

*The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star*

*One Hundred Thirty-First
Grand Chapter Session*

“Love, Unity and Peace”



*Arlington Convention Center
1200 Ballpark Way
Arlington, TX 76011*

*Mrs. Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Matron*

*Mr. Bill Crews
Worthy Grand Patron*

**The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star**

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

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August 15-17, 2013

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Arlington, Texas**

Mrs. Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Bill Crews
Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

The Worthy Grand Matron's Theme, Emblem, Flower, Colors and Scriptures

THEME

“Love, Unity and Peace”

If we love one another, we will have unity and peace.

EMBLEM

The Elephant

I chose the elephant because it shares many characteristics with us. Their life span, their love of family, and their tears at a loss are all similar to ours. In addition, elephants laugh, and when they meet, their trunks intertwine, similar to a handshake. They are a symbol of wisdom and are famous for their memory and intelligence.

FLOWER

Pink Carnation

Carnations can be found in a wide range of colors, and while in general they express love, fascination and distinction, virtually every color carries a unique and rich association.

White carnations suggest pure love and good luck, light red symbolizes admiration, and dark red represents deep love and affection. Pink Carnations carry the greatest significance, beginning with the belief that they first appeared on earth from the Virgin Mary's tears making them the Symbol of a Mother's undying love.

COLORS

Purple, Pink, Silver and White

SCRIPTURES

MATTHEW 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before men,
that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.

II PETER 1:5-7

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness,
and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control,
perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness;
and to brotherly kindness, love.

PSALMS 29:11

The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.



**Mrs. Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star**



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

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Most Worthy Grand Patron

Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons

Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons

General Grand Chapter Officers
and Committee Members

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons
of Texas

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

Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Jurisdictions
Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions
in Other Jurisdictions

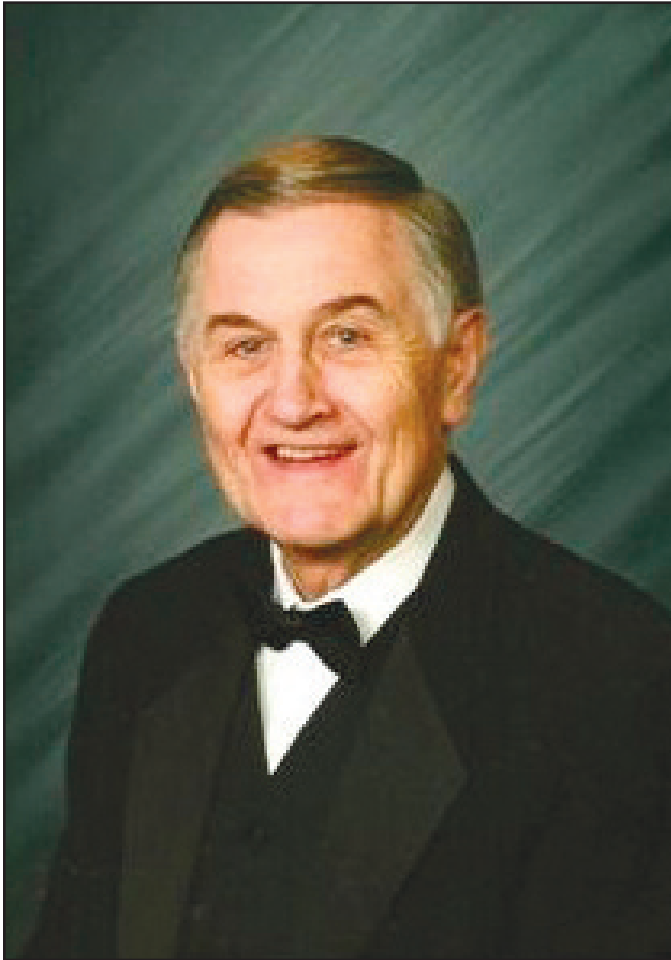
Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Texas

Most Worshipful Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Distinguished Members and Leaders of the Fraternal Youth Organizations
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
International Order of DeMolay

State and National Presiding Officers of Other Fraternal Orders

SPECIAL GUEST



**Mr. John Grobler
Most Worthy Grand Patron
and
Past Grand Patron of Washington**



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

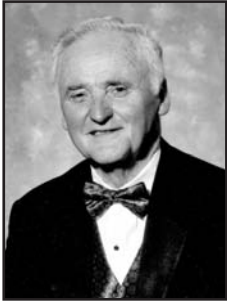


Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary
Past Grand Matron of Texas



Mr. Henry Martin
Right Worthy Grand Sentinel
Past Grand Patron of Texas

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS



*Mr. Nelson B. Campbell
Cancer Committee
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



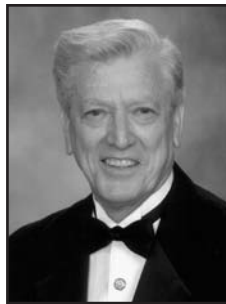
*Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Heart Committee
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*Mr. William "Bill" Bane
International Headquarters Administrator
Past Grand Patron of Texas
Worthy Grand Patron Washington D.C.*



*Mrs. Vi Griffin
Public Relations Committee
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Mr. Jerry Martin
Scottish Rite Charities Committee
Past Grand Patron of Texas*

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS



*Mr. Bill Wyatt
Shrine Charities Committee
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*Mrs. Joyce Nicklas
Support Our Military Committee
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham
Bobbi's Forever Friends
Past Grand Matron of Texas*



*Mrs. Janice Herridge
Bobbi's Forever Friends*



*Mr. Art Drescher
Matadors
Past Grand Patron of Texas*



*Mr. Lee Stallings
Matadors
Past Grand Patron of Texas*

IN MEMORIAM

*In Memory of
Wanda B. Fairchild
Past Grand Matron of
Texas
1994-1995*



Our dear Friend, Wanda Fairchild, passed through the magic mirror of life into the very presence of her Lord and Savior, Sunday, August 5, 2012 and I am certain that Max was there with open arms to greet her and welcome her home. Her services were held in the Chapel at Mount Olivet Cemetery where she was placed at Max's side. Wanda was born in Grand Saline, Texas, June 10, 1935 but lived most of her life in the Fort Worth area where her son, Kyle and his family still live. Her daughter, Patty Garner, and granddaughter, Melinda, live in Tyler, where Wanda spent her last days. Max and Wanda were married thirty-nine years before his death in May, 2002. Wanda was retired from Prudential Securities and attended Handy United Methodist Church for many years. Wanda was a humble person, a friend's friend and a loyal, supportive and loving friend. She was quick to make a call to those in illness or heartache to make them know that they were in her thoughts and prayers. She joined Eastern Star in 1965 and served as Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter No. 820 in 1977-1978 after serving six years as Treasurer and each station in the line. She served as Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas in 1994-1995 and served General Grand Chapter twice on the Membership Committee as Chairman. I know Wanda always liked things "Short and Sweet" but I was asked to write this one and I believe she will forgive me and remain my "Bestest" friend always.

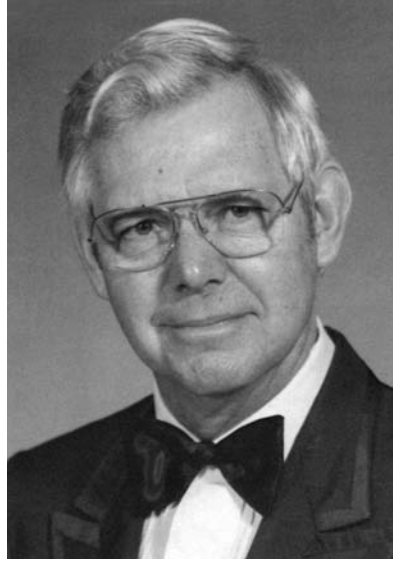
We are walking side by side each day
In the magic mirrors of love
These mirrors reflect how we work and pray,
Judged only by the Father above.

Sharon Fentress
Past Grand Matron

IN MEMORIAM

Memorial Tribute to
Mr. Wayne P. Jones
Past Grand Patron
“This Land Is Our Land Session”
1984 - 1985

*“Some Golden Daybreak, Jesus will come;
Some Golden Daybreak, battles all won;
He’ll shout the victory, break through the blue,
Some Golden Daybreak, for me, for you.”*



With sorrow and reverence we pause to pay our tribute of sincere affection and high esteem for Wayne Jones, who has answered God’s call.

“Come unto Me all those who are weary and heavy laden and I will give thee rest.” While we mourn his passing, yet we rejoice that it was our privilege to have shared a part of his life, for we are the benefactors.

Wayne was the only boy and the youngest of four children. A sister, Barbara Williams, survives. His life was always filled with great accomplishments of service to mankind. These were executed with his gentleness and dedication that one finds only in the actions of a fine Christian Gentleman. He was recognized and will be remembered as a man of integrity, happy disposition and humble countenance. One that exemplified his sincere love for his Family, his God, his Country and his Fellowman by his words, deeds and actions.

Wayne graduated from Technical High School in Fort Worth. Shortly after World War II began he enlisted in the Navy and took special training at Iowa State College in electronics. He served aboard a Destroyer Escort in the South Pacific with the Third Fleet for the entire War. After his discharge he was employed by Bell Helicopter until he retired after thirty years.

He was happily married for sixty four years to his beloved Margaret, who he affectionately called “Maggie”. She preceded him in death on January 7, 2007. He was devoted to his sons; Mark, his wife Marlene and granddaughter Carli; and David, his wife Andrea, granddaughter Meridith, her husband, and his one and only great granddaughter, Abigail.

He was an active member and Deacon of the Beverly Hills Baptist Church in Fort Worth for many years. He was raised a Master Mason on July 27, 1962 at Tarrant Lodge #942. He and Margaret were initiated into North Fort Worth Chapter #684 O.E.S. in 1962. He served as Worthy Patron in 1966-67. Wayne served on various committees for North Fort Worth Chapter #684 and Grand Chapter.

Wayne’s exemplary life led to his selection and election as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas. He served with dignity, wisdom and honor with Mrs. Beulah Speer, Worthy Grand Matron for the “This Land Is Our Land Session” held in Fort Worth in 1984-85.

To the family, we extend our heartfelt sympathy. We know that faith is victorious over death and that God’s promises are true. As we wait, a serenity calms our grief, for we have been promised that our parting is temporary and the meeting eternal.

Beulah Speer
Past Grand Matron

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



*Mrs. Jayne Yenger
Associate Grand Matron*



*Mr. Trey Smith
Associate Grand Patron*



*Mrs. Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary*



*Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens
Grand Treasurer*



*Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Grand Conductress*



*Mrs. Jerre Lucas
Associate Grand
Conductress*



*Leslie Keilberg
Grand Chaplain*



*Lori Goldman
Grand Marshal*



*Beverly Plante
Grand Organist*

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS



*Mary Ann Ivy
Grand Adah*



*Ruth James
Grand Ruth*



*Kathy Crews
Grand Esther*



*Margaret Wood
Grand Martha*



*Nell Thornton
Grand Electa*



*Nancy Estill
Grand Warder*



*Mr. Victor Christenson
Grand Sentinel*



*Freida Dillon
Fraternal Correspondent*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Mr. Jack Beall
Member, District 1*



*Mrs. Rebecca Austin
Member, District 1*



*Mr. Keith Mikeworth
Member, District 2*



*Mrs. Audry Rowell
Member, District 2*



*Mrs. Jerry Miller
Member, District 3*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Mrs. Jean Hobbs
Secretary, District 3*



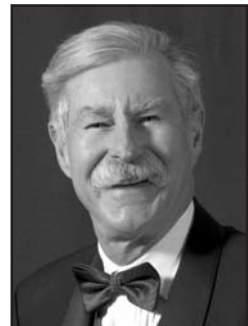
*Mrs. Mickie Campbell
District 4*



*Mrs. Gerry Sturtz
Vice Chairman, District 4*



*Mr. David Ouellette
Member, District 5*



*Mr. Ron Zipp
Chairman, District 5*

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS



*Mrs. Carolyn Martin
District 1*



*Mrs. Carla Stringer
District 2*



*Mrs. Donna Hill Pope
District 3*



*Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer
District 4*



*Mrs. Linda Winn-Christennson
District 5*

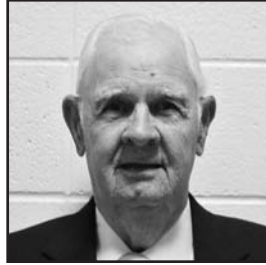


*Mrs. Laura Sharp
Grand Examiner At Large*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



*Mr. Larry Hart
Chairman*



*Mr. Jimmy Williams
Co-Chairman*



*Mrs. Patricia Hart
Secretary/Treasurer*



*Mrs. Lorraine Williams
Auditor*

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE - 2011-2012



*Mr. Russell Herdman
Chairman*



*Mr. Jerry Beck, Sr.
Co-Chairman*



*Mr. Tom Herdman
Co-Chairman*



*Mrs. Jean James
Housing Chairman*



*Mrs. Ginger Byrd
Social Chairman*



*Mrs. Sheila Nowell
Distinguished Guests*



*Mr. Ray Lewis
Labyrinth*



*Mr. Dewey Teague
Transportation*



*Mr. Larry Whitfield
Ushers*



*Mr. Steve Runyon
Vendors*



*Mrs. Betty Kellander
Ditty Bags*



*Mrs. Mary Nell Ramsey
Information, Lost & Found*

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE - 2011-2012



*Mrs. Sandra Stapleton
Special Needs*



*Mrs. Brenda Martin
Steno*



*Mr. Larry Bigham
Security*



*Ms. Leisa Martin
Registration Chairman*



*Mrs. Lou Lewis
Credentials Chairman*

WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON SECRETARIES



*Mrs. Barbara Martin
Secretary*



*Mrs. Melinda Richardson
Secretary*

CEREMONIAL OPENING

**Thursday Session
August 15, 2013**

10:30 AM Musical Prelude

Mrs. Janell Trees
Grand Escort to the
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Elise B. Hammack
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Assisting Grand Marshal

Mrs. Betty Benham
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Processional of
Distinguished Members and Guests
Presentation of Texas Installed Grand Officers,
Elected Board Members and Fraternal Correspondent

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DISTRICT ONE

Mr. Jack Beall
Mrs. Becky Austin

Escorted by Mrs. Charlotte Beall
Escorted by Mr. Don Austin

DISTRICT TWO

Ms. Audri Rowell
Mr. Keith Mikeworth

Escorted by Mr. Don Reynolds
Escorted by Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth

DISTRICT THREE

Mrs. Jean Hobbs
Ms. Jerre Miller

Escorted by Mr. Mike Hall
Escorted by Mr. Ken Curry

DISTRICT FOUR

Mrs. Mickie Campbell
Mrs. Gerry Sturtz, Vice Chmn.

Escorted by Mr. Ray Campbell
Escorted by Mr. Robert Bird

DISTRICT FIVE

Mr. David Ouellette
Mr. Ron Zipp, Chmn.

Escorted by Mrs. Gay Lynn Nave
Escorted by Mrs. Simone Lambdin

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

DISTRICT ONE

Mrs. Carolyn Martin

Escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt

DISTRICT TWO

Mrs. Carla Stringer

Escorted by Mr. Bob Stringer

DISTRICT THREE

Mrs. Donna Pope

Escorted by Mr. Steve Runyon

DISTRICT FOUR

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer

Escorted by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer

DISTRICT FIVE

Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson

Escorted by Mr. Art Brunet

GRAND EXAMINER AT-LARGE

Mrs. Laura Sharp

Escorted by Mr. Richard Sharp

THE 2012-2013 INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

Fraternal Correspondent	Mrs. Freida Dillon Escorted by Mr. Bob Royall
Grand Sentinel	Mr. Victor Christenson Escorted by Mrs. Benita Bassett
Grand Warder	Mrs. Nancy Jo Estill Escorted by Mr. Buddy Bean
Grand Electa	Mrs. Nell Thornton Escorted by Mr. Doyle Thornton
Grand Martha	Mrs. Margaret Wood Escorted by Mr. Dave Leseman
Grand Esther	Mrs. Kathey Crews Escorted by Mr. W. C. Long, III
Grand Ruth	Mrs. Ruth James Escorted by Mr. Lynwood (Bo) James
Grand Adah	Mrs. Mary Ann Ivy Escorted by Mr. James Ivy
Grand Organist	Mrs. Beverly Plante Escorted by Mr. Pete Spurgeon
Grand Marshal	Ms. Lori Goldman Escorted by Mr. Danny Pool
Grand Chaplain	Dr. Leslie Keilberg Escorted by Mr. Eddie Keilberg
Associate Grand Conductress	Mrs. Jerre Lucas Escorted by Mr. Al Putnam
Grand Conductress	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht Escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht

Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Lorrie Owens Escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Marlene Scholari Escorted by Mr. Joe Scholari
Associate Grand Patron	Mr. Trey Smith Escorted by Mrs. Lesa Smith
Associate Grand Matron	Mrs. Jayne Yenger Escorted by Mr. Joseph Yenger
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Bill Crews Escorted by Mrs. Susan Long
Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Annette Curry Escorted by Mr. Larry Hart

PRESENTATIONS

The Holy Bible	Mrs. Melinda Richardson, PM Daughter of the Worthy Grand Patron
Bible Marker	Mrs. Barbara Martin, PM Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron
Square and Compasses	Mr. Thomas F. Griffin Grand Representative of Colorado in Texas

FLAG PRESENTATIONS

United States Flag	Mr. John Creel Past Grand Patron of Texas
Texas Flag	Mr. Bill Wyatt Shrine Charities Committee, GGC and Past Grand Patron of Texas
Washington Flag	Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. Past Grand Patron of Texas
Christian Flag	Mr. H. Lee Stallings Past Grand Patron of Texas
Eastern Star Flag	Mr. Larry Hart Past Patron
Masonic Flag	Mr. Jerry Martin Scottish Rite Charities Committee GGC and Past Grand Patron of Texas
Dedication of the 131st Grand Chapter Session	Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane Right Worthy Grand Secretary, GGC and Past Grand Matron of Texas
Devotional	Mrs. Nancy Brown Past Grand Matron of Texas
Invocation	Mrs. Joyce Nicklas Support our Military, GGC and Past Grand Matron of Texas

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS

GREETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

Welcome	Mr. Larry Hart Executive Chairman, 2012-2013
Experience Arlington City of Arlington	Mary German Representative
International Order of Rainbow for Girls	Mrs. JoAnn Weaver Supreme Deputy in Texas Miss Cheryl Haston Grand Worthy Advisor
DeMolay International	Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte State Executive Officer Mr. Joey McAteer State Master Counselor
Grand Lodge of Texas, AF and AM	Mr. Walter W. Rogers Most Worshipful Grand Master
General Grand Chapter	Mr. John Grobler Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Washington
Partial Report of Credentials Committee	Mrs. Lou Lewis Chairman

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

RITUALISTIC CEREMONIAL OPENING

1:00 PM

“LOVE, UNITY AND PEACE”

Call To Order

Mrs. Elise B. Hammack
Past Grand Matron of Texas

John Creel
Past Grand Patron

Memory Makers Drill

Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Ms. Lori Goldman, Grand Marshal

RITUALISTIC OPENING

Opening Ode

“The Lily of the Valley”

Melodious Voices and Membership
Mrs. Georgia Ptacek, Choir Director

Flag Presentation

Ms. Lori Goldman
Grand Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bill Crews
Worthy Grand Patron

National Anthem

Melodious Voices and Membership
Mrs. Georgia Ptacek, Director

O’Canada

Melodious Voices and Membership
Mrs. Georgia Ptacek, Director

Filling of Vacancies

Appointment of Telegram/Telephone Committee

FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS

Most Worthy Grand Patron
Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and
Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons
Elective and Appointive Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter
General Grand Chapter Committee Members
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 Grand Lodge of Texas, AF& AM
Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions
General Grand Chapter Special Appointees
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
Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations
State and National Presiding Officers of All Appendant Bodies

Response for Other Grand Jurisdictions	Mrs. Shirley S. Boone Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana
Response for General Grand Chapter Family	Mrs. Rennie Ofton Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
Benediction	Mrs. Sharon Fentress Past Grand Matron of Texas
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht Grand Conductress

SESSION CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST

Please remain seated for the Report of the Fraternal Correspondent and the
Grand Representatives Drill

Report of the Fraternal Correspondent

Mrs. Freida Dillon

Grand Representatives of Texas and Other Grand Jurisdictions

“It’s A Small World” Drill

Directed by Ms. Lori Goldman, Grand Marshal

5:30 pm

District Banquets

7:00 pm

Call To Order

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Jerry Trees
Past Grand Patron

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS

Memorial Program

Mrs. Janell Trees
Grand Chaplain Pro-Tem

8:00 pm

ESTARL

Ms. Terri Rozell
General Chairman

**Friday Morning Session
August 16, 2013**

“TRUTH AND LOVE”

7:30 am	Musical Prelude	Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, PM Grand Representative of California in Texas
8:00 am	Call to Order	Mrs. Mary Ruth White Past Grand Matron of Texas
		Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. Past Grand Patron of Texas
“Memory Makers” Drill	Installed Grand Officers and Pages	
	Directed by Ms. Lori Goldman, Grand Marshal	

ENTRANCE OF INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

Opening of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht Grand Conductress
Devotional	Mrs. Betty Y. Friend Past Grand Matron of Texas
Invocation	Dr. Effie Mae Davis Past Grand Matron of Texas

SESSION CALLED FROM REST TO LABOR

Reports:

Parliamentarian	Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw
Credentials	Mrs. Lou Lewis
Chapters UD	Mr. John Creel
Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Patron	Mr. Bill Crews
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Marlene Scholari
Grand Treasurer	Mrs. Lorrie Owens
Board of Directors	Mr. Ron Zipp
Jurisprudence	Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grievance and Appeals	Mrs. Rosemary S. Berry
By-Laws	Mrs. Lura LaBove

Special Music	Mrs. Durinda Walker Grand Soloist
Benediction	Mrs. Naomi Wolfe Past Grand Matron of Texas
Closing of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht Grand Conductress

SESSION CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST UNTIL 1:30 PM

**Friday Afternoon Session
August 16, 2013**

“TRUTH AND UNITY”

1:00 pm	Musical Prelude	Mrs. Sandra Perdue Past Matron
1:30 pm	Call to Order	Mrs. Doris J. Hester Past Grand Matron of Texas
		Mr. Jack Guy Past Grand Patron of Texas
“Memory Makers” Drill	Installed Grand Officers and Pages	
	Directed by Ms. Lori Goldman, Grand Marshal	

ENTRANCE OF INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

Opening of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht Grand Conductress
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Reports Continued:

Deputies of Grand Chapter	Mrs. Kathy Paschal
Board of Grand Examiners	Mrs. Elise Hammack
Educational Fund	Ms. Jane Hudson
Purposes and Policies	Mrs. Susie Broughton
International Headquarters	Ms. Lynn Kearney
OES Endowment	Mrs. Yvonne Smith
Titles, Deeds and Properties	Mr. Jack York
Museum	
Webmaster	

Financial Investments
Rob Morris Report
Ritualistic Competition

Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Mr. Richard Hancock
Mr. Billy Losack.

Benediction
Past Grand Patron of Texas

K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.

Closing of the Holy Bible
Grand Conductress

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht

SESSION CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST

5:30 pm

Humanitarian Program

Mrs. Mary Calvert
General Chairman

District One
District Two
District Three
District Four
District Five

Mrs. Elizabeth Grayson
Mrs. Shirley Scholl
Mrs. Linda Hugo
Mrs. B. J. Corwin
Mrs. Jean Thomas

Presentation of the Participating Chapter's Worthy Matrons,
Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons

"Pink Carnation" Humanitarian Drill

Directed by Ms. Lori Goldman, Grand Marshal

7:00 pm

"Rob Morris Gala"

Mr. Richard Hancock,
Chairman

***Immediately Following the Rob Morris Gala,
Installation Practice for the 2013-2014 Officers***

**Saturday Morning Session
August 17, 2013**

“TRUTH AND PEACE”

7:30 am	Musical Prelude	Mrs. Mary Alberts Past Matron
8:00 am	Call to Order	Mrs. Vi Griffin Public Relations Committee, GGC Past Grand Matron of Texas
		Mr. David Dibrell Past Grand Patron of Texas
“Memory Makers” Drill	Installed Grand Officers and Pages	
	Directed by Ms. Lori Goldman, Grand Marshal	

ENTRANCE OF INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

Opening of the Holy Bible	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht Grand Conductress
Devotional	Mrs. Joyce Gilbert Past Grand Matron of Texas
Invocation	Mrs. Alma Carter Past Grand Matron of Texas

SESSION CALLED FROM REST TO LABOR

Adoption of Reports:	
Humanitarian	Mrs. Mary Calvert
ESTARL	Ms. Terri Rozell
Grand Chaplain	Dr. Leslie Keilberg
Special Music	Mrs. Durinda Walker Grand Soloist
Credentials Final Report	Mrs. Lou Lewis
Registration Final Report	Ms. Leisa Martin
Appointment of Election Judge, Table Judges, and Tellers	

***ALL persons to be nominated for office
and the persons nominating them
are to be seated in the East.***

10:00 am

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Presentation and Recognition of 50 Year Members
Presentation of TMRC Residents
Recognitions and Presentations
Invitation to the 132nd Grand Chapter Session

Election Results

Benediction

Mrs. Doris Hester
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Grand Conductress

**SESSION CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST UNTIL
6:00 PM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
THE 2013-2014 OFFICERS**

**PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR GRAND CHAPTER SESSION 2013**

In accordance with Code of Laws - Article 157. Page 118 - 120 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 prior to 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 member 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 your name, title, chapter name and number then proceed to make a motion of 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 as amended, 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 question, 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 PURPLE card Chapter Representatives will hold up the PINK card.
11. After a motion has been made, seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission of the voting body.
12. The following motions are not debatable:
 - a. Reconsider
 - b. Refer to a committee
 - c. Call for the orders 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 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 a member making the nominations as follows:
 - a. Go to a microphone and address the Presiding Officer;
 - b. Wait for recognition before speaking;
 - c. State your name, title, Chapter name and number;
 - d. Give the name and Chapter name and number of the member being nominated and the office for which the 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. Water and small snacks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.

SOCIAL EVENTS AT 2013 GRAND CHAPTER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013

- 9:00 am MOVE INTO ARLINGTON CONVENTION CENTER. Executive, Arrangements, Registration and Credentials Committees move into Arlington Convention Center. All Arrangements Committee Members needed to set up for Grand Chapter. Decorating Services will be setting up Exhibitor/Vendor Area.
- 2:00 pm VENDOR area will be available for Vendor set up. Chairman: Mr. Steve Runyon, 682-429-1655. Location: Arlington Convention Center, Grand Hall, Salon B
- 2:00 pm DRILL PRACTICE: Installed Grand Officers and Pages: Ms. Lori Goldman. 361-275-8915. Location: Arlington Convention Center
- 6:00 pm "LOVE, UNITY AND PEACE BANQUET" INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS BANQUET. Chairman: Ms. Lori Goldman. 361-275-8915 Location: Arlington Convention Center. (By Invitation Only)
- 7:30 pm DRILL PRACTICE: Installed Grand Officers and Pages: Ms. Lori Goldman. 361-275-8915. Location: Arlington Convention Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013

- 9:00 am ARRANGEMENTS SET-UP. All Arrangements Committee Members will continue to set up for Grand Chapter.
- 9:00 am VENDOR area will be available for Vendor set up. Chairman: Mr. Steve Runyon, 682-429-1655. Location: Arlington Convention Center, Grand Hall, Salon B.
- 9:00 am-
11:00 am RECEPTION
Honoring Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Associate Grand Matron and the 2013-2014 Installed Grand Officers. Hosted by Mr. Trey Smith, Associate Grand Patron. Location: Thistle Hill Mansion (By Invitation Only)
- 10:00 am REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS.
5:00 pm Registration Chairman: Ms. Leisa Martin, 7433 Deaver Drive, N. Richland Hills, TX 76180 817-996-2951. Credentials Chairman: Mrs. Lou Lewis, 813 Forest Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76114 817-738-3753 Arlington Convention Center, South Lobby
- 10:00 am PAST GRANDS OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING:
Chairman: Mr. Jack Guy, President 903-683-4613 Location: Arlington Convention Center.
- 11:30 am "DEPUTIES ON PATROL"
2012-2013 DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER LUNCHEON
Honoring Mrs. Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Deputies of Grand Chapter. Inviting: Board of Grand Examiners, Humanitarian Committees, Fraternal Correspondent, Spouses and Traveling Companions. Chairman: Mrs. Donna Noe, District 3 817-219-0294 Location: Arlington Convention Center

- 12 Noon "THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN" PAST GRAND MATRONS & PAST GRAND PATRONS LUNCHEON:
Chairman: Mr. Jack Guy, President, 903-683-4613, Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to this group only.)
- 12 Noon VENDOR AREA OPENS.
4:30 pm Chairman: Mr. Steve Runyon, 682-429-1655. Arlington Convention Center, Grand Hall, Salon B
- 1:30 pm MEMORIAL PROGRAM PRACTICE: Dr. Leslie Keilberg, Grand Chaplain Arlington Convention Center, Exhibit Hall
- 2:30 pm DRILL PRACTICE: Installed Grand Officers and Pages: Ms. Lori Goldman. 361-275-8915. Location: Arlington Convention Center
- 3:30 pm GRAND REPRESENTATIVES DRILL PRACTICE: Mrs. Freida Dillon, Fraternal Correspondent; 281-385-2187. Directed by Ms. Lori Goldman, Grand Marshal. Location: Arlington Convention Center, Exhibit Hall.
- 2:00 pm- HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,
4:00 pm GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION and PAGO.
Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas, Chairman: Mrs. Sheila Nowell: Distinguished Guests, Dr. Leslie Keilberg: Grand Representatives and JoAnn Dresher: PAGO. Contact Person: Mrs. Sheila Nowell, 817-485-4041 Location: Arlington Convention Center
- 5:00 pm- RECEPTION FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:
6:00 pm General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members. Hosted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. (Open to this group only.) (Formal Wear) Hostesses: District Deputy Grand Matrons. Location: Arlington Convention Center
- 6:30 pm- "MEMORIES" GENERAL BANQUET:
10:00 pm Honoring Mrs. Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Sharon Fentress, PGM of Texas 817-834-7181 Location: Arlington Convention Center (Open to Membership) (Formal Wear)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013

- 8:00 am- REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS.
5:00 pm Registration Chairman: Ms. Leisa Martin, 7433 Deaver Drive, N. Richland Hills, TX 76180 817-996-2951. Credentials Chairman: Mrs. Lou Lewis, 813 Forest Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76114 817-738-3753 Arlington Convention Center, South Lobby
- 8:00 am- VENDOR AREA OPEN.
6:00 pm Chairman: Mr. Steve Runyon, 682-429-1655. Arlington Convention Center, Grand Hall, Salon B
- 8:00 am "BUSY BEES GATHERING TREASURES" GRAND SECRETARY AND GRAND TREASURER BREAKFAST:
Hosted by the Secretaries' Association of Texas. Special Members: Past Grand Secretaries and Past Grand Treasurers. Annual meeting to be held with election of Officers for the Association. Chairman: Mr. Jack Beall, 972-225-2807. Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to present and past Secretaries, Treasurers and Traveling Companions.)

- 8:30 am "THE LUCKY ELEPHANT" GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' BREAKFAST
Honoring Mrs. Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Dr. Leslie Keilberg. President GRA of Texas 940-362-4220, Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Present and Former Grand Representatives, Fraternal Correspondent, Spouses and Traveling Companions.)
- 9:30 am "FRIENDS AND FAMILY TOGETHER AGAIN" 2011-2012 GRAND FAMILY BRUNCH:
Honoring Mrs. Vi Griffin, Past Grand Matron and Mr. David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron. Open to: the 2011-2012 Grand Family, their Spouses and Traveling Companions. Hosted by the 2011-2012 Deputies. Chairman: Mrs. Jane Hudson, 512-917-5078. Location: Arlington Convention Center.
- 10:00 am-12 Noon HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION and PAGO
Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas, Chairman: Mrs. Sheila Nowell: Distinguished Guests, Dr. Leslie Keilberg: Grand Representatives and JoAnn Dresher: PAGO. Contact Person: Mrs. Sheila Nowell, 817-485-4041 Location: Arlington Convention Center
- 10:30 am MUSICAL PRELUDE
- 11:00 am 131st SESSION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ARLINGTON CONVENTION CENTER,
INFORMAL OPENING (Formal Wear)
- 1:00 pm 131st SESSION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ARLINGTON CONVENTION CENTER
FORMAL OPENING (Formal Wear)
Afternoon Session will include: FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT REPORT AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES DRILL.
- 1:30 pm-3:30 pm GRAND EXAMINERS ROOM WILL BE OPEN.
Location: Arlington Convention Center, Meeting Room M-1
- 5:30 pm "TRUNKS FOR THE MEMORIES" DISTRICT I BANQUET
Honoring: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District I. Chairman: Mrs. Connie Bilby, 940-683-3125. (Open to Membership.)
- 5:30 pm "MEMORIES ACROSS THE MILES" DISTRICT II BANQUET
Honoring: Associate Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron of District II Chairman: Mrs. Chris Puckett, 432-940-1377. (Open to Membership.)
- 5:30 pm "MEMORIES OF MY SOUL" DISTRICT III BANQUET
Honoring: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District III. Chairman: Mrs. Donna Noe, 817-219-0294. (Open to Membership.)
- 5:30 pm "MEMORIES ON PARADE" DISTRICT IV BANQUET
Honoring: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District IV. Chairman: Mrs. Pat Chuber, 936-756-6461. (Open to Membership.)

- 5:30 pm "THOSE WERE THE DAYS" DISTRICT V BANQUET
Honoring: Associate Grand Conductress, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of District V. Chairman: Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild, 361-596-7033. (Open to Membership.)
- 7:00 pm MEMORIAL PROGRAM, Mrs. Janell Trees, Grand Chaplain Pro-Tem;
Arlington Convention Center
- 8:00 pm ESTARL, Ms. Terri Rozell, ESTARL General Chairman;
Arlington Convention Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2013

- 7:30 am MUSICAL PRELUDE
- 8:00 am 131st GRAND CHAPTER SESSION OPENS
Location: Arlington Convention Center.
- 8:00 am-5:00 pm REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS.
Registration Chairman: Ms. Leisa Martin, 7433 Deaver Drive, N. Richland Hills, TX 76180 817-996-2951. Credentials Chairman: Mrs. Lou Lewis, 813 Forest Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76114 817-738-3753 Arlington Convention Center, South Lobby
- 8:00 am-6:00 pm VENDOR AREA OPEN.
Chairman: Mr. Steve Runyon, 682-429-1655. Arlington Convention Center, Grand Hall, Salon B
- 9:30 am-11:30 am EXAMINING ROOM WILL BE OPEN
Location: Arlington Convention Center, Meeting Room M-1
- 12 Noon "THE PEANUT GALLERY" LUNCHEON:
Honoring Mrs. Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Virginia Strong, 817-296-8202 Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 12 Noon "GUIDING LINKS ACROSS TEXAS" LUNCHEON:
Honoring Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Trey Smith, Associate Grand Patron Chairman: Mrs. Monica Riney, 817-845-9451. Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 12 Noon "TEXAS FANS" LUNCHEON:
Honoring Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Jill Keefer, 817-795-4094 Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 12 Noon "HAPPY TRAILS" LUNCHEON:
Honoring Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Associate Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Durinda Walker, 817-732-4670. Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 1:00 pm MUSICAL PRELUDE
- 1:30 pm 131st GRAND CHAPTER SESSION
Location: Arlington Convention Center
- 1:30 pm-3:30 pm EXAMINING ROOM WILL BE OPEN
Location: Arlington Convention Center, Meeting Room M-1

- 5:30 pm HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM AND PINK CARNATION DRILL, General Chairman: Mrs. Mary Calvert, 817-903-849-4265; Directed by Ms. Lori Goldman, Grand Marshal
Location: Arlington Convention Center
- 7:00 pm “ROB MORRIS GALA” CELEBRATION:
Honoring Mrs. Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mr. Richard Hancock. 254-803-6561 Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013

- 6:30 am “CHAIN GANG” BREAKFAST:
Honoring: Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Trey Smith, Associate Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Betty Hancock, 817-467-2462. Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)
- 7:00 am- REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS.
9:00 pm Registration Chairman: Ms. Leisa Martin, 7433 Deaver Drive, N. Richland Hills, TX 76180 817-996-2951. Credentials Chairman: Mrs. Lou Lewis, 813 Forest Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76114 817-738-3753 Arlington Convention Center, South Lobby
- 7:30 am MUSICAL PRELUDE
- 8:00 am 131st GRAND CHAPTER SESSION OPENS
Location: Arlington Convention Center
- 8:00 am- VENDOR AREA OPEN.
3:00 pm Chairman: Mr. Steve Runyon, 682-429-1655. Arlington Convention Center, Grand Hall, Salon B
- 9:00 am REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS CLOSE
- 6:00 pm INSTALLATION OF THE 2013 – 2014 GRAND OFFICERS
Location: Arlington Convention Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2013

- 8:00 am “LAUGH OFTEN, DREAM BIG, REACH FOR THE STARS” BREAKFAST:
Honoring the Newly Elected Associate Grand Conductress. Chairman: Mrs. Jean Ann Lopez, 817-236-8081 Location: Arlington Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration of VOTING DELEGATES for their Credentials closes promptly at 9:00AM pm Saturday, August 17, 2013. Registration for NON-VOTING DELEGATES closes and 10:00AM. Ballots are not transferable, and if lost, WILL NOT BE REPLACED. Please SIGN YOUR ballot envelope immediately upon receipt.

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

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

REPORTS

All reports must be bring, concise, and contain only pertinent facts, and three copies, type-written, double spaced and handed to the Grand Secretary after adoption. Time and cost of printing will not permit lengthy, "Thank You" messages. Reports will be limited to three minutes.

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

FIRST AID

First Aid rooms will be available during all sessions at the Arlington Convention Center. Arrangements First Aid Committee members will be on duty for all sessions.

**INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS
AND PERSONAL PAGES**

GRAND OFFICER

PERSONAL PAGE

Mrs. Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Connie Bilby
Mrs. Chris Puckett
Mrs. Donna Noe
Mrs. Judy Tucker
Mrs. Carlotta Fairchild

Mr. Bill Crews
Worthy Grand Patron

Mr. Larry Brown
Mr. Bill Prague

Mrs. Jayne Yenger
Associate Grand Matron

Mrs. Jennifer Bodnar
Mrs. Susan Hall
Ms. Fran Johnson
Mrs. Helen Sanderford

Mr. Trey Smith
Associate Grand Patron

Mr. Donny Broughton
Mr. Philip Moore

Mrs. Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

Mrs. Melissa Hudman
Mrs. Adele Isaacs
Miss Jackie Lemons
Mrs. Addie Taylor

Mrs. Lorrie Owens
Grand Treasurer

Mrs. Colleen Asaro
Mrs. Mary Brunet
Mrs. Ethel Dammann
Mrs. Emma Markins

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Grand Conductress

Mrs. Ann George
Miss Marion McAlister
Mrs. Brenda Ruiz
Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Timmons

Mrs. Jerre Lucas
Associate Grand Conductress

Mrs. Ann Kelly
Mrs. Mary Jo Rosamond
Ms. Ann Stuart

Mrs. Janell Trees
Grand Chaplain Pro-Tem

Mrs. Betty Kitchens
Mrs. Judy Sadberry

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Grand Marshal

Mrs. Christine Armstrong
Mrs. Billie J. Collie
Mrs. Sudie Pool

Mrs. Beverly Plante
Grand Organist

Mrs. Delores Long
Mrs. Mamie Pistokache

Mrs. Mary Ann Ivy
Grand Adah

Mrs. Ann Cornelius
Mrs. Janeva Tuell

Mrs. Ruth James
Grand Ruth

Mrs. Marian Hilliard
Mrs. Donna Ott

Mrs. Kathey Crews
Grand Esther

Mrs. Sharon Prague
Mrs. Mackee Teague

Mrs. Margaret Wood
Grand Martha

Mrs. Barbara Brown
Mrs. Ritha Henry Norman

Mrs. Nell Thornton
Grand Electa

Mrs. Marie Best
Mrs. Helen Milner

Mrs. Nancy Jo Estill
Grand Warder

Mrs. Georgia Bean
Mrs. Linda Holland

Mr. Victor Christenson
Grand Sentinel

Mr. Art Brunet
Mr. William (Bill) Markins

ASSISTING GRAND WARDERS AND SENTINELS

Mrs. Benita Bassett	Mr. Randy Martin
Mrs. Diana Blood	Mr. Randy Martin
Dr. Donna Cole	Mrs. May Von Meyer
Dr. Donnell Cole	Mr. John Searson
Mrs. Karen DeVillier	Mrs. Kay Searson
Mr. Jerrell Estill	Mrs. Lu Skidd
Ms. Terri Estill	Mr. Rick Skidd
Mrs. JoAnn Ford	Mrs. Yvonne Smith
Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison	Mrs. Pattie Smith
Mr. Jerry Holland	Mr. Pete Spurgeon
Mr. Lynwood (Bo) James	Mr. William (Bill) Viner
Mrs. Lillian Kinard	Mrs. Sharon Viner
Mrs. Tempie LaMothe	Mrs. Maja Gerdin

MELODIOUS VOICES FOR 2013

Peggy Acebo	Shirley McKeown
Richard Acebo	Jeanette Munn
Mary Alberts	Joe L. Munn
Lanelle Cooper	Tori Roberts
Adrian Early	Marcelle Russell
Johanna Elliott	Susie Rogers
Melynda Giesenschlag	Nancy Smith
Wanda Goodson	Sue Stainecker
Michelle Holmes	Linda Stephenson
Martha Jones	Peggy Stewart
Kim Lacey	Mary Stifflemire
Tanya Meadows	Grace Stovall
Gwen McDonald	Sandra Strong

MUSIC SELECTIONS

The Star Spangle 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 strips and bright stars, thru the perilous flight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming.
And the rockets' 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.

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

The King is Coming

The marketplace is empty, No more traffic in the streets,
All the builder's tools are silent, No more time to harvest wheat;
Busy housewives cease their labors, in the courtroom no debate,
Work on earth is all suspended as the King comes through the gate.
O the King is coming, The King is coming!
I just heard the trumpets sounding, and now His face I see;
SING CHORUS TWICE
O the King is coming, the King is coming!
Praise God he's coming for me!

America the Beautiful

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

The Church in the Wildwood

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood, No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood as the little brown church in the vale.
O come, come, come, come, come to the church in the wildwood,
O come to the church in the vale,
No spot is so dear to my childhood as the little brown church in the vale.

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

Heavenly Sunlight

Walking in sunlight, all of my journey;
over the mountains, thro' the deep vale;
Jesus has said, "I'll never forsake thee,"
Promise divine that never can fail.
Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight,
flooding my soul with glory divine;
Hallelujah, I am rejoicing,
singing His praises, Jesus is mine.

In My Heart There Rings a Melody

I have a song that Jesus gave me,
it was sent from heaven above;
There never was a sweeter melody,
'Tis a melody of love.
In my heart there rings a melody,
there rings a melody with heaven's harmony;
In my heart there rings a melody,
there rings a melody of love.

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.
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.

Sweet By and By

There's a land that is fairer than day,
and by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way,
to prepare us a dwelling place there.
In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

The Lily of the Valley

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

Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story,
how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning,
of His precious blood's a toning,
Then I repented of my sins
and won the victory.
O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever,
He sought me and bo't me
with His redeeming blood;
He loved me 'ere I knew Him,
and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory,
beneath the cleansing flood.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Memories

General Banquet



Honoring

Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron

Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron

And

John Grabler, Most Worthy Grand Patron



"Memories" General Banquet
August 14, 2013
Arlington Convention Center
6:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies Sharon Fentress
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Invocation Nancy Brown
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Welcome Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary, GGC
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Response Barbara Grobler
Escort and Personal Secretary
to the Most Worthy Grand Patron

DINNER

Introductions Cheryl Albrecht
Grand Conductress





Greetings

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas M.W. Walter Rogers
Most Worshipful Grand Master

Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron

General Grand Chapter Rennie Ofton
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Tribute to Most Worthy Grand Patron K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.
Past Grand Patron

Greetings John Grobler
Most Worthy Grand Patron
Past Grand Patron of Washington

Greetings Bill Crews
Worthy Grand Patron

Greetings Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Matron

Benediction Joyce Nicklas
Support Our Military Committee, GGC
Past Grand Matron of Texas



**Grand Chapter of Texas
131st Grand Chapter Session
“Love, Unity and Peace”
“Memories” General Banquet
August 14, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.
Arlington Convention Center**

Master of Ceremonies

**Cheryl Albrecht
Associate Grand Conductress**

Invocation

**Nancy Brown
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

Welcome

**Alma Lynn Bane
Right Worthy Grand Secretary, GGC
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

Response

**Barbara Grobler
Escort and Personal Secretary to the
Most Worthy Grand Patron**

Grand Conductress (GC) Cheryl Albrecht: I want to welcome you to the “Memories” General Banquet. I also want to make sure if you haven’t figured it out yet, I am not Sharon Fentress. I am not a Past Grand Matron of Texas. I am Cheryl Albrecht. I am the Grand Conductress and I am also the daughter of Sharon Fentress so that is why I am up here. But we want to welcome you to this Banquet. Welcome our guest to Texas and to each and every one of you, have a wonderful, wonderful time while you are here with us. At this time if you would please stand for the pledge of allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, Indivisible with liberty and Justice for all. Thank you. You can be seated. Thank you. At this time before we have our meal, we always want to thank our Lord for his blessings and at this time Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas will bring our invocation.

PGM Nancy Brown: Our Heavenly Father we have come to you with such grateful hearts. Thank you for the privilege of sharing this night with our friends. Father we know that there is much business ahead this week and we just ask your blessings on everything that is said and done during this Grand Chapter Session. Bless this food to the nourishment of our bodies dear Lord and grant us your peace Father. In your name we pray. Amen

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Now I know a lot of y’all claim this next lady as yours because she’s moved up kind of out of Texas but I hate to inform you, she is still ours in Texas. At this time our Welcome will be brought by Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you Sister Cheryl, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter family, visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers. I was allowed three minutes, there went one. I have now established protocol and it does

not have to be repeated again. It's my honor to welcome you to the Texas General Banquet and to an evening filled with well wishes and home grown "Howdy's". This evening's event is one of many under the direction of the Social Chairman and the committee members. We hope that you enjoy this evening's festivities. We hope that many of you have settled into your room and I know the Housing Chairman has gone above and beyond the call of duty for many of us. With the schedule we keep at Grand Chapter, our Housing accommodations are rest stops for those short naps we take most of the time. Tomorrow we will convene the 131st Session of our Grand Chapter and the many facets of the Arrangements Committee will shine like a diamond. During our Session many Committees will report the activities and accomplishments of this past year. This is like a huge family reunion and we invite each of you to participate in the many hugs and "howdys". I want to thank Sister Sharon for inviting me to bring this welcome so that I can personally greet each of you and welcome you to the Lone Star State. Sharon once told me that I was an optimist and I guess she's right. I heard that there was a drought in Texas so when we packed I put two umbrellas in the suitcase and I thank God that we're having to use them. I want to leave you with a few thoughts. Enjoy the simple things. Surround yourself with what you love whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge. Tell the people you love that you love them at every opportunity. You are very special to me and to the members of Texas and we are very pleased that you are joining us this evening. And I greet you at this time and welcome you to the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Applause)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Alma. We are so honored to have our Most Worthy Grand Patron with us at our Session but we are also honored to have his very lovely wife, Barbara, with us. And at this time, Sister Barbara Groebler who is the Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron will bring our response.

Mrs. Barbara Grobler: Thank you Sister Cheryl. Protocol having been established so nicely by our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, it is truly my honor to respond to the welcome tonight. I do want to thank Sister Sharon for asking me to do this and also Sister Cheryl, thank you for giving me this very unique opportunity. It is a first for me. My public speaking experience is very limited now that John is doing most of the talking. However, I did have a chance in Alberta to do a tribute to the Washington state flag. Maybe that is where Sister Sharon decided to take a chance on me here. Tonight I want to say how great it is to be back in Texas again with "all y'all". This banquet is so apply named "Memories". We have such wonderful memories from our past visits as I know all the other visitors have too. I know that I am speaking for all guests in attendance tonight when I say thank you for all the courtesies "all y'all" have extended to all of us this week for making our stay so special. We're looking forward to adding more memories from your 131st Grand Chapter Session of "Love, Unity and Peace". Thank you. (Applause)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: At this time please enjoy your dinner.

*** Dinner ***

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Sisters and Brothers, I hope you have enjoyed your dinner and if you would at this time, will you please help me thank the staff of the Arlington Convention Center for the wonderful service. (Applause) At this time we are going to have entertainment and the entertainment is me trying to do introductions. (Laughter) Y'all are ready for this aren't you?

We are honored to have our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry and our Worthy

Grand Patron, Brother Bill Crews and his wife Kathy, Grand Esther. Please welcome them. (Applause)

It is a true Texas pleasure to have Brother John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Washington and his wife Barbara, Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Please thank them for coming. (Applause)

It is a thrill to have two of the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons here. We have Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas and Brother William Owen, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma and his wife, Doris, Bobbi's Forever Friend and Grand Representative of California in Oklahoma. Let's welcome them. (Applause)

We are thrilled to have Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Matron of Texas and her husband Bill who is the Worthy Grand Patron of the District of Columbia and he is the International Headquarters Administrator but they do still belong to Texas. Let's welcome them. (Applause)

We are honored to have General Grand Chapter Committee members with us. We have Sister Terrie Castay, Ambassador to New Jersey and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, and she is also the Grand Secretary of Louisiana and her husband Willis. Diane Smith, Alzheimer Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana. Sister Nancy Zook, Necrology Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Kansas. Sister Vi Griffin, Public Relations Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Brother Jerry Martin, Scottish Rite Charity Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife Betty, Grand Escort. Brother Jerry has another job. He is also the Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Sister Joyce Nicklas, Support Our Military Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Please welcome them.....oh, I'm sorry, wait a minute...Brother Bill Wyatt (I told you Bill I was going to get you back), Brother Bill Wyatt, Shrine Charities Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and his wife Ann, Grand Escort. Please help me welcome them. (Applause)

Now this next group I know they have absolutely nothing they need to be doing. These are the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions and I know that they are here on vacation and resting. Sister Mavis Payne, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas and her husband Ira, a Past Grand Patron of Arkansas. Sister Irene Stadick, Worthy Grand Matron of the District of Columbia. Sister Linn McNary, Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana. Sister Kathy Stegall, Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma and her husband Gerald, Grand Representative of Texas in Oklahoma. Sister G. Ann Thomas, Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon and her husband John, who is Grand Representative of Louisiana in Oregon. Brother Otto C. Beverly, Worthy Grand Patron of Louisiana and his wife, Judith, Grand Esther. Brother Harold Guyer, Worthy Grand Patron of Oklahoma and his wife, Dee, Grand Escort. Let's welcome these.

