeed, I think we have experienced spurts of growth as we reached for the higher meaning in lessons found in the Order of the Eastern Star. But now it is hoped that your admonishment has become a habit with all of us as we stand tall in Texas. We are proud of our heritage in this state and in the Eastern Star world itself. May I say without reservations, we are all very proud of both of you. Thank you for giving me this special moment to greet you.

We will now have words from Brother Nelson Campbell.

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Thank you, Sister Elsie. What a privilege it is to have been selected by this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to stand with you in the Grand East and assist you in opening this Saturday morning session of Grand Chapter. I was not privileged to attend your Grand Chapter session, but can you believe that it was 24 years ago today? I'll say this about you, Sister Elsie: If you presided like you have lived your life this past quarter century, and you have lived your life by never failing to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas in whatever position you were assigned, then we, the proud Texans, are the ones who benefitted from your service, and we sincerely thank you. [applause]

And now a tribute to our Texas proud Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess, who has presided so graciously over this splendid Grand Chapter and who has labored unceasingly for the administration of the law and the welfare of our beautiful Order. To our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill, who has faithfully stood tall and has been Texas proud beside our Worthy Grand Matron, we appreciate the service you have given to make this a most successful year. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I call this session to order and present to you your gavel for this session.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Thank you, Sister Elsie Paladino and Brother Nelson Campbell, for extending us the honor of opening our Saturday morning session. Sister Elsie, you have always been so gracious. Thank you for the love and support you've given us this year.

Brother Nelson, you know how to lift everyone up with your rendition of "I'll Fly Away." It is a special gift. We love it and we love you. Thank you for opening the session this morning. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Elsie, you are an elegant lady, and I have always admired your dedication.

Brother Nelson, we have been friends for many years, and we still consider you our best cheerleader. You both have honored us by opening this Saturday morning session. Thank you both. [applause]

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

Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call the "Standing Tall in Texas" 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 "Standing Tall in Texas" session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron, 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. [The Grand Chapter was proved.]

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

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

We will now look to God for our inspiration for today. Our invocation will be voiced by Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Let us pray. Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, we invoke Thy blessings on our deliberations and actions for this eventful day in the history of our beloved Order. Father, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving for Thy sustaining power of truth and love. We are deeply grateful to our leaders for their service to our Order and ask for Your mercies and Your grace in their personal lives. Lord, bestow wisdom upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as well as our entire membership during our times of anxiousness and help us to resolve any differences we may have that we may reach peaceful conclusions in all matters. We pray for our world leaders, as well as our church and state leaders and our armed forces while our problems mount. Lord, we pray that we may all be encompassed by the rule of truth and righteousness. Lord, we lovingly invite Your presence here today and thank You again for Your love and perfect care. Lord, it is in Thy Holy Name we pray. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we again want to thank you for your concern and cooperation. Many items of business still remain, and we are going to move along as rapidly as we possibly can. I want to remind you again to keep your ballot with your signed envelope. Many of you are not aware of this. In the event a question is raised, you will have your dues card with your valid signature on it and your credentials that you are a valid voter. You may show those two with your signature that this is definitely the ballot that was issued to you. This is just a precaution.

We plan to have our business session over in time so Sister Mary Ruth and Brother Arthur will be able to rest for just a few moments before the Installation. In order to do that, we must have your undivided attention as we plan on nominating Sister Mary Ruth White as close to ten o'clock as we possibly can.

I ask any Chairman who is giving a report and has not given it, and also anyone who is to be nominated for an elected position and the person doing the nominating, to make your way to the Grand East and be seated so we may have no delay.

At this time I recognize Sister Janlen Waclawczyk, General Chairman of the ESTARL Committee, to move the adoption of her report from last evening. How proud we are of the scholarships the Committee was able to give. Sister Janlen.

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: The following amount was received: \$2,824, through collections at the "Stand Tall in Your Faith" ESTARL program. Thank you again, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for this honor of serving our Grand Chapter. I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to accept the report of the ESTARL Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting this report of the ESTARL Committee, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Janlen, and your wonderful Committee for the service you have given to this Order.

I now recognize Sister Jean Thomas, Grand Chaplain, for the adoption of her report. Sister Jean.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: I move for the adoption of the report that I gave last night at the Memorial Program.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue card. All opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Jean, for that beautiful, inspirational and impressive Memorial Program last evening. I assure you it was an evening I shall not forget.

At this time we are going to go back to the Jurisprudence Committee and finish the amendments.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Good morning. It's nice to see all your bright and shining faces.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION NO. 1

If you will open your Advanced Report to Resolution No. 1. I believe that's found on page 56 of your Advanced Annual Report. You had a lot of practice yesterday, so I will tell you we have an amendment to the amendment. If you will look in your reports; go to page 56 and follow with me on Resolution No. 1.

The amendment to the amendment that has been presented to us is in proper form, and we do have three copies and legally signed. If you go down to just below the "whereas," it says, "Let it be known that pants/pantsuits would be limited to ankle length pants and that no denim/jean type fabrics would be acceptable." The amendment to the amendment is deleting the next two paragraphs where it says, "Let it also be known," strike that out. "Therefore, be it resolved: all female members," delete that out.

All right. Worthy Grand Matron, with that in order, we do find the amendment to the amendment in proper form and ready for the consideration of this Grand Chapter.

[Resolution No. 1 reads as follows in its entirety.]

RESOLUTION NO. 1 CHAPTER 15

WHEREAS our Code of Laws is silent regarding appropriate apparel to be worn by members while attending Chapter meetings. We have always conformed to the decision of our current Worthy Grand Matron, and

WHEREAS, it is becoming more apparent with each passing day that lifestyle changes are being made, which includes dress codes. We find nice suitable pant suits are now allowed in all avenues of business and places of worship. The wearing of pants/pant suits does not lessen the dignity of the wearer, and

WHEREAS, we have many sisters who would be better served if they were allowed to wear pants/pant suits to Chapter, due to health issues or other circumstances, and

WHEREAS, allowing pants/pant suits to be worn might actually increase the attendance at our Chapter meetings.

LET IT BE KNOWN that (pants) pant suits would be limited to ‘ankle length’ pants and that NO denim/jean type fabrics would be acceptable and

LET IT ALSO BE KNOWN that any sister serving as an installed officer of a Chapter would be required to wear dresses/skirts while serving in that capacity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;

All female members who are not currently serving in an office in their subordinate Chapters, shall be allowed to wear suitable dress slacks, pants, pant suits to stated or special meetings. **These pants shall not be made of any denim/jean type materials, and these pants shall be at least ankle length.**

Mary Calvert	Ruth James	Marion Lee Pierce
Carol Jackson	Pam Dean, Hawkins	Kathy Creel
Megan McKown	Vicki Hertenberger	Opal Martin
Robert Brownfield	Yvonne Brownfield	Ann Kelly
Darla Dunaway	Margaret Dansby	Sue Shoemaker
Marsha Currey	Debra Mulholland	Tonya Currey

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any discussion?

MRS. NANCY WOOD: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Nancy Wood. I’m a Past Matron of League City Chapter #621 and the signer of this amendment to the amendment. The reason we would like to strike that the Sisters serving as installed officers would be required to wear skirts, we are having such difficulty in our chapter not only getting members but getting officers to serve. I feel it would be detrimental.

Also, if there are chapters who need pro tem officers and the members are in pants, I don’t feel they would be able to pro tem as officers that evening. Many of our chapters cannot operate without pro tems.

Basically I was against this due to the fact that it would restrict our female members from being allowed to wear denim when our male members are able to wear denim in the chapters. I don’t think that it’s appropriate that our Worthy Patrons get up and preside in a pair of denim jeans and our female members can’t even wear pants. That was my logic behind the amendment to the amendment. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the Northwest.

MRS. JUDITH CROFT: I’m Judith Croft. I’m the Junior Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest. I have some problems with this too. I think we should be allowed to wear pants for lots of reasons. I’ve had both of my knees replaced. When it’s really cold outside, it’s really difficult for me to get around. I’m not the oldest member of my chapter.

I think that we should allow all of our female members — I know we’ve stricken that, but obviously the guys don’t wear skirts — to at least wear slacks on stated meeting nights. I think it’s the job of the Worthy Matron to tell someone if they’ve come to chapter inappropriately dressed. So if they’ve got on something that doesn’t look right and is too tight or is inappropriate fabric, that’s her job to tell them that. We have a lot of young women who work and who wear slacks every day to work, like my daughter who’s a member of our chapter. If they have to go home and change, it’s real easy to just sit down and decide it’s not worth the hassle and not go to chapter. We need to do everything we can to encourage our members to come and to encourage them to bring more members. As long

as their slacks are appropriate and are not leggings that are very revealing, I don't see why we shouldn't be able to do that. We're all adult females; we should be able to make those decisions. If we can't, we have a Worthy Matron in our chapter who can make it for us. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Before we go any further, to make sure that we do have a quorum, would you please raise your red cards. Thank you.

I recognize the gentleman.

MR. JERRY SANDERS: Worthy Matron, I'm Jerry Sanders, Junior Past Patron, Port Neches #677. Yes, I am dressed in denim today and I apologize. But our founder, Rob Morris, did not found a business, nor did he found a church, nor did he use as heroines conformists. Why should we conform to society? One day a month, two days a month we should all dress appropriately in dignity of the Order, not in dignity of the person.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the Northwest.

MRS. PRISCILLA LOCKE: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Priscilla Locke. I am a Past Matron of Glen Rose Chapter 171. While I am not against people who have medical problems and need to wear pants, to be able to wear slacks, nice slacks, and even serve as pro tems, I am against this whole thing because I think that ought to be up to the Worthy Matron of the chapter. I'm against this because I'm also a Mother Advisor of the Rainbow Girls. We are working really, really, really hard to teach these girls how to dress because a lot of them come to us and they don't even own a dress. We insist that they dress properly for all of their functions. If the Eastern Stars lower their standards, guess what I'm going to hear from these girls? And it's not going to be pretty.

But the first thing I think we need to think about is people like Millie Barbee. I know a lot of you remember Millie. Before she died, she went all over District 3 playing the piano. If you asked her was she cold, she'd lift her evening gown and show you her long johns.

Ladies, we can put on long johns under our dresses. If it's a short dress, they make them that come to your knees, and you don't have to be cold. Or you can have a blanket in the car and put it over your lap. I don't think anybody would worry about that.

But to lower our standards and not dress appropriately for our Order, I think would be demeaning to our Order. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. KRISTI MUMME: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I'm Kristi Mumme, a Past Matron of Wimodausis Chapter #141. I am against this amendment. Sisters and Brothers, this organization was founded for the ladies related to Masons. As such we should talk like ladies, act like ladies and dress like ladies. I am a working mother; I am a high school teacher. I have children 7 and 9. I'm Junior Past Matron, and I know on my chapter nights I have to boogie to pick my kids up and get to chapter. I put my chapter dress in my car. It's called responsibility. I am also the Pledge Mother of Rainbow Pledge Group #19, and I agree with the Sister who spoke a moment ago. We are supposed to be the models for these young ladies. And if we are going to lower our standards, they will as well.

I want to end with this. We are seeing this habit in America of lowering our standards. If we loosen our standards in Eastern Star, we will never get it back. We need to act, talk and dress like ladies. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the Northwest.

MRS. BETTY R. SCOTT: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Betty R. Scott, Past Matron of Groves Chapter #953. I wish to relate an incident that happened a number of years ago. We had several older ladies in our chapter, and we noticed that they were not attending

very often. So we called them and said, "Can we pick you up? We'll be happy to bring you," because a lot of people in that age bracket don't like to drive at night. The lady said to me, "Oh, I'm fine, but I have arthritis in my hands and I can't put on hose." That lady was never able to attend another chapter meeting for the rest of her life.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. WANDA VERNON GODSO: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, I'm Wanda Vernon Godso, Past Matron of League City Chapter #621, and past Grand Representative from Nevada to Texas, Grand Assembly of Texas, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

As a former Rainbow Girl, I know about being a lady because I was taught to be a lady. It doesn't matter what you wear, you can still be a lady. We are losing so many chapters and so many members. We need to remain modern, to remain relevant. And to attract members that's what we're going to have to do. It's not lowering our standards, but it's the ability to attract and continue to remain who we are and to grow.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I recognize the Sister in the Northwest.

MRS. DOROTHY LITTLEPAGE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Dorothy Littlepage, Past Matron of Texas Chapter #35. I call for a paper ballot.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: This will take two-thirds vote. At this time we will vote to see whether or not we will ballot or we will continue. If you want us to continue and close the ballot, would you raise your blue card. We're fixing to ballot; they asked for the question. We have to have two-thirds vote to do this. [confers]

Okay. Sisters and Brothers, we still have to vote to have a paper ballot. All in favor of having a paper ballot, raise your blue card. All of those opposed raise your blue card. We will not have a paper ballot on that.

I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. JANE JOHNSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron: I'm Jane Johnson, Past Matron of Burnet Chapter 425. First of all, I'd like to recognize that I love the appearance of the formals, the dresses, and I have no problem with that. However, I have a big concern that Eastern Star is losing membership, and we're not getting any of the new ones in. None of the people that I work with wear dresses. When I wear a dress, they know I'm going to a meeting. I'm concerned because I want this Order to continue. If there's some way that we can find common ground by letting the Worthy Matron who knows the atmosphere of her chapter know whether it's appropriate or not. For instance, it may not be appropriate in the big cities. However, it may be appropriate in the farmlands.

A second thing is, I asked the Masons of our Lodge what they thought. They don't understand why we feel like we have to wear dresses to be ladies. I act like a lady, and, by gosh, they treat me like a lady even when I'm in pants. When I help them with their fundraisers, they don't expect me to show up in a dress, and they still treat me like a lady. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the West.

MRS. YVONNE SMITH: I'm Yvonne Smith, Past Matron of Zapata Chapter #1106. When Rob Morris started this organization, no woman wore pants. They all wore dresses. We have come a long way since then. We are no longer following covered wagons across the prairie. Our ministers that are ladies very often wear pants when they are in the pulpit. Our Secretary of State and high officers of the country wear pantsuits. Our CEOs of companies that are female wear pantsuits. Pantsuits and slacks are the dress of the land on many occasions. If you feel you want to wear a dress to chapter, fine. But let's not have

the occasion where a new member that someone has forgotten to mention to them thou must wear dresses comes to chapter the first time and is frowned upon and offered some cheesy skirt or told to go home and change your clothes, and we never see them again. Let's come into the 21st century and deal with this.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. IRIS LOWE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Iris Lowe, Past Matron of Brazoria Chapter #74. I move for the previous question.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The previous question has been moved and we have a second on amendment number 1. This is not a debatable or amendable motion. All in favor to call for the question, vote by your blue card. Those opposed.

Now we're going to ballot upon amendment number 1. [confers] Sisters and Brothers, we're going to vote upon the amendment to the amendment. All in favor, please raise your blue card. Those opposed.

Let's back up and stand on this. Those in favor, please stand with your blue cards. I'm not sure you understand what I'm asking for. I'll ask the Parliamentarian to clarify this.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Sisters and Brothers, we're voting on the amendment to the amendment. If you'll go to page 57, the "Let it be known that pants/pantsuits," that line would be deleted. "Let it also be known that any sister," etc., would be deleted. "Therefore, be it resolved" would be deleted. So that is what you're voting on, the amendment to the amendment to resolution number 1.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Those in favor, please stand with your blue card. You may be seated. Those against.

It has not been deleted.

I recognize the Brother in the West.

MR. TOBY LYTLE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Toby Lytle, a Past Patron of Spring Chapter 1105. If I understand parliamentary procedure correctly, we are now in discussion for an amendment, or are we now in discussion for the resolution as amended — no, that failed. What I'm trying to find out is can discussion continue on the resolution?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Toby, the resolution is not amended.

MR. TOBY LYTLE: All right. We voted for that — debate was cut off and we voted for that. Can we now have discussion on the resolution?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Toby, there can be, yes.

MR. TOBY LYTLE: Yes, we can have discussion?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, we can have discussion.

MR. TOBY LYTLE: I would like to say a few things about this resolution. One is, did you listen yesterday when the Mayor of Amarillo welcomed us — or the day before yesterday? She called us leaders, not followers. Do we want to be leaders or do we want to be followers? Certainly they have changed — the world has changed. When I first went to work, ladies wore hats and gloves to work. Took them off, went through the day and put them back on. I have no problem with pantsuits. But the only problem that we have as Eastern Stars in our meetings will be the second or third meeting you're down to flip-flops and cutoffs. I'm sorry, ladies. You just do it every time.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, let's be kind.

I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. KATHY CREEL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Kathy Creel, Past Matron of Plano Chapter #703. We are in the 21st century. Yes, I am one of the signers of this resolution. We need to move up into this century. We are one of the few organizations in the world that does not allow women to wear pants or slacks. I'm in the business world. I

always look professional. I'm one that tries to push the envelope sometimes, I do realize that. But we are professional women whether we work at home or in an office. We need to dress professional. That does not mean we will wear thongs — that is on the feet, flip-flops. I think women know that we all need to dress professionally when we come to our meetings. That includes the men. This isn't only for the women. The men need to dress professionally also. We all need to take pride in how we look. I as a woman believe I always look professional when I go to a meeting. I sometimes may look better in a pantsuit. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the Northwest.

MRS. BETTY MUGG: I'm Betty Mugg, a Past Matron of Ransford #135. I would like to speak in favor of this resolution. I am in favor of women wearing pants. We are fortunate in our chapter — we have a number of young women who are members of our chapter, my daughter being one of them. She's 22 years old and has been a member since she was 18. Yes, she was a Job's Daughter and learned to dress properly. But, you know, it's really hard to find a skirt that's of an appropriate length. It's hard to find a skirt at all in the stores. I went shopping last week looking for a new skirt to come here. And, honey, I couldn't find one that would cover my knees. So I'm wearing old clothes.

But, anyway, my daughter, as I said, is 22. She doesn't wear skirts that come close to her knees. If anybody has sat across the room from somebody wearing a short skirt ... yeah, okay. I had much rather see her wear dress pants. I think it looks appropriate; I think it looks nice; it looks business like. Our Secretary of State wears pantsuits constantly. And I love it when people tell me to wear a church dress. You know, I haven't worn a skirt to church in years. I go in jeans. Eastern Star dress, yes, I do wear a dress. But I am in favor of this because I know members that are much older than I that do not come to chapter, that don't come to chapter because they can't cover their legs. So I'm in favor of this.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Janlen Waclawcayk. I am a Past Matron of Bexar Chapter #616. I am opposed to this amendment. Yes, I was a Rainbow Girl and I was raised as a Rainbow Girl to know — I may not wear pantyhose because to me that's in modern times — but I was raised to wear a dress, wear a slip and to dress like a lady. Seriously, people, do you think that we're losing membership because we're not wearing pants? Come on! That's my one question to you. If you think that we're losing membership because we're not wearing pants, then maybe we all need to sit down as a membership and regroup and ask ourselves why are we really, really losing membership.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I recognize Sister Naomi Wolfe.

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: My name is Naomi Wolfe, and I am the Worthy Matron of Andral Vann chapter and a dual member of Spring chapter. I am opposed to this amendment. I have been a member as of July fifty years and I have never had a problem wearing a dress to chapter. That's the grace and dignity of our Order. It makes us different. When we're saying that we need to be like this or that person, we need to be the Eastern Star that we are, that's sitting in this assembly room today and to hold the beliefs and the dignity that we carry. Please vote against this amendment. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. NATALIE CALVEY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Natalie Calvey; I'm the Worthy Matron of Wimodausis Chapter #141. I also am opposed to this amendment. I will be initiating my 20- and 22-year-old daughters on Monday night. They are both aware that they have to wear skirts or dresses. They own them, not many. It's true

that it's not common attire for young ladies this day and age, but they do own dresses. They're able to find them. I'm glad that the Star is providing this example for them.

I'm also a leader in an international corporation, and I can tell you we face challenges on a daily basis with some of the women who wear pants or what they call slacks to work. It does have an impact, so I can see us facing the same challenge in the Star of what one person deems appropriate in slacks may be entirely different from somebody else. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. IRIS LOWE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Iris Lowe, Past Matron of Brazoria Chapter #74. I move for the previous question.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The previous question is moved and seconded on resolution number 1. This is not debatable. All in favor of the previous question, closing the debate, please raise your blue cards. Those opposed. Thank you. We will proceed.

Sisters and Brothers, we're about to ballot upon resolution number 1. All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Thank you. Those opposed. Thank you.

I'm going to ask you to please stand. All those in favor, please stand and raise your blue card. I think we can get a better count. Thank you. Those against, please raise your blue card and stand. It was defeated.

We're getting close to time for our elections. If you will please start setting up the tables on the sides for the Tellers.

A couple of announcements. The Bank of America has notified the Grand Chapter of Texas that after August 9, 2010, they will not pay a rebate on the Eastern Star credit card. We want to thank the membership for their use of the card in the past, but to be aware that after August 9th Eastern Star will not receive a dividend.

Also, Sisters and Brothers, we're going to extend the cutoff time for the diamond ring that the Board of Directors has. It has been extended to 12 noon.

I would ask the Deputy Grand Matrons to pass out the pencils at this time and be prepared to pass the ballot boxes.

While we're doing this, I would ask the Grand Choir if they would like to sing to us. [applause following "Yellow Rose of Texas"]

As many of you are aware, Frances Burbank has announced that she is a candidate for the Grand Secretary. Frances has served Grand Chapter graciously in many capacities over the years, including serving ten years as Grand Secretary. A law was passed in 1971 at the 89th "Key To Faith, Kindness and Humility" session of Grand Chapter in Austin that the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall have a term limit of ten years. Our Sister Frances has satisfied this term limit and is therefore ineligible to serve any longer as Grand Secretary. If anyone wishes to read the article pertaining to this legislation, you will find it on page 52 of the Code of Laws, article number 7. Our members are grateful to Sister Frances for offering her service; we appreciate those who are always ready and willing to help our Grand Chapter. Thank you.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, it has been brought to my attention that we have some emergency legislation pertaining to this situation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. The membership will vote whether or not we will use this legislation. If you wish to have the legislation presented, would you please stand and raise your blue card. Thank you. Those opposed. Thank you. We will hear this legislation.

I recognize Sister Elise Hammack.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: So the membership will know, this is in legal form and

we do have three copies. Thank you.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This is an emergency amendment to the Code of Laws which you're allowing us to consider, Division 4, Chapter 2, Article 7. This is simply to allow the person that we've discussed to be on the ballot.

Whereas, our Code of Laws in Article 7 states that the tenure of office for the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer shall be limited to a total of ten years; whereas, there is not a definitive interpretation of the ten-year limitation; and, whereas, the records of Grand Chapter are not only dependent upon the prudent management and stewardship of our Grand Secretary, but also upon a person with professional knowledge of managing an office in a proficient and timely manner, while interacting on a daily basis with the general membership; and, whereas, the decision by the current Grand Secretary to withdraw from this year's election was made less than 90 days prior to the convening of this session, and official notification to the membership at large was not made until the July Bulletin thereby limiting those that might be interested in allowing their name to be nominated adequate time to make an informed and prudent decision relative to their candidacy for the office of Grand Secretary; therefore, we ask that Article 7 be set aside for a period of not more than three years and no less than one year to allow a previously elected member to allow their name to be nominated for the position, allow time for the Jurisprudence Committee to bring legislation to further define the ten-year recommendation by the recently completed review of the Grand Secretary's office. This exception is to take effect immediately upon adoption by this Grand Chapter. The proponents are Elise Hammack, Jack Guy, Pat Winkleblack, Linda Carney, Karen Morgenthaler, H. Lee Stallings and Marita Lewis.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Elise. I recognize Sister Rosemary Swetland.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Perhaps we could just take a second to clarify to our membership what we're really trying to accomplish here. We're not supporting any particular candidate. We're trying to clarify the Code of Laws, article number 7. If you're with me, it's on page 52 in your Constitution. But a little history. Over thirty years ago, Sister Katherine Poulis put this amendment into practice. Her thinking at that time was the tenure of a Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer should be no more than ten years. That's a tenure, a space of time. As that is done, that Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer needs to step down and allow someone else to serve in that position. That was the basis of this amendment over thirty years ago.

Now like the Board of Directors, they have a tenure of five years. When that five years is up, they must step aside. However, our law clearly states that they may come back and serve later after they've rested a little period, and that has been done.

So let me call to your attention two things that are not showing in this amendment, and this is why we wanted to take this action today because it's not clear. The first thing, it does not state a one-time-only tenure. It's not there. It just says "tenure." And it does not state that after a resting period of ten, or fifteen, or twenty years, however many, that a member cannot be elected again to serve in the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer's position. So we have a gray area, and you are the governing body of this Grand Chapter. You can say it's not clear enough, and we'd like to go ahead and allow anyone to be nominated today, whether they've served or not.

We hope that you'll take this into consideration, and I hope that has explained the purpose of all of this today. It's just a gray area; it's not clear. Thank you for your time. Thank

you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Rosemary. Is there any other discussion? I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. BRENDA SMITH COSTELLO: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Brenda Smith Costello, Past Matron of Bandera Chapter #643. I feel that this legislation could have been rectified without it being emergency legislation. I feel that we have a qualified candidate to move us forward in our Grand Secretary's office and that if we need to change our Constitution to fix gray areas that that needs to be done in a timely manner like all other resolutions and amendments are supposed to be done, according to our Constitution and Code of Laws. I am against bringing this to a vote at this time and against this emergency legislation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Is there any other discussion?

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Matron of Duncanville #1014. Just for clarification, please. The amendment to allow a candidate to run, is this limiting the candidates that we have in our book to be limited to a term of the unexpired or remaining ten years, which is three years of our present Secretary? Are these candidates that are listed, are they limited to the remaining — unfinished term of the three years?

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Let me make sure I understand your question again. Would you —

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Our present Grand Secretary just has three years left; is that correct, Nell?

GRAND SECRETARY: Four.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Are we making this a four-year term or whomever is elected may serve ten years from this point if they are elected today?

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: I believe the resolution stated not less than, not more than three.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: I beg your pardon?

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: The resolution stated not less than one year, not more than three for this particular resolution.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: The reason they came with emergency legislation, it was past the 100-day ruling to do anything about the Constitution or anything, so that's the reason it was presented as emergency legislation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Brother in the Northwest.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Arthur Drescher. I'm a Past Patron of Dal-Cliff 574. Just for clarification, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer do not have a term. They are elected every year, one year at a time. "Tenure" means they can be elected up to ten times. So we're not filling an unexpired term. Every year they are elected, so it's a single — is that not right, Sister Betty?

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: I'm sorry. We get to discussing up here. The question again, please?

I'm sorry. The one year meaning every year they have to be elected; is that what you stated?

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Yes. This is not an unexpired term.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Right. You are correct.

Also, while ago I did state Constitution when I said could not get it into change the laws or the Constitution. This is under the Code of Laws. I did not want to lead you astray.

Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the Southwest.

MRS. JEANINE JOHNSON: I'm Jeanine Johnson, Past Matron of Burnet Chapter 425. The only thing I see about this — I am not campaigning for one candidate or the other. However, if we had known that Nell was fixing to retire soon — and I know this is earlier than the expected date — we as an organization should have been looking at this prior to now. The only concern I have is we are making an exception to our Constitution that if we were really doing this correctly, we would have to vote two years to get it passed. That's my only concern on this.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: I'm sorry, I misled you. That's the reason I just made the statement. It is not under the Constitution; it is under the Code of Laws and can be taken care of immediately.

MRS. JEANINE JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you. I apologize, I'm hard of hearing and sometimes don't hear everything.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Brother in the Northwest.

MR. TOBY LYTLE: I am Toby Lytle, Past Patron of Spring #1105. I am opposed to emergency legislation to accommodate one candidate. That's beginning to sound like we're the federal government and Congress. I have no opposition to the candidate whatsoever. I consider her to be a friend. But I am opposed to emergency legislation. This has been on the books for years. If it's all of a sudden such a big problem, why didn't we change it earlier?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Vi Griffin.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Vi Griffin, a Past Matron of Anahuac Chapter 649. My question is: In the provisions that we have in place to change our Code of Laws, it states it becomes law immediately following the close of the session at which it is approved. So is there a different timeline for the effectiveness of emergency legislation?

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: That is the purpose the emergency legislation was written like it was, that it becomes immediately on the ballot.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Okay. Then maybe we need to change this to say when it becomes effective too.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Yes.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: But not right now.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Lee Stallings.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Lee Stallings, a Past Patron of Friendswood Chapter #1131. Sisters and Brothers, I just want to clarify a couple of things. First of all, the reason that we're talking about this today is it has never happened before. There are a lot of contradictions in our Constitution and Code of Laws, particularly in our Code of Laws here today. It says that the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer can only serve a total of ten years. It doesn't say that there's a period of delay or they can't serve again. That needs to be clarified.