We are honored with Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Sister Nancy Lindsey, Arkansas. Sister Juanita Wilkinson, Louisiana and her husband, George who is the Associate Grand Patron of Louisiana. Sister Shirley Boone, Louisiana. Sister Gayle Cousatte, Past Grand Matron of Kansas. Did I get it close? Sister Margie McConnell, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma and her husband, Warren. Sister Cheryl Martin, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma. Sister Carol Worth, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma. Sister Betty Romenick-McIntosh, Past Grand Matron of Ontario and Grand

Secretary Emeritus. Is she here? Okay and her husband Jim is probably not either. Brother Robert Hess, Past Grand Patron of Kansas and his wife, Wilma, Grand Representative of Texas. (Audience yells out Mother) Mother, I'm sorry – and his mother Wilma. Is she here? Okay. She is Grand Representative of Texas in Kansas. I'm sorry. Brother James Williams, Past Grand Patron of Missouri and his wife Carol – no? Okay. Brother Bill George, Past Grand Patron of Missouri and his wife Karen. Let's welcome these. (Applause)

This next group is very special to us here in Texas. They are the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. Sister Elise Hammack, Sister Betty Benham and Sister Betty is also one of Bobbi's Forever Friends. Sister Alma Carter, Sister Naomi Wolfe, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahan, Sister Sharon Fentress, Sister Karen Morgenthaler, Sister Nancy Brown, Sister Joyce Gilbert, Sister Mary Ruth White and her husband Joe, Brother Buddy Baker and his wife Judy, Brother Jerry Trees and his wife Janell who is serving as our Grand Chaplain Pro Tem, Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. and his wife Marty and Brother Art is also serving as one of John's Matadors. Olé! Brother David Dibrell and his wife Marlene. Now Brother David is also a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas and Sister Marlene is serving as Supreme Nature and Supreme Liaison of Mexico, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and a Grand Representative of California in Texas. She's not busy at all. Let's welcome these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. (Applause)

In Texas we are so proud of our relationship we have with our Masons and it is my honor to introduce Walter W. Rogers, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and his wife Ardith who is the First Lady of Masonry in Texas. Please show him how proud we are of him. (Standing ovation)

Okay, y'all ready? We are privileged to have Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions. Cheri Pierce, Associated Grand Matron of Arkansas. Mezzy MacKenzie, Associate Grand Matron of the District of Columbia. Sister Pam Gill, Associate Grand Matron of Louisiana. Mary Ellen Tidwell, Associate Grand Matron of Oklahoma. Brother Gerald "Jerry" Harrell, Associate Grand Patron of Arkansas and his wife Paula who is the Chair of the International Temple Fund for Arkansas. Brother Bill Howell, Associate Grand Patron of Oklahoma and his wife Dorothy, Grand Representative of Virginia in Oklahoma. Sister Shirley Niehoff, Grand Secretary, Oklahoma and her husband Paul who is the Grand Sentinel of Oklahoma. Sister Kathy Warmack, Grand Conductress, Louisiana. Sister Gayle Porch, Grand Conductress of Oklahoma. Rovina McDonald, Associate Grand Conductress and her husband, Don. Sister Pat Ruppenicker, Grand Chaplain, Louisiana. Nancy Patterson, Grand Chaplain, Massachusetts. Vicki Watts, Grand Chaplain, Oklahoma. Lana Jameson, Grand Lecturer, Oklahoma and her husband Robert, Grand Representative of Ontario in Oklahoma. Nancy Hay, Grand Marshall of Oklahoma. Jean Tucker, Grand Organist of Louisiana. Margaret Dixon, Grand Adah of Louisiana. Kathy Miller, Grand Adah of Oklahoma. Corinne Watson, Grand Ruth, Louisiana. Dolly Hill, Grand Martha, Oklahoma and her husband Jessie, Grand Representative of Minnesota in Oklahoma. Kay Dozier, Grand Electa, Louisiana. Denise Bowker, Grand Electa, Oklahoma. Did I get close, I hope? Anita Johnson, Grand Warder, Oklahoma. Betty Nichols, Board of Fraternal Assistance, Louisiana. Souhail Banna, Grand Trustee of Ontario and his wife Helen, Grand Representative of Texas in Ontario. Did I miss anyone? Thank y'all! Let's welcome them to Texas. (Applause)

This next group is going to be busy for the next couple of days but I think I can speak for each of them of how much we have enjoyed this year. Sister Jayne Yenger, Associate Grand Matron and her son, Joey. Brother Trey Smith, Associate Grand Patron and his wife, Lesa. Sister Marlene Scholari, Sister Lorrie Owens. I'm Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Conductress and my husband is Darryl, standing in the back. Sister Jerry Lucas, Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Lori Goldman, Grand Marshall. Beverly Plante, Grand Organist and her husband Pete Spurgeon. Sister Mary Ann Ivy, Grand Adah and her husband, James. Sister Ruth James, Grand Ruth. Sister Margaret Wood, Grand Martha. Sister Nell Thornton, Grand Electa and her husband Doyle. Sister Nancy Jo Estill, Grand Warder and her husband Jerrell. Brother Victor Christenson, Grand Sentinel and his wife Linda, Grand Examiner of District 5. Brother Ron Zipp, Chairman of the Board of Directors and his wife Sandra. Sister Gerry Sturtz, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors. Jerre Miller, Board of Directors, District 3. David Ouellette, Board of Directors, District 5. Carolyn Martin, Grand Examiner, District 1. Carla Stringer, Grand Examiner, District 2 and her husband Bob. Sister Donna Pope, Grand Examiner, District 3. Sister Sharon Morgenthaler, Grand Examiner...oh, Sharon I'm sorry....I had it written down, I should be reading it...Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Grand Examiner, District 4 and her husband Gary. Sister Laura Sharp, Grand Examiner at Large, and her husband Richard. Let's show how much we appreciate the Grand Officers of Texas. (Applause)

We are honored to have Sister Delia Whitfield, the Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and her husband, Charles. Thank you for coming. (Applause)

We are privileged to have Grand Representatives with us. Brother Robert Johnson, Texas in California. Claudine Rogers, Texas in Florida. Marcia Thomas, Texas in Massachusetts. Faye Bacle, South Dakota in Louisiana. Cynthia Reynolds, Louisiana in Oklahoma. Rossie Johnson, South Carolina in Oklahoma. Bonnie Gainey, Washington in Oklahoma. Edna Goettee, Alabama in Texas. Jane Wert, Australia in Texas. Dorothy Langston, Kansas in Texas. Sue Briwa, Maryland in Texas. Jeanette Cotton, New Jersey in Texas. Vickie Smith, Nova Scotia in Texas. Let's welcome these Grand Representatives. (Applause)

We are also honored to have Sister Janice Herridge who is one of Bobbi's Forever Friends. Thank you Janice for coming. (Applause) And we are so pleased to have from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Texas, Ms. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy and her husband Bruce. And we are so thrilled to have with us Cheryl Haston, Grand Worthy Advisor for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Texas. Thank y'all for coming and let's welcome them.

Hopefully that wasn't too bad because we're done! (Applause) At this time we will have some presentations and Sister Sharon Fentress is going to come up and do some presentations. And if anybody else has some presentations that you would like to do tonight.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Thank you Mistress of Ceremonies and uh, my daughter. (Laughter) And you know it's really a comfort when you have those in your family who have the qualifications to be able to step in and fill in. You know in all the years I've lived and worked in Eastern Star I have never in my lifetime seen a time when I couldn't accept a duty to perform and the ability to perform that duty. But you know the good Lord sometimes just has to show us that we are not nearly as strong as we think we are. And that's what's happened to me in the last few weeks. And I want to thank each one of you for your kindness and support. You know it's really great when you have people you can depend on. And when I have to tell the Worthy Grand Matron that my doctors are not going to allow me to continue with

this responsibility and I never dropped a responsibility in my life. I just couldn't believe it could happen. But they gave me this little tidbit that I could do. And I want to thank each one of you for allowing me to have this part on the program. And though I know he is the highest ranking dignitary, he is in the state of Texas, but I want to present to our Brother John Grobler, our Most Worthy Grand Patron, a small love gift. It could never, never express the love and appreciation we have for you. We've all seen your love and support for this Order over the last year and a half or so for our Sister Rennie and we are so delighted that you are able to be with us again here today. And when his wife answered me, when my friend over here answered me when I asked her to serve, she was just as excited about it as I was and that pleased me so much. This is just a very small token of our appreciation of your coming to be with us.

MWGP John Grobler: Thank you very much. (Applause)

PGM Sharon Fentress: And our Worthy Grand Patron, I think he's sitting right here at my left. A fellow I've known very well for many years. A long time. Again Brother Bill you know how much we love and appreciate you and for the years of service. A lot of these people wouldn't have a clue how much and how long we worked. Again it is my distinct pleasure to express our appreciation to you in this little gift to you from this Banquet. Thank you.

WGP Bill Crews: Thank you.

PGM Sharon Fentress: And I have one more. I wonder who it's for. I also have a love gift for our Worthy Grand Matron and it was so kind of you to think of me. And it was so...I cannot tell you the grief I felt when I had to send word to you that my doctor had forbidden it. So I'm so glad she did those introductions. I wasn't going to do them anyway. (Laughter) But know that we love and appreciate you and if I have to do a job again, maybe I'll do a better job. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Sister Laura Sharp: I would ask the Grand Examiners to stand with me please. Brother Worthy Grand Patron, we so enjoyed travelling the state with you this year during the school schedule and we would like to present you with a love gift.

WGP Bill Crews: Thank you very much. I really appreciate it.

Sister Laura Sharp: You're welcome. Worthy Grand Matron, we also had a great time travelling with you and sharing and making "Memories" this year and we would like to present this love gift to you also.

WGM Annette Crews: Thank you very much. (Applause)

Sister Laura Sharp: You're welcome.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you. At this time I would like to take just a small privilege since the Worthy Grand Matron is out of slapping range of me. (Laughter) This banquet could not have happened had I not had some wonderful help and would those who helped with the banquet please stand? These are my Pages and my husband and I could not have gotten everything together if it had not been for their help and I thank y'all very, very much. Thank you. (Applause)

At this time Sister Diane Smith, a representative of the Alzheimer's Committee of General Grand Chapter is going to bring us a little presentation on her Committee. Now we are not

saying if anybody has Alzheimer's that they need to be...you know. Sister Diane we look forward to your Greetings.

Sister Diane Smith: Good evening. First of all thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to speak on Alzheimer's. And I do have to tell you a little story that happened in Louisiana at Grand Chapter in March. Your Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron was at our Grand Chapter Session and after I spoke about Alzheimer's, your Associate Grand Patron tapped me on the shoulder and he handed me some money and he said "This is for your Alzheimer's Committee". So I said "well thank you very much but are you sure you want to give me this money? Texas is one of my states that I need to cover." He says "You keep that money and I'm going to make sure that Texas gets more." So I'm not sure what he is going to do to raise money but...thank you Brother Trey. How many people here tonight have relatives or friends that have Alzheimer's? Sisters and Brothers would you just look around the room and see how many hands are not in the air? Just about every family has been touched with the dreaded disease of Alzheimer's. Needless to say, I am excited about serving on this Committee, especially since its Sister Bobbi Whites', our Most Worthy Grand Matron, has made this her special charity this Triennium. There is a competition which is being held among the Triennium of the top five states that raise the most money for Alzheimer's for these next three years and it's not the amount of money that you raise but it goes according to the population in your Grand Jurisdiction. So, please raise your money. Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death and we hope the money raised will help towards lowering that number in our states. As a nation, we should be enthusiastic about easing the burden of Alzheimer's. Sadly, the cost of providing the care and redesigning communities to meet the needs of its older, more forgetful population will be challenging and expensive. It is for this reason that the greatest commitment must be made on finding a cure. At this time there is no cure for Alzheimer's. I ask that you please support this worthy cause and do whatever it takes to raise funds for your Grand Jurisdiction and I hope in 2015 that Texas is up there with Louisiana, New Mexico and Arizona. Thank you so much and thank you again for having me. (Applause)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Diane. That is a terrible disease. At this time, I am honored to invite Most Worshipful Walter W. Rogers, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to bring us Greetings.

MWGM Walter Rogers: Hiddy! How good and how pleasant it is for Fraternal organizations to dwell in unity in a free world, in a free country. God bless America! (Applause) What a pleasure it is to have been invited to bring Greetings on behalf of the 851 lodges and nearly 90,000 Masons in Texas. And at this time I would like to say that I would like to formally introduce my soul mate, my best friend, the mother of my four daughters, the First Lady of Texas, my lady Ms. Ardith. (Applause) We Masons believe that family involvement is a key to our success. Certainly no man can be successful without the assistance and the backing behind his family, so thank you ladies for allowing us to make a difference in Masonry and a difference in the world. You may not realize it but I know a lot about womanhood. Seeing how I had a wife, four daughters and a girl dog. (Laughter) I'd like to tell you a little story about Ms. Ardith and I when we were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Madisonville Chapter #193 back in the 80's. And I was a Grand Lodge Officer at that time, I was on the Ritualistic Committee of Grand Lodge, so we had Grand Master was there, a lot of Lodge Officers and we just had a packed house. And I don't need

to tell all y'all how long an Installation can last, but I thought the night would never end. But it did and finally when we got to the house, I was sitting on the edge of the bed pulling off my boots and I said "Lord, my feet is killing me". And my little Ms. Ardith said "Honey, you don't have to call me Lord at home". (Laughter) When I was elected Grand Jr. Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 2009, I went to the microphone and I made this statement: "I'm a common man, I drive a common van, and my dog ain't got no pedigree. What you see is what you get. I accept the election and I will promise you I'll do the best that I can at the job that I'm gonna do." And let me tell you something Ladies and Gentlemen, Texas is a big state and it's been quite a ride. But my team that we have assembled four years ago have traversed this state from one end to the other and back across and then done it again. And I tell you, we've loved every minute of it. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be associated with the Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Annette Curry and Worthy Grand Patron Bill Crews. It has been quite a pleasurable journey for them at the helm of the Eastern Star in Texas and I want them to know that I love them and I appreciate them but I also want you to know that I have a title for our Worthy Grand Matron that most of y'all probably don't know. I call her "A-Adorable". (Laughter) And I thank both of you for your friendship over the years and I want you to know that I'm going to end this thing with a little quiz here. How many of y'all know where Bedias, Texas is? Not very big. I'd like to tell you that I like to tell folks in Texas that Bedias is one of the few towns in Texas where the coming and going sign are both on the same post. (Laughter) Population 443, not too much more than is in this room right here. But I will tell you that I'm going to end these comments right here. I want you to know, all you out of state folks, welcome to Texas. If there's anything the Texas Masons can do, we stand ready to do it. And I'm going to end this with the same thing I end everything I do. I'm going to say what I always say when I get through saying what I said and that is Ladies and Gentlemen, God bless America. God bless Free Masonry and God bless each of you. Thank you. (Standing Ovation).

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you sir. At this time we will have Greetings on behalf of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons by Sister Elise Hammack.

PGM Elise Hammack: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. How good it is to be here this evening and to be invited to be on the program when all of you are here. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and since protocol was so perfectly established by Sister Alma Lynn Bane, I will leave it at that and you'll know for sure I, you'll never know for sure I didn't know. (Laughter) It is my special pleasure to be invited to do this and probably because I'm the oldest one living and walking is the reason. I appreciate this nice pleasure Sister Sharon Fentress that you invited me to speak for the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. At this time will the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas please stand with me. We want to say to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron how good it is to be a part of this Grand family. We know where you stand and we know what you're doing and we know for what you stand. You have shown us all year. How proud you have made us. And we know that you have given us many memories that we will carry on as long as we live. We want to express great appreciation, not only to you two but for these people who are your floor officers and our membership who is so great to work with all of our projects. It is because of this great membership of Texas and those of us who have gone before have tried to please you. And we tried to do the same when we were there and all those that who will follow us, we hope they will be as happy and do as well as has been done in the past. We want to thank you for all the memories and for the membership who continues to come and all these distinguished guests that are here. We are absolutely

overwhelmed by your presence. You have made us happy by coming and you have added many memories to our memory book by being here. This banquet would not have been the same without every one of you. Each one of you have a special place in our heart. And thank you Cheryl Ann for this nice job you've done. These Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons would want me to thank Sharon and you and all those who have helped you arrange this lovely banquet this evening. We appreciate it and we've enjoyed being here and thanks again for everything. And my admonishment is always is that I trust that each of you will continue to let God's love fill your lives and be reflected in the smiles on your faces. Thank you. (Applause)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Elise. We are so very, very honored to have Sister Rennie Ofton, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron with us tonight. She is always a joy to be with and Sister Rennie, we look forward to hearing Greetings from you.

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Thank you very much Master of Ceremonies. And the protocol has already been protected, projected...so anyhow I'm just thrilled to see all of you and I certainly welcome and Sister Sharon thank you for asking me to bring Greetings on behalf of our General Grand Chapter Appointees this year, would you stand with me wherever you are? Texas Appointees. You know, I'm so proud of each of you because I know how the Texans work. I had a wonderful group last Triennium. But not only the work that they did but you, the membership supported them wonderfully. And we know that they are going to do the things to which they have been assigned. Now, the things that they're doing are a little different than what we did last year. But last year while they were doing things I had, they also were learning how important it is to have the support of the membership. So to each of you I congratulate you and I believe that I can pledge that the membership of Texas will be right behind you on all of these projects for our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbi White and Most Worthy Grand Patron, John Gobler. We must support them because only we can make the record for the book. Only you made my record and it was a beautiful one and my memories of that will never go away, because I can almost think individually of the activities that you did for the good of our Order. And so to each of you who have this nice appointment right now and for three years or two and a half years, boy it goes fast. I wish you well and I hope that all of your plans and Bobbi's plans and John's plans will be done in a manner to let the world know. Now, I'm going to tell you my favorite little saying: To let the World know that we are good people, doing good things, for good reasons and enjoying it immensely. And may God bless you in your work. As you finish it at the end of the year I'm sure you will be able to say "I did what was asked". Thank you. (Applause)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Sister Rennie. At this time Brother K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. is going to bring a Tribute to our Most Worthy Grand Patron. We are so honored to have him with us tonight and Brother Arthur.

PGP Art Drescher: Howdy. I've been practicing that and Brother Rogers down there beat me to it. Sister Alma, thank you very much. Sister Cheryl, Master of Ceremonies, thank you for this opportunity to bring this Tribute to our Most Worthy Grand Patron. It is a pleasure and an honor. I first met Brother John at the 2011 Grand Chapter Session of Texas in Houston. This was his first trip to Houston as the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron and it was also Sister Rennie's official visit for the state of Texas. And I believe it was a Tuesday morning and Marty and I and I believe Sister Jayne Yenger were having a nice cup of coffee and something to eat and John and Barbara walked into the restaurant. And that started a relationship, well we're always eating, that has lasted the last few years and I have learned a lot

about Brother John over the years. What impressed me most was his sincere sense of humor and the dignity in which he handled a very delicate situation during Sister Rennie's Triennium. John was born October 14th, he didn't tell me what year, in St. Louis, Missouri. However, they got out of Missouri as fast as possible. At age nine months they moved to the state of Washington where he says he was raised on a farm. He also told us that they didn't have a lot of money, and they didn't have a lot of store bought toys back there on the farm. So they used to take sticks and tie ropes around them and that became their stick horse and they'd take a piece of flat wood and cut out a gun. And they would go around riding, like they were riding into Ft. Worth, Abilene, Houston...and having shootouts with the likes of Wyatt Earp, Billie the Kid, and Wild Bill Hickok. He also told us one of his earliest memories was of the Alamo and when he did get to come to Texas and visit the Alamo the first time, it was a very humbling experience. Brother John graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and did graduate studies in management in the public sector at Indiana University. He's a registered professional engineer, electrical engineer (phone rings)...yes that's my phone that went off (Laughter) and my wife does not know how to turn it off. (Laughter) He is a registered professional engineer, electrical engineer in the state of Washington and he has his own business as an efficiency consultant. His work has allowed him to travel extensively in the Pacific Rim with weekly assignments in Hawaii and Japan and as a lot of us remember he was in Asia when the big one hit a few years ago and we were very concerned and just thanking God we got him back safe and sound. He currently says he's semi-retired while he's doing his Eastern Star work. Brother John was raised a Master Mason in 1990 in William Upton Lodge #206 in Bremerton, Washington. That same year he joined Olympic Chapter #216, Order of the Eastern Star. In 1997 while serving as Master of his lodge, he was elected Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Washington. He was elected Worthy Grand Patron in 1999. In 1997 during the 42nd Triennial Assembly held in Orlando, he served at General Grand Chapter as an Assistant to the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. In 2003 he was co-chairman of the Assistants to the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, during the 2003-06 Triennium as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee and in 2006, and this is kind of a side note, he was initiated in the Aloha Shrine in Honolulu. Washington...Honolulu...okay. John was elected Right Worthy Grand Sentinel in 2006 and to Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron in 2009. When Most Worthy Grand Patron Fred Clarke passed away in December 2010, John became the Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron. He was installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron and appropriately at the 47th Triennial Assembly in Ft. Worth, Texas. Just down the road. John is married to Barbara. They have a daughter, a son and the last I heard, 9 grandchildren. Is that correct? Still 9. They currently reside in the Belleview, Washington area. His hobbies include playing the stock market, teaching his grandsons how to play the stock market, fishing, hiking, reading, renewable energy and just his family. During this Triennium, John is using the Bull as his symbol and his theme is "Bullish on Eastern Star". Throughout history and in almost every society the Bull and its symbolism stands for stability, strength, hard work, reliability, provision, peacefulness, helpfulness, perseverance and rigid determination. The Bull has been a symbol of assistance to mankind throughout eons, helping us in industry, agriculture and other forms of provision. Many of these qualities may be found in the substance of Master Masons and those who serve as members of the Eastern Star. As I have gotten to know Brother John I see that he exhibits these same qualities and I am honored that he asked me to serve as one of his Matadors so I can help him spread the word that we are "Bullish on Eastern Star". Thank you. (Applause)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: At this time we would be absolutely thrilled to have Greetings from our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Grobler. Can you follow that?

MWGP John Grobler: No

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Yes you can.

MWGP John Grobler: I'm "Bullish on Eastern Star". Thank you Mistress of Ceremonies and I thank you Brother Arthur. You copied down a lot of things that some I had forgotten but that was very nice. But as us Masons like to say, I would like to pay a few wages before I say anything else. First of all I'd like to thank Texas for this wonderful banquet and for the opportunity to share it with all of you. Thank you for all of your hospitality and your warm greetings. When I was standing in the reception line, I thought back about all the faces that came through and some I knew really well and some of them I didn't know too well. I'm making memories as I go along and probably will learn to know many more of you before the next three days is out and along the line, as we go down the line. We also want to pay a special tribute to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas for your support of Eastern Star. It's good to see that and it's obvious when you come down here that we are working together as a family. That's great to see, so I appreciate that. It's really nice to be here, we look forward to the Session. We're going to be here for the whole Session. And I'm probably going to get to help out a little bit during the Installation. I really appreciate that. I do have one little story that I would like to tell you before I finish. And just on the lighter side. It seems like there were a couple of ranchers that were wondering around Texas and they came upon this farm and they found this old well. And they thought it would be kind of fun to drop a rock down there to see how long it took it to splash. So they threw a rock down and nothing. They waited and waited and there was nothing. So they thought maybe we need a bigger rock to make a bigger splash so we could hear it. So they found another big rock and they dropped it down the well and they waited and they waited and nothing happened. So they said, "we need something bigger". So they went over into the field and they found this railroad tie. So the two of them pulled it up and they drug it over to the well and they dropped it down. They waited and waited and nothing. A few seconds later this goat came running over and went down the well. And they looked and they thought hummm...that's kind of interesting. About a minute later, a farmer appears and tells them that he's looking for his lost goat. The tourists tell the farmer about the goat diving into the well. The farmer says, "Well, that couldn't be my goat. My goat was grazing in the field tied to a railroad tie". A little light humor! (Laughter) Thank you for this opportunity and thank you for all you do for Eastern Star. (Applause)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Brother John. We'll watch out for wells and railroad ties. At this time we will be honored to have Greetings from our Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: Thank you Sister Cheryl for this honor to be able to speak to this Assembly. And thank you Ms. Sharon Fentress for the work that you've done to put this together. You know it's a great honor to address this Assembly tonight. As we come to the close of our Grand Chapter year, I have been very proud to represent Grand Chapter as we travelled across Texas. I've made many new friends and had the opportunity to see older friends. I wish to thank everyone who had a part in making this night possible and to Sister Sharon for chairing this event. Everything is beautiful as we knew it would be. Today you stand at a milestone in your life. Behind you are all the struggles and challenges you conquered along the way. Before you lies a new horizon filled with thrilling achievements. Today

you choose the direction of your life. The achievements of an organization are the results of a combined effort of each individual. If we all work together in peace and harmony we can accomplish great things. This has been a beautiful banquet tonight and we thank all those who have worked hard getting it together. I would like to thank everyone for coming and am looking forward to visiting with each one of you. And always remember to be your best. Thank you very much. (Applause)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Brother Bill. At this time, what we've all been waiting for...words of wisdom from our Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers it is indeed my privilege and honor to address this beautiful, beautiful room of guests, members from across the state, out of state, everywhere, we're so pleased that you're here. Very, very pleased. I'm so pleased that our Most Worthy Grand Patron has chosen to make this his official visit of the Triennium to Texas and we're so honored that you chose this year to be our guest. Thank you so much for you and Barbara. And to my good friend, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas and his wife, how I've enjoyed serving with you this year. I loved what you named me. I know you felt kind of bad because you know Marlene Dibrell, the Grand Nature, you named her I believe Marvelous, didn't you? So we were at your big banquet that time and you know you felt kind of bad because you had named her something and not me and you...that night I was so pleased because you gave that edict...isn't that what you say...edict to every Master Mason that was in that banquet an edict to call me Adorable. Didn't you? And I loved it. Thank you for that. I'm still waiting for him to call me that though. (Laughter) Thank you seriously for being here and we appreciate our Masonic Brothers for all they do for us. And you know, Diane Smith, thank you for bringing that message and good luck as you serve the next three years on that committee. You know the Worthy Grand Patron has told several jokes across the school schedule and many times I did not quite understand them. And they would have to explain them to me over and over. You know I just couldn't get them. And so tonight you did well except I was worried about new and older friends and I was wondering who you were calling the older friends. (Laughter) Travelling across the state of Texas and older friends, I wondered about that. But the one about the goat (Laughter) I liked that. I loved it. And the Master of Ceremonies here, she asked me if I got it. Yes I did get it. (Laughter) I did get that one but you know what's funny? What's funny is Our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron didn't get it. Our Right Worthy Grand Secretary had to explain it to her. (Laughter) I loved that, I really did. And she really did! I was listening. I had my ears open. I thought well I'll make sure I understood it. It's good to be with you. Thank you for tonight that you honored this. Thank you Sharon Fentress and that group and the Master of Ceremonies for all you've done. To provide for this beautiful banquet and for each courtesy extended to me at the office of the Worthy Grand Matron, I do thank you. We look forward to the Session tomorrow and we're so pleased that you are here and we hope that you enjoy the great state of Texas and we are proud that you are here and thank you over and over again for your attendance here. Thank you. (Applause)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Adorable. A-Adorable Worthy Grand Matron. I also want to thank each of you for being here tonight. We look forward to seeing you at the Session tomorrow. I hope that you have a wonderful evening, for the rest of the evening. And at this time Sister Joyce Nicklas, a member of the Support Our Military Committee of General Grand Chapter will bring our Benediction.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Brother John, I'm a'fixin to pray. (Laughter) Sisters and Brothers if you'll take the hand of the one next to you, it might warm you up a little bit. Precious Lord, thank you for this evening of fun, food and fellowship. Thank you for allowing us to make many new friends because of this beautiful Order. We ask that you would continue to bless us and watch over us and please forgive us where we fail thee. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, most precious name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Thank each of you for being here tonight. We will see you in the morning.

**Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
131st Grand Chapter Opening Session**

**“Love, Unity and Peace”
Thursday, August 15, 2013
Arlington, Texas**

10:30 A.M. Musical Prelude

**Mrs. Mary Alberts
Past Matron**

Master of Ceremonies

**Mrs. Elise B. Hammack
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

Assisting Grand Marshal

**Mrs. Betty Benham
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

PGM Elise Hammack: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers and welcome one and all. What a joy it is for me to welcome you to this the informal opening of the 131st “Love, Unity, and Peace” Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas in this lovely city of Arlington, Texas. We are pleased to have reached 131 years of existence. At this time, Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham, “Bobbi’s Forever Friend” of General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matron of Texas is our Assisting Grand Marshal and will lead our processional. (Applause)

**Processional of
Distinguished Members and Guests
Presentation of Texas Installed Grand Officers
Elected Board Members and Fraternal Correspondent**

Thank you, Mary Alberts. Great job. (Applause) A special lady, thank you so much. Thank you for thanking her. This is the year of the “Memories” in Eastern Star in Texas and “Memories” play an important role in our lives and from these come a richer understanding of our grand heritage. Our Most Worthy Grand Patron, our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and all other dignitaries and all our members add luster to this memory making day. We heartily congratulate all of you who have come, for your loving continuance of a devotion to our subordinate chapters, your Grand Chapters and your General Grand Chapter and for the many accomplishments and leadership. To our capable and caring leaders, Mrs. Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron, you have filled your positions well. And we do know that you will look back upon this year of service not with thoughts of hard work, diligence and pressure but with pride of the accomplishments of the year. We wish for you a harmonious Session and pray that all our deliberations will be marked with wisdom, fairness and understanding. May we at all times keep in mind Christ admonition: What so ever you would do to men, that men should do to you, do you also to them. This is essential to our enduring peace. History is that part of life that is past but is preserved in our hearts. Beautiful and brilliant are our memories of yesteryear. Today we make more lovely memories as we renew our visions, hopes and reliving our faith that has sustained us in our journey of 131 years of our beloved Order in Texas. Our history is

composed of a chronological record and often it is lacking in warmth. It cannot convey the tender associations that have been made and the treasured memories of works well done. These wonderful memories are to cherish always as our inspiration for the future just as they have been a guiding light in the past. Our memory is now filled with untold accomplishments. In this era we recorded exalting love, relished unity in its fullness and blessed peace. Love is a purification of the heart from self. It strengthens and enables character. Gives a higher motive and worthier aim to every action in life and makes us courageous. The power of love truly and devotedly is the highest gift of which we can be endowed. Peace is a state of harmony characterized by the love of God and sweet inner peace without fears and combat behaviors. And now we want to thank our lovely Betty Benham who has just finished our processional for her appearance today and a lovely job well done. Betty. (Applause)

We will now have the processional for the Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, Fraternal Correspondent and Pages. You will assume your places behind the stage in proper order to be introduced and photographed with your escorts. And when these are ready Pages, please let me know that. You will then be escorted to your designated area and Pages, let me know when you are ready to begin.

We first will present the Board of Directors. Our first one from District One will be Mrs. Becky Austin escorted by Mr. Don Austin. (Applause) Mr. Jack Beall, District One, escorted by Mrs. Charlotte Beall. (Applause) District Two Mr. Keith Mikeworth, escorted by Mrs. Wanelle Mikeworth. (Applause) Ms. Audri Rowell escorted by Mr. Don Reynolds. (Applause) District Three Mrs. Jean Hobbs escorted by Mr. Mike Hall. (Applause) Ms. Jerre Miller escorted by Mr. Ken Curry. (Applause) District Four, Mrs. Gerry Sturtz, Vice-Chairman escorted by Mr. Frank Randall. (Applause) Mrs. Mickie Campbell escorted by Mr. Ray Campbell. (Applause) District Five Mr. Ron Zipp, Chairman escorted by Mrs. Simone Lambdin. (Applause) His escort is Lou Skidd, not Simone...I'm sorry. Grand Examiners, District One – oh, I missed you David (this was back to the Board of Directors, District Five) Mr. David Ouellette escorted by Mrs. Lois Tabor. (Applause) Now I'm going back to the Board of Grand Examiners that I skipped. District One, Mrs. Carolyn Martin escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt. (Applause) District Two Mrs. Carla Stringer escorted by Mr. Bob Stringer. (Applause) District Three Mrs. Donna Pope escorted by Mr. Steve Runyon. (Applause) District Four Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer escorted by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer. (Applause) District Five Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson escorted by Mr. Al Brunet. (Applause) Grand Examiner-at-Large, Mrs. Laura Sharp escorted by Mr. Richard Sharp. (Applause) Where's Freida? Is our Fraternal Correspondent here? She's not coming? Okay. Are the floor officers ready? Mrs. Freida Dillon who is the Fraternal Traveler of all and she is escorted by Mr. Bob Royall. And you may be seated where you are if you like but I wanted you to be recognized Freida. (Applause) The protector of our Session Mr. Victor Christenson...do you want them to go to the right? When the floor officers get in the East we want them to be in a position to be photographed here in the East. The protector of our Session Mr. Victor Christenson, Grand Sentinel, escorted by Mrs. Benita Bassett. The Guardian of the door, Mrs. Nancy Jo Estill, Grand Warder, escorted by Mr. Buddy Bean. (Sidebar: you want me to start over? You want me to do all the names again? Start over with Freida?) I'm sorry this is not the first time I've messed up or that we've messed up. You'll understand won't you? These are our Floor Officers and our Fraternal Correspondent. Fraternal Traveler, Mrs. Freida Dillon, Fraternal Correspondent escorted by Mr. Bob Royall. (Applause) The protector of our Session Mr. Victor Christenson, Grand Sentinel, escorted by Mrs. Benita Bassett. (Applause) Guardian of our door, Mrs. Nancy Jo Estill, Grand Warder, escorted by Mr. Buddy Bean. (Applause)

Our ray of love, Mrs. Nell Thornton, Grand Electa, escorted by Mr. Doyle Thornton. (Applause) Our ray of faith Mrs. Margaret Wood, Grand Martha, escorted by Mr. Dave Leseman. (Applause) Our ray of loyalty, Mrs. Kathey Crews, Grand Esther, escorted by Mr. W. C. Long, III. (Applause) Our ray of constancy, Mrs. Ruth James, Grand Ruth, escorted by Mr. Lynwood (Bo) James. (Applause) Our ray of fidelity Mrs. Mary Ann Ivy, Grand Adah, escorted by Mr. James Ivy. (Applause) Our note of harmony Mrs. Beverly Plante, Grand Organist escorted by Mr. Art Drescher, Past Grand Patron. (Applause) Our director of rhythm Mrs. Lori Goldman, Grand Marshal, escorted by Mr. Danny Pool. (Applause) Our lead petitioner to God Mrs. Janell Trees, Grand Chaplain Pro Tem escorted by Mr. Jerry Trees, Past Grand Patron. (Applause) Our star of leadership Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Associate Grand Conductress escorted by Mr. Al Putnam (Applause) Our star of direction Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht. (Applause) Our keeper of the keys Mrs. Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer, escorted by Mr. Jerry Owens. (Applause) Our keeper of the records, Mrs. Marlene Scholari, Grand Secretary escorted by Mr. Joe Scholari, Command Sgt. Major (Applause) Our brilliant guiding star leader is Mr. Trey Smith, Associate Grand Patron escorted by Mrs. Lesa Smith. (Applause) The “Golden Links” lady Mrs. Jayne Yenger, Associate Grand Matron escorted by Mr. Joseph Yenger. (Applause) Our leader of “Bill’s Boys” in Texas, Mr. William A. “Bill” Crews, Worthy Grand Patron escorted by Mrs. Susan Long. (Applause) Our most elite “Memory Maker” of all Mrs. Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron escorted by Mr. Larry Hart. (Applause)

We will now have the presentations if you’re ready. Are you ready? The Holy Bible is being presented by Mrs. Melinda Richardson, Past Matron. She is also the daughter of and the Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron. The Bible Marker is being presented by Mrs. Barbara Martin, Past Matron, and Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron. She needs a job. (Laughter) The Square and Compasses are being presented by Mr. Tommy F. Griffin, Past Patron. He is Grand Representative of Colorado in Texas and he is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. (Applause) We always enjoy our flag presentations and invite your attention at this time. Are you ready? The United States flag is being presented by Mr. John Creel, Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Texas flag is being presented by Mr. Bill Wyatt, Shrine Charities Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Washington flag is presented by Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. He is a Matador of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Christian flag is being presented by Mr. H. Lee Stallings. He is also a Matador of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. The Eastern Star flag is being presented by Mr. Larry Hart, Past Patron. The Masonic flag is presented by Mr. Jerry Martin, Scottish Rite Charities Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. He is also Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

At this time we wish to recognize our own Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas for the Dedication of the 131st “Love, Unity and Peace” Grand Chapter Session. Sister Alma Lynn.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you Sister Elise. On May 5th, 1884, six Eastern Star Chapters adopted the first Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas. On July 22, 1884, the General Grand Chapter granted a charter for the Grand Chapter of Texas and its first Session was held.

Today, we convene the 131st Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. This Session is dedicated to the leaders and members of the past who laid the foundation of our Order in Texas.

Their love and devotion for our Order stand as guideposts for our leaders of today and for tomorrow.

We dedicate this Session to the leaders of today who have presided at the meetings of the Texas subordinate Chapters as well as those who have served our Grand Chapter as Officers, Deputies and Committee Members for this year.

We look to the future of our Order not only in Texas but throughout our world. Our Order has strength in our heritage and gives us hope for the future of our Order.

We should always remember that:

Only as high as we can reach, can we grow.

Only as far as we seek, can we go.

Only as deep as we look, can we see.

Only as much as we can dream, can we be.

Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have served our Order and they dedicate this Session to the Texas membership of the past, the present and the future. (Applause)

PGM Elise Hammack: Our Devotional for the day will be voiced by Mrs. Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Nancy.

PGM Nancy Brown: Thank you. Another milestone has passed in the history of the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas, but there is much work to be accomplished during the next two days, as we complete the business of Grand Chapter. Phillipines 2:2 says: "Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."

In talking about the Eastern Star, Brother J. Dixie Smith who was Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas in 1924-1925, left us a quotation which is as appropriate today as it was then. He said "This great organization will go down through the age serving humanity, not as an auxiliary of the Masonic Fraternity nor as a side degree as it used to be, but as a great companion and co-worker to the Masonic Brotherhood, to worship at the same shrine and labor in the same field of endeavor."

His prediction was correct. As we have continued to seek God's leadership through the years, our Order has accomplished much. As long as we continue to seek God's leadership and to work in unity and harmony, even greater accomplishments are in store for the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you.

PGM Elise Hammack: Our Invocation this morning will be given by Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, Support our Military Committee of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Joyce.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Sisters and Brothers, please take the hand of the one next to you. Good Morning Lord. We are gathered here in your presence and are so very thankful to give you the praise for all you have given us. We thank thee for the safe travels and the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We ask you to bless this 131st Session of Grand Chapter and ask that you would be with us throughout the week. Please open our eyes that we may see. Open our ears that we may listen and understand, and open our hearts to show compassion. We lift up our Eastern Star leaders to you dear Lord. Give them wisdom and strength to persevere. Let there be continued Peace in our beautiful Order and please Lord forgive us when we fail thee. Amen.

PGM Elise Hammack: We will now have the entrance of our Grand Officers. Line up on either side of the room as you would in your Chapters. Are the Officers prepared to enter? Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, what a joy it is for me to introduce Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry and Mr. Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. (One rap) (PGM Elise hands gavel to WGM Annette)

WGM Annette Curry: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the duties of the Grand Chapter. At this time I would invite Mr. Larry Hart, Chairman of the Executive Committee for this Grand Chapter to bring the Welcome.

Brother Larry Hart: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron and other General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members, Distinguished Guests, my beautiful Sisters and Brothers. I am so proud to have you here this morning.

On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and the Executive Committee, Arrangements Committee and members of District 3, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Arlington and the 131st “Love, Unity and Peace” Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star.

Our committees have worked hard to make your Session as pleasurable as possible and we hope that you will let them know before you go home how much you appreciate the hard work they’ve done.

We have also had professional help in setting up this Grand Chapter Session from Experience Arlington and in particular Mary German who is not here this morning. But I have her boss, Mr. Ronnie Price, who’s the President and CEO of Experience Arlington. Mr. Price graduated from the University of Houston’s Conrad N Hilton School with a Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management. He has served on numerous influential tourism boards and committees including: PCMA National Committee, MPI National Committee, Valero Alamo Bowl Board, San Antonio Tourism Board, Paseo del Rio Board and San Antonio Hotel and Lodging Association. Mr. Price and his wife Jennifer have three children and reside in Arlington. And I’d like to thank him very much for being here today and I’d like you to come forward and welcome these people to Arlington. And if y’all all would give him a big hand. (Applause)

Mr. Ronnie Price: Well good morning everyone. I would like to personally welcome each of you to the 2013 Session of Eastern Star. It’s an exciting time for Arlington and we sincerely look forward to welcoming you all back in the years ahead. We have the opportunity with the Convention and Visitors Bureau here in the city of welcoming all types of groups to this wonderful facility. But I have to say that nothing is more heartwarming than to stand before this group. You all teach with a deep love of God, country and family. And your actions raise many dollars every year to benefit and assist those who are in need. We admire the vision, the leadership and experience that paves the future for Eastern Star and for that we applaud you. I know that this group supports the Texas Masonic Retirement Center here in Arlington as well as very involved with the Scottish Rite in Dallas, and we thank you for that. You may not realize this but by hosting this conference here in Arlington today you are able to give back to our community by supporting the city and our efforts to continue to bring inspired

people together in forums like this. So we thank you for your partnership. You should be very proud of where you are today and very excited of where the future is taking you. And again, thank you for your history here in Arlington. We hope you have the best conference ever and we look forward to having you back in the years ahead. Thank you. (Applause)

Brother Larry Hart: We also have with us today from the city of Arlington, Mr. Jimmy Bennett. Mr. Bennett is a Certified Public Accountant and small business owner first elected to the Arlington City Council in 2008. He is currently serving as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. He chairs the Council's Economic Development Committee and also serves on its Fiscal Policy Committee. Other Council assignments include Secretary for the Arlington Housing Finance Corporation Board, and memberships on the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation Board, Tarrant Regional Water District Wholesale Customer Advisory Committee, and the Great Southwest Industrial District Association Board of Directors. Mr. Bennett represents Arlington by serving as a Director-at-Large on the Texas Municipal League Board of Directors. He is a member of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, recently completing several years on its Board of Directors, including the Executive Committee. Jimmy is also active in the community, currently serving on boards for the Arlington Boys and Girls Club and Girl Scouts of Texas-Oklahoma Plains, as well as the Arlington Life Shelter Advisory Committee. Jimmy has affiliations with the Arlington Museum of Art, H.D.P.E. Tutoring Centers, North Arlington Rotary club, and Lamar Baptist Church. He and his wife Debra have been married since 1984 and are the parents of two adult children.

Thank you, Mr. Bennett, for coming and I'd like for you to welcome them to Arlington on behalf of the Mayor. (Applause)

Mr. Jimmy Bennett: Thank you very much for having me here today and as a representative of the city of Arlington I am honored to be in your presence today. As I looked at your agenda of items you'll be meeting and discussing, I was taken by the reverence you show to your heritage by the commitments you have to the ideals that so many of us strive for and for that I appreciate what you do and what you have done. I speak before a number of groups, I dare say there is not a more respected group than I stand before today. So for that I appreciate your attendance, I appreciate you just being in our city. We are known for a lot of things. We are known for being an entertainment city but we would also like to think that we are a hospitable city to those who come and spend time with us. On behalf of the Mayor and the City Council of Arlington, we welcome you to our great city. Enjoy your time. Be blessed in all that you do and I personally am honored to be here with you today. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: I want to thank both of these gentlemen for taking the time out of their busy day today to be with us. I have heard nothing but good things from our Executive Chairman and those on Arrangements, you have done well. And I thank you for your kind words addressed to the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you so very, very much.

Brother Larry Hart: At this time I'd like to call on Mr. Justin Grimsley from the Convention Center for a couple of words. And every time you see him, you tell him "Do not give Larry Hart any coffee" because he said I'm too amped up for you already. (Laughter)

Mr. Justin Grimsley: On behalf of the staff here at the Arlington Convention Center, thank you for being here. We're going to try to keep you well fed and cool for the next couple of days. I know Larry and his group have worked very hard. But on behalf of our staff if you

need anything, please let us know and we hope you have an enjoyable next several days. Thank you. (Applause)

Brother Larry Hart: I'd like to also say thank you to Keegan Hand with Culinaire International, Matt Lindsey with J&S Audio Visual, he's the man that set up all the lights and sounds for you, Mark Wilder of the Sheraton Hotel, Sherry Gutkowski with the Hilton Hotel, Peggy Kahler with the Hawthorn Suites and Jennifer Fortenberry with Freeman for setting up our vendor area.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, while you were out driving around on your school visits day to day, your Executive Committee was really hard at work. It would take me too long to mention everybody that's worked hard on these committees so I'll just tell you when you see the Arrangements Committee and the Executive Committee, just say thank you for a job well done because after this Session is over they'll be remembered for a long time. And at this time I have a few presentations to make and if my lovely wife Patricia will line everybody up and I'm also looking for a nurse. Would y'all give my wife a hand and tell her how much you appreciate her letting me do this. (Applause) And would you also tell her do not ever let me do this again. (Laughter) At this time I'd like to call on my best friend and my Co-Chairman, Brother Jimmy Williams. And let me tell you about Brother Jimmy, could I have the nurse up here? He fell down and broke his hip. Then, he kicked it out of place three different times. He thought he was going to get out of coming up here today but I told him if I had to have him MediVac'ed here and I had to have a nurse standing by at all times, he was going to be here. So thank you very much Nurse Tina Stephens for being here today and taking good care of my cohort in crime. (Applause)

Brother Jimmy Williams: Worthy Grand Matron it is my privilege to present to you a United States flag that flew over the Capitol on your birthday.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. (Applause)

Brother Jimmy Williams: Brother Bill, this is a United States flag that flew over the Capitol on your birthday too.

WGP Bill Crews: Well, thank you very much. (Applause)

Brother Larry Hart: At this time I'll like to call on Brother Russell Herdman who is our Arrangements Chairman to come forward and present the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron with their Texas flags please.

Brother Russell Herdman: Worthy Grand Matron, the state of Texas House of Representatives certifies that this Texas flag that is presented to Annette Curry was flown over the Capitol of the sovereign state of Texas on your birthday, the 30th of June, I won't give the year. (Laughter) And Worthy Grand Patron, it's the same thing, this flag was flown over the state of Texas in the Capitol of the sovereign state on your birthday which is the 7th of May and we present you with this too.

WGM Annette Curry and WGP Bill Crews: Thank you very much.

Brother Larry Hart: At this time I'd like to call on Sister Lorraine Williams to make the Yellow Rose of Texas presentation to the Worthy Grand Matron. She is the auditor for the Executive Committee.

Sister Lorraine Williams: Thank you Brother Hart. This is one of the sweetest privileges

I've ever had to present to you Worthy Grand Matron from the state of Texas, "To all Whom this presents shall come Greetings. Know ye that Annette Curry is hereby commissioned a "Yellow Rose of Texas" under the laws of the state of Texas with all rights, privileges and manners pertaining to said office. In testimony whereof I have signed my name and cause the seal of Texas to be affixed as the city of Austin, this the 23rd day of July, 2013. Rick Perry, Governor of Texas." Congratulations. (Applause)

Brother Larry Hart: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, last but not least we have a special surprise this morning. I would like the Worthy Matron of North Fort Worth Chapter #684 (Marian Hilliard) who is also a Councilwoman for the city of Haltom City where you both reside to come forward and make a presentation from the city of Haltom City.

WM Marian Hilliard: Surprise! It is my honor to present these Proclamations signed by the Mayor of Haltom City, your hometown that recognizes the outstanding citizenship and beneficent service of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**Office of the Mayor
City of Haltom City, Texas
Proclamation
Annette Curry**

WHEREAS, Harriet Annette Curry, a member of North Ft. Worth Chapter of the Eastern Star and a citizen of Haltom City has been selected to serve as the Worthy Grand Matron; and

WHEREAS, Annette has truly demonstrated a life of commitment for the Eastern Star with her many dedicated years of service beginning in 1985 with Haltom City Chapter #982; and

WHEREAS, Annette has served as an officer of her Chapter every year since her initiation and has also served in numerous capacities in the Grand Chapter since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Annette is now poised to begin her greatest contribution in the position of the Past Grand Matron in which she will humbly provide the leadership, guidance and direction for the Order of the Eastern Star when requested to do so. She has demonstrated the values of love, unity and peace every moment of her service to the Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Hutchinson, Mayor of the city of Haltom City do hereby wish to tender this Proclamation of Recognition to

Annette Curry

recognizing her for her years of dedicated service and congratulating her as the selection for the Worthy Grand Matron of Eastern Star. (Applause)

Again,

**Office of the Mayor
City of Haltom City, Texas
Proclamation
William Allen "Bill" Crews**

WHEREAS, William Allen "Bill" Crews a member of Polytechnic Chapter of the Eastern Star and a citizen of Haltom City has been selected to serve as the Worthy Grand Patron; and

WHEREAS, several area Chapters have benefitted from the past efforts that Bill has provided through his years of committed service and dedication beginning in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Bill has served in many various capacities as an officer and has received numerous awards for his service to the Chapters and especially to the community; and

WHEREAS, Bill has now served as the Worthy Grand Patron in which he has combined all of his unique talents in service for the Order of the Eastern Star. He has demonstrated the values of love, unity and peace in every detail of his service to the Order and in his personal life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Hutchinson, Mayor of the city of Haltom City do hereby wish to tender this Proclamation of Recognition to

William Allen “Bill” Crews

recognizing him for his many years of dedicated service and congratulating him as the selection for the Worthy Grand Patron of the Eastern Star.

(Applause)

Brother Larry Hart: Thank you Marian, City Council Lady and Worthy Matron. We appreciate you coming this morning. I know you had to be here anyway. Finally, I have a little housekeeping to do. I want to let y'all know if you don't know that Registration and Credentials are located in the South Lobby. You might tell your friends when they get here. And we have First Aid, Lost and Found, Tickets, Special Needs, and the Vendors who are here especially for you are located all the way at the end of the hall in the South Lobby in Salon “B”. Remember that the Vendors are here for you so please make every effort to get down there and see them.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you again for allowing me to do this job this year and we'll see ya down the road. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: To this Executive Committee and the Arrangements Committee and all those that assisted, you know we travelled a lot, we were gone a lot, but every time we would ask a question, the answer was “They'll take care of it”, it was never a problem. I'd say what about this and they'd say “don't worry we'll take care of it.” And I will express our appreciation at the close of the Session but Worthy Grand Patron would you like to say something at this time?

WGP Bill Crews: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. I also express my deepest feelings to our Arrangements Committee, they have been excellent and we could not have asked any more from you because you were ready to do anything we wanted you to do, and Brother Hart you have done a tremendous job. We appreciate you very much. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: You know as members of the Order of the Eastern Star how we love and support our youth groups. And I'm so pleased this morning to ask that JoAnn Weaver the Supreme Deputy in Texas and our Grand Worthy Advisor, Cheryl Haston, to come forward at this time to bring Greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Supreme Deputy JoAnn Weaver: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East and my Sisters and Brothers. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the pleasure of bringing Greetings on behalf of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. In all of the Assemblies and members of the Grand Assembly in Texas, I would like to personally thank you for your presence and support of our Sessions at our 2013 Grand Assembly Session in Frisco this past June. Your

attendance was especially noted and appreciated by our Grand Officers, our members and adult sponsors. Thank you for the time you spend with Rainbow. We are very much aware of your busy schedule. So the special effort you made to be with us is greatly appreciated. To each one of you present this morning we say thank you for your friendship and we appreciate your sponsorship and service to our Order. Our young ladies are blessed to be a part of this fraternal family and you have made it possible for this family to remain forever. Many of our Rainbow girls look forward to the opportunity of taking their next step, that to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you Eastern Stars and Masons for inspiring our young ladies and believing in them so that they will realize the future will be safe in their hands because of the lessons and the values that they are now learning in our wonderful Rainbow Organization. We wish for you a most successful 131st Session of Grand Chapter. May the "Love, Unity and Peace" Session be an opportunity to witness the peace that has developed among us all through the love and unity of this organization. Thank you for honoring Rainbow by your invitation to be here today and to bring our Fraternal Greetings. It is my honor and my privilege that I invite the Grand Worthy Advisor Miss Cheryl Haston to bring Greetings on behalf of the Texas Rainbow membership.

Grand Worthy Advisor Cheryl Haston: Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Bill Crews, Distinguished East and friends. Good morning everyone. On behalf of Texas Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, it gives me great pleasure to bring Greetings at this annual Grand Chapter. Since I joined Rainbow, I have seen many members of my family join and attend Eastern Star meetings and I always wanted to be a part of this great Order. I was able to achieve this dream of mine this year as I was initiated into Arlington Chapter #249. Bringing Greetings on behalf of Texas Grand Assembly is even more of a pleasure now that I am officially a part of this outstanding Organization. Ever since I was a young child I felt a little different and a little strange. It wasn't until I joined the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls that I began to find a home and feel accepted just the way I was. Because Rainbow gave me this feeling, I hope to instill that sense of individuality in every Texas Rainbow Girl this year by making my theme "Color Your Life with Rainbow and Let Your True Color Shine". This will be a very colorful year and we invite you to come by our colorful and unique Rainbow booth and learn about all the exciting plans we have in store. Charity has always been a large part of all Masonic affiliated Organizations and this year we have the opportunity to once again support the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children as our designated state charity. All proceeds from the sales of these super adorable and colorful Rainbow monkeys, much like this one here, will benefit the hospital. This hospital works to help children with a large range of orthopedic disorders and learning disabilities such as dyslexia. From personal experience, I have seen the great difference that love and charity can make for the amazing and unique children of this hospital. I would like to personally invite everyone to attend our Grand Assembly Session in Waco during June of 2014. It was an extreme privilege and an honor to have so many Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and local members at our recent Grand Assembly Session and I hope that this large showing can happen again in the future years. I know that all the Rainbow Girls love to see the support from our sponsoring Orders. Each of you play an important role in our lives; supporting us, helping us, guiding us, and being there for each of us. And we would be honored to see you all at any local or Grand Rainbow meetings. I wish the best of luck to Mrs. Jayne Yenger and Mr. Trey Smith on this upcoming year. I look forward to working with each of you and all of your amazing Grand Officers. Thank you for the opportunity to bring Greetings on behalf of Texas Grand

Assembly. It means so much to be here at my first Grand Chapter representing Texas Rainbows as the Grand Worthy Advisor. I'm very excited to see everyone throughout this next year not only as a Rainbow Girl but as a newly initiated Eastern Star member. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: To both of you how pleased we were to spend three days in Frisco, we enjoyed it so much. And the programs you put on for us, it was a real treasure and something I will never ever forget, to the Worthy Grand Patron and myself. And I know we gave you a love gift at that time. The members of the Order of the Eastern Star do support and love Rainbow and our DeMolay and because of their generosity and donations to the Humanitarian Fund, one of my projects was the youth organizations, so we are pleased at this time to present you another love gift from the members of the Order of the Eastern Star and know how much we love and respect you and support you. Thank you so very much for being here today. (Applause) Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: I too would like to tell you how much we appreciate meeting you in Frisco. We had a wonderful time and I tell you what, these girls can teach us a few things. They were very quiet during the meeting and you should see them drill. Boy, it was beautiful. We appreciate y'all very much and thank you for coming. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: I now invite Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, the Texas Executive Officer of DeMolay International, Mr. Clampitte, and Joey McAteer the State Master Counselor of DeMolay in Texas to bring Greetings at this time.

Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sisters and Brothers. Before I introduce our State Master Counselor I'd like to say something personal. This will be my last time to appear before you as the State Executive Officer. I have asked the Grand Master of DeMolay to find a replacement for me effective September 1st. During these thirteen years that I have worked as Executive Officer for DeMolay of Texas, it has been my pleasure to work with Eastern Star. You have always been such a great support to the youth. I appreciate that very much. They appreciate that. Through the years these young men, and I know quite a few of them become members of the Star, I keep hoping that others will follow suit. This young man behind me is a member and a Past Counselor of Grand Prairie Chapter of DeMolay Chapter. As our State Master Counselor he is a young man coming up that you support. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with the Eastern Star not only on the Grand level but on the constituency level. Thank you very much for all that you have done for the youth groups of this state. I'd like to present to you Joey McAteer the State Master Counselor of DeMolay. (Applause)

Mr. Joey McAteer: I'm kind of sad, I don't know how to follow that but I'll try. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished East, Members and Visitors, I'd like to first start off by saying thank you for having me and letting me bring Greetings on behalf of Texas DeMolay. I'd like to take this time to introduce any of my other State Officers that are here present if they could please rise. I guess they are all outside manning the booths. It is a great honor to be here today to represent DeMolay in the great state of Texas. I'd like to congratulate Mrs. Annette Curry and Mr. Bill Crews on a successful year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I wish you and the Grand Officers and the Board Members on a successful and harmonious Session as you work to advance the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas. At this time I'd like to transition to

talk a little bit about DeMolay. As of today, DeMolay has 775 members. We are currently the fourth largest jurisdiction in the world. I'm very proud of that. We also have one of our Chapters, Reagan in Spring Texas, who is currently the second largest Chapter in the world with 100 members. In order to grow DeMolay in Texas we need continued support from our Masonic family and especially the Order of the Eastern Star which is a huge part of that family. You are the grandmothers, grandfathers, mothers and fathers, and the advisors for these young men. And your assistance and dedication to our youth is greatly appreciated. We invite each of you guys to come talk to us afterwards at our booth. We'd love to see you guys. We are in continued partnership with Relay for Life and as of today, this year we have raised well over \$5,000. Relay for Life dedicates their time to research various cures and promote cancer awareness. This past year as I mentioned we raised \$5,000 and we will continue to raise that even higher. I'm just going to kind of step off from this for a second and just kind of truly say how deeply impressed I was, this is one of my first times to see something as grand as this and it truly was an honor to be up here and you guys have left a truly impression upon me and from the bottom of my heart I sincerely thank you guys and I'm truly humbled and honored to be here. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Again I want to say how much the Eastern Star loves and supports our youth groups and we were so pleased, the Worthy Grand Patron and I, to be in Austin at your meeting and we presented a love gift to you at that time and because of the generosity and love of the membership of Eastern Star and their donations again through the Humanitarian Fund for the youth programs, I am so pleased to again present you another check. Thank you so much and know how much we love and respect the youth groups and visit their booth, Rainbow has a booth and DeMolay has a booth. So stop by there and visit them and thank you so much again. (Applause)

WGP Bill Crews: I'd also like to take this time to thank the DeMolay for being here with us today and I know that I have bought, I don't know how many fans that they have sold me. They do great work. That was my first time to be at a conclave in Austin. I certainly enjoyed it and these young gentlemen are going to make great Master Masons one of these days and we appreciate all the work that you do. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Representing the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons is the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Mr. Walter W. Rogers.

MWGM Walter Rogers: Howdy. Start out with a quiz...how many of y'all know where Bedais, Texas is? Alright, I like to tell folks that Bedais, Texas is one of the very few towns in Texas where the coming and going sign is on the same post. But how good and how pleasant it is for our Fraternal Organizations to dwell together in unity and a free country. God Bless America. (Applause) What a privilege it is to have been asked to bring Greeting from the 800 Lodges and their nearly 90,000 Masons in Texas. However at this time I'd like to introduce to you and each of you, the love of my life, my soul mate and the lady who lets me do what I do, my lady Ms. Ardith. (Applause) Thank you very much. We Masons believe that family involvement is the key to our success. Certainly no man can be successful without the total support of his family, so thank you ladies for allowing us Masons to try to make a difference in Masonry and in the world. You may not have realized it but I know a lot about womanhood seeing as how I had a wife, four daughters and a girl dog. (Laughter) Anyone who knows Walt Rogers is aware that Walter W. Rogers has a very serious side and I also have another side that loves to have fun. So with that I'd like to tell you a little story about a Catholic nun named Sister Frieda. Sister Frieda woke up one morning and she had the hic-

cups bad. I'm talking about bad and we've all had them before and you know you hold your breath and hold your nose and you do everything you can possibly do in the world you know to cure them and sometimes they just won't go away. So, finally Sister Frieda decided that she just had to go to the doctor and so she did. So she got to the doctor and she was waiting in the waiting room and she was just hiccupping like a bomb going off. Finally she got in to see the doctor and when she got in there in just a minute or two they heard a blood curdling scream and Sister Frieda run plumb out of the room. And the receptionist got up and she said "Doctor, what in the world did you tell that woman?" He said "I told her she was pregnant." (Laughter) The receptionist said "She really isn't, is she?" And he said "No she ain't but she ain't got those hiccups no more either". (Laughter) I'd like to say that it's a privilege to represent the Masons of Texas. I don't guess any Grand Master dreamed in his furthestest dreams that he would ever be at the head of the Masonic Order of Texas but I come from a town that has a population of 443 and we have a lodge with 59 members and so it's quite an honor to come from that small of a setting to the head of Masonry in Texas but I actually pinch myself occasionally to make sure it's true. But with that I'd like to ask you a question, each of you in the room. What kind of impression do you as members of all the Masonic bodies make on non-Masons each day? You must remember that you are someone's image of Masonry, Eastern Star, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, DeMolay, Rainbow and every other Appendent body of Free Masonry. So to illustrate just what an image we portray, I would like to recite to you a poem called The Big Parade.

When I was just a barefoot boy in a little mining town,
me and my dog and a couple other friends were just out messing around.
We were sitting on the curb not knowing what to do.
Hugh was smoking an old corncob pipe and Spike was tying his shoe.
Well my dog "Tag" got scared about something and he nestled down around my feet.
I looked up and there was a big parade coming right down our street.
They had gold spears and banners all trimmed in gold and braids.
And there was Mayor Welch out in front leading that big parade.
There was Senator Wilkins, preacher Jones, Judge Harris and Major Brown
In fact that parade was made up of the best men in our town.
They had white gloves and aprons on, they were dressed up awful neat
And they all kept step with the drum corps as they come marching down the street.
And we followed them to the graveyard and the bugler sounded "Taps".
They all stepped up around the grave and they all took off their hats.
They said the most intelligent things and they all did some part
And everything them fellers did, they all knowed by heart.
They placed a white apron on the coffin, I said "they going to bury that too?"
Spike said sure they are if you're a Mason that's the only thing to do.
I said well what are Masons and what do Masons do?
Spike said they lay cornerstones and stuff, and they help cripple children too.
They've got homes and schools for children and they learn them what to do.
And if something were to happen to your mama today they'd take care of you.
I said well how do they take in money and what's it all about?
Spike said "shoot they ain't trying to take in money, they're just trying to give it out."
Well, Spike knew more about them things, he was older than me and Hugh.
I didn't know about it then, but I've since found out it's true.

And I said to myself as I was thinking as I stood there by that tree
If I ever join any lodge at all that there's the one for me.
Well I told my mama all about it and how we spent the day
Tears trickled down her cheeks and then she turned away.
I was sorry that I told her cause it made her feel so sad
She said it brings back memories honey of when the Masons buried Dad.
And when I said my prayers that night I told God I'd never be afraid
And I ask him to please please let me be a Mason so I could march in that big parade.

So I always remember Brothers and Sisters, you are someone's image of your organization every day. Live what we teach and believe what we preach. Do it all for the right reasons because we belong to the greatest Fraternity ever known to mankind. And I'm going to finish the way I always finish by saying these words; God bless America and God bless Free Masonry and God bless each of you. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Most Worshipful Grand Master how pleased and honored we are and every time I hear you tell that story I cry. Thank you. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: Most Worshipful Grand Master it is our privilege for you to be in the midst of our organization today. And I like that big parade too. And you do great work and we are looking forward to Grand Lodge very soon. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: The Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Washington is present and we await his Greeting. Brother John Grobler.

MWGP John Grobler: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I'm going to speak to you a little bit later about membership cause this Triennium I felt that one of the things that was really more important to us than anything else was membership and how we're handling membership and what we're doing about it. So I took that on as my project and so when people ask me what my project was as Most Worthy Grand Patron and I said "My project is you". And I mean that and later on I'll talk to you a little bit about membership and some of the things I've learned as I visit the various jurisdictions. But this morning I would like to offer you Greetings on behalf of the General Grand Chapter. And I'd like to tell you how much my wife, Barbara, and I appreciate all the greetings and the friendship that we feel here in Texas. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you and he will be in our afternoon Session. He will bring some Greetings about the committees and things and we look forward to hearing from you this afternoon. Thank you so very much. The Credentials Committee will now give a partial report at this time. Sister Lou Lewis will you bring your report.

Sister Lou Lewis: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is with pleasure that I present the following partial report. Total number of Chapters 347, number of Chapters represented 271, number required for a quorum 89. Worthy Grand Matron, we have a quorum.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers we do have a quorum from the Credentials Committee and at this time we're going to open our Formal Opening at 1:00. At this time all those who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will retire and other officers and everyone get ready to open the Session. Thank you very much.

Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening
Thursday, August 15, 2013
1:00 p.m.
“Love, Unity and Peace”

PGM Elise Hammack: Sisters and Brothers, at this time it is my special privilege to Call to Order this Ritualistic Ceremonial Opening Grand Chapter of Texas, 131st Grand Chapter of Texas, because it's 1:00 p.m. Sisters and Brothers, can you hear me? (Yes) How good it is to be sharing the East this evening with our 2006-2007 Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. John Creel. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this honor. John exhibits his dedication to our Order and its principles in his everyday life and is so loved by our membership. Brother John, will you favor us with remarks for this assembly?

PGP John Creel: Thank you Past Grand Matron Elise Hammack. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers, thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to assist the Past Grand Matron Elise, in opening this 131st Grand Chapter of “Love, Unity and Peace”. Past Grand Matron as we stand before this beautiful membership I'm sure that you remember your Grand Chapter. It was under the umbrella Session in Ft. Worth which was just a few miles down the road. I know you remember yours but I hardly remember mine. It came and went so fast that it was over it seemed like before it transpired. Worthy Grand Matron it's been an honor to serve you and our Worthy Grand Patron this year. I had the honor of being one of Bill's Boys as Worthy Patron of McKinney Chapter #518 and I got to use the gavel that you presented to me at my Grand Chapter. Welcome to Arlington my Sisters and Brothers. It's the home of Texas Rangers, Dallas Cowboys and of course the Eastern Star. Thank you. (Applause)

PGM Elise Hammack: Thank you Brother John. We will now invite Ms. Lori Goldman, Grand Marshal, to lead our Installed Officers and Personal Pages in the “Memory Makers” Drill. We always enjoy the Drills.

(Memory Makers Drill)

Will you set up the Chapter at this time?

(Beverly Plante is now on the piano)

Sisters and Brothers, may I have your attention? The Grand Sentinel says the doors that you may enter or leave from are 1 and 3. Is that right Brother Victor? Doors 1 and 3 only. No other doors please.

At this time the Grand Officers will 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. (Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, when the power of Love overcomes the Love of Power, only then can we know real Peace. The forces that drive us to unity and peace are deep seated and powerful and most importantly are moral and intellectual.

We will now prepare for the ritualistic opening of Grand Chapter and I want to present you your gavel but I have a bit to say. Worthy Grand Matron, it is an extreme honor to be invited to do this and how I've loved it. I want to present your gavel but perhaps if this gavel

could talk it would say “I’m just a little gavel, but my deeds are not so small – with kindly love I have traveled all over, and many hands have clasped me and my friends just grew and grew. My work is almost over but my memories of the love found will always remain strong”. We wish for you and our Worthy Grand Patron only pleasant memories, sweet peace and solemnity. In about 48 hours we lovingly close the door on 2012-2013 and tenderly place these memories in the corner of our hearts. Now you will dwell on the present and look forward to the work with future leaders and their challenges. (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers join me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with Grand Honors. (One rap)

WGM Annette Curry: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter.

(Ritualistic Opening and Proving of the Chapter)

Flag Presentation by Grand Marshal Lori Goldman.

Pledge of Allegiance led by WGP Bill Crews.

National Anthem sung. (One rap)

WGM Annette Curry: At this time we have one vacancy to fill and that would be as Grand Chaplain Pro-Tem, Sister Janell Trees. At this time I have an appointment to the Telegram and Telephone Committee, I place on that Committee Sister Joyce Nicklas and Alma Carter. We will now start our formal introductions and I invite our Most Worthy Grand Patron to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, he will be presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing Brother John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Washington, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: Brother John Grobler we are so pleased that you’re here in Texas and we know that you’ll be coming again and again but it’s so special that you’re here this year. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress he will be escorted to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers I have the honor of presenting Brother John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron. Please join me in saluting him with the Grand Honors. (One rap)

I ask that the Past Most Worthy Grand Patron to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress he will be presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure to present Brother William “Bill” Owen, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: We are so pleased to have you. We know you have been to Texas many many times and we have been to Oklahoma many times and how glad we are of that association. And I believe we do notice how many of your members are here from Oklahoma and thank you for being here. Worthy Grand Patron would you like to address Brother Owen?

WGP Bill Crews: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Owen we certainly appreciate you coming to Texas. We know it’s a far journey from Oklahoma (Laughter) but you man-

aged to get across the river and we appreciate that very much. Come to see us any time. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress he will be escorted to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is my pleasure to present our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron. Please join with me in saluting him with the Grand Honors. (One rap)

I invite the Elected and Appointed Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Right Worthy Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: To this number one cameo lady, how many memories we have from Texas and we miss you. We know you're doing a wonderful wonderful job for General Grand Chapter but for us also so thank you for always remembering us. And we are so pleased each time you come to Texas. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I can remember the time that we went to Washington, D.C. one time and we stood out at the front door and knocked on the door. And of course, it was already closed but Mrs. Alma she knew, her secretary told her who was at the door and she said open that door and let them in. And we appreciated our visit with you in Washington, D.C. that day. And we certainly appreciate you being at our Grand Chapter. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will be escorted to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is a pleasure that I present this, well I'll tell you, she is the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Please join with me in saluting her with the Grand Honors. (One rap)

I invite the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Just one moment, I'm so sorry. We have General Grand Chapter Committee Members. I'm so sorry. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting these General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Terrie Castay Ambassador to New Jersey and a PGM of Louisiana. Terrie is also the Grand Secretary of Louisiana. Brother Nelson Campbell, Cancer Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Brother Glenn Whitaker, Heart Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Sister Nancy Zook, Necrology Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Kansas. Sister Vi Griffin, Public Relations Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Brother Jerry Martin, Scottish Rite Charities Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Brother William "Bill" Wyatt, Shrine Charities Committees and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Sister Joyce Nicklas, Support our Military Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Diane Smith is standing, she is a member of the Alzheimer's Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana. Brother Jerry Martin is also serving as the Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

WGM Annette Curry: How we thank you and appreciate these General Grand Chapter Committee Members as they serve General Grand Chapter all over and we were so pleased to have one of the committee members come and speak to us last night and we look for your Greetings as we cross the state of Texas and other states that you go and those wonderful places and the service that you're doing, and the money, and the donations we're getting. We really appreciate that. We enjoyed that last night and thank you so very much for being here in Texas although some of you are from Texas. We welcome all of you.

WGP Bill Crews: I also want to give my thanks to the work that this committee does. You have been very impressive. In our last General Grand Chapter we saw what you have to do and I know you have a hard work row ahead of you. But you will survive and we appreciate you being with us today. Thank you very much.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be escorted to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) I have the pleasure of presenting these General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Please join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (One rap)

I invite the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Mavis Payne, Arkansas; Irene Stadick, District of Columbia; Linn McNary, Louisiana; Bonnie Varnell, New Mexico; Kathy Stegall, Oklahoma; G. Ann Thomas, Oregon, Worthy Grand Matrons. And Brothers Bill Bane, District of Columbia; Otto Beverly, Louisiana; Harold Guyer, Oklahoma, Worthy Grand Patrons, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: How pleased we are to have you with us, our co-workers. The Worthy Grand Patron and myself, and I'll let him address the Worthy Grand Patrons but Worthy Grand Matrons, how pleased we are and we look forward to visiting your Grand Jurisdictions at some time, hopefully before your term is up but we thank you that you are here for our time. Thank you so very very much for being here and the membership appreciates it too. We're glad to see you.

WGP Bill Crews: I want to congratulate y'all for being at our Grand Chapter this year. We hope to come and visit with you sometime soon and we appreciate you being with us. Worthy Grand Patrons you sure look pretty out there.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be escorted to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present these Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (One rap)

I invite the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Nancy Lindsey, Arkansas; Sandra Sahutsky, Delaware and she is also Grand Trustee and Deputy Grand

Lecturer; Gayle Cousatte, Kansas; Juanita Wilkinson, Louisiana; Shirley Boone, Louisiana; Betty Bywater, Nevada; Mary Carolyn Puckett, New Mexico; Margie McConnell, Oklahoma; Carol Worth, Oklahoma; Cheryl Martin, Oklahoma, Past Grand Matrons. And Brothers: Ira Payne, Arkansas; Robert Hess, Kansas; Bill George, Missouri; and David Flaxington, Rhode Island, Past Grand Patrons, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: We look forward to joining this group very shortly and we are so pleased that you're here with us in Texas. Thank you so much each one of you for coming. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: Also would like to say we are certainly proud that you came to be with Texas at our Grand Chapter. It won't be long before until we'll be in the line with you. We appreciate you very much and come back and see us any time. Thank you.

AGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers I have the pleasure of presenting these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (One rap)

I invite the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure to present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Sisters Elise Hammack, Betty Benham, Effie Mae Davis, Rosemary S. Berry, Alma Carter, Yvonne Brownfield, Betty Friend, Naomi Wolfe, Jimmie Lee McMahon, Sharon Fentress, Karen Morgenthaler, Nancy Brown, Joyce Nicklas...Joyce Gilbert (one mistake), Bess Caldwell, Mary Ruth White, Past Grand Matrons. And Brothers: Richard Ochs, Lee Stallings, Buddy Baker, Ed Warner, Jack Guy, John Creel, Jerry Trees, Ray Hertenberger, K. Arthur Drescher, Jr., David Dibrell. Brother Lee and Brother Art are also privileged to serve as John's Matadors and David Dibrell is also a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. And Betty Benham, I'm sorry, Betty Benham is privileged to serve as one of Bobbi's Forever Friends, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: To our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas we recognize your service and the time and effort you have given to the Grand Chapter of Texas and we pay tribute to you for your service and your time and your love for the membership. And it's always impressive, impressive to see when you come in, the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas as Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: It is certainly a privilege to see all our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. You look beautiful out there and I see a spot at the end of the line coming up for me. (Laughter) So that means Brother David that you're not going to be at the back in of the line, so...I'll be there shortly. And we appreciate y'all being at our Grand Chapter. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. It is with pride and joy that I present to you these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. (Three raps) You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (One rap)

I invite the Installed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Sisters

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Cheri Pierce, Associate Grand Matron, Arkansas; Mezzy MacKenzie, Associate Grand Matron, District of Columbia; Pamela Gill, Associate Grand Matron, Louisiana; Brothers Jerry Harrell, Associate Grand Patron, Arkansas; George Wilkinson, Associate Grand Patron, Louisiana; Bill Howell, Associate Grand Patron, Oklahoma; Sisters Shirley Niehoff, Grand Secretary, Oklahoma; Kathy Warmack, Grand Conductress, Louisiana; Gayle Porch, Grand Conductress, Oklahoma; Rovenia McDonald, Associate Grand Conductress, Louisiana; Pat Ruppenicker, Grand Chaplain, Louisiana; Nancy Patterson, Grand Chaplain, Massachusetts; Vicki Watts, Grand Chaplain, Oklahoma; Lana Jameson, Grand Lecturer, Oklahoma; Nancy Hay, Grand Marshal, Oklahoma; Jean Tucker, Grand Organist, Louisiana; Margaret Dixon, Grand Adah, Louisiana; Kathy Miller, Grand Adah, Oklahoma; Corinne Watson, Grand Ruth, Louisiana; Judith Beverly, Grand Esther, Louisiana; Jean Luft, Grand Martha, New Mexico; Dolly Hill, Grand Martha, Oklahoma; Wanda Hosmer, Grand Electa, New Mexico; Kay Dozier, Grand Electa, Louisiana; Denise Bowker, Grand Electa, Oklahoma; Anita Johnson, Grand Warder, Oklahoma; Brother Paul Niehoff, Grand Sentinel, Oklahoma; Sister Betty Nichols, Board of Fraternal Assistance, Louisiana. These are the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: What a wonderful, wonderful sight. You are so so many. How pleased we are that you came to Texas and thank you Grand Conductress. They will be escorted to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers, please show a warm warm welcome to these Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions. What a wonderful group they are. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room.

I invite the General Grand Chapter Special Appointees to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be presented in back of Esther's Station.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting these Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter. Sister Delia Whitfield, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico; Sister Barbara Grobler, Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron; and Sister Janice Herridge, Bobbi's Forever Friends, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: These General Grand Chapter Special Appointees truly you are special and we are so thankful and pleased to have you today. You're special. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: It's certainly great to see you with us today. We appreciate you making all your trips and travelling so far but we appreciate you coming to be with us in Texas. Thank you very much.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. Sisters and Brothers please join with me in giving these General Grand Chapter Special Appointees a warm, warm welcome. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be returned to their seat in the Grand Chapter room.

I invite the Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be presented in back

of Esther's station. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions: Brother Bob Johnson, Texas in California; Sisters Pat Martin, Texas in Delaware; Claudine Rogers, Texas in Florida; Wilma Hess, Texas in Kansas; Brother Sidney Sullivan, Texas in Louisiana; Sister Marcia Thomas, Texas in Massachusetts; Carol Musselman, Texas in Ohio; Brother Gerald Stegall, Texas in Oklahoma; Sister Helen Banna, Texas in Ontario; Brother Stanley Miller, Texas in Oregon, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: You're commissioned as Grand Representatives and we know that you are representing Texas and I know you are telling them how great and how wonderful we are and I want you to go back and tell them how great and how much you enjoyed these members here and hopefully how good you were treated. Just tell how great Texas is, you're going to represent us good aren't ya? (Laughter) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers I am pleased to present these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. You will please join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (One rap) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be returned to their place in the Grand Chapter room.

I invite the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Christel Fisher, Delaware in New Mexico; Doris Owen, California in Oklahoma and she is also one of Bobbi's Forever Friends; Cynthia Reynolds, Louisiana in Oklahoma; Brother Jesse Hill, II, Minnesota in Oklahoma; Robert Jameson, Ontario in Oklahoma; Sisters Rossie Johnson, South Carolina in Oklahoma; Dorothy Howell, Virginia in Oklahoma; Bonnie Gainey, Washington in Oklahoma; Brother John Heddle, Grand Representative of Louisiana in Oregon, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: This group is busy, busy, busy, not only are they in other and other, but in their own. Thank you for being here. We know you're busy. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Yes you are busy. I always enjoyed visiting the other Grand Jurisdictions when I was a Grand Representative. And I know that you enjoy travelling those many, many miles. Thank you for being here with us. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers you will give a warm, warm welcome to these Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions. I'm sorry that's the wrong verbiage, I got a little touched here. Sisters and Brothers I have the pleasure of presenting these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (One rap) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be returned to their place in the Chapter room.

I invite the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas to please stand. Sisters

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Brother Tom Warner, Alberta; Sisters Allene Thompson, Arizona; Pam Johnson, Arkansas; Donna Jane Wert, Australia; Brother James Rippey, British of Columbia and the Yukon; Sister Marlene Dibrell, California; Brother Tommy Griffin, Colorado; Sisters Ellen Pickrell, Delaware; Laura Clampitte, District of Columbia; Brother W. Gail Blackmon, Idaho; Sisters Dorothy Langston, Kansas; Kate Richardson, Kentucky; Esther O'Neal, Maine; Sue Briwa, Maryland; Darlene Robinson, Massachusetts, Helen Dupree, Michigan; Claudine Burgess, Mississippi; Tish Fields, Nebraska; Patricia Pettit, New Hampshire; Jeanette Rife-Cotton, New Jersey; Fran Curtis, North Carolina; Joyce Smith, North Dakota; Vicki Smith, Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island; Janie Dunsmoor, Oklahoma; Juanita Sharp, Ontario; Dorris Clegg, Oregon; Cathi Cannon, Quebec; Peggy Wicks, Rhode Island; Lynda Benefield, Scotland; Brothers Ben Clegg, South Carolina; Sunny Wise, South Dakota; Sisters Arline Smith, Tennessee; Alphenie Gressett, Vermont; Brother Bert Kniseley, Washington; Sister Ruth West, West Virginia; Sister Marlene Dibrell is also serving as Supreme Nature and Supreme Liaison in Mexico, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Brother Tommy Griffin is a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. These Grand Representatives I know you are excited and happy and sometimes surprised when you receive a commission from the Worthy Grand Matron. It's one of the most special things that a Worthy Grand Matron, one of her special privileges to give commissions to those that serve as Grand Representatives. So these Past Grand Matrons that are here today have presented you commissions and me, I've presented several to you. How proud we are. We're just as excited when we give them to you as when you receive them. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: We are certainly glad to see you today and I tell you what, you can just stick us in your suitcase and take us with you when you get ready to go to your Jurisdictions. You're a very special group to us. We appreciate you very much and we wish you well. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. Sisters and Brothers how proud we are of these Grand Representatives, our own. Please join with me (Three raps) in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (One rap) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be returned to their places in the Grand Chapter room.

I invite the Youth and Adult Leaders of Fraternal Organizations to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be presented in back of Esther's Station.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Brother J. Weldon Clampitte, State Executive Officer – DeMolay Association of Texas and a Past Grand Master of DeMolay International.

WGM Annette Curry: Both of you know and I've spoken to you on several occasions how important your leadership and those youth organizations are to the members of the Order

of Eastern Star as we work in our charitable projects, not only do we do things for Scottish Rite and other Masonic Affiliations but so do you and how we respect and love you. And always know that we work together and we look forward always to supporting our Youth Organizations and thank you for being here. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room. (Applause)

I invite the State and National Presiding Officers of all Appendant Bodies to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be presented in back of Esther's Station.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to introduce the Officers of other, well actually of Grand Lodge, Brother...Right Worshipful Jerry L. Martin, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Brother Donny Broughton, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you as we work together with you and you with us and how we appreciate your support of our Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers please welcome these State and National Presiding Officers of all Appendant Bodies. Thank you for being here from Texas, too, we appreciate you. Thank you. Give them a warm welcome. (Applause)

I invite the Special Appointees of other Grand Jurisdictions to please stand. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be presented in back of Esther's Station.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of introducing the Grand Chapter Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Ruth Murray, Appeals and Grievances, Florida; Glenda Perkins, District Aide, District 6, Kansas; Carrie Turner, Lead Page to the Masonic Board, Kansas; Doreen Foster, District 10 Proficiency Examiner, Kansas; Evelyn Marquez, Personal Page to the Grand Chaplain, Louisiana; Karen Porter, Personal Page to the Grand Chaplain and State Co-Chairman of Membership Committee, Louisiana; Sharon Harp, Personal Page to the Grand Conductress, Oklahoma; Sister Kathy Cloninger, Escort to the Worthy Grand Matron, Oregon and a member of the Special Project Committee, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: To these members with the Special Appointments we thank you for your presence here today and the Special Appointments that you have, again, they're Special Appointments. Thank you for being here. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be seated in the Grand Chapter room. Give them a warm welcome. (Applause) I believe that is the completion of the introductions this afternoon. Thank you, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. (Applause)

I invite Shirley S. Boone, the Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana to come and bring the Response for the other Grand Jurisdictions. I'm sorry. We're going to mark out Worthy Grand Matron and write in Past Grand Matron.

Sister Shirley Boone: Good afternoon. Protocol having been established today I would just like to personally thank both of you so much for the honor of responding on behalf of your many many distinguished guests here today. You know Texas and Louisiana has a very long bond of friendship and I cherish that friendship very very much. And Worthy Grand Matron

and Worthy Grand Patron I want to address each of you individually if I may. And with your permission Worthy Grand Matron, I'm going to talk to Brother Bill first. Come on up here. Sometimes we don't give these Worthy Grand Patrons first up, first thing here, so I'm going to talk to you first. Brother Bill, from what I can understand, one of the supreme basis for all Masons is the working tools. There is also a tool that both of our fraternities share and that is the gavel. I have learned that you have a passion and a wonderful talent for wood-working and that you have made many many gavels for many Chapters and Lodges in Texas. Now, I know you cannot play the bass while doing woodworking but you can sing. That's right. And somehow I visualize you in your woodshop with music playing, singing some of those wonderful gospel songs that you sing while you create these wonderful gavels. You are very multi-talented. And you are so generous for sharing this talent with Texas. Thank you, sir. Thank you for all you do for the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. Now, Sister Annette, you know I said this before, one of my favorite shows is the Golden Girls and one of my favorite characters is Sophia so I'm going to digress just for a moment. I was reading your lovely lovely book here and you know they say that sometimes there's a divine intervention in things. I say great minds think alike. You have your emblem the elephant, it's in her book. And when I read it I thought, uh oh, she stole my speech but I'm going to go ahead and give it anyhow. I understand that your emblem for the year is the elephant. Now, I did a little research before I read your book on the elephant and I was pleasantly surprised at the similarity of these amazing creatures as they relate to the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. I want to look at some of these with you if I may. Elephants have great memories. Well, we used to. Elephants are extremely intelligent and oh, yeah, we are. Elephants are very hard workers and no one doubts how hard every member of the Eastern Star works in their jurisdiction. Elephants are very vulnerable however, and sometimes they display signs of grief. They do cry. They get angry when they're challenged. But they also display joy and playfulness. Can we all relate to these? But most importantly elephants, just like us, always form deep family bonds and they always want to co-exist peacefully. Now I'm not going to mention the size of elephants, we're not going there. But the size of their heart is a kin to the size of the hearts of each of your members here today. As your theme suggests, "Love, Unity and Peace", these virtues are very aptly portrayed in everything you do. And we as your distinguished guests want to thank you so much for sharing all of these wonderful sentiments here today. On behalf of all your Distinguished Guests, we would like to thank you and we would like to present each of you and Brother Bill a small token of our appreciation.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Thank you very much.

Sister Shirley Boone: Thank you so much again for this honor. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you Shirley Boone, Past Grand Matron, Louisiana and I appreciate your words about the elephant. You did some work and research on that and it's pretty much all truth. Thank you so very much.

I now invite for the Response of the General Grand Chapter Family, you see that it was Rennie Often but she's not feeling well but our Most Worthy Grand Patron will bring the Response for the General Grand Chapter Family. And he does want to talk some so come on, now is your time. Thank you

MWGP John Grobler: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity to address the Texas Grand Chapter. What a wonderful experience we are having here in Texas. Ever since

we arrived we have been fondly greeted by all of you. When we arrived at the airport we were greeted by the smiling face of Brother Arthur Drescher. We had a lot of fun renewing our friendship with Arthur as we drove from the airport to our hotel. And we've formed quite a bond, as a matter of fact he's one of my very special Matadors. And as we were checking into the hotel we were greeted with the smiles and hugs from many members of Texas and other jurisdictions who were also checking in. Y'all make us feel right at home. This evening I want to talk to you about membership. As I look at the downward trend in our membership and the continued loss of Chapters I wonder what we can do to reverse the trend. Many members tell me it's just the sign of the times and we have to adjust and accept the inevitable. I find it difficult to accept this view. As you all know Eastern Star has much to offer to our members and to our communities. We teach friendship, morality and brotherly love. We conduct charitable fundraising activities and annually contribute millions of dollars to charities such as cancer, heart, hospice, Alzheimer's and a whole multitude of other charities both locally and internationally. Eastern Star is good news for our communities. So why are we not having new members knocking down our doors? As I go around and visit the various jurisdictions I had many conversations with the membership committees the public outreach committees. So some of the things that come up is first and foremost is, who knows we exist and what we do. We're not out in our communities working with people and telling our story. We do not have a common cause or charity for which we are known. I believe the charities we work on each Triennium are valuable and worthwhile but just as the world gets used to supporting the charity of the Triennium, we change people and go off and do a different charity. Basically we start over again each Triennium and our communities really don't know what our focus is. I believe we need to adopt a single charity and make it our main focus. I don't think we need to stand on the street corner with a ritual in hand preaching the merits of Eastern Star. We really do need to proactively find out what our communities are doing to improve the lives of its citizens and then we need to volunteer in these efforts. We have to get out of the comforts of our Chapter walls and get in the game so to speak. All of the potential new members are out there in our communities not inside our Chapter rooms. So what can we do to attract new members? One organization is forming into small groups of three to five members and having each group take on community improvement projects in participation with other members of the community. This approach gives members of the community the opportunity to see us up close and get to know us. Once they see the kind of people we are they will be more inclined to at least find out who we are and what we do and perhaps even join us if they have the proper affiliation. The second reason we may not be attracting new members is our own self taught, our own negative self taught emodularizing comments. How many of you have heard members repeating as Worthy Matrons the nth time say, "I have to keep doing it until I get it right" "Well, I didn't want to do it again but no one else would take it." Also I have heard members time and again when ask "What does Eastern Star do?" They say "Oh, we have fun", or "we sit through an hour of boring introductions and then we go eat". We really need to do some self evaluation and come up with a positive statement about who we are and what we do. Many of our Chapters have clicks that make it difficult for new members to be assimilated into the Chapter. Eventually the new members become discouraged and just quit attending. Worst yet, no one bothers to call them and inquire why they are not attending. Also I am told by some long term members that they cannot attend because they cannot sit and listen to the ritual work being done so poorly. If we are to attract and keep new members we need to improve our ritual work. We need to have a quality product if we are to attract and keep new and older members. I was in one jurisdiction recently and talked to the members

of one Chapter that initiated twelve new members the previous year and had six more petitions already this year. I asked “what are you doing to attract new members?” The answer was simple, community involvement. Last year the Chapter worked with Habitat for Humanity, baked a thousand pies for shut-ins, and participated in several other community involvement initiatives and they’re having a lot of fun doing it. This is not just restricted to just the young it’s some activities that all members and all ages can participate in. Another jurisdiction placed an invitation on Facebook for people to come to an information night about Masonry and Eastern Star. They had over 100 inquiries on Facebook and 29 people showed up. At the meeting they were able to obtain seven new petitions for new members. It’s quite an interesting thing when people are beginning to look at the new electronics as methods of communication and using it to their advantage. And still another jurisdiction, each time a new Master Mason is raised, the Grand Master pays them a visit and gives them two petitions for Eastern Star, one for the Master Mason and one for his wife. Last year they signed up twelve new members for Eastern Star. We are one Masonic family and when we work together we can grow Masonry and Eastern Star. A good start may be for us to go back to our rituals and study the lessons of our five heroines, concern with fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. This is the message we need to portray for those in our community. Please think about this as you embark on membership and community involvement initiatives. As we move forward in this 48th Triennium I hope we will take a positive and active approach to membership and community involvement. Be proud of your involvement in Eastern Star and tell your community about it. Above all, get involved. Thank you for the gift of your time and thank you for all you do for Eastern Star. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you Most Worthy Grand Patron. On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, this is a small love gift to you. Thank you again for all you do.

MWGP John Grobler: Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

WGM Annette Curry: At this time we will have our Benediction from Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Please bow your head. Oh Heavenly Father, how we thank you Lord and how we praise your name for this beautiful organization of which you’ve allowed us to be a part. We thank you for all the good things that you have allowed us to accomplish through the years. And we can only do that through your power and through your grace. Thank you, Lord for all of the kindnesses that we enjoy and thank you Lord for watching over our service men. Keep all of our heroes wrapped in your hedge of thorns Lord. Keep them safe and bring them home to us. Thank you, Lord for every kind word and deed that’s extended to all of this membership. Thank you, Lord for this day and the things that have been accomplished in this day. And Lord we pray you’ll go with us tonight and watch over us and keep us safe. Thank you, Lord for allowing us to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. A price highly paid for that privilege. Thank you Lord for everything that you do for each one of our members who are not able to be with us here today who would like to be here. Oh Lord, watch over them, protect them, care for them. Let them know that we care for them. Go with us Lord as we go into the later part of the day. Keep us safe. Keep us in they will in every word and deed. In Jesus holy name, I pray. Amen (Amen).

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our holy Bible. (Three raps) (One rap) I now call this Session from Labor to Rest. Sister Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel.

If everyone will please remain seated, we are going to have the report of the Fraternal Correspondent and the Grand Representatives Drill and at 5:30 we're going to have the District Banquets and please be back in the Chapter room at 7:00 we will have the Memorial Program and the ESTARL. Sister Freida Dillon, Fraternal Correspondent. I will ask the Arrangements Committee could you please clear the floor. We're going to clear the floor for the Humanitarian Drill. Are you in here? Here they come. Star Points, we are going to clear the floor. It's the Grand Representatives Drill, sorry.

Sister Freida Dillon: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. It is with great pleasure that I bring this report to you this afternoon. One of the first things I did when I became active in Eastern Star was to subscribe to the Bulletin. I was told I really had to if I really wanted to know what was going on in the Eastern Star in Texas. Beginning with the first issue I was fascinated by the travels of our Grand Representatives and the differences in the approaches of the various jurisdictions to our ritualistic work and yet we are whole, united for the good of our fellow man. It never occurred to me that one day I might be a Grand Representative, yet here I stand today as a past Grand Representative of the great jurisdiction of Saskatchewan in Canada, extending a warm welcome to those Grand Representatives from around the world and the state who are with us this afternoon. We know you have traveled many miles, thousands in some instances. Our prayers of thanks for your safe journey here are followed by our prayers for a safe journey home.

The 2012-2013 year was a good one for Texas Grand Representatives. In their travels to their Grand Jurisdictions there were no accidents or problems reported. All of the reports spoke of the warm welcomes they received from their counterparts as well the membership of the jurisdiction they represented. Many of the reports brought back fond memories of my own travels to the states and the Canadian Provinces. It was my pleasure to respond to many inquiries from Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions, most wanted to know who their counterpart is and how to get in touch with the counterpart.

Near the close of the year we were saddened by the loss of one of our most active Past Grand Representatives, Sister Dortha Burnett, and Widow of Past Grand Patron Leslie G. Burnett, passed away on July 18th at the age of 91. She served as Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas three times, in 1963-65 of Pennsylvania in Texas, in 1994-96 the District of Columbia in Texas and in 2001-02 Louisiana in Texas. She will be greatly missed.

I wish to thank first Sister Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron for the honor and privilege of serving the Grand Chapter of Texas in this position. I would also like to thank Sister Barbara Martin, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron for all her most valuable assistance and support. Also Sister Phyllis Macon who is a fountain of knowledge on anything concerning Grand Representatives and the District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Deputy Grand Matrons for their filling in where needed for our drill. And last but not least, Sister Melanie Rayner, Jr. Past Fraternal Correspondent who started me in the right direction at the beginning of the year.

Not all of the Grand Representatives and counterparts could be with us however all the flags will be honored.

And now our beautiful Grand Marshal, Ms. Lori Goldman will present the Grand Representatives and their Escorts in the "It's a Small World Drill". During the drill you will

hear the beautiful music of our Grand Organist, Mrs. Beverly Plante and the outstanding voice of the Grand Soloist, Mrs. Durinda Walker.

Presenting the flag of Alabama is Sister Edna Goettee, Grand Representative to Alabama in Texas. Sister Mary Ruth White is her escort. And a little note on Sister Edna, she's going to celebrate 97 years in three weeks. (Applause) Hey, how would you like to sing Happy Birthday to her just three weeks early? (Everyone sang) Alberta, Tom Warner Grand Representative, Mrs. Jimmie Warner Grand Escort. Arizona, Mrs. Allene Thompson Grand Representative, Gary Kawaski, escort. Arkansas, Pamela Johnson Grand Representative, Martha Hackley District Deputy Grand Matron, flag bearer. Australia, Sister Jane Wert Grand Representative, Mrs. Betty Carter, Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, Section 6, escort. Bolivia, Sandy McMillan Credentials Committee is representing Mrs. Ruby Dorman, Grand Representative. Her escort is William Arrondale. Brazil, Mrs. Yvonne Alton, Deputy Grand Matron District 3, Section 2, representing that great state. Kelly Goswick is the escort. British Columbia, James Rippey, is the Grand Representative of British Columbia. Mrs. Selma Rippey is his escort. California, Mrs. Marlene Dibrell Grand Representative escorted by Robert Johnson Grand Representative of Texas in California. Thomas F. Griffin is the Grand Representative of Colorado in Texas escorted by Mrs. Vi Griffin, Public Relations Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Grand Representative of Connecticut Jean Thomas is representing Connecticut. She's a former Grand Representative of British Columbia in Texas. Mr. Floyd Green is her escort. Delaware, Mrs. Ellen Pickrell is the Grand Representative and she is escorted by Mrs. Patricia Martin. Washington, D.C. Mrs. Laura Clampitte is the Grand Representative of District of Columbia escorted by Mr. Weldon Clampitte, DeMolay Executive in Texas and Grand Master of DeMolay International is her escort. The Grand state of Florida represented by Mrs. Donna Noe, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3. Her escort is Mrs. Claudine S. Rogers, Grand Representative of Texas in Florida. Georgia, Mr. Robert Hess, Past Grand Patron of Kansas and Mrs. Jean Krempin, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3 Section 7. Idaho, Mr. Gail Blackmon is the Grand Representative, Mrs. Doris Blackmon is his escort. Illinois, Mrs. Glenda Wentworth, Jr. Past Representative of Illinois in Texas escorted by Mrs. Melanie Rayner. Indiana, Mary Jo Jaska, Deputy Grand Matron of District 3, Section 10 is representing Indiana. Cindy Newberry, Past Matron of Garden Oaks Chapter is her escort. Iowa, Mrs. Sharon Barrett, Deputy Grand Matron District 3, Section 9. Lynne Love, Deputy Grand Matron District 4, Section 8. Kansas, Dorothy Langston Grand Representative of Kansas in Texas escorted by Mrs. William Hess Grand Representative of Texas in Kansas. Kentucky, Mary Reno is escorted by Ms. Kate Richardson. Paulette Bartlett Grand Representative of Louisiana in Texas is being represented by Mr. Bob Royall, Past Patron of Huffman Chapter escorted by Cindy Silverman, Personal Page to the Worthy Grand Patron of Louisiana. State of Maine, Mrs. Esther O'Neal Grand Representative escorted by James Cartwright, Past Patron of Lancaster 943. Manitoba, Grand Representative Doyle Thornton, no, Doyle Thornton is representing that state and he's Grand Escort to Grand Electa in Texas. Brenda Whitehead is his escort. Grand Representative of Maryland Sue Briwa escorted by Connie Bilby, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 1. Massachusetts, Darlene Robinson Grand Representative escorted by Marsha L. Thompson, Grand Representative of Texas in Massachusetts. Michigan, Helen Dupree Grand Representative escorted by Russell DiBenedetto, Worthy Patron of Mt. Bellview Chapter 1142. Minnesota represented by Clarissa Dallas, Deputy Grand Matron of District 2, Section 3. Johnny Love is her Past Patron of Caldwell #976. Mississippi, Claudine Burgess escorted by Terry Miller. Missouri, Mrs. Bridget Barber representing the state,

Deputy Grand Matron of District 1, Section 1 escorted by Marilyn Butler, Worthy Matron of Archives 1095. Montana, Sula Jane Reilly Grand Representative escorted by Wanda Hollingworth, Yearbook Committee. Nebraska, Reva Tish Fields escorted by Mr. Earl Fields, Past Patron of Frank W. Lynn 1015. Nevada, Mrs. Judy Chitty Deputy Grand Matron District 1, Section 10 is their representative and is escorted by Julie Tharp. New Brunswick Mrs. Rosalie Randall Deputy Grand Matron, District 1, Section 7 escorted by Pat Chuber, Deputy Grand Matron of District 4, Section 7. New Hampshire, Grand Representative Patricia A. Pettit escorted by Mr. Larry Pettit. New Jersey (I'm trying to do this too fast) Jeanette Cotton escorted by Mr. Nelson Campbell, Past Grand Patron of Texas. New Mexico, Mrs. Alys Newsom Deputy Grand Matron, District 1, Section 5 escorted by Peggy McNeely Deputy Grand Matron of District 1, Section 8. New York, Sharon Willingham Past Matron of Texas City #66 representing New York escorted by Betsy Foote, Deputy Grand Matron District 5, Section 10. North Carolina, Fran Curtis Grand Representative escorted by Mrs. Frankie Johnson, Past Matron of Beaumont #71. North Dakota, Joyce Smith Grand Representative escorted by Ruenell Jarriel. Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Mrs. Vicki Smith escorted by John Turner. Ohio, represented by Mrs. Linda Winn-Christenson, Board of Grand Examiners District 5 escorted by Mrs. Carol Musselman, Grand Representative to Texas in Ohio. Oklahoma, Janie Dunsmoor escorted by Gerald Stegall, Grand Representative of Texas in Oklahoma. Ontario, Mrs. Juanita Sharp Grand Representative escorted by Mrs. Helen Banna, Grand Representative of Texas in Ontario. Oregon, Mrs. Dorris Clegg escorted by Mr. Stanley C. Miller, Grand Representative of Texas in Oregon. Pennsylvania, Kay Cunningham Deputy Grand Matron District 1, Section 3 representing that state, Mrs. Annie Cornelius is her escort. Puerto Rico, Mrs. Gloria Terry, Deputy Grand Matron, Cathy McIntyre is her escort. Quebec, Cathi Cannon Grand Representative, Mr. Gene Cannon, Past Patron of Tomball #838 her escort. Rhode Island, Mrs. Peggy Wicks Grand Representative, Mr. Jack Black, Past Worthy Patron of Farmers Branch #687. The Grand Representative of Saskatchewan is represented by Mrs. Jane Arrendell, Deputy Grand Matron of District 4, Section 3. Mr. Oscar Harrell Worthy Patron of #282 is her escort. Scotland, Mrs. Lynda Benefield is the Grand Representative escorted by Mrs. Laura Guyer, Past Matron of Handley #617. South Carolina, Mr. Ben Clegg escorted by Mrs. B. J. Corwin Humanitarian Chairman, District 4. South Dakota, Mr. Sunny Wise escorted by Mrs. Elizabeth Wise. Tennessee, Mrs. Arline Smith Grand Representative, Mr. Norman Sloan, Worthy Patron of Montgomery #228 escort. Utah, Mrs. Donna Nair, Deputy Grand Matron of District 5, Section 4, Sue Kinsey her escort. Vermont, Mrs. Alphene Gressett Grand Representative escorted by Mrs. Cristy Kestler, Deputy Grand Matron District 5, Section 3. Virginia, Mrs. Phyllis Wilson, Deputy Grand Matron District 5, Section 6, Karen Gregory escort. Washington, Bert Kniseley Grand Representative escorted by Mrs. Mary Calvert, Humanitarian General Chairman. West Virginia, Mrs. Ruth West Grand Representative escorted by Mrs. Judy Parsons, Deputy Grand Matron of District 2, Section 7 her escort. Wisconsin, Mickie Campbell, Board of Directors District 4, representing, Karen Weisner is her escort. Mrs. Linda Carter is representing Wyoming, Deputy Grand Matron of District 5, Section 9, Kay Korosky is her escort. Thank you all. (Applause)

(At this time the Grand Representative leave the floor)

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers thank you for your attendance and attention. We have closed and are at rest now and we're going to go to the banquets at 5:30. At 7:00 p.m. we will have the Call to Order and we will have the Memorial Program followed by ESTARL so take a little break. See ya in the banquets. Thank you.