All the amendment asks you to do today is to allow a qualified candidate to be on the ballot. It doesn't ask you to vote for that candidate. So what we're trying to do is just prepare. It is legislation I believe that is needed or I wouldn't have signed it. But it just gives you the opportunity to vote for every candidate, and then you make the choice among those candidates who you think can do the best job. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any other discussion?

Sisters and Brothers, we're going to ballot. If you are in favor of this emergency leg-

isolation, would you please raise your blue cards. Thank you. Those opposed.

Okay, Sisters and Brothers. Let's go back and stand up. We can see better. Those for this legislation to be admitted, would you please stand and hold your blue cards. Thank you. Those against.

Sisters and Brothers, it did not pass.

Sisters and Brothers, we are aware that the Constitution states that the election will begin at 10 a.m. We will now have a final report from the Credentials Chairman. I recognize Sister Sarah Coursey, Chairman of the Credentials.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MRS. SARAH COURSEY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron:

First I wish to thank the following - Carl Unlaub and the Arrangements committee for all their help in getting our booth set up and functional. Mike Larson, Registration Committee Chairman, for all his help and patience these few weeks in helping me prepare the Credentials for Grand Chapter. Both Credentials and Registration committees have worked diligently together, we've had fun and made new friends. And I would also like to thank Charlotte Beall, Grand Secretary's Office for all her assistance. Lastly, you the membership, for your patience with us. We appreciate all your smiles and kindness.

The Credentials Committee consisted of:

District 1

Ben Day

Tonya Foster

Barbara Wood

District 2

Margie Curry

District 3

Ginger Bird

Betty Kitchens

District 5

Vickie Matthews

Total number of Chapters in Texas -	392
Number of Chapters required for a Quorum -	98
Chapter Representative Packets -	306

Number of Votes	#1	933	
	#2	287	574
	#3	99	297
	1319	1804	

Ballots Issued - 1319

Grand Total of Votes - 1804

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Valkus Coursey
Credentials 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 Credentials Committee. Is there any discussion? All in favor of accepting this report of the Credentials Committee, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Motion carried.

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, may I give this Committee some kudos? We all need kudos, don't we, members? Some of you don't know, but Credentials and Registration and the office, we come in on Monday. We are here working bright and early on Tuesday morning so that things are prepared for you. I just wanted you to know that this group worked so diligently. We worked really hard. They are so great. Give them a really big hand because they work hard. [applause]

MRS. SARAH COURSEY: I'm going to say, Worthy Grand Matron, I came in on Sunday and I worked all day Sunday with Mike.

GRAND SECRETARY: Yes, ma'am, you were working when we got here.

MRS. SARAH COURSEY: I want to ask one question. I've got computers and stuff outside that I need to take care. I want to be allowed to come back in some place —

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, ma'am.

MRS. SARAH COURSEY: Even if they're voting, I want in. Who's going to let me in? These girls and boys are going to stay, but I'm not.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have signs where you can go in and come out.

MRS. SARAH COURSEY: If I come in that back door, is that all right?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: If it's unlocked, you can. If you go out, some of the doors are locked and you will not be able to get back in.

MRS. SARAH COURSEY: I do need to put my stuff up; I've got a man guarding it now. And Mike does too.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, ma'am. Y'all will be allowed to come back in.

Thank you, Sister Sarah, for an excellent job. I knew when you accepted this position, you would perform your duties with the efficiency and perfection with which you do everything. Thank you and your Committee for all this hard work. [applause]

I am pleased to recognize the Committee who has labored diligently for months to properly register those in attendance at this Grand Chapter session. They have given of their time and their energy to serve this wonderful membership. Would the Registration Committee please come forward. I recognize Mr. Mike Larson, Chairman of the Registration Committee for this report.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

MR. MIKE LARSON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

The Registration Committee wishes to thank the membership for their patience during this Grand Chapter session. A special thanks to Sarah Coursey and the members of the Credentials Committee, with whom it was a pleasure to work. We also wish to thank the Grand Secretary, her staff and the Arrangements Committees for all the assistance provided to us.

I now report the final results of the Registration Committee for the 2010 Grand Chapter Session:

Total Pre-Registration	1,622
Registrations at Grand Chapter	154
Total Registrations	1,776

Out of State Pre-Registration	131
Registration at Grand Chapter	13
Total Out of State Registration.....	144
Other Grand Jurisdictions Represented	31
TMRC Registrations	8
Total Registration Fees Collected and Delivered to the Grand Secretary's Office ..	\$17,770

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Larson
Registration Chairman

Dallas Alford Co-Chairman, Emily Biddler, Loretta Booth, Sherry Dieckmann, Ann Dunn, Betty Hancock, Terri Hugo Deneice Marshall, David Ouellette, Brenda Ruiz and Jo Ann Snow.

Elaine Batchelor and Sheila Nowell were unable to attend.

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Registration Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adopting the report of the Registration Committee, please raise your blue card. Are there any opposed? Motion adopted.

Thank you, Brother Mike, and your Committee for all of your hard work. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, we're fixing to ballot. We must make intelligent choices. The member elected to the office of Grand Secretary shall be limited to a total of ten years. The Sister elected to Associate Grand Conductress today will be our Worthy Grand Matron in three years. The members elected to the Board of Directors serve for five years. The Board of Grand Examiners may serve as many terms as they are elected. Again, we solicit your cooperation and participation.

Sisters and Brothers, we want to be kind and courteous to each one whose name is placed in nomination for any office. The Arrangements Committee has prepared signs with each candidate's name already printed on them. These names are the same size and spelled correctly. The candidates drew earlier for their order on the ballot and to be nominated. As each is nominated, the name will be placed upon the board. If you cannot see the board, please let us know at this time. And where are the boards? [laughter]

While they're doing that, I am pleased to appoint those who will be operating the computers, which will be Mark Dieckmann and Jack Friend. Sisters and Brothers, we have such experienced, professional operators, we hope to expedite the election returns.

It is with pleasure that I present Brother Lee Stallings who will give the instructions, and we will proceed with the election of all of who have allowed their names to be submitted for a place of service to our Order. We want you to know how much we appreciate your willingness to serve. Dear ones, please know that you have already won because you have had the opportunity to get to know our wonderful membership. We wish, if it were possible, that all of you would win, but we know that is not possible. Our love and best wishes go to each of you.

Brother Lee.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, our Code of Laws contain specific instructions concerning elections. Let us briefly review those instructions now. When making nominations, 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 this Grand Chapter may be nominated for more than one office for any one session of Grand Chapter. If only one candidate is nominated, the election may be by acclamation, which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated, the election may be by ballot upon the official forms furnished to the voting delegates during registration. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. If on any ballot, no candidate has received a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In case there is a tie for the lowest number of votes and there are at least two other candidates receiving higher number of votes, then all candidates tied for the lowest number of votes shall be dropped.

Subject to these regulations, the election shall proceed until some candidate receives a majority of all votes cast. The results for all elections shall be declared by the presiding officer, which is our Worthy Grand Matron.

There are some additional instructions. The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels have been instructed, according to our law, that no one is allowed to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room while a ballot is being taken unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be cooperative and understanding in this regard, and know that if you are caught outside during a ballot and are denied admission, our people are only faithfully performing the duties which they have been assigned to perform.

Do not leave your seat without all of your credentials. This includes your signed envelope with your ballots, your badge and your 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 Grand Chapter room after the ballot has been declared open will not be allowed to reenter until the ballot has been closed. The Assistant Grand Sentinels must step inside the room to cast their ballots. The ballot boxes must not leave the Grand Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside the door where they are stationed. The Assistant Grand Warder in each case will open the door, and when the Pages approach, the Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside, deposit their ballots in the Teller boxes and return to their stations outside the door.

Sisters and Brothers, there are some exceptions to this rule. These are the Registration and Credentials Committees, which are hard-working Committees that just have given their reports and they're still outside working. They will be allowed to enter the Grand Chapter between section number 124 and 125 on the second level to cast their votes. The doors will be opened by the Assistant Grand Warder; the Page will approach the door, always remaining inside the Grand Chapter room, and only members of the Registration and Credentials Committees will be allowed to step inside the door, deposit their ballots in the Teller boxes and step back outside the Grand Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels will ensure that no one else is allowed to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room while a ballot is open.

When you registered, you were given an envelope with seven ballots inside. There is an A, B and C ballot, which are candidate ballots and have the candidates' names listed. Then there is the H and K ballots which are ballots to be used for the election of the Grand Secretary and to fill the unexpired position on Board of Directors District 1. When using the H and K ballots, you will need to write the name of the candidate of your choice. The H and K ballots will be hand counted. And, lastly, there is the Y and Z ballots which are for or against ballots which will be used for other votes if required.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, your votes are important to you, your chapter, to the candidates and to our Order. Do not mark any ballot until you have been instructed to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron. She will announce the number of the ballot to be marked and will declare the ballot open. Then mark your ballot. Remember, please use only #2 pencils. The #2 pencils were not included in the envelope with your ballot, but #2 pencils have been passed out. If you didn't receive a pencil, let us know.

To vote, you must carefully blacken the rectangle to the left of the candidate's name of your choice. To write in a name, blacken the rectangle to the left and write the name of your choice in the space provided for that purpose, except on ballots H and K where you will write the name of your choice only.

When voting for the candidates, please vote for only one candidate for each position. If you vote for two candidates for the same position, your vote for that race will be void. When the Worthy Grand Matron declares the ballot open, the Pages will pick up the ballot boxes on the Grand Chapter floor and proceed to pick up the ballots in their respective areas. Since the rows are narrow, which will prevent the Pages from walking between the rows of seats, our Worthy Grand Matron has agreed that the ballot boxes may be passed down the aisles. The Pages are requested to carefully watch the ballot boxes as they are passed. Sisters and Brothers, we do trust you; we know that you want a fair and accurate election. We will release the boxes, and as they are passed down the row, simply place your ballot in the box face down. Please do not fold your ballots. Also, our scanner does not like candy, gum, moisture or dirt. Your cooperation will speed the scanning process.

We would ask that the Pages be the only ones in the aisles during the collection of the ballots as the doors will not be opened until the Pages have returned to the Grand Chapter floor and are located in front of the Teller tables.

When the ballot has been closed by the Worthy Grand Matron, the Pages will place the contents of their ballot boxes in front of the Tellers. As you can see, there have been six tables placed on the Grand Chapter floor. The Worthy Grand Matron will direct the Pages as to which table they will use to deposit the ballots. Let me repeat this. No one can cast more than one ballot. Each ballot is to be placed face down in the ballot box for secrecy. No one can leave the chapter room and ask another person to deposit their ballot for them.

After the presiding officer declares the ballot open and nominations are completed, then the Pages will begin to collect the ballots in the sections they are assigned. When all ballots have been collected, they will proceed to the Teller tables and place the ballots in front of the Tellers.

The Table Judges which the Worthy Grand Matron will name will observe the processing of the ballots. The scanning system will be used to tabulate some of our ballots. In case a ballot is rejected, we will review the ballot in an attempt to determine the intent of the voter. As an example, Sisters and Brothers, someone may mark their ballot for one candidate, then change their mind and want to vote for another candidate, then try to erase the first mark. Please be aware that some of our pencils do not have erasers, but the Pages are going to have pencils with erasers. If you mismark your ballot and want to change your vote, just hold up your hand and a Page will get a pencil to you.

You may not be able to completely erase your first vote, and the machine may not be able to recognize it in that race. But if it obvious that someone has tried to erase their first ballot and then voted for another candidate, it will be considered a valid ballot if we can determine the intent of the voter. If there is a blank line for a write-in, blacken the box to the left of the write-in name also. The machine will not pick up the name, but will pick up

the marked box. We can read the name of the write-in. If the machine kicks out the ballot, we will hand count it.

Do not mark more than one box for any one position. If more than one position requires a second ballot, the voting delegates will be directed to which ballot to use and the name of the remaining candidates given.

The Worthy Grand Matron does not desire to separate the voting delegates from the nonvoting delegates. In order to expedite this, however, I would ask that those voting delegates that are seated high in any section please come down as low as possible to make it easier for the Pages to collect your ballots.

Only three people will be allowed in the area of the ballots while the ballot is being tabulated. This area is located in the southeast. They are myself, Brother Mark Dieckmann and Brother Jack Friend who will operate the scanner and the computer used to tabulate the results. If you have questions or concerns while the scanning and tabulating process is being accomplished, the Worthy Grand Matron is going to appoint a Past Grand Matron to be seated in the southeast. If you have any concerns or questions, just take those concerns or questions to the Past Grand Matron who will relay them to me.

Remember, you may vote only one time. Your ballot which you were given in your individual registration packet is your ballot. It should always be in your possession and no one is allowed to vote twice.

Worthy Grand Matron, would you please appoint the Tellers, the Adding Machine Operators and the Table Judges.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Lee.

Those assisting as Table Judges will be: Table #1, Sister Sharon Fentress and Brother Jerry Trees; Table #2, Brother Jerry Martin and Sister Joyce Gilbert; Table #3, Sister Joyce Nicklas and Brother Glenn Whitaker; Table #4, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Sister Jane Gregory and Brother Ray Hertenberger; Table #5, Brother Ed Warner and Sister Beulah Speer; Table #6, Brother Harold Trammell and Sister Jimmie Lee McMahan.

Adding machines will be manned by Sister Carolyn Orum and Sister Lesa Smith.

Please assume your positions at the table and let me know when you have a table full.

Tellers for Table #1: Carolyn Bell, Mike Bidler, James Joyce, Joann Glenn, Alphine Gresser, Marilyn Knowton, Montie Crawford, Bud Story, Polly McCamey and Joan Miller.

I'm going to ask Sister Wanda Fairchild if she will be the supervisor for the computers. Thank you.

Table #2: Wanda Hosmer, Pat Staley, Judith Abernathy, Lou Carmichael, Lometa Romaine, Bertha Fincher, Carrie Woods, Butch McMane, Cindy Brisko, Sandra Power.

Table #3: Laverne Hobbs, Barbara McNair, Claude Lindley, Gilbert Champion, Ann Cornelius, Barbara Brooks, Jim Houston, Joyce Falwell, Marian McAlester, Trey Smith.

Table #4: Carolyn Cobb, Claudette Allen, Addie Taylor, Sammie Porter, Nelda Elf, Donna Hayes, Jerry Davis, Marjorie Lowery, Sharon Cobb, Sally Howard.

Table #5: Ramona Kirkpatrick, Joyce DeBeer, Frank Rockabrand, Barbara Brooks, Darrell Fogarty, Jeanie Green, Bonita McElroy, Dixie Whitsell, Ann George, Michael Fincher.

Table #6: Sharon London, Yvonne Smith, Marjorie Hatley, Andi Martin, Cindy Newberry, Carolyn Hildebrand, Wanda Vaughn, Hoyt Elrod, Debbie McKnight.

If your table is not complete, would you show fingers of how many you need.

Bonnie Mathison and Liz Timmons, go to Table #2.

Joyce needs seven. Kenlyn Lawrence, Harold Trayler, Jean James, Frank Randall,

Kathleen Bailey.

Table #6: Ray Hargis, Evelyn Berry, Judy Lunsford, Sandra Losak, Robert Livingston, Peggy Saxton.

Sisters and Brothers, I would also like to appoint Sister Debbie Miller to work with the computers. Thank you.

Table #1, we have Betty Kitchens, Joyce Gillette, Studie Poole.

Table #6: Deborah Land, Sherry Thompson, Yank Wilson, Paul Sadler.

For Table #3, Glenda Mite.

Table #2: Priscilla Locke.

For a Table Judge on Table #5, I'm going to ask Sister Doris Hester.

Marcia Curry, #4.

Table #2: Mary Harvey.

Table #3: Barbara Trammell, Bettie Craig, Susie Carpenter and Ann Blanton.

Table #5: Annette Clark, Wanda Carter, Ruby Wilson.

Sheryl Kolteman, Joyce Smith, Bobby Dodd, Darlene Robinson, Linda Cote, Red Campbell, Kathy Cruz, #6.

#1, Anita Durden, Runelle Gerald, Phyllis Wilson.

Dorothy White, Oleta Cornelius, Jimmy Williams. #2.

Okay. Table #1, you're fine. Table #2, are you complete? Table #3, are you complete? Table #4, are you complete? Table #5, complete? Table #6?

Thank you. I appreciate each of you for serving.

Sisters and Brothers, the time has arrived. Make sure the doors are secure, Brother Grand Sentinel and Brother Grand Warder.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I now declare the elections open for the ensuing year.

Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Bess Caldwell.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Bess Madison Caldwell, a Past Matron of Cora Posey Chapter #1072. I would like to place the name of Sister Mary Ruth White, a Past Matron of Ransford Chapter #135, for the office of Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Mary Ruth White 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 Mary Ruth White for the office of Worthy Grand Matron will say aye. Those opposed, no.

Sister Mary Ruth White, you have been elected Worthy Grand Matron for the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: With much gratitude to this Grand Chapter, I accept. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I return the gavel to you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Bill Wyatt.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Bill Wyatt, Past Patron of Pine Tree Chapter 1090. I would like to place the name of Brother Arthur Drescher, a Past Patron of Dal-Cliff Chapter 574 and Lewisville Chapter 935, for the office of Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Arthur Drescher has been nominated for

the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Brother Arthur Drescher for the office of Worthy Grand Patron for the ensuing year, say aye. Those opposed, no.

Brother Arthur Drescher, you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much excitement and a grateful heart I accept. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Mary Ruth White, a Past Matron of Ransford Chapter #135. I would like to place in nomination the name of Vi Griffin, a Past Matron of Anahuac Chapter, for the office of Associate Grand Matron for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Vi Griffin 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 Vi Griffin for the office of Associate Grand Matron say aye. Those opposed no.

Sister Vi Griffin, you have been elected Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I accept. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Barbara Jean Babcock.

MRS. BARBARA JEAN BABCOCK: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Barbara Jean Babcock, Worthy Matron of Dal-Cliff Chapter #574 in Dallas. It's my honor and pleasure to place in nomination the name of David Dibrell, a Past Patron of Dal-Cliff #574, for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother David Dibrell 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 David Dibrell for the office of Associate Grand Patron say aye. Those opposed say no.

Brother David Dibrell, you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MR. DAVID DIBRELL: Certainly, Worthy Grand Matron. With a humble heart, I look forward to this opportunity of service to this Grand Chapter. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Emily Bidler.

MRS. EMILY BIDLER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Emily Bidler, Worthy Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959 in Dallas. I would like to place in nomination the name of Marlene Scholari, a Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959 and a dual member of Ferris Chapter #508, for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Marlene Scholari 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 Marlene Scholari for the office of Grand Secretary, say aye. Those opposed, say no.

Sister Marlene Scholari, you have been elected Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MRS. MARLENE SCHOLARI: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. It is a great honor to continue to serve this membership in this capacity. I thank you very much for this election. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize R. J. Stierman.

MRS. R. J. STIERMAN: I'm R.J. Stierman, Worthy Matron of The Colony Chapter #1136. It is my pleasure to nominate Lorrie Owens, a Past Matron of The Colony Chapter #1136, and a dual member of Canyon Lake #1103, for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Lorrie Owens has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Lorrie Owens for the office of Grand Treasurer say aye. Those opposed say no.

Sister Lorrie Owens, you have been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GRAND TREASURER: Thank you, membership, for allowing me a second year. I do humbly accept and hope I will do what you expect me to do. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Vi Griffin.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Vi Griffin, a Past Matron of Anahuac 649. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Sister Annette Curry, a Past Matron of North Fort Worth #684, for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Annette Curry has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Annette Curry for the office of Grand Conductress say aye. Those opposed say no.

Sister Annette Curry, you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept and express my appreciation to the membership for this great honor of continued service. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Helen Sanderford.

MRS. HELEN SANDERFORD: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Helen Sanderford, a Past Matron of Vashti Chapter #32 in Temple. It's my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Jayne Yenger, a Past Matron of Vashti chapter, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Jayne Yenger has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? I recognize Brother Lee Stallings.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: I'm Lee Stallings, a Past Patron of Friendswood Chapter #1131. It's my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Christine Armstrong, a Past Matron of Alvin Chapter #15 and Friendswood Chapter #1131, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Christine Armstrong has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? I recognize Sister

Leah Hayes.

MRS. LEAH HAYES: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Leah Hayes, Affiliated Past Matron of Lubbock Chapter #76. It is my honor and pleasure to nominate Sister Cindy Echols for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Cindy Echols has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? I recognize Brother Bill Byner.

MR. BILL BYNER: Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers, my name is Bill Byner, Worthy Patron of Schertz Chapter #911. I am pleased to place in nomination Ms. 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? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Sisters and Brothers, if you will pull out your scan sheets.

At this time I would like to ask the ladies to come before the membership, in the order they were nominated, so you can see who each of them is. Sisters Jayne Yenger, Christine Armstrong, Cindy Echols and Jerre Lucas. Thank you, ladies. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, please be careful. We will ballot on ballot number A. I declare the ballot open.

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Directors, District 1, for the unexpired term.

MR. CHARLES FOSTER: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Charles Foster. I am the Worthy Patron of Tenaha Chapter 185. It is my great honor and pleasure to nominate Sister Tonya Foster, Past Matron of Carthage 747 and Worthy Matron of Tenaha 185, for the office of Board of Directors, District 1, unexpired term.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Tonya Foster has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors for District 1. Are there other nominations?

MRS. DEBRA TARPLEY: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Debra Tarpley, Worthy Matron of Lancaster Chapter #943. I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Brother Joe Zihlman, a Past Patron of Lancaster Chapter #943, for the office of Board of Directors, District 1, for the unexpired three-year term.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Sisters and Brothers, we're going to have to make a motion here to suspend the order of elections. The opening for the Board of Directors, District 1, was not in time to get on the printed ballot. So in order to go ahead and use the printed ballot first, we'll have to have a motion to suspend the order of election. We'll go through the rest of the election. We'll use ballot A. Once that's closed, we'll come back and do a written ballot on ballot H, I believe.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: On ballot H for the Board of Directors, District 1.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: You have heard the explanation. The reason this has happened is because of an unusual circumstance that we had the vacancy open for the District 1 Board of Directors after the ballots were printed. So we're indulging on your goodness to allow this to change the order of the election. It will have to be on the written ballot. We will continue then with the elections that are printed on the ballot so they can start counting them. We ask for your assistance. This does take a second and two-thirds of your vote.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move to suspend the order of election.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we suspend the order of business on the election. Sisters and Brothers, we're going to ballot to go from one to the other, to suspend the order of business at this time. It takes a vote of the chapter. Will you please raise your cards if you will allow us to do this. Those opposed. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

Nominations are now open for the office of the Board of Directors for District 3. I recognize Sister Rose Ann Lowery.

MS. ROSE ANN LOWERY: I'm Rose Ann Lowery, Past Matron of Arlington Chapter #249 and Mansfield Chapter #876. I place in nomination the name of Darla Dunaway, Past Matron of Mansfield Chapter #876, for the office of Board of Directors, District 3.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Darla Dunaway has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors for District 3. Are there other nominations? I recognize Stephanie Gonzales.

MRS. STEPHANIE GONZALES: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Stephanie Gonzales from Round Rock, Texas, Round Rock Chapter 316. I have the pleasure of nominating Sister Jean Hobbs for the Board of Directors, District 3.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Jean Hobbs has been nominated for the office of Board of Directors, District 3. Are there other nominations?

I would like to introduce these candidates to you, Sisters and Brothers, the way they were nominated. Would you please come forward. Sister Darla Dunaway and Sister Jean Hobbs. Thank you so much.

Sisters and Brothers, we will vote on ballot number A.

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Directors for District 4.

MRS. YVETTE DEGRETТА: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Yvette DeGretta, Worthy Matron of Ransford Chapter #135. It's my honor to nominate Brother Wayne Huddleston, Past Patron of Ransford Chapter #135 and Conroe Chapter #710, for the office of Board of Directors, District 4, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Wayne Huddleston has been nominated for the Board of Directors for District 4. Are there other nominations?

MRS. BEVERLY BOWMAN: Good morning everyone. I am Beverly Bowman, Past Matron of Sugar Land 1107. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Gerry Sturtz, a Past Matron affiliated with Sugar Land 1107, for Board of Directors, District 4. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Gerry Sturtz has been nominated for the Board of Directors for District 4. Are there other nominations?

MRS. BENNIE SUE ROWELL: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Bennie Sue Rowell, Affiliated Past Matron of Waller Chapter #1047. It is my honor to place the name of Glenda Klemm, an Affiliated Past Matron of Waller Chapter #1047, for the office of Board of Directors, District 4, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Glenda Klemm has been nominated for the Board of Directors for District 4. Are there other nominations?

Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by written ballot. I ask those to come forward in the order you were nominated so the membership will know who you are. Brother Wayne, Sister Gerry and Sister Glenda. Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to spell their names for you since we do not have the signs up. Wayne Huddleston, H-u-d-d-l-e-s-t-o-n; Gerry Sturtz, G-e-r-r-y, S-t-u-r-t-z; Glenda Klemm, G-l-e-n-d-a, K-l-e-m-m. Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers, please listen carefully. We will ballot on ballot number A.

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners for District 2. I recognize Sister Wanelle Mikeworth.

MRS. WANELLE MIKEWORTH: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Wanelle Mikeworth. I am Worthy Matron of Midland Chapter #253. I wish to place in nomination the name of Carla Stringer for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, for the ensuing year. She is a Past Matron of Midland Chapter 253.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Carla Stringer has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 2. Are there other nominations?

I recognize Sister Ruby Wilson.

MRS. RUBY WILSON: I'm Ruby Wilson, Worthy Matron of Amarillo Chapter #787. I would like to place in nomination Alma York, Past Matron of Dumas Chapter #653 and of Amarillo 787, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Alma York has been nominated for the office of Board of Grand Examiners for District 2. Are there other nominations?

Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by written ballot. Sisters and Brothers, I would like to introduce to you these candidates: Sisters Carla Stringer and Alma York. Once again I will spell their names for you. C-a-r-l-a, S-t-r-i-n-g-e-r; and for Sister Alma, A-l-m-a, Y-o-r-k. Thank you, ladies, for wanting to serve Grand Chapter.

Sisters and Brothers, please listen carefully. We will ballot on ballot number A.

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners of District 4. I recognize Sister Lee Han.

MRS. LELA HUNN: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Lela Hunn. I'm the Worthy Matron of Cypress Chapter 1102. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sharon Mosmeyer, a Past Matron of Cypress Chapter 1102, for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Sharon Mosmeyer has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 4. Are there other nominations?

Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Sharon Mosmeyer for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 4 say aye. Those opposed say no.

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, you have been elected District 4 member of the Board of Grand Examiners for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MRS. SHARON MOSMEYER: Worthy Grand Matron, with a thankful heart to the membership of Texas and a humble heart, I do accept. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. I recognize Sister Kitty Welch Thompson.

MRS. KITTY WELCH THOMPSON: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Kitty Welch Thompson, Worthy Matron of New Braunfels Chapter #771. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Sandra Zipp, a Past Matron of New Braunfels Chapter #771, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 5.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Sandra Zipp has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 5. Are there other nominations?

Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Sandra Zipp for office of Board of Grand Examiners for District 5 say aye. Those opposed say no.

Sister Sandra Zipp, you have been elected District 5 member of the Board of Grand Examiners for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MRS. SAUNDRA ZIPP: Worthy Grand Matron, with a lot of love in my heart for

this great Order, I do accept. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner At Large.

MRS. MARGIE HATLEY: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Margie Hatley, Past Matron of Wills Point Chapter #366. It is an honor to place the name of Susan Bigham, a Past Matron of Wills Point Chapter 366 and dual member with McKinney 517, in nomination for the office of Board of Grand Examiners 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, say aye. Those opposed.

Sister Susan Bigham, you have been elected Grand Examiner At Large on the Board of Grand Examiners for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MRS. SUSAN BIGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron and the membership of Texas, thank you so very much. It is with an humble and excited heart that I am able to serve you again. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time I'm going to ask the Deputies to please take up the ballots.

Table Judges, if you do not have a complete table, let me know how many you lack. Six needs one. Sister Joyce Marlar, would you go to Table #6.

Table #1 needs two. Sister Dawn Larson and Sister Linda Jackson, would you go to Table #1.

I declare the ballot closed. Pages, deposit the ballots on 5 and 6.

I invite Tonya Foster and Joe Zihlman to come stand by me.

Brother Grand Warder, I am about to declare the ballot open, so please inform the Assisting Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels not to let anybody else back in.

GRAND WARDER: Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels, please secure the doors. We are about to ballot on the next ballot.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now declare the ballot open.

Sisters and Brothers, I would like to introduce to you Sister Tonya Foster, T-o-n-y-a, F-o-s-t-e-r, and Brother Joe Zihlman, J-o-e, Z-i-h-l-m-a-n. Thank you.

This is on the handwritten ballot, ballot number H, for the Board of Directors for District 1. We have Tonya Foster and Joe Zihlman.

At this time I'm going to ask the Deputies to pick up the ballots. Please make sure you get the Sentinels to ballot at the doors.

I declare the ballot closed. Place the ballots on tables 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Now, Sisters and Brothers, we're going to open it back up. Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners for District 1.

MRS. ELIZABETH GRAYSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Elizabeth Grayson, Worthy Matron of John L. DeGrazier Chapter #881. I place in nomination the name Melissa Hudman, Worthy Matron of Loyal Chapter #648 and a dual member of John L. DeGrazier Chapter #881, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Melissa Hudman has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 1. Are there other nominations?

Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Melissa Hudman for the office of Board of Grand Examiners for District 1 say aye. Those opposed

say no.

Sister Melissa Hudman, you have been elected District 1 member of the Board of Grand Examiners for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MRS. MELISSA HUDMAN: Worthy Grand Matron, it is an honor to accept and a privilege to serve this Grand Chapter for another year. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners for District 3. I recognize Sister Marian McAlester.

MRS. MARIAN McALESTER: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Marian McAlester, Worthy Matron of Crescent #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 the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Cheryl Albrecht has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 3. Are there other nominations?

Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Cheryl Albrecht for the office of Board of Grand Examiners of District 3 will say aye. Those opposed say no.

Sister Cheryl Albrecht, you have been elected District 3 member of the Board of Grand Examiners for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT: Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept. And for all the people who were concerned, thank you, because we were beginning to sweat it back here. But, yes, ma'am, I do and I am looking forward to another year of service. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now close that ballot.

Sisters and Brothers, at this time I would ask all of the Deputy Grand Matrons and the District Deputy Grand Matrons, if you have completed your job, to come to the Grand East.

At this time I ask the District Deputy Grand Matron of District 1 to bring her report.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 1

MRS. KATHY PASCHAL: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers,

What an exciting year of services this has been! Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for selecting ten such capable and dedicated ladies to serve as your Deputy Grand Matrons for District 1, Each did an outstanding job in working together on the School Conferences It has been an honor and privilege to be associated with this group of ladies who are dedicated to the love and service promoted by our beautiful Order. It is indeed a pleasure to present the District 1 annual report for 2009-2010, and a very special privilege to present Kathy's Keepsakes from District One.

Sister Kathy McColly	Section 1
Sister Patsy Jones	Section 2
Sister Jane Miller	Section 3
Sister Sandi Gubrud	Section 4
Sister Barbara Zihlman	Section 5
Sister Carolyn Martin	Section 6
Sister Pat Blank	Section 7
Sister Janis Warner	Section 8

Sister Treaca Huston	Section 9
Sister Barbara Tramel	Section 10

This dedication to team work makes this report possible.

Section 1 “Tall and Proud” school conference was held on November 23 and 24 in Gainesville with 92 in attendance under the direction of Kathy McColly. Kathy serves 14 chapters with a membership of 972.

Section 2 school conference was held in Plano at the Southfork Hotel with 53 in attendance. Sister patsy Jones held the “Beautiful, Beautiful Texas” School of Instruction on November 20 and 21. Patsy serves 9 chapters in Section 2 with a membership of 826.

Section 3 school conference was held in Paris with 105 total registration. Sister Jane miller held the “Bluebonnet” Shool of Instruction on November 18 and 19. She serves 10 chapters in Section 3 with a total membership of 726.

Section 4 school conference was held in Dallas with a total registration of 150. The “God Bless Texas” School of Instruction was held on December 18 and 19 with Sister Sandi Gubrud in charge of the planning. One of the many high lights of that school was the 19 first timers receiving their “A” certificates. Sister Sandi Gubrud serves 10 chapters with a membership of 1288.

Section 5 school conference “Let Your Light Shine Across Texas” School of Instruction was held in DeSoto, Texas on December 16 and 17 with Sister Barbara Zihlman at the helm with 152 in attendance. Sister Barbara Zihlman serves 16 chapters with a membership of 1474. She serves the most chapters with Section 1 coming in 2nd with 14.

Section 6 school conference was held in Palestine, Texas on November 30 and December 1, which was “Deep in the Heart of Texas” school of instructions, which was attended by 83. Carolyn serves 6 chapters with a membership in the section of 471. Since the school, the number of chapters is 5 with the consolidation of Dawson #1046 with Corsicana #118 in June.

Section 7 school conference was held in Athens, Texas on December 7 and 8. The name of the School of Instruction was “Texas our Texas” under the direction of Sister Pat Blank with 97 in attendance. Sister Pat Blank serves 8 chapters with a membership of 659.

Section 8 was the next stop along the school trail on December 11 and 12 in Longview, Texas with Sister Janis Warner and the home section of our WGP Bill Wyatt. We were fortunate to be able to have in attendance Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Sister Elizabeth Bordeaux, GGC Installed Grand Officer from General Grand Chapter and other GGC committee members. The conference was named “Lone Star” School of Instruction with an attendance of 191. We were also honored with Sister Juanita Gregory who presented the dramatic presentation of “Adah.” Sister Janis Warner serves 9 chapters with 817 members.

Section 9 school conference was held in Omaha, Texas on December 14 and 15 which was planned by Sister Treaca Huston. “Deep in the Heart of East Texas” School of Instruction was attended by 118. Sister Treaca was also really proud of the 73 “A” certificates and the 7 first timers. Sister Treaca Huston serves 11 chapters with a membership of 817.

Section 10 school conference was held in Quitman, Texas with Sister Barbara Tramel heading up the planning. “Boots across Texas” was the name of the School of instruction with 114 in attendance. Sister Barbara Tramel serves 9 chapters with a membership of 806.

Total attendance for the School conference in District 1 was 1,279.

Statistical Report for District 1	
Chapters Assigned	102
Chapters Consolidated	1
Chapters Demised	1
Chapters Instituted	1
Chapters Inspected	102
Chapters Not Inspected	0
School conferences conducted	10
School conferences attended officially	10
School conferences attended unofficially	46
Letters Written	2,461
Miles Traveled	81,192

This Grand Chapter year began with 102 chapters. Section 7 had one chapter to demise and one to be instituted. Section 6 had one chapter, Dawson #1046, to consolidate with Corsicana #118.

District One now has 101 chapters.

The 10 Kathy Keepers known as Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1 join me in extending a 10 gallon cowboy hat full of appreciation to all those in District 1 that made our year so wonderful.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to recognize Sister Pat Winkleblack, your own District Deputy Grand Matron of District 2, and my friend.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 2

MRS. PAT WINKLEBLACK: Thank you, District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Kathy Paschal, District 1, my friend and co-worker.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is an honor for me to bring the annual report for District Two. It is with pleasure that I present “Pat’s Pride,” who have served as Deputy Grand Matrons for District 2 during the “Love and Friendship Across Texas” year. They have exhibited a dedication to the Order that is beyond compare. Without their dedication and great efforts this report would not be possible, they are truly my Pride. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for selecting these 10 wonderful Deputies.

It is now my privilege to recognize those who have so diligently devoted their time in arranging the 2009-2010 Schools of Instructions for District Two. May I present “Pat’s Pride.”

Sister Carol Sue Knutson, and the 3 Chapters of Section 1 hosting the “**Texas Pride in the Panhandle**” School held in Pampa on January 19, with 44 in attendance.

Sister Donna Blocker and the 4 Chapters of Section 2 hosting the “**Panhandle Proud**” School held in Amarillo on January 17, with 131 in attendance.

Sister Anna Wright and the 3 Chapters of Section 3 hosting “**The Historical Panhandle**” School held in Canyon on January 21, with 51 in attendance.

Sister Leah Hayes and the 5 Chapters of Section 5 hosting the “**Pride of West Texas**” School held in Lubbock on January 14, with 73 in attendance.

Sister Jane Roby and the 4 Chapters of Section 5 hosting the “**Spurs and Bluebonnets Across Texas**” School held in Spur on January 12, with 35 in attendance.

Sister Cindy Pearce and the 6 Chapters of Section 6 hosting the “**Bluebonnet Fields Forever**” School in Wichita Falls on January 9, with 107 in attendance.

Sister Barbara Ann Smith and the 4 Chapters of Section 7 hosting the “**West Texas Tall Girls and Southern Gentlemen**” School in Abilene on January 30, with 230 in attendance. (not present)

Sister Barbara Wickham and the 7 Chapters of Section 8 hosting the “**Drilling for Knowledge**” School in Midland on January 23, with 110 in attendance.

Sister Shirley Scholl and the 2 Chapters of Section 9 hosting the “**Tumbling Tumbleweeds**” School in Fort Stockton on January 28, with 54 in attendance.

Sister Debra Blake and the 3 Chapters of Section 10 hosting the “**West Texas Stars**” School in El Paso on January 26, with 72 in attendance. (not present)

COMBINED STATISTICAL REPORT OF DISTRICT 2

Chapters Assigned	41
Chapters Consolidated and Demised	3
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	41
Schools Attended Officially	7
Schools Attended Unofficially	47
Letters Written	878
Miles Traveled	66,695
Total Attendance at Ten Schools	907

Consolidations

- Section 4 University 1082 with Lubbock 76
- Section 5 Matador with Floydada
- Section 6 Vernon with Faith

The Deputies join with me in expressing appreciation to the membership of District 2 for all the kindness, love, courtesies and support you have graciously given. Thank you for the Honorary Memberships, Certificates of Appreciation and the many love gifts given to each of us. You are special to each one of us in some way or another. We love each of you for the fraternal bond that we all share. We cherish the honor of serving the District in this capacity and know the membership was always first in our minds and hearts, to do only our best in everything we did. Our friendships will last a lifetime, just knowing each of you were a tiny part of our Eastern Star life.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Winkleblack
District Deputy Grand Matron, District Two

It is with pleasure that I present a very special friend and co-worker, Sister Jerre Miller, District Deputy Grand Matron, District III.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 3

MS. JERRE MILLER: Thank you, Sister Pat Winkleblack, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: It is indeed my pleasure to bring the report of Jerre's Joys and the District 3 Schools of Instruction.

Section 1 – Sister Sandy Trimble and the nineteen Chapters of Section 1 hosted the *Texas in Bloom* School on October 17, 2009 in Fort Worth with 309 present.

Section 2 – Sister Georgia Fay Jennings and the eight Chapters of Section 2 hosted the *Standing Tall Safari* on October 24, 2009, in Weatherford with 163 present.

Section 3 – Sister Lutitia Ford and the four Chapters of Section 3 hosted the *Standing Tall in Texas* School on October 20, 2009, in Graham with 54 present.

Section 4 – Sister Judy Sadberry and the six Chapters of Section 4 hosted the *Heart as Big as Texas* School on November 10, 2009, in De Leon with 63 present.

Section 5 – Sister Jeanie Reiger and the four Chapters of Section 5 hosted the *Heart of Texas* School on October 22, 2009, in Brownwood with 70 present.

Section 6 – Sister Dottie Ammerman and the nine chapters of Section 6 hosted the *Journey to the Meadows and Lakes* School on October 15, 2009, in Marble Falls with 100 present.

Section 7 – Sister Sue Whitted and the five Chapters of Section 7 hosted the *Texas BESSt Stars* School on November 17, 2009, in Copperal Cove with 85 present.

Section 8 – Sister Rosa Lee Jones and the eight Chapters of Section 8 hosted the *Trail of Bluebonnets* School on October 13, 2009, in Leander with 114 present.

Sister Carolyn Orum, who is not on the stage with us but is working at the calculator, and the 10 chapters of Section 9 hosted the “Up the Chisholm Trail” School on November 14 in Waco with 187 in present.

Sister Billie Hensley and the 8 chapters of Section 10 hosted the “Eastern Star Gathering on the Chisholm Trail” on November 12 in Cleburne with 112 present.

My Joys join me in expressing our thanks to the members of District 3 for their cooperative spirit and hard work in making our schools remarkable. We learned something new, recalled forgotten knowledge, renewed old friendships and established new friendships. I traveled with wonderful company who made the trip fun and the miles zip by quickly.

The statistical report for District 3:

Chapters assigned - 81; chapters demised or consolidated - 0; chapters instituted - 0; chapters inspected 81; chapters not inspected - 0; schools in section - 10; schools in other sections - 83; letters and cards sent - 1818; miles traveled - 47,021.

The 81 chapters of District 3 reported charitable donations in the amount of \$116,271.39.

I now recognize the District Deputy Grand Matron for District 4, Sister Toni Crawford.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 4

MRS. TONI CRAWFORD: Thank you, my sweet friend and co-worker, Sister Jerre Miller, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, Sisters and Brothers: I am pleased to bring the report of District 4. It was an awesome privilege and I thank you WGM for giving me the opportunity to work with and get to know the wonderful Deputy Grand Matrons of District 4. Their hard devoted work made the schools in our district a great success. I wish to recognize them at this time.

Starting off the brand new year with the very first school of Instruction was Sister Nell Thornton and the 14 chapters of Section 1. Their “East Texas Proud” School was on August 25, 2009 in Lufkin with 201 in attendance.

The 17 chapters of Section 2 gave Sister Marialice Bailey something to be proud of with “The Pride of Southeast Texas” School of Instruction on August 29, 2009 in Orange with 228 present.

Sister Marie Best and the 8 chapters of section 3 hosted the “Piney Woods Stars” School of Instruction on August 27, 2009 in Livingston. Their total attendance was 118.

Sister Cynthia Huber, along with the 13 chapters of Section 4 presented the “Birth Place of Texas” School of Instruction on September 1, 2009 in Pasadena with 179 in attendance.

Our largest school of the district was held in Houston. Sister Laura Clampitte and the 17 chapters of Section 5 held the “Let Freedom Ring” School of Instruction on September 12, 2009. The total present was 238.

It was not a gamble when Sister Connie Deal and the 8 Chapters of Section 6 hosted the “Texas Hold’em” School of Instruction on September 15, 2009 in Franklin with 135 in attendance.

Sister Jennifer Bodnar along with the 12 Chapters of Section 7 enlightened us with the “Star School of Knowledge” School of Instruction on September 3, 2009 in Katy with 136 present.

The last School of Instruction held in district 5 was in Caldwell. Sister Georgia Ptacek with the 7 chapters in Section 8 hosted the “Texas Began at Washington-On-The-Brazos” School of Instruction on September 17, 2009. We had 135 in attendance.

Sister Kellie Gibson along with the 5 chapters in Section 9 held the “Waltzin’ Across Texas” School of Instruction on September 10, 2009 in Sugar Land with 99 present.

Sister Cathy Helms and the 11 chapters of section 10 celebrated Labor Day weekend with the “Cradle of Texas” School of Instruction on September 5, 2009 in Lake Jackson with 185 in attendance.

The total attendance for the Schools in District 4 was 1,654

The Statistical report for District 4 is as follows:

Chapters assigned	112
Chapters Consolidated	3
Chapters Instituted	1
Chapters Inspected	112
Schools Conducted	10
Schools attended officially	20
Schools attended unofficially	88
Letters written	1,451
Miles traveled	90,003

Respectfully submitted

Toni Crawford

District Deputy Grand Matron District 4

It is with great pleasure that I recognize my dear friend and co-worker, Sister Sandra Zipp, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 5

MRS. SAUNDRA ZIPP: Thank you, Sister Toni.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, what a pleasure it is to have the opportunity to bring my report for this Grand Chapter year.

This year has been a wonderful and rewarding experience. I, along with the eight Deputies of District 5 would like to express our gratitude for the honor to serve the membership in this capacity.

It is my pleasure to present the District V report for the 2009-2010 Grand Chapter Year and to introduce the "Southern Belles," the Deputy Grand Matrons from District V.

Sister Ouida Jackson, Section 1, was unable to be here due to illness.

Sister Loretta Lindley, Section 3.

Sister Santos "Bebe" Poulsen, Section 4.

Sister Lanona Jackson, Section 5, was also unable to be here due to a family commitment.

Sister Emma Markins, Section 6.

Sister Diane Beckley, Section 7.

Sister Nancy Peikert, Section 8, and

Sister Denise McCarthy, Section 10, who was also unable to be here due to a commitment to her work.

The 5 Chapters of Section 1 held the "Jungle Fever" School of Instruction in San Angelo on October 8, 2009 with a total of 79 in attendance.

Section 3 held the "Pride of Texas" School of Instruction on October 6, 2009 in Bandera with all 7 chapters participating. A total of 94 were in attendance.

On October 1, 2009, Section 4 held the "Renewing Friendship on the Border School of Instruction in Del Rio. All 5 chapters participated with a total of 58 attending.

The 6 chapters of Section 5 held the "Deep in the Heart of Texas" School of Instruction in Jourdanton September 29, 2009 with 74 in attendance.

Section 6 held the "Texas Roundup" School of Instruction in New Braunfels on September 19, 2009. It was well attended with a total of 236 present

On October 3, 2009 in San Antonio, Section 7 held the "Starlight Past and Starbright Future" School of Instruction which was also well attended with a total of 207 present.

The 9 chapters in Section 8 held the "Stardust Trial" School of Instruction in Victoria on September 22, 2009 with 106 in attendance.

Section 9 held the "Sea Scholars" School of Instruction in Corpus Christi on September 24, 2009. All 8 chapters participated with 123 attending.

On September 26, 2009 Section 10 held the "South Texas Pride" School of Instruction in Harlingen with 69 in attendance with all 4 chapters participating.

Statistical Report for District Five

Chapters Assigned	67
Chapters Consolidated or Demised	1
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	66

Chapters not Inspected	1
Schools Conducted	13
Schools Attended Officially	21
Schools Attended Unofficially	50
Letters written	962
Miles traveled	63,301

District 5 began the year with 67 chapters and ended the year with 66. Brady Chapter No. 157 demised effective April 10, 2010.

The 5 District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Deputy Grand Matrons join me in extending our appreciation to:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, for the honor you bestowed upon us by selecting us to serve in this high place of service in your Grand Family. This journey across Texas with you has made us “Stand Tall and be Texas Proud.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt, thank you for all of your encouragement during this year. Your dedication is unsurpassed and is an inspiration to all. thank you for all of your support.

Grand Examiners, Sisters Melissa Hudman, Cindy Echols, Cheryl Albrecht, Christine Armstrong and Brenda Costello, each of us admire each of you for your love and dedication for our beautiful order. The many hours that you spend in the examining room and with our sweet membership demonstrates your love and devotion.

Humanitarian Chairmen, your inspiring and informative presentations of our Worthy Grand Matron’s Humanitarian were impressive. We thank you for your devotion to our Order.

Mrs. Joyce Ball, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, and Mrs. Carol Jackson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you for all of your hard work and your dedicated service.

To the membership, we thank you for the Honorary Memberships, the many acts of kindness and each courtesy extended to us throughout the year. You have given us cherished memories that will never be forgotten. We love you!

Please remember:

Don’t walk in front of me,
 I may not follow.
 Don’t Walk behind me,
 I may not lead.
 Walk beside me
 and be my friend.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sandra Zipp
 District Deputy Grand Matron, District V

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the reports of the District Deputies for all five districts. All in favor raise your blue cards. Any opposed. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

I have a message, Sisters and Brothers. The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Sister Billie Reedy of Jacksonville Chapter #377, purchased the diamond ring for an amount above the minimum price. Thank you. [applause]

Let's have some music from the Grand Choir.

I invite the Grand Examiners to come to the microphone for their reports.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 1

MRS. MELISSA HUDMAN: Good afternoon.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Members, my sisters and brothers.

I can't believe that I completed and survived my first school schedule in District I. I truly had the time of my life. It is a distinct honor to present my first report as Grand Examiner of District 1. The success of this year can only be made possible by the love and compassion that the membership has for our beautiful order.

SECTION	FRATERNAL VISIT	SCHOOL	TOTAL 2009-2010	FIRST TIMERS
1	28	31	59	5
2	36	20	56	1
3	15	21	36	4
4	51	34	85	19
5	49	23	72	6
6	0	28	28	5
7	0	37	37	2
8	20	23	43	4
9	37	36	73	7
10	42	22	64	10
TOTAL	278	275	553	63

A total of 553 "A" proficiency certificates were earned. No "B" certificates were issued.

Sixty-three members earned their certificates for the first time this year. Congratulations on your achievement!

A detailed report by Chapter 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.

We were pleased to have the proficiency stickers available in the Examining Room. \$300.00 was given as a donation.

I was pleased to present a check to the American Heart Association in the amount of \$450.00. This donation is a result of the generosity of the membership of Texas and I thank all who signed the quilt.

I would like to give a very special thank you to Sister Kathy Paschal, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1 and the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1. Thank you for all your hard work and preparations made on my behalf. I never had to ask for anything, you already had everything I needed.

Sisters Joyce Ball, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron and Sister Carol Jackson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your encouragement and many acts of kindness, but most of all, your friendship.

Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Ann, it is indeed a great pleasure to have you in my District. Thank you both for your love and support. I truly enjoyed traveling with you dur-

ing the school schedule.

Worthy Grand Matron, I enjoyed traveling with you. Thank you for the love, encouragement and support that you so graciously gave me.

To the members of District 1, it was a pleasure to serve you as your Grand Examiner. I will never be able to express how much I appreciate all the acts of kindness and thoughtful expressions that I was shown as Grand Examiner District 1. I will always hold dear all the honorary memberships that I received. I know they took a vote of the chapter and they are truly special to me. Thank you for the beautiful quilt squares, love gifts, special gifts, tickets and the many other courtesies extended. They were sincerely appreciated. I was truly humbled and honored to have been given the opportunity to serve you. It was such a pleasure to meet and make new friends and to renew old ones along the way. Your love, support and encouraging words have made this year one I will never ever forget.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Hudman,
Board of Grand Examiners, District 1

It is now my pleasure to introduce my co-worker and friend, Sister Cindy Echols, Grand Examiner of District 2.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 2

MRS. CINDY ECHOLS: Thank you, Sister Melissa.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all, what a great year this has been! It has again been my privilege and honor to serve as Grand Examiner of District Two. It was great fun to travel across the state during the Worthy Grand Matron's school schedule and visit with so many of our members.

I would like to begin by saying thank you to the District Deputy Grand Matron and the ten Deputies of District Two. Sister Pat Winkleblack, thank you for your love fore the membership of our beautiful Order; it showed in your work. To the ten deputies, thank you for all the courtesies you showed me as Grand Examiner. I will always treasure your friendship and love.

Sister Joyce Ball, Secretary tot he Worthy Grand Matron, we had such a good time traveling the District Two School schedule! Thank you for your encouragement and many acts of kindness. While we have known each other for several years, I can now truly call you my friend and will treasure our friendship!

Worthy Grand Patron, we were so proud to have you with us during the District Two Schools. Thank you for your wonderful encouragement for both the Masonic fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star! Sister Ann, our Grand Marshal, we were honored to have you with us when you were able to be there, and I appreciate your friendship. Thank you both for your love and support.

Worthy Grand Matron, congratulations on a great year! I enjoyed traveling with ;you and we had such fun on our School Schedule! I have so many wonderful memories from this year. Thank you for your love and the encouragement that you have so graciously given me. You have stood tall and been Texas proud!

Members of District Two, thank you for your love and all your hard work for our beautiful Order. It's that dedication that made this report possible! You have made me feel welcome any time that we were together, and I will always treasure your friendship.

This is my final report as Grand Examiner of District Two. I would like to thank all the membership of this Grand Chapter for the love and support you have shown me these last four years. I have made so many wonderful friends as I have served on this Board and traveled across our state, and I appreciate the faith you had in me in allowing me the privilege of serving Grand Chapter in this capacity. I love each of you!

It is now my pleasure to present the following report for District Two:

Section	“A” Certificates	“B” Certificates	First Timers
Section One	19	–	–
Section Two	53	–	2
Section Three	23	–	–
Section Four	33	–	1
Section Five	13	–	–
Section Six	38	–	1
Section Seven	42	–	–
Section Eight	83	–	4
Section Nine	17	–	–
Section Ten	26	–	2
Total	347	–	10

“A” Certificates Earned 347

“B” Certificates Earned 0

Total Certificates Earned 347

I am very proud to report that 10 “First Timers” earned their Certificates of Proficiency this year.

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 \$175.00 was forwarded to the Grand Secretary’s office through donations made for Proficiency stickers. Also, a total of \$250.00 was donated to the Grand Examiners’ Special Project. These funds were donated to the Worthy Grand Matron’s Special project, “American Hearts.”

It is now my pleasure to introduce my co-worker and very special friend, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Examiner of District Three.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 3

MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT: Thank you, Sister Cindy.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my honor to present the report of the Grand Examiner of District 3. The members of District 3 are awesome and it is my distinct privilege to serve in this position.

There were 486 “A” Certificates earned in District 3 this year.

Section 1 127

Section 2 55

Section 3	19
Section 4	21
Section 5	28
Section 6	44
Section 7	29
Section 8	44
Section 9	54
Section 10	47
TMRC	18
Total	486

Twenty-Seven Members earned their certificates for the first time this year. It is wonderful to have members becoming more proficient in their work and bringing enthusiasm to our Order.

We were pleased to have the proficiency stickers available in the Examining Room. \$458.00 was donated to this project.

I was pleased to again present a check on behalf of District 3 to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas in the amount of \$1,000.00. This generous donation was made possible by your generosity.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, for a wonderful and fun year. Your friendship and encouragement were truly appreciated, and I enjoyed traveling the School Schedule with you.

Sister Joyce Ball, it was a special treat to have the opportunity to travel and be with you and to get to know you even better.

Jerre Miller, District Deputy Grand Matron, and the Deputies of District 3 – I enjoyed visiting in your sections and getting to know the membership. Thank you for all your hard work and preparation which made my job easier.

To this fantastic 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 upcoming 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 GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 4

MRS. CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, my co-worker and friend:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

What an exciting year we have had. It has been my honor to serve as Grand Examiner for District Four. My gratitude goes to the Sisters and Brothers who assisted me to make this an exciting last year.

A special thank you to Sister Joyce Ball, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron for your support, understanding, and willingness to help everyone where needed.

Sister Toni Crawford, District Deputy Grand Matron and the ten Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for making District Four “stand tall and be Texas proud.” I have appreciated all the preparations you made to make the examining room so pleasant and comfortable for the membership. Each of you will always have a special place in my heart.

Sister Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Wyatt, Worthy Grand Patron, it was truly a delight traveling with you both. Thanks for the support and encouragement that you gave not only to me, but to the membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership across this great state of Texas for every kindness and courtesy extended to me during my six years of service as Grand Examiner of District Four. This trip has been unforgettable. I have traveled many miles and formed many friendships, these I will treasure for my lifetime. I wish you much happiness, success and growth in your Chapter.

Without your hard work, your thoughtfulness, and caring for each other, I would not have this report to give.

It is with great pride that I submit the following report.

Section	“A” Certificates	First Timers
One	73	10
Two	108	4
Three	41	1
Four	106	8
Five	105	7
Six	62	2
Seven	62	4
Eight	24	1
Nine	32	3
Ten	107	7
TOTAL	720	47

A detailed report by Chapter 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 \$621.00 was turned in for the sale of the Proficiency Sticker. Also, a total of \$701.00 from the Grand Examiners Quilt Project was turned in and it will be donated to the Galveston Burns Institute.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Armstrong
Grand Examiner District Four

It is my pleasure to introduce my co-worker and special friend, Sister Brenda Smith Costello.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 5

MRS. BRENDA SMITH COSTELLO: Thank you, Sister Christine. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: It is my priv-
“Love and Friendship Across Texas”

ilege to give the 2009-2010 Board of Grand Examiners, District 5 report.

This past year I challenged District Five to increase certificates earned by offering a trophy plaque to the chapter with the most certificates earned and another plaque to the chapter with the most 1st timer certificates earned.

As the numbers totaled up, we had a tie for the most certificates earned. I would like to recognize these two chapters at this time. Would all members present from Canyon Lake and New Braunfels please stand. Please help me recognize these chapters for their achievements.

For the most First Timer Certificates Earned, the plaque went to Floresville Chapter. Would all Floresville Chapter members please stand. Please help me recognize this chapter.

Total "A" Certificates earned: 493

Total "B" Certificates earned: 1

Grand Total of Certificates Earned: 494

District Five members, the past three years as your District Five Grand Examiner has given me an abundance of memories. We have laughed together, cried together, studied together, and traveled together along the Eastern Star trail making new friends and rekindling past relationships. Through this journey of service I have made bonds of friendship which will last a lifetime.

At the schools you greeted me with open arms and many hugs. You drove me here and there, carried my suitcases and examining room supplies, baked goodies, personally handmade beautiful quilt squares, made me an Honorary member of your chapters, supported my travels with love gifts and special prayers.

Walking into the hotels was always like Christmas, I never knew what would be waiting on the other side of the door. Fruit baskets with nuts, candies, fruit and other gifts. Gift bags full of greeting cards, stamps, sweet notes with roosters on them, Chapter Yearbooks, soft drinks and water, I never wanted for anything.

You studied hard and entered the Grand Examining room ready to be tested, and ready to earn your "A" or "B" Certificate.

Not once did I have to ask for assistance in the examining room there were just always volunteers ready and waiting to give their sisters and brothers the exam. My pages and drivers were immediately present to assist and provide whatever might be needed.