“Just One Candle”

Memorial Program



Mrs. Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Bill Crews
Worthy Grand Patron

Dr. Leslie Keilberg
Grand Chaplain
August 2013

“Just One Candle” Memorial Program
131st Grand Chapter of Texas
Thursday, August 15, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Arlington Convention Center

A beautiful Musical Prelude played by Brother Daniel Caldwell

Call to Order

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Jerry Trees
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Piano

Mrs. Beverly Plante

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Good evening Sisters and Brothers. I hope you all have enjoyed your District Banquets and are now ready to settle down and enjoy some blessings from our Memorial Program and our ESTARL Program tonight. I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me the honor of opening up this Session. Brother Jerry would you like to say a few words before we get started?

PGP Jerry Trees: What a pleasure it is to open this Session of Grand Chapter. Thank you to Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron for this honor. We wish for Sister Annette and Brother Bill great success during this 131st Grand Chapter Session, “Love, Unity and Peace”. Also, it is great to be back in the East with Sister Joyce Gilbert, my Worthy Grand Matron.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Thank you Brother Jerry. To our visitors and special guests we thank you for being with us tonight and that your time with us will be pleasurable, inform able, and many blessings received. But you will understand some of the work that you see this membership doing and giving to our charities and making people’s lives better. I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Chapter Room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Three raps) (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is with great pleasure that I present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Crews. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. Worthy Grand Matron it is my pleasure to present you with your gavel.

WGM Annette Curry: (One rap) The Grand Officers will take their respective stations. At this time we will have special music “Peace in Our Time O’ Lord” by the Grand Choir.

(Peace in Our Time O’ Lord – It is Well With My Soul by Grand Choir)

(Applause)

Our Invocation will be given by Brother Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron. (Three raps)

WGP Bill Crews: Let us bow for prayer. Most kind and gracious heavenly Father we come to you in your presence with humble hearts as we prepare to honor those who have walked these Eastern Star trail in the past that has entered into that heavenly home above to dwell with you forever. We ask your blessings upon each family represented tonight. And give peace and mercy to the families of the ones we honor. We know your grace is sufficient and

look forward to the day when we'll join them in our heavenly home. We thank you for your kindness and goodness. These things we ask in thy name sake. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Grand Conductress you will open our holy Bible. (One rap)

I invite Sister Janell Trees, Grand Chaplain Pro-Tem to bring the report of the Grand Chaplain.

Sister Janell Trees: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity of service to our Grand Chapter of Texas.

During this year we have lost one Past Grand Matron, Sister Wanda Fairchild, on August 5, 2012 and one Past Grand Patron, Brother Wayne P. Jones on January 26, 2013. We mailed cards to their families and a donation from the Installed Grand Officers to the ESTARL fund was made.

Other Grand Jurisdictions have reported the loss of 82 Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and other Grand Officers. Letters were mailed expressing our Texas Grand Chapter sympathy and concern for the loss of loved ones of their families and their Jurisdictions.

Our Texas Subordinate Chapters have lost 1,288 members this year. We sent 106 cards expressing sympathy, get well wishes and thinking of you to our own membership.

We pause for a moment to remember our Sisters and Brothers who our heavenly Father has called home and whose presence will not be among us but whose service in the years past cannot be erased from our memory. There comes a time for all of us when we must say "Goodbye." Remembering truth, love, unity and peace will never die as long as we have faith in God. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; Love leaves a memory no one can steal."

We dedicate our Memorial Program:

"No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it and only God can tell us why."

In tribute to the memory of all our Sisters and Brothers who have journeyed beyond the Stars, to those of our members who have lost loved ones, and to the memory of our own beloved Sister Wanda Fairchild and Brother Wayne P. Jones, we lovingly dedicate this "Just One Candle" Memorial Service.

God saw the road was getting rough. The hills were hard to climb. So gently he closed the very eyes and whispered "Peace be thine." The Candle of Truth will be presented by Sister Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron of Texas. The Candle of Faith is presented by Sister Mary Ruth White, Past Grand Matron of Texas. The Candle of Love is presented by Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron of Texas. The Candle of Unity is presented by Sister Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matron of Texas. At this time Mr. Kenney James, Past Patron of Brazoria Chapter #74 and West Columbia Chapter #705 will present special music "God's Kingdom Someday".

(Kenney James sang "God's Kingdom Someday")

(Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: I invite Sister Vi Griffin, Public Relations General Grand Chapter Committee Member and a Past Grand Matron of Texas will give the tribute to General Grand Chapter members.

PGM Vi Griffin: The words of loving tribute and praise spoken here tonight may soon be forgotten, as beautiful flowers lose their fragrance and wither, but the sweet memories of our loved ones we keep in our hearts forever and so it is to the quiet places of our memory that we turn in this hour.

Though our earthly ties are severed, we have memories tenderly cherished. Memories of their friendship, their affection, their love and loyalty and their devotion, all are stamped indelibly upon our hearts. How true are the lines “to live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die”.

Gently then we retrieve our fondest memories and pay loving tribute to those members of our General Grand Chapter Family who have passed into the joys of celestial life.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Mary Ann Ivy, Grand Adah, will present the flowers of fidelity. The tribute to Past Grand Matron, Sister Wanda Fairchild will be presented by Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. What an honor it is to pay tribute to my sweet friend, Wanda Fairchild. Her life reflected in the lives of others through fidelity, your constancy, your loyalty and your faith in God. You walked steadily without losing sight of that which you wished to accomplish. But most of all, we loved you because you loved us and what you did for our Order. My sweet friend Wanda is gone but she will never be forgotten by those who really knew her.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Margaret Wood, Grand Martha will present the flowers of immortality. The tribute to the Past Grand Patron, Brother Wayne P. Jones will be given by Sister Elise B. Hammack, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Elise Hammack: His deeds are engraved in a special place apart on the enduring table of so many Texas hearts. Brother Wayne, a beautiful memory dearer than gold, of a Brother whose worth can never be told, happy and smiling, always content, loved and respected wherever he went. To a beautiful life came a peaceful end, he died as he lived, everyone's friend. Beyond the gate our loved one finds happiness and rest, and we find comfort in the thought that a loving God knows best.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Nell Thornton, Grand Electa, will present the flowers of love. The tribute to the Subordinate Chapter Membership will be given by Sister Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Nancy Brown: Some links have gone from our golden chain, but our Lord would not wish us to weep in vain, for the souls of the faithful are with Him above and someday we will meet, by the grace of His love. In the Beatitudes we read “Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”. Our Lord knows that we mourn when we lose those precious members who have been in cherished places in our Chapters. Scripture tells us in John 11:35 that even “Jesus wept” because of his compassion for Mary and Martha when they lost their brother Lazarus. We are assured many times in the Bible of God's unconditional love for his children. II Corinthians 12:9 tells us “My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness”. All of our precious Sisters and Brothers who went to be with our Father this past year are sorely missed but we have the assurance that we will be united with them in that home prepared for those who love Him.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Kathy Crews, Grand Esther, will present the flowers of faith.

The tribute to the United States Military will be given by Sister Joyce Nicklas, General Grand Chapter Support Our Military member and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: This evening we pay loving tribute to the men and women serving our country in the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marines and the Coast Guard. Each made a solemn oath to protect our country on foreign shores and at home, also to protect each of us even at the cost of their own lives. We pay tribute to those brave men and women who gave their lives serving our country. Who else would give their lives for us other than Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Ruth James, Grand Ruth, will present the flowers of constancy. Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and our Grand Chaplain Pro-Tem, you will drape our Altar. (Three raps)

(The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress drape the altar)

Grand Chaplain Pro-Tem Janell Trees: Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we come to you this evening with heavy hearts for we have friends that we will have no more with us. We pray thee to bless the spirit of their existence and that for which they stood. We pray thee to bless their loved ones and to take care of them that they may live again to love and to help. We thank you for the lives of these very special people who have graced our lives. May we walk in their footsteps and set the example thou would have us set. We pray thee to let their blessings rest upon us. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Annette Curry: (One rap) A special song “Just One Candle” by Mrs. Durinda Walker, Grand Soloist.

(“Just One Candle” sung by Sister Durinda Walker)

(Applause)

Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible. (Three raps)

Our trunk of Hopes, once more ajar, we send a greeting from our Star. God closed their eyes to mortal sight and tenderly we say “Good Night”. The Benediction will be brought by Brother Ray Hertenberger, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Let us pray. Our Father which art in Heaven we ask that the solemnity exemplified by this Memorial Program be a reminder to each of us here assembled that this mortal life will someday end and our souls will return to you. We ask Lord as you dismiss us with your benediction that you will give us the strength, the wisdom, the forbearance and the love to follow the divine paths that you have laid before us. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers, this concludes our Memorial Program. Our ESTARL Program is scheduled to begin at 8:00. (One rap)

Serving With Love and Unity of Spirit

ESTARL Service and Awards



Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the
Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

Ephesians 4:3

ANNETTE CURRY
WORTHY GRAND MATRON

BILL CREWS
WORTHY GRAND PATRON

AUGUST 15, 2013

TERRI ROZELL
GENERAL CHAIRMAN

ESTARL PROGRAM

“Serving with Love and Unity of Spirit”

Musical Prelude

Delphia Von Heeder
Education Fund Dist. 4 Chairman

Welcome

Terri Rozell
General Chairman

ESTARL Committee

Daniel Caldwell Dist. 1
Marcia Benton Dist. 2
Terri Hugo Dist. 3
Charlene Butchee Dist. 4
Delia Whitfield Dist. 5

Invocation

Musical Selection

Lindsay Smith
Recipient

Scripture Reading

Christian Messemer
Recipient

Message

Jeff Garner
Recipient

Offertory Prayer

Shenille Johnston
Recipient

ESTARL Love Offering

Offertory Music

Delphia Von Heeder

Presentation of Awards

Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Matron
Bill Crews
Worthy Grand Patron
Assisted by ESTARL Committee

Response from Recipients

Timothy Wang
Recipient

Benediction

Rev. Joy Woodland Dister
Recipient

2012-2013 ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

DISTRICT ONE

Dustin Davis Benac	Plano #703
Roman J. Walley, III	DalCliff #574
Kevin Spencer Porterwood	Richardson #921
Jacom Hunter	Commerce #208
Daniel Scott Thursby	Ferris #508
Barry Stanford	Whitewright #939

DISTRICT TWO

Reagan Lynch	Norman Read #1010
Jonathan Sullivan	A.E. Shirley #986

DISTRICT THREE

Blair Elliot Lewis	Grapevine #326
Christian Messemer	Polytechnic #420
Hannah Rebecca Priest	Everman #624
Timothy John Wang	N. Fort Worth #684
Taylor Cruse	Webb #1140
Joy Woodland Dister	Grapevine #326

DISTRICT FOUR

Jeffrey William Garner	LaMarque #979
Rebecca Love	Lufkin #382
Wade Harman	Woodville #462
Lindsay Smith	New Caney #1093
Eulis H. Hill	LaMarque #979

DISTRICT FIVE

mark Anthony Camarillo	Pleasanton #133
Shaenelle Nicole Johnston	violet #158
James Benson McGlone	Texas #35
Michael Ryan Stratton	Luling #55

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Musical Prelude

Delphia Von Heeder
Education Fund, Dist. 4 Chairman

Welcome

Terri Rozell
General Chairman

Sister Terri Rozell: Good evening everyone. If you will take a seat we are going to begin our ESTARL Awards Ceremony. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Guests, my Sisters, Brothers, Guests and Friends. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the “Serving with Love and Unity of Spirit” ESTARL Service and Awards Program. We hope you have enjoyed the beautiful music for our Prelude by Sister Delphia Von Heeder, Education Fund, District 4, Chairman. She has done a beautiful job and will you join me in letting her know how much we appreciate her. (Applause) I believe we have had all of our recipients meet with us prior to beginning this program but if there are any recipients who did not come into the convention center that we did not intercept I would now ask you to come up and join the others on stage.

In 1956 the Grand Chapter of Texas voted to participate in the ESTARL program established by General Grand Chapter. The Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership was created to financially assist deserving men and women as they prepare for various fields of religious leadership. Our applicants come from all denominations. Their fields of interest are varied from Church Pastor to Music, Youth Ministry, Missionary work or Faith Based Counseling. What they all have in common is their deep faith and commitment to follow the calling to serve our Lord and Savior. Reading their letters for application was a profound experience. Each personal story of their journey to this point in time, their lives priorities and their goals to do his work was a beautiful testimony for their love of Christ. For me personally, I was inspired and uplifted by their faith and spirit. And my life has been enriched by meeting these dedicated Christians. And I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for asking me to serve as General Chairman this year. From Ephesians 4:3 “Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the spirit, binding yourselves together with peace”. Our Worthy Grand Matron’s theme is “Love, Unity and Peace”. It is with love and a unified purpose that our Order continues to support such a worthy program. The committee received twenty six applications for scholarships of which three did not qualify. At the time the committee met, the ESTARL Fund had \$21,000 from the Humanitarian Program and previous years’ donations, which was enough for us to give twenty one \$1,000 scholarships. Because we had twenty three deserving applicants, our Worthy Grand Matron allocated \$2,000 from her undesignated funds so we were able to award scholarships to all twenty three. It has been my privilege to work with such a dedicated committee this year. I now have the honor of introducing them to you. Will the Chairmen please join me? This committee has put in much time and effort to see that each applicant was given the attention that he or she deserved. They have worked closely with the sponsoring Chapters and I know they have formed

friendships and bonds with the applicants from their respective Districts. I want to personally thank these members for their dedicated service to our Order and I want them to know how much I have enjoyed working with them this past year.

District 1, Daniel Caldwell

District 2, Marcia Benton

District 3, Terri Hugo

District 4, Charlene Butchee

District 5, Delia Whitfield

Will you join me in showing them how much they are appreciated. (Applause) We are very fortunate this evening. We have several of our Scholarship recipients here and before we start our official program I would like for all of them to please stand so that we can recognize them. (Applause) Our Invocation this evening will be given by Reagan Lynch, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a District 2 recipient. He is sponsored by Norman Read Chapter #1010. (Three raps)

Mr. Reagan Lynch: Let us pray. Father we thank you for this time of fellowship, this time to come together in “Love, Unity and Peace”. We ask your blessings on the Order of the Eastern Star, on the ESTARL Program and the lives and education of every student represented up here on this platform. We thank you for your blessings of this year and ask you to bless us in the coming year. In your name we pray. Amen. (Amen)

Sister Terri Rozell: Thank you Reagan. (One rap) Our musical selection this evening will be given by Lindsay Smith. Lindsay is working on her Master’s of Sacred Music at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. She is a District 4 recipient and is sponsored by New Caney Chapter #1093.

(Lindsay Smith sang “The Gift of Love”)

(Applause)

Lindsay, thank you. You do truly have a gift. That was absolutely beautiful. Our scripture reading this evening will be given by Christian Messemer. Christian is also a student at Southwestern Baptist. He is a District 3 recipient and is sponsored by Polytechnic #420. Christian and his wife were just recently blessed with the birth of their son, Ambrose James, or I think he’s better known as A.J., all 9 pounds and 13 ounces. (ohhh, wow, applause)

Mr. Christian Messemer: My wife deserves the applause. (Laughter) Tonight’s scripture reading comes from the third letter of John, verses 1-8. “The elder to the beloved Gaius whom I love in truth, beloved I pray that in all respects you may prosper, be in good health just as your soul prospers, for I was very glad when the brethren came and testified your truth that is how you are walking in the truth. I have no greater joy than this to hear of my children walking in the truth. Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren especially when they are strangers and they have testified to your love before the church. You’ll do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. For they went out for the sake of the name excepting nothing from Gentiles, therefore we ought to support such men so that we may be fellow workers with the truth.” (Applause)

Sister Terri Rozell: Christian, thank you. Our devotional message this evening will be brought by Jeff Garner. He too is a student at Southwestern Baptist. I was asking them if some of them took classes together. Jeff is a District 4 recipient and he is sponsored by

Mr. Jeff Garner: Well, good evening. Hope everyone is doing well tonight. Hope everyone is full of strength. From what I understand you've been going all day and so it is a miracle to me from what I understand you have allotted me ninety minutes tonight to bring the word. (Laughter) I could not be more appreciative, what a blessing (Laughter) to know that you value God's word so much. (Laughter) No, I can promise you I will be short tonight. I want to tell you one story. I want to read to you one passage of scripture that is dear to my heart and I want to leave you with one thought tonight. But before I do I just want to say a big thank you and appreciation goes out to some dear friends of mine, Monty and Toni Crawford, it's good to see you again this evening. Hello, it's good to see both of you. Dear friends in my heart and I value your friendship greatly. I'm joined by my wife Sara tonight, whom we will be married four years this December and I'm sure that many of you have many more years on me but I know I have a long way to go and much to learn. But I can tell you in those three and a half years I have learned much about love, I've learned much about unity, but I have learned much about peace. (Laughter) And you know a lot of that comes from experience which is why one story in particular takes me back to my high school days, long, long, way ago. Many, many years ago (Laughter) when I was in high school, now you've heard it said before that baseball is America's past time. But we know that in Texas football is truly the real past time. And I remember when I was a Junior in High School I was on the Varsity Football team and I was the second string middle linebacker. Now for those of you that don't know what a linebacker is, they have one objective – destroy the quarterback. And knowing that objective I knew I would never hit the field because I was second string. You see when you are second string there's only two ways you get into the game. The first is if your team was up by fifty. I can assure you my Junior year that never happened. Or the other was if the person in front of you was injured. Well it just so happened that in the first Varsity ball game in the North Dallas area that year, I was sitting on the bench watching the first string guy in front of me go into the game, by the way he was an all state linebacker, definitely no shot of getting into the game. Until the first play he tore his ACL, which meant the muscle ripped right through his knee. I'm sitting there like a deer in the headlights because I know what's about to happen. It's my turn to go into the game but there's a catch, it's not just any game and it wasn't just my first play ever in Varsity football. You see the school we were playing at the time was known as Highland Park High School. (Laughter) And just to take things a little further, the quarterback went by the name of Matthew Stafford. In case you didn't know who Matthew Stafford is, he's currently the starting quarterback for the Detroit Lions. (Laughter) And a few years ago he was the number one pick in the NFL draft. Needless to say in high school he was the best quarterback in the country. Now, my job was to destroy this guy. I remember the first play of the game and the ball went away from me. Praise the Lord! (Laughter) Until about four seconds later the ball came back across the field, it was a screen play. And leading the way for the running back were two offensive linemen, six foot three inches and three hundred and thirty pounds running right towards me. This was my chance to make the play of the century. To knock both of them over and make the tackle and show my team I could be the hero. And you know what happened? They ran me flat over. (Laughter) And that running back took it sixty five yards for a touchdown and we got spanked by thirty-five points that night. But you might ask the question "Why do you tell that story?" Well I'll go on to tell you this, it was a rough year. Matter of fact the Dallas Morning News predicted our school to win the district that year. But for the first time in my schools history, at the end of the season we had zero

wins and ten losses. For the first time in our schools history and in over a hundred years, we had a winless season. And I look back upon that season and I learned much but I remember one distinct memory about why I truly believe we did not win a game that season. And to be quite honest, it's because our team did not have a strong sense of unity. Matter of fact we had some of the best players in the country. The truth was in the fact that they went all over the country to play Division One football. You see that was the problem. Many of the men on the team that year had their own vision. They had their own idea of success. They knew in their heart what they wanted to accomplish personally for themselves. It wasn't a unified vision among the team as to what we were working towards. But I know tonight in the Order of the Eastern Star there is a unified vision. I've seen the love of all of you tonight. I can honestly tell you that I felt welcomed. It's an honor to stand here tonight but I know I speak on behalf of all the recipients and we express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the financial gift that you have supported us with in our Christian Education. It is because of your support that we are able to finish our education and bring the gospel to all nations. And for that we are extremely thankful. Thank you. As I look back upon that story, I'm reminded of a man named Paul. Many of you know who Paul is, formally Saul. Blinded by the light of Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus, his life changed in an instant. In a dark cell, in the book of Acts, we see Paul writing a letter to a church that was dear to his heart. Much like I know many of you have friends in this room tonight that are dear to your heart. Paul writes a letter to a church in Philippians. And the theme of this letter above all else to be quite honest really encompasses your theme tonight, one of love, one of unity and one of peace. Paul writes this church to encourage them to not forget what it was that unified all of them together. If it's okay with you, I'd like to remind you of that same message. Paul encourages young Timothy to write so eloquently the following words to the church in Philippi. In Chapter 2 he begins by saying "If there is any encouragement from love in Christ, any comfort from love, if there is any participation in the spirit, if there is any affection from sympathy," he says "complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, and being in full accord and of one mind." It's interesting, he says to be of one mind and of one love. What exactly is he talking about? What mind is he referring to? Before he unpacked this truth for us he decides to go a little further. And to be quite honest for many of them I think he cut deep to the core of their hearts because he goes on to say this: "Church do nothing out of rivalry and conceit. Tell others more significant than yourselves." This is a humble reminder for me tonight. As I humbly stand before you to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ. It goes on to say "Let each of you look not only to his own interest but also to the interest of others." And he wraps it up and he comes back to the first verse by saying this "Have this mind among yourselves." Well here he goes. This is the point that he is referring to. What does he mean by saying "the same love and the same mind"? It's pretty simple actually. He wants to remind the church of the greatest example of love, the greatest example of unity and the greatest example of peace the world has ever seen. And so he goes on to say "Have this mind among yourselves" which is yours and Christ Jesus. Who though he was in the form of God did not count equality with God, a thing to be grasped. But Jesus made himself nothing. Taking the very form of a servant and being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death and a cross. I think it's appropriate when we examine this idea of love, unity and peace. We ask ourselves how do we exhibit these qualities. We look at our attitude and we can examine our attitude with that of Jesus Christ. The greatest example of humility that has ever been set, one that I know is difficult to attain but through the power and the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is attainable. Matter of fact, because

Jesus attained it, because Jesus went the distance, because Jesus did not lose ten games in a row, he went the whole season, perfect and spotless. And at the end of that season, at the end of that playoff run when he put his arms on a cross and he paid the price once and for all. And his blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. God looked upon his son and said “with you I am well pleased”. And so as Paul goes on to write, he concludes this thought of love, unity and peace by exalting the name of Jesus Christ. Because of the example that was set, the Father says “Therefore I have exalted him. I have bestowed upon him the name that is above every name. That at the name Jesus, every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. And every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.” To the glory and praise of God the Father. This is the thought I want to leave with all of us tonight, myself included. As God may have given us certain abilities, he may have given many of us certain gifts, and many of you big dreams and visions to accomplish much within the Order of the Eastern Star, within your Church, within the communities that you will go back to when you leave this place, at the end of the day through those strengths that God has given you, play it back to him. And do we understand that at the end of the day it’s not about how talented we are because if we are not unified together in the gospel of Jesus Christ nothing else matters. I can tell you that the Order of the Eastern Star has set quite the example for us of love, and not just by your financial support but your support in prayer as we continue our Christian Education and leave this place to preach the word and reach the world. And for that we are extremely grateful. Thank you again for your support and I commit to continue to pray for you as you have done for us. Our prayer is that you will remain unified tonight in love, in unity, in peace. Scripture says these three remain Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is what? (Love) Love. May we bind it to our necks, pound it deep into our souls. May the love of Jesus Christ be the means by which we leave this place tonight.

Would you bow your heads with me? Most gracious heavenly Father we thank you so much for this night that you have given us to join together to be unified by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. You are the Godhead three in one. From you, through you and to you are all things. God, tonight we pray that your name will be glorified. We lift you up and exalt you. We pray tonight God that you would unify us, that you would give us the spirit of love and peace. Lord I pray that if there is any dissention among our hearts this evening that you would remove it, that you would fill that void with the peace and love of your son, Jesus. Thank you for the opportunity to come here tonight to bring the word. Your word that brings truth, your word that brings grace. Thank you for the example you have set for us. We give this time back to you, we say thank you for who you are and what you have done. Would you unify us in your name tonight, the name of Jesus. And all God’s people said Amen and Amen. (Amen) (Applause)

Sister Terri Rozell: Jeff I thank you so much for your inspirational message. Before we continue I would like to ask that any Pages and Deputies who can assist please quietly and quickly come down and stand by the table where we have the boxes placed so that you will be ready to collect our offering. After collecting the offering please return the boxes to the table.

Shaenelle Johnston will bring our Offertory Prayer. Shaenelle is a student at Global University. She is a District 5 recipient and she is sponsored by Violet Chapter #158.

Ms. Shaenelle Johnston: Dear heavenly Father, we are so grateful to be here. We are grateful to be in your presence, we’re grateful to be together and we’re grateful for this opportu-

nity to give. I ask that you take this offering and let it lead to the furthering of your kingdom. Lord, let it be blessed and let the giver be blessed. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen. (Amen)

Sister Terri Rozell: While the offering is being collected, Sister Delphia will you grace us with some more of your beautiful music?

(Music played by Delphia Von Heeder)

Thank you, Delphia. (Applause) Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will you please honor us tonight by presenting the 2012-2013 scholarship certificates to the students who were able to attend our ceremony tonight? If the District Chairman will come forward and call the names of their recipients from their respective Districts. Daniel.

Brother Daniel Caldwell: Sister and Brothers it is my privilege to present Mr. Jacob Hunter who is a recipient and he was sponsored by Commerce Chapter #208. Would you give Jacob a hand as he comes forward to receive his scholarship. (Applause) I now invite Marcia Benton, District Two Chairman, to come and present her recipients.

Sister Marcia Benton: Our recipient here tonight from District Two is Reagan Lynch sponsored by Norman Read Chapter #1010. (Applause) I would now like to present District Three Chairman Ms. Terri Hugo.

Sister Terri Hugo: Thank you. I'm please to present the recipients for District Three and they are, a couple of them couldn't be here this evening but we know we are in prayer for them and we honor them tonight as well. And it's Taylor Cruse who is attending East Texas Baptist University and is sponsored by Webb #1140. Joy Woodland Dister, she is attending SMU, Perkins School of Theology and is sponsored by Grapevine #326. (Applause) And also from District Three Blair Elliot Lewis, he's attending Bright Divinity School at TCU and is sponsored by Grapevine #326. And next we have Christian Messemer, he's attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is sponsored by Polytechnic #420. (Applause) I also have Hannah Rebecca Priest, she's attending Dallas Baptist University and is sponsored by Everman #624. (Applause) And Timothy John Wang, he's attending Dallas Theological Seminary and he is sponsored by N. Fort Worth #684. (Applause) I now have the pleasure of presenting Charlene Stimits Butchee, Chairman of District Four.

Sister Charlene Stimits Butchee: Thank you Sister Terri and that's "Butchie" not "Bushay", I'm sorry. It is with pleasure that I present the recipients from District Four. Jeffrey William Garner, LaMarque Chapter #979. He's attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. Next we have Wade Harman, Woodville Chapter #462. Kinderler Theological School, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. (Applause) We also have Eulis Hill from LaMarque Chapter #979. Attending SMU, Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas. She could not be here. And Rebecca Love from Lufkin Chapter #382, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. We have Lindsay Smith, New Caney Chapter #1093. She's attending SMU, Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas. (Applause) I now present District Five Chairman, Delia Whitfield. Thank you.

Sister Delia Whitfield: Thank you. We are very pleased that we have four candidates for the scholarships. We have Mark Camarillo from Pleasanton, Texas and he's attending the Baptist University of the America's. (Applause) Ms. Shaenelle Nicole Johnston from Vanderbilt, Texas, she's sponsored by Violet Chapter #158. (Applause) And two more that could not be with us are James Benson McGlone from San Antonio, Texas, sponsored by

Texas Chapter #35 and Michael Ryan Stratton from Luling and he is being sponsored by Luling #55. (Applause)

Sister Terri Rozell: At this moment I would like to ask the families of these recipients who came here tonight, if they would please stand. I know without your love and your support they would have a very difficult road and I'm so happy to see so many of you here. (Applause) Timothy Wang will respond for all the recipients. Timothy is a student at Dallas Theological Seminary. This is his second year to receive an ESTARL scholarship. He is a District Three recipient and he is sponsored by N. Ft. Worth #684.

Mr. Timothy Wang: Good evening. During my last year at Seminary I've had the privilege of soaking in the wisdom and experience incredible Professors, of attending classes with students from all over the globe and of growing in spiritual maturity through the joys and challenges of life. I see that God has used this time of training to prepare me for future ministry, particularly in teaching Bible and theology within the high school context. And so I'm grateful for Eastern Star's generosity in helping to make all of this possible. And I know that I'm not alone. I know that all the other award recipients here tonight could also testify as to how God is using your generosity to prepare them for future roles of religious leadership. And so on behalf of all of the award recipients, thank you very much. (Applause)

Sister Terri Rozell: Thank you Timothy. I also would like to add that if there are Chapters here after our Ceremony is over and speak with those that you have sponsored for these scholarships, I know that they would love the opportunity to meet you and talk with you. Worthy Grand Patron we would like for you to bring Greetings.

WGP Bill Crews: Well it's my pleasure to speak to this group this evening. Polytechnic had a part up here tonight. We have been involved in this for quite a while and we certainly appreciate you students. And we are extra pleased to be able to help you along your way that you may reach your goals that God has set in your life. Thank you very much and thank you for attending. (Applause)

Sister Terri Rozell: Worthy Grand Matron I know everyone would like to hear a few words from you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you my General Chairman. Sisters and Brothers you have seen this evening a lovely presentation of these recipients of these ESTARL awards. Your donations through the Humanitarian Fund through Memorials, Birthday presents, all the things that you give you see they are doing good works. And I'm so pleased to have each one of you with us this evening. We wish for you the very, very best. We are proud that we are able to assist you, the little bit that we do but we're very proud of it. And I'm proud too, Brother Worthy Grand Patron, N. Fort Worth also has a recipient here this evening. But to each one of you, thank you, I know you came many many miles to be here but know that we are proud and are pleased to assist you. And Sisters and Brothers remember this is an example of the good works and the things that Eastern Star can do. Thank you so very much. (Applause) To the Chairman Terri Rozell and these other wonderful District Chairmen, I thank you for accepting these wonderful appointments and all the work and time. I know it takes time and effort and all the research and different things, but thank you so much for serving and maybe we can get a picture right quick of this committee. (Applause)

Sister Terri Rozell: We will close tonight's program with a Benediction given by Rev. Joy Woodland Dister. Joy is a student at Perkins School of Theology. She is a District Three

recipient and she is sponsored by Grapevine Chapter #326. Joy.

Rev. Joy Woodland Dister: May the love of family and friends always surround you. May the Lord bless you and keep you until we meet again. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. Go in peace. (Applause)

Sister Terri Rozell: And thank all of you for staying, for your attention and for making this a very special evening for our recipients. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers this concludes our ESTARL program and we will see you early in the morning.

“Truth and Love” Session
131st Grand Chapter of Texas
Friday Morning, August 16, 2013
8:00 a.m.
Arlington Convention Center

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, PM
Grand Representative of
California in Texas

Call to Order

Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Past Grand Matron of Texas
Mr. K. Arthur Drescher, Jr.
Past Grand Patron of Texas

PGM Mary Ruth White: Good morning my Sisters and Brothers. It is an honor to be here in this place and to begin this new day of our Grand Chapter together with my Worthy Grand Patron, K. Arthur Drescher, Jr. we Call to Order this “Truth and Love” Session of the 131st Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

PGP Arthur Drescher: We’d like to thank Mrs. Marlene Dibrell for our beautiful music that set the tone for the ceremony this morning. (Applause)

PGM Mary Ruth White: Sister Grand Marshal you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, their Grand Officers and personal Pages to enter the Grand Chapter room for their “Memory Maker” Drill under the direction of our Grand Marshal Sister Lori Goldman.

(The Grand Marshal directed a beautiful procession which made an elephant.)

(Applause)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other Grand Officers we thank you for an inspiring Drill to start this Session this morning. Sister Grand Marshal you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and their Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sister Grand Conductress and Sister Associate Grand Conductress you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Three raps) (Applause)

Sisters and Brothers it is my privilege to present Sister Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with the Grand Honors. (One rap) Worthy Grand Matron to your very kind invitation, My Worthy Grand Patron and I have had the privilege of again standing together in this Grand East and sharing the honor of Calling to Order this “Truth and Love” Session. For this courtesy and privilege we are grateful and we thank you Worthy Grand Matron. We wish for you a wonderful Session today and this morning in particular when we have many important decisions to make. Worthy Grand Patron you have served our Grand Chapter in many ways over the years. You and your Bill’s Boys have served Grand Chapter and your Worthy Grand Matron with your many talents and this week of Grand Chapter brings to completion many hours of plans and hard work. Thank you for your service to our Order. Brother Arthur, would you

greet our Worthy Grand Matron and Patron?

PGP Arthur Drescher: Thank you Sister Mary Ruth. I also would like to express my appreciation to Sister Annette Curry and Brother Bill Crews for the privilege of assisting in opening this “Truth and Love” Session of the 2013 Grand Chapter of Texas here in Arlington, Texas and to have the privilege of serving in the East again with my own Worthy Grand Matron and Treasured Friend. This is a real honor.

PGM Mary Ruth White: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, during this “Truth and Love” Session may we remember that when we trust God with our time and talents and let him control how we use them we will reap the blessings of his love in our lives. Worthy Grand Matron, I place in your capable hands your gavel with the deepest respect and love as you proceed with the business of our Grand Chapter.

WGM Annette Curry: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of Grand Chapter. (One rap) Sister Grand Conductress you will open our holy Bible. (Three raps) (One rap after Bible is opened and Conductress goes back to her station.)

I am pleased to invite Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Past Grand Matron of Texas to bring our Devotional.

PGM Betty Y. Friend: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. This morning for our devotional I have chosen Ephesians 1:2 and another verse in Ephesians. Paul, even when he was in jail, continued to counsel the Christians that he had been working with and in Ephesians 1:2 he told them “Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord, Jesus Christ.” In his letter to the Christians of Ephesus, Paul spoke of the grace of God in a sin wrecked world. And in Ephesians 3:2 he says “The grace of God was given to me to pass on to you.” He indicated that the secret of life is this “all that we have, all that we are, is a gift of grace to be shared.” Everything that happens to us, all that we learn, each delight or each difficulty that we go through prepares us to develop deep sharing relationships. We have been called chosen and elected to receive his unmerited favor known as grace. We’ve not earned it nor do we deserve it. But Christ loved us to the uttermost by his death on the cross, his forgiving grace, his sheer love. Life in fellowship with Christ has given us insight and wisdom. We’re challenged to use these talents daily so that knowledge and Christian ethics will be demonstrated by our actions. This is the challenge that we have before us today as we begin the business of this Grand Chapter Session. May we be worthy of the grace of God.

WGM Annette Curry: I now invite the number one Golden Rule lady Dr. Effie Mae Davis to bring our Invocation. (Three raps)

PGM Effie Mae Davis: Our Father in heaven we stand before thee this morning to thank thee for the many blessings we have received. We thank thee for bringing us to this Friday Morning Session of the 131st Assembly of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. We ask thee now to send our loving care for each member here. Bless the Installed Grand Officers and the Elected Members of our Board as they perform their duties of their office this morning. We ask thy guidance and loving care for our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry and for our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Crews as they preside and direct the business of this Assembly. Look kindly now and guide those who need to make decisions and to cast ballots. Keep all our minds open to the paths of service in this

Order. May we leave with the joy of understanding that this Order is for charity and courtesy. We thank thee for the Chapters in this Jurisdiction. May each Chapter represented here this morning, be it large or small, be known in its community for the service that they give to those in need. And may this year of the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas be known for finding new paths of charitable service. Bless all that we seek to do. Keep us walking in the light that thy name may be glorified and honored and may the days of our future show our devotion to thee and in all our ways honor Him who's star in the East we follow. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Annette Curry: (One rap) Sister Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage and call this Session, the 131st Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas from Rest to Labor.

(Session called from Rest to Labor and the Chapter is proved)

I now call this 131st Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas from Rest to Labor. (One rap) Sister Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel.

Grand Warder: This 131st Session of Grand Chapter has been called from Rest to Labor. Worthy Grand Matron your order has been obeyed.

WGM Annette Curry: Before we begin our reports this morning we're so pleased to see our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and at this time I would ask that our Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress to present our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of introducing Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Rennie how pleased we are that you are here this morning. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will be escorted to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is with pride and joy and happiness that I present to you Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. You will join with me in saluting her with the Grand Honors. (One rap) At this time I call on Willie Mae Shaw for the report of the Parliamentarian.

PGM 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 42, 43, and 44 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.

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.

And Number 22. Food products are limited in the Grand Chapter room to water and small snacks.

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of the parliamentary rules of procedure for this Grand Chapter.

WGP Bill Crews: Second

WGM Annette Curry: You have heard the motion to accept the Parliamentarian Report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor raise your purple card. Those opposed? Motion passed. Thank you. We have an announcement now. The scooters that were locked up are now available. Brother John Creel, do you have the Chapters UD Report at this time? He's coming.

PGP John Creel: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests in the East, my Sisters and Brothers. I have Joyce Nicklas, Past Grand Matron here to join me as we present this report. Worthy Grand Matron during this past year, unfortunately there was no activity for the committee to act upon. I thank you for allowing us to serve Grand Chapter and we thank you for this appointment.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. This is a committee report and therefore we do not have to ballot. Thank you both. (One rap) At this time I am going to give the report of the Worthy Grand Matron. It is printed in your Annual Report... Credentials? I had it written on my program here but someone said we didn't do Credential Report this morning. We do? We declared a quorum yesterday so we're okay. Thank you. This is the report of the Worthy Grand Matron. You have the printed one that I hope you have read. This is my Supplemental Report. On June 12th I was pleased to visit the Ronald McDonald House in Corpus Christie along with many members from District 5, Section 8. This is an annual event for these members. They had quilts, stuffed animals, pull tabs that filled that filled two very large barrels. The news media came and interviewed us and we were on TV. This is very good publicity for our Order. June 21st-June 23rd, I attended the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Assembly in Frisco. I presented a love gift from you the membership from donations to the Youth Fund so designated in the Humanitarian Program. June 17th I attended DeMolay Conclave in Austin and presented them with a love gift. I received a letter from the Secretary of the Board with a return address hand written on the upper left corner as Arlington but postmarked February 26th from Beaumont. July 17th I mailed a certified letter to the former Secretary of the Board of Directors requesting the audio copies of the minutes to be delivered to the Grand Secretary's Office within ten business days and no later than August 5th. (Sidebar) To be delivered to the Grand Secretary's Office within ten days and no later than August 5th. The letter was sent to the address shown on the letterhead. The letter as of this date has not been signed for and no minutes are in the Grand Secretary's office since September. In my report printed in the Advanced Annual Report you can see that I first requested the audio minutes be to the Grand Secretary's office on April 4th, copies available. The reply to that email dated April 5th from the Chairman "We will start working on placing the audio recordings on a flash drive or CD." I refer you to Code of Laws, Article 278b, Offenses as Defined in the Legal Code: 1. Any willful disobedience of any lawful order or command of any subordinate or Grand Officer of the Order, shall constitute offenses against the Order of the Eastern Star, and any member of the Order who

may be found guilty of one or more of said offenses shall either be expelled, suspended, or reprimanded in the manner hereinafter provided, all offenders to be tried by the Subordinate or Grand Chapter having jurisdiction of the case and accused. August 3rd I attended the Rob Morris Celebration with the members of District 3, Section 10. August 5th I attended a trial in a Subordinate Chapter.

On August 10th I called a meeting with the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors for 8:00 a.m., one hour preceding the Board of Directors meeting. This meeting was called because I had received so many phone calls with concerns about remarks being made from a Past Grand Matron about the Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron's jewels. Present at this meeting were the above mentioned and two members of the Jurisprudence Committee. The jewels are in the Administration Building. I requested the cabinet be opened and the container be brought into the Board meeting room. The key to that closet is in a locked closet in the Grand Secretary's Office. I asked her to get the key from that closet, unlock the closet where these items were stored. This was done in the presence of the Worthy Grand Patron, the Associate Grand Patron, the Chairman of the Board, the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee. The container was brought in and all items were looked at. There is a variety of items such as delegate badges, Worthy Matron pins, Worthy Patron pins and other type pins. The Worthy Grand Matron's jewels, the Past Grand Matron's jewels, Worthy Grand Patron jewels, and Past Grand Patron jewels were placed on the table and photographed, then placed back in to the fireproof file cabinet. We verified nine Past Grand Matrons jewels, and six Past Grand Patrons jewels for a total of fifteen. The jewels have been stored for eight years and in January it will be nine years. The photographs of the jewels were then verified by looking at the inventory on the CD in a folder which I have here, many pages, pictures and also pictures of the jewels. This and the CD were verified against the pictures of the jewels that we took there on that particular day. There was no list of the value of the jewels in the container therefore until we have a certified appraisal from a qualified jeweler we do not know the value of these jewels. There are no jewels missing according to the CD and the folder. Any value is strictly a guess. These jewels will be the responsibility of the Museum Committee as they were items in the Museum. Copies are available and pictures are available. Again, this was done in the presence of the Corporate Board, the Board of Directors and two members of the Jurisprudence Committee.

On Tuesday, August 13th, this past Tuesday, I was handed a letter addressed to the Worthy Grand Matron from the Grand Secretary. This was delivered to the Grand Secretary on Monday by Gary Blair, Superintendent of TMRC. The letter was carbon copied to the Board of Directors, Corporate Board of Directors and Gary Blair. During the delivery of this letter the Superintendent informed the Grand Secretary that the audit was almost complete and there would be an increase and we should receive a bill this next week. This bill will be an increase over the \$78,000 plus that we paid last year. He also informed her that the daily rate of the ladies will increase as a result of the audit. I will now read the letter that was given to me on Tuesday. This is addressed to Mrs. Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas and that address, the Grand Chapter's address.

Dear Mrs. Curry,

Attached you will find the final invoice and associated reference material for the total cost of completion for the first four apartments at Texas Masonic Retirement Center after the OES decided not to occupy the office space that was currently under construction for this

purpose. Please see the attached correspondence from May 23, 2010 for further history on this matter. The TMRC Board was informed at our monthly meeting on March 25, 2010, by then Worthy Grand Patron, Bill Wyatt, and OES Board Member Diane Davidson while speaking to the cost to stop construction of the OES office and Museum space and redesign that space for resident use; quote "We agree that we are responsible for the cost and we don't intend to go back on that." End quote. Chairman Davidson and Worthy Grand Patron Bill Wyatt added to the record; quote "We will assist in whatever cost it is because it is our responsibility." End of quote. Also during that meeting was discussed with Chairman Davidson and Worthy Grand Patron Bill Wyatt the time frame to provide a final cost associated with the change would take an undetermined amount of time. Now as the construction to convert this space from office and museum space as designed by OES to usable resident space is nearing its completion we can now provide you with an accurate accounting of the total cost that TMRC has incurred.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Orville O'Neill
President Board of Directors

Attached with this documentation is a list of the charges along with the letter that was sent on the date referred to as March 25th, 2010. This is the invoice dated July 26th, 2013. We have charges of the Architect fees of \$74,702.31, fees, permits, construction as of 6/30/2013. Sisters and Brothers we know that we are going to get a bill next week for over this and the Grand Secretary has that figure more accurately than I do there again over seventy something thousand dollars, but this is our invoice. The amount is this - \$801,362.71. \$801,362.71 this is the invoice. This is the result of the actions taken when we did not, we chose, the decision was made not to go to TMRC and this is our bill. \$801,362.71.

On Sunday August 11th I received the resignation of the Grand Chaplain due to health reasons. Worthy Grand Patron, I move that my printed report and my Supplemental Report be referred to the proper Committee.

WGP Bill Crews: Motion has been made and seconded (could not hear who seconded) that the printed report and the Supplementary Report of the Worthy Grand Matron be referred to the proper Committee. This motion is non-debatable. Refer to Parliamentary Rule for Grand Chapter 12b, page 43. All those in favor raise your purple card. Now this cannot be debated. It is non-debatable. All those opposed raise the card. Motion has passed. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: This report is non-debatable. Refer to what the Worthy Grand Patron stated.

Yes, I recognize you. You may ask a question but it is non-debatable. Do you have a question?

PGM Rosemary Berry: Yes ma'am I do. I'm sorry I just needed clarification.

WGM Annette Curry: You can ask a question.

PGM Rosemary Berry: Thank you. In referring this to a Committee...

WGM Annette Curry: Can you give your name and title please?

PGM Rosemary Berry: Oh yes, I'm sorry. I'm Rosemary Swetland Berry, Affiliated Past

Matron of Lufkin Chapter #382 and I need clarification please ma'am.

WGM Annette Curry: You may ask a question.

PGM Rosemary Berry: Thank you. In referring this to a Committee will we have the opportunity later to vote on accepting that report?

WGM Annette Curry: I will have our Parliamentary address that about even having to vote on reports. Can you do that Willie Mae?

PGM Rosemary Berry: Thank you.

PGM Willie Mae Shaw: According to Roberts Rules of Order "Reports of Actions, happenings, do not have to be approved or accepted unless there is a recommendation which would be a question for action." And that was happenings during the previous year.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

PGM Rosemary Berry: Okay, Sister Willie Mae, I'm still...I'm sorry I'm confused. Are you saying that everything that is printed in our Advanced Annual Report and the Supplemental Report given by the Worthy Grand Matron cannot be questioned by this membership?

WGM Annette Curry: Nope. You can ask...go ahead, I'm sorry.

PGM Rosemary Berry: I'm sorry I'm just trying to get clarification. Sister Willie Mae.

PGM Willie Mae Shaw: It is not proper to debate that report. If there is a question on the Committee it goes to or something like that then that can be asked.

PGM Rosemary Berry: Alright, so if we have questions they need to go to the Committee that it's being referred to Sister Willie Mae? There are questions, there are concerns Sister Willie Mae. I'm just trying to see how we can do them in the proper way.

WGM Annette Curry: At this time the Parliamentary says if there are questions or a concern as I have stated all the documentation is here. Every bit of the documentation that's in my report is here. I've not been asked for any documentation to this point. You had the privilege or anyone had the privilege of asking me. It's all documented, it's all been here. If there were any questions they should have been asked before now. Thank you. (One rap) I now call for the report of the Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. This is the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Patron. You will find my report printed in the Advance Annual Report and this is a Supplement to that report. On July 18th of 2013 I attended the Texas DeMolay Conclave in Austin. I have attended several honor events this month, including a dinner and honor meeting for our Worthy Grand Matron and the retirement dinner for our Board Member from District 2. On July 20th I attended a Board Meeting. In August, August 3rd I attended a Rob Morris Celebration in District 3, Section 10. August 5th I attended a trial in a Subordinate Chapter. August 10th I attended a Board Meeting. Thank you membership for all you have done to make this year so special and for all of your kindness to the office of the Worthy Grand Patron and to me personally. I move for the report to be submitted to the proper Committee.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there a motion and a second? You have heard we have a motion and a second (could not hear who seconded) that the report be referred to the proper Committee. All those in favor raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion passed, thank

you. We will now call for the report of the Grand Secretary.

GS Marlene Scholari: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all. I will be giving this as a Supplemental Report. I will not go over the entire report that has been printed in the Advanced Report.

It has been an honor to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. The membership has been wonderful. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this very distinguished position. Thank you for all the encouraging words, support and honors you have bestowed upon me, and the Grand Chapter staff. To the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Crews, it has been wonderful serving with you both this past year. Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for all your support to myself and the office of the Grand Secretary. I sincerely hope all your memories are good ones and that we will make many more in the future. Worthy Grand Patron, you and Grand Esther have been great to work with this year. It has been an honor to serve with both of you. May God's blessings always be with both of you. To Sister Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer, this was our 3rd year to work together. You as Grand Treasurer have met the challenges that have come our way. I look forward to another good year. To the Board of Directors, to those of you who are moving on, God Speed. As I know you will not be retiring but taking on other challenges. Thanks to all.

It is with much pleasure and I would like for my staff to please stand in the back, and I have one up here, I would like to thank the staff of my office. I know most of you know all those who work in the administrators, they are all my Administrative Assistants, Charlotte Beall, Donna Kirkpatrick, Jane Pyle and Tava Smith. I wish to thank each of you for your service to the membership and to myself. Join me in giving them a round of applause please. (Applause)

Lynn Kearney, a special thank you to you for all your volunteer help and dedication to the membership of Texas. You will never know how much I appreciate you. And a heartfelt thanks to those who have served as pages for me this year, Melissa Hudman, Adele Isaacs, Jackie Lemon and Addie Taylor. Please know how much I appreciate and love all of you.

To my husband Joe: I am so glad you are back from Afghanistan. Thank you for all your support, your love and patience. I love you dearly.