Each Deputy Grand Matron made sure the Grand Examining room was available and prepared for our arrival and your exams. Each school was different and special. Some events even included ghosts and goblins. At one school we had a raccoon turn in a petition for degrees. Deputies, your hard work is to be commended.

The membership of District Five gave generously to the Proficiency Sticker project and my special project which supported the International Rainbow For Girls, a youth organization that is close to my heart because it is the reason I am an Eastern Star member today.

For the past three years God led me on a journey of service. He taught me tolerance, patience, humility, forgiveness, understanding, and the true meaning of charity. Through every trial, I grew closer to Him and I learned that this journey was for my edification and growth. I have received more blessings than time will allow me to share.

Worthy Grand Matrons, Sisters Joyce Gilbert, Joyce Nicklas and Bess Caldwell chose the cream of the crop for District Deputy Grand Matrons. Spending time with Sisters Glenda Storey, Vickie Mathews and Sandra Zipp gave me three very special friends. I thank each of you for the laughter and late night talks. Thank you for collecting all the

items for the scrap books. As I look back through them, my thoughts will be taken back to our fun and funny memorable moments together.

Likewise, the traveling secretaries, Jerre Miller and Sybil Yost, well... you all know how special these two are and how much they have contributed to our Order. Again, God has blessed me with wonderful memories and shown me their commitment of Him and Eastern Star.

Our travels would not have been complete without our Worthy Grand Patrons, Brothers Jerry Trees, Ray Hertenberger and Bill Wyatt offering their support and words of wisdom to the school officers and membership. Each supported their Worthy Grand Matrons and Grand Chapter with class.

In this convention center are many years of Eastern Star wisdom within our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. For without these, the Worthy Grand Matron would have little direction or experience to draw upon for her year. Sisters Joyce Gilbert, Joyce Nicklas and Bess Caldwell spent many hours traveling the State of Texas to be with you knowing that The Grand Chapter of Texas was in the capable hands of the Grand Secretary and her staff, and our Board of Directors. Knowing that if she needed to draw upon the advice and wisdom of any of these Eastern Star servants, they would answer her call.

To my co-workers, it has been a wonderful experience to share time with each of you. I wish for all of your dreams to come true. Believe in God, Believe in yourselves, and the rest will just come naturally.

To my chapter, Bandera Chapter No. 643. Thank you for your continual belief in me and for standing with me and behind me these past three years. I love each of you.

To District Five, your encouragement, support and outpouring of love has been overwhelming. You kept me going when I didn't think I could take another step. You nurtured me along with advice and knowledge, and even a neck rub or two, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The season for this Eastern Star journey God chose for me, has ended. The Lord is now leading me on a new journey. A journey that gives me more time to spend with Him and my family. I have a beautiful daughter, 2 precious granddaughters and around the 1st of October, a newborn baby granddaughter. With my mother, Nell Smith Drenner, and her husband, George moving into TMRC and the new steps in their life, we will have more time to be together as a family.

God richly blessed me when he brought the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Blanco Chapter into my life. It was at their Installation on June 6, 2009 when the Worthy Matron and Patron introduced me to Mark, the Worthy Patron's brother from Louisville, KY. On the freezing snowy day of December 9th, 2009, Mark, wearing a cowboy hat, got down on one knee and proposed to me. We will be wed on October 30th, 2010. We are remodeling my lake house and we will live out our lives together on the lake in Texas.

I have learned that when the Holy Spirit speaks to me, I must travel His journey and not my own. Just like taking the step to be your Grand Examiner, with much prayer, I am taking a "Leap of Faith" to walk through a new door in my life.

Many of you have asked me if I will eventually be back on the Grand Chapter Eastern Star trail, the answer is "the Lord willing." I believe God has future plans for me in this Grand Chapter and that season will come in His time. So, hang on to those shiny Rooster pins because when the Lord leads me this way, we will once again be "crowing about Eastern Star."

In the meantime, I will continue to serve in my local chapter and on appointments as

Grand Chapter needs me.

Sister Mary Ruth White, I wish you the very best year ahead. I know you are looking forward to your beautiful Installation and greeting the membership across Texas. My prayers are with you

Sisters and Brothers all, thank you for your love and support, thank you for loving me because I certainly love you.

It is now my pleasure to introduce Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner At Large and my special friend, for her report.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE

MRS. SUSAN BIGHAM: Thank you, Sister Brenda.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

What a wonderful privilege I have had this year to serve as Grand Examiner at Large, and a special thank you to membership of Texas for allowing me the opportunity to once again be of service to our beautiful Order. I am so very grateful to you.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the support and encouragement of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt. Our Worthy Grand Matron was my District Deputy Grand Matron when I served as a Deputy Grand Matron for Past Grand Matron, Sister Yvonne Brownfield. I was also a Texas Lady this year. Worthy Grand Matron, you have always held a special place in my heart.

During the District 1 Section 7 School of Instruction in Athens, I received that 'special call' from our Worthy Grand Matron. I was called upon to fill in for Sister Melissa Hudman, Grand Examiner of District 1. I cannot find the words to describe how excited I was. What a blessing I received from this opportunity. I want to extend a special thank you to those who assisted me that day in the Examining Room. Your help was needed and very much appreciated. I was proud to report to Sister Melissa that twenty-three A Certificates were earned, and one sister was a 'First Timer.'

I would also like to express a special thank you to my co-workers: Sisters Melissa Hudman, Cindy Echols, Chery Albrecht, Christine Armstrong, and Brenda Smith. Your support and the laughter have again made this such an enjoyable year for me. I am so very grateful for your friendship. Thank you for allowing me to assist you at many of the schools.

Finally, a special thank you to my husband, Larry. He has been so supportive and is always there for me. Thank you for your assistance in the Examining Room.

During this Grand Chapter Session, I have the following report:

Certificates of proficiency:

A Certificates:

District 1 2

District 2 3

District 3 1

District 4 1

District 5 2

For a total of: 9

Proficiency Sticker donations for the Worthy Grand Matron's Projects: \$31.00

Donations for the Quilt Signatures: \$31.00

I have designated the proceeds from the quilt signatures to go to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital.

Sisters and Brothers, you are such a blessing to me. Thank you for your love, encouragement, and donations.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Bigham
Grand Examiner at Large

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these reports.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt the report of the Board of Grand Examiners. All in favor raise your blue card. Thank you. Those opposed. Accepted.

GRAND SECRETARY: Sisters and Brothers, the September "Bulletin" will have all the Grand Appointments, the description of what you'll be doing next year and all. Be patient; it has to be done after we get back. Don't be calling the office along about next week, "Well, where's my 'Bulletin'?"

Also, in the October "Bulletin" will be compilations of the legislation. For you Worthy Matrons who need to give your report, there will be a synopsis of Grand Chapter in that "Bulletin."

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I ask all who will be receiving their 50-year recognition at the Grand Chapter and all residents of TMRC to meet in the west.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Could I have your attention a minute? I want to talk to you about what's happening with the election. It has taken a long time and I apologize for that. When we started today — and let me give you just a little bit of history. The scanner that we use was actually purchased in the year 2000 when Betty Friend and I were in the East. Grand Chapter funded it. It has worked very well most of the time. It worked good in the pre-test yesterday; it worked good in the pre-test this morning. About halfway through the first ballot, it broke. We've tried to fix it — as a matter of fact, have fixed it but it continues to break. It will not work.

So what we have to do is we have to recount every ballot. That's why it's taking quite a while. The complication on top of that was half the ballots were scanned, we thought we had a good count. When we went back and matched the count to the computer, it was not a good count. So the ones that the computer did originally didn't match. We don't want to short any candidate; we want a good election; we want a fair election. So they, too, are having to be recounted.

One election has been counted; we're just tallying that out now. We're very close on the other four elections, but there are multiple elections on each card. So when you have to do the count, you have to count them separately which takes longer, plus you have to cross verify it.

The sooner we can get this ballot counted, we can move much more quickly because the next ballots — and we anticipate one or two because there's multiple candidates — will be counted by all the tables. When we started this, they couldn't be because we had various ballots on every table. We can get the next ballot counted very quickly, but we have to get this one right. We have two tables that aren't matching at this point. In fairness to all the candidates, it needs to match. I just wanted to make sure you were aware, and again I apologize for the delay but we can't control the equipment. We just ask for your

patience so that we can get this done. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Lee.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will escort the 50-year members to the Grand East.

[Those receiving 50-year certificates 2009-2010 as follows.]

50 YEAR MEMBERS LIST 2009-2010

CHAPTER NO.	NAME	DATE ISSUED
DALLAS 1	LAWRENCE R. ATWOOD, JR.	3/22/2010
SAN ANTONIO-	MRS. INGEBOG DAVIS	7/6/2010
RADIANT 3	MRS. MARY HARTLE	7/6/2010
	MRS. MARY ANN SEALE	7/6/2010
	MRS. PATSY R. ZINTGRAFF	7/6/2010
ALVIN 15	MRS. CLORA CAMPBELL	9/17/2009
	MRS. MARTHA DUPREEOLSON	9/17/2009
	MRS. NELDA RHODES CULPEPPER	6/18/2010
	MRS. DOROTHY MANESS	6/18/2010
RUTH 20	MRS. DORTHY MALCOM	5/5/2010
WEATHERFORD 21	MRS. LENA JIM WILSON	11/11/2009
ROCKDALE 23	MRS. CORRIE ANN SONNTAG	7/5/2010
	MRS. JOY GRAHAM	8/2/2010
ABILENE 30	JOHN A. TUCKER	4/23/2010
	MRS. LUCILLE E. TUCKER	4/23/2010
	MRS. ANN MATHENEY	5/2/2010
FLOYDADA 31	MRS. FRANCE M. REEDY	9/21/2009
TEXAS 35	MRS. ETHEL ANDERSON	6/17/2010
DEVINE 43	MRS. OLA FRANCES TAYLOR	7/20/2010
BEAUMONT 71	MRS. DOROTHY HUSBAND	5/19/2010
	MRS. JOYCE PARKS	5/19/2010
	MRS. KATHERINE WIGINGTON	5/19/2010
BIG SPRINGS 67	MRS. JUNE SAMPSON	1/12/2010
	MRS. MARILYN JEFFCOAT	3/10/2010
	MRS. JUANITA YEARY	3/10/2010
	MRS. MARY LOU CHENAULT	3/10/2010
LUBBOCK 76	MRS. BEVERLY RODEWALD	11/11/2009
	JAMES T. RODEWALD	11/11/2009
	MRS. JAN BARTLETT	5/24/2010
	MRS. MARIE C. WID	6/21/2010
GATE CITY 77	MRS. CATHERINE PILKILTON	4/23/2010
	J.B. WARD	4/23/2010
RUSK-ALTO 79	MRS. JUDITH WAUGH	8/14/2009
	MRS. CAROLYN SMITH	4/26/2010
WINTERS 80	JOE R. BETTES	1/22/2010
	MRS. RUTH JOBE	5/16/2010
	MRS. SUE HINDS	5/16/2010
PETROLIA 84	MRS. ERNESTINE VAN WINKLE	9/25/2009
BELLE MOON 90	MRS. FRANCES STEVENS	6/4/2010
CHILDRESS 101	MRS. BLANCHE G. LOVE	8/28/2009
	BILLIE ROGERS MELTON	6/17/2010
	MRS. MARY MELTON	7/2/2010
BROWNWOOD 116	MRS. CLAUDIA FUNDERBURG	5/18/2010

CORSICANA 118	MRS. CHLODINE BITTNER	9/1/2009
	MRS. PEGGY DARLENE MYERS	10/9/2009
	JOHN D. MYERS.	10/9/2009
PLEASANTON 133	MRS. THELMA SMITH SHAW	2/17/2010
RANSFORD 135	MRS. MARY RUTH WHITE.	2/17/2010
	MRS. DUANE R. ZIMMERMAN.	2/22/2010
ATLANTA 151	MRS. MAMIE RUTH FITTS.	2/25/2010
SPUR 164	MRS. MILDRED HAGINS	10/9/2009
	M.A.(Mutt) HAGINS	10/9/2009
QUINLAN 170	MRS. NADYNE TAYLOR	3/31/2010
ATHENS 177	MRS. ANN ARNOLD	7/23/2010
CARPENTERS 183	MRS. EDITH PETTIT	4/12/2010
TENAHA 185	MRS. JEAN PARKER	5/5/2010
BOERNE 200	MRS. NANCY M. FAULKNEY	2/3/2010
	MRS. REGINA WOLFF.	7/5/2010
BORDER 211	MRS. WANDA SCOTT	3/10/2010
	MRS. WILMA DEAN OWEN	3/10/2010
LLANO 216	MRS. MYRTLE JOYCE SIMPSON	5/26/2010
GRAND PRAIRIE 219	MRS. LUCILE GRAHAM.	2/3/2010
	MRS. JANE MORTON.	2/3/2010
	MRS. EVELYN SIMMONS.	2/3/2010
	MRS. MARGARET WHITLEY.	2/3/2010
VELASCO 220	MRS. BETTY CAPEL	2/3/2010
	MRS. JULIA R. HOOT	2/3/2010
	MRS. NANCY SERBANICH	2/3/2010
	MRS. DOROTHY NEWTON.	2/8/2010
BRYAN 222	MRS. ELLEN LOUISE SWENDSEN	8/26/2009
	MRS. GRACE YEAGER ASHLEY	1/29/2010
	MRS. NORMA WOLF HAGLER	4/18/2010
MONTGOMERY 228	MRS. JESSIE WRIGHT.	11/20/2009
	J.R. WRIGHT	11/20/2009
WICHITA FALLS 237	MRS. JANIS SUE LATIMER	12/22/2009
	MRS. BETTY J. DYER	12/22/2009
	MRS. DOROTHY BEARD	7/6/2010
	MRS. EVELYN THOMPSON	8/10/2010
SOMERVILLE 245	MRS. LYNN JUNEK	1/18/2010
SOMERVILLE 245	MRS. JOYCE GIESENSCHLAG.	1/18/2010
SULPHUR BLUFF 246	MRS. LOU WILDA BASSHAM	11/11/2009
ARLINGTON 249	MRS. MAXINE NEFF.	4/19/2010
	MRS. PAULA JEAN GARRETT.	4/19/2010
	MRS. ANITA MCMULLEN	4/19/2010
AVERY 252	MRS. BEATRICE CARR.	8/14/2009
HOUSTON HEIGHTS 258	MRS. JUANITA F. LEE	9/16/2009
DENTON 259	MRS. EDNA E. WALLACE.	8/21/2009
CROSBY 261	MRS. DORRIS GENTRY	2/3/2010
	MRS. ANNIE MCHANNEY.	2/3/2010
	MRS. HAZEL SINGLETON	2/3/2010
	MRS. ROSE TIDWELL	2/3/2010
BROCK 274	MRS. DOROTHY PICKERING.	9/17/2009
SAN MARCOS 276	MRS. MILDRED SCOTT	5/19/2010
	MALCOLM SCOTT.	5/19/2010

CLIFTON 283	MRS. DORIS MIMS	3/1/2010
	MRS. BONNIE TURNER	3/1/2010
	MRS. CATHERINE BEARDEN	3/1/2010
	MRS. VERA TURNER	4/19/2010
MARLIN 286	MRS. DORIS HOWELL BENNETT	10/15/2009
	MRS. MARIAM C. BRUCE	10/15/2009
	MRS. LYDIA BRYAN	10/15/2009
	MRS. MARY GEORGIA BURKE	10/15/2009
	MICHAEL FERDA, JR.	10/15/2009
	MRS. JACKIE GREGER	10/15/2009
	MRS. ADDIE PEARL McALISTER	10/15/2009
	MRS. AMBER SIMPSON	10/15/2009
	MRS. MYRTLENE SMITH	10/15/2009
	MRS. ANNA L. WILKEY	10/15/2009
GRAND SALINE 290	JAMES T. WILKEY	10/15/2009
	MRS. JEAN HARRISON	1/18/2010
	MRS. GLORIA HERRON	5/19/2010
	MRS. LYNNA MARTIN	5/19/2010
JASPER 291	MRS. LOIS HARRISON	6/18/2010
	MRS. EDITH LIDIA	8/19/2009
	MRS. ESTHER BLANCHARD	4/28/2010
LAMPASAS 295	CADE R. LEACH	8/16/2010
	MRS. JO ANN GARNER	4/29/2010
SILSBEE 298	MRS. MILDRED CHANCE	1/12/2010
FRANKLIN 311	MRS. BARBARA CROOK	3/12/2010
HEREFORD 312	MRS. WANNIE STEVENS	8/19/2009
	MRS. JUDY MAE FILLPOT	8/19/2009
	MRS. CAROLYN PILGRIM	5/27/2010
FAIRFIELD 331	MRS. DOROTHY BLACK	7/29/2010
	CENTER 348	MRS. WANDA SMITH
HUGHES SPRINGS 349	MRS. ELSIE LEE MCDANIEL	6/10/2010
	MRS. NORMA CLARK	5/19/2010
CORPUS CHRISTI 354	MRS. NANCY HOOD	7/21/2010
	MRS. JO WHITLEY	6/28/2010
	TEMPLAR 374	MRS. MARY LOU FUNK
LUFKIN 382	MRS. DOROTHY BOYD	6/16/2010
PALESTINE 395	MRS. OPAL RAY	4/23/2010
	MRS. LUCILLE HANEY	2/3/2010
HUMBLE 415	MRS. RENEE RANDOLPH	5/3/2010
	POLYTECHNIC 420	MRS. PATRICIA ROGERS
TROUP 421	MRS. DORIS MOORE	10/30/2009
	MRS. NEVA MAE EVANS CHERRY	4/12/2010
	MRS. KATHERINE HOOTEN	8/23/2010
	MRS. JUANITA SMITH	10/10/2009
BEEVILLE 422	MRS. JOYCE MORROW	6/22/2010
	HERMAN D. SANDLIN	7/8/2010
	CYRIL DENWOOD	7/8/2010
ROSENBERG 429	ODIS L. SIMMONS	8/19/2009
	JAMES T. JOINES	10/9/2009
	CALVIN S. LANDERS	10/9/2009
	MRS. CARMEN LANDERS	10/9/2009
	MRS. DONNA COFFMAN	5/6/2010
CHICO 433	BILLY J. LEWIS	10/30/2009
CLEVELAND 465		

TRAVIS 472	MRS. OLIVIA ADAMS	2/17/2010
EDINBURG 473	MRS. PEARL LOUISE MOORE	8/14/2009
	MRS. MARY LEONARD	4/1/2010
ROCKPORT 479	MRS. FRANCIS EUTON	12/21/2009
KILLEEN 490	PAUL E. SAWYER	11/11/2009
SEGUIN 555	WILLIAM Q. LEWIS	2/3/2010
LINDEN 576	MRS. ANN MCKINNEY	10/9/2009
TAYLOR 578	MRS. BARBARA BURNS	6/18/2010
JOURDANTON 581	MRS. VIRGINIA TEUTSCH	6/10/2010
	MRS. DORRIS MILLER	6/10/2010
MORAN 591	R.C. LOGAN	6/11/2010
	MRS. PATRICIA LOGAN	6/11/2010
HENDERSON 597	MRS. OUIDA JHO BRISTOW	11/20/2009
CREEDMOOR 607	MRS. PEGGY FAYE ALLEN	1/4/2010
	MRS. FAYE RIDENOUR	5/9/2010
	MRS. MARY TALLANT	7/12/2010
LONGVIEW 610	MRS. JO ANN METCALF	5/19/2010
	MRS. MARIE WHITTEN	5/19/2010
HANDLEY 617	MRS. BETTY A. COOMER	2/3/2010
	A. W. FOSTER	3/31/2010
	LELAND BENEFIELD	6/23/2010
	MRS. LYNDA BENEFIELD	6/23/2010
	MRS. BARBARA WINKELMEYER	8/23/2010
	ROBERT WINKELMEYER	8/23/2010
LEAGUE CITY 621	GEORGE W. EVANS	1/12/2010
JEFFERSON 627	MRS. LA JUAN HARVEY	8/14/2009
JEFFERSON 627	EDMOND R. SCHELLINGER	2/25/2010
LIBERTY/ DAYTON 634	MRS. BETTY WHITLEY	11/18/2009
	MRS. IMOGENE WARD	11/18/2009
	MRS. JIMMIE WARNER	11/18/2009
	MRS. DORIS TYWATER	11/18/2009
	MRS. JEANE TUER	11/18/2009
	LOUIS TUER	11/18/2009
	MRS. JOHNNIE MAE RILEY	11/18/2009
	MRS. DORIS BODENHAMER	11/18/2009
	MRS. FLORENCE LAVERN DERRINGTON	11/18/2009
TEXLINE 640	KENNETH LISTER	6/14/2010
	MRS. DORA SUE PHILIPS	6/14/2010
HARLINGEN 641	MRS. RAY LEONARD	1/14/2010
ROYSE CITY 642	MRS. MILDRED WILLIAMS	6/21/2010
ANAHUAC 649	JAMES MATTHEWS	4/21/2010
	MRS. NELDA RUTH MILES	8/18/2010
DUMAS 653	MRS. LOUISE JAMESON	3/10/2010
	MRS. ZELDA LANG	3/10/2010
	MRS. MAXIE RUTH CLARK	6/17/2010
ALVARADO 656	MRS. HAZEL SATTERWHITE	5/19/2010
CANTON 667	MRS. GENEVA SPRAGUE	8/15/2010
PORT NECHES 677	MRS. ROSE MAE COPLEY	1/18/2010
	MRS. NORENE NUNEZ	1/18/2010
	MRS. PATRICIA EDWARDS	1/18/2010
	MRS. DOROTHY FAYE CUNIFF	4/7/2010
	MRS. LETHA CHARLENE JACOBS	6/21/2010
	GLYNN RAY JACOBS	6/21/2010

LAPORTE 683	MRS. BARBARA WARNOCK	5/9/2010
FARMERS BRANCH 687	MRS. RUBY JEAN OGLETREE	5/17/2010
PLANO 703	MRS. BETTY LOU MERRITT	4/16/2010
	CHARLES A. MERRITT	4/16/2010
	MRS. JOAN SMITH	4/16/2010
	MRS. DORRIS BRAKEFIELD	7/20/2010
	MRS. MARGARET E. ATKINSON	7/7/2010
	PAUL W. ATKINSON 7/7/2010	
MAGNOLIA 706	MRS. MAXINE AGEE DURHAM	8/14/2009
	MRS. SARAH M. BIERMAN	11/3/2009
	MRS. FAY RASBERRY	11/3/2009
	MRS. ANN RICHARDS WOODS	11/3/2009
FAITH 713	MRS. DOROTHY FAYE SELLS	8/14/2009
KOUNTZE 724	MRS. WALTERINE LOFTIN	4/26/2010
PARK PLACE 731	MRS. MARGIE BACCUS	9/17/2009
	LESTER ROBERTS	10/19/2009
	MISS MATTIE SUSANNE BROWN	3/10/2010
ALAMO HEIGHTS 734	MRS. BETTY HICKS	4/13/2010
	MRS. JOANN LOWE	4/13/2010
ANDRAL VANN 741	MRS. LILLIE FUTCH	3/12/2010
	MRS. DORIS JOHNSON	3/12/2010
	MRS. BABE RUTH LOGAN	4/6/2010
	MRS. OLETA R. MILLS	6/22/2010
	MRS. NAOMI WOLFE	6/22/2010
CARTHAGE 747	MRS. DENA HOLMES	6/17/2010
	EARL ROBINSON	6/17/2010
	MRS. PHYLLIS ROBINSON	6/17/2010
	MRS. MARIETTA WHISMAN	6/17/2010
WEDGWOOD 756	MRS. MARY MORRIS	8/14/2009
HILLSBORO 769	MRS. ANNA LOU WRAY	9/17/2009
FORT MCKAVETT 783	MRS. WILDA MEIXNER	2/17/2010
	CHARLES KOTHMANN	2/17/2010
AMARILLO 787	MRS. VONCILLE NORTH	4/16/2010
	MRS. ELOISE PANCAKE	4/16/2010
LEVELLAND 797	MRS. HETTIE ROWLAND	4/1/2010
	MRS. MELVA WAHLER	6/18/2010
GROESBECK 810	MRS. DOROTHY CRUTCHER	9/28/2009
BORGER 811	MRS. FRANCES GRAHAM	4/16/2010
	MRS. LINDA GRAHAM	4/16/2010
	MRS. GERTRUDE HODGES	5/3/2010
	THOMAS HOWARD	4/5/2010
	MRS. MARY JOANNE WAIGHT	4/16/2010
PROSPECT HILL 817	MRS. ELENOR G. McCRELESS	8/11/2010
CRESCENT 820	MRS. MARY FRANCES MASON	5/5/2010
	A.R. MASON	5/5/2010
MABANK 821	MRS. LAURA FRANK ATKINSON	11/23/2009
WISTERIA 823	MRS. PHYLLIS HICKS	4/12/2010
	MRS. DORRIS CLEGG	5/13/2010
	MRS. JEAN PARKHILL	5/13/2010
CONCHO 826	ALVIN R. BAILEY	5/5/2010
	MRS. MADGE WEATHERBY	5/5/2010

RIVERSIDE 834	MRS. DOROTHY ASHBY	12/22/2009
	DR. RUFUS EARL	1/4/2010
	GERALD L. ROBINSON	1/29/2010
SEMINOLE 855	MRS. ALICE ROBINSON	1/29/2010
MESQUITE 887	MRS. D'LOIS BRYSON	8/1/2010
BOYD 897	MRS. HAZEL STANLEY	10/22/2009
	MRS. LUCY MAUDE BAKER	5/25/2010
FREEDOM 898	MRS. NADINE MARA	5/25/2010
JOAQUIN 903	MRS. RHEBA BURGESS	10/10/2009
HAWKINS 908	MRS. ANITA WORSHAM	11/11/2009
	MRS. KATHLEEN THOMSON	9/11/2009
	MRS. RUTH DOWD	9/11/2009
MELROSE 920	MRS. NANCY BUCK	4/5/2010
	MRS. WILMA MC QUEEN	4/5/2010
	MRS. ELSIE MAE MC DANIEL	4/5/2010
RICHARDSON 921	MRS. BONNIE ALDRIDGE	5/23/2010
	MRS. SANDRA DES PLAS	5/19/2010
	MRS. TWILA HOY	5/20/2010
	MRS. BILLIE MOSS	5/19/2010
BLANCO 934	MRS. FREDA ANN HALL	5/22/2010
	MRS. REVA JEAN MOBLEY	7/14/2010
LEWISVILLE 935	MRS. GLENNA SCHLEGEL	1/21/2010
	MRS. CORDELL VANCE	1/21/2010
	MRS. BETTYE CLEM	4/12/2010
	MRS. LUCY JERNIGAN	4/26/2010
FARMERSVILLE 940	ED H. SMITH, JR.	7/28/2010
LANCASTER 943	MRS. JOYCE MCGINNIS	7/7/2010
	MRS. JANICE MCKEE	7/7/2010
YORKTOWN 945	MRS. LILLIAN BROOM	10/9/2009
MIKE THOMAS- OAKCLIFF 951	LUTHER C. HARRISON, JR.	9/17/2009
	MRS. LILLIE STOKES	3/10/2010
	GERALD BROWN	5/2/2010
ZAVALLA 952	MRS. WANDA L. LEWING	6/18/2010
GROVES	MRS. WILMA MOORE	9/21/2009
PORT ARTHUR 953	MRS. PEARL TROSCLAIR	11/3/2009
	MRS. DIANE MITCHELL	2/3/2010
	MRS. BARBARA J. BALLARD	3/10/2010
	MRS. VIRGINIA MOORE	5/17/2010
	MRS. ESTHER B. PARKS	7/2/2010
	MRS. FRANKIE LEE JETER	7/2/2010
EDWIN J. KIEST 959	MRS. FRIEDA BAIN	3/31/2010
	MRS. IRENE GARRISON	3/31/2010
	MRS. MOZELLE KISLER	3/31/3010
	MRS. DOROTHY EMMONS	6/27/2010
	MRS. BILLIE O. WORTHAM	6/28/2010
	MRS. SHIRLEY GRAY	7/26/2010
WINNSBORO 967	MRS. GENEVA KENNEMER	5/10/2010
	MRS. JOYCE REEVES	5/5/2010
	MRS. MARTHA LAJOY SIMS	5/10/2010
	MRS. SYBLE STEPHENS	5/5/2010
BUNA 968	MRS. MELBA BREITHAAPT	5/19/2010
	BOBBY BREITHAAPT	5/19/2010

BULLARD 972	MRS. HELEN F. KEY	8/14/2009
	MRS. MARILYN WILLIAMS	8/14/2009
LAMARQUE 979	MRS. KATHRYN KEHLBECK	5/19/2010
HALTOM CITY 982	MRS. EILEEN M. KOEPPE	3/31/2010
GARDEN OAKS 987	MRS. JEAN M. HYDE	2/5/2010
MEDINA 988	MRS. VERLA ROY	5/3/2010
	MRS. BETTY GARRISON	9/30/2009
	PAUL LAVON GARRISON	9/30/2009
	MRS. LENVAL MAYFIELD	9/30/2009
	MRS. BILLIE SUTHARD	9/30/2009
YSLETA 991	HERMAN L. ENGLE	9/17/2009
	MRS. OLA MADEAN ENGLE	9/17/2009
	MRS. YVONNE LIPE	3/31/2010
	MRS. ALA JO PARROTT	3/31/2010
	MRS. MARGUERITE MC FARLAND	3/31/2010
	J.G. BARTLETT	3/31/2010
RIDGLEA 999	FRED J. FOWLER	6/10/2010
	MRS. ROBERTA A. EVANS	6/10/2010
	MRS. BETTYE RUTH FOWLER	6/30/2010
FRIENDSHIP 1008	MRS. BILLIE GLOVER	1/12/2010
NORMAN READ 1010	MRS. GLENNETTA FAYE MC ADAMS	9/28/2009
CASTLEBERRY 1028	MRS. DOROTHY BERRY	5/20/2010
	MRS. LAVERNE BERRY	5/20/2010
	MRS. EDITH GROOMER	5/20/2010
ORE CITY 1033	DAVID R. MODISETTE	8/16/2010
INDEPENDENCE 1044	MRS. BETTIEJO LANCE	11/11/2009
	LEE ROY LANCE	11/11/2009
	MRS. CORRINE BRADSHAW	11/11/2009
	MRS. JOHNNIE RAY SEALE	11/11/2009
	MRS. FRANCE HANSHAW	4/5/2010
	EDWARD HANSHAW	4/5/2010
CORA POSEY 1072	MRS. DOROTHY WHITE	7/11/2010
NEDERLAND 1079	ROBERT A. FRENCH	2/3/2010
	MRS. GLORIA M. FRENCH	2/3/2010
UNIVERSITY 1082	MRS. DANA SMALLWOOD	6/2/2010
NEW CANEY 1093	MRS. IRENE B. RAY	9/14/2009
SEABROOK 1096	MRS. MARGARET COWARD	9/23/2009
	MRS. CAROLE WIEDEMAN	9/24/2009
CYPRESS 1102	MRS. BETTY JO ARTIS	5/20/2010
ZAPATA 1106	MRS. GEN DAVIS	4/1/2010
GUN BARREL CITY 1114	MRS. DORIS MOORE	3/31/2010
	MRS. GLADYS PHILLIPS	3/31/2010
KINGSLAND 1118	MRS. REBA JEAN SPANN	8/5/2010
JUSTIN 1128	MRS. DOROTHY WALLING	1/22/2010
KLEIN 1141	MRS. CORA FERGUSON	5/19/2010
	MRS. NORMA SUE THRAILKILL	5/19/2010

I am so pleased to recognize these 50-year members. Before too many years, I will be joining them. Thanks, ladies and gentlemen, for having worked diligently for so many years to promote our Order. We appreciate your love, devotion and hard work. Thank you for all your years of service. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, I'm pleased to present to you the residents of TMRC. Would you

please welcome them. [applause] I cannot begin to express my appreciation to each of you for coming all the way to Amarillo to this Grand Chapter session. You have made this Worthy Grand Matron standing tall and Texas proud. Thank you for coming to this session.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: It has been a pleasure this year being with each and everyone of you at TMRC. You have honored us by being here. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. ["Let Me Call You Sweetheart" sung as they returned to their seats in the Grand Chapter room.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time I recognize Brother Don Austin who will treat us to some music.