I would like to report that on Tuesday, August 13th, the Administrator of TMRC notified me that their audit would be completed this week. Our cost for the residence of the home will be increasing from \$66.49 to \$76.33 for independent living. This is an increase of \$9.84 per day, per person. The clinic residents will be increasing from \$235.03 to \$242.23. This is an increase of \$7.20 per day, per person. He stated this is an estimated figure as of August 13th but that costs will increase to their figures. We will be receiving an additional bill for actuals incurred by TMRC during July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 after the audit is completed. To give us an idea of what that could possibly be. Last year we paid TMRC an additional \$78,389.53 for our estimated payments for this time period.

I would like to now, if you will please turn to page 27 in your Advanced Report we will go over the membership numbers. As you can see in the printed report at the beginning of the year we had a total of 373 Chapters. We have lost ten Chapters to consolidation and two to

demise as of May 31st. As of May 31st our total Chapters was 361. Our total membership, I'm sorry, the Chapters that consolidated are listed in the print out. I will not read them all. We do have one pending and when all the consolidations are completed we will have a total of 345 Chapters. Our total membership last year at the end of the year May 31, 2012 was 30,380. The membership increased by initiations by 560 people, we had affiliations of transfers of 81, we had 246 duals, and 64 demits. There was 176 reinstatements for a total increase of 1,127. Making our total increase of membership at that time was 31,507. Our decreases: Died we had 1,288 members pass, transferred out were 69, we had 256 demits and 52 Grand demits, we had 942 suspensions and 7 expulsions, and 79 withdrawals. Decreasing our membership by 2,693 leaving a total membership of 28,814. When you subtract the dual members that leaves our actual membership, the number of members who actually belong to the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas is 27,108.

Worthy Grand Matron I move the report of the Grand Secretary as printed in the Advanced Report and the Supplemental Report presented to Grand Chapter be referred to the proper Committee.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers, you have a motion and a second (could not hear who seconded) that the printed report and the Supplemental report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the proper Committee. All those in favor raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion carries. I will now call for the report of the Grand Treasurer.

GT Lorrie Owens: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, our Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. I will not bore you with the report that's already written because I know all of you can read. If you have any questions please talk to me later. I do have a couple of comments, we have a typo error on page 38 of my report where it says Endowed Membership, if you're looking at the numbers as of May 31, 2013 it should be 5,625 instead of 5,425. I'd also like to call your attention, I've had questions concerning the blanks that appear in our General Fund Revenue and Expenses. They're blank because this report only goes from September 1st to March 31st. A lot of our expenses especially and some of our revenue deal with our Grand Chapter Session. And we have a lot of expenses that are involved with that that would happen in April, May, June, July and our Grand Chapter does not close until August 31st. So those have not come in and that's why you find the blanks. I hope that answers those questions for you. I also call attention to the fact of the Committee that was appointed last year when the Grand Chapter asked about the sale of the Eastern Star Home. I hope you've read that report. I do have the Supplemental Report and this deals with June 1, 2013 – August 10, 2013.

The past two and a third months have been busy for me. As a Certified Public Accountant with a degree in accounting, the first priority completed was the financial report for you, the membership. The second was to answer the one remaining question concerning the sale of the Eastern Star Home. The answer and documentation were printed in the July 2013 Bulletin. This information was sent by registered mail to the Past Grand Matron who had made the inquiry. The appointed committee has completed their assignment and found all funds were accounted for. None were missing.

On July 6, 2013 the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer held a workshop in Spring, Texas. The response and participation was so good that we had to turn away some who wanted to attend. My thanks to the hosts in District 4, Section 7 who helped us and provided a delicious lunch. In response to a suggestion and for the membership convenience, the Grand

Secretary and I are looking into scheduling workshops in other Districts.

The Corporate Board (which is your eight elected Grand Chapter Officers) and Gerry Sturtz who was representing the Board of Directors as Vice-Chairman, were requested guests to a luncheon on June 28, 2013 with the J. P. Morgan investment bankers. We learned more about each individual involved and the responsibilities of each person (that was the bankers and ourselves), discussed communication problems, systems differences and clarification of rumors.

During this period of time I also attended or participated in the following activities: Two Board of Director meetings, one Corporate Board Meeting, 12 Chapter meetings, 12 Installations, two Masonic Installations, two International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Installations, the opening Session of Grand Assembly, and 13 socials and miscellaneous meetings.

The definition of a rumor is as follows: talk or opinion widely disseminated without discernible source or a statement or report without known authority for its truth. Persistent untrue, unfounded rumors have disrupted and delayed the normal business operations of the Grand Chapter Office and my functions as Grand Treasurer. Before any member of the Order of the Eastern Star repeats a rumor, verify that there are facts to substantiate this rumor. Talk directly with the person about the rumor you heard about her or him. My sincere thanks to the Grand Secretary and her staff for the continued high caliber working ethic under less than ideal conditions. I thank those members of the Board of Directors who have communicated with me on important issues regarding my duties as Grand Treasurer and who have worked for the good of our Order without a personal agenda in place. I am disappointed that a few do not take their Obligation or elected or appointed position seriously enough to work for the betterment of our twelve ladies in TMRC and the welfare and prosperity of our beautiful Order, but I am inspired by the fact that the majority of the membership does take our Obligation seriously. The regular May, July and August meetings for the Board of Directors have been conducted professionally with dignity and decorum and according to Robert's Rules of Order. Special thanks to Willie Mae Shaw, the Grand Chapter Parliamentarian for her time, input and guidance in her area of expertise.

My thanks to my two daughters, both Endowed Members in their respective Chapters, who have offered their encouragement after hearing some of this unpleasantness from across the state of Texas, by strangers. Lastly, a loving thanks to my husband, Jerry Owens who has unfailingly supported me this year and remained a calm, collected gentleman in spite of circumstances and some ridiculous, false rumors.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Treasurer as printed in the Advanced Report and the Supplemental Report presented to this Grand Chapter be referred to the proper Committee.

WGM Annette Curry: Motion has been made and seconded that we refer the report of the Grand Treasurer, her Supplemental and printed report be referred to the proper Committee. Those in favor raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion carries.

Sister Kristin Gardner: Worthy Grand Matron

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Sister Kristin Gardner: I'm Kristin Gardner, a Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747 and

Tenaha #185. I have a current copy of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised and Copyrighted 2011. And according to what I read in the Table of Motions, on page 12 in the Appendix that the motion to refer to a Committee is debatable. I therefore,...

WGM Annette Curry: Our Standing Rules, we have our Standing Rules that are adopted by the Grand Chapter of Texas, they take precedence. Do you want to address that Ms. Parliamentarian? Our adopted rules for the Grand Chapter of Texas, is that right?

PGM Willie Mae Shaw: Yes.

WGM Annette Curry: Go ahead and address it.

PGM Willie Mae Shaw: If you will look in the Session Book on page 43 I believe it is number 12(b).

Sister Kristin Gardner: Okay and I'm looking at number 12.

PGM Willie Mae Shaw: 12(b), referral to a Committee is un-debatable. Those are un-debatable motions.

Sister Kristin Gardner: So we're going to suspend Robert's Rules of Order. My next thing is I move that we reconsider the motion to refer the Worthy Grand Matron's report to a Committee.

Sister Melanie Rayner: I'm Melanie Rayner, Past Matron of Cedar Bayou #11 and I second it.

WGM Annette Curry: Pardon me?

Sister Melanie Rayner: I'm Melanie Rayner, Past Matron of Cedar Bayou #11 and I second.

(Sidebar)

WGM Annette Curry: Did you vote on the prevailing side? Did you vote on the prevailing side?

Sister Kristen Gardner: No.

WGM Annette Curry: You did not. Then you cannot ask...you are out of order. You voted against so therefore you are out of order. You can't call for that. (One rap) Thank you. I now call for the report of the Board of Directors.

Sister Sue Saunders: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Sister Sue Saunders: I'm Sue Saunders, I am Past Matron of Port Neches Chapter #677 and current Worthy Matron of Spurger Chapter #315. I did not vote on the prevailing side but I did not vote 'cause I couldn't get my card out fast enough and I would like for us to reconsider the question that the Committee report be debatable.

WGM Annette Curry: You are out of order.

Sister Sue Saunders: Why?

WGM Annette Curry: You did not vote.

Sister Sue Saunders: I couldn't get my card out fast enough.

WGM Annette Curry: I'm sorry, you are out of order.

Sister Sue Saunders: Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I call for the report of the Board of Directors.

Brother Ron Zipp: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my honor to introduce to you the Board of Directors for 2012-2013: Sisters Gerry Sturtz, Vice-Chairman from District 4, Jean Hobbs, Secretary-Treasurer from District 3, Sister Becky Austin member, District 1, Brother Jack Beall, member, District 1, Sister Audri Rowell, member, District 2, Brother Keith Mikeworth, member, District 2, Sisters Jerri Miller, member, District 3, Mickey Campbell, member, District 4 and Brother David Ouellette, member District 5. Thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the Board Members for their diligence and hard work during this past year. Together this Board has worked as a team to overcome the challenges that have faced them. I want to thank each and every one of them for their dedication to ensure the financial security for the Grand Chapter of Texas and for our ladies that reside in Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

At Grand Chapter in Beaumont we held our first Executive meeting welcoming our new members Jean Hobbs and Audri Rowell. Also at this meeting a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer were elected.

Through March 31, 2013, we have distributed \$14,350.00 in Benevolent Aid to our Sisters and Brothers in need. This is only made possible by your generosity and sound investments. Thanks to each and every one of you.

At the present, twelve ladies reside in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The Grand Chapter of Texas is responsible for these ladies at an average cost of \$52,000.00 per month.

We thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for all of their assistance, as well as, attending our Board meetings. Their knowledge and cooperation is vital to us in making the important decisions with which we are charged. You both are certainly very much appreciated.

Thank you also to all of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, the Corporate Board and all of the members that attended our Board meetings. It is always good to see your smiling faces and to know that you have an interest in the financial affairs of Grand Chapter.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry and Brother Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your guidance and support this year. It was always a pleasure when you were in attendance at our Board meetings.

To the membership of Texas, it is an honor and a privilege to work for you this membership to ensure that there will always be a Grand Chapter of Texas. We thank you for allowing us to serve you in this capacity.

To my Chapter, New Braunfels Chapter #771, thank you for all of your love and support, your uplifting smiles, hugs and words of encouragement.

To my wife, Sandra, I pledge my undying love and grateful thanks for all of your understanding, insight and concern, as well as, a large dose of compassion during this eventful

year. Honey, I love you Dearly!

Fraternally,
Ron D. Zipp, Board of Directors, Chairman

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

WGP Bill Crews: Second.

WGM Annette Curry: This report, this report has been a motion and a second made to adopt this report. Those in favor please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion carries, thank you.

Brother Ron Zipp: Worthy Grand Matron, I might also ask that while all the Board Members are here if we might address you just one moment. Since a lot of the members of the Board of Directors have some conflicting schedules they will not be at the Worthy Grand Matron's luncheon so they've asked me to present the Love Gift at this time while all are in attendance so that they all can share in the presentation of this Love Gift. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I now call for the Jurisprudence Committee.

We are going to continue with the Board of Directors reports at this time.

Brother Ron Zipp: At this time I'd like to defer to Mickie Campbell for Report #2.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Thank you Brother Chairman. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. My name is Mickie Campbell and I will be presenting Report #2, Proposed General Fund Budget for the fiscal year of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

In accordance with our Constitution and Laws:

Chapter 4, Article 50e states: *The Associate Grand Matron shall prepare and submit to the Board of Directors, 90 days prior to Grand Chapter, a proposed Budget for her expenditures as Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing Eastern Star year.*

Chapter 5, Article 82e states: *The Board of Directors shall, with the participation of the Associate Grand Matron, prepare a proposed General Fund Budget of anticipated income and expenditures for the operation of the Grand Chapter for the period ensuing until the next succeeding Grand Chapter Session. They shall report this Budget to the Grand Chapter with such recommendations, as they deem necessary for the best interest of Grand Chapter.*

Sisters and Brother you will find this Proposed General Fund Budget on pages 47, 48, 49 and 50 of the Advance Annual Report. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report #2.

WGM Annette Curry: We have a motion and it's been seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron to accept Report #5...Report #2. Is there discussion?

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Worthy Grand Matron

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: I'm Ray Hertenberger, Past Patron of Texas City Chapter #626 and I would like first off to move that the three minute time limit be suspended because we feel that the information to be presented will be of interest to the Grand Chapter which is our Governing Body.

WGM Annette Curry: Are you referring to this particular report?

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Yes.

PGP Jack Guy: Worthy Grand Matron I am Jack Guy and I am a Past Patron of Jacksonville #377 and I second the motion by Brother Hertenberger.

WGM Annette Curry: We have to know the time. We have to know the time before we can vote. This will be a vote.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: By time you mean minutes that we need?

WGM Annette Curry: Yes. Designate the time. Designate the minutes, please.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Unlimited.

WGM Annette Curry: Pardon me?

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Unlimited.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, this Past Grand Patron's motion and a second to have unlimited debate on #2, this takes a majority vote. All in favor please raise your purple cards. Two-thirds vote. Defeated. I'm sorry, wait a minute. I'm so sorry. Those in favor of allowing unlimited, untimed debate raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Defeated. (One rap). Now where are we?

Brother David Nickolas: I have a question about line item number...

WGM Annette Curry: Could you wait just one moment please. I want to repeat that that was defeated with two-thirds votes.

Brother David Nicklas: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Brother David Nicklas: I'm David Nicklas, Past Patron of Mineral Wells Chapter #44 and I call for a roll call vote.

WGM Annette Curry: I'm sorry?

Brother David Nicklas: I call for a roll call vote rather than a show of cards. Okay, a vote by ballot.

WGM Annette Curry: Did you say a roll call?

Brother David Nicklas: Well, a vote by ballot rather than roll call. I'm sorry.

WGM Annette Curry: This will take a two-thirds majority.

Brother David Nicklas: Yes ma'am I understand and I think there was a two-thirds majority. Yes ma'am.

WGM Annette Curry: What is it that you are asking at this time I've lost a little bit...

Brother David Nicklas: I'm looking for a ballot vote so that there may be a clarification as to whether there was a two-thirds majority or not.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, this was the vote to allow unlimited debate which was defeated by a two-thirds vote. So now you are asking for a vote by ballot to have unlimited debate?

Brother David Nicklas: Yes ma'am that's what it is.

WGM Annette Curry: At this time we do not have Tellers to count, would you accept a vote by people standing?

Brother David Nicklas: No ma'am that is still at your discretion on whether it is a two-thirds vote or not. This needs to be something that the votes are counted to determine if we really want to do this. I think that this is an important thing for all of us to discuss.

WGM Annette Curry: This will be discussed on Saturday when we have Tellers and counting. (One rap) The question is this: you are asking for unlimited debate on Report #2.

Brother David Nicklas: Yes ma'am.

WGM Annette Curry: And that will be done Saturday. Do you have other reports? Board of Directors, do you have something else? Okay, that's the end of your report? (Speaking to Mickie Campbell). That is all of your report?

Sister Mickie Campbell: Yes ma'am. This is all of my report. Report #2.

WGM Annette Curry: Report #2...

Brother David Nicklas: Worthy Grand Matron? I believe you can only have one motion on the floor at the time. We had a motion to accept the budget, that hasn't been voted on. Unless the motion on the floor is to amend that one, you can't have a second and a third and a fourth and a fifth motion.

WGM Annette Curry: I understand that. We had already defeated the first one and then we had another one so I don't know, we don't have two motions on the floor right now do we, because we already voted.

Brother David Nicklas: Have we voted to accept the ballot? Accept the budget?

WGM Annette Curry: We have not voted, I don't think...did we vote to accept the ballot?

Brother David Nicklas: Voted to accept the budget? Has not been taken, so...that motion is still on the floor. Worthy Grand Matron I think what has happened here...

WGM Annette Curry: What has happened here is we have the main motion...let the attorney explain here because now that we have the main motion and another motion.

PGM Willie Mae Shaw: To extend the limits of debate is a subsidiary motion. That is a ranking motion with the higher rank than the main motion therefore it has to be answered first and then we go back to the main motion.

Brother David Nicklas: Worthy Grand Matron I feel like this membership deserves to hear our debate in full because this directly affects the funds of our Grand Chapter and I think they need the clarification on the line items that are going to be proposed.

WGM Annette Curry: I understand. We have a vote on the main motion that she is speaking of, we have a vote to extend the speaking limits of time. Okay, we can go this way; when a person is speaking rather than a whole across the board, when a person is speaking and they have used their three minutes, they can ask the membership to extend that three minutes at that time as each person is speaking. (Applause) And if there is no objection, I could extend it...the Worthy Grand Matron can extend it but the membership, if a person is speaking and it's more than three minutes that time can be extended at that time by the member-

ship with a two-thirds vote.

Brother David Nicklas: Okay, I understand what you are saying.

WGM Annette Curry: Pardon me?

Brother David Nicklas: I do understand what you're saying. So at the end of my three minutes, I can ask the membership to extend the time?

WGM Annette Curry: That's correct. Now, do you want to withdraw this...

Brother David Nicklas: I will withdraw that previous motion of unlimited debate.

WGM Annette Curry: You will? Okay. Thank you. I have not designated the microphone for or against. I suppose this is "for" and this is "against". This is "for" (pointing to Southwest corner) and this is "against" (pointing to the Northwest corner). I recognize over here, is that "for"? "For" over here? Go ahead.

Sister Lorraine Williams: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Lorraine Williams. I'm a Past Matron of Crowley Chapter #1125. And I'm really speaking in regard to our member that was giving a report and I didn't think that this should be disrupted in the middle of her report so therefore I guess I'm speaking against the time that's been given to these asking for unlimited time for debate. I think it should have been waited until after the conclusion of the person that was on the floor at the time giving her report. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I recognize...

Brother Ray Hertenberger: On Line item #2 of the General...

WGM Annette Curry: Name and title?

Brother Ray Hertenberger: Ray Hertenberger, Past Patron, Texas City Chapter #626.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Brother Ray Hertenberger: Line item #2 we have an Interest General Fund Holding, exactly what income, where does that income come from?

Sister Mickie Campbell: Okay, remember that the actuals are through 3/31/13.

Brother Ray Hertenberger: Excuse me but on a Holding Account where do those funds come from that we're showing as an income?

Sister Mickie Campbell: From the interest from the General Fund Holding Account. That's income, that's interest.

Brother Ray Hertenberger: Okay, on the ...

Sister Mickie Campbell: Excuse me Brother Ray, on the Actuals remember they are from September 1st of 2012 through March 31st 2013. Our Grand Chapter year does not end until August as the Grand Treasurer stated earlier. The Actuals have several more months before they're posted or paid.

Brother Ray Hertenberger: Okay, then another one for clarification is Line 28.

Sister Mickie Campbell: You're on the Expense account now right?

Brother Ray Hertenberger: On the Expenses for the Grand Secretary's salary they're show-

ing a \$10,000 increase over this past year as proposed.

Sister Mickie Campbell: We voted at Grand Chapter to consolidate the Grand Secretary's Housing with her salary instead of them being split separately. And that was year before last? Last year. So she doesn't have a Housing allowance like the previous Grand Secretary's have had, it's all consolidated into her salary therefore she has to pay income tax, etc., before they didn't have to pay that on her salary. Now they do.

Brother Ray Hertenberger: Okay I just wanted to make sure that the membership was available to hear that cause it wasn't real clear so they could see it.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Thank you.

Sister Mary Calvert: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Mary Calvert a Past Matron of Athens Chapter #177. On Line Item #25, the General Fund Humanitarian, it shows the Actuals from September 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 you show a total of \$5,556.70. As of August 1, 2013, \$5,487.70 is all that had been deposited in the General Fund. Where did they get the figure that is more than what I have turned in that the Grand Secretary's office signed for?

Sister Mickie Campbell: I will have to refer that to the Grand Secretary, just one moment.

GS Marlene Scholari: We receive direct donations to the Humanitarian Program in our office that does sometimes not go to the Humanitarian Chairman. We try to send those to all the appropriate Districts when they come in but sometimes they don't get there. So, they are from individuals and not Chapters.

Sister Mary Calvert: Then why do you need a General Chairman to supervise all this if the General Chairman is not aware of funds that are coming in to that program? I did receive one or two checks from Tava Smith that had been mailed directly but that's all. But you're still showing more than what you accepted and signed for that I turned in. If I wasn't General Chairman, Humanitarian, I wouldn't be standing here.

RWGS Alma Bane: I'm Alma Bane, Past Matron of McLennan Chapter #639 and Stephenville #801. I'm in a position where I receive donations directly on behalf of Grand Chapters. I found that they were not being notified so I incorporated a procedure where I would write a letter to the person who sent the money and a carbon copy to the Grand Secretary so that they might add it to their benevolent report. It's when situations like this occur that we come up with a solution. And the solution could be that in the future all receipts for Humanitarian be directed to the Chairman and the Chairman thereby notifies the District Chairman. So there's a solution to this question. I've incorporated it in my office and I would make it a suggestion for the Grand Chapter of Texas also. (Applause)

Sister Mary Calvert: I appreciate Sister Alma Lynn's comments and I think it's probably a good idea but it still doesn't answer the question as to why if they did receive this money that I was not notified.

WGM Annette Curry: Your three minutes are up. Thank you, Mary.

PGP Jack Guy: I am still Jack Guy, Past Patron of Jacksonville #377 and I defer my time to Brother Ray Hertenberger.

WGM Annette Curry: You cannot do that. Just a moment. Parliamentarian? We cannot do that. We cannot defer time. Is there someone at the microphone now?

Brother Jack Guy: I will be shortly.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there any other discussion on this?

Sister Mary Calvert: Worthy Grand Matron, instead of speaking on that line item can I speak on another line item?

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Sister Mary Calvert: Mary Calvert Past Matron of Athens Chapter #177. Line item #15 on Supplies/Postage/Shipping and Handling, they are now charging Shipping and Handling to those members who pick up supplies so where is all this cost going and how can they differentiate the postage versus the supplies? I pick up supplies for my Chapter and I'm still paying shipping and handling charges that are imbedded in the cost of supplies. This is not fair to these Chapters. And a lot of Chapters don't realize they are paying the shipping and handling fees included in the cost of their supplies even when they pick them up.

WGM Annette Curry: If I may address that question. I know that some time back several several months ago and I believe it was in the minutes that the Board of Directors approved when we were short of money on the supplies and things, the Board of Directors, you'd have to go back and look at those minutes, but they voted to approve the amount that the Grand Secretary presented to them. And so therefore that's what happened there. If it could be broken down, we'd have to go back and change those things because some do pick it up but some are shipped but that vote came from the Board of Directors at that time and it's in the minutes. Thank you.

Sister Mary Calvert: Okay, so also then the minutes from the September Board of Directors also shows that they voted and seconded for this issue to go back to the Grand Secretary and for her to try to find a resolution and I don't know that anything has been done about it.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, we'll try to check on that. Thank you.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Ray Hertenberger, Past Patron of Texas City Chapter #626. On Line Item #19 Administrative Revenue for Account Management Fees for our c3 account, this item was established when we had a Home and they had to maintain or pay the bills and a payroll and all that for the management of the Home. We no longer have a Home why do we still have that \$3,500 purposed?

Sister Mickie Campbell: Did you ask the Worthy Grand Matron or is that addressed to me?

PGP Ray Hertenberger: That's addressed to you.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Okay, last year it was \$12,000. We paid out \$12,000. It's a percentage of the revenue to administer those accounts. No money has been spent up to date but we budgeted only \$3,500. So it's come down, it's lowered. In the previous Actuals in the budget from last year it was \$12,000 and it is now \$3,500.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Okay, what is that money used for?

Sister Mickie Campbell: Administrative Fees to administer those 501c3 Accounts.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: So that's just for the man power? It would be somebody's duty to manage that?

Sister Mickie Campbell: It's the standard operating fee.

Sister Darla Dunaway: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Sister Darla Dunaway: I'm Darla Dunaway, Past Matron of Everman #624. This money was established back when the Home was still standing and we had our offices at the other end of Division St. This money was \$1,000 per month, it's not a percentage based item or it was not established as a percentage based item and so we no longer pay the bills of the Home, we no longer pay payroll. That was set up by the advice of the Auditors at that time to help defer some of the cost of the personnel that it took to maintain the home. We no longer have those things to pay. We write one check a month to the TMRC. We write one check a month for the Ladies allowances and therefore that is why we are asking that that be removed from the budget.

Sister Mickie Campbell: One moment please.

Brother Jack Beall: If I'm understanding that right, the \$12,000 was set up years ago as Sister Darla stated. When the books recently, the Auditors said that Administration Fee for the Ladies was recommended they maintain the \$1,000 a month fee for Administration Costs and it is a legal fee that the Auditors recommend be charged. And now we're reducing it to \$3,500 to cut down the cost on the Ladies but it is a legal fee that can go into the General Fund because everything comes out of the General Fund, their check writing and so forth. Does that answer the question?

PGP Ray Hertenberger: No it doesn't really because isn't that in the General Office requirements for the Grand Secretary's office is to handle that business?

Brother Jack Beall: There's two separate accounts, Ray. You've got the Ladies that is separated from the General Fund and the Auditors said we had to do that. That we had to have a set up for the Ladies to keep it separate and not co-mingle the funds.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I can't see who it is. Go ahead and give me your name.

PGP Jack Guy: Jack Guy, Past Patron of Jacksonville #377.

WGM Annette Curry: I'll say this, debate has been limited to three minutes for each speaker and no member may speak more than one time on a question.

PGP Jack Guy: I have not spoken, I tried to defer my time.

WGM Annette Curry: I'm just trying to get this clear. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. Go ahead Jack.

PGP Jack Guy: My question concerns Line Item #52. Designating money spent for our 990 Tax Form filing. The filing date is January 15th of every year. Is our filing up to date and if not, why not and what prevents our filing in a timely manner seeing how this affects our Tax Exempt status.

Sister Mickie Campbell: It is filed on the Grand Chapter's fiscal year, 8/31, August 31st. That's Grand Chapter's fiscal year end and it's not here yet.

PGP Jack Guy: The question is if our filing is up to date why is it that several Chapters have

been getting inquiries from the Grand Secretary's office concerning the 990.

Sister Mickie Campbell: For next year's taxes.

PGP Jack Guy: Are we up to date for this year?

Sister Mickie Campbell: Yes we are.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Is there anymore questions? Debate? Discussion?

Sister Tonya Foster: Yes ma'am. I'm Tonya Foster Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747 and I would like to go back to something that the Board Member, Mr. Jack Beall said that we are not co-mingling funds. If we are not co-mingling funds and everything is going through the General Fund, how is that not co-mingling funds? It seems if it's all going in our General Fund, both our 501c8 and our 501c3 then that's co-mingling funds. Can someone address that please? Can you confirm where those pensions and everything is all going in, if it's all going in to the General Fund?

Sister Mickie Campbell: One moment please.

GS Marlene Scholari: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Marlene Scholari, Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest #959. The original bookkeeping system when it was converted was set up as one company file. We had one and we had individual checking accounts within that company. The Auditors said we needed to split and have the Eastern Star Home separate. All Social Security checks at the time it was originally set up were set up to go into the original company. Each entity as the General Fund, the Ladies, our Benevolent Aid, our Special Projects which is the Worthy Grand Matron's, Education and ESTARL all had separate checking and accounting records within this company. The Social Security checks have to be direct deposited now. That is a government...they prefer that you do that so they were set up back several years ago to direct deposit to that account. Then when we were asked to split the account and make a separate checking account and that's what we did and make a separate company file those now..a check is written, they do automatically deposit into the original account, a check is written and it is deposited into the other company file. We're keeping two sets of company files is what we are doing. Where you have one checking account for all of our other accounts and we have our Eastern Star Home one. And the only way to do the Social Securities is to leave it as is because you have to take that individual to the Social Security office, she has to witness you and tell those folks that they would to change the bank account. The Grand Secretary at the time had Power of Attorney and took the Ladies and all that was done. We have a lot of Ladies now that are not able to be present and Social Security...it was decided by the previous Grand Secretary that we would not try to put them through that and change those. Any new Ladies coming in now it currently goes into that account directly and I think she's referring to if all money goes to the Ladies accounts, it does. A check is written or it's transferred there by funds but we do not keep it in the General Fund per se Business Company file, it goes to the Eastern Star Home.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Brother Jerry Saunders: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Brother Jerry Saunders: My name is Jerry Saunders I am the current Patron of Spurger #315 and Past Patron of Port Neches #677 and I move that since we have so many ques-

tions concerning this audit that we request an outside Audit firm, outside the state of Texas to audit these books and answer all these questions of the membership.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Sir, this is not the audit. This is the Associate Grand Matron's Proposed Budget for her year.

Brother Jerry Saunders: And again my move was to audit these books since all these questions have come up and resolve these questions to the good of the Chapter. To the good of Grand Chapter, to the good of Subordinate Chapters and the membership that pays into Grand Chapter. We deserve proper answers and without all these questions that are coming up. Y'all do not seem to have some of the answers that are being asked because you continue to have to look around the stage and find these answers and they're still not answering them totally as they are asked. So I am moving that we ask for an independent audit of the Grand Chapter books.

Sister Mickie Campbell: Sir, we have that. Ratcliff and Associates has a complete audit of the Grand Chapter books every year. That's done every year to the expense of several thousand dollars.

Brother Jerry Saunders: Then again, my question why are these questions coming up that you don't have the answers for.

WGM Annette Curry: There is a motion on the floor, is there a second. There is no second. (One rap) Are there other questions?

Sister Alys Newsom: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Alys Newsom, Past Matron of Richardson Chapter #921 and I move for the previous question.

WGM Annette Curry: Motion has been made and seconded to move to the previous question and that is to stop debate. If you wish to stop debate, this is a two-thirds vote. Motion has been made and seconded. Those in favor of stopping debate please let it be known by raising your purple cards. All opposed. Motion carried. Debate is stopped. We will now vote on the original question. We will vote on the original question, all those...it's number 2? All those in favor of Number 2 please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. This is a two-thirds vote. Will you help me, it's hard for me to see up here with the lighting, will someone help me? All those in favor raise your purple cards. It's a majority. Okay, those opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) Thank you. Do we have other presentations from the Board of Directors?

Sister Mickie Campbell: It is my pleasure to introduce Brother Jack Beall who will present Report #3.

Brother Jack Beall: Thank you Sister Mickie. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: The Board of Directors is pleased to present Report #3 which consists of two parts:

Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC)
Ladies OES Retirement Fund 501c3

Texas Masonic Retirement Center Report

The report on our Ladies residing at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center covers the period from September 1, 2012 through July 1, 2013. The Grand Chapter year started with 12 residents at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, five in the independent living area and

seven in the clinic area. On December 23, 2012 we lost Billie Probst. She now resides with our Heavenly Father. The Board approved one new resident, Sister Suzanne Walters from San Saba. We currently have twelve Ladies who reside at TMRC, six who reside in the independent living area and six who reside in the clinic.

The TMRC has a new superintendent, Gary Blair. He has implemented some changes. They have a new computer system that keeps up with the residents health and cost. We wish Gary the best in his new endeavor.

The current cost of maintaining each Lady in the independent living area is \$66.49 per day or \$24,268.85 per year. The current cost of maintaining each Lady in the clinic is \$235.03 per day or \$85,785.95 per year. Each year in June, TMRC audits their actual cost per resident in the living area and the clinic. The previous cost may be increased or decreased. From September 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 we have paid \$486,337.00. This includes the allowance each Lady is given monthly. The allowance of \$70.00 per month would be approximately \$10,080.00 a year for the number of Ladies we have per year.

Ladies' OES Retirement Fund, 501c3 Report

The Retirement Fund is a 501c3 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 of income which can be found on page 42 of the Advance 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 501c3

Beginning balance as of 9/1/2012	\$974,116.63
Balance as of 7/12/13	\$844,591.74

The projected revenues for the 501c3 Ladies Retirement Fund are \$750,980.00 and the projected expenditures are \$750,980.00. Line three interest income (c)3 includes interest income and funds from the (c)3 as needed.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my 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 2013-2014 as printed on page 52 of the Advance Annual Report. Worthy Grand Matron I move this report be adopted.

WGM Annette Curry: Motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron that we approve this report. Those in favor please let it be known by raising your purple cards. Discussion, I'm sorry. Sorry, sorry.

Sister Ann Cornelius: My name is Ann Cornelius, I'm the Worthy Matron of Royce City #642 and I have a question on Line Item 2 that is the...no 3...that's the interest. And I'm really excited because since there's only \$800,000 in that account and they are going to have \$263,000 worth of interest, I'd like to know where they are investing because that's a 33%...that's a lot better than I'm getting. (Applause)

Brother Jack Beall: This is not what I stated. It is interest income as well as expenditures

from the (c)3.

Sister Ann Cornelius: As well as expenditures, it says Income. It says Interest Investment and not only that you said as needed and to transfer over \$10,000 from that account it has to be approved by General Grand Chapter and that's a lot of money to sit there and it doesn't look like it adds up. \$23,649.00 and then all of a sudden it jumps to this huge amount. How does that happen?

Brother Jack Beall: To balance the proposed budget that is how...in the last three years, three years ago we had over \$1,600,000 in that account. In the last three years we have expended over \$800,000 out of that account which depreciates your interest and to care for the Ladies due to the interest income from the (c)8 and other incomes have not been enough to take care of our Ladies. And that's why that account is going down.

Sister Ann Cornelius: But it looks like it's going up in my book.

Brother Jack Beall: Well, it's interest and...

Sister Ann Cornelius: From the Endowment Account okay.

Brother Jack Beall: Yes.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: I'm Ray Hertenberger Past Patron of Texas City Chapter #626. If what we're saying right here is if we approve this budget as it is purposed it gives the Board whatever leverage it needs to make this budget work. They can transfer no matter what it takes, right?

Brother Jack Beall: Yes.

Brother Ray Hertenberger: That's what I thought. Does the membership understand that? If we approve this budget, the \$263,000 that you see on line 3 as part of that income that we are allowing the Board to do what...that any transfers they need to make in order to meet this budget without having to come back to the membership to make the transfers. On Line number 12 it shows a General Fund Net of \$92,000. Where does that amount of money fit in? Where does that come from?

Brother Jack Beall: It comes out of the (c)8 Brother Ray. That's the interest income and the Constitution/Code of Laws the (c)8 Endowment, first can only be used ...the interest can only be used for the care of the Ladies.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Isn't that the amount that's on Line 2 also? It shows Endowment Interest from the (c)8 of \$100,000. Would that come from the same account?

Brother Jack Beall: No, I don't have it in front of me so I can't see it, but...(Someone handed him the information he needed) Line 2, Brother Ray is (c)8 Interest, Line 3, as she previously asked, that is Interest Earned out of the (c)3 account as well as funds from the (c)3 account to get what was necessary to pay for the Ladies.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: How do we take funds out of the (c)3 to put back in to the (c)3 showing it as income?

Brother Jack Beall: It just gives you the authority to use the fund and it's been done for three years.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: But as you just previously stated on Line 12 the General Fund Net that that was also that interest from the (c)8.

Brother Jack Beall: No, General Fund Net that would be your Per Capita. No?

WGM Annette Curry: It's been three minutes but as Worthy Grand Matron I will extend your time Brother Ray. Go ahead.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Line number 5 shows that Per Capita amount.

Brother Jack Beall: Let me get the authority.

GT Lorrie Owens: Brother Ray, the Line 12 you are discussing, the \$92,000 is what they are assuming is going to be left after the General Fund and anything left over on the General Fund at the end of August 31st can be used for the Ladies Fund. That's what they are thinking between the budget for the General Fund will be left over. So it has nothing to do with the Endowment Fund.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: From last year because...

GT Lorrie Owens: No, from this year. And it's a budget.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: I understand that.

GT Lorrie Owens: And that's what, if you look at the General Fund budget that figure should be close to that. Now, I don't do the budget, don't work on it but I know what that figure is.

WGM Annette Curry: Any other questions?

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Now on the other, on the previous year there was no budgeted amount.

GT Lorrie Owens: Because we didn't have any extra amount left over. And that's also the reason you're taking it out of the 501(c)3 which is strictly designated for the Ladies which is the Ladies Home. The Bankers had told us about four or five years ago that that fund will be depleted because we're having to draw down on that fund. And for the previous person who was asking about interest, no we're not getting interest. That category was named years ago when everything was invested in CD's. The actual income or dividends, distributions, a little interest and original issued discounts and from the dividends and distributions that's where we're getting most of our funds. It is not interest. And you know if y'all would just come and ask us sometimes about it, we'd be glad to clarify it. But we can't go over every single thing.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: But the membership...

GT Lorrie Owens: We don't have time to give a lesson in accounting but I'd be glad to help and talk to y'all. (Applause)

Sister Sharon Willingham: My name is Sharon Willingham, Texas City Chapter #626. My question is one...

WGM Annette Curry: One moment please. It's their turn over here. We want to hear over here, back and forth okay? Go ahead.

Sister Mary Gilbert: My name is Mary Gilbert, Past Matron of Shepherd #1003. My question is Expenditure Line Item 16 as to why we are not budgeting for Liability Insurance for

our Ladies in the Home.

WGM Annette Curry: I understand that TMRC pays that. Thank you. Okay we'll switch back over here, Sharon Willingham.

Sister Sharon Willingham: My name is Sharon Willingham, Texas City Chapter #626 and as a point of clarification, do we get these reports before we get here? No? So we don't have a lot of time to study them. And I'd like to know if we ever get a full final fiscal year report and before like, okay we have a preliminary budget and then every year we come to Grand Chapter and we get all this paperwork and we look at it and we know what you spent the year before but it's a whole year later when we get the report so we really don't know where our money's going until it's a year after the fact. We know what's budgeted.

WGM Annette Curry: To answer that question I know that normally it's printed when you get here but it's also printed a couple of months ahead in the Bulletin. So you should have a couple of months, a month or two to review it before you get here is what they're telling me.

Sister Sharon Willingham: Well, I apologize. I didn't get my bulletin.

WGM Annette Curry: Oh, you're asking for an ending report, I'm sorry.

Sister Sharon Willingham: I'm asking for a fiscal year-end report and I'd like to make that a motion that each Chapter receives a full fiscal year-end report in September once the fiscal year is closed.

WGM Annette Curry: We have a motion on the floor now, thank you Sharon. I recognize over here. Brother Trey.

AGP Trey Smith: I'm Trey Smith a Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249 and I just wanted to say for point of clarification when Brother Ray stated earlier and to make sure that the general membership as it was stated, knows that the Board is going to be able to use these numbers and move things around. I want to say in the history of our Grand Chapter, that's what they do. That's their job. And I think it's important for them to be able to do their job. And I want the membership to know that and support them. That's what we elected them to do. (Applause) So to make it sound shady or any other inappropriate action on that, I find it's very poor because that's the Board that we elected and that's the Board that I support and that's the Board I want to do their job and that's to help us balance this budget, they helped us purpose this budget, they worked with us on this budget that includes the previous question of the \$3,500. The Chairman at that time of the Finance Committee questioned it but she's the one that purposed it to us. So therefore, some of these things that are being questioned on here also are the same numbers that the Board's Financial Committee recommended to us. So I think that should be taken into consideration. It's not that anyone is trying to hide anything. These are the actual numbers of what we were purposing and what we had to work with. These are the actuals that Grand Chapter voted on and worked from last year. I just want to state that as we go forward with this budget, we're using true numbers that the Board purposed that we agreed with and I just want the membership to know that. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I recognize over here.

Sister Sue Saunders: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Sue Saunders I am a Past Matron of Port Neches Chapter #677 and current Worthy Matron of Spurger #315. I find the comment made by our Associate Grand Patron interesting when he said this was the Board we

elected. Two of our Board Members were removed and we have never ever been given a reason why. I as a dues paying member think that I deserve the common courtesy to know why two people were removed from the Board other than what I got in the Advance Report because I read that and it did not make sense to me.

WGM Annette Curry: It's not pertaining to the motion. Thank you. It is not pertaining to the motion.

Sister Sue Saunders: Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Is there other?

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Ray Hertenberger Past Patron of Texas City Chapter #626. I did not intend this to be an attack on anybody, it's just whenever you look at this budget, anybody looking at it without any knowledge or any interpretations, these numbers would really stick out and this membership was not given any notice on this budget before they hit Grand Chapter. So I felt like these questions needed to be asked to clarify these numbers.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Sister Tonya Foster: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Tonya Foster Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747 and before I tendered my resignation to the Board of Directors, I was working on this budget and I don't think there are trying to be any accusations to anyone but I think the membership would like to know what money is going to be transferred and how. I don't think their trying to accuse anybody, the membership wants to know. This wasn't printed in the Bulletin, they've only had a few minutes to look at it. So that's the questions and concerns that they have and before I would stand on that stage and recommend that we would just have \$263,000 I think we need to explain that and if we have to split that and let the membership vote to do that, then we need to do that but this membership needs to be fully aware of what is going on. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I see no other questions so we will proceed to vote. We will now ballot/vote on Number 3. All those in favor please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. It has passed. Thank you.

Brother Jack Beall: I would like to present Audri Rowell who will present Report #4.

Sister Sharon Willingham: Worthy Grand Matron, before we get that report I would like to make a motion to move that we get a year-end report in September for each Chapter that tells us specifically where our money goes...

WGM Annette Curry: I'm sorry, I can't hear you. Can you speak a little louder I can't understand you. Go ahead.

Sister Sharon Willingham: I move that we get a year-end report for the fiscal year of Grand Chapter to be sent to each Chapter in September.

Sister Tonya Foster: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Tonya Foster Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747 and I second the motion.

WGM Annette Curry: Just a moment please.

GT Lorrie Owens: Our Grand Chapter does end August 31st you would not get a final report, if you look at the proceedings for last year, you will have a final report for that. We have to

wait until its audited and the auditors don't even start until usually October to make sure everything had been submitted that should have been for August 31st. I don't know how your company runs it but usually you won't get one September 1st, right after that because an audit doesn't happen that fast.

WGM Annette Curry: One moment please.

PGM Willie Mae Shaw: Also if you are proposing a motion, you need to propose it in writing. Three copies to the Grand Secretary's desk and signed by those that are proposing it.

Sister Sharon Willingham: Okay, thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: We had a motion and a second. Do we need to withdraw that? Didn't we have a motion and a second? Okay, so would you withdraw that? It's really out of order, isn't it? It's not in proper form. Okay, thank you.

Sister Audri Rowell: Worthy Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers, the independent accounting firm of Ratliff & Associates, P.C., completed their audit of the books of Grand Chapter on April 30, 2013, for the Grand Chapter year ending August 31, 2012, in compliance with the Constitution and Code of Laws on pages 71 and 72 Chapter 5, A. Board of Directors, Article 82(b) of the Grand Chapter.

Ratliff & Associates conducted the audit in accordance with general auditing standards. The standards require that they plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements.

In the written opinion of Ratliff & Associates dated April 30, 2013, is considered the internal control over the financial reporting is the basis for designing appropriate audit procedures. Four (4) significant deficiencies within the internal control were found. The deficiencies were important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance of the Order.

1. Check Disbursement testing disclosed that signature stamps were maintained in safe to us in event no authorized signer is available. This has potential to override the dual signature control. The signature stamp should not be available for use. This deficiency has been reported over the last few years and will remain a deficiency while signature stamps are made available.
2. Credit Card transaction examination noted 9 of 14 charges were not properly supported with receipts. Each and every transaction should be supported by a receipt, invoice, or other similar authorization form.
3. General Ledger detailed review noted that in many cases expenses were being recorded to revenue accounts and revenue was being recorded to expense accounts. Further review also noted that transfer of funds between the bank accounts resulted in the revenue and expense being overstated. Funds transferred should be made strictly between those accounts without the use of expense or revenue account.
4. Transfer of funds between the Grand Chapter Account and the Home Account were not recorded properly using intercompany receivable/payable accounts. This has no effect on the consolidated net assets; however it does show a misstatement of net assets, revenue and expenses for both accounts individually.

The time and billing analysis received from Ratliff & Associates for services rendered to

complete the audit include the following.

1. Accounting Services for the Office Staff	\$ 8,491
2. Audit Services for completing the Audit	\$ 18,349
3. Courtesy Discount Credit of	\$ 2,291
4. Grand Total Due	\$ 26,840

This report will be printed in its entirety in the proceedings of August 2013, 131st Annual Session of Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted, Audri Rowell, Board of Directors, District 2

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

WGM Annette Curry: Motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron to adopt this report. Is there discussion? Hearing none, those in favor of accepting this report please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion carries. (One rap)

Sister Audri Rowell: It is with pleasure that I now invite Brother Keith Mikeworth to bring Report #5.

Brother Keith Mikeworth: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers, this is my last year and shortly I'm going to be off of the Board. It has been a true experience for me to serve this Grand Chapter for five years. It is a learning experience and a very hard job. Most of you that sit out there and have never been sitting back here on the Board, you don't know what it's like, but it is well worth it. Now to my report:

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 August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013.

INCOME:

Beginning Balance:	\$67,755.95
Per Capita:	\$31,158.00
Donations, Interest	<u>\$ 281.87</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$101,195.82

DISBURSEMENTS:

Long Term Benevolent Aid	\$21,000.00
Temporary Benevolent Aid	\$ 1,600.00
Emergency Benevolent Aid	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$30,600.00

BALANCE IN FUND 7/31/13 \$70,595.82

At this time four members of three Chapters are receiving Long Term Benevolent Aid.

Benevolent Aid Budget 2013-2014

Estimated Income:

Per Capita	\$27,000
Humanitarian Fund	\$10,000
Prior Year Balance	<u>\$70,000</u>
PROPOSED BUDGET	\$107,000.00

Estimated Expenses:

Long Term Aid	\$20,000
Emergency Aid	\$ 7,500
Temporary Aid	<u>\$ 7,500</u>
TOTAL BENEVOLENT AID BUDGET	\$ 35,000

EXPECTED INCOME: \$72,000.00

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

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brother a motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron that we approve this report. Is there discussion? All those in favor please let it be known by raising your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion carries. Thank you.

Brother Keith Mikeworth: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you, it was my pleasure and I now introduce Brother David Ouellette to present Report #6.

Brother David Ouellette: This is Report #6, Contingency Fund. Thank you Brother Keith. 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 2012-2013.

CONTINGENCY FUND

Beginning Balance September 1, 2012	\$10,000
Expenditures	\$ -0-
Ending Balance July 31, 2013	\$10,000

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this Report.

WGM Annette Curry: Motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron to approve the Contingency Report, those in favor, please let it be known by raising your purple cards. Those opposed. Did I ask for discussion? Motion carries. Thank you.

Brother David Ouellette: Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Is that the completion of the Reports of the Board of Directors?

Brother Ron Zipp: That is all of our Reports. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I now call on the Jurisprudence Committee.

PGM Nancy Brown: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I would like to begin by introducing the other members of the Jurisprudence Committee. From District 1, Sister Joyce Gilbert; District 2, Sister Betty Benham; District 4, Sister Vi Griffin; and District 5 Brother Jerry Trees. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, in compliance with the provisions of our Code of Laws governing Grand Chapter relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee, recommend the distribution of the matters contained in the Advance Annual Report including the Supplemental reports of Grand Chapter to the following Committees for consideration:

1. TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE
 - a. All matters contained within said Reports.
2. TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 - a. The report of the Grand Secretary
 - b. The report of the Grand Treasurer
3. TO THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
 - a. The amendments to the By-Laws as contained in the reports of the Worthy Grand Matron
 - b. Code of By-Laws of U.D. Chapters submitted by the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation in accordance with the Code of Laws.
4. TO THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL
 - a. Any disciplinary matters contained in the Worthy Grand Matron's Report, including her Supplemental Report.
5. TO THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPTER UNDER DISPENSATION
 - a. That portion on the Worthy Grand Patron's Report on New Chapters instituted.
6. TO THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
 - a. All matters contained in the reports specifically assigned to the Jurisprudence Committee by Chapter 10, Article 152-E of the Code of Laws for the Government of Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, this completes the Preliminary Report of the Jurisprudence Committee and I move the adoption of this Preliminary Report.

WGM Annette Curry: We have a motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron that we approve this Preliminary Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Is there discussion? Those in favor please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion carried. Thank you.

PGM Nancy Brown: Are you ready for us to go ahead? We have quite a bit of Legislation this year. And each of us on the Committee will be presenting Legislation to you so I call on Sister Joyce Gilbert to begin this.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers all, it is my delight to be able to present Amendment No. 1. It will be found in your Advance Annual Report on page 53. It considers adoptions for the Constitution so if adopted shall become effective after the adjournment of the 2014 Session of Grand Chapter. This is found in Article IV of the Composition of Grand Chapter, Section 1, page 32 and I believe with the approval we're not going to try to read all of that. We will just give a synopsis and a rationale to what this Amendment pertains to.

It is frequently members holding two or three votes appear at Grand Chapter and the Credential Committee needs adequate time to verify that these members are entitled to the additional votes which occasionally creates some delay. At the same time, members who have served their Chapter several times as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, frequently feel that they are entitled to the extra votes. So what this is going to do is if you approve this it's going to limit our votes. It says "Therefore, be it resolved that all Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons will have only one vote, thereby eliminating the Proxy vote, with the exception of the Chapter representative vote. This will eliminate a lot of confusion and book work for said Credentials and Registration Committees." The Jurisprudence finds this in proper order and awaits the pleasure of the membership. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there discussion on this? Amendment No. 1, is there discussion? Okay, all those in favor of adopting this Constitutional Amendment No. 1, please let it be known by raising your purple card. Those opposed. Motion carries. (One rap)

PGM Joyce Gilbert: It is my pleasure to recognize Sister Betty Benham, District 2 with Amendment No. 2.

PGM Betty Benham: Thank you Sister Joyce. This is the Amendment No. 2 and I'm certain that you have read it in its entirety. This is the first reading of this Amendment so if it is passed at this Grand Chapter then it will be required to be adopted at the second reading at the 2014 Session. This is Amendment No. 2. You will find it in your Advance Report page 54. It is entitled A Grand Officer, Section 3 Eligibility. It is in proper form and in order to be nominated to serve as Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer a member must meet certain criteria as listed on page 54, of your Advance Annual Report as I just said and submit a resume to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee prior to announcing their intention. In the actual written Amendment I would like to draw attention to Section 3 under c. because when you first look at it you see all of these recommendations and you say not a member would be eligible to run for these offices. But Section 3, c. does state: To be eligible to serve as Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer, a member must meet ONE of the following criteria. And then under the same Section 3, 5.: A minimum of five (5) years experience serving the Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Lodge of Texas, an appendant body, or another Non-Masonic non-profit organization in a position on which management of the Organization's day to day activities was a primary duty. That brings out that they do know the inner actions and the business going on in Grand Chapter to be able to serve. It is in proper order and Worthy Grand Matron it will be the pleasure of the membership to vote on this Amendment No. 2.

WGM Annette Curry: We have a motion on the floor and I ask if there is discussion.

PGP Arthur Drescher: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Arthur Drescher, Past Patron of Dal-Cliff Chapter #574 and Lewisville #935. I am one of the authors on this bill. This actually has been in the works since 2007. Most of y'all remember that Sister Karen Morgenthaler in her year asked for an operational audit of the Grand Chapter office and we did this at a cost of about \$20,000 to the membership. They came back with recommendations. Most of them were to protect the integrity of Grand Chapter. They suggested that, one of their concerns was that we had no qualifications to be an officer or on the Board of Directors. Therefore, we've looked at this for a few years and we felt that we do need to do something to strengthen Grand Chapter and this is also from a legal standpoint. If something were to ever happen, we have nothing to back us up and we don't have a real good standing if we ever have to go to court or anything like that. So by actually putting something in writing, putting it in our Constitution this gives us a little more strength to whatever you want to call it as far as our Grand Chapter. The validation point, you have to validate. If you have qualifications but no one to validate it then you really don't have qualifications. So they also said you have to have a validation method. And I've heard a lot of comments on that part of it that "why Jurisprudence, it's not in their duties". Well, if we vote on this and you say yes then it becomes part of their duties. Jurisprudence Committee is the Committee that the Worthy Grand Matron goes to for Constitutional advice and they interpret the Constitution for the Worthy Grand Matron and help her. Therefore, I felt that they were the best Committee to look this over and give her advice and approve it. Why in writing? I guarantee I know of one time in our Grand Chapter history where a member went to the Worthy Grand Matron, ask a Constitutional question, got an answer. Went to the

Jurisprudence Committee, ask the same question, got the same answer and two years later was overturned by another Worthy Grand Matron of another Jurisprudence Committee. They had nothing in writing. They had nothing to back it up. So basically this is just a support to Grand Chapter to give us whatever energy we need if anything ever does happen and I know we don't like to think about that but I'm willing to bet that everybody in this room knows of at least one incident in a Masonic organization where they have had problems in the past. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you Arthur. I believe we need to say that we have a motion and a second by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there discussion?

PGM Yvonne Brownfield: Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Yvonne Brownfield, Past Matron of Copperas Cove Chapter #1070. I firmly believe we should be recognizing the intellect and deficiencies of those people we elect, however I don't think we can legislate interest and the acknowledgment by the membership because we post it in the Bulletins what the resumes are and the membership should make it their business to read it and I just feel like some of these requirements are very good and they're in writing but I feel like something in writing and the resume, that also covers it. As far as Jurisprudence, I'm not opposed to Jurisprudence but those are appointed offices and I wonder why we don't have the same requirements for Grand North and Grand Examiner. Are we just going to cherry pick who we want to be qualified? Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

AGC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jerre Lucas Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. On page 105, Article 152e, 1: Duties of the Jurisprudence Committee – Does not include reviewing resumes. This fine membership has the good sense to judge a resume as printed in our Official Bulletin and the Advance Annual Report for which they pay \$400 to do those two things. My feeling is to let the membership judge for themselves. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Richard Ochs Past Patron, Amarillo Chapter #787 and Kingsley Chapter #1118. I believe it is more appropriate that expressions of qualifications and of items relative to the five that are listed be provided to the entire membership as a whole and the Official Bulletin would be a good place to identify their qualifications rather than an appointed Committee such as Jurisprudence being the one to make that determination only. Thank you very kindly.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you Richard.

Brother John Dunn: I am John Dunn, Worthy Patron of Shepherd Chapter #1003 and Past Patron of Livingston #1139. I have one question. A couple of these qualifications are subjective. Like 2: A demonstrable ability to understand and explain financial documents e.g. Income Statements and Balance Sheets. There's another one here that is similar. This is subjective. What if the person being interviewed disagrees with the opinion of the appointed Board that they are not qualified under that one. Do they have an appeal? I mean, is that final and they are not going to be able to run for the office? I have a problem with that.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Are there others?

PGP Arthur Drescher: Worthy Grand Matron my name is Arthur Drescher, still Past Patron

of Dal-Cliff and Lewisville. I agree with some of the comments made. One of the reasons we put a validation in there other than the Bulletin is, I'm sorry to say but less than 10% of our membership takes the Bulletin. We have 29,000 members and we have less than 2,000 taking our Bulletin. We were trying to find a way to get it out to everyone. Y'all have mentioned today that getting your books and stuff on the figures and things is confusing and a lot of things to read so that was the reasoning there. That is...let me stop there. On the one gentleman that brought up the subjective case, yes there is an appeal. If you look in our Constitution and Code of Laws they can go to the Grievance and Appeals Committee if they feel like they weren't given a correct answer. That's already there in place. However, on behalf of those of us that worked on this if that is the one sticking point on this we would be happy to withdraw that section.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I recognize over here.

Sister Karen Sharp: I'm Karen Sharp, Past Worthy Matron of Jackboro Chapter #390. I worked for the State of Texas for many years. One of my job duties was to evaluate job applications. I learned how to evaluate a job application and to weed out those that did not meet the qualifications for a specific job and then put those that were qualified into the file that the job Committee was to interview and those who were not qualified were put into a separate file. And Jurisprudence would be receiving the ones that were qualified and separate those that were not out. And let's let them do their job. Let's let the Worthy Grand Matron do her job so that we as the voting delegates of Grand Chapter can take their experience and do our job to vote on those that are qualified for this position. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, let's call for the question.

WGM Annette Curry: The question has been called so therefore we will...do we have a second to stop debate? We have a second to stop the debate and now we are going to vote to call for the question. It requires a 2/3rd's majority. Those in favor of calling the question and stopping debate please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion passed. (One rap) Now we are going to call for the question that is Amendment No. 2. We have a motion and a second to adopt Amendment No. 2. Those in favor please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. I'm going to have to have help because of the lights. If you would stand maybe that would help, the lighting is not that good from up here. If you are in favor of this Amendment please stand. This is a simple majority. Those opposed please stand. Thank you, be seated. I can't call that. Okay, what we're going to do now is...when you're standing up the lighting in here...if you have your white envelope if you would put your purple card in front of that white envelope maybe that would help. So if you put your...we're just going to try this. We'll try it with you remaining seated and see. Put it in front of your white envelope and hold it up pretty much. Okay here we go and have you stand up also. All those in favor please stand and hold up your cards. My goodness, this is in favor. That looks very good, I mean I can see it better. Thank you. Those opposed. Let's do it one more time, I'm sorry. Okay, on this particular one we'll do a ballot vote tomorrow because we want to be fair to the membership. Thank you.

PGM Betty Benham: I now recognize Sister Mary Brown...where did I come up with that? Sorry, Sister Nancy Brown to present Amendment No. 3.

PGM Nancy Brown: That's alright I've been called Mary Brown a lot because we used to have a Mary Brown. Amendment No. 3 is found on page 55 of the Advance Annual Report. The rationale on this is that if this passes the Board of Directors will reduced from a total of

ten members to six members, one from each District and one Member-at-Large. And then there is also a qualification list for serving on the Board of Directors. You would have to meet one of the eight qualifications and also send a resume to the Jurisprudence Committee to be reviewed. It lists in there the way the Board would be reduced. At the 2014 Grand Chapter Session:

- One member would be elected from District 4 for a 3 year term
- One member would be elected from District 5 for a 3 year term
- One member would be elected from District 1 for a 2 year term
- One member would be elected from District 2 for a 2 year term
- One member would be elected from District 3 for a 1 year term
- One member would be elected Member-at-Large for a 1 year term.

Your Jurisprudence Committee found this to be in order and Worthy Grand Matron we're ready for your debate on this. This is Amendment No. 3. The proposer of this, will you come back Brother Arthur Drescher, has asked that we take this line by line, portion by portion. This according to Roberts Rules of Order is Seriatim. It's where we take it a paragraph at a time. Because this does cover a great number of things so we will be, Worthy Grand Matron, he's asked that we be able to do this and take it one at a time.

Okay, if you will look in the Advance Annual Report on Amendment 3. If you look under Section 2: How Elected and Tenure, is that what...Brother Art? I'm going to let the proposer of this Amendment tell you what he would like to have done with this.

PGP Arthur Drescher: Arthur Drescher Past Patron of Dal-Cliff and Lewisville. Section 2

WGM Annette Curry: Brother Art, one little question here. We want to separate this and it's called what?

PGP Arthur Drescher: Seriatim. We have to do this first. We have to do what I'm doing first. We're making sure we do this in the proper protocol order. Section 2 c. is in error. Nancy misspoke a while ago – she used another e-word, I forgot what it was but it's in error. Because it's in error, we have withdrawn that Section. It will not be part of this particular discussion. So that is gone out of it and everything...it's in error. So we have the ability to withdraw that and we did all agree to withdraw that. And we checked pretty much with the Parliamentarian to make sure we did it correctly.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there any objection from anyone for dividing this up? Then we will go forward. Thank you.

Brother Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, to make sure that all the members understand that when he refers to Section 2 c. that is the description of how the members would be. Am I looking at that correctly? That's the way I understand what he's saying, all six of the new members.

PGM Nancy Brown: Yes, Brother Richard and that's what he's striking out.

Brother Richard Ochs: Thank you on behalf of all of us.

PGM Nancy Brown: Okay we will begin with b. Board of Directors, Section 1 about the Composition and Tenure. (Talking to Brother Art Drescher) You come back and tell them how you want it divided up.

PGP Arthur Drescher: Sister Nancy in doing this in Seriatim we will start with Section 1.

Composition and Qualifications a. We will discuss a., vote on it, then go to b. which is the qualifications, then to c. Each one will stand on their own then you'll vote as a whole.

PGM Nancy Brown: Okay, Worthy Grand Matron, we'll be voting on Section 1, about the Composition and Tenure.

WGM Annette Curry: Amendment, what is the Amendment No.?

PGM Nancy Brown: 1. a. – We'll vote on 1. a., where it says there shall be a Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter consisting of six members. Now that's still in here Brother Art?

Sister Sue Shoemaker: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Sue Shoemaker, Worthy Matron of Templar Chapter #374. We're having difficulty understanding Sister Nancy and Brother Art. Brother Art in particular we're having trouble hearing just what he's saying. Will they please help us with that.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

PGM Nancy Brown: We surely will Sister Sue. I'm sorry if you can't hear us. Okay, on page 56 where it says to Be Amended to Read as Follows, Section 1. a. Composition and Qualifications, 1.a., There shall be a Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter consisting of six members...Brother Arthur is going to address this.

PGP Arthur Drescher: Several years ago...Sister Sue can you hear me now? Now can you hear me Sister Sue? Okay. My name is Arthur Drescher Past Patron of Dal-Cliff Chapter #574. There has been discussion over the last several years since we merged the two Boards down and we no longer manage a facility as our Home. The reduction in work kind of meant we didn't need as many people. We lost a little bit of the duties that they had to do. The Board of Directors is elected by you the Grand Chapter as a whole and even though they right now come from each District, they do not represent the District. These are not congressmen trying to get money and stuff for each District. When they are elected...when you become a Board Member you represent all 29,000 members here in the state of Texas. We looked at a fair way to reduce it and we felt that one member from each District and an At-Large would be a way and it's about 60% of what it is now and the work load is down about 30-40%. The question that came to me was "well what if one person gets sick, that District is not represented". Again, every Board member represents everyone in Texas, number one that's how they are elected and by having one member from each District please remember, those of you that can go back far enough, we used to have two Boards, we had one member from each District on each Board and nobody worried if anyone was going to get sick or not.

WGM Annette Curry: That's three minutes now.

PGP Arthur Drescher: So thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there other discussion? This is divided seriatim so we're going to go by each item separately. This is on page 56 No. 1.a. Those in favor please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. We're going to have to stand again. I'm so sorry, the lighting. We're voting on this one little paragraph. This one paragraph, that's all we're voting on. Those in favor please stand. Thank you. Those opposed. We have a majority. Thank you. It passed.

Members: NO!

WGM Annette Curry: Okay we'll do that again. Can we do that on a ballot? We'll do that on a ballot. Thank you.

PGM Nancy Brown: Worthy Grand Matron on Section 1. b. To be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors a member must meet one of the following criteria. I don't think I need to read the criteria. Any discussion on this one?

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, I think we're ready to ballot, to vote on 1. b. Those in favor please stand and put your card where I can see it. Those opposed. I just can't call it, I'm sorry. Ballot, yes. 1.a. and 1.b. will be a ballot.

PGM Nancy Brown: On 1.c. that is on page 57. Any member who desires to be a candidate must submit their resume to the Jurisprudence Committee. Worthy Grand Matron we're ready to go to letter c., 1.c. and this is found on page 57 and it's any member who desires to be a Board Member must submit a resume to the Jurisprudence Committee.

WGM Annette Curry: 1.c. Is there discussion? Okay I recognize you.

Sister Kristin Gardner: Kristin Gardner, Past Matron Carthage Chapter #747 and Tenaha #185. I move that we put all of this on the ballot rather than a standing vote.

WGM Annette Curry: Do we have a second to that motion? (Several people called out second.)

Sister Darla Dunaway: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Darla Dunaway, Past Matron of Everman #624, I second the motion.

WGM Annette Curry: Motion is made and seconded that we vote on all these on the ballot. All those in favor raise your purple cards. Those opposed. We will vote on ballot on Saturday.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron if each is going to be voted by ballot is it going to be each one of the sub-sections or is this on the ballot going to combine all of it because Section c. is the one that I prefer to give an Amendment to that sub-section c.

WGM Annette Curry: Well, I believe we have already voted to separate and vote on those all individually.

PGP Richard Ochs: Good, so it will be separated and we will have an opportunity to discuss each one of them individually before the ballot. Is that correct?

WGM Annette Curry: Yes, I think that's right. It would be on each section. Now, you know, how many sections does this have?

PGP Richard Ochs: Well, the key is if each one is separated then when we ballot are you going to permit us to discuss each one individually then before the ballot is taken or may I address one that I object to see the way it is?

WGM Annette Curry: If we are going to vote by ballot, it will be each one separately and discussion I suppose on each one separately.

PGM Nancy Brown: Yes, and when we vote by seriatim, when we finish voting on each separate portion then we have to go back and vote on the whole thing as one. We would be voting whichever sections have passed we would still have to vote on those as a unit.

PGP Richard Ochs: My question is will we be permitted to discuss each one individually and offer an amendment to the sub-section at that time before we would ballot on it?

PGM Nancy Brown: Yes.

PGP Richard Ochs: Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

PGP Richard Ochs: As long as it's yes.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes, yes, yes.

PGP Richard Ochs: Thank you very much and I appreciate that.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you Richard.

PGP Richard Ochs: I know I'm having...some of you have probably wondered about me but I'm having a terrible leg cramp is why. I was doing well yesterday but I couldn't afford to stay away. Thank you very much.

PGM Nancy Brown: We appreciate you, Brother Richard. Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to invite Brother Jerry Trees to come and present No. 4.

PGP Jerry Trees: Good morning. I have the analysis for Amendment No. 4. which is found on page 58 of the Advance Annual Report. If this is adopted on the first reading, a second vote will be required the following Grand Chapter year. It's on Article X, Section 10, Voting Privileges. Rationale, what it will do and how it will affect if it passes. At the present time a member attending Grand Chapter can possibly be entitled to as many as two or three votes. As an example, a Worthy Matron who is also a Past Matron would be entitled to two votes or a Worthy Matron holding a proxy for the Worthy Patron and a Worthy Matron who is a Past Matron holding the proxy of the Worthy Patron would be entitled to three votes. This solution can sometimes create problems for the Credentials and Registration Committees at Grand Chapter. You'll also notice that Article 158, Issuing of Ballots will need to be amended next year if this Amendment is adopted at this time. The Jurisprudence Committee finds this Amendment in proper form for consideration.

WGM Annette Curry: Amendment 4, is there discussion?

Sister Annette Gardner: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Annette Gardner. I am a Past Matron of Rockport Chapter #479. I really would just like a clarification I think. I just don't understand. Are we like doing away with proxy voting. Like if you if your Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron cannot come to Grand Chapter and you have a Chapter representative that has their vote, do they not get a proxy vote? Maybe I'm just not understanding this.

PGM Nancy Brown: My understanding of this is that the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron would no longer be able to send their proxy only someone to represent the Chapter as their Chapter Representative. So the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron would not be able to give their proxy votes. I don't know, is there a proposer of this that would like to speak to this?

Sister Gerry Sturtz: I'm Gerry Sturtz Past Matron Affiliated with Sugarland Chapter #1107. I speak in favor of reducing the vote to one per person. The number one reason is it would cost Grand Chapter a lot less to print the ballots not to mention having to separate three, twos and ones, in order to count if we are hand counting. Thank you.

PGM Vi Griffin: Worthy Grand Matron I am Vi Griffin, Past Matron and current Worthy Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649 and I am one of the signers on this. And to answer the question over here, we've already done away with proxy votes. This says that each Worthy Matron, each Worthy Patron, each Past Matron, each Past Patron will have one vote in all matters that come before the Grand Chapter and any elections. One vote. One member of Grand Chapter, one vote.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Richard Ochs, Past Patron of Amarillo Chapter #787 and Kingsley #1118. Why I'm getting up at this moment is if you will look at the part about Article 158 it still reads "who is entitled to a vote or votes". Therefore, we need to eliminate that word so there is never any question that somebody would be able to get a second vote. For instance, I as a Past Patron, my wife tells me fourteen times in three different Chapters, I would be entitled to only one vote period and everybody as members would only be entitled to one vote, period. No votes, just vote. Is the intent of what they have done to really mean only one vote and if so we need to do something to drop that word "or votes" to be sure that there's never any question that you're only limited to one vote period. Thank you.

PGM Vi Griffin: Brother Richard, this does not apply or affect the Chapter vote. The Chapter Representative still has the Chapter vote.

PGP Richard Ochs: Yes ma'am. I understand that. I'm talking about the whole program of votes. Is the real intent that all members of Grand Chapter, whether you are Past Patron from now until perpetuity as well as a Worthy Patron or a Worthy Matron or Past Matron that you still only get one vote. I favor us only getting one vote. It would eliminate a lot of questions, period.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you, Richard. I recognize over here.

Sister Barbara Grimes: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Barbara Grimes. I always get emotional, I'm sorry. I'm Barbara Grimes I'm presently Worthy Matron of Royce City Chapter #1129. If I read this right, our votes...if I came to Grand Chapter this year as Worthy Matron and I'm a Past Matron several times, I would have one vote. That means my service meant nothing in the past. You lose your own vote, you only have the Chapter's vote. You lose your own vote. Because if you come and you only have one vote, you're carrying the Chapters vote you're not carrying your own.

WGM Annette Curry: No that's not correct, let them explain that.

PGM Vi Griffin: Can I speak again. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Vi Griffin Past Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649. Sister Barbara, when I go to vote for my County Judge or President of the United States, I only have one vote. And it doesn't matter that I've served them as an election judge for over 20 years, or anything else that I've done in the community or in my church or Eastern Star. It doesn't matter what I've done. I have the satisfaction of that service. And that's my satisfaction but I still only have one vote.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Let me say something here that might just clear it up. When we had Amendment No. 1, that's where we said that the Worthy Matrons would only have the one vote, Worthy Matrons, Past Matrons and it passed. This one that we are talking about now is only referring to the Chapter Representative and yes, if that Worthy Matron cannot come or Worthy Patron, they will assign that vote to someone. It's not going to be called a proxy. It's going to be called Chapter Representative vote. They will all have a chance to have a vote

whether your Chapter Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron can be here or not. I think...maybe I'm wrong, but I think that's kind of the confusion. We're trying to get Amendment No. 1 that has already gone through with one vote per Worthy Matron and Past Matron. This one that we're talking about now is Chapter Representative. And we're getting it confused with the proxy.

WGM Annette Curry: Do you all understand that? And I think we have, we have passed, the way I understand it, every person Past Matron we only have one vote. We have no two and three votes anymore. Is that right? We already passed that when we voted on Amendment No. 1 and like she said this is for the Chapter Representative. Okay, I believe over here is next.

Brother Jack Beall: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jack Beall Past Patron of Ferris #508. I call for the question.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, and I want to refresh one other thing. That was...it's a Constitutional...it's the first reading. We'll read it again next year before it becomes law. Did someone call for the question? (Yes!) The question has been called for, those in favor of calling for the question raise your purple cards. This is called for the question. Those opposed. Motion carries. (One rap) We will now proceed to vote on Amendment No. 4. Amendment No. 4. All those in favor of Amendment No. 4 please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. We got one! Passed. (Laughter)

PGP Jerry Trees: I would introduce Sister Vi Griffin who will bring you Amendment No. 5.

PGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Brother Jerry. Amendment No. 5 is found on page 61 of your Advance Annual Report. It is entitled Worthy Grand Matron, Executive Committee for Grand Chapter and if adopted it will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. It is in proper form and what this Amendment will do if passed, at the present members of the Executive Committee must hold membership within the District at the Grand Chapter of which they will serve will be held. If this Amendment is adopted it will delete that residence requirement that the Committee live in the District where the Grand Chapter Session were held. This is in proper form and ready for your consideration.

WGM Annette Curry: Do we have discussion? I see we do. Go ahead.

AGC Jerre Lucas: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I'm still Jerre Lucas Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. I am a proponent of this. With today's technology we can live in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, use the internet, fax machine, cell phone or even for goodness sakes, a regular telephone and do business in another area of the state. Many businesses are utilizing communications thereby allowing employees to work from many areas without having to physically be in an office. Often we need to utilize talents from wherever we need them to come from. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there other discussion? We are about to ballot on Amendment No. 5. Those in favor please let it be known by raising your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion passed.

PGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, I invite Sister Betty Benham to...no? Sister Joyce Gilbert to present Amendment No. 6.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Amendment No. 6 is found on page 62 in the Advance Annual Report. The rationale being if this Amendment is adopted the Worthy Grand Matron will no longer

be limited to 3% of the recorded membership in appointing her Special Committees.

Whereas, we feel it is necessary to maintain the involvement of all members to have them continue to be active while honoring many members who have served for many years. The Associate Grand Matron when planning her year of service to our Grand Chapter shall be allowed to appoint whatever number of special appointments she feels are necessary to present the program of the year as long as they are of no cost to Grand Chapter.

Did I tell you this was found in Division IV, Chapter 4, Article 17 on page 58 of the Constitution. Jurisprudence finds this in proper order and awaits your pleasure.

WGM Annette Curry: Do we have discussion on this?

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Cheryl Albrecht Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820. And I just want a point of clarification. It says, "the other Committees appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron shall be considered Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron and no expense shall be incurred by the Grand Chapter for these Special Committees." Some of these Special Committees sell different items and there is an expense to Grand Chapter in obtaining those supplies prior to them being sold. Does this say that we cannot do that?

PGM Joyce Gilbert: No ma'am. I think what it is saying Sister Cheryl is the fact that you know when the Associate Grand Matron starts buying her stuff, the Board releases the money to do a certain amount and that amount has to be sold and paid back at the time before they can re-order anything else so it's only a limited time before the items are sold and the money turned back into the Grand Secretary. And you're not allowed to just keep spending money without paying for it. I tried Cheryl, it just didn't work.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I just wanted to know what I was going to be facing. (Laughter)

WGM Annette Curry: Believe me I understand. Is there other discussion? We will proceed to ballot on Amendment No. 6. Do we have a motion and second? Those in favor of Amendment No. 6 please let it be known by raising your purple cards. Thank you. Those opposed. Motion passed. (One rap) At this time it's almost lunch time and lunch time is at 12:00 and we'll be back in here, the Prelude is at 1:00 and we'll proceed with our business at 1:30. At this time I invite Sister Naomi Wolfe Past Grand Matron to bring our Benediction. (Three raps)

PGM Naomi Wolfe: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your invitation to invite me to serve during your Grand Chapter Session, with much happiness, thank you. Let us bow our heads: Heavenly Father, this morning You smiled upon us, Your children by allowing us to gather here at this Friday morning "Truth and Love Session". As You lovingly guided us, we pray our endeavors met with Your approval and that the actions taken at these proceedings will be beneficial to our beautiful Order, this Grand Chapter and the entire membership. Now, as we take a brief recess, either for lunch with our Sisters and Brothers, to rest briefly or time permitting to shop, we welcome the opportunity to recharge our mind and body so that we can return with renewed vigor to the afternoon Session. Heavenly Father, please keep those who risk their lives daily to assure our freedom and safety out of harm's way. Keep one and all of us wrapped in Your loving arms as only You can do and as we pray, we ask all these things in Your Son's name. Amen (Amen)

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close the Holy Bible. We need to secure the doors please, we're attending at the altar. Please keep the doors closed. Close the doors. Sisters and Brothers I have one announcement. The Election Judge has said that since it is going to be a yes or no vote, we're going to try to set up...the Election Judge will set up two tables, it should be simple to count and so after we come back from lunch then we can begin on those paper ballot votes, Okay? So don't go off. I now call this Session from Labor to Rest. (One rap)

(Break for lunch)

**Friday Afternoon Session
August 16, 2013
“Truth and Unity” Session**

1:00 p.m. Musical Prelude

**Mrs. Sandra Perdue
Past Matron**

1:30 p.m. Call to Order

**Mrs. Doris J. Hester
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

**Mr. Jack Guy
Past Grand Patron of Texas**

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, let us thank Sister Sandra Perdue for the beautiful music she has given you today. And you know it's always good to see Sandra at that piano. She has written many of our marches over the years and we say thank you, you're a beautiful lady inside and out, for the beautiful music. (Applause) As you can see, I'm not Doris Hester. (Laughter) There's a little difference in the color (hair) but I know you would want to hold Doris in your thoughts and prayers as she works to get well. Let us remember her in our daily prayer. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honor you have given me to be able to open your Friday afternoon “Truth and Unity” with a special Past Grand Patron Brother Jack Guy. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron as the Session of “Truth and Unity” that is just what you have tried to do all year as you travelled the Eastern Star trail. Uniting us is an important part of our Order with truth always being told in a loving and caring manner. Always remember, life is very, very short you must live it to the very, very fullest. And I know that both of you have enjoyed your travels of fun and laughter along the Eastern Star trail. All the wonderful things you've been able to do and accomplish. Brother Jack would you like to greet this membership?

PGP Jack Guy: Yes, thank you Sister Jimmie Lee. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron I thank you for the honor of assisting in the opening of this Friday afternoon Session of the 131st Grand Chapter of Texas. I would also like to thank my good friend Sister Sandra Purdue for the beautiful music. Being together brings back memories of the 2004 Session in Corpus Christie with Sister Doris. And Sister Doris due to some of her health problems was unable to attend the Grand Chapter. Would you all be in prayer for Sister Doris, and also I would like to thank you Sister Jimmie Lee for filling in for Sister Doris. Also lets all be prayerful for the welfare of our Eastern Star Fraternity.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Thank you. It is with great pleasure that I call the Friday afternoon Session to order. Sister Grand Marshal you will present the Installed Grand Officers and their beautiful pages in your “Memory Makers” Drill.

(Memory Makers Drill performed by the direction of Grand Marshal Lori Goldman)

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers now that they can hear us clap let's show them how much we enjoyed that drill. (Applause) This is what you call an Arrangements Committee on labyrinth in action (Arrangements Committee re-setting the labyrinth). Grand Marshal we enjoyed that and we think you did a beautiful job in your preparing and I know you taught these lovely ladies and good looking gentlemen the right foot to start out on. And we enjoyed it. Sisters and Brothers I hope you came prepared for the business at hand

because this Grand Chapter Session is going to move forward very quickly this afternoon as we have done this morning. There’s a lot of work to be accomplished. I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will escort our wonderful Worthy Grand Matron and handsome and dashing Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause) Sisters and Brothers it is with great pleasure that I present to you Sister Annette Curry our Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Crews our Worthy Grand Patron. (Three raps) You will join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors. Worthy Grand Matron I also have a request that I give you a Love Gift from District 4, Section 7. A beautiful young lady was not able to come to your luncheon and they wanted you to have that. And Brother Bill before I forget and run off with your money (handed envelope to him). Worthy Grand Matron it is with pleasure that I present to you your gavel. Enjoy your day and God be with you for the work you have to do ahead. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the duties of the Grand Chapter. (One rap)

(Chapter Proved and Opened. Called from Rest to Labor)

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Grand Conductress, you will open our Holy Bible.

We will now continue with our Jurisprudence Committee. We are going to go ahead and vote by ballot. I believe we agreed that No. 2 was the first we were going to vote by hand on it wasn’t it? Amendment No. 2 to the Constitution? Is that right? Yes, okay. The Tellers I have assigned and you know who you are from postcards telling you. The Tellers for table number one. And table number...let me see, I had a cancellation here. Table number two and on that one I had a drop out due to illness so Beverly Self if you would go to table number two. If you were assigned to table number one, go there. If you were assigned table number two, go there and Beverly Self that includes you. If you’ll go there quietly. And then we’re going to have the table judges will be Buddy Baker, Joyce Nicklas, Naomi Wolfe and John Creel. If you will go there now please. Thank you.

Brother Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Brother Trey Smith: I believe the doors are still closed and people are wanting in and they’re not letting them in yet.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Grand Marshal...I’m sorry, Sister Grand Warder. I was looking at the wrong place. Sister Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel that the 131st Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas is now called from Rest to Labor and you will inform the Grand Sentinel that. Thank you Associate Grand Patron.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron there are some instructions on balloting. We will continue to ballot as we would on an election and that is you are going to ballot on the legal form. The legal form has got an alphabet above it. Your Worthy Grand Matron has got four options at the end of your thirteen ballots. She will pick the letter at the time it is declared open. Please do not mark any ballots until she does that. Be sure that you do not turn in two ballots because that happened last year and you’ve lost your vote. Don’t lose any ballots. Make sure you’re only turning in one. They will stick together. And don’t write little lovely notes on the bottom of it because my Tellers don’t want to read that and

that has happened. So please be respectful of the ones running these machines and all of that. We will ask that you not go in that area because they will be counting a number of votes. We have two machines with spreadsheets that will tally those for us as we will tomorrow. James Walker and Leslie Forman will be running those machines. When those machines are starting to tabulate, what we will do from the tally sheets...the Past Grands that are in that area will stand and observe what is going on in that area. It is going to be exactly like the ballot is tomorrow. The doors will be locked. Whenever the ballot is opened no one will enter or leave unless it is deemed an emergency. There are people that are continuing to work outside, they have the right to vote just as you sitting here. They will go to door entrance number one, they will step in, they will cast their ballot, the Page will not leave the room with the box. It will stay on the inside. The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels have been instructed on how this is to happen. They will open the door from the inside letting the participant ballot and they will go immediately right back outside of the door and resume their positions Credentials, Registration and First Aid. If you were on that Committee you would also want the privilege of voting. They will have to be explained that they are voting on a particular part of a particular Amendment. That is where the Jurisprudence Committee will explain to those because they will come in together. We will not go through it but once what they are voting upon. If there are any questions about how the ballot is being run, how it is being counted or any of that, Brother Buddy Baker will be your liaison to answer any questions. He will give those concerns to me and I will relay them to the Worthy Grand Matron if we cannot make the decision. Please do not circle both for and against. Your vote will be void. Take and circle only one. You will circle, do not x, do not √, you will circle either for or against when the ballot is declared open and you thoroughly understand what you are voting upon. If there are any questions, if you will meet me in the corner I'll try to explain them. Thank you.

Sisters and Brothers there was a question, it is not required that you use a No. 2 pencil. Please do not use your lipstick, but you can use your blue pen, your black pen, your yellow pen...just with a circle. That's all that's necessary. We're not going to require No. 2.

PGM Betty Benham: Good Afternoon. Glad to see everybody returned and even more. It looks good out there. I did this morning present the Amendment No. 2 and this is the one we decided to write-in ballot on. And I was just going to reiterate what it was about and first of all I had a question at lunch and they did ask if we voted on the separation. And the answer is yes it was voted on so we're going to proceed to vote on line item...

WGM Annette Curry: No, not this one.

PGM Betty Benham: Not this one? Oh, that was No. 3 that was separated. We've been talking about so many Amendments I can't tell which ones which, can I? On the second Amendment it is on the eligibility and the proposers of this Amendment, everything will stay the same it's just for the qualifications. And on Section 3 if you will look on d. and this is on page 54 of your Advance Report. And this is the third reading. Everything will stay the same except if you go down to the bottom of the page on d., letter d, it states: "Any member who desires to be a candidate for Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer must submit their resume describing their ability to meet one of the requirements of Section 3c which is above to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee before announcing their intentions. The Jurisprudence Committee will review the resume and determine if the requirement as been met and will notify the candidate in writing of their decision." That has been deleted. So Worthy Grand Matron saying that we are ready for your membership to vote.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay you have some ballots. I believe you have J, you have K, you have L and you have M. We will use “M”. “M.” Now, Sister Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are now going to be balloting and the doors will be sealed. No one can enter or leave until after this ballot is closed. This is simply a yes or no ballot I believe.

(Warder and Sentinel secured the doors to the Grand Chapter room)

WGM Annette Curry: I now declare the ballot open. (One rap) We have the ballot boxes over here to collect the ballots. We are going to just sit where we are. We’re not going to divide the non-voting with the voting. Have I done the wrong thing? (No) Okay, we are just sitting there. Where are the boxes to pick the ballots up with? Deputies would you go do that please.

Okay we need two more for table one, is that right? Barbara Randall, Dottie Ammerman are you here in the room? Barbara Randall, Dottie Ammerman can you go to table one. Okay, Cynthia Bausell. Cynthia, are you in here? Okay good, go to table one. For table two Brenda McDaniel.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl Albrecht Past Matron of Crescent Chapter, have you declared the ballot open?

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Okay, thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: The ballot is open, I believe I did and the doors are locked. This is a yes or no ballot and even though every vote is just one. One yes or one no, even though you may have three votes or two votes you simply get one vote. One vote for or one vote against. One vote no matter if your ballot say two votes or three votes, on a yes or no ballot it’s only one.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, door Number three will be open when a Page goes over to collect the ballot for the Sentinel who is assigned to that door. I’ve already instructed your Grand Warder that it will be open for the Grand Sentinel to step in and vote and go back out because he cannot leave his post and go to the other door.

WGM Annette Curry: What about Registration and Credentials?

PGM Jimmie Lee: They are going to come in at door one in a few minutes. We will send or them. Sisters and Brothers we have no one better in this room to go and fetch people and that is our Associate Grand Patron is being requested to go to door entrance number one, step outside that door and announce that those who would like to ballot upon the Amendment in the Registration, Credentials and First Aid to please come with you. You are given permission to go out that door. Assistant Grand Warder you will let him out, he will go and they will open that door back up so he can come in with his group.

WGM Annette Curry: Tell them to bring their ballot.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: The Pages will hold the ballot boxes. They will not deposit those on the table until we notify you.

(The Grand Choir sings “There Sings a Melody”)

AGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron I have the members of Registration and Credentials.

They have been brought into the room. The question has been asked if other people working in Lost and Found or any other Appointed Committee of yours would be allowed to vote.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes, all those working outside should be invited in at this time.

AGP Trey Smith: Only on a Committee?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Only on a Committee that is assigned a place to seat, be seated and work a job. Because the other membership went out or did not come in, in a timely manner I cannot change that but I can change that Credentials, Registration, First Aid, Lost and Found is out there, if they are on that Committee then yes. No one else is permitted to enter except those that are on those Committees that have assignments that have a duty to perform.

AGP Trey Smith: So Rob Morris is also included in there, any working Committee?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: That's the Worthy Grand Matron's choice.

WGM Annette Curry: First Aid. The Rob Morris Committee is working. Is that correct?

AGP Trey Smith: Yes ma'am.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Let them in but that's it. You have to know that they were assigned an assignment and they have to complete it so yes the Rob Morris can come in because they are locked out for a particular purpose and that is to perform a duty. Let the Rob Morris in.

WGM Annette Curry: But none other.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Registration, Credentials, First Aid, Lost and Found, Rob Morris.

AGP Trey Smith: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve. (Laughter)

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Now you check their badge to see if that's what they are. (Laughter)

WGM Annette Curry: Did the choir finish their song? You're trying to or what happened over there?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Brother Trey, second the motion is not the only thing you get to do. (Laughter)

WGM Annette Curry: Okay Grand Choir. No, wait a minute. No, go ahead. (Laughter)

(Grand Choir sings "I'll Fly Away")

WGM Annette Curry: Have they all voted Associate Grand Patron?

AGP Trey Smith: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron all of those Committees have voted, however it was not explained to them what they were voting on and the ballot to use. I gave them the instruction of what was stated so they were all comfortable with that and they did vote.

WGM Annette Curry: Your duty is performed.

AGP Trey Smith: My duty is performed. (Laughter and Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I now declare the ballot closed and the doors can be opened now.

PGM Betty Benham: Thank you Trey, you also took care of my job!

Brother John Searson: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm John Searson, Bexar Chapter #616, I am serving as Sentinel. I did not get a chance to vote. I was inside, I did not get explained, I was told nothing. I was not told what or who to vote for or what to vote on. I've been standing back here ever since you said to bring the Sentinels in.

WGM Annette Curry: I'm sorry. I did not see you. Go ahead.

Brother John Searson: I'd just like to have the chance to vote and know what I'm voting on. I'd like to know what I'm voting on.

WGM Annette Curry: And where were you?

Brother John Searson: I was inside the back door right here when you... I was relieved to come in and vote. And I did not get a chance. I did not know what I was voting on, if anything. I'm not going to vote if I don't know what I'm voting on.

WGM Annette Curry: We were trying to pay more attention there. We kind of had confusion on this but we'll take care of that and I'm sorry.

Brother John Searson: Will I get to vote on this issue?

WGM Annette Curry: Do you know what it's about?

Brother John Searson: No ma'am.

WGM Annette Curry: You don't know what it's about.

Brother John Searson: No ma'am. It was not explained. I was outside the door.

PGM Betty Benham: Brother John, we'll be happy to explain it to you.

WGM Annette Curry: And if you'll get ballot number "M" out and we'll explain it to you and you can vote. Okay, because of that situation. If you'll come over here to the Tellers table over here on this side of the stage and she will help you. Okay? And I'm very sorry.

PGM Betty Benham: Brother John do you have your Advance Report with you? If you will look at that and on page 54. That is the Amendment No. 2 that you are balloting on and this is to be nominated, turn in their credentials and all for the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. The original Amendment that's printed in your book, the proposing people have removed number 5. d. Where it starts: "Any member who desires to be a candidate for Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer must submit their resume describing their ability to meet one of the requirements of Section 3c above to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee before announcing their intentions. The Jurisprudence Committee will review the resume and determine if the requirement has been met and will notify the candidate in writing of their decision." That has been removed. All the rest of it stands the same.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you and you will ballot on "M". Yes or No. Now we were a little bit confused I know because this is a little bit unusual and I'm sorry but we're going to have to be more careful about the Warders and the Sentinels because we're balloting now. And the Grand Sentinel we're really going to have to work on that and make sure everybody understands what we're voting on and has an explanation of it. When you go out of the

Grand Chapter room and not in this case but when you go out of the Grand Chapter room we might be voting on this today and you come back in and you're not knowing what's going on here in the Grand Chapter room, we can't address that again. And I'm not talking to you John, Okay? But I'm saying if you go out of the Grand Chapter room and we're in the middle of a vote, then you don't know what we're talking about or what the membership is going to vote on we cannot make exceptions. Okay? Where are we? We have this Amendment that I think has been divided, Past Grand Patron do you have some changes to that? Some mark-outs or something? Arthur? So get your books out and make some changes in that because there are some changes I believe.

PGP Arthur Drescher: I want to make sure Brother John is listening. He was one of my Pages and he went to the same high school I did and I'm going to have to talk with him. (Laughter) (To PGM Joyce Gilbert) I'll let you do it.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: On Amendment 3 this morning we voted that we would ballot on Section 1. a. and on Section 1. b. When we come to Section 1. c. at the top of page 57 the proposers of this Amendment have asked to withdraw Section c. So if you will mark out Section c. Okay, have you caught up with me? Page 57 where it says Section 2, How Elected and Tenure. Section a. under Section 2, there's actually no change. It's the same thing that already printed. So we come to Section 2. b. and it's talking about members of the Board of Directors, I'm going to let Brother Arthur who is the proposer of this Amendment tell you what he wants done at this point.

PGP Arthur Drescher: Question for the Parliamentarian would be the motion was made to vote on this in seriatim which means we would have to vote on each one individually and it was seconded and then we had very lively discussion which I do appreciate but we would still have to vote on each one individually. I have no problem in retracting that and going back and letting us do one ballot on the whole thing if it can be done legally. So we are checking with the Parliamentarian right now to see. Otherwise based on what was done this morning and the individual ballot, seriatim plus y'all's motion to vote on it by ballot would have meant that you do individual ballots so if we can change that, that's going to be up to the Parliamentarian.

(Two people trying to talk calling out Worthy Grand Matron)

WGM Annette Curry: Wait just a moment please. Willie Mae?

PGM Willie Mae Shaw: We voted to do this by seriatim and then later decided to vote by ballot. If we vote by seriatim we do not have that many ballots for each one. We could review each one and vote on it individually in case there was an Amendment and then ballot on the entire group as amended.

WGM Annette Curry: Well, also Brother Richard back there we kind of promised him that he could do an amendment on one of them. If we put them all back together we can still amend that one little portion without a problem so we can still get your amendment in there okay?

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Brother Richard you were wanting to talk about c. at the top of the page that says "Any member who desires to be a candidate for the Board of Directors?" Is that the one you were wanting to talk about? Because they have now withdrawn c.

PGP Richard Ochs: Has each individual listed at the bottom of the page confirmed that they

desire to withdraw because a withdrawal is inappropriate unless each individual who has signed withdraws. Also you confirmed to me when I questioned things that I would be permitted to present the Amendment. You're changing...that's why I said you're confusing everybody with the talk at the lectern. Not everybody, some of you might know but there's a lot of the membership who have a vote and what would you do in deciding who's eligible if you drop c. Now where are we?

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you Richard. Thank you.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Brother Richard we're just kind of in a quandary right now because the membership voted to vote seriatim on this, that means we vote on a., and we vote on b. and under b. we vote on 1., 2., 3., and 4., and 5...we voted to ballot on b. which means if you look at this we're going to be here the rest of the day on this one Amendment possibly so we'll see. We'll get through it one way or another.

PGP Richard Ochs: Now you know why I questioned earlier. What we're talking about, you confirm that yes I would be permitted to give an Amendment

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Yes you would

PGP Richard Ochs: And if you want to change that it's unfair how we handle business. This is not the first time and I do not want to get into how Jurisprudence has whacked me a couple of times in the past. So please please please...

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, thank you Richard, thank you.

Sister Tonya Foster: Worthy Grand Matron, I believe that since we have voted we cannot reconsider to do that according to Roberts Rule of Order and I would also like to clarify did we completely ever vote on that because a lot of people seem to think we did not vote on that and if we're going to start deleting, changing, re-doing, re-writing, wouldn't it take an Amendment with three copies and be turned into Jurisprudence? I just don't understand how we can just keep re-doing and deleting.

PGP Arthur Drescher: My name is Arthur Drescher Past Patron of Dal-Cliff and both of you have brought up some valid points but also there needs to be some clarification which I believe Willie Mae can do in a few minutes. If three of the original signers or more want to amend their Amendment they can do that by submitting it in writing to the Jurisprudence Committee and there are three members plus that are here that have agreed to remove the Section on the Jurisprudence Committee verifying that on both Amendments and I know that was what Brother Richard was addressing a while ago so I hope that handles that. We are trying to do this so we don't have to spend all day discussing and voting on it. If there is a way that we can back, if they can tell us how to vote on the whole thing as one I would be willing to accept that on behalf of the writers on that. If y'all want to vote on each one individually as has been done then that's fine. Whatever makes the membership happy.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes sir.

PGP Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, Richard Ochs Past Patron of Amarillo Chapter #787 and Kingsley #1118. Because of what was said and you can start backing up, an amendment to c. is still appropriate as far as the whole thing is. And I think if you'll look back over the many years of occurrence, if a motion was withdrawn each one, that's why

it's not good to have fourteen people on whatever it is, sign one. To get everybody back on the thing. I am disappointed on some things as many of you well know, but I really feel strongly about what I have to say and we're wasting more time just arguing with me than if we had just allowed the dern thing.

PGP Arthur Drescher: Worthy Grand Matron, I'd like to make a motion that we remove this Amendment from seriatim.

PGP Richard Ochs: Now you talking about the whole thing?

PGP Arthur Drescher: All I'm making a motion on is to remove the seriatim. This will allow us to have one up or down vote. I will not be the one to determine whether any discussion or amendments can be made. I'm just saying I'd like to remove seriatim and let us have an up and down vote.

PGP Richard Ochs: The whole Amendment 3, we're not getting a straight answer. Is it all of Amendment 3...

PGM Joyce Gilbert: It's all of Amendment 3 except for IMPLEMENTATION where it lists "a member from District 4 for 3 years" they had withdrawn that this morning early. So that's the entire Amendment 3 with the exception of Section 2 c. IMPLEMENTATION.

PGP Richard Ochs: There we go separating and playing games.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Richard this was done this morning early. They withdrew that Section right there this morning. You can make an Amendment now to whatever you want other than that one Section. Do you have an Amendment that you'd like to purpose? Oh, we have to vote to take it off of seriatim, excuse me Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Kristin Gardner: Worthy Grand Matron I'd like to raise a point of Order.

WGM Annette Curry: Name and title.

Sister Kristin Gardner: Kristin Gardner Past Matron Carthage #747 and Tenaha #185 and according to Roberts Rules of Order on page 277 number 8 talking about the motion of seriatim, it cannot be reconsidered.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Okay Sisters and Brothers our Parliamentarian will now give us her ruling on this.

Sister Ann Dunn: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay.

Sister Ann Dunn: I am Ann Dunn, Worthy Matron of Shepherd Chapter #1003 also a Past Matron of that Chapter and Past Matron of Livingston Chapter #1139. In the consideration in all of the confusion that is going on about this Amendment I would like to ask those who proposed this Amendment if they would withdraw it in its entirety and bring it back to us at a later date with more information.

WGM Annette Curry: We have an invalid motion and so we will continue and this will be considered and probably whatever they decide to do, the signers on this Committee. We'll go forward with the other Amendments, thank you.

(Someone yelling out something from the membership)

Pardon me? Please do not shout. If you want to speak please come to the microphone and give your name and title and address the Worthy Grand Matron in this Assembly please.

Sister Ann Dunn: Worthy Grand Matron it's me again. I did not make that in the form of a motion. I made it in the form of a request to the signers of this Amendment.

WGM Annette Curry: I realize that. We had a motion on the floor at that time.

Sister Ann Dunn: Oh, I'm sorry.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. If you do wish to speak we welcome your speaking but please come to the microphone, give your name and title. Thank you.

PGP Arthur Drescher: Worthy Grand Matron I withdraw my motion to withdraw seriatim.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, here we go.

PGM Betty Benham: You're safe. I'm not going to talk on Amendment 2. I am here to present Amendment No. 7 and you will find this on page 63 in your Advance Annual Report. And it's Article 37, Motor Vehicle d. in your Constitution. The rationale of this and what it will do and what it will affect if you pass it. In listing those entitled to ride with the Worthy Grand Matron in the vehicle provided by the Grand Chapter of Texas this Article originally listed the District Deputy Grand Matron, the Grand Examiner and Secretary. This Amendment will change Secretary to Secretary of the Worthy Grand Matron. Really what this entails is clean-up that it be removed from the Code of Laws, just the wording because if you just leave Secretary, we have Secretaries of the Chapter, we have Grand Secretary so this is stating Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron. And Worthy Grand Matron it is...

WGM Annette Curry: Is there discussion on Amendment No. 7?

PGM Betty Benham: It is in proper order and we'll leave it to the membership to vote on it.

Sister Kathey Crews: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Kathey Crews Past Matron of Polytechnic Chapter #420. This year we had a problem with our Secretary for the Worthy Grand Matron who had to have surgery and was out of the Grand Chapter van for quite a while. We had to replace her with someone that could take care of that assignment. She would not be called the Secretary of the Worthy Grand Matron. So if you change this the Worthy Grand Matron could go without her Secretary at all. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Okay, is there more discussion? We will proceed to vote on Amendment No. 7. All those in favor please raise your purple cards. All those opposed. The motion carries.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Worthy Grand Matron we are now ready to vote on Amendment No. 8. It's found on pages 63 and 64 in the Advance Annual Report. In essence what this is talking about is giving the Grand Secretary the privilege of determining the Holidays for the Grand Secretary's Office. It currently says "Christmas holidays will be determined by the Grand Secretary with the concurrence of the Board of Directors." It will be amended to say "Christmas holidays will be determined each year by the Grand Secretary".

WGM Annette Curry: This is No. 8. Is there discussion?

Brother Richard Ochs: Worthy Grand Matron, Richard Ochs, Amarillo Chapter #787 and Kingsley #1118. If you do this it leaves it totally open, if you have a Grand Secretary that desires, what if she wants to give them off a month? Now, wait just a minute, I know it

sounds impractical but the Board of Trustees and all used to be involved and coordinated as to when it was. And that's basically what the Directors are doing today. Now if the Corporate Board, somebody needs to be involved where it isn't a one person discussion. Unless you okay it that the Worthy Grand Matron even, somebody should have some involvement for determination. It should not be one individual and I don't care if she only takes one day off, that's one thing but you don't have anything that makes some kind of coordination appropriate. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there other discussion? We'll proceed to vote on Amendment No. 8. All those in favor please hold up your purple cards. All those opposed. The lighting is not good, please stand. All those in favor of Amendment No. 8. Those opposed. Sisters and Brothers we want to be fair, be very very fair. And when I'm unable to really really call it I'm going to have to have some help up here please. I need some help. All those in favor of Amendment No. 8 please stand. Those opposed. It's a simple majority, it's failed.

PGP Arthur Drescher: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

PGP Arthur Drescher: On Amendment No. 3, I have spoke with the majority of the signers and we have agreed to withdraw and re-work it and bring it back next year in a better form. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers we will now vote. Do you agree to allow this withdrawal? Raise your card if you agree. Those opposed. Withdrawn (One rap)

PGM Betty Benham: Alright, membership guess what? I'm back on Amendment No. 2. This time we do have a ballot and that was on your ballot "M". So Worthy Grand Matron with it being finished and turned in I ask you to deliver the results.

WGM Annette Curry: Ballot "M", Amendment No. 2 affects the Constitution. Votes for 806. Against 280. Amendment No. 2 passed. (One rap)

PGM Vi Griffin: Sisters and Brothers we're ready to consider Amendment No. 9., which is found on page 64 of your Advance Annual Report. If adopted this will take affect at the end of this Grand Chapter Session. What it will do if it passes will take away the authority for the Board of Directors to determine the printing which is now done in the Grand Chapter office. We find this in proper form and ready for your consideration.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there discussion?

AGC Jerre Lucas: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Jerre Lucas Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. This is to delete the printing which is a very big ticket item which is currently under the direction of the Board of Directors ten members to place it under the Grand Secretary, one person. Since we currently have the ten members who have the ability to get quotes from all over the state for our printing needs and our Grand Secretary is only one person and why would we want to fix something that's not broken. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there other debate, speaking? We'll proceed to vote on Amendment No. 9. Those in favor raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Defeated. (One rap)

PGM Vi Griffin: I now present Brother Jerry Trees who will present Amendment No. 10.