MR. DON AUSTIN: Hello, I'm not Johnny Cash, but I'm going to sing one of his songs. [applause following "Ring of Fire"]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, for the Associate Grand Conductress we do not have an election. Number of votes cast - 1759; number of votes to elect - 880. Jayne Yenger - 695; Christine Armstrong - 303; Cindy Echols - 130; Jerre Lucas - 631. As Brother Lee said at the beginning, we will drop the lowest one which would be Cindy Echols.

MRS. CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG: Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of this great membership I would like to remove my name from the list. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We're going to use ballot number B. Brother Grand Warder and Brother Grand Sentinel, make sure the doors to this Grand Chapter room are secure.

GRAND WARDER: Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, would you please secure the doors. We are taking a ballot. If there are some that need to come in, look out the door and let them in; otherwise, seal the door.

I think the doors are secure.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We are balloting on the Associate Grand Conductress. The two names on the ballot are Sister Jayne Yenger and Sister Jerre Lucas. You may ballot. I declare it open.

For the Board of Directors, District 1, we have an election. Total votes cast - 1446; number of votes to elect - 724. Tonya Foster - 859; Joe Zihlman - 587. Sister Tonya, will you come forward. Sister Tonya Foster, you have been elected to the Board of Directors for District 1. Do you accept?

MRS. TONYA FOSTER: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, with a very humble heart I accept. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have another election, for the Board of Directors for District 3. Number of votes cast - 1737; number of votes to elect - 869. Darla Dunaway - 945; Jean Hobbs - 792. Darla Dunaway has been elected to the office of Board of Directors for District 3. Sister Darla, will you come forward.

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: Worthy Grand Matron, I am very honored to be elected to this place of service and I do accept. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I declare the ballot closed. Sister Deputies, you will deposit your ballots to 1, 2 and 3.

Sisters and Brothers, we do not have an election for the Board of Directors for District 4. Number of votes cast - 1634; number of votes to elect - 818. Wayne Huddleston - 548; Gerry Sturtz - 606; Glenda Klemm - 480. We will drop the name of Glenda Klemm. We will use ballot number C. I declare the ballot open.

I declare the ballot closed. Deputies, you will deposit the ballots on 4, 5 and 6.

For the Board of Grand Examiners for District 2. Number of votes cast - 1608; number of votes to elect - 805. Carla Stringer - 848; Alma York - 760. Carla Stringer has been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners for District 2. I invite Sister Carla to come to the East.

MRS. CARLA STRINGER: Worthy Grand Matron, with a grateful heart and love for the membership of Texas I do accept. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Will the Pages pick up the pencils and return them to the Grand Secretary.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you present the 2009-2010 Executive and Arrangements Committee in the West.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Sisters and Brothers, could I have your attention just for one minute. You've heard the adage that timing is an important thing. I think this is the time to make a motion that we either buy a new scanner or lease a new scanner. I have talked to the Board of Directors, and they have voted to endorse my proposal, which is to allow the Board of Directors to investigate either the lease or purchase of a new scanner for the purpose of our elections and to make the most prudent choice for this Grand Chapter. I put that in the form of a motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do I have a second?

The motion has been made and seconded that we either purchase or rent a new scanner. All in favor raise your blue cards. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers; the motion carried.

I can't begin to tell you how very much I appreciate all that you have done to make this Grand Chapter a success. We all know that a Grand Chapter does not just happen. You have been diligent in your duties and have gone out of your way to make each member here feel welcome. Please know that I am so very proud of each of you. Each of you accepted your office graciously and performed your duty beautifully. You are special to me, and I thank you so very much.

It's really nice, Sisters and Brothers, to be able to live in one town four hours away and put on a Grand Chapter such as this. I did not have to come very often. All I had to do was say, "This is what we're going to do," and, Sisters and Brothers, it was taken care of. I did not worry, not one moment. I love each of you, and I thank you so very, very much. [applause]

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Anyone who has ever served on the Executive or Arrangements Committee appreciates the work that goes on behind the scenes, organizing and executing Grand Chapter sessions. You have performed your duty well. I truly appreciate your efforts. Thank you so much for all each and everyone of you did. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the following in back of Esther's station: Sister Joyce Ball, Sister Diane Davidson, Brother Kris Miller, Brother Carl Unlaub, Sister Carol Jackson and Sister Vickie Matthews.

It is only fitting that my portion of this Grand Chapter session should end with special recognition to you for your service to our Order. As I call your name would you line up in this order, please: Sister Joyce Ball, Sister Diane Davidson, Brother Kris Miller, Brother Carl Unlaub, Sister Carol Jackson, Sister Vickie Matthews. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, please present these to the Grand East.

“Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Greetings. Whereas, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of” — “and a Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, seeking to promote fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of our Order promoted and its unity, integrity and strength be protected and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and receipt of a Grand Representative from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other; therefore, be it known that as evidence of this trust and confidence, we by these presents do constitute and appoint Sister Joyce Ball, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba to the Grand Chapter of Texas for the purpose aforesaid. In testimony hereof, we have caused the seal of the Grand Chapter to be heretofore affixed and attested by the signature of our Grand Secretary in Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 2nd day of June, 2010. Commission effective until June 30, 2013.” [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, she said, “You didn’t tell me.” But I have not told any of them all year long.

Sisters and Brothers, this is the same, from the State of Mississippi, they bring greetings, etc., to Sister Diane Davidson, Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of the State of Mississippi. This commission expires July 1, 2012. [applause]

I have the same to Montana for Brother Kris Miller. [applause]

South Carolina goes to our Brother Carl Unlaub. [applause]

Carol Jackson will be going to South Dakota. [applause]

Sister Vickie, you’re going to be going to the Grand Chapter of Bolivia in South America. I’m sorry to tell you the paperwork has not arrived, but I did fix you up with a Grand Chapter seal so that you can have this until your pin and real certificate comes in. But I did want you to be able to start your term. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, you will salute them with Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the chapter room.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Sisters and Brothers, I’m happy to tell you that we have our final two elections complete. I want to thank the Tellers; the two ladies, Carolyn Orum and Lesa Smith, who ran the calculators; the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons who manned the tables; Mark Dieckmann and Jack Friend and Debbie Miller; but, most importantly, the membership who stuck with us. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for giving me this place of service. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have an election for the Associate Grand Conductress. Number of votes cast - 1513; number of votes to elect - 757. Jayne Yenger - 834; Jerre Lucas - 675. Jayne Yenger has been elected to the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Jayne, will you come forward.

MRS. JAYNE YENGER: Worthy Grand Matron and the membership of Texas, it is with a humble heart that I stand here today and thank each of you and I hope to make you proud. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I would like to dismiss the Tellers and the Table Judges. I appreciate you for your work and you may go to another chair if you’d like.

For the Board of Directors for District 4 we do have an election. Number of votes cast - 1455; number of votes to elect - 728. Wayne Huddleston - 680; Gerry Sturtz - 775. Gerry Sturtz has been elected to the Board of Directors for District 4. Sister Gerry, will you come forward.

MRS. GERRY STURTZ: Thank you so very much for electing me. I promise this membership to do my very best for our beautiful Order. Thank you. [applause]

I now recognize Mr. Mark Dieckmann.

MR. MARK DIECKMANN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: I am Mark Dieckmann, former Election Chairman, now Executive Committee Chairman for the 129th Grand Chapter session in Houston. Would the members of District 4 please enter the chapter room.

On behalf of Sister Mary Ruth White, Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, and Brother Arthur Drescher, Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, it is my honor to invite all members to attend the 2011 session in the largest city in Texas, Cut-n-Shoot! No, really Houston.

Our session will be August 10 - 13, 2011, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

MRS. SHERRY DIECKMANN: Alive with energy and diversity, Houston is a dynamic mix of imagination, talent and with first-class attractions that have made us a world-class city. Home of a vibrant economy, beautiful surroundings and a population full of optimism and spirit, it is no wonder that Houston is a popular international destination.

MR. MARK DIECKMANN: Yes, it's very hot in Houston, but we made arrangements for you not to experience that aspect. We have one hotel, and it is connected by skywalks to the George R. Brown Convention Center where our sessions will be held every day. The 2011 session will also be the Official Visit of the Most Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, so we hope you will support Sister Rennie and Brother Fred by attending and showing their entourage how tremendous Texas Eastern Star spirit is.

The Executive and Arrangements Committee is on the stage as well as many others who will strive to make the session as pleasant and memorable as possible.

I make a motion that the 129th session be held in Houston, Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to accept the gracious invitation for the 129th Grand Chapter session to be held in Houston. Is there any discussion? All in favor please raise your blue cards. Any opposed? Sister Mary Ruth, we'll see you in Houston. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Always we appreciate the interest the membership displays in the legislation of this Grand Chapter. The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed all matters, including the decisions, irregularities and rulings of the Worthy Grand Matron as reported in the Grand Chapter in the Advanced Report and Supplemental Report. We do find those things satisfactory and will be approved by the Committee. We do have to do some adjustments on numbers that were not correct in the amendments.

Other than that, the Grand Secretary and I will get together. I want to introduce my Jurisprudence Committee since they have not been formally introduced. District 1, Sister Alma Carter; District 2, Betty Benham; District 3 was Yvonne Brownfield and she has already left; Elsie Paladino, District 4; and Kenneth Gregory for District 5. Is Frances Burbank still in the room? She served as the Jurisprudence secretary this year.

Sisters and Brothers, we will assist in anything that the Grand Chapter needs. Worthy Grand Matron, as you relinquish your gavel and pass on the leadership of the Grand Chapter of Texas, may God continue to bless you and your loved ones and keep you always in His special care. Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your indulgence, for your decisions and for being members of this Grand Chapter. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will now have the benediction by Brother Buddy Baker, General Grand Chapter Restoration Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas.

MR. BUDDY BAKER: Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, as we come to the close of the 128th session, "Love and Friendship Across Texas," our hearts are full of the

love we have received and witnessed. We thank You for being with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they guided us through our sessions with love and grace. We pray that all our doings have been pleasing in Thy sight. Please help us keep our footsteps on ways of pleasantness and paths of peace. We ask a special blessing on our men and women in foreign lands fighting evil so we may enjoy the freedoms that we so enjoy and sometimes take for granted. We now ask for continued blessings upon our beautiful Order. Grant safe travels from this place. These things we ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

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

Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

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

I now call this "Standing Tall in Texas" session of the Grand Chapter from labor to rest until 6 p.m. tonight at which time we will have our Installation of Officers for the 2010-2011 Grand Chapter year.

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

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Warder, this Grand Chapter has been called from labor to rest until 6 p.m. tonight.

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WRITTEN REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER COMMITTEE

The Webmaster Committee has worked to keep the Grand Chapter Website up to date as information has become available to us. We have reworked many of hte forms.

We have received approximately 300 e-mails from members, and visitors who have visited the Website. All have been answered either by the Webmaster Committee, Grand Secretery's Office, or forwarded to someone who could provide the proper response. There have been many inquiries about membership in the Order. These have been responded to with information on how to locate a Chapter close to them, or the information necessary to contact the closest Chapter Secretary.

This is a continuing effort and we welcome comments and suggestions to help us improve the Information that is proficed to the Membership of Texas.

Fraternally,
Jack York
Webmaster Committee Chairman

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**Amarillo Convention Center
Amarillo, Texas
August 7, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

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Honored Guests

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2009-2010

Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officers

Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Most Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Bordeaux
Worthy Grand Chaplain

Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland
Worthy Grand Organist

Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Mr. Henry S. Martin
Executive Committee – General Chairman

Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Executive Committee – General Co-Chairman

Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Executive Committee – Finance Chairman

Mr. Jerry Trees
Executive Committee – Housing Chairman

Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Executive Committee – Housing Co-Chairman

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend
Executive Committee – Social Chairman

Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Ambassador Committee – Hawaii

Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Appeals & Grievances Committee

Mrs. Karen T. Morgenthaler
Cancer Committee

Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker
Chapter Restoration Committee

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Credentials Committee

Mr. Ed Warner
ESTARL Committee

Mr. Billy H. Combest
Knights Templar Charities Committee – Chairman

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Membership Committee – United States Chairman

Mrs. Nancy Brown
Pin Committee – Distribution Chairman

Mrs. Alma Carter
Registration Committee – United States Chairman

Mr. J. William Rhyan
Registration Committee

Mr. Jack W. Guy
Service Dog Committee

Mr. Leland G. Benefield
Unfinished Business Committee

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Youth Committee – United States Chairman

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus	Mr. Murray Watson
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	Mr. Wayne P. Jones
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast	Mr. Graham H. Childress
Mrs. Mary Brown	Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Mrs. Elise Hammack	Mr. Garland W. Rattan
Mrs. Beulah Speer	Mr. Richard Ochs
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham	Mr. Harold Trammell
Dr. Effie Mae Davis	Mr. Nelson Campbell
Mrs. Jane Gregory	Mr. John Creel
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Mr. William Wyatt, Jr.
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	
Mrs. Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek	
Mrs. Joyce Nicklas	
Mrs. Bess Caldwell	

*Note to all Distinguished Guests and also our own
Distinguished Members of Texas:
Please be in the West at 5:30 p.m. You will be presented in the
Processional through the Labyrinth to your place of Honor.*

Distinguished Guests

General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees
Present and Past Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons
Of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Visiting Grand Officers

Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter
Mrs. Sylvia Garcia
Deputy for the MWGM to Mexico
Mr. Raul Garcia
Deputy for the MWGP to Mexico and Central America

Mrs. Phyllis Macon
International Grand Representatives Association - President

Mrs. Janice Herridge
Executive Committee - Executive Secretary

Dr. Charles W. "Bill" Bane
International Headquarters Administrator

Special Appointments of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and
the Most Worthy Grand Patron
Mrs. Gay M. Carnes
Who's Who/Tri Line Book, Calendar & Souvenir Book

Mrs. Leatris Legg
Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander
Choir Director

Cardinal Crew Committee

Right Worshipful T. E. "Gene" Carnes
Deputy Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Supreme Fidelity
Supreme Inspector in Texas and Mexico
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Mr. J. Weldon Clampitt
Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas and
Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay International

Special Guests

Worthy Grand Matron-elect's Family

Worthy Grand Patron-elect's Family

Ransford Chapter No. 135

Dal-Cliff Chapter No. 574

Lewisville Chapter No. 935

Installation Program

6:00 p.m.

Musical Prelude Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder
Past Matron

Master of Ceremonies Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Past Grand Matron

Processional Grand Marshal Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Past Grand Matron

Call to Order Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. William Wyatt, Jr.
Worthy Grand Patron

Processional Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

Present and Past Grand Matrons and
Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Texas' Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons

Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron
and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas
and Other Masonic Dignitaries

Distinguished Guests of other Fraternal Organizations

Presiding Officers of Appendant Bodies

Presentation of Grand Officers of 2010-2011

Mrs. Edna Goettee

Worthy Grand Matron's Treasured Sister
Escorted by Mr. Bart Henderson

Mrs. Joann Drescher

Grand Chapter Mom
Escorted by Mr. Gary Drescher

Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Sr.

Grand Chapter Dad
Escorted by Mrs. Kay Drescher

Board of Grand Examiners

Mrs. Melissa Hudman, District 1
Escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman
Mrs. Carla Stringer, District 2
Escorted by Mr. Bob Stringer
Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, District 3
Escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht
Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, District 4
Escorted by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer
Mrs. Sandra Zipp, District 5
Escorted by Mr. Ron Zipp
Mrs. Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner at Large
Escorted by Mr. Larry Bigham

Board of Directors

Mrs. Betty M. Scott, District 1
Escorted by Mr. Andrew N. Scott
Mrs. Tonya C. Foster, District 1
Escorted by Mr. Charles Foster
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. Darla Duaway, District 3
Escorted by Mr. Larry Dunaway
Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, District 4
Escorted by Mr. Herman Wise
Mrs. Gerry Sturtz, District 4
Escorted by Mr. Bill Sturtz
Mrs. Kathy Teele, District 5
Escorted by Mr. Claude Lindley
Mr. Ronald Zipp, District 5
Escorted by Mrs. Sandra Zipp

Mrs. Rita Lytle	Fraternal Correspondent Escorted by Mr. Toby Lytle
Mr. Ray Hargis	Grand Sentinel Escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis
Mrs. Jane Wert	Grand Warder Escorted by Mr. Harold Wert
Ms. Doris Davis	Grand Electa Escorted by Mr. Rick Skidd
Mrs. Susan Smith	Grand Martha Escorted by Mr. Richard Smith
Mrs. Marty Drescher	Grand Esther Escorted by Mr. James Drescher
Ms. Fran Johnson	Grand Ruth Escorted by Mr. Herb Morgan
Mrs. Martha Heffington	Grand Adah Escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs Past Grand Patron
Mrs. Janell Trees	Grand Organist Escorted by Mr. Jerry Trees Past Grand Patron
Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann	Grand Marshal Escorted by Mr. Mark D. Dieckmann
Mrs. Marceline Crenshaw	Grand Chaplain Escorted by Dr. Billy G. Crenshaw
Mrs. Jayne Yenter	Associate Grand Conductress Escorted by Mr. Mike Hall
Mrs. Annette Curry	Grand Conductress Escorted by Mr. Jerry Davis
Mrs. Lorrie Owens	Grand Treasurer Escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens
Mrs. Marlene Scholari	Grand Secretary Escorted by Mr. Joe Scholari

Mr. David B. Dibrell

Associate Grand Patron
Escorted by Mrs. Marlene Dibrell

Mrs. Vi Griffin

Associate Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. Thomas F. Griffin

Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr

Worthy Grand Patron
Escorted by Mrs. Loryn Thomas

Mrs. Mary Ruth White

Worthy Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. Joseph F. White

Star Point Presentation

Narrator	Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham Past Grand Matron
Adah	Mrs. Beulah Speer Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Ed Warner Past Grand Patron
Ruth	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Billy Combest Past Grand Patron
Esther	Mrs. Elsie Paladino Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Kenneth Gregory Past Grand Patron
Martha	Mrs. Doris Hester Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Jack Guy Past Grand Patron
Electa	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon Past Grand Matron Escorted by Mr. Harold Trammell Past Grand Patron
Presentation of the Bible and Bible Marker	Miss Jessica Timmons Miss Peyton Drescher Grand-daughters of the Worthy Grand Patron – elect
Presentation of the Square and Compasses	Miss Katelyn Drescher Grand-daughter of the Worthy Grand Patron - elect

Flag Presentation

United States
Mr. Jedidiah Dieckmann
Eagle Scout, Troupe No. 549, BSA
Escorted by Mr. Joshua Dieckmann
First Class Scout, Troupe No. 549, BSA
Grandsons of the Worthy Grand Matron - elect

Canadian
Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker
Past Grand Patron

Texas
Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Past Grand Patron

Christian
Mr. Jerry Trees
Past Grand Patron

Eastern Star
Mr. Nelson Campbell
Past Grand Patron

Masonic
Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Past Grand Patron

Pledge of Allegiance
Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Past Grand Patron

The National Anthem
In Unison

Opening of the Bible
Mrs. Vi Griffin
Grand Conductress

Invocation
Right Worshipful T.E. “Gene” Carnes
Deputy Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Presentation of Installing Grand Officers

General Grand Chapter Installing Officer Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary, GGC and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

General Grand Chapter Assisting Installing Officer Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Most Worthy Grand Matron, GGC and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

General Grand Chapter Assisting Installing Officer Mr. Henry Martin
Executive Committee, General Chairman, GGC and
Past Grand Patron of Texas

General Grand Chapter Installing Chaplain Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
Past Grand Matron of Texas

General Grand Chapter Installing Marshal Mrs. Karen T. Morgenthaler
Cancer Committee, GGC and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

General Grand Chapter Installing Organist Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland
Right Worthy Grand Organist, GGC and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

General Grand Chapter Installing Secretary Mrs. Jane Gregory
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Installation of Officers

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Annette Curry
Grand Conductress

Greetings

Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Most Worthy Grand Matron and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Greetings

Right Worshipful T.E. “Gene” Carnes
Deputy Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Greetings and DeMolay Presentation

Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte
Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas and
Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay International
Mr. Aaron Ingersoll
State Master Councilor
Texas DeMolay

Greetings and Rainbow Presentation

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Supreme Fidelity
Supreme Inspector in Texas and Mexico
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
Miss Laura Pearson
Grand Worthy Advisor
Grand Assembly of Texas, IORG

Presentations

Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel	Mrs. Bess Caldwell Immediate Past Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Patron's Jewel	Mr. William Wyatt, Jr. Immediate Past Grand Patron
Past Grand Matron's Jewel	Mr. Alvin Caldwell
Past Grand Patron's Jewel	Mrs. Ann Wyatt
Message and Dedication of the Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Elise Hammack Past Grand Matron
Message and Dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Ray Hertenberger Past Grand Patron
Presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Year	Mrs. Alma Carter Past Grand Matron
Presentation of Colors, Flowers and Emblems	Mrs. Betty Friend Past Grand Matron
Presentation of Motto and Theme	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas Past Grand Matron
Presentation of Scriptures	Worthy Grand Matron's Mrs. Edna Goettee Worthy Grand Patron's Mrs. Betty Morris
Dedication and Presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron's Music	Mrs. Janell Trees Grand Organist Arranged by Mrs. Janell Trees and Mr. Bill Rhyan, PGP of Arizona
Dedication and Presentation of the Worthy Grand Patron's Music	Mrs. Heidi Newman Farmers Branch #689 Arranged by Mrs. Marilynn Lee & Mrs. Heidi Newman
Special Music	Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir Grand Soloist Mrs. Janell Trees Grand Organist

Presentation of Humanitarian Program	Dr. Effie Mae Davis Past Grand Matron
Address	Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr. Worthy Grand Patron
Address	Mrs. Mary Ruth White Worthy Grand Matron
Benediction	Dr. Bill Bane International Headquarters Administrator

RECESS

*To our visitors, we thank you for sharing the joy of this evening.
Those who are not members will please retire at this time.*

Call from Rest to Labor	Mrs. Mary Ruth White Worthy Grand Matron
Proving of the Grand Chapter	Mrs. Vi Griffin Associate Grand Matron
Presentations	Chairman, Board of Directors
Retiring of the Flag	Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann Grand Marshal
Ritualistic Closing of Grand Chapter	Members Only
Closing Ode: “How Great Thou Art”	In Unison
Closing of the Bible	Mrs. Annette Curry Grand Conductress

Mizpah Benediction

Announcements

The “A New Texas Flower Blooming” breakfast honoring the newly-elected Associate Grand Conductress will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Amarillo Convention Center, Sunday, August 8, 2010

Deputy Grand Matron Conference will begin at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, August 8, 2010 at the Amarillo Convention Center. Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, and Elected Board Members are invited to attend.

Invitations

RANSFORD CHAPTER NO. 135

Cordially invites you to attend the
“Treasured Garden of Friendship” Banquet
Honoring the Worthy Grand Matron
and
Fraternal Visit
of the
Worthy Grand Matron
and honoring the
Worthy Grand Patron,
Saturday, August 21, 2010

The Banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. at
The Crowne Plaza Hotel
8686 Kirby Drive, Houston, TX 77054
Followed by
The Fraternal Visit at 7:30 p.m. at
Temple Masonic Lodge # 4
4055 West Belfort, Houston, TX 77025
713-666-4444

Hotel Accommodations
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8686 Kirby Drive
Houston, TX 77054
713-748-3221 (Mention OES) Room Rate \$89 + Tax

Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Evelyn Huddleston
25407 Oakhurst Drive
Spring, TX 77386
281-362-7326
Tickets \$25.00
Please include a SASE and your 2010-2011 Title

DAL-CLIFF CHAPTER NO. 574
and
LEWISVILLE CHAPTER NO. 935

Cordially invite you to attend the
“Gardener for the Stars” Banquet
Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron
and
Joint Fraternal Visit
of the
Worthy Grand Matron
and honoring the
Worthy Grand Patron,
Saturday, September 4, 2010

The Banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. and
The Fraternal Visit at 7:00 p.m.
Scottish Rite Cathedral
500 S. Harwood Street, Dallas, TX 75201

Hotel Accommodations
Sheraton Dallas Hotel, 400 N. Olive Street
Dallas, TX 75201
214-922-8000 (Mention OES) Room Rate \$89 + Tax

Ticket Chairman: Ms. Linda Carney
1847 North Josey Lane # F
Carrollton, TX 75006
214-542-1904
Tickets \$25.00
Please Include SASE and your 2010-2011 Title

Special Appreciations

Installation Chairman	Mr. John Elkinton, Chairman 2010-2011 Arrangements Committee
Installation Decorations	Mrs. Marsha Owen
Installation Coordinator	Mr. Trey Smith
Altar Cloth	Mrs. Evelyn Huddleston
Installation Banner	Mr. Carroll Macon
Installation Pictures	Mr. Jim Turner
Special Assistance and Support	Executive and Arrangements Committees 2010-2011 Executive and Arrangements Committees 2009-2010 Staff of the Office of the Grand Secretary

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Installation pictures may be ordered by contacting
Mr. Jim Turner
972-279-4813
or
www.jimturnerphotography.com

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 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.

A garden atmosphere was still present in the Civic Center with a banner announcing "Garden of Friendship." Taking center stage were a little boy pushing a wheelbarrow filled with iris of many colors and a little girl at a tea table. Pots of iris were everywhere. An arch composed of many kinds and colors of spring flowers provided the entry for the Presentation of the Grand Officers. The Altar was covered with a white satin cloth with the OES emblem. White satin cloth covered the pedestals of the various stations.

Lady Grand Officer dresses were form-fitting and burgundy in color. A jeweled bolero completed the outfit. Gentleman Officers wore black tuxedos with burgundy vests and tie.

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MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Good evening, Sisters and Brothers. I welcome you to the 129th Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sister Mary Ruth White, and our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, Brother Arthur Drescher, I extend sincere appreciation to each of you for your presence with us tonight.