PGP Jerry Trees: I am here to present Amendment No. 10 for your consideration. If adopt-

ed it will take affect at the close of the Grand Chapter Session. This is found on page 65 in the Advance Annual Report. Chapter 4. E. Article 69, page 68, in your Constitution. We have found it to be in proper form. What it will do is copies of the proceeding will continue to be furnished free of charge to those listed in Article 69. a., b., c., d., and f. Section g. will be amended to read: "All members may purchase copies by requesting in writing to the Grand Secretary's office within 30 days after the Grand Chapter session has been completed. Before, there was a form that you filled out to send in, now they are proposing to have the request, you to write in and request in writing that you would like to have a copy of the proceedings.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there discussion? I recognize...

PGM Yvonne Brownfield: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Yvonne Brownfield Past Matron of Copperas Cove #1070. When we say in writing in this day of electronic age will they accept an email request? I wrote last year for the proceedings with an email, got a confirmation back but then my name was not on the list when I came to pick up my proceedings so what method of writing are we going to use.

PGP Jerry Trees: That I don't know.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there other debate or speaking? The question is what method of writing will be used, is that correct?

PGM Yvonne Brownfield: That's right.

PGP Jerry Trees: If we say writing, to me that means you put it on a piece of paper and you send it in. Not technology, the old fashioned way.

WGM Annette Curry: We have not amended our By-Laws to take emails so I would assume by this that it says in writing, you would continue to put it in an envelope, a stamp and mail it in until we make an amendment or something to say we accept by-laws and there are other examples in our Constitution and Code of Laws that need to be changed because things could be done by electronic but they're not so those things need to be changed and this is not so, if it says in writing I would assume it's in writing. Are there other questions?

PGM Yvonne Brownfield: Worthy Grand Matron, Yvonne Brownfield Past Matron of Copperas Cove #1070. Again I ask why not email because we spend thousands of dollars on computer equipment in our office why can't we use it?

WGM Annette Curry: Well, I can't change the Amendment. I can't change the Amendment as it is presented. That's the way the Amendment is presented.

Sister Mary Calvert: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Sister Mary Calvert: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Mary Calvert Past Matron of Athens Chapter #177. I also requested proceedings of last year's Grand Chapter and requested it by email and did get a correspondence received and I did pick up mine so if we're accepting some we should accept them all.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Is there other discussion?

Sister Donna Pope: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Donna Pope Past Matron of North Fort Worth Chapter #684. For clarification on this Amendment, since we have on our Grand

Chapter website, forms that we can pull down, can we get some kind of confirmation from the Grand Secretary's office that she could possibly put a form on the website that we could pull down and print that and send that in to the Grand Secretary's office within 90 days of the completion of the Grand Chapter Session. And would that qualify as request in writing.

Sister Susie Rogers: Worthy Grand Matron, Susie Rogers Past Matron of Odessa #447 now Affiliated with Burnet #425. My question is very similar to Donna's, could we get a statement from the Grand Secretary's office as to which method might be preferable for her since you did have some request come in by email and I know that you've had written? Does one work better than the other?

GS Marlene Scholari: I could not personally say which one would work better than the other because there are always electronic glitches that could cause a problem where you could not get it electronically. I personally, if I felt like I wanted someone to get it I would mail that to them because you cannot always guarantee that someone's going to receive an email but I take Donna's suggestion as a good one that we put a form on the website to send in a request so that everybody fills out the exact same thing. We know who they are, what Chapter they're with and these things don't happen. Now I do apologize to Sister Yvonne for hers not being on the list. I don't know why, if it was not added because the staff didn't have it when she made that list for me but there should be no reason why she could not pick that up because there are extra's back there and if you did not get it, if they did not give it to you they need to do so. I'm very sorry about that Yvonne because I remember your email. Yes ma'am, I remember your email and I apologize that she did not get that on there because I had turned that over to someone else to type that list and I'm sorry it was missed but I do like Donna's recommendation that we put a form that everybody can use so you'll know what to ask for and how. Chapters are entitled to get one and the original reason for this Amendment was because we had made that a requirement for our Past Grands to request theirs so I wanted it to read the same as what we had ask our Past Grands to do and that our membership to do the same in order to get one since that form was no longer on the Bulletin for that. So that was the reason for this change is to make it be the same requirements that we're asking our Past Grands to do in the other part of the Amendment.

WGM Annette Curry: Are there other discussions or questions? We will proceed to vote on Amendment 10. All those in favor please raise your purple card. Those opposed. Motion passed.

PGP Jerry Trees: Sister Joyce.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: I'm going to be presenting Amendment No. 11. It's found on page 66 of the Advance Annual Report. The title is "District Deputy Grand Matrons", Article 143, Expenses. Now this is just going to be a little bit of house cleaning is what it is. We still have where it talks about the Expenses, Article 143: "Grand Chapter shall appropriate each year from the General Fund such an amount as it may deem necessary for the expense of each District." Well you know we don't do that anymore so they're going to amend it to read: "TRANSPORTATION DURING SCHOOL SCHEDULE. The District Deputy Grand Matron shall travel with the Worthy Grand Matron in the vehicle furnished by Grand Chapter during the school schedule in her District". The rationale is the Article relates to expenses appropriated each year for the District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Deputies however Grand Chapter no longer appropriates these funds. This Amendment would delete Article 143, EXPENSES and change it to read: TRANSPORTATION DURING SCHOOL SCHEDULE. The

District Deputy Grand Matron shall travel with the Worthy Grand Matron in the vehicle furnished by Grand Chapter during the school schedule in her District. If this one passes, 12 and 13 will be void. We find this in proper order and await your pleasure.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there discussion on Amendment No. 11. We'll proceed to vote. All those in favor of Amendment No. 11 please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion carries. (One rap) (No. 12 and 13 were voided with the adoption of No. 11)

PGM Vi Griffin: Amendment No. 14 is found on page 69 of your Advance Annual Report and it's titled Registration Committee, Article 152K. If adopted it will take affect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. What it will do if passed, the Registration fee for attending our Grand Chapter presently is \$10.00. It would be raised to \$20.00 per person with the exception of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and those residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Of that \$20.00 increase, \$10.00 would be directed to the Session to defray the expenses of the Session. This Amendment is in proper order and ready for action by this Grand Chapter.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there discussion?

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Worthy Grand Matron I am Joyce Nicklas, Past Matron of Mineral Wells Chapter #44. And I really can't see a cause to go up on Registration. I mean, you know we're helping every way we can and we're here and I think \$10.00 is sufficient. Besides, I know that at my Grand Chapter Session we gave money back to Grand Chapter and I believe at Sister Vi Griffin's Grand Chapter they gave over \$30,000 back (Applause) so just make sure we can all afford to come and I think \$10.00 should just stay put. Thank you.

Brother Mike Hall: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Mike Hall, Past Patron of Round Rock Chapter #316 and present Worthy Patron of Belton Chapter #589. I was the author of this Amendment and my thoughts on that were back in 1961 our Registration fee was \$2.00. Gasoline was .31 cents a gallon. In '74 the Registration fee was \$3.00. Gasoline was .66 cents a gallon. In 1985 our Registration fee was \$10.00 as it is today and gasoline was \$1.20. And today, 30 years later we're at \$3.52 per gallon of gas and I really feel it would be good to bring us up with the cost of today. Thank you.

Brother Carl Unlanb: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Carl Unlanb Worthy Patron of Dumas Chapter #653. I applaud the idea of meeting expenses. Had the drafters of this gone a little further I would be in full support of it. But I cannot comprehend why we're only going to take \$10.00 to apply to Grand Chapter Session. Where do they intend the other \$10.00 to go?

PGM Vi Griffin: Presently all the Registration fees are deposited into the General Fund. So the first \$10.00 would continue to go to the General Fund and the other \$10.00 to the Session.

Sister Melanie Rayner: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Sister Melanie Rayner: Melanie Rayner, Past Matron of Cedar Bayou #11. I'm looking at the numbers for the last ten Grand Chapter years, for the last ten years of the Grand Chapter costs and according to what I am looking at we've only had one year where there was no money returned to Grand Chapter. In addition, our membership is aging and the membership because they are aging, many are on a fixed income. And the additional cost of regis-

tration, in addition to cost of hotel, transportation, banquet tickets, etc. is becoming cost prohibitive to our older membership. We need to take that into account when we start raising funds and raising prices on some of these things that we can keep down so therefore I am very much against this Amendment.

Sister Darla Dunaway: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Darla Dunaway Past Matron of Everman #624. I also am against this, raising the Registration for Grand Chapter. The Registration fee was initially put into place to pay for what it cost to print the ballots, to get these little colored cards that we do and just to get the registration, the active registering of everyone covered. We now do the printing in-house which makes things cheaper. We cut these in-house so, the gasoline that he just spoke about has increased in such that it is prohibitive for our membership being able to travel wherever our Grand Chapter is. So I too speak against this change.

PGP Buddy Baker: Worthy Grand Matron, Buddy Baker, Past Patron of Mart #109. I know it's needed but we have enough empty seats as it is. I believe that might empty another seat if we do raise it. And I personally feel like we're trying to make Grand Chapter a fund raiser. I thought it was supposed to be supportive out through the year. Raise funds at Grand Chapter to have Grand Chapter. Like I said, most of the Past Grand Matrons have given money back to Grand Chapter. So why, when it's not needed?

WGM Annette Curry: Are there others? Are you speaking for or against?

GT Lorrie Owens: For. I'm Lorrie Owens, Affiliated Past Matron of Canyon Lake #1103 and currently New Braunfels #771. I'm speaking for this and to begin with you're saying our membership does not have the money to do so? Anybody who's been connected with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls knows that they charge \$15.00 for Registration. And the fact that they can afford it, we could afford to help out. And you're saying that money was returned to Grand Chapter, we give Grand Chapter \$20,000 each year. If you look yes, last year in Beaumont they did a great job in returning money, but the two previous years and even in, let's say when we had it in Amarillo we only got \$5,800 back out of that \$20,000. And the one in Houston we got about \$15,000. If you were looking at some of the budget amounts that were put in from previous years that showed what was going on, you would know that. Yes, Beaumont did a great job but there's no guarantee that the next one is going to be able to turn back \$20,000.

Sister Pricilla Lott: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Pricilla Lott, Past Matron of Glen Rose Chapter #171. I'm also Mother Advisor of Rose Assembly #382. My girls work to earn their money to go to Grand Assembly. Every dime we pay at Grand Assembly we went out and we fund raised until we got it. They don't have that money. They're just little girls. And that's not a good comparison. I am against this because our members are getting older, I'm one of them, I'm getting older and incomes are cutting off. At least for our family they are. And I just think that \$10.00 is enough. Thanks.

WGM Annette Curry: Over here. Do we have one here?

Sister Marsha Putnam: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Marsha Putnam, Past Matron of New Braunfels #771. I simply ask that people look around and see the ages of the membership. We don't have the option of going out to work to make extra money to pay extra fees. And we need to look out for our membership and do everything possible to keep them coming and I think if we just hit them here and hit them there and keep raising the money, our mem-

bership at Grand Chapter is going to dwindle that much more. And then what are we going to do?

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Are there others?

Sister Gerri Sturtz: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Gerri Sturtz. I'm an Affiliated Past Matron at Sugarland #1107. I call for the question.

WGM Annette Curry: The question's been called for. Is there a second? It has been seconded. It takes a two-thirds vote. All those in favor of calling for the question please raise your purple cards. This is for calling the question, stopping debate. Those opposed. Motion passed. (One rap) We will proceed to vote on Amendment No. 14. All those in favor of Amendment No. 14 please raise your card. Those opposed. Defeated. (One rap)

PGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I present Brother Jerry Trees who will present Amendment No. 15.

PGP Jerry Trees: I'm here to present you for consideration Amendment No. 15 found on page 70 in the Advance Annual Report. If adopted it will take affect at the close of the Grand Chapter Session. This is titled EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS, Article 152-M, Chapter 10, page 111 in your Constitution. It is in proper form and the rationale at the present time the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter under the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron has general supervision over the Grand Chapter arrangements as well as the spending of the money allotted by Grand Chapter which should not exceed \$20,000. Section b. authorizes the Grand Secretary to release \$20,000 upon request by the Chairman of the Executive Committee subject to the approval by the Board of Directors. If adopted the amount allotted Grand Chapter will increase to \$30,000 and Section b. will authorize the Grand Secretary to release the \$30,000 upon request of the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

WGM Annette Curry: Amendment No. 15, is there debate, discussion?

Sister Sandy McMillan: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sandy McMillan Past Matron of Buna Chapter #968 and I am against raising from \$20,000 to \$30,000. If we cannot hold a Grand Chapter for \$20,000, we need to find some different ways and different places to have our Grand Chapter. This is totally ridiculous. We as individuals out here have to live on a budget. We as Grand Chapter need to learn to live with a budget. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Over here.

Sister Sue Shoemaker: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Sue Shoemaker, Worthy Matron of Templar Chapter #374. And I'd just like to have some information. I've never served on Executive Committee. I would like to know what prompted this was the cost or actually exceeding this. Is there some kind of deposit? Why is there need for raising the amount that Brother Mike might speak to or Brother Trey or whoever. Thank you.

Sister Pat Neher: Worth Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Sister Pat Neher: I'm Pat Neher from Kingsville Chapter #325. We just heard how much money has been returned to the Grand Chapter on the \$20,000 budget and now let me tell you, Beaumont has a better place to meet. We can see what's happening on the floor, they have transportation and it certainly didn't cost as much as it probably is costing here. And

the only ones here on the flat level that can see are those who are in the front row.

Sister Annette Curry: Thank you.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Annette Curry: Yes.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: I'm Ray Hertenberger, Past Patron of Texas City Chapter #626. And if this membership will remember back some five years ago we met in the fall and because of different things that were going on and some of them are teachers and stuff is why we moved Grand Chapter to the middle of August to start off with. Now school is already starting. We've got our kids in school already and here we are. As long as we keep Grand Chapter before Labor Day we are going to continue paying the summer rates for the hotels that they know without us, they can fill anyway. So I not only think we need to consider where we're meeting but when we're meeting. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Trey?

AGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Trey Smith member of Big Spring Chapter #67 and Past Patron of Arlington #249. To answer one of the questions that was presented, the reason we wrote this Amendment is simply due to the fact that the Grand Chapter does front the incoming Officers or Session money \$20,000. That money is then repaid to Grand Chapter and usually at a profit. I think it would be very naive to think that the banquet meals and everything, I think for the membership to know that those banquet meals are very expensive to begin with. It's not like there's a lot of profit on those meals. And I think that maybe that's something we could put in the Bulletin for people to understand better. Because we've also been confronted with deposits that have to be made now due to other organizations setting up an event and they did not pay their deposit because it wasn't required at the time and they've cancelled. And that has caused good organizations like us to now have to pay deposits. So a lot of the money that is in these is tied up in deposits trying to make arrangements. It's part of what happens on putting on an event. It's not trying to be a profit center. Because I think if you look back at what some of the Grand Chapters have turned in in the past, it has far exceeded what the \$20,000 was that was the front money. It benefits Sister Jayne and I not one penny. We were just trying to propose this to help offset some of the deposits and tie-up money that doesn't have us available funds to do something else that we need to do to put on the Convention. That's the only reason that this was proposed. I think the rental for a Convention Center like this, it's astronomical. It's hard to imagine if you don't ever see that side of it what that cost is. So that's why this was proposed. It's simply helping to cover the expenses that we have and hoping we can recoup and cover it.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Sister Tonya Wilson: Worthy Grand Matron my name is Tonya Wilson. I'm a Past Matron of Port Neches Chapter #677 and Silsbee Chapter #298. I'm looking at the schedule of Past Grand Chapters for the last ten years. All of them have been profitable excluding 2002. Everybody has returned at least \$5,000 or more. If the \$30,000 is needed to cover expenses with, I know they can't guarantee but it is to make it easier for them find or get better deals than I would be for it but one thing I would like to see is that they have different proposals so that they're not just going to one place and getting that because I know when we do stuff where I work we have to get bids on different areas to make sure we're getting the

most cost effective and the people that are working with us the best. And if we're going to make Grand Chapter for all the people, then we need to do that. Thank you.

Brother Mike Hall: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Mike Hall, Past Patron of Round Rock Chapter #316 and Worthy Patron of Belton Chapter #589. I heard somebody say "well if you can't run Grand Chapter on \$20,000 we gotta do something different". But if you take the budget that was presented earlier today, the expense, the Grand Chapter expense, the \$20,000 was the deposit to the Executive Committee but the actual expense was \$115,280.75. Now the money that was brought in on income was \$129,939. which included that \$20,000 sent back to Grand Chapter, so there was a profit if you want to call it a profit. So the \$30,000 is just kind of an off-set, seed money if you want to call it that way. It will help the Executive Committee do those things that they need to do. Thank you.

Brother Keith Mikeworth: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Keith Mikeworth, Past Patron of Midland #253. I call for the question.

WGM Annette Curry: Motion has been made and seconded that we call for the question. Those that wish to do so, please raise your purple cards. Opposed. We've called for the question. (One rap) All those in favor of Amendment No. 15 please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion fails. (One rap)

PGP Jerry Trees: Sister Joyce.

WGM Annette Curry: I invite the Grand Choir to bring us a song.

(Grand Choir sings "Wildwood")

WGP Bill Crews: Thank you Grand Choir, thank you very much. Now let me tell you what, I love this music over here and I know that we're all getting tired of sitting down so I think we need a seventh inning stretch and the choir sing another song. And we can sing along with them. Let's everybody take a stretch.

(Grand Choir sings)

Thank you, Sister Georgia and the Grand Choir. Let's give them a big hand. (Applause) Now, can I have your attention just for a little bit. You can still stand up and stretch if you want to. But as you know in every big Organization that has so many people, somebody's going to lose something somewhere. Well, I've got a list of them up here. So if you recognize any of these items I'm fixing to call out, be sure and go over here to the Grand Secretary's desk and they'll put you in the right direction on how to find them, okay? Now this one is very very very important. Let's listen now. Let's listen. Everybody listen now. I'm going to tell you about this wallet that is lost. Everybody listening? Okay, it belongs to Jack Black. Do you know that your wallet is missing? Now if the wrong people get a hold of that wallet you know that you might not have any money left but if you'll go over here I think it's at the Grand Secretary's desk. Alright, now we have a dues card. Kathrine Sammons, McLennan Chapter #639, is she in the room? We have a dues card at the Grand Secretary's desk so you might need to go pick it up. You might not be able to get in or out without it so we need you to do that. Now we did have a cell phone a while ago that was missing but guess what, they found it. We have an elephant pin at the Grand Secretary's desk. Now I don't know who it belongs to. We have a black bead earring. Now I don't know if that's just one or the whole set but it's over at the Secretary's desk. We have a horseshoe pin at the Secretary's desk. We have a name badge and it's Herman Will Tammon, it looks like. But you have a badge

that's over at the Secretary's desk. We have another badge, JoAnne Floyd. You might pick your badge up at the Secretary's desk. Now the Lost and Found, the Lost and Found has several items too. We have a pair of sunglasses that's been lost. We have a travel book 2012-2013 that's been lost and a calendar. I think those were together. We also have a silver/black shawl. And these are at the Lost and Found and I think it's time for me to turn this back over to the Worthy Grand Matron. If you will please take your seats.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you Worthy Grand Patron. We will continue with our reports on Jurisprudence.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Sisters and Brothers we're going to continue with our Amendments now. Play time is over.

WGM Annette Curry: I wanted to just say one thing. I have had two complaints, two complaints about cell phones. It seems that somewhere in this Grand Chapter room, cell phones are going off and ringing and disturbing other people and you're actually answering the phone. So if you will, please turn your cell phones on vibrate and if you get a call maybe go out. But it is disturbing the others. I've had two people complain to me about cell phones. Thank you.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Okay are we ready? Amendment No. 16. It is found on page 71 in your Advance Annual Report. The title: Chapter 4, Article 204 d. DUAL MEMBERSHIP. The rationale is that the proponents of this legislation believe that Plural Memberships will benefit many smaller Chapters by making it possible for the Chapters to have a quorum in order to conduct the business of the Chapter. Plural membership is now recognized by General Grand Chapter. This Amendment outlines the changes to be made in our Code of Laws in order to change Dual Membership to read Plural as well as the wording in our forms 140S, 141S, and 142S. If this passes it will be effective immediately. We find that this Amendment is in proper order but we do have some amendments that are going to be made before we vote. Sister Alma.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you Sister Joyce. I am Alma Bane, Past Matron of McLennan Chapter #639 and Stephenville Chapter #801. Having worked with Plural Membership Legislation on the General Grand Chapter level and having to suffer through some of the potholes left in the Legislation as well as the experience I have had with questions from other Jurisdictions, when I received my Bulletin with the Amendments and I saw the Plural, I recognized three potential problems. And I felt it my duty as a member of the Grand Chapter of Texas to write some Amendments that the potholes might be filled before the Chapter Secretaries and the Grand Secretary find that their potholes become sink holes. The first Amendment A. that I have submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee with three copies is pertaining to Chapter 4, Article 204, d., DUAL MEMBERSHIP, page 146. This has a phrase in it that says only members in adjoining Jurisdictions may apply and have Plural Membership. This would prohibit someone as myself, or Lee or Pat Stallings, or any of our other members who live in states that do not touch Texas from doing the benefit of Plural Membership. And my Amendment is to change only one word and that is in d. 1. The word that is there now is adjoining Jurisdiction and my Amendment is to change the word to Another Jurisdiction.

WGM Annette Curry: We have on Amendment No. 16, Amendment letter A. to change the one word from Adjoining to Another. Is there discussion on the Amendment. There is no discussion on Amendment A. We'll proceed to vote. All those in favor of Amendment A.

raise your purple cards. Opposed. Amendment A. passes. (One rap)

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Likewise, the way our Laws are written at this time, a person seeking Dual Membership only has one dues card and that's their Parent Chapter's dues card. Once this is adopted people will have more than one dues card. They'll have a Parent dues card and potentially several other Dual/Plural, whatever it's going to be called, dues cards. In order to maintain the communication between the Parent Chapter Secretary and all the other Chapters of which someone may have Plural Membership, that Parent Chapter Secretary is like the hub on a wheel and all those spokes are those other Chapters. Because our Laws state that if you go suspended in your Parent Chapter, you are out of all the others. However, if you are suspended out of a Dual or Plural Chapter, that does not affect your Parent Chapter. But there is a communication process that must go back and forth and that hub is your Parent Chapter dues card. So there was no wording change in that paragraph only the heading because by default we have all been giving our Parent Chapter dues card in the past to become a Dual Member. So I have proposed in my Amendment to this Amendment that (3) PROCEDURE FOR AFFILIATION AS PLURAL MEMBER a. From Texas Chapters a signed duplicate receipt for dues from the Parent Chapter for the current year of a Texas Chapter or from other Grand Jurisdictions a certificate of good standing, form 140S, be filled out by the Petition's Parent Chapter and must accompany the application. The words I emphasize are: Parent Chapter of a Texas Chapter to be filled out by the Petition's Parent Chapter and the application...are the words I am amending.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there discussion on Amendment B.? All those in favor please let it be known by raising your purple card. Those opposed. Amendment B. passes. (One rap)

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Amendment C. is one that through discussion I determined that we always had this pothole. We state that if you're suspended in your Parent Chapter you're automatically suspended in your Dual Chapter. But if a case came up where you were the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron of your Dual Chapter and you were suspended in your Parent Chapter, our legal code addresses the removal of a Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron during their term. And because those parts of the legal code are not known by all of our members I'm adding a phrase to the number (5) suspension. A Plural member suspended or expelled after trial in one of the Chapters would have the same effect in all Chapters, Parent or Plural and this is what I've added: In accordance with legal code Article 5, 12. and Article 5, 13. That is the Amendment I'm making.

WGM Annette Curry: This is Amendment C.? Is there discussion on Amendment C.? Hearing none those in favor of Amendment C. please raise your purple card. Those opposed. Motion C passes, Amendment C.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you Jurisprudence Committee and thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, now we have three Amendments, A., B., and C. which have been passed to the Amendment and now we are going to vote on Amendment #16. Is there discussion on Amendment #16?

Sister Maja Gerdine: My name is Maja Gerdine I am an Affiliated Past Matron of Adah Chapter #49. I'm against Amendment #16. The issue is that you're allowing for people to take time away from Chapters that are currently active. We are culling our live membership in two and now you are allowing to do more. There are only 164 hours in a week, most of

us belong to other Organizations. That being said you are now taking and allowing people to join multiple Organizations for the pure and simple fact that they can't meet a quorum. There's something wrong with that Chapter if they can't meet a quorum. Why are you delaying the inevitable? So I'm...you shouldn't be able to do more than two. You're taking from Brothers and Sisters in active Chapters and now moving them away. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. We will now have...

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Wait just a moment. We have one here on the stage here. Could she speak next please.

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Yes ma'am.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

PMWGM Rennie Oton: I'm Rennie Oton, Past Matron of Harlandale Chapter #750. I believe that Plural Membership is more than just a bandaid. You know whenever we hurt ourselves we put a bandaid over it and it does help some. And it's true we need something heavier maybe but Sisters and Brothers as I travelled through my term all of those who had Plural Membership told me the good it was doing. They saved Chapters by joining even though it was a few miles down the road. In the big cities we have our own members who run back and forth to help us and they come and Pro-Tem. Even out in the country they will travel 20 – 40 miles to go over and Pro-Tem but after a while they don't have any say in the business and all of that and they kind of lose interest in it. I think Plural Membership is more than a bandaid. It's a chance for us to stop the bleeding in a lot of Chapters out in the boon-docks if you want, in Texas we call them boondocks. (Laughter) But it's needed just to give them a chance to see if it's going to work. You don't have to have Plural Membership, you don't have to take Plural Membership but those of you who want to contribute to probably the saving of any one Chapter and will drive all those miles to help should be given that privilege. I vote for that. Thank you. (Applause)

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Worthy Grand Matron I am Joyce Nicklas, Past Matron of Mineral Wells Chapter #44. And I was so excited at General Grand Chapter when they voted on Plural Membership and I thought I can't wait for Texas to have the opportunity. I've been a member for 40 years come September and I belong to a small, small Chapter. How would we survive without our Pro-Tems? Many come and say "Oh, if we could just be members. We could come and we could help you have that quorum". We're struggling now, but our Dual Members are helping us to save us. I would love to see this Amendment pass. And I urge everyone to do like Sister Rennie said. Let's help fix the problem. This is just going to generate more money for Grand Chapter because we'll have to pay Per-Capita. So I can't see that there would be a problem there. And if you worry about bookkeeping well my goodness gracious I think you can add a little line to that thing for Plural Membership. I don't know that much about it but I do know that we've had to insert places to add another number. I think it's just gonna be a savior for a lot of our small Chapters. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Brother John Dunn: I'm John Dunn, Worthy Patron of Shepherd #1003 and Past Patron of Livingston #1139. I'm for this Amendment. I've been for it when it was up in Oklahoma and it passed. But I have one thing to add and Sister Joyce touched on it. The fact that we have

about 27,000 members of Eastern Star in our Jurisdiction, somewhere around that number, of that 27,000 if only 10% were to Plural Member to another Chapter that would be 2,700 more, what is it \$9.00 each? It would be around \$25,000-\$27,000 that Grand Chapter would be getting. Some of the earlier Amendments Grand Chapter was looking for more sources of money. This is free money it would be getting. It wouldn't be required, they'd be joining because they want to. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Now, this is supposed to be "for" (pointing to one microphone) and this is "not for" (pointing to the other microphone). Okay, Okay...(Laughter, most moved to the "for" microphone). Now, over here.

Sister Jeri Miller: My name is Jeri Miller I'm a Past Matron of Handley Chapter #617. I think that every person should have the opportunity to join as many Chapters as they choose. Why could we limit another person's willingness to serve and willingness to pay Per-Capita and willingness to help another Chapter. I am very much in favor of this report.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Sister Colleen Asano: I'm Colleen Asano Past Matron of Canyon Lake #1103 and I regretfully am against this motion because I currently go and help and Pro-Tem probably seven times a month. I wish my pockets were deep enough to pay the \$500 Endowed Membership to all seven of those so they could have their financial support. But I'm only one person. I can only give 100% of myself to one Chapter to do the spaghetti dinners, the enchilada dinners, the fund raisers for one Chapter at a time. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Sister Karen Jackson: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Karen Jackson, Past Matron of Buffalo Chapter #157. My original Parent Chapter was Pasadena Chapter #711. My problem has been that I wanted to go back to Pasadena but I also wanted to go to Palestine and Fairfield. I cannot do this. I think it should not be an obligation that we have to do it, it should be what we want to do. If we've got the time to volunteer something we love to do why should we be restricted? I vote that you be allowed to be in as many as you want and as many as you can afford and as many as you can help. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Sister Ann Cornelius: My name is Ann Cornelius. I'm Worthy Matron of Royce City #642. I'm an Endowed Member. And I live half of the month in Sapulpa, Oklahoma and I always am here the 2nd weekend of the month. I drive 4 ½ to be down here to be Worthy Matron of Royce City and I would drive down to be at Paris or any place else that needed me because I really love our Grand Organization. Thank you. (Applause)

Sister Alice Creecy: I'm Alice Creecy of Bonham Chapter #852, Worthy Matron. I just had one advantage to doing membership. I understand from my mother that Chapters used to meet several...weekly or bi-monthly...and most of the time they meet only once a month now. I think this is difficult for younger members who are trying to learn their parts because they only say them once a month. If they can take on another membership and they are there to give their part, reinforcing it by hearing it another time that would be an advantage to them I think. And if they would like that opportunity I think we should give it to them. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I recognize over here.

Brother Jerry Martin: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jerry Martin a Past Patron of Travis Chapter #472 and I call for the question. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: The question has been called for. Those in favor of calling for the question please raise your purple cards. Those opposed same sign. Motion passed. We will now proceed to vote on 16, Amendment No. 16. All those in favor please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion passed. (Applause).

PGM Betty Benham: Okay, we now have Amendment No. 17 before us. That is found on page 75 of your Advance Annual Report. The rationale is, this Amendment states that Article 204, d. (c) is in conflict with Article 216 of the Code of Laws and the Ritual, page 13 and 15 concerning a unanimous ballot. Therefore, this Amendment would delete the portion of the sentence that reads: "and receive a unanimous ballot of election." I believe what this is referring to, we did vote a few years ago to go to the three black cubes and all that was changed in the Code of Laws but this was not so this is in conflict as stated "receive a unanimous ballot of election". Worthy Grand Matron, it is in proper order and I turn it over to the membership.

WGM Annette Curry: Amendment No. 17. Is there discussion?

Brother Carl Unlanb: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Carl Unlanb, Worthy Patron, Dumas Chapter #653 and I believe this becomes more clear if that last phrase said "and receive unanimous ballot of election" just has quotation marks around it.

PGM Betty Benham: Brother Carl, would you repeat that again please.

Brother Carl Unlanb: In the final therefore clause: to delete "and receive a unanimous ballot of election". I think that's the intent and we're just leaving out the quotation marks.

PGM Betty Benham: We're leaving out the whole "and receive a unanimous ballot of election". Correct?

WGM Annette Curry: Yes. All those I favor of Amendment No. 17. Is there any other discussion?

Sister Rosalie Haverstick: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Rosalie Haverstick, Past Matron of Lott #594. In light of us passing No. 16 should Plural Membership be added to this?

WGM Annette Curry: I'll say this. I know when we... it is added to it and I think the proponents of this and have gone through and as we change certain things that will change other throughout. Is that right? Everywhere it says Dual it will be changed to Plural so that will be taken care of.

Sister Rosalie Haverstick: Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Is there any more discussion? All those in favor of Amendment No. 17 please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Amendment No. 17 passes.

Brother Jerry Trees: I have Amendment No. 18 for your consideration. It can be found on page 81 I believe, no 75 in your Advance Annual Report, if adopted it will take effect at the close of the Grand Chapter Session. It's Chapter 7, Article 218 a. (1) in your Constitution. And it is in proper form for consideration. Rationale, Article 218, a. (1): "Only members of the Chapter in which the ballot is being taken are entitled to vote. Every member of such Chapter present at the meeting when the ballot is taken must vote. Members are not allowed

to retire unless excused by the Presiding Officer.” If adopted, this Amendment states: “All members of the Chapter, when present in the Chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote on the candidates for the degrees.” It also deletes the portion that states “members are not allowed to retire unless excused by the Presiding Officer.”

WGM Annette Curry: Amendment No. 18, is there discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of Amendment No. 18...wait I'm sorry, we have someone coming? I'm sorry.

Sister Terri Rozell: I'm sorry Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Terri Rozell, Past Matron of New Caney Chapter #1093 and I actually want to ask a question more so than speaking against. I think that this Amendment was put in because it was felt that there was a conflict with the Code of Laws and the Ritual. And the fact that our Ritual says “All members are entitled to vote” and our Code of Laws comes in and says “all members present must vote.” My question is, if you read in our Ritual on page 14, after the ballot has been taken that the Worthy Matron does ask the Associate Conductress have all voted who are entitled to”. So I guess my question is if we change the Code of Laws to take that out, are we going against our Ritual?

WGM Annette Curry: I was under the impression it was simply saying you could not leave or enter the Chapter room during the balloting, is that not correct? Did I misunderstand that?

PGM Betty Benham: Well, actually it's that one too. But we're also taking out “Every member of such Chapter present at the meeting when the ballot is taken must vote.” We're taking that out too.

WGM Annette Curry: So the question is?

Sister Terri Rozell: And I guess my question again is..

WGM Annette Curry: It will be in conflict with another place where it says “entitled to vote”...where the Worthy Matron asked “have all voted who is entitled to vote”?

Sister Terri Rozell: Yes, ma'am.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, we have someone here?

PGM Joyce Nicklas: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. I am for this mainly because let me just give a brief description of what might happen and has happened. We have lots of members now, not lots but some that are failing, they have dementia but their husbands or their wives bring them to Chapter because that's how they get to come. And when we do ballot and you tell them we're going to ballot and they may understand what you're doing and they may not. So I think that's where they say they must ballot, if they're there they have to cast a ballot. But if they're there and it just says entitled, doesn't mean they have to do it. In our Chapter we've had this happen and after the meeting a lady handed me a little white ball. Well the meeting's over and we had balloted and she says “I didn't know what to do with this” because she forgot. So this is simply a way where we can continue having our meetings with everybody present but they don't have to ballot if they don't want to or they can't. So I'm for this.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Sister Karen Sharp: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Karen Sharp from Jacksboro Chapter, a Past Matron of Jacksboro Chapter #390. I appreciate the example our Sister just gave but I have

another example that our Chapter has had to experience. Several years ago we had a petitioner that we balloted upon and I'll just be blunt; I knew personally some things that this individual did not need to be a member of our Chapter. I did not really want to ballot with the black cube and I knew when the ballot was passed I was going to have to do so. So I debated on whether or not I was even going to attend Chapter that night. I prayed and prayed about it and I knew what the Ritual said. I went to Chapter and I voted with the black cube and I cried because this person was a friend of mine. But I did know for a fact some things. And I have cried about this several times since. I still think we need to keep that "must" in there. I love this person dearly but I do not think that person needs to represent what the Order of the Eastern Star stands for.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Thank you.

Sister Pat Near: I'm Pat Near, Kingsley Chapter #325, Past Matron. Many years ago we had this kind of a conflict. The wife had perfect...let's say, knowing what was going on. The husband who had been Worthy Patron several times, had dementia, he didn't always know what he was doing. So before the ballot was taken, she would take him out to the lobby and she would then come back in. He would stay with the Sentinel until the ballot was taken because he did not know if he would be putting in a black cube or a ball. And yet the ballot as far as I was concerned was good, because those who were balloting knew what they were doing.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

PGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Vi Griffin, Past Matron and current Worthy Matron of Anahuac Chapter #349. I am in favor of this Amendment. I think what Sister Terri's question is "How does the Associate Conductress respond?" when the Worthy Matron asks "Have all voted who are entitled to do so?" When indeed there may be members on the sidelines who are entitled to vote but have not voted. So my question is: Would an appropriate response from the Associate Conductress be "Worthy Matron, all who desire to vote have voted".

Brother Jerry Saunders: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Jerry Saunders, Worthy Patron of Spurger Chapter #315 and I call for the vote.

WGM Annette Curry: We have a call for the vote. All those in favor to stop debate please raise your purple cards. Those opposed, same, raise them. It's passed. So we will ballot on Amendment No. 18. All those in favor of Amendment No. 18, please raise your purple cards. Please stand and raise your purple cards. Thank you. Be seated and those opposed please stand. I think I know how it is but I'd just like to have a little bit of help. Y'all be seated. Those that are for this Amendment please stand. Those opposed. The decision, it has passed.

PGM Vi Griffin: Sisters and Brothers, my proposed response is not appropriate because in the Ritual the Associate Conductress says "All have voted".

WGM Annette Curry: Number 19? Number 19.

PGM Vi Griffin: Amendment No. 19 is found on page 76 of your Advance Annual Report, if adopted it will take effect at the close of this Grand Chapter Session. It is titled 218 c. OBJECTION OF PROTEST. What it will do and affect if passes, 218 states that: "Any person who has petitioned for the Degrees can be protested by a member of the Chapter personally filing a written objection with the Worthy Matron any time before the start of the initiation

when the Associate Conductress reports there is a candidate in waiting.” However to our Article 218 a. (4) “A ballot declared by a Presiding Officer if final and cannot be reconsidered. After the Worthy Matron has announced the result of any ballot, it shall be immediately destroyed.” Therefore Article 218 c. is in conflict and needs to be deleted. Worthy Grand Matron I have an Amendment to this which I can’t find...(Laughter)...the Amendment is submitted by the proposers and amends 218 c. to read “Any person petitioning for the Degrees can be protested by a member personally filing a written objection to the Worthy Matron at any time before the ballot is taken.” This Amendment is in proper form.

WGM Annette Curry: You have heard the Amendment to the Amendment No. 19. Is there discussion? All those in favor of the Amendment to the Amendment No. 19 please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. The Amendment to the Amendment passes. We will now proceed to vote on Amendment No. 19. Is there discussion? All those in favor of Amendment No. 19 please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Amendment 19 passes as Amended. Thank you.

PGM Vi Griffin: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you Sisters and Brothers we’re moving right along. At this time we’re going to have some special music by our Grand Soloist.

AGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron before we have the music could I make an announcement?

WGM Annette Curry: Certainly.

AGM Jayne Yenger: I would like to...

WGM Annette Curry: Are you going to give your name and title? (Laughter)

AGM Jayne Yenger: I’m sorry. I apologize, Worthy Grand Matron. I’m Jayne Yenger, Past Matron of Vashti Chapter #32 and I would like to have a practice with the Grand Officers this evening, immediately after Rob Morris. That we could come back into the Grand Chapter room and meet on the North side, if the Grand Officers and elected Board Members would please be here. Those that are not attending Rob Morris, approximately between 9:00 and 9:30.

WGM Annette Curry: Are you saying...You’re not saying the 2012-2013 Officers are you?

AGM Jayne Yenger: No ma’am.

WGM Annette Curry: That’s what I thought. Well, see we have in the program, it says immediately following the Rob Morris Gala an Installation practice for the 2013-2014 Officers, is that what you are addressing?

AGM Jayne Yenger: That would be us. Thank you ma’am.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

AGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, you have heard the Associate Grand Matron, Officers get in here after the Rob Morris Gala and you’re going to practice for the installation. Are y’all leaving now back there in the West?

AGM Jayne Yenger: No ma’am, I’m sorry.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

AGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron I'm not sorry but I do apologize. (Laughter)

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, do y'all have something else to say?

AGP Trey Smith: No ma'am she doesn't. Not at this time.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, may we go on with the Special Music Associate Grand Matron?

AGP Jayne Yenger: Yes ma'am.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Okay we thought we were going to have some Special Music.

(A Special Song by Grand Soloist, Dorinda Walker)

WGP Bill Crews: Let's give Sister Beverly a big hand. (Applause) She can really turn that piano any way but loose. Give us some more Beverly.

(Piano music by Beverly Plante)

WGM Annette Curry: Is Regina Gilbreath here? Regina Gilbreath? I invite Regina Gilbreath to bring the report of the By-Laws Committee. The Chairman, Lura LeBove, we know her husband is seriously ill, thank you for taking this over for us.

Sister Regina Gilbreath: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Regina Gilbreath, a member of the By-Laws Committee. The Chairman Lura LaBove was unable to be here because of family illness. The Chapters who requested By-Law changes and were approved by the By-Laws Committee and the Worthy Grand Matron are listed in your Advance Annual Report. These are additional Chapters: Fort McKavett #783, Livingston #139, Woodville #462 and Gilmer #355. These were also approved by the By-Laws Committee and the Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the approval and acceptance of the By-Laws Committee report. Respectfully submitted, Regina Gilbreath.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers, you may have heard this report or but then you may not have. There is so much noise in this Grand Chapter room and disturbance. If you will please listen and show respect when giving these reports. Thank you. Motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron that the By-Laws report be referred to the proper Committee. Thank you, Regina. Jane Hudson? Jane Hudson are you in here? Are you prepared to give your report? In the meantime, Kathy Paschal with the Educational Fund Report, are you in here? Make your way to the East. Thank you, I see you. We'll have the International Headquarters report by Jane Hudson, Educational Fund by Kathy Paschal. And Educational Fund Committees, if others of your Committee is here please come forward. Okay. Jane.

Sister Jane Hudson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. At this time it is my pleasure to present the report of the International Headquarters Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for appointing me to serve on this Committee. It has always been a dream of mine to visit this historic building and I hope to be able to do so one day. However, I wish to thank Brother Bill Bane and Sister Alma Lynn Bane for the material they provided so that I could have a better understanding of this beautiful building. I thoroughly enjoyed preparing and present-

ing a program about the International Headquarters at several Chapter meetings and other Eastern Star functions. I believe all walked away with a better understanding of the ornate beauty and Eastern Star history contained in this building. I thank all of the Chapters and members for their continued support of the International Headquarters enabling the upkeep and maintenance of this historic home and office.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Hudson, International Headquarters. Worthy Grand Matron I move for the adoption of this report.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers you have heard the motion and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron to approve the International Headquarters Report. All those in favor raise your purple cards. All those opposed. (One rap) Thank you, Jane for your work. I recognize Sister Kathy Paschal to bring the Educational Fund Report.

Sister Kathy Paschal: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, my Distinguished Members and my Sisters and Brothers. On behalf of the Educational Fund Committee, we want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this appointment. It has been a very rewarding time reading the goals and aspirations of so many young people. The Educational Fund Committee was myself, Nadine Wilson District 2, Bobbye Straach District 3, Delphia Von Heeder District 4 and Earlene Angell District 5.

All of the members of the committee except for Bobbye Straach District 3 who was not able to attend, met on Friday, April 26, 2013 at the Grand Chapter office in Arlington. The application deadline for the scholarships was March 1. The Grand Secretary's office stamped the dates the applications were received in the office and assigned a number to each applicant. Envelopes were opened by the Committee Members and reviewed. Our recommendation for future applications is that the Grand Secretary's office, make a list of the applicants as they are received. This would be to allow the office to open the envelope and record the full name and permanent address as listed on the application. This would also allow incorrect applications from sitting until the Committee meets. Several applications were actually ESTARL applicants and had been sent to the Educational Committee. There also seems to be confusion among the students for which application they were to use. The Committee suggests that the Chapters be notified several months in advance about the requirements and deadline for the scholarships. Even the Committee was unaware of specifics since all of the information is only provided on the Grand Chapter website. It would also help if there was information passed down to the Committee Chairman for the next year so that at least she could get her Committee members notified of the details so they could pass it along in their Districts. Another recommendation of the Committee is that the forms be changed. There needs to be a different form for high school seniors and those that have already attended college because during the time they are filling the application out they were trying to fill out their high school information too and college. So that was a little confusing. The different names of the scholarships mean nothing to the applicants and the Grand Secretary determines from which fund the check is written. Our suggestion is that the names of the scholarships be removed from the applications and that they all require Masonic affiliation in order to apply.

The Committee was informed by the Grand Treasurer that \$22,000 was available for scholarships. We decided to award \$1,000 scholarships to the 22 applicants who had the highest scores after their applications were judged. I sent out notification letters to the recipients of the scholarship and I notified each of the recipients who were determined to be inel-

igible. Recipients were informed by mail to verify all information in regard to the school they would be attending and the address along with their school ID number. All of the corrections were made and attached is the list of the final recipients with full names and permanent addresses along with the college they will be attending and the addresses.

Jacob Levi Hall
1416 East Tate
Brownfield, TX 7933316
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May 24, 2013

Members of OES Educational Committee,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in funding the Grand Chapter of Texas, Ofer of the Eastern Star Educational Scholarship. I am highly honored to be the recipient of this award. Without scholarship patrons like you, there would be many students such as myself unable to pursue th ecareer of which they have dreamed.

I have worked hard and have put my education above other things in order to achieve success. I consider being Valedictorian of my graduating class and obtaining 32 dual credit hours, all while working part time at United Supermarket, as a great personal achievement. To be accepted to the Honors College at Texas Tech University based on my academics, and then to be honored with this scholarship, is a dream come true. I truly believe that I am the kind of student that you can be proud to support.

I have remained focused on the goal of attending college, and will begin my studies at the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering at Texas Tech University this fall. I am not only willing to learn, but both eager and excited. My goal is to acquire a Bachelor's Degree in engineering and pursue a career as a Petroleum Engineer.

Receipt of this scholarship means that I can, and will, make a difference in the world of tomorrow. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I thank you for your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goals

Sincerely,
Jacob Levi Hall

And this was one of 22 letters that we received as thank you notes. Worthy Grand Matron all the members enjoyed serving on this Committee and we so enjoyed reading all the applications and all the goals that these young people have.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Paschal, Chairman.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jade Britney Bohannon	Texas Tech University
Cody James Dever	Texas A&M University
William A. Morphis	Texas A&M University
Jacob Levi Hall	Texas Tech University
Christopher Mahfouz	Baylor Law School
Sarah Ann Clover	Angelina Community College
Elizabeth C. Harrington	Texas A&M University
Emily Layne Talley	Methodist University
Alan Wesley Robinson	Texas A&M University
Katie Sampson	Dallas Baptist University
Breanna A. Miller	University of Texas at Austin
Priscilla Ruth Powell	Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
Laura T. Pearson	University of Texas at Dallas
April Leigh Brown	University of Texas Medical Branch
Carrie Marie Currey	University of Mary-Hardin Baylor
Nicholas Norton	Northeast Texas Community College
Logan Lanette Baid	Tyler Junior College
Meagan Khristine Ross	University of North Texas
Katherine M. Coleman	Angelo State University
Scott David Ramsbottom	University of Texas at Arlington
Samuel August Verret	Stehen F. Austin University
Jedidiah z. Dieckmann	Missouri University of Science and Technology
EXTRA: Tonie Miller	Lamar State College

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you Kathy and the work that the Committee did. Since this is a Committee Report, we need no approval so thank you very much. It's about a few minutes before 5:00. Now we're going to go to the Humanitarian Program at 5:30 and then we're going to the Rob Morris Gala at 7:00. We're pretty much ahead on our Amendments, Legislation. Would you like to take a break, a thirty minute break or something and come back in here refreshed at 5:30 for the Humanitarian Program? Would y'all do that? All those in favor raise your orange cards. (Laughter) How about black? How about purple? Okay just remain seated now. Don't get up. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to go from Labor to Rest and direct him that there will be no interruptions and to keep the doors shut please. Karl Arthur Drescher is to bring the Benediction. I do not see him here. After the Benediction, we'll close the Holy Bible.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, Arthur is in the back corner.

WGM Annette Curry: Where?

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Arthur is hiding in the back corner.

WGM Annette Curry: He coming on up. He's going to give the Benediction then we're going to close the Bible. Come on up here Past Grand Patron please. (Three raps)

PGP Arthur Drescher: Our heavenly Father, we thank you for this day that began in peace and has ended in harmony. We look forward to going on this evening to our Humanitarian

Drill and to our Rob Morris Celebration. We ask that you let each of us go safely so we can come back here tomorrow refreshed and ready to finish up the business of our Grand Chapter. In your holy name we pray, Amen. (Amen)

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Grand Conductress you will close the Holy Bible.

(Bible is closed)

I now call this 131st Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas from Labor to Rest. Sister Grand Warder you will inform the Grand Sentinel.

Humanitarian Program
August 16, 2013
131st Grand Chapter of Texas
5:30 p.m.

Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers I know we are all looking forward to the Humanitarian Program and the Humanitarian Drill. At this time I would like to introduce Sister Mary Calvert, General Chairman of the Humanitarian Committee. Thank you.

Sister Mary Calvert: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers all.

Let me start by saying that it was an honor to be selected as the General Chairman of the Humanitarian Committee. An even greater pleasure was being able to work with the five Chairmen that were selected to serve in their respective Districts. I couldn't have hoped for a better working or more conscientious and dedicated group of Sisters. They were each in their own way an asset to the Committee and to our Order. Thank you so much, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for giving me the opportunity to serve in this position and to get to work with and get to know these Sisters even better. I also would like to thank our membership. Without each of you and your generosity, none of this would have been possible. With today's economic situation as it is, we all realize that sometimes we can't financially do all we would like to do. However, you have truly shown your love and dedication for our beautiful Order and you always continue to support the programs of our Grand Chapter. We all realize that without the support of the Subordinate Chapters, the Grand Chapter could not exist. The membership of Texas can be proud of their accomplishments this year in their giving to the Humanitarian Program. Pat yourselves on the back.

It is now my pleasure to introduce to you the Sisters who represent the five Districts. Sister Elizabeth Grayson, District 1, Sister Shirley Scholl, District 2, Sister Linda Hugo, District 3, Sister B. J. Corwin, District 4 and Jean Thomas, District 5.

This year, the elephant is the symbol of our Worthy Grand Matron. The elephant's trunk is a major component of his body. "TRUNK" is the key word that our Worthy Grand Matron selected to use in the Humanitarian Program this year. This program is broken down into five categories.

"T" General Fund – these funds help to defray the costs of day to day operations of our state office.

"R" Benevolent Aid – assists our members who may need temporary emergency aid or permanent aid. With the cost of living rising daily, these funds are often needed to help with day to day living expenses.

"U" ESTARL – Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership. Allows scholarships for those seeking higher education in their chosen field dedicated to serving God's work and service to mankind.

"N" Youth – Herein lies the future of our Masonic Fraternities including our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. From these Youth Organizations we reach out for our future. DeMolay and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls are ever present, and by this portion of the program we can be of assistance to their Organizations.

“K” Education – The funds contributed to this portion of the Humanitarian Program go towards scholarships for those just out of high school who are seeking to continue their education in colleges and also to others who wish to further education or training.