The lovely piano music that you have been enjoying was provided by Sister Delphia von Heeder, Past Matron. Thank you, Sister Delphia, for your beautiful music and your God-given talent. Please show her your appreciation. [applause]

Our 128th Grand Chapter session has been one that underscored the statement that friendship and love across Texas is truly seen in our beautiful Order. It is with pleasure that I invite our Processional Grand Marshal to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, escorted by her husband, Brother Alvin Caldwell, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother William "Bill" Wyatt, escorted by his wife, Sister Ann Wyatt, to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my honor to introduce to you our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bess Caldwell, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors.

Sister Bess, I present you with your gavel to open our session.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Past Grand Matron. It is my pleasure to call this 128th Grand Chapter session from rest to labor.

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Processional Grand Marshal, you will present our Most Worthy Grand Matron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, how very proud we are of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Oton. Would you join me in saluting her with the Grand Honors.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present our Distinguished Members: our General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, our present and past Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Texas' own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, our Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas and other Masonic Dignitaries, our Distinguished Guests of other Fraternal Organizations and the Presiding Officers of Appendant Bodies. Are they not a beautiful group? [applause]

Let's show our Processional Grand Marshal, a beautiful and lovely lady, what a gorgeous job she has done. [applause]

It is now my honor to present the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Appointees, Mrs. Edna Goette, our Worthy Grand Matron's Treasured Sister. She is escorted tonight by Mr. Bart Henderson; Mrs. Joann Drescher, our Grand Chapter Mom, escorted by Mr. Gary

Drescher; Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Sr., our Grand Chapter Dad, escorted by Mrs. Kay Drescher.

The 2010-2011 Board of Grand Examiners is: Mrs. Melissa Hudman, District 1, escorted by Mr. Richard Hudman; Mrs. Carla Stringer, District 2, escorted by Mr. Bob Stringer; Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, District 3, escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht; Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, District 4, escorted by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer; Mrs. Sandra Zipp, District 5, escorted by Mr. Ron Zipp; Mrs. Susan Bigham, Grand Examiner at Large, escorted by Mr. Larry Bigham.

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Our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect have selected members from our five districts to serve as the Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent for our Grand Chapter for 2010-2011. We will present those as follows: Mrs. Rita Lytle, Fraternal Correspondent, escorted by Mr. Toby Lytle; Mr. Ray Hargis, Grand Sentinel, escorted by Mrs. Linda Hargis; Mrs. Jane Wert, Grand Warder, escorted by Mr. Harold Wert; Ms. Doris Davis, Grand Electa, escorted by Mr. Rick Skidd; Mrs. Susan Smith, Grand Martha, escorted by Mr. Richard Smith; Mrs. Marty Drescher, Grand Esther, escorted by Mr. James Drescher; Ms. Fran Johnson, Grand Ruth, escorted by Mr. Herb Morgan; Mrs. Martha Heffington, Grand Adah, escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron; Mrs. Janell Trees, Grand Organist, escorted by Mr. Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron — and a personal note, my Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Sherry Dieckmann, Grand Marshal, escorted by Mr. Mark D. Dieckmann; Mrs. Marceline Crenshaw, Grand Chaplain, escorted by Dr. Billy G. Crenshaw; Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Associate Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Dwight “Mike” Hall; Mrs. Annette Curry, Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Jerry Davis; Mrs. Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer, escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens; Mrs. Marlene Scholari, Grand Secretary, escorted by Mr. Joe Scholari; Mr. David B. Dibrell, Associate Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Marlene Dibrell; Mrs. Vi Griffin, Associate Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Thomas F. Griffin; Mr. Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Loryn Thomas; Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Joseph F. White.

It is with pleasure that I present Sister Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron of Texas, for the Presentation of our Star Point emblems.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. It is with pleasure that we present for our guests the history of our Eastern Star heroines. In the first chapter of Judges there’s a beautiful story of a lovely young lady, the daughter of Jephthah, who freely sacrificed her life to preserve her father’s honor. The sword and veil, which represents right and revelation, would be an appropriate emblem for it was with the sword that she was slain, and the veil was used to cover her face. However, she promptly removed it for she did not fear death. This shall teach the virtues of fidelity to the convictions of right and duty. “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.” The sword and veil of Adah is presented by Mrs. Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron.

In Ruth, chapters 1 and 2, is recorded the most beautiful love story ever written. It is the undying love of Ruth, who was a widow and a gleaner in the field of Boaz, for her mother-in-law. The sheaf is the appropriate emblem for her in that it represents the collective worth of small deeds of kindness which are done for the sake of others, and that with patient industry a substantial reward may be achieved. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." The sheaf of wheat is presented by Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Trey Smith.

From the pages of the Bible we read the name "Esther," noble wife and queen, who exemplified the need of loyalty to friends, to our country and to our God. Esther's emblem is the crown and scepter symbolizing the force of authority used to achieve justice for all. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." The crown and scepter of Esther is presented by Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron.

St. John, the disciple who was so very close to the Master, tells us of Martha, the sister, and her trustful faith in immortality. The broken column is an impressive emblem of sustaining power of faith in an eternal life. Martha's faith in God remained constant, even when her brother's life was taken by death. "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." The broken column of Martha is presented by Mrs. Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Jack Guy, Past Grand Patron.

In the second epistle of John, we learn of the love and charity of the Elect Lady. Here the mother teaches others to follow the Master. By preceptive example, she assures us of God's guidance and love. Her cup represents one's allotted portion of life's joy and sorrow. She found that although the bitterness of her life's station might appear to be a cup of sorrow, through love and faith she could accept her tribulations or a cup of joy. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the kingdom of God." The cup of Electa is presented by Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Harold Trammell, Past Grand Patron.

These are the five heroines. May their lights shine as radiantly as a star, and that star shall be called the Order of the Eastern Star. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6." [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Thank you. Today we again acknowledge the great debt of gratitude we owe to Masonry for our Eastern Star heritage. It was a very outstanding Mason, Dr. Rob Morris, who first saw the light of Masonry in Oxford, Mississippi, and founded our beloved Order. Visualize, if you will, the time and thought which he had to put into the foundation work in forming such a beautiful organization. He was so impressed with the teachings of the Masonic Fraternity that he felt the need for an organization for the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters to share some of the beautiful light that they had discovered. So began the work and the study of putting together the wonderful teachings from God's Holy Word of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star.

The Bible is a light unto our footsteps, a chart and a compass true;
a treasure of precious words, God's promise to us too.

May the light ever lead us on our way, the compass ever guide us; and the precious words of promise within our hearts abide. The Holy Bible is the foundation on which our Order is built and shall always be the guide and inspiration for the members to serenely walk the paths of life and remain true to God. The Holy Bible and the Bible Marker are presented by Miss Jessica Timmons and Miss Peyton Drescher, granddaughters of the Worthy Grand Patron-Elect.

The Square and Compasses are presented by Miss Katelyn Drescher, granddaughter of our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect.

The Holy Bible that our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect is using tonight was presented to Ransford chapter on their 75th anniversary by Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus, Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Lallah Mae may not be able to be present tonight, but Sister Mary Ruth feels that by using this special Bible, Sister Lallah Mae is here in spirit. Another special moment for Sister Mary Ruth was when Sister Lallah Mae Vollus was installed as Worthy Grand Matron in Amarillo, Texas, in 1945. She feels the presence of our sweet Lallah Mae here with us tonight. The Bible brings us into a closer relationship with God and man. It shall be present at all meetings of the Order and shall be in a place of honor, and that place shall be upon our sacred Altar. It will always be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths.

Whenever a group of individuals have shown allegiance to a common cause or purpose, they have chosen banners to represent their united efforts. At this time we will have the presentation of our flags. We as Americans show our love and support of our nation and proudly present the flag of our country. The United States Flag is presented by Mr. Jedediah Dieckmann, Eagle Scout, Troop #549, BSA, and escorted by Mr. Joshua Dieckmann, First Class Scout, Troop #549, BSA. They are the grandsons of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect.

Brother Glenn Whitaker, Past Grand Patron of Texas, will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our nation's flag.

MR. GLENN WHITAKER: Let us pledge allegiance to our flag.

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: We will now sing our National Anthem. It will be led by Sister Marjorie Shenkir.

Our Sisters and Brothers who stand guard on our Northern Border with the jurisdiction of Canada are very special to us. The Canadian Flag is presented by Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, Past Grand Patron. We will now sing "O Canada."

We as Texans show our pride in the heritage of the Lone Star State and in recognition of those who sacrificed all that we might be free. The Texas Flag is presented by Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron.

We as Christians show our belief in the Christian religion and stand by our faith, tall in the Word of God. The Christian Flag is presented by Mr. Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron.

We as Eastern Stars show our fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love in our daily lives and proudly proclaim that we are a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Eastern Star Flag is presented by Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron.

Our ties to the Masonic Fraternity go very deep. Without the support of our Masonic Brothers, the Order of the Eastern Star could not exist. We are honored to have the Masonic Flag presented by Mr. Jerry L. Martin, Past Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible.

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Our invocation will be given by Mr. Gene Carnes, Deputy Grand Master.

MR. GENE CARNES: Let us pray. Our Father which art in heaven, we are gathered here this evening to participate in and witness the beginning of another year of service in our beloved Order. We ask Your guidance for our Grand Officers. Endue them with a just appreciation of loyalty, patience, virtue, faith and love as they perform their duties in a manner pleasing to Thee. May they have good health and safe travels as this year of service opens for them. Additionally, give them the wisdom of understanding and appreciation

of the memories they will make as they make their journey across this great state.

And, O Lord, we ask also that You bless our servicemen and women wherever they may be serving, and that You give a special blessing for their families. Amen.

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: At this time I invite the Processional Grand Marshal to escort the Grand Officers to be installed to the West.

The selection of the Installing Officer is the privilege of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and is someone in whom the greatest degree of respect and highest level of trust is felt. It is my honor to present Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will serve as our General Grand Chapter Installing Officer for this 129th Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Thank you, Sister Joyce. First, I want to say to Sister Mary Ruth and Brother Art, thank you for the confidence you have placed in me in asking me to be the one to install you. I cannot do this task alone. I need team members to help me, and with your assistance I will introduce to you those who will be assisting with the Installation tonight. As I introduce them, I'll ask them to please step to the East in between the two podiums so that we might have a photograph made when we are all here.

Our General Grand Chapter Assisting Installing Officer is Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; General Grand Chapter Assisting Installing Officer is Mr. Henry Martin, Executive Committee Chairman of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas; General Grand Chapter Installing Chaplain, Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron of Texas; General Grand Chapter Installing Marshal, Mrs. Karen T. Morgenthaler, Cancer Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; General Grand Chapter Installing Organist, Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; General Grand Chapter Installing Secretary is Mrs. Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

At this time I invite you to assume your stations. At this time as we prepare for our Installation, I would remind all that our Bible is open on our Altar. The Worthy Grand Marshal will need assistance with chairs.

[Installation of Officers]

Worthy Grand Marshal, you will declare the Grand Officers regularly installed.

MRS. KAREN MORGENTHALER: In the name of the Grand Chapter and by the order of the General Grand Chapter Installing Officer, I proclaim the Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, duly installed.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: At one time this piece of wood was the limb on a tree outside the home of our founder. During a storm many of the branches had to be removed, and a local Mason crafted from them gavels. When Bill and I were in Kentucky last year, on the table was this gavel. We both reached for it at the same time to purchase it. We both said, "This is for Mary Ruth." Worthy Grand Matron, I present you your gavel that you may preside.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible.

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Our ties with the General Grand Chapter are strengthened by the active participation of our Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in the endeavors of our Order internationally. We are pleased to have with us this evening Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. She will bring us greetings from General Grand Chapter. It is my privilege to present Sister Rennie.

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron — I'm the first one to call you that — Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends: It is truly a privilege to greet you tonight and to bring greetings from the General Grand Chapter. You know, we have over 500,000 members throughout the world in over 5,000 chapters doing the very same thing which we were doing here tonight, because we use the same Ritual that Brother Rob Morris gave us back in 1876.

I am so pleased to see our guests here tonight, and I hope that the service impressed you with the fact that we do have a wonderful organization to which we belong. We are benevolent, we are loving and we want to serve humanity. Over the last triennium when we took the record of what had been done during our last three years, 2006 to 2009, we had given over \$20 million to charity. You, Sisters and Brothers, sitting right here are a part of that. Whatever was sent in from Texas added to that amount. So you see, we have a responsibility in General Grand Chapter, and that is to continue doing what the principles tell us. We are led by the words from our Holy Bible, and we know that we are to serve. And in so doing, it strengthens the Order.

Tonight I am pleased to see the Masonic Family here. We have our Masons, we have our International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and we have our DeMolay boys. Then we had two young gentlemen from the Boy Scouts presenting our flag. This is America, and this is what we as Eastern Stars may contribute, and that is our service. So, Sisters and Brothers, I hope that as the year begins, that the Lord will give Sister Mary Ruth and Brother Art safe travel and give them the leadership to help us continue to serve in this world that needs kindness. It needs truth, it needs fidelity, it needs faith and it needs love. We can provide that.

Thank you so much for the privilege of greeting you. Just know that I might be out on the road all the time, but all of you are in my hearts. I miss home folks. It has been great to be with you this week. I appreciate the courtesies extended by Sister Bess and Brother Bill and the wonderful, wonderful greetings from you, the membership. Thank you very much. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Our Order is the direct result of the efforts and support of the Masonic Fraternity and the Grand Lodge of Texas. It is my privilege to introduce Right Worshipful T.E. "Gene" Carnes, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, to greet us.

MR. GENE CARNES: Thank you so much, Sister Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron — my Sis Rennie — my Sisters and Brothers all: What a privilege it is to be here this evening. But, you know, I'm a little amazed because I'm not usually introduced this way in Eastern Star circles. I'm still "Gay's husband." [laughter]

What an honor and a privilege it is to be here this evening to greet you on behalf of our Grand Master and on behalf of the Masons of Texas. The Eastern Star and the Masons in Texas have always had a very unique relationship. Masonry uses symbolism in many of our teachings. The relationship that we have between each other reminds me of one of our symbols, and that's the beehive. Have you ever noticed how those little critters kind of take care of each other? That symbolism teaches us as Masons that we should ever be industrious and that we should care for each other. When we start out as infants, we're dependent on others to feed us and nourish us and clothe us until we become of an age where we can do that on our own. It also teaches us that we should continually take care of each other with love and affection. The Masons in Texas and the Order of the Eastern

Star have long enjoyed that relationship.

So, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it's my hope that we continue to enjoy the love and affection that our two organizations have for each other and the support and protection that we give to each other. I want to thank you personally for allowing me to come here this evening and give you greetings from the Grand Lodge of Texas. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: DeMolay in Texas is alive and well. It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas and the Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay International, and Mr. Aaron Ingersoll, State Master Councilor, Texas DeMolay, with their presentation. I welcome you to bring greetings.

MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE: Most Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Gene Carnes, my long and dear friend for many years: As she said, DeMolay is doing well. It is doing so well that today you're honoring as your new Worthy Grand Patron and your new Worthy Grand Matron a senior DeMolay and — I can't say a senior Rainbow — but I will say a former Rainbow. Just a short few years ago they both were active in Rainbow and DeMolay. I'm so proud today that we are now honoring them again, not only for their service to you as the Eastern Star, but also for Rainbow and DeMolay.

It's now my great pleasure to introduce to you the State Master Councilor of DeMolay in Texas and now my Brother most recently, a Master Mason, Aaron Ingersoll. [applause]

MR. AARON INGERSOLL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers past and present, Distinguished East, Members and Visitors: Thank you very much for the opportunity to bring greetings at this annual Installation. It was a very beautiful ceremony, and I am very pleased to have been here to witness it. I would like you all to know that Texas DeMolay has just closed our 2010 annual conclave just a few weeks ago, and Texas DeMolay is very excited about the upcoming year.

As I mentioned on Thursday, DeMolay has partnered up with the Relay for Life, and this year it will mean more to me than anything to be participating in such an outstanding charity.

Once again, I would like to mention my grandmother, Mary Mollins, who passed away in June of last year and who was very active in Eastern Star. I would like to thank the Grand Prairie chapter of Eastern Star for supporting me in my endeavors in DeMolay and in my life.

At this time, with your permission, I would like to introduce my State Officers present: the Deputy State Master Councilor, Brother Wesley Wunsche; State Senior Councilor, Brother Matthew Stokes; State Junior Councilor, Brother Colby Spicer; and the District Deputy State Master Councilor, District 1, Brother Cody Hart. [applause]

I would like to wish the newly installed Grand Officers a very successful and productive year. I would also like to encourage you all to ask DeMolay for help if you ever need it. In the words of Muhatmas Gandhi, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Worthy Grand Matron, at this time I would like to present you with these flowers from Texas DeMolay. [applause] At this time, at the request of the Worthy Grand Matron, our own Deputy State Master Councilor, Brother Wesley Wunsche, will perform the Flower Talk, which is a ceremony Texas DeMolay has — or DeMolay International has in honor of our mothers.

MR. WESLEY WUNSCH: Thank you.

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 in to 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 may be justly proud. In being received into our ranks, you have been instructed in the seven cardinal virtues of this great order. We hope that you have been deeply impressed with the lessons they teach. There is no better foundation upon which to build your character and future life than the practice of these virtues. The Order of DeMolay teaches many beautiful lessons, but none is more important than honor and true respect for womanhood, and more especially for motherhood.

It is fitting therefore, that you have been called upon to stand again before this altar in a few moments of special emphasis upon the virtue which has been given first place among the jewels adorning the crown of youth, filial love. For my purpose now, this altar is dedicated to our mothers, whose love never fails. You may rise to positions of great influence in commercial, political or professional life, but you can never reach the heights of her secret hopes for you. You may sink into the lowest depths of infamy and degradation, but never below the reach of her love. The memory of it will always stir your heart.

There is no man so entirely base, so completely vile, so utterly low that he does not hold in his heart a shrine sacred and apart for the memory of his mother's love. Were I to draw you a picture of love divine, it would not be that of a stately angel with a form full of grace, but a tired and toil-worn mother with a grave and tender face. It was your mother who loved you before you were born, who carried you for long months close to her heart, and in the fulness of time, took God's hands in hers and passed through the valley of shadows to give you life. It was she who cared for you during the helpless years of infancy and scarcely less dependent years of childhood. As you have grown older, she has done the countless, thoughtful, trouble-healing, helpful and encouraging things which somehow only mothers seem to know how to do. You may have accepted these attentions as more or less matters of course, and perhaps without conscious gratitude or any expression of appreciation.

You are rapidly approaching the time in life when you will be entirely independent of your mother. The ties with which dependency bound you to her may be severed as you grow older, but the tie of mother love can never be broken. Thinking back upon the years of your life when you reached the threshold of manhood, your mother might well say, in the words of the poet:

My body fed your body, Son, but birth's a swift thing,
compared to one to twenty years of feeding you spirit's tears.

I could not make your heart full,
but my glad hands have kept you whole.

Your groping hands bound me to life with ruthless bands,
and all my living became a prayer,
while all my days built up a stair
for your young feet that trod behind
that you an inspiring way should find.

Think you, that life can give you pain, which does not stab in me again.

Think you that life can give you shame

which does not make my pride go lame.
And you can do no evil thing which sears not me with poisoned sting.
For all that I have done,
remember me in life, O Son.
Keep that body fine and fair, my life is monumented there.
For my life, make no woman weep.
And see you give no woman scorn
for that dark night when you were born.

These flowers which you see on our altar are emblems of that mother love: the white, the love of the mother who has gone; the red, the mother who still lives to bless your life. Far in the dim recesses of her mind, where all is hushed and still, she keeps a shrine. Tis here she kneels in prayer while far from above long shafts of light upon her shine. Tis here she kneels in prayer. A quiver like a candle's flame, each prayer takes wings 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.

Thank you. [applause]

MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE: This ceremony is normally done after a young man has been initiated into DeMolay. That's why some of the wording is "my Brothers."

Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I see you're back at your spots. Thank you very much for allowing the DeMolays of Texas to greet you and perform this ceremony. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Thank you, young men, for the beautiful and touching ceremony.

Rainbow has a very special place in the heart of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Ruth White. She has been a part of this fraternal organization for many years, not only herself but also through her daughter Sherry. It is with great honor that I present Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Inspector in Texas and Mexico, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and Miss Laura Pearson, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, for their presentation.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Deputy Grand Master, each Distinguished Member: Each of you are dear friends. Texas Rainbow is honored, Worthy Grand Matron, that you have invited us to be a part of this special ceremony this afternoon. You have been a constant supporter of Rainbow since before your daughter Sherry, now our Grand Marshal, was Grand Worthy Advisor. You have served so ably on advisory boards many years since that time,

and I personally know of your commitment to these young ladies that we serve.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, for each expression of support to the girls of this Grand Assembly we do thank you. Your presence at our 2010 Grand Assembly session in Wichita Falls in June was especially noted and appreciated by our Grand Officers, our members and each of our adult sponsors. Thank you so very much for this time that you spent with Rainbow. We know of the demands on your time, and we know that it a special effort that you made to be with us.

A genuine friend encourages and challenges us to live our best thoughts, honor our purest motives and achieve our most significant dreams. This is the vision of our Rainbow organization. Thank you, each member of Eastern Star. Your lives are a model for our young ladies. You support our 800 members, our 50-plus assemblies in Texas, and you are constant and genuine friends for which we are most grateful.

Laura, before you make the Bible presentation would you like to make a few remarks?

MISS LAURA PEARSON: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East and Friends: First, congratulations to Mrs. White and Mr. Drescher and all of the newly installed officers. It means so much to the Rainbow Girls to be here this evening and to be able to be a part of Grand Chapter. It is an honor to be able to give the Bible presentation not only as a Rainbow daughter, but as an Eastern Star sister. The Rainbow Girls of Texas support Grand Chapter just as Grand Chapter supports us. Thank you for all that you do for us and all the love that you give us.

I would like to introduce my officers: our Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, Melanie Seymour; Grand Hope, Jessica Reyna; Grand Faith, Boston White; Grand Chaplain, Allison Montgomery; Grand Nature, Morgan Corbin, and Grand Representatives and Members of Amarillo and Palo Duro Assemblies. Thank you, girls, for being here this evening. [applause]

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: I now invite the Rainbow Girls to enter the Grand Chapter room. Grand Worthy Associate Advisor and Grand Faith, will you please present the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and our Grand Worthy Advisor to the Altar.

MISS LAURA PEARSON: 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 biding, 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: Would you please join our Rainbow Girls as we sing "My Rainbow."

Grand Worthy Associate Advisor and Grand Faith, would you please return the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Worthy Advisor to the Grand East.

I would like to thank Mrs. Janell Trees, our Grand Organist, for playing so beautifully for us this evening, a long-time Rainbow worker, and Mrs. Venable, Grand Deputy, for your help. Thank you so much, Rainbow Girls, for your beautiful presentation. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Thank you, precious girls, for a very impressive lesson that we all can learn from.

We are now going to have presentations. Our Worthy Grand Matron's jewel.

MRS. BESS CALDWELL: Sister Mary Ruth, it is indeed my pleasure and my honor to present to you the Texas traveling jewel for the Worthy Grand Matron. I know that you will wear it with pride and will represent us beautifully.

MR. BILL WYATT: Worthy Grand Patron, it is my honor to pass this traveling jewel down to you. I know you will wear it with pride. I wish you and Mary Ruth the best this year. I hope y'all have half the year that we did because if you do, you'll have a great year. Wear it with pride. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: We will now have our Past Grand Matron's jewel presented to her by her sweet husband and our Past Grand Patron's jewel presented by his sweet wife.

MR. ALVIN CALDWELL: Bess, in the past year I feel like you have done yourself proud, and you have done the membership proud as they have loved and supported you. I love you. [applause]

MRS. ANN WYATT: Brother Bill, my husband, my love, I am so proud of the way that you have served Grand Chapter of Texas this year. This is not the end of something, it's just the beginning of another phase in your life, the phase of a Past Grand Patron. I know that you will serve this Grand Chapter with dignity and grace and pride and honor the same as you did when you were Worthy Grand Patron. I'm ready for some free time, some special times together now. But like I say, I know that your service is not over; it will just be as a Past Grand Patron. I know there will be service to give. With that I present to you your Past Grand Patron's jewel. I love you. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Are there other presentations?

MR. RUSSELL HARPER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is my privilege to present to you your own personal gavels for your use during the ensuing Grand Chapter year. These gavels are made of live oak from a tree which is growing in my backyard. However, Arthur's gavel is a little bit different. It has four inlays in it. These

inlays are from our sacred Masonic oak tree at Brazoria, Texas. I call him “Arthur” because Arthur and I go back a long way. I had the privilege of conferring the Master Mason’s degree on Arthur some twenty-odd years ago. May you wield your gavels with authority, but with justice and discretion. [applause]

GRAND MARSHAL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron: On behalf of the Elected and Appointed Floor Officers, we would like to present you with these gifts. We’d like to thank you for choosing us to serve with you. We hope that we can live up to your expectations, and we look forward to a great year.

Brother Art, I’d like you to open the box. Brother Art is an avid collector of Aggie stuff. As Worthy Grand Patron, we think you need a big hat, so we got you an antique hat — an Aggie hat. As our fearless leader. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Ron, eat your heart out!

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: The message and dedication of our Worthy Grand Matron for 2010-2011 Grand Chapter year will be given by Mrs. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity. These words are the words of our Worthy Grand Matron. This is her dedication.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON’S DEDICATION

This year is lovingly dedicated to all the “Treasured” friends in my life that have supported my efforts and allowed me to enjoy my service to our beautiful Order. The membership has given me precious memories that I will forever cherish.

“Just as the lovely flowers lend their sweetness to each day, may we touch the lives of those we meet in a kind and gentle way.”

To Houston Assembly # 8, I.O.R.G., who gave me my beginning in fraternal service and taught me the meaning of fraternal love.

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their Dreams.”

To the members of Ransford Chapter # 135, for electing me to membership in this wonderful chapter that was the first chapter in Houston when chartered in 1892. I am very proud to say that I am a Past Matron of Ransford Chapter.

“What we are is God’s gift to us, but what we become is our gift to God.”

To the members of District IV, the members of District IV, Section 5 and the “Friends of Mary Ruth” I thank you for the love and support you have always given me. You all are very special to me.

“Happiness is something that comes into our lives through doors we didn’t even remember leaving open.”

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, whom I have looked to for guidance and inspiration in the examples of their service to Grand Chapter.

*“God puts us all in each other’s lives
to impact one another in some way.”*

To one special Past Grand Matron, the senior Past Grand Matron of Texas and a member of my Chapter, Sister Lallah Mae Vollus. We first met when I was a 13 year-old Rainbow Girl. I thank her for the legacy she has given Ransford Chapter and the membership of Texas. She was installed WGM in Amarillo in 1945 and I will be installed in Amarillo in 2010.

*“The Love that God put in our hearts was not put there to stay,
but to be shared and to be given away.”*

To my friend and “Treasured Sister” Edna Goettee whom I love dearly and who is as close to me as any natural sister could be.

*“Thank you for putting so much thought, caring and imagination
into our friendship, for our sharing of so many special times
and being a part of so many special and precious memories.”*

To my precious family to whom I could never express how much I love each of you, Sherry & Mark Dieckmann, Jedidiah & Joshua Dieckmann, Carl Sontag, Sheila Lum, Anna Keith and Peggy Wright. They have walked this journey with me and given me their love, time and talents in reaching my goals. Sherry and Mark have truly taken each of my steps with me.

*“Thank you for always being honest with me,
for loving me and for always being there for me.”*

To my new extended family, Arthur and Marty Drescher, who have committed to walk this walk with Joe and me. I feel that they are truly a part of my family and that I have known them forever. Thank you for your commitment to me and to Grand Chapter.

*“We have planted our seeds, tended our garden and we are now ready
to reap the benefits of our beautiful garden of friendship.”*

The biggest thank you of all is to my husband Joe who was my dear and treasured friend before we ever dated and I realized just how much I loved him. He has always been there and will always be there for me because doing things together is something we do very well.

*“Thank you for believing in me when I found it difficult to believe in myself,
for saying what I’ve needed to hear instead of what I wanted to hear,
for siding with me and for giving me another side to consider.”*

Thank you. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: The message and dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron for the Grand Chapter year will be given by Mr. Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Brother Ray.

MR. RAY HERTENBERGER: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members and Friends: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Ruth, you are a product of District 4. We're proud of you. We love you and we look forward eagerly to this year of service with you. Congratulations.

Brother Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron: Brother Art, you are not a product of District 4. However, that is not totally your fault and we will not hold that against you. But, Brother Art, we love you; we're proud of you and we eagerly look forward to this year of service with you. I thank you for the honor of presenting your Dedication.

DEDICATION OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

This year of service to the Grand Chapter of Texas is dedicated to the following:

To Marty, my wife of 38 years, for always being by my side and supporting me in whatever venture I have endeavored. She is the light of my Life.

To our Children, Jimmy and Loryn, their spouses, Amy and John and our 3 granddaughters, Jessica, Katelyn and Peyton for their love, patience and support. With this came some sacrifices on their parts i.e. most of our family vacations were to Lodge, Shrine or Eastern Star events and many of their school activities had to be missed due to my Masonic commitments.

To my parents, Joann and Karl Drescher. They planted the seed of Masonic Service by encouraging me to join DeMolay and supported all my activities during my active years. They have continued to stand by my side and encourage me with words of wisdom as I have continued my Masonic, Shrine and Eastern Star journey.

To Esther and Russell "Cash" Harper, Marty's aunt and uncle. Russell raised me as a Master Mason on April 27, 1982. Their continuing love, help, encouragement and support over the years is something I will always treasure. I also will treasure not only the Ohio Buckeye Gavel Russell made for me when I served as Master of Richardson Lodge # 1214, but also the gavel made of Texas Oak inlaid with pieces of Oak from around the Masonic Oak Tree grounds, which he has made for me for my year as Worthy Grand Patron.

To the members of my parent chapter, Dal-Cliff # 574, where my OES journey began. I will always be indebted to the members for their support in my early years and their dedication to me while I serve the membership this year.

To the members of my dual, Lewisville # 935 who welcomed both Marty and me with warm hospitality as we made our new home in Flower Mound.

To the members of District 1 Sections 1 and 4, thank you for your support and encouragement as I served on the Board of Directors and now as I embark on this adventure.

To the A-Team, sisters and brothers from all over Texas whose hard work, dedication and support have made this experience less stressful and one I will never forget.

Thank you. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: Each Grand Chapter year is unique and represents the individuality of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Presenting the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's year is Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this privilege, one of my Elegant Eagles.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S MESSAGE

In working together, our lives have touched and we will forever have that special bond. We will dream together, we will set our goals high and we will build a bright tomorrow for the future of our Order. Every time you step forward in Faith it is easier to accomplish our goals. Believe in yourself and others and you can do unbelievable things.

As we travel through Friendship's Garden may we remember the legacy that our Founder, Brother Robert Morris has given us. He had a Dream to create an organization where the female relatives of Master Masons could share in the same charitable and fraternal benefits as their Masonic relatives. That Dream came to fruition and it is now our duty to preserve that rich heritage and for each member to remember their responsibility to keep the obligation they assumed at the Holy Altar. May we dedicate this year to reaching our goals for the good of our Order and the good of our fellow man.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S MESSAGE

As we begin this Grand Chapter year, let us prepare the beds for planting (which relates to insuring that the Officers are proficient in their work). Next, you tend the garden in keeping the weeds out and cultivating the soil. Cultivating the soil also includes nurturing the members and helping build their confidence while watching over the interest of the chapter. Finally, fertilize the garden with your knowledge and encouragement, and your "harvest" will be the pride that comes from watching your chapter work in peace and harmony.

Live each day to the fullest. Get the most from each hour, each day and each age of your life. Then you can look forward with confidence and back without regret. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: The colors, flowers and emblems of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have great significance and are very significant to them. To present these is Mrs. Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. BETTY FRIEND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of presenting your colors, flowers and emblems.

Our Worthy Grand Matron has chosen for this year all of the beautiful colors of the light spectrum and white.

Her flower is the Iris. And together with the fleur de lis becomes her emblem.

She selected the Iris not only for its beauty but for the symbolic meaning of its shape.

The Iris is only considered to be a perfect specimen if it has three Standards and three

Falls. The three Standards are the petals reaching upward and the three Falls the petals that extend downward. I see the Standard petals as the membership reaching upward to achieve the many goals of our Order and the Falls as the strength and dedication of the membership to uphold the standards of our Order in accomplishing its worthy purposes. The Iris reminds us of the Holy Trinity, and also of Faith, Hope and Love. Through Faith, Hope and Love all things are possible.

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: The motto that has been chosen for this Grand Chapter year will be presented by Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: Thank you, Sister Master of Ceremonies. I was so happy when Sister Mary Ruth, our Worthy Grand Matron, asked me to do this this evening. I'm so very honored. Our Worthy Grand Matron and I go back a few years. We served on the Board of Grand Examiners together, and we shared many things, not just food; we shared many things. We shared laughter, joy and sadness, and also we shared our dreams. When she handed me this to read for you this evening, I thought how appropriate.

Sisters and Brothers, your Worthy Grand Matron's motto and theme: If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. And, above all, remember that God helps those who help themselves. Act as if everything depended upon you, and pray as if everything depended on God. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: The teaching of our Holy Bible is very special to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The Worthy Grand Matron's Scriptures will be presented by Mrs. Edna Goette; the Worthy Grand Patron's Scriptures will be presented by Sister Betty Morris.

MRS. EDNA GOETTE: I deem it a signal honor to present the Scripture of our Worthy Grand Matron for the incoming year. The Scriptures chosen by our Worthy Grand Matron are the signposts that shaped her life. They have become the light of the window in her heart through which her actions are revealed. The teaching of our Holy Bible is very special to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The Worthy Grand Matron's Scripture is so very beautiful that she has given. It is, "And now abideth faith, hope and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

MRS. BETTY MORRIS: The Worthy Grand Patron's Scripture is from Isaiah 61:11. "For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations."

To me, this Scripture speaks so clearly of our responsibilities as members of the Order of the Eastern Star. We are to follow His Star in the East and in so doing our actions will be the outward expression of that inner kernel seed that God's will can be fulfilled in each of our daily lives as we knowledge His leadership and guidance. The fruits of our labors will be rewarded with increased growth not only in active membership in the Order but in love and fellowship among our many members.

Always remember that we are a benevolent organization dedicated to truth, love and kindness. Let us reach out and strive to continue to plant the seeds of human kindness that is a major tenet in our obligations to our Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: To have music written especially for you means a great deal, but to have someone special to you write your music as well, you might say is music to your ears. The Worthy Grand Matron's music, "Garden of Friendship," was arranged by Mrs. Janell Trees, Grand Organist, and Mr. Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona. Sister Janell and our Worthy Grand Matron were District Deputies together in 1998-99 for

Sister Alma Lynn Bane. I have the pleasure to present Mrs. Janell Trees, Grand Organist, to present her beautiful music. [applause following “Garden of Friendship”]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my dear friend, Janell.

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: The “Texas Star Gardener March” is first dedicated to the co-arrangers: Sister Marilynn Lee, Past Matron of Hughes Springs Chapter #349 and Heidi Newman, member of Farmers Branch Chapter #687. I thank Sister Marilynn for sharing her God-given talent with the membership of Texas. She incorporated many elements into this arrangement, including my personal interest in music. I thank Sister Heidi for all her efforts to further shape my music by including additional musical concepts that reflect my experiences as a member of the Texas A&M Marching Band and my many years as a member of the Hella Shrine Drum Corps. I also thank her for rearranging her schedule and making the special effort to be here tonight to play my march, as this is her first Grand Chapter for she has only been a member for two years. Together these co-arrangers, along with Bill Rhyan and Gary Drescher, worked to create a true Texas march.

Second, I dedicate this march to the organists of our chapters. Without their music, our ceremonies would be like a garden without flowers. As the beauty of the flowers accents our gardens, our organists’ music accents our meetings. I thank you for sharing your talent with your chapters and hope that you will enjoy playing this march.

Sister Heidi. [applause following “Texas Star Gardener March”]

We are so fortunate to have such very talented members in our organization. One of these is Mrs. Marjorie Shenkir, Grand Soloist, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Worthy Grand Organist. God respects me when I work, but he loves me when I sing. [applause following “Climb Every Mountain”]

Each year our Humanitarian Program is a focal point of our benevolent endeavors. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have developed a Humanitarian Program that will help to make many dreams come true. Presenting our Humanitarian Program is Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: Thank you, Sister Master of Ceremonies.

If We Can Dream It We Can Do It

Humanitarian Program

Dreams Come True in the Garden of Friendship

A Dream is the beginning of a plan, a hope of something better to come. The Order of the Eastern Star is a beautiful fraternal organization that gives our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers the opportunity to fellowship together for charitable purposes. A Dream is what Robert Morris had when he developed his plans to form an organization that would allow the female relatives of Master Masons to share in similar fraternal activities as are enjoyed by their Masonic relatives. He used this Dream to lay out the blueprint for the Order of the Eastern Star.

The letters in the word **DREAM** represent the components of this year’s Humanitarian Program.

D – Dreams	Education Fund
R – Revenue	General Fund
E – Educational	ESTARL
A – Aid	Benevolent Aid
M – Members	TMRC

D – EDUCATION FUND — The interest from the Education fund can help to bring to fruition the **DREAMS** of those students who are seeking scholarships to further their educations. These scholarships are not limited to recent High School graduates, but also older applicants who are seeking to further their education or training.

R – GENERAL FUND — The daily expenses of Grand Chapter are provided by the **REVENUE** received by the General Fund.

E – ESTARL — The money given to ESTARL — Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership — is to allow for **EUDUCATIONAL** scholarships for those who seek to further their education in a field where they have dedicated their lives to God’s ministry and in service to their fellow man.

A – AID — The Benevolent Aid Fund is to assist our members who may need emergency or permanent assistance. **AID** is sometimes needed to allow them to remain in their own homes or to purchase needed medicine. In times of rising living costs these funds are often in demand.

M – TMRC—Our **MEMBERS** in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center deserve our most dedicated attention. The funds given to this fund are used for their personal and social needs.

For Chapters to become 100% in the Humanitarian Program, you must give \$1.00 per member on your chapter rolls as of May 31, 2010. Additional awards will be issued to Chapters reaching 200%, 300%, 400% and each succeeding 100%. The funds may be designated to one or divided among any of the projects or funds within the Humanitarian Program. Chapters are reminded to continue collecting contributions for any of these projects throughout the year in the form of Honoraria, Memorials and in honor of any special event or happening.

*If you can imagine it ... you can achieve it.
If you can dream it ... you can do it.*

Thank you. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: I now have the pleasure to present our Worthy Grand Patron who will bring us greetings and address this Grand Chapter. Brother Art.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron,

Installed General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Visitors, my Sisters and Brothers all: I'm sitting here thinking a few years ago I heard a now-past Worthy Grand Patron walk up here and just go "wow." Now I understand Brother Jerry's "wow." Words cannot describe how I feel as I stand here tonight. I could probably babble on for hours trying to describe those feelings. However, my wife and my mother both told me to keep it brief. Mom's probably reaching for the egg timer now, so here goes.

It was with much excitement and gratitude that I accepted Sister Mary Ruth White's invitation to serve with her for the 2010-2011 Grand Chapter of Texas year. We have spent the last two years planning for this year of service, and I would like to thank Sister Mary Ruth for this opportunity. I pledge to her my complete support as we serve the Grand Chapter of Texas together as a team. I thank the membership for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as your Worthy Grand Patron. I pledge to perform the duties of this office to the best of my abilities and to work for the good of the Order while keeping the needs of the membership my number one priority. As we travel across Texas, I'm looking forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones. The membership of Texas is a kind, loving and friendly family. Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

At this time I would like to thank all the Installing General Grand Officers who participated this evening and all others who had a part in tonight's activities. You have done a fantastic job. I would also like to thank all of those who had a hand in all of the activities, such as Sister Mary Ruth's brunch, our Friday luncheon, this morning's breakfast, and the other activities leading up to this evening. There are so many of you that if I tried to name you, I'd forget somebody and I just don't want to do that. So as a group, I want to thank you.

I do want to thank Brother Henry Martin for agreeing to be my Installing Grand Officer. Henry and I first met — we'll just say somewhere in the eighties — right after my uncle raised me and I became a member of Hella Shrine Drum Corps. A lot of people don't know that Brother Henry is a pretty fair drummer. We started working as a team back then, and we are continuing to work as a team today. Brother Henry, I do thank you.

To Sister Laura and the Rainbow Girls here this evening, thank you. It was so beautiful. I knew this was coming, I look forward to it. Where's Ray when I need him? It almost brings tears to my eyes. It was very special being there in July when you became a Sister. Thank you.

To the DeMolays this evening, Brother Aaron and his team doing the Flower Talk. They all took off? Okay, I should have known that. I was a DeMolay, and I was gone by this time too. [laughter] Oh, they're up there. They're working their way out! I will tell you this now: One of my favorite memories of DeMolay was at the old Baker Hotel in downtown Dallas dropping water balloons on the winos. If Brother Reese Harrison had only known that. Thank you for the impressive ceremony tonight. The Flower Talk is one of the most beautiful in our ceremonies, and it does bring tears to everyone's eyes and it does touch everybody's heart. Thank you. [applause]

Now I would like to introduce my family and some very special Sisters and Brothers. First, my wife, Marty, who when Sister Mary Ruth asked her to be Grand Esther — you have to understand we're sitting at Mary Ruth's dinner table having a roast dinner that Mary Ruth had cooked. Marty said, "Oh, yeah, I'll do that." They both looked at me and said, "You know, are you willing to support her to do this? Will you do whatever it takes to help her with Grand Esther?" I go, "Oh, yeah, uh-huh." It took a while for it to sink in. In fact, Sister Mary Ruth thought I was saying no. The roast was good, I was more con-

centrated on that I think. The funny part about it was when I called my mother the next day and told her that Marty had agreed to be Grand Esther, she said, "Oh, that's great." I had to explain it to her, too. Thank you for being here.

Our son Jimmy, his wife Amy and our granddaughters Katelyn and Peyton. They came from Jacksonville, Florida. He drove 20-some-odd hours to get here Wednesday. He is in the Navy, on leave. He was supposed to know yesterday whether he made Chief Petty Officer, but we'll have to wait till next Friday now. I do appreciate y'all coming and participating. [applause]

Our daughter Loryn, her husband John and my oldest granddaughter Jessica. They only came from Carroll, Texas, today. I do appreciate the effort they made. John manages a riding stable — ranch, riding farm, and it's very hard for him to get off. He has to find someone to take care of the horses and the patrons and stuff. So I do appreciate the effort y'all made to get here. I know they'll be leaving tomorrow to get back to feed the horses. Thank you. [applause]

My mother and dad, Joann and Karl Drescher. As stated earlier, they're the ones who started me on this journey. I do appreciate their love and support. I'm looking forward to a great year. We believe this may be the first time a husband and wife have been Grand Chapter Mom and Dad. That was Sister Mary Ruth's call, I want y'all to know. She lost both of her parents, and with mine still alive she said she would like to have them as her parents too. Thank you. [applause]

My younger brother, Gary, and his wife Kay and her mother Evelyn Tolbert. You have to understand we were latch key Eastern Star kids. My brother, my sister, myself and Kay, we spent a lot of time with other children at the Eastern Star Temple on Wesatch Boulevard, and we've known each other most of our lives. Sister Evelyn is like another mother to me. It's great to have her this evening. Thank y'all. [applause]

Marty's aunt and uncle are here with us this evening, Esther and Russell Harper. They're on stage. Russell made the gavel for us. As was said earlier, he did raise me a Master Mason a few years ago. They are the kind of people that really represent our values. I will tell you this story about them real quick. In about 1989 I was not feeling real well and had cancer, had surgery. I was Master of my Lodge at the same time. You know, it's kind of a hard deal to try to run a Lodge and be in the hospital. I got home after the surgery and the doctor said, "No Lodge."

Well, we were doing a Master's Degree that I wanted to see. They had told all the members of my Lodge not to come pick me up. So I called Uncle Russell. He drove from Friendswood, Texas, to Richardson, Texas, picked me up, took me to Lodge. We watched that Master's Degree. I did not stay for the lecture, I did get a little tired, and he took me home. That to me entails Eastern Star. [applause]

A few more special people. Would all the members of my parent chapter, Dal-Cliff, that have stuck it out this evening please stand. I see Sister Sue; I know Brother Ben is over here. They told me they were going to sit together; you see what they did. Would you please join me in showing them how much I appreciate the efforts they have made over the years and being here this evening. [applause] Thank you very much.

Would the members of my dual chapter, Lewisville, please stand. I also want to thank you for being here. Would y'all join me in showing them how much I appreciate their efforts. [applause]

Last, but not least, would all the members of the A-team that are still here please stand. This is my support organization. I can't tell you how much I appreciate everything you did, the brunch. They have worked very, very hard. They've got some things planned

for next year. They are working very hard. This time next year I just may have to plan a little party for us. Thank y'all very much. [applause]

In closing, I'd like to say that working together all of our dreams in the garden of life can become a reality. May God bless. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: This has been a beautiful Installation. I know the membership is eager to hear from our Worthy Grand Matron. So, Worthy Grand Matron, will you bring us greetings.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Worthy Grand Organist, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all: It would be impossible for me to say thank you to every one that had a part in putting this evening together. I would like to say a special thank you to everyone of the people that had a part in this Installation because each of you during my years in the Eastern Star has touched my life in some way.

Today I celebrated my 50-year anniversary in the Eastern Star, but many of you go back to when I was a Rainbow Girl. It is wonderful to have you participate in this Installation tonight. Sister Rennie, Most Worthy Grand Matron but my very, very special friend, it meant a great, great deal to me to have you obligate our Officers this evening. I have supported this lady for many, many years. As a matter of fact, Joe and I both are charter members of the Cardinals. We have one of those plastic cards that Harold Todd's signature is on. I loved Rennie before she was Worthy Grand Matron, and then we were so thrilled to see her going up through the chairs. Now I'm just thrilled to death to be one of her Tri-Line Bluebird Girls. [applause]

And, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, but mostly I'm her Cameo Girl and very, very proud to be one. It's a thrill that you were able to get away this weekend and come all the way down from Washington, D.C. I treasure the opportunity to have you install me and my corps of officers. I love you, Alma; and thank you for the beautiful Rob Morris tree gavel. I will conduct business with this and think of you every time I use it. Thank you. [applause]

You know, a ceremony would not be pleasant without music. I want to thank Sister Delphia for starting us off this evening with her musical prelude. Then Sister Rosemary Swetland, our Worthy Grand Organist, and my dear, sweet friend, a District 4 Past Grand Matron and someone that — as she told a group yesterday, she and I worked very closely together one year when she was Worthy Grand Matron. I was her By-Law Chairman, and I think she said she just hated to see me come with all those by-law changes. But we did become very close, didn't we, Rosemary? I thank you for your beautiful music tonight and making this evening so perfect. Thank you. [applause]

Sister Janell, I know you have not felt too good this week. I was just scared to death that maybe you might not be able to be here tonight. But you made my evening complete too by dedicating my march to me. I thank you for the effort you put into it and the songs that you incorporated that had such a special meaning to you and I both. Thank you, Sister Janell. [applause]

Staying on the tune of music, because I love music, Sister Marjorie — is she still here? She has left? Well, I wanted to thank her for sharing her beautiful talent with her voice with us. "Climb Every Mountain" is one of my favorite songs. As we climb mountains together next year, I trust that they will all feel like smooth paths because we will have our Sisters and Brothers, our true friends, by our sides.

I thank anyone that helped put this Installation together, my Arrangements Committee, my Decorating Committee. My chapter, Ransford chapter — do I still have

some Ransford chapter members present? Could they stand? [applause] I'll bet I have some Friends of Mary Ruth still here. Yes, I do, because they're from all over District 4 and even some beyond. They have stood by my side ever since I was elected to Associate Grand Conductress, and I thank you for all of your support in the last three years. [applause]

To the Rainbow and DeMolay, they both have had a very special part in my life. Being a Rainbow Girl — I dated DeMolay boys — theirs is a very fine organization. And as has been mentioned in my dedication, motto, etc., you know that three is an important number to me. I want to do something for the youth — well, I hesitate to call our younger people the youth, but they probably consider themselves youth when they look at me — Brother Arthur and I both are majority Rainbow and majority DeMolay, so these organizations are very close to us. And then through my daughter's two sons, my special grandsons, I have become associated with the Boy Scouts and the wonderful things they do in developing our young people. So this year I do want to have activities — or be able to get to know these three groups better, and hopefully they will be able to know what Eastern Star and Masonry are about also.

You don't go anywhere without your family, and I think that I have a very special family. I have some of those members with me tonight, and I'd like them to rise. Sherry Dieckmann, my daughter, my Grand Marshal. My cousin Joe and — by the way, we have a lot of Joe's in this family — Joe and Peggy Wright. Joe, I bet you enjoyed the Navy song. What was your rank when you retired? Lieutenant Commander. We support our Armed Forces in the Eastern Star, and we are very, very appreciative of what our military has done and is doing for our country and allowing us to have the privilege of meeting here this evening. Peggy Ann and I have been — we don't have a lot of girls in our family. Peggy and I were very, very close all through our school years, and then she married Joe and Joe started taking her all over the country. She's back in Austin again, and has been for quite a while, so we're getting to see more of each other.

Then I have my little sister here, Sheila Lum. She's married to a Joe, Joe Lum, but he's not able to be with us tonight. Then we have my son-in-law, Mark Dieckmann. He's very active in Masonry, Eastern Star, and also he's really active in Boy Scouts, he and Sherry both. They both are leaders in Boy Scouts.

Then my husband, Joe — another Joe. I can't say enough about Joe. Joe is a very, very extremely special person to me, even before — like I say, one of the things we do best is doing things together. We are truly a team. Joe, I love you, and I thank you for everything that you have given me in the years that we have been together. I met him at Rice. He was a confirmed bachelor, but I think he likes where he is now.

Then I have my two grandsons, Jediah and Joshua Dieckmann. Boys, I'm very, very proud of your accomplishments in school and in Scouts. I thank you for presenting our flag tonight.

In Eastern Star when we become a member, we do truly think of each other as Brother and Sister. Sister Edna and I are not blood sisters, but we are sisters within the Star. We could not be any closer if we were blood relatives. Sister Edna, I love you for all the things that we have shared together in Eastern Star and will be sharing this year too.

I have two members of my family that couldn't be with me tonight, Carl and Rosemary Sontag. Carl had back surgery, and he's just getting over that and not able to travel. We lost Rosemary a year and a half ago to cancer. That's one of the reasons why cancer this year has a special place in my heart. The Bible Marker that's with my Bible tonight was made by Rosemary about two and a half years ago. She made it for me and

said, “One of these days I’ll see you open the Bible with it at Grand Chapter.” I do think she’s looking down and watching me. In her memory the Bible Marker is out there tonight.

But, Sisters and Brothers, I thank each of you for the dedication that you have given to the Order, for helping me find my dream of serving you. Now it is my dream this year to be able to serve you and help in any way that Arthur and I can as a team in helping promote our chapters. We’ve heard people say that I will only believe it if I can see it. But, Sisters and Brothers, I want to tell you that you can only see it if you believe it. My dream and my belief for this year is that we as a team can every day make a difference. I love you all; I thank you very much for this beautiful evening. God bless you all. [applause]

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: We will now have the benediction given by Dr. Charles W. “Bill” Bane, Grand Warder of the District of Columbia and International Headquarters Administrator. Brother Bill.

DR. BILL BANE: While I was growing up and our family was about to start a trip, my father would always call us in for a prayer. He would say, “Before undertaking a major endeavor” — in our case it was a trip — “we should invoke the blessing of God.” When I became a Mason, I heard this echoed in Masonry. When we attended Installations in D.C., we learned that they have a prayer of dedication to start the new year by invoking the blessing of God. In addition to being a benediction, I would like for you to consider this a dedication for the new Grand Chapter year. Please take the hand of the person next to you and bow your heads.

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we come to Thee with a prayer for guidance. We know not what lies before us. Therefore, we ask for Thy special guidance as we begin another new year in this Grand Chapter. Each of us may be called to face new tasks and difficult problems, but with Thy guiding hand and all-seeing eye we can accomplish each task with zeal and honest efforts. We can find a harmonious solution to every challenge and speed bump. We ask for Thy blessing in all our endeavors and benevolent projects. We pray that our lives may reflect the virtues of the heroines of our Order each day and our lives serve as a beacon for those who want to know more about our Order and look to us for guidance. Give us the skills and knowledge to serve our Grand Chapter and our Order in a manner that would be pleasing to Thee. We commend to Thy special care Sister Mary Ruth White, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Karl Arthur Drescher, Jr., Worthy Grand Patron. We pray that they be given the strength to be good leaders of this Grand Chapter, the courage to face every adversity and the wisdom to direct the business of this Grand Chapter for the coming year. May the officers and members continue the good works of the Grand Chapter in harmony and fellowship. Our Order is founded on the principles of charity, truth and loving kindness and love toward one another. Lord, keep these precepts foremost in our minds and daily lives.

As in the Serenity Prayer, O God, grant us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed, courage to change what should be changed and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

And, finally, watch over our troops overseas who are striving to preserve our freedom. Protect them and bring them safely back home. Lord, all this we ask in Thy Name and as Thy children. Amen.

MRS. JOYCE GILBERT: To our visitors tonight, we thank you for sharing the joy of this evening. Those who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star, we welcome you tonight and we ask that you retire at this time. Then we will have our closing. Please, membership, don’t leave because we do need to close our Grand Chapter session.

[Recess.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor. You will permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order. [The Grand Chapter was proved.] Worthy Grand Matron, we find all present are members of the Order.

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

I now declare this 128th session of the Grand Chapter of Texas called from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this session of the Grand Chapter of Texas has been called from rest to labor.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will have a presentation by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. I present Brother Keith Mikeworth, Chairman, Board of Directors.

MR. KEITH MIKEWORTH: Worthy Grand Matron, we, the Board of Directors, are here to serve you this next year. We look forward to working with you. We have something that we feel like will assist you in sowing your seeds of love in this big garden of Texas, keys to the Grand Chapter van and a credit card.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To our Board of Directors, I promise I'll take good care of the van and use the credit card sparingly. Our first school will be in just a couple of weeks and will be in El Paso, Texas.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the Flag of our country.

[Ritualistic closing]

I now declare this 128th "Love and Friendship Across Texas" session of the Grand Chapter of Texas closed.

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

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this Grand Chapter is closed.

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APPENDIX

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-2009

Year	WORTHY		WORTHY		ASSOCIATE		ASSOCIATE		GRAND		GRAND	
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	TREASURER	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1884	†Mrs. E.J. Talbot	†W.L. Holt	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Mrs. W. Tucker Essex	†W.J. Wickham	†R. R. McPhail	†Mrs. A. McGregor				
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. Hawkins	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Mrs. Sallie Wayne	†Mrs. Carr Forest	†Carr Forest	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. McGregor				
1886	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P.H. Stevens	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†D.H. Hightower	†D.H. Hightower	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. M. Hightower				
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J.B. Snodgrass	†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.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. Sarah L. Berliner				
1889	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†T.J. Neely	†T.J. Neely	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. M.R. Marsh				
1891	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†A.F. Hicks	†A.F. Hicks	*Mrs. Jennie Cassill					
1892	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†L.L. Miller	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†J.L. Miller	†J.L. Miller	†J.D. Slawson					
1893	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†Tom Murrath	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†J.W. Felbaum	†J.W. Felbaum	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter					
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†D. Ludlow	†D. Ludlow	†J.D. Slawson					
1895	†Mrs. Sadies A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†L.S. Garrison	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim					
1896	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†J.K. Bowman	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph					
1897	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†J.T. Atchinson	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†W.S. Hoskins	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart					
1898	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†N.M. Karney	†N.M. Karney	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart					
1899	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†S.D. Moore	†S.D. Moore	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh					
1900	†Mrs. Agnes V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†W.S. Hellyer	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh					
1901	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†A.C. McDaniel	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne					
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. A. Walker	†Mrs. A. Walker	†R.W. Lemond	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne					
1903	†Mrs. Alma M. Walker	†P.S. Park	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†P.S. Park	†P.S. Park	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph					
1904	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†E.C. Canon	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman					
1905	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†John Orchard	†John Orchard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman					
1906	†Mrs. Mollie E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†F.M. Walker	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman					
1907	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†T.J. Tucker	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman					
1908	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†C.H. Thorn	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†J.H. Anderson	†J.H. Anderson	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman					
1909	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†G.W. Glasscock	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†M.T. Bell	†M.T. Bell	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle					
1910	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman	†E.J. Hosey	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. Anna Johnson					
1911	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†L.A. Heil	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Anna Johnson					
1912	†Dr. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen					
1913	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen					
1914	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. M.B. Moody					
1915	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†W.A. Christian	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. M.B. Moody					
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Miss W.I. Pierson					
1917	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Frank W. Lynn	†Miss W.I. Pierson					
1918	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†C.P. Patrick	†Miss W.I. Pierson					
1919	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†Mrs. M.L. Hosey	†John Findlater	†John Findlater	†Miss W.I. Pierson					

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1920	†Mrs. Margaret L. Hosoy	†John Findlater	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1921	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1922	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1923	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1924	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1925	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†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	†W.W. Caves	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1934	†Mrs. Mattie M. Mitchell	†W.W. Caves	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1935	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†C.D. Miller	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1936	†Mrs. Florence Read	†M.A. Childers	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1937	†Mrs. Norma Allen	†Clyde E. Smith	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John Temple Rice	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1938	†Mrs. Mildred Harris	†John T. Rice	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1939	†Mrs. Freda Bernhard	†E.C. Couch	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1940	†Mrs. Robbie Dyer	†A.E. Shirley	†Mrs. Viva Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1941	†Mrs. Viva S. Huffman	†Victor Keller	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1942	†Mrs. Hallie Anglin	†James L. Lee	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1943	†Mrs. Cynthia May Watts	†Walter B. Baldwin	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard	†E.B. Gauntt	†Miss Cora Posey	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1944	†Mrs. Lillian Barnard Parker	†E.B. Gauntt	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1945	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1946	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1947	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gaudin	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1949	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gaudin	†Mrs. Lucile Duifer	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1950	†Mrs. Lucile Duifer	†Dr. H.C. Sloop	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1951	†Mrs. Flora Besst Boone	†Earl G. Manning	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1952	†Mrs. Mildred Garlitz	†John A. Rawlins	†Mrs. Mary Ella Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1953	†Mrs. Mary E. Schoverling	†Fred W. Dewald	†Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1954	†Mrs. Eunice Connell	†Chauncey Penix	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†C.E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1955	†Mrs. Lois Burnett	†Chas. E. Bairfield	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1956	†Mrs. Pauline Smith	†Ed. Sharpe	†Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton

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1957	†Mrs. Ruby Enloe	†Dr. Russell Holt	†Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1958	†Mrs. Katherine Poulis	†Lewis T. Davis	†Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	†Dr. R.O. Fuqua	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1959	†Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith	†Dr. R.O. Fuqua	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1960	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Gerald C. Allen	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1961	†Mrs. Pearl Hall	†Paul C. Stoneman	†Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1962	†Mrs. Thelma McReynolds	†Hal Burnett	†Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	†E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1963	†Mrs. Molly Goodpasture	†E.F. (Van) Plumlee	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1964	†Mrs. Amy Goebel	†James H. Goettee	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1965	†Mrs. Edna Earl Duke	†Marvin B. Simpson	†Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1966	†Mrs. Mildred Sharpe	†H.F. Harrington	†Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1967	†Mrs. Nancy Bailey	†Herbert L. Arnold	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1968	†Mrs. Robbie Yates	†J.T. Sanders	†Mrs. Sully Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1969	†Mrs. Sully Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Frances Herrin	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1970	†Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	†J. Victor Jones	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†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	†Murray Watson, Jr.	†Mrs. Rennie Oton	Thurman L. Weaver	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1978	†Mrs. Rennie Oton	†L.L. Weaver	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†Leslie G. Burnett	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1979	†Mrs. Kathy Johnston	†Leslie G. Burnett	†Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong
1980	†Mrs. Lena Maye Cook	†Thurman H. Perry	†Mrs. Elise Hammack	†Oliver B. Chamberlin	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong
1981	†Mrs. Elise Hammack	†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. 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. Efrife Mae Davis	†Mrs. Efrife Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1990	†Mrs. Efrife Mae Davis	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	Glen Whitaker	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1991	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Charles Morris	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1992	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Charles Morris	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1993	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Charles Morris	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace

*Demitied †Deceased ‡Suspended

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-2009

Year	WORTHY GRAND MATRON	WORTHY GRAND PATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON	ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON	GRAND SECRETARY	GRAND TREASURER
1994	Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	† Charles Morris	Mrs. Rosemary Sweetland	Billy Combest	Mrs. Frances Burbank	Mrs. Lola Wallace
1995	Mrs. Rosemary Sweetland	Billy Combest	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Frances Burbank	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1996	Mrs. Alma Carter	Richard Ochs	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Claude Ervin	Mrs. Frances Burbank	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1997	Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield	Kenneth Gregory	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1998	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane	Henry Martin	Mrs. Betty Y. Friend	Lee Stallings	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	† Mrs. Patsy Wilson
1999	Mrs. Betty Friend	Lee Stallings	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Duane Baker	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Betty Prater
2000	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe	Duane Baker	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	Harold Trammell	Mrs. Marjorie Errington	Mrs. Betty Prater
2001	Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon	Harold Trammell	Mrs. Sharon Feintress	Ed Warner	Mrs. Alma Carter	Mrs. Betty Prater
2002	Mrs. Sharon Feintress	Ed Warner	Mrs. Doris J. Hester	Jack Guy	Mrs. Alma Carter	Mrs. Betty Prater
2003	Mrs. Doris J. Hester	Jack Guy	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler	Jerry L. Martin	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater
2004	Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler	Jerry L. Martin	Mrs. Nancy Brown	Nelson Campbell	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater
2005	Mrs. Nancy Brown	Nelson Campbell	Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	John Creel	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater
2006	Mrs. Geraldine Dusek	John Creel	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert	Jerry Trees	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater
2007	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert	Jerry Trees	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas	Ray Hertenberger	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater
2008	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas	Ray Hertenberger	Mrs. Bess Caldwell	Bill Wyatt	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Betty Prater
2009	Mrs. Bess Caldwell	Bill Wyatt	Mrs. Mary Ruth White	K. Arthur Dresher	Mrs. Nell Smith Drenner	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens

*Demitted

†Deceased

‡Suspended

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

AUDIT REPORTS

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Statements of Financial Position
August 31, 2010 and 2009

	ASSETS	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 198,668	\$ 255,387
Certificates of deposit	110,728	185,196
Accrued interest receivable	16,982	23,408
Merchandise inventory	23,174	36,159
Prepaid expenses and other	<u>42,227</u>	<u>30,954</u>
Total current assets	391,779	531,104
Investments	2,393,295	2,636,036
Net property and equipment	48,495	63,852
Investments held in trust	2,680,725	2,504,423
Endowment investments	12,452,216	11,823,575
Other assets	<u>76,588</u>	<u>76,963</u>
Total other assets	<u>17,651,319</u>	<u>17,104,849</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,043,098</u>	<u>\$ 17,635,953</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS 		
Accounts payable	\$ 83,957	\$ 58,223
Other accrued liabilities	1,671	3,404
Deferred income	194,216	184,835
Funds held for others	<u>2,680,455</u>	<u>2,504,153</u>
Total liabilities	2,960,299	2,750,615
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	5,405,888	5,209,254
Temporarily restricted	5,299	4,472
Permanently restricted	<u>9,671,612</u>	<u>9,671,612</u>
Total net assets	<u>15,082,799</u>	<u>14,885,338</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 18,043,098</u>	<u>\$ 17,635,953</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, 2010

	Care of Elderly	Educational Scholarships	Benevolence	Fraternal Activities	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs:							
Compensation	\$ 12,402	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 109,751	\$ 129,153
Payroll taxes	896	-	-	506	-	7,929	9,331
	<u>13,298</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,680</u>	<u>138,484</u>
Care of the elderly							
Allowance to home members	13,866	-	-	-	-	-	13,866
Funeral	7,524	-	-	-	-	-	7,524
Infirmery and TMRC housing	686,789	-	-	-	-	-	686,789
Scholarships	-	34,500	-	-	-	-	34,500
Benevolence							
Chapter benevolence	-	-	76,700	-	-	-	76,700
Special funds	-	-	34,356	-	34,356	-	68,712
Fraternal activities							
Grand officer's expense	-	-	-	10,900	-	-	10,900
Grand session expense	-	-	-	163,547	-	-	163,547
Past Grand Matron/ Patron Jewels	-	-	-	1,200	-	-	1,200
General Grand Chapter per capita	-	-	-	35,370	-	-	35,370
Postage	923	-	-	11,062	-	8,452	20,437
Printing	-	-	-	61,484	-	-	61,484
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	1,892	1,892
GGC International Headquarters	-	-	-	7,060	-	-	7,060
Management and general							
Administrative fee	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	12,000
Auto	954	-	-	477	-	8,112	9,543
Depreciation	1,536	-	-	768	-	13,054	15,358
Insurance	6,506	-	-	3,003	-	51,052	60,561
Investment trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	20,573	20,573
Legal and professional	1,512	-	-	-	-	32,128	33,640
Computers and technology	-	-	-	2,857	-	10,333	13,190
Office supplies	-	-	-	930	-	13,549	14,479
Other	1,853	-	-	6,307	-	1,877	10,037
Rent	3,125	-	-	1,563	-	26,562	31,250
Repairs and maintenance	43	-	-	21	-	365	429
Telephone	349	-	-	175	-	2,969	3,493
Utilities	426	-	-	213	-	3,619	4,258
Bank Fees	(150)	-	-	1,129	-	3,045	4,024
Property Expense	-	-	-	-	-	28,116	28,116
	<u>725,256</u>	<u>34,500</u>	<u>111,056</u>	<u>308,066</u>	<u>34,356</u>	<u>237,698</u>	<u>1,450,932</u>
	<u>\$ 738,554</u>	<u>\$ 34,500</u>	<u>\$ 111,056</u>	<u>\$ 315,572</u>	<u>\$ 34,356</u>	<u>\$ 355,378</u>	<u>\$ 1,589,416</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 <u>Elderly</u>	Educational <u>Scholarships</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>	Fraternal <u>Activities</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	Management <u>and General</u>	Total <u>Expenses</u>
Personnel costs:							
Compensation	\$ 12,596	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,104	\$ -	\$ 108,739	\$ 128,439
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 expense	-	-	-	10,900	-	-	10,900
Grand session expense	-	-	-	88,694	-	-	88,694
Past Grand Matron/ Grand Patron Jewels	-	-	-	1,200	-	-	1,200
General Grand Chapter per capita	-	-	-	37,479	-	-	37,479
Postage	322	-	-	13,194	-	11,235	24,751
Printing	-	-	-	85,379	-	-	85,379
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	1,389	1,389
GGC International Headquarters	-	-	-	7,273	-	-	7,273
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	4,084	-	-	7,065	-	787	11,936
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
Bank Fees	210	-	-	1,128	-	3,503	4,841
Property Expense	-	-	-	-	-	18,925	18,925
	<u>876,975</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>153,558</u>	<u>264,421</u>	<u>42,686</u>	<u>229,395</u>	<u>1,605,035</u>
	<u>\$ 890,521</u>	<u>\$ 38,000</u>	<u>\$ 153,558</u>	<u>\$ 272,061</u>	<u>\$ 42,686</u>	<u>\$ 346,337</u>	<u>\$ 1,743,163</u>

WGM Special Projects Recap
2009-2010

ITEM	DATE	SALES	COST	NET	GEN FUND	GF 25%	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE	Final Disbursements	Designation
4090.82 Year Book	8/31/2010	\$ 32,550.00	\$ 19,915.00	\$ 12,635.00	\$ 12,635.00		\$ -	\$ 12,635.00	\$ 12,635.00	Gen.Fund
4090.83 Texas Sun Catcher	8/31/2010	\$ 4,140.00	\$ 1,340.74	\$ 2,799.26	\$ -	\$ 699.82	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,599.45	\$ 1,099.45	TMRC
4090.84 Patriotic Pin	8/31/2010	\$ 3,827.80	\$ 450.00	\$ 3,377.80	\$ -	\$ 844.45	\$ -	\$ 2,533.35	\$ 2,533.35	American Cancer Society
4090.85 Heart Pin	8/31/2010	\$ 2,734.50	\$ 345.00	\$ 2,389.50	\$ -	\$ 597.38	\$ -	\$ 1,792.13	\$ 1,792.13	American Heart Association
4090.86 Travel Book	8/31/2010	\$ 1,029.00	\$ 173.23	\$ 855.77	\$ -	\$ 213.94	\$ 250.00	\$ 391.83	\$ 391.83	IORG & DeMoly
4090.87 Texas Bag	8/31/2010	\$ 4,230.00	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 1,660.00	\$ -	\$ 415.00	\$ -	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 1,245.00	Texas Hoe Down
4090.88 Calendar	8/31/2010	\$ 6,635.00	\$ 4,271.00	\$ 2,364.00	\$ -	\$ 591.00	\$ -	\$ 1,773.00	\$ 1,773.00	Undesignated
4090.89 WGM's Music	8/31/2010	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 1,155.00	\$ -	\$ 288.75	\$ -	\$ 866.25	\$ 866.25	Undesignated
4090.90 WGP's Music	8/31/2010	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 1,465.00	\$ 1,465.00		\$ -	\$ 1,465.00	\$ 1,465.00	Gen. Fund
4090.91 Stickers & Ribbons	8/31/2010	\$ 452.12	\$ 270.00	\$ 182.12	\$ 182.12		\$ -	\$ 182.12	\$ 182.12	Gen. Fund
4090.92 Texas Dress Pin	8/31/2010	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 2,048.90	\$ 24,951.10	\$ -	\$ 6,237.78	\$ -	\$ 18,713.33	\$ 18,713.33	Ronald McDonald & West Texas Rehab Center
4090.93 Name Badges	8/31/2010	\$ 2,890.00	\$ -	\$ 2,890.00	\$ -	\$ 722.50	\$ -	\$ 2,167.50	\$ 2,167.50	American Heart Association
								\$ 5,334.17	\$ 5,334.17	Spring Fling/Founders Day
TOTAL		\$ 89,013.42	\$ 32,288.87	\$ 56,724.55	\$14,282.12	\$10,610.61	\$750.00	\$ 50,698.11	\$ 50,198.13	
										Disbursements
									\$ 5,000.00	American Cancer
						25%			\$ 8,000.00	American Heart
						Total Income Gen. Fund			\$ 10,000.00	Ronald McDonald
									\$ 10,000.00	West Texas Rehab
									\$ 1,000.00	Rainbow For Girls
									\$ 750.00	DeMolay
									\$ 1,165.99	Texas Hoe Down
									\$ 3,727.17	Heart Fund (Founder Day Committee
									\$ 1,607.00	Spring Fling
									\$ 500.00	TMRC
									\$ 50,198.11	Total Income
									\$ (14,282.12)	General Fund
									\$ 35,915.99	Total Income for Projects
									\$ (36,415.99)	Total Disbursed
									\$ -	Balance

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Installation of

Mrs. Bess Caldwell
Worthy Grand Matron

&

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Worthy Grand Patron



Installation of Mrs. Bess Caldwell, WGM & Mr. Bill Wyatt, WGP



Kortni Rowell
Granddaughter of the
Worthy Grand Matron

Janice Kelley made
and presented the
Bible Marker



Trey Wyatt
Grandson of the
Worthy Grand Patron



Family of the
Worthy Grand Matron



Family of the
Worthy Grand Patron

Installation of Mrs. Bess Caldwell, WGM & Mr. Bill Wyatt, WGP



Billie Glover
Grand Chapter Sweetheart
escorted by
Jerry Glover

Keepers of the Door
Mr. Don Reynolds
Grand Warder
and
Mr. Ken Morford
Grand Sentinel



Installed Star Points: Ms. Audri Rowell, Grand Adah;
Mrs. Mary Calvert, Grand Ruth; Mrs. Glenda Story, Grand Esther;
Mrs. Iris Lowe, Grand Martha; Mrs. Sue Barnes, Grand Electa



General Grand Chapter Family

Mrs. Rennie Ofton – Mr. Fred Clarke
 Mrs. Betty Benham; Mrs Betty Friend; Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield escorted
 by Mr. Robert Brownfield; Mrs. Jane Gregory; Mr. Buddy Baker



**Standing Tall and Texas Proud
 Past Grand Matrons presented by Mrs. Gerry Dusek**

Mrs. Elise Hammack; Mrs. Rosemary Swetland; Mrs. Alma Carter;
 Mrs. Naomi Wolfe; Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon; Mrs. Sharon Fentress;
 Mrs. Doris Jean Hester; Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler; Mrs. Nancy Brown

Installation of Mrs. Bess Caldwell, WGM & Mr. Bill Wyatt, WGP



**Texas Proud
Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons**

Mrs. Naomi Wolfe; Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon; Mrs. Sharon Fentress;
Mrs. Doris Jean Hester; Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler; Mrs. Nancy Brown;
Mrs. Joyce Gilbert; Mr. Garland Ratton; Mr. Lelan Benefield



**Pride of Texas
Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons**

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler; Mrs. Nancy Brown; Mrs. Joyce Gilbert;
Mr. Garland Ratton; Mr. Lelan Benefield; Mr. Kenneth Gregory;
Mr. Henry Martin; Mr. Lee Stallings



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District Five: Ms. Brenda Smith Costello;
Grand Examiner at Large: Mrs. Susan Bigham



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Mrs. Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico,
and
Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and
Central America presented by Mrs. Gerry Dusek.



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District One: Mrs. Kathy Pascal; District Two: Mrs. Pat Winkleblack;
 District Three: Miss Jerre Miller; District Four: Mrs. Toni Crawford;
 District Five: Mrs. Saudra Zipp



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 Deputy Grand Matrons: Mrs. Sandy Trimble, Section One; Mrs. Georgia Fae Jennings, Section Two; Ms. Lutitia "Tissie" Ford, Section Three; Mrs. Judy Sadberry, Section Four; Mrs. Jeanie Reiger, Section Five; Mrs. Dottie Ammerman, Section Six; Mrs. Sue Whitted, Section Seven; Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones, Section Eight; Mrs. Carolyn Orum, Section Nine; Mrs. Billy Henslee, Section Ten



District Four

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 Deputy Grand Matrons: Mrs. Nell Thornton, Section One; Mrs. Marialice Bailey, Section Two; Mrs. Marie Bush, Section Three; Mrs. Cynthia Huber, Section Four; Mrs. Laura Clampitte, Section Five; Mrs. Connie Deal, Section Six; Mrs. Jennifer Bodnar, Section Seven; Mrs. Georgia Ptacek, Section Eight; Mrs. Kellie Gibson, Section Nine; Mrs. Cathy Helms, Section Ten



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 Deputy Grand Matrons: Mrs. Quida Jackson, Section One; Mrs. Loretta Lindley, Section Three; Mrs. Bebe Pousen, Section Four; Mrs. Emma Markins, Section Six; Mrs. Diane Beckley, Section Seven; Mrs. Nancy Peiker, Section Eight; Mrs. Misty Downey, Section Nine; Mrs. Denise McCarthy, Section Ten



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Officers of DeMolay



From the Grand Lodge of Texas
Mr. Gene Carnes escorted by Gerry Dusek

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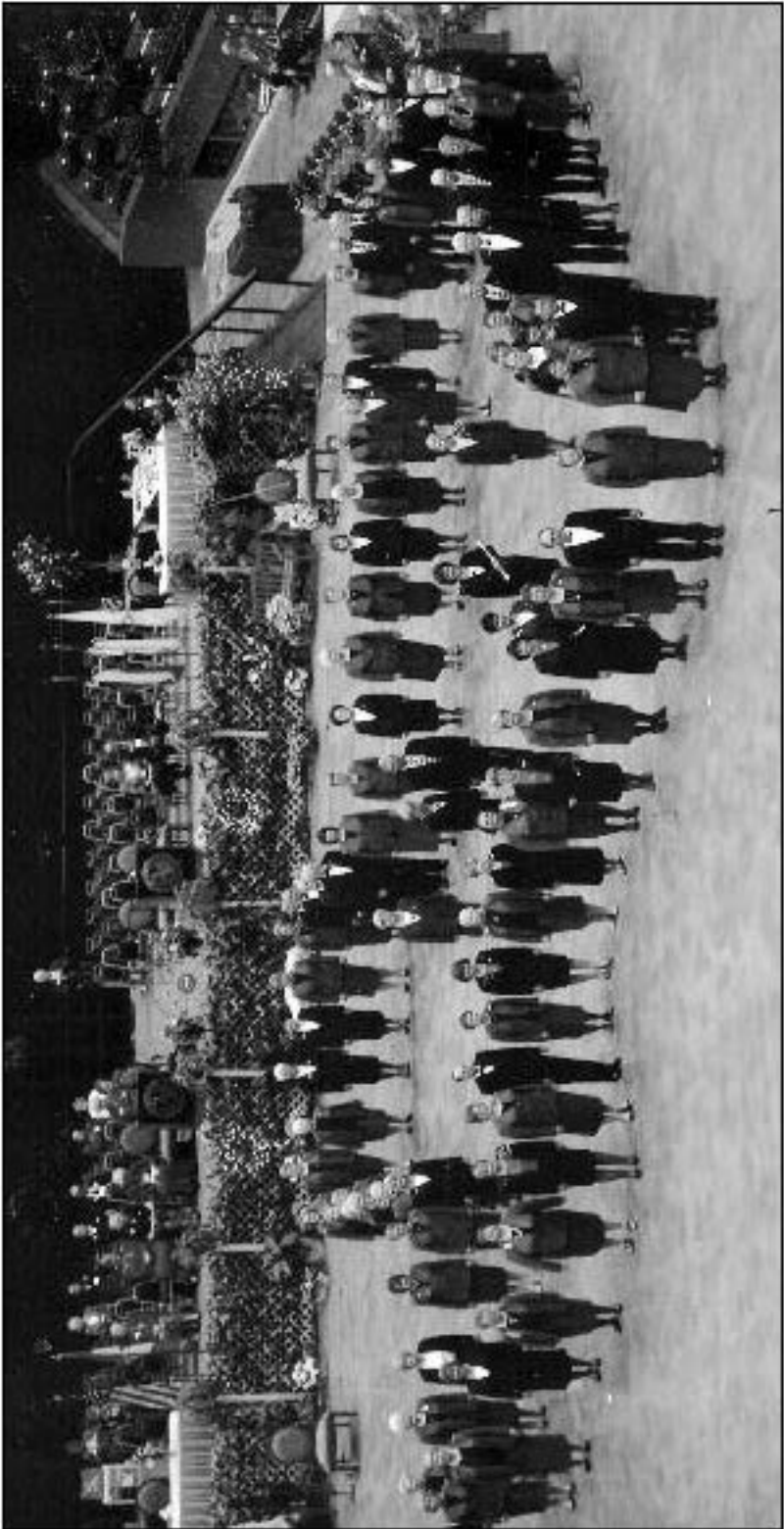
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"Love and Friendship Across Texas"





Presentation of the Bible
Audri Rowell
Daughter of the Worthy Grand
Matron



Presentation of the Bible Marker
Brenda Jones
Sister in Law of the Worthy Grand Patron



Presentation of the Square & Compass

Greg Wyatt

Son of the Worthy Grand Patron



Grand Marshal Sister Ann Wyatt
presents the flag of our Country



Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton, with representatives of Patriot Paws, a nonprofit organization based in Rockwall, Texas which provides service dogs for disabled Veterans.



"Love and Friendship Across Texas"



Reception for General Grand Chapter Officers



Greeting members at the General Grand Chapter reception.



Members ready for the General Banquet.



Precision Drill



Sister Naomi Wolfe &
Brother Buddy Baker
Present the Sword &
Veil



Brother Garland Rattan
& Sister Rosemary
Swetland Present the
Sheaf



Brother Leland
Benefield
& Sister Sharon
Fentress Present the
Crown & Scepter



Sister Doris Hester & Brother Jack
Guy Present the Broken Column



Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon &
Brother Harold Trammell Present
The Cup



Conductresses Sister Vi Griffin and Annette Curry present Most Worthy Grand Mtron Sister Rennie Ofton at the altar.



The Conductresses present Installed Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter



The Conductresses present Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons Helen Cox and Barbara Benton at the altar.



The Conductresses present Texas' very own Executive Committees, Bros. Henry Martin, Kenneth Gregory, Lee Stallings and Jerry Trees, and Sisters Sharon Fentress and Betty Y. Friend.



Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other
Grand Jurisdictions





Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the MWGM of Mex.:
Raul Garcia, Deputy to the MWGP of Mex. & Central America;
Phyllis Macon, President IGRA; and Janice Heridge, Secretary to the
Executive Committee, GGC.



Cardinal Crew



The Conductresses with Other Appendant Bodies



The Conductresses with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron



The Conductresses with Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Fidelity and Supreme Inspector - Texas & Mexico; Laura Pearson, Grand Worthy Adviser and Weldon Clampitte



Credentials Committee



Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron



Registration Committee



Humanitarian Committee



50 Year Members



Residents of TMRC



**Grand Representatives of Texas
in Other Grand Jurisdictions**



Jurisprudence Committee



District I Deputies



District II Deputies



District III Deputies



District IV Deputies



District V Deputies



Board of Directors



Board of Grand Examiners



Effie Mae Davis, Grievances and Appeals



Joyce Ball, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron



Marlene Scholari, newly elected Grand Secretary



Yvonne Brownfield, Purposes and Policies



Tonya Foster, newly elected
Board of Directors
District I



Corky Swanson, Chairman,
By-Laws Committee



Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer



Carla Springer, newly elected
Board of Grand Examiners,
District II



Darla Dunaway, newly elected Board of Directors, District III



Gerry Sturtz, newly elected Board of Directors, District IV



Annette Curry, Associate Grand Conductress; Mary Ruth White, Associate Grand Matron; Jayne Yenger, newly elected Associate Grand Conductress; Vi Griffin, Grand Conductress



Jayne Yenger, newly elected Associate Grand Conductress



Memorial Program, under the direction of Jean Thomas,
Grand Chaplain



ESTRAL Program, under the direction of Janlyn Waclawczyk,
General Chairman



Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions



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Humanitarian Drill, under the direction of Sharon Mosmeyer, General Chairman.



Grand Representative Drill, under the direction of
Faye Murphy, Fraternal Correspondent.



Grand Representative Drill



Grand Choir



District II Banquet



WGM/WGP Luncheon



Last time to approach Grand East as WGM and WGP



Newly appointed Grand Representatives



Presentation of
WGP Jewel



Presentation of
WGM Jewel



CG Luncheon



ACG Luncheon



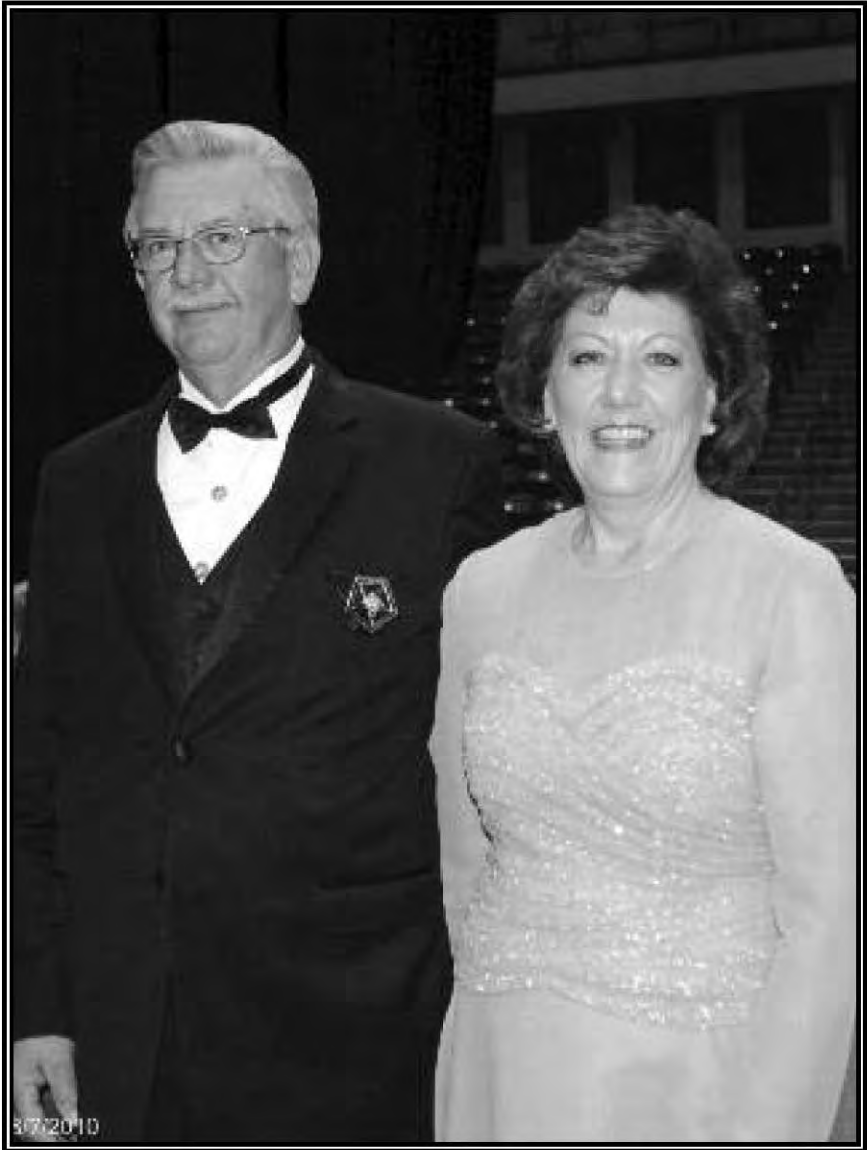
General Banquet



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Presentation of PGM Jewel



Presentation of PGP Jewel

Photographs
from the
Installation of

Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Worthy Grand Matron

&

Mr. K. Arthur Dresher
Worthy Grand Patron















Installation of Mrs. Mary Ruth White, WGM & Mr. K. Arthur Dresher, WGP





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