Most of us know that to become 100% in the Humanitarian Program this year you had to have contributed \$1.00 per member on your Chapter’s roll as of May 31, 2012. There is no need to quit contributing once your Chapter has attained 100% status. You can continue to contribute to any or all of the projects within the Program. This can be done “In Honor of” or “In Memoriam” of persons or special events. Recognition is given to those Chapters who achieve goals of 200% and more. This year we are proud to say that many Chapters attained percentages higher than 100%.

I now recognize Sister Elizabeth Grayson for the report of District 1.

Sister Elizabeth Grayson: I would like to take this opportunity to thank your Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry and our Worthy Grand Patron Brother Bill Crews for the opportunity of serving Grand Chapter in this capacity this year. My family suffered many great trials this past year and the wonderful membership of Texas reached out and lifted us up in so many ways. What a wonderful organization to belong to! I want to thank our General Chairman of Humanitarian for “finishing out the year” for me in receiving checks and submitting my reports. As many of you know, we suffered a house fire in June and it destroyed all my records. It is with pleasure that I submit the following report of the District 1 Humanitarian Program for the Grand Chapter year 2012-2013:

I am pleased to present the District ONE Humanitarian Report:

Number of Chapters in District: 95 (With 7731 MEMBERS)

Number of Chapters Participating: 93 (Bowie and Nocona did not participate)

100% Chapters - 64 (Garland not 100%)

200% Chapters - 14 Dallas 1; Gate City 77; Greenville 189; Fairfield 331; Templar 374; Pittsburg 381; Lancaster 943; Loyal 648; Waskom 812; Whitewright 939; Edwin J. Kiest 959; Bullard 972; Roy Stanley 1086; Frankston 1113

300% Chapters - 4 Wortham 96; Winnie 160; Chico 433; Decatur 543

400% Chapters - 4 Quitman 695; Mabank 821; Lonnie L. Blake 1116; Princeton 1126

500% Chapters - 2 Royse City 642; Eustace 1062

600% Chapters - 2 Dal-Cliff 574; Richardson 921

1000% Chapters - 2 Athens 177; Boyd 897

Contributions by District ONE were

\$1,828.90 “T” - General Fund

\$4,365.55 “R” - Benevolent Fund

\$2,762.40 “U” - ESTARL

\$1,997.40 “N” - Youth

\$3,700.61 “K” - Education

For a total contribution for the 2012-2013 “Trunk” Humanitarian Program for District ONE Of \$14,654.86

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Grayson, District ONE Chairman.

I recognize Sister Shirley Scholl, Humanitarian, District TWO.

Sister Shirley Scholl: This has been a wonderful year being the District Two Humanitarian Chairman. I have enjoyed traveling District Two, seeing old friends and making new ones. I enjoyed giving the programs about this year's "TRUNK" Humanitarian Program and even learned a lot about different types of trunks!

I am pleased to present the District Two Humanitarian Report.

Number of Chapters in District - 31 with 2,745 members

Number of Chapters participating - 31

100% Chapters - 24

200% Chapters - 5 Big Spring 67; Childress 101; Hereford 312; Midland 253; Amarillo 787

300% Chapter - 1 Stanton 409

500% Chapter - 1 Seminole 855

Contributions by District Two were:

\$ 700.40 "T" - General Fund

\$ 530.40 "R" - Benevolent Fund

\$ 1,234.40 "U" - ESTARL

\$ 567.40 "N" - Youth

\$ 1,029.40 "K" - Education

For a total contribution for the 2012-2013 "Trunk" Humanitarian Program for District Two of \$3,951.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Scholl, District Two Chairman

I recognize Sister Linda Hugo, Humanitarian, District 3.

Sister Linda Hugo: Sisters and Brothers, I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for giving me the opportunity to serve the membership of District 3 this year.

It has been a pleasure to witness the generosity of the Chapters and see that by working together in love, unity and Peace, we stand strong, to promote the support and Aid, our Humanitarian Program offers to our membership.

I have also had the privilege to work with Sister Mary Calvert, our General Chairman, as well as the wonderful Humanitarian Chairman of Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5.

At this time I would like to present the following District 3 Humanitarian Report.

Number of Chapters in District 3 - 72 with 5,433 members

Number of Chapters Participating - 72

100% Chapters - 54

200% Chapters - 13 Ruth 21; Weatherford 21; Arlington 249; Santa Anna 247; Santo 270; Coleman 360; Polytechnic 420; Springtown 498; Alvarado 656; Walter Baldwin 929; Lake Worth 1109; Lorena 1124; TMRC 1145

300% Chapters - 2 Vashti 32; Bellmead 980
400% Chapter - 1 Taylor 578
500% Chapter - 1 Webb 1140
700% Chapter - 1 Granbury 530

Contributions by District 3 were:

\$ 1,102.20 "T" - General Fund
\$ 2,350.20 "R" - Benevolent Aid
\$ 778.20 "U" - ESTARL
\$ 1,017.70 "N" - Youth
\$ 2,942.20 "K" - Education

For a total contribution for the 2012-2013 "Trunk" Humanitarian Program for District THREE of \$8,190.50.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hugo, District THREE Chairman.

I recognize Sister B.J. Corwin, Humanitarian, District Four

Sister B. J. Corwin: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me the privilege and honor of serving this Grand Chapter, and its membership as the Humanitarian Chairman for District 4. It has been such a heart warming experience to witness the generosity of our membership, and I thank you. Now many of you may be wondering why the pink and purple hair. Sister Annette may not remember this, but some time back she dared me to have pink and purple hair at Grand Chapter, and so here I am! So Sister Annette, do I win anything?

And now I am pleased to present the District 4 Humanitarian Report.

Number of Chapters in District - 104 with 9,701 members

Number of Chapters participating: 103

When your Chapter's name is called, would the members please stand?

100% Chapters: 67

200% Chapters: 20 and they are:

Cedar Bayou 11	Bastrop 64
Brazoria 74	Brenham 144
Buffalo 157	Madisonville 193
Bryan 222	Franklin 311
League City 621	Anahuac 649
La Porte 683	Goose Creek 798
Huntington 938	Lexington 996
Shepherd 1003	Burke 1098
Sugarland 1107	Katy 1121
Livingston 1139	Klein 1141

300% Chapters: 5 and they are:

Smithville 39	El Campo 535
Texas City 626	Corrigan 631
Kurten 1146	

400% Chapters: 2 and they are:
 Port Neches 677 Cypress 1102
 500% Chapters: 2 and they are:
 Caldwell 976 Willis 1017
 600% Chapters: 2 and they are:
 Iola-North Zulch 458 Blue Bell 856
 700% Chapters: 1
 Zavalla 952
 800% Chapters: 3 and they are:
 Somerville 245 Huffman 1112
 Mont Belvieu 1142

Contributions by District 4 were:

\$ 1,405.40 "T" - General Fund
 \$ 4,192.21 "R" - Benevolent Fund
 \$ 5,027.22 "U" - ESTARL
 \$ 1,071.05 "N" - Youth
 \$ 5,466.72 "K" - Education

For a total contribution for the 2012 - 2013 "TRUNK" Humanitarian Program for District 4 of \$17,162.60

Respectfully submitted,

B.J. Corwin, District 4 Chairman

I now recognize Sister Jean Thomas, Humanitarian Chairman, District 5

Sister Jean Thomas: I wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this great appointment and the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter. It has been a year of wonderful memories. I want to thank District 5 for your support and for supporting this program and for the great members that you are.

I am pleased to present the District FIVE Humanitarian Report:

Number of Chapters in District: 61 with 4,767 members

Number of Chapters participating: 58 (Port Lavaca, Devine & Junction did not participate)

100% Chapters - 44
 200% Chapters - 6 Pleasanton 133; Hondo 404; Beeville 422; Oakville 521; New Braunfels 771; Waelder 1023
 300% Chapters - 2 Leakey 18; Poteet 913
 400% Chapter - 1 Weslaco 772
 500% Chapter - 1 Canyon Lake 1103
 600% Chapter - 1 Mathis 874
 1000% Chapters - 2 Floresville 271; Amistad 1115
 1100% Chapter - 1 Zapata 1106

Contributions by District FIVE were

\$ 450.80 "T" - General Fund
 \$ 955.30 "R" - Benevolent Fund
 \$ 3,934.81 "U" - ESTARL
 \$ 443.30 "N" - Youth
 \$ 2,088.79 "K" - Education

For a total contribution for the 2012-2013 "Trunk" Humanitarian Program for District FIVE

of \$7,873.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Thomas, District FIVE Chairman.

I recognize Sister Mary Calvert, General Chairman **Sister Mary Calvert:** Sisters and Brothers you have heard the reports of these five very capable District Chairmen. And now we will have the Humanitarian Drill led by our wonderful and very capable Grand Marshal, Sister Lori.

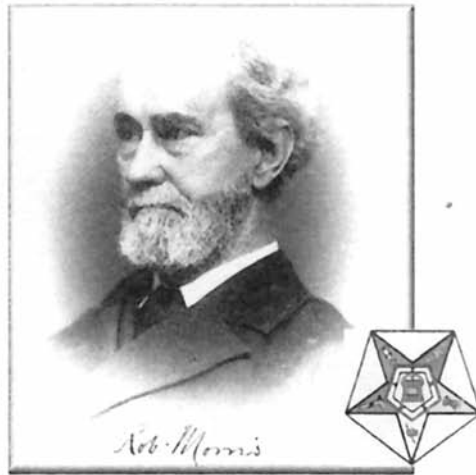
(“Pink Carnation” Humanitarian Drill led by Lori Goldman)

(Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: How very beautiful and wonderful. Thank you!

WGP Bill Crews: It looks mighty “Pink” out there! (Laughter)

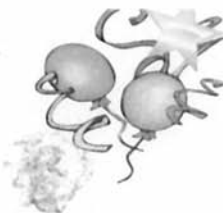
Rob Morris
Celebration
Banquet
August 16, 2013
Arlington, Texas



*Special Thanks to all the members of the Rob
Morris Celebration Committee for their hard
work throughout the year and tonight in mak-
ing this event and the fundraising for the year
a great success. Thanks a Million!!*

Rob Morris Celebration
Banquet

August 16, 2013



Master of Ceremonies Billy Clabaugh,
Rob Morris Celebration Dist. 1

Invocation Joan Miller,
Rob Morris Celebration Dist. 5

Welcome Richard Hancock,
Gen. Chrm. Rob Morris Celebration

Dinner

Introductions Jane Mohon,
Rob Morris Celebration Dist. 3

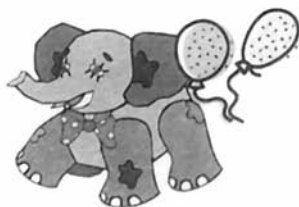
Door Prizes Betty Hancock,
Rob Morris Celebration Dist. 3

Program Introduction: Mrs. Gerry Sturtz,
Board of Directors District 4
And Honorary Rob Morris
Celebration Member

Program

"THE BLACKWOODS"

Benediction Tom Brisko,
Rob Morris Celebration Dist. 1



131st Grand Chapter of Texas
Saturday, August 17, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
Arlington Convention Center
“Truth and Peace” Session

7:30 a.m.

Musical Prelude

Mrs. Mary Alberts
Past Matron

8:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Vi Griffin
Public Relations Committee,
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. David B. Dibrell
Past Grand Patron of Texas

PGM Vi Griffin: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. What a beautiful day we have. I'm going to ask you to do us a favor before we begin and if you have a cell phone will you turn it off or put it on silence. Now I want you to know that we have spotters around the room and should your cell phone go off, they're going to bring you to the Grand East where you will make a \$25.00 donation to the ESTARL Committee. (Laughter and Applause). Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the special privilege to call this “Truth and Peace” Session to Order and thank you also for allowing Brother David Dibrell, the best Worthy Grand Patron we had last year to assist me. Worthy Grand Matron, ours is not a friendship that spans many years but I do believe that its foundation is as solid as any for we are simpatico. You have persevered in your service to this Grand Chapter and we thank you for your leadership. Worthy Grand Patron we thank you too for your leadership. You have endeared yourself to all of us with your ready smile and your congenial ways. Brother David, I know you have greetings for these two.

PGP David Dibrell: Thank you, Sister Vi, my Worthy Grand Matron. Wow, it seems like just yesterday that we were in Beaumont for Grand Chapter and here we are again so soon. I join Sister Vi in welcoming each of you to this “Truth and Peace” Session. We thank Worthy Grand Matron, Annette and Worthy Grand Patron, Bill for allowing me the honor in assisting in this Opening Session with my Worthy Grand Matron Sister Vi. This Grand Chapter year has been exciting and interesting and we truly appreciate the leadership of our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron. You have both exhibited love and devotion of our Order and your leadership has allowed Grand Chapter to make significant progress toward Unity and Peace. Thank you for always being your best. May the final day of your year of service to this great Order be as rewarding to you as it has been for our Grand Chapter. Thank you very much.

PGM Vi Griffin: I invite the Installed Grand Officers and their Pages to enter for the “Memory Makers” Drill under the direction of our Marvelous Grand Marshal, Lori Goldman.

(“Memory Makers” Drill directed by Grand Marshal, Lori Goldman)

(Applause)

Thank you, Grand Officers. My goodness, if the coffee didn't work this morning that should have.

(Laughter because the circus music for the drill, was so lively!)

I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Installed Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is my honor to introduce to you our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Crews. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (One rap) Worthy Grand Matron it is my high honor to present you with your gavel this morning that you may call this Session to Order and preside and have a peaceful and productive Session.

WGM Annette Curry: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this 131st Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas from Rest to Labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged. Sister Associate Grand Matron?

AGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, I understand the doors are not secured.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, we'll wait a moment. Brother Grand Sentinel, are they now secured?

Grand Sentinel: Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secured.

WGM Annette Curry: Associate Grand Matron you will ascertain if all present are members of the Order.

(Chapter is proved)

This 131st Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas is now called from Rest to Labor. Sister Grand Warder you will so inform the Sentinel. Sister Grand Conductress, you will open the Holy Bible. (Three raps)

(Grand Conductress opens the Bible)

(One rap) I invite Sister Joyce Gilbert, Past Grand Matron of Texas to bring the devotional.

PGM Joyce Gilbert: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. I'm just going to read scripture to you today for I feel like God's word says a lot more than I could. In the book of Thessalonians the second letter that Paul wrote to the church while he and Timothy were visiting there to encourage and admonish Christians on how they should live their lives. But Paul knew that they needed more than just that. They needed to hear God's word. They needed to hear that God loves them and He's always loved them and he died for them. God has given us His word that we need to follow. Remember that the Holy Spirit is always present in power and conviction. In Thessalonians I, 5:12-24, "Now we ask you brethren to respect those who work hard admonishing you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their good deeds. Live in peace with one another and we urge you to warn those who are idle. Encourage the timid. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong but always be kind to each other and to everyone else. Be joyful always. Pray continuously. Give thanks in all circumstances. For this is God's will for you in Christ. May God himself,

the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless until the coming of the Lord.” John 1, 3:29 “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called his children.” Psalms 141: 3-4 “Set a guard over my mouth O Lord and keep watch over the door of my lips. May the desire of your heart be to serve Him more today than yesterday.” In Proverbs “Be careful about your opinions, speak only truth.” May God bless you, may God bless America and may He bless the reading of his word. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: I invite Sister Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron of Texas, to bring our Invocation. (Three raps)

PGM Alma Carter: Almighty God, heavenly Father, we thank you for the privilege of life and the greatness of your love. We thank you for this country and for the wonders and freedoms it provides each of us. Thank you for this Order and for those assembled here today. Our thoughts and prayers are with those that are unable to be with us this week. Brothers and Sisters of this great Order, the decisions we make here today may leave a legacy for many years upon this Grand Chapter. We pray for our leaders in this Session and for those who will lead the next Session. We pray for their health and safety and as they fulfill as they fulfill their duties. Amen.

WGM Annette Curry: (One rap) We have two Past Grand Patrons with us this morning. I would invite them to stand at this time. Two Past Grand Patrons, Brother Bill Rhyan and Carl Larson. Are you here in the Chapter room? Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be presented at the altar.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of presenting these Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. Brothers Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona and Carl Larson, Past Grand Patron of Connecticut, Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM Annette Curry: We extend to you a warm welcome and how pleased we are that you're with us this morning.

WGP Bill Crews: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It is also my pleasure to see both of you in our Session this morning and we hope you enjoy your stay while you're here. And we expect to see you back soon. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) Sisters and Brothers it is with great pleasure that I present these two Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions. You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. (One rap) I invite those who are scheduled to give reports to come to the East. Be seated in the East until you are called on please. I invite Elise B. Hammack to bring the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee.

Brother David Nicklas: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm David Nicklas, Worthy Patron Mineral Wells Chapter #44 and I request that you inform or instruct the Board of Directors to bring a detailed accounting of line item, of the funds from line item No. 3 of the Ladies Eastern Star 501(c)3 to include how much of the \$263,000 will be interest income and how much of it will come from the principals of what other accounts.

WGM Annette Curry: Board of Directors, are you here? Are you over there? Board of Directors? We did pass that I understand but you want a detailed report from them?

Brother David Nicklas: From them on line item No. 3 of the budget for the 501(c)3. From

how much of that \$263,000 is interest and how much of it is principal and from which account the principals will be taken and we would like that by noon today.

WGM Annette Curry: Board of Directors, can you do that? Brother Chairman, Ronald Zipp can you do that? (Ron talking but can't hear what he's saying) We will do our best.

Brother David Nicklas: We can't do that then? Is that what you're saying?

WGM Annette Curry: I did not say that. The Board of Directors will be responsible for that. Just wait one minute. I'm going to ask the Grand Treasurer to explain that please.

GT Lori Owens: That can't be done at this moment because part of their estimation which a budget is, is not determined until we close out the books for August 31st, 2013. Part of that figure comes from the amount that we have collected from the 501(c)8 and we won't know that until that point.

Brother David Nicklas: No ma'am. I'm asking for the 2013-2014 Budget.

GT Lori Owens: That's correct. That portion is added in there to determine what you're going to be able to spend for that year. And we do not...

Brother David Nicklas: If we don't know we have it, how can we spend it? Seems to me like the accounting principles we're using are not as effective as they should be.

GT Lori Owens: This is a budget not an actual and a budget is an estimation of what you think it's going to be. And what that is, is they estimate it from March 31st with another five months as to what we have had the previous months...

Brother David Nicklas: I find that...

GT Lori Owens: The other part you'll have to talk to the Board. That one part can't be determined at this point.

Brother David Nicklas: I find that incredulous that we cannot determine at this point. How can you possibly do that without...

WGM Annette Curry: (One rap) I believe the Grand Treasurer has answered that question, Brother David. Thank you.

Brother David Nicklas: No ma'am she has not. Are you going to ask the Board to do this or not?

WGM Annette Curry: I believe she said that is not possible at this time. Is that right Grand Treasurer? It's not possible at this time until we get those figures in.

Brother David Nicklas: Worthy Grand Matron we did not ask for the Grand Treasurer, we ask it from the Board of Directors.

WGM Annette Curry: I believe the Board of Directors referred to, we know that the Grand Treasurer has probably those records and if money comes in, refers them to the Board. Is that right? That's correct.

Brother David Nicklas: Then how can the budget be valid without any idea of how much money we're going to have?

WGM Annette Curry: I invite Ron Zipp, Chairman of the Board of Directors, please come forward.

PGM Alma Lynn Bane: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Alma Bane, Past Matron of McLennan Chapter #639 and Stephenville Chapter #801. When I look at Line Item No. 3, I look at what was actual for the prior year. And I see that in a prior year we had \$274,000 actual and I know that when I develop a budget I look at my actuals and make a forecast. And I see that our Board of Directors have forecasted \$275,000. And they have given us that information in a "budget". Actuals cannot happen until the books are closed. And that's how I read this. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Brother Ron Zipp: Well this is basically a proposed budget. You cannot know exactly what the future holds in anything. We don't know whether tomorrow will be here. All I can say is that we use whatever figures were available from the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and all points and actuals that we did have. We tried to formulate the best we possibly could to project exactly what we could live within. That is where we are. We don't know exactly what interest rates are going to be. We don't know exactly what this is going to be or what that's going to be because all of that is up in the air. But I guarantee you one thing, we've tried to plan for the future as best we possibly could using what information we had present. That was strictly all we had, that's what we used and that's what is presented. And we hope that that will suffice at this time. That's all we can tell you because the Grand Treasurer indicated that that is a proposed budget. All we can do is utilize that. Some of the figures are not in and all we can do is wait for those figures to come in to get an accurate count of each and every dollar that was spent at that time. Thank you. (Applause)

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Ray Hertenberger, Past Patron of Texas City Chapter #626. Whenever you were giving your Worthy Grand Matron's Report you presented a bill for \$800,000 that was received from TMRC.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes sir.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Has that been turned over to the Board of Directors?

WGM Annette Curry: As I stated at that time, it was personally delivered by Gary Blair on Monday to the Grand Secretary. She gave it to me on Tuesday. It was addressed to me with carbon copies to the Corporate Board, the Board of Directors, the TMRC Committee, all those. I suppose it's in the mail, they ought to be getting it. I only received my copy at that time. Thank you.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: There's has been a lot of questions addressed to myself and I'm sure others as to how this \$800,000 is going to be handled and seems how we've got a whole Grand Chapter here I'm sure they are all interested in and what the proposal is to get that resolved.

WGM Annette Curry: I understand that. I received it on Tuesday, I presented it and we do not know at this time and that would be actually the Corporate Board is in charge of the business affairs of the Grand Chapter and Session and I'm sure they will need to start working on it as soon as we get out of Grand Chapter. At this time, we do not know that and neither do they. I'm sorry, we do have the bill for \$801,000 plus, we just received. There is no answer at this time.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Okay so the membership will have to wait until next year.

WGM Annette Curry: Not necessarily, sir. We will start working on th I'm sure as soon as

this Session is closed. And I'm sure we'll put in the Bulletin information but they are in charge of the Financial Affairs.

PGP Ray Hertenberger: Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. We are not trying to hide anything from the membership it's just that we just received that. It was addressed to me and carbon copied goes to all those. We have notified the membership. They're doing the best they can.

Sister Tonya Foster: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Tonya Foster, Past Matron of Carthage Chapter #747. And I, like Brother Ray Hertenberger, am very concerned about that because I have visited with the Board and the Board knew nothing about it until you announced it. I have not been able to visit with all the Corporate Board but part of the Corporate Board didn't know that until you made that announcement. Now, I believe we cannot spend over \$10,000 unless this membership votes on it. Could you read that letter in its entirety to this membership?

WGM Annette Curry: I read that.

Sister Tonya Foster: You read the whole letter to the membership?

WGM Annette Curry: Yes ma'am. It was an invoice dated....

Sister Tonya Foster: Okay, can you tell us when it is due, when that payment is due?

WGM Annette Curry: I cannot. All I know is that we had the bill hand delivered on Monday. I got it around noon on Tuesday. There's documentation in there of the charges and a letter that was sent from when we were not going to move in, I can't tell you the date right off without pulling it out. But no, it does not say anything except these are the charges. That's all I can tell you.

Sister Tonya Foster: Okay

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you, I'm sorry.

Sister Tonya Foster: Excuse me Worthy Grand Matron, so is it a real invoice or is it just a letter?

WGM Annette Curry: It is a letter with an invoice attached on the second page.

Sister Tonya Foster: Okay, thank you.

Sister Sue Saunders: My name is Sue Saunders. I'm Worthy Matron of Spurger #315 and Past Matron of Port Neches Chapter #677. When you read the letter the other day you said it was available. May we get a copy of that if we're willing to pay for the copying fee?

WGM Annette Curry: I don't know if we have copy...I don't know how we would do that.

Sister Sue Saunders: Surely there is a copying service here at the Convention Center.

WGM Annette Curry: I have no problem with that. If you would like to have a copy of the letter addressed to me and carbon copied to those others and a copy of the invoice, if any-one of the membership would like to have that, we can surely get it done.

Sister Sue Saunders: I for one would like a copy.

WGM Annette Curry: Not a problem. We'll try to get it done today.

Sister Sue Saunders: Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: We will continue with reports. I ask Elise B. Hammack to bring the report of the Purposes and Policy Committee.

PGM Elise B. Hammack: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. The Purposes and Policy Committee met in Houston, Texas on January 11, 2013...can you hear me...in the Arabia Shrine Temple at 1:30 p.m. All members were present, along with the Chairman of our Board of Directors and the Elective Officers, met for the presentation of the proposed plans for our much anticipated 2013-2014 year. Worthy Grand Patron, Bill Crews, led us in prayer. The Committee approved all plans presented by our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron. Following the presentation, one small and acceptable change on the Humanitarian program was allowed. The meeting closed at 2:30 p.m. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity of service. I'm sorry we're not all here. We have Jimmie Lee McMahan, District 1, Bess Caldwell District 2, Mary Ruth White District 4, Doris Jean Hester is not here because she is ill and I'm Elise Hammack on this Board and we thank you for this privilege. I move the acceptance of this report.

WGM Annette Curry: This is a Committee Report and no vote is needed. (One Rap) I call for the Report of the Grand Examiners.

Sister Carolyn Martin: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It is my honor to present the Report of the Grand Examiner of District 1. This was my first year to serve my District in this capacity and it was an experience I will never forget for the membership was extremely kind and courteous to me with their acts of thoughtfulness and love. It is therefore with a great deal of pleasure I present this report which represents their hours of labor, hard work, and dedication to our Order.

Section	Proficiency Certificates		Location
	2012-13 Totals	2012-13 First Timers	
1	52	4	Lewisville
2	68	1	Plano
3	61	6	Greenville
4	84	3	Dallas
5	62	3	Garland
6	24	1	Fairfield
7	56	4	Athens
8	47	0	Jefferson
9	62	4	Texarkana
10	55	4	Wills Point
Totals	571	30	

A total of 571 "A" Proficiency Certificates were earned. No "B" Certificates were issued. Thirty members earned their Certificates for the first time this year. Congratulations to each of you for this outstanding achievement. It is wonderful to have members become more proficient in their work and to bring enthusiasm to our Order.

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 earned Certificates of Proficiency.

We were pleased to have the proficiency stickers available in the Examining Room and \$321.00 was given as a donation to the General Fund.

It was my honor to present to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas a donation in the amount of \$502.34. This donation represents the love our membership has for the children who are assisted in this wonderful institution. I thank each of you for your kindness.

I would like to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for your words of encouragement and support. We had fun, we worked, and we shared time together and I shall never forget that time we shared.

I would like to give a special thank you to Sister Connie Bilby, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1 and the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1. You worked, you studied, you visited, and you gave of yourselves to benefit our beautiful Order. Your hard work did not go unnoticed. You all will hold a special place in my heart for you were my "first" and I will never forget your expressions of love and kindness.

To Sister Barbara Martin, the Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much for your sweet friendship and for all the encouragement and assistance you gave to me this year. I look forward to many years of friendship.

To the membership of District 1, I cannot begin to express how honored and humbled I am to have served in this capacity, and I wish to express my appreciation for all of the acts of kindness and thoughtful expressions shown to me as the Grand Examiner for District 1. The honorary memberships, the assistance in the examining rooms and your willingness to help expressed your dedication to our Order. It was a pleasure to make new friends and to renew those I have known as we traveled along the way. Your love and support have made this year one I will never forget.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn A. Martin, Board of Grand Examiners, District 1

It is now my pleasure to introduce my co-worker and friend, Sister Carla Stringer, Grand Examiner District 2.

Sister Carla Stringer: Sister Carolyn, thank you for establishing protocol. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: It is my honor to present the report of the Grand Examiner of District 2. I have thoroughly enjoyed this year of service to our Order and especially to the members of District 2. We are spread out over a large area of the State, but our love for the Order of the Eastern Star is strong.

It was my honor and privilege to attend all six schools in the District, giving renditions of the Secret Work at each school. The greatest joy in serving as Grand Examiner is the time that we can spend with the membership, encouraging them to learn and become proficient in their work.

At the beginning of this Grand Chapter year, District 2 had 31 chapters and 2,745 members.

A total of 225 "A" certificates were earned in District 2 this year.

Section 1	3
Section 2	31

Section 3	8
Section 4	16
Section 5	4
Section 6	36
Section 7	33
Section 8	78
Section 10	16
Total	225

No “B” certificates were earned this year.

Nine members earned their first certificate of proficiency this year.

I am so pleased to see members becoming more proficient in their work. The excitement shown by these members is very encouraging to me.

As always, we had proficiency stickers available for purchase in the Examining Room. A total of \$107.00 was donated to this project.

I chose “Texas Oncology Gifts of Hope” as my project this year. A check on behalf of District 2 in the amount of \$350.00 was given to this project because of your generosity. These funds were given to assist patients and their families while undergoing treatment for cancer.

I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their support this year. Your friendship and encouragement have meant a great deal to me. I enjoyed traveling the school schedule with you.

It was a lot of fun to travel with Sisters Kathy Crews, Barbara Martin, and Melinda Richardson. I enjoyed getting to know each of you and we had so much fun on the School Trail, especially playing cards!

To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 2: I enjoyed visiting in each of your sections and spending time with the membership. All of you worked very hard in preparing for our schools and you helped make my job easier. To the District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Chris Puckett, one of my special friends, it was so much fun getting to travel with you this year. You did a great job as District Deputy and I am so very proud of you!

To Sister Shirley Scholl, I so appreciate your efforts in attending the schools, the wonderful Humanitarian programs you presented, and following behind us on the School Trail. You are such a dedicated member and I cherish your friendship.

To the membership of Texas, thank you so much for the opportunity you have given me to serve Grand Chapter in this office. It has been a year of wonderful memories and I have made many new friends. I look forward to being with everyone during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Stringer, Grand Examiner, District 2

It is my pleasure to introduce my friend and co-worker, Donna Hill Pope, Grand Examiner, District 3.

Sister Donna Hill Pope: Thank you Sister Carla Stringer, my friend and co-worker.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Crews, for your kindness and support throughout this year. You allowed me to travel to and from the Schools of Instruction in my own vehicle and on my own timetable as I struggled to meet the challenges of my job and my family obligations. you have both been long time friends and I appreciate you and the flexibility you have shown, even as you both have faced challenges of your own this year.

To my friend, Donna Noe, thank you for traveling with me on several occasions, for your love and support this year. Thank you for the courtesy you extended as we roomed together. I commend you for your dedication, for your quiet and calm demeanor, and for your desire to continue to grow and expand your knowledge of our Order.

To the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3, thank you for all of your preparations and courtesy extended to me personally and to the office of Grand Examiner. The Accommodations provided in the Examining Room and your choices of assistants and pages were all first rate.

My thanks to those who assisted in the Examining Room, your assistance was vital and truly appreciated.

To my co-workers, thank you for your friendship, for your understanding, encouragement and support. I could not have done it without you and I can never thank you enough for your assistance and patience.

To the membership, I can never thank you enough for your love and support these past two years. It hasn't been exactly as I planned and I have not been able to give you 100% of my focus due to my family responsibilities. But you have given me patience and understanding, encouragement and love. Being Grand Examiner of District 3 has been an opportunity of a lifetime and one I will always cherish. I love you, I appreciate you, and I want to thank you for your prayers. God bless all of you.

Thank you for your generous donations of \$315. 00 for the Elephant Stickers. These funds have been remitted to Grand Chapter.

The donations for signing the quilt squares totaled \$384.00 Since we are privileged to be in Arlington, these funds provided a means for many residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center to attend the Line Officer Luncheons. This is a special treat for our Eastern Star members and I thank you for your generosity.

I am pleased to submit the following report for District 3:

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY - 2012-2013

SECTION 1	135
SECTION 2	46
SECTION 3	15
SECTION 4	10
SECTION 5	18
SECTION 6	30
SECTION 7	27
SECTION 8	40
SECTION 9	44
SECTION 10	34

Total "A" Certificates of Proficiency	378
Total "B" Certificates of Proficiency	0
Total Certificates of Proficiency earned	378
First Time Certificates	30

I thank our Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to give exams to those members at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. It is a special place, and those faithful members who reside there have a lock on my heart.

A detailed report is on file at the Grand Secretary's office, and a letter has now been sent to each chapter as a final report listing the members who earned their Certificate of Proficiency.

God Bless all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hill Pope, Board of Grand Examiners, District 3

And now it is my privilege to invite Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Grand Examiner, District 4 to bring her report.

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer: Thank you, Sister Donna Pope, my friend and co-worker.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

The members in District 4 did an outstanding job in their studies and accomplishments to obtain their proficiency certificates. It is my honor and pleasure to bring you this report as the Grand Examiner of District 4 for the Grand Chapter year 2012-2013.

Certificates of Proficiency

Section 1	59
Section 2	86
Section 3	40
Section 4	90
Section 5	56
Section 6	49
Section 7	70
Section 8	25
Section 9	27
Section 10	81
For a Grand Total of	583 "A" Certificates

There were 0 "B" Certificates

Of these totals, 20 achieved an "A" Certificate for the first time.

A detailed report has been given to the Grand Secretary, which is a listing of the name from each chapter who has received their Proficiency Certificate this year. I have also mailed to each Chapter in District Four a list of the names of their members who were granted Certificates of Proficiency.

A total of \$485.00 was collected for the Proficiency stickers. Also \$2,736.00 was collected

for my project of signing my quilt squares from each section. My project this year has already been donated to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, Galveston Unit.

I would like to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for helping to make this year one that I will never forget. Worthy Grand Matron, I enjoyed traveling with you and playing cards when we had free time. And, most importantly, I appreciate all your encouragement and wisdom.

Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Esther, thank you for all your kind words and thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for teaching me to "look out" when playing cards!

I would especially like to thank Sister Judy Tucker, District Deputy Grand Matron. We managed to get our work done and had some time for fun and I enjoyed getting to know you better.

I would also like to thank the 10 Deputy Grand Matrons for all their courtesies and the special things they did to make my travels more enjoyable. All of the schools were planned well and every little detail was taken care of. All of you ladies were the best and I really enjoyed getting to know you better.

To Sister Barbara Martin, the Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the fun and especially the fellowship we shared. I am looking forward to more travels!

Most especially, I would like to thank the membership of District 4. Each one of you that helped me in any way, if you worked in the examining room, carried items, helped me set up the Examining room, anything and everything you have done was not gone unnoticed. Each and every one of you is special to me and you know how the job of Grand Examiner cannot be done without the membership's help and I thank you.

I would now like to introduce my co-worker, Sister Linda Winn-Christensen, Grand Examiner of District Five.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Mosmeyer, Grand Examiner District 4

Sister Linda Winn-Christenson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Distinguished Members all:

I extend my sincere appreciation to the membership for affording me the opportunity to serve our Order this past year and for your support. At this time it is my privilege to present my report as Grand Examiner of District 5.

A total of 336 Proficiency Certificates were issued this year. All were "A" Certificates.

Section	"A" Certificates
Section 1	16
Section 2	4
Section 3	35
Section 4	30
Section 5	18
Section 6	59
Section 7	79
Section 8	44
Section 9	29

Section 10

22

Total

336

Congratulations to the 12 members who earned their first “A” Proficiency Certificate. I encourage you to keep up the good work and continue your studies.

A detailed report by Section and Chapter is on file in the Grand Secretary’s office. Each Chapter has been forwarded a list of members who have earned an “A” Certificate of Proficiency.

From the members’ contributions, a check for \$311.00 was sent to the Grand Secretary for proficiency stickers, and a donation of \$1,500.00 was made to my special charity, M.D. Anderson Cancer Research. I offer my sincere gratitude to the wonderful members for their generosity.

Worthy Grand Matron, Annette Curry and Worthy Grand Patron, Bill Crews, it was a pleasure to spend time with you on the school schedule. Thank you for your counsel, leadership, and love of the Order

Sister Barbara Martin, Worthy Grand Matron’s Secretary, and Sister Melinda Richardson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, thanks for your smiles, encouragement, and many acts of kindness. It was a blessing getting to know each of you.

District Deputy Grand Matron, Carlotta Fairchild, we have traveled many miles together and hopefully have a few more to go. You are a very dear friend. Words cannot express my appreciation to you for your generosity and admiration for your knowledge of our ritualistic work. You exemplify the true meaning of being an Eastern Star Sister.

Thank you to each of the nine Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5 and all who assisted in the exam rooms. Your planning, preparation, and assistance helped make the work in the exam rooms go smoothly.

To the wonderful membership, it has been my honor to serve you as Grand Examiner. Thank you for your hugs, smiles, and every courtesy extended to me. I look forward to again serving the membership and this Grand Chapter in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Winn-Christenson, Grand Examiner, District 5

I am pleased to recognize my co-worker Sister Laura Sharp, Grand Examiner at Large.

Sister Laura Sharp: Thank you Sister Linda.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

With deep appreciation, I would like to say “Thank You” to this beautiful membership for allowing me to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand Examiner at Large.

Your love and continued support humble me for without it, I would not have been able to serve in this capacity.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your year is coming to a close. I’m sure you will soon be able to reflect on the miles traveled and all things you have accomplished this year. We are all thankful that I was not needed to pro tem because everyone stayed safe

and healthy. These lovely ladies perform a tremendous job serving this Grand Chapter.

I would like to submit the following report of certificates earned at this Grand Chapter.

District One

“A” Certificates 4

“B” Certificates 0

District Two

“A” Certificates 0

“B” Certificates 0

District Three

“A” Certificates 1

“B” Certificates 0

District Four

“A” Certificates 6

“B” Certificates 0

District Five

“A” Certificates 2

“B” Certificates 0

Total Certificates issued at this Grand Chapter - 13 “A” Certificates; 0 “B” Certificates

Donation to Knights Templar Eye Foundation

13.00 Stickers

50.00 Donations

63.00 Total

Respectfully submitted, Laura Sharp, Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large
Worthy Grand Matron I move the approval of these reports.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers you have heard the reading from the Grand Examiners and a motion to accept their reports...actually this is Committee Reports and there is no vote required. Thank you Board of Grand Examiners for a great year. At this time we want to start our elections at 10:00. I'd like to ask the Arrangements Committee to begin sitting up the tables for the election please and the chairs. Can you do that? Arrangements?

Sister Sharon Reynolds: Worthy Grand Matron. While they are doing that I have a question for you. My name is Sharon Reynolds and I am a Past Matron of the Velasco Chapter #220 in Freeport, Texas. In regard to the \$800,000 invoice, now I personally am Treasurer in Brazoria County so I represent 353,000 people. And the laws that we have in the state of Texas tell me what I can and cannot do, just as our Constitution tells us the same thing. And in regard to the \$800,000, if you'll look on page 43 of our Constitution, Article 10 which says "Returns, Revenues, Appropriations and Expenditures" Section 3, Appropriations and Expenditures, d. with two **, when means that in 2004 this Grand Chapter membership approved the following: "In case of extreme emergency and by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may make appropriations not to exceed \$10,000." And e. goes on "Revenue derived from assessments and other sources for a particular purpose cannot be appropriated for some other purpose." So in regard to the \$800,000 does this mean we are going to wait until next year for this Grand Chapter approval or we going to pay interest on the monies or are we going to allow \$10,000 to be paid this year holding over \$790,000 until next year, paying interest. Because our Board of Directors, which I have

attended a meeting and they have a difficult time because I ask questions and they were very courteous in answering what they could, but their hands are tied. Our Constitution tells them they can't spend more than \$10,000. So this...

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. We understand that. As I stated, we only got this bill on Monday, I received it on mid-day Tuesday so we do not know, I cannot answer that question. I'm aware of what the Constitution/Code of Laws says, but we don't know that yet. We do not know that.

Sister Sharon Reynolds: You do not know what?

WGM Annette Curry: What we're going to do.

Sister Sharon Reynolds: Okay but everyone in this room does understand that our Board cannot pay more than \$10,000...Period. So our \$800,000 bill without the approval of this Grand Chapter cannot pay more than that \$10,000, so ...

WGM Annette Curry: (One rap) Time. Your three minutes are up, thank you. We realize that this is the problem, we do not know. Your three minutes are up, thank you. I recognize over here.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Alma Bane, Past Matron of McLennan Chapter #639 and Stephenville #801. Realizing that sometimes things do come up that can't be taken care of at Grand Chapter, our Constitution provides for it in Article 10, Section 2, it is titled "Special Sessions". So we do have in our Laws a way we can take care of a situation as this if we are unable to take care of it at a Session.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Is this in reference to the letter? (Addressing another person at the microphone) Okay, just let me say this. Just let me say this, there's questions, we've talked about it. We cannot answer those questions because we do not know.

Sister Audri Rowell: Worthy Grand Matron this is not a question, we want to make a statement.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay.

Sister Audri Rowell: I am Audri Rowell, current Worthy Matron and a Past Worthy Matron of Abilene Chapter #30. I'm Keith Mikeworth Past Patron of Midland #253. The Board of Directors has not seen a letter. We are told by our Chairman that he has a copy of this letter. It was not distributed to the rest of the Board Members. We have not seen that letter. We do not know anything about it. I've had many questions and I cannot answer them.

WGM Annette Curry: I understand. Thank you. As I stated, I received this letter on Tuesday. I knew the Chairman, Ron Zipp, I ask him to keep it quiet until I could notify the membership, not just the Board of Directors. We're getting a lot of rumors started so I ask him to hold that until we had an opportunity to read it to the membership. Now I have these, this is a packet, this is the letter and I'm going to read it to you again. This is the invoice. We will have to take, we have run ten copies, the District Deputy has. We cannot run a lot of copies out here at Registration, but it can be taken to a copy center they've located and we can run 4,000 copies. 2,000 and 2,000 it would be a fee of over \$200. Is that what you want? Do you want us to run a copy of both these letters and give it to the membership? Is that what you want? Okay, we've got 10 copies which can be distributed and put on a table, you can go out there and read them or we can spend money for 4,000 copies. I'm going to

ask your opinion. If you're in favor of running 4,000 copies...If you are NOT in favor, NOT in favor of running 4,000 copies, raise your card please. Those wanting 4,000 copies to be run. (One rap) We will not run the copies. We will have them available however, I am going to read the letter again.

PGM Yvonne Brownfield: Worthy Grand Matron if I may before you read the letter. I'm Yvonne Brownfield a Past Matron of Copperas Cove Chapter #1070. Since we're not very far from the Grand Secretary's office, Grand Chapter Headquarters, there is a machine there that I think is quite capable to run these copies off. Someone said that we lease it for about \$23,000 and I would suggest that we use that machine for these copies.

WGM Annette Curry: I believe the membership is not in favor of that. Thank you. I believe the membership is not in favor of running those copies. We have those available to look at. I'm going to read the letter again. There is no date on this letter. There is no date, I'm telling you it was delivered to the Grand Secretary on Monday and delivered to me around noon on Tuesday and as I said I spoke with Ron Zipp, said please do not discuss this letter until I, it is addressed to the Worthy Grand Matron, until I myself can present it to the membership and not just the Board. That was my decision. Someone's at the mic?

PGM Naomi Wolfe: Worthy Grand Matron my name is Naomi Wolfe and I'm a Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741, dual member of Arlington Chapter. And I hope that I'm not going to offend anybody but I think we've just almost beat this horse to death and I'm kind of tired of it. (Applause) We have elected a Line of Officers. A Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress, Associate Conductress (I'm sure she meant Grand Officers at this point) and we have a Board and these are the people that we have elected and depend on taking care of the business of our Grand Chapter. And I think that it is ridiculous for a few people to try to pick to death something that has happened. Our Worthy Grand Matron has stated that she didn't receive the letter until Monday and there are ways to take care of it and I think that we should be honorable people and trustworthy. We all took the same Obligation and I think we all need to begin to live by it. That's all I have to say, thank you. (Applause)

PGP Bill Wyatt: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Bill Wyatt, Past Patron of Pine Tree Lodge #1090. Since my name was mentioned on that letter, I do need a copy of that letter because there were things in that letter that's not true. I'm requesting this Grand Chapter to give me a letter so I can follow up on this thing and try to get this stuff straight because I did not tell TMRC that we would do this. I don't know who's lying but I do want to find out. I don't care what it costs me. My name will be cleared. I did not do this. And I want the membership to know this and I'm asking you, you say you've got ten copies, I do need a copy of both letters.

WGM Annette Curry: We'll see that you get one, okay?

PGP Bill Wyatt: Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Let's continue on, let me read the letter. We have legislation and other things to do today.

AGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jayne Yenger, Past Matron of Vashti Chapter #32 and I would like to ask permission to speak to the membership before we go on.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

AGM Jayne Yenger: I would like the membership to know that Brother Trey and I, of course we're not elected yet, we're not installed but we are concerned about this letter as most of you here are. We are trying to work together a plan of action. Certainly we are going to do everything possible to take care of this, to include the Corporate Board, the Board of Directors, and Advisory Council. We do have insurance to I believe to take care of these matters. But we do have a plan to meet with the people that were there at the time that this negotiation took place. We want to do it in the proper way for the membership and I would like to also remind the membership that we do have a right to call a Special Session for this Grand Chapter and if that's what it takes to take care of this situation, you will be a part and you will know and you will be kept informed of the action we are taking. Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Thank you very much. I want to say again that I did not get this letter until say noon on Tuesday and there is no date on the letter, however, the invoice is dated July 26th and the bill. We have ten copies, I know Brother Bill Wyatt wants a copy and we'll see that you get one specifically. We'll put these copies...and Ron do you have something to say?

Brother Ron Zipp: All I have to say is this is strictly a bill. I don't know how many of y'all got a bill that's wrong and I guarantee we're going to go through it with a fine tooth comb. We don't want to go off half cocked. That's not the answer. Whatever we have to do, we'll do it and I guarantee you, we don't want to say anything that should this matter go into litigation would eat our lunch. All I can say is let us get our facts together, I was out making a copy for the Corporate Board and I was told to come back in and I understand the Worthy Grand Matron is going to make ten copies for the Board of Directors as well as one for Bill Wyatt. And all I can say is we can't go ahead and rush to judgment. We have got to be calm. We have got to be patient. We have got to be able to analyze. And I can guarantee you that each and every one of y'all have gotten a bill that you dispute. And I guarantee we're going to dispute if necessary. Because that's not the way we run the railroad here at the Order of the Eastern Star. So if anybody has any questions I'm sure the Worthy Grand Matron would love to entertain them but that's basically my motto right now: the less that is said the better except for the fact that we need to be preparing for whatever is in there to make sure we are ready to go and we can dispute it legally, honestly because this may very well end up at the courthouse. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers we do need to be very, very careful what we say at this time because this is all just new to us. I recognize Brother Trey.

AGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron I'm Trey Smith, Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249 and a member of Big Spring Chapter #67. I would appreciate it greatly as the Corporate Board to be included in the list to receive a copy of that letter as we have not received a letter as well. So would you please include us in that list to be run so that we can answer questions better and maybe meet with each other.

WGM Annette Curry: As I've stated there's no date on this letter. I'm sure it was mailed because the bottom of this from Orville O'Neill it says "cc: TMRC Board of Directors, OES Board of Directors, OES Corporate Board of Directors, Gary Blair Superintendent." So this was probably mailed last Tuesday or Monday and so you will have it in your mailbox when you get back. You are listed. Is that what your question is?

AGP Trey Smith: No ma'am. I understand that's what you told me and said and I appreciate that greatly but I and Sister Jayne are being asked a lot of questions about this here, now.

And if you're providing copies to the Board of Directors I think the Corporate Board could be included in that same list. It's only 5 of us, 6, 8 of us, whatever it is.

WGM Annette Curry: We'll have to go to the copy because the Registration out here ran out of ink. They cannot print anymore. We'll have to send someone out to make copies.

AGP Trey Smith: Well I have a printer in my room, I'll be glad to start...

WGM Annette Curry: Okay...

AGP Trey Smith: But I just think we need to be able to answer that we can while we're here.

WGM Annette Curry: I understand.

AGP Trey Smith: I think the Corporate Board would appreciate that. So, I'm not trying to be disrespectful but I'm just trying to...

WGM Annette Curry: I understand. Actually we do not know, as the Chairman of the Board said that we've just gotten this, we do not know so there are no answers at this time.

Sister Sue Saunders: Worthy Grand Matron my name is Sue Saunders, Worthy Matron, Spurger #315 and Past Matron of Port Neches Chapter #677. Since I asked the question about copies being made...

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Sister Sue Saunders: May I assume that I get one of the ten copies? Why can't I have a copy? I'm a member.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: If you will meet me in the corner, you can have your copy.

Sister Sue Saunders: Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: She can make a few copies, 3, 4 or 5. Okay?

Brother Lester Williams: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Lester Williams, I'm the Worthy Patron of Odessa #447. And I only want to say that I am deeply concerned about the tone of some of the things that are being said in these microphones, the member of the Order of the Eastern Star. It borders on accusations sometimes in my perception and I'm sure that's not the intention. And I would only ask that people who want to question something, try to do that in a more harmonious way so far as Truth, Honor and Justice will warrant. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. We have the tables set up. We want to certainly start at 10:00 so we'll continue Reports until then. I'm going to call for the Report of the Title, Deeds and Property, Lynn Kearney?

Sister Lynn Kearney: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers. I am Lynn Kearney, Chairman of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee. I want to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving on this Committee and would like to introduce the other members of the Committee: Arthur Drescher, Jr. from District 1, Michael Larson from District 2 and Sherry Dieckmann from District 4.

There is an asset database maintained in the Grand Secretary's office which contains the assets being tracked by this Committee. Items tracked include such items as Stocks and Bonds, Property, Mineral Rights, Insurance policies, Estates (Wills & Trust Funds). There

are currently 260 items in the database. Of these items:

- 43 have been closed by previous Board of Directors
- 38 are closed pending Board approval for closure
- 4 are closed by the present Board of Directors
- 47 are closed because distribution of the will or insurance policy has been completed.

For a total of 132 that are not currently being worked on.

There are 13 mineral rights currently leased or stock getting dividends and 5 owned mineral rights but no leased as of today. These are constantly being reviewed and tracked. There are 109 items in review status that still need to be reviewed and recommendations made to the Board of Directors for action.

When I was appointed to this position and reviewed the status of the database, it took a considerable amount of time to familiarize myself with the assets, status and procedures. After I was comfortable with the database, I sent some items to each member to review and report back the status. Unfortunately, I found out later that non were received so, while much was accomplished, we did not complete as much as I would have liked to do. To make this Committee more productive, we must shorten the startup time each year. I would like to recommend Grand Chapter find a way to provide overlap on this Committee or at least suggest the new Chairman meet with the outgoing Chairman to provide turnover. This should allow faster start up and more research time. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron the Committee moves the adoption of this report.

WGM Annette Curry: You have heard the report of the Title, Deeds and Property. This is a Committee so there's no need for approval. Thank you Lynn and all the Committee for the work they've done. Sharon Fentress can we have the Financial Investments Report please.

PGM Sharon Fentress: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of bringing your Report of the Financial Investment Committee. I have been very privileged and honored to serve on this Committee for the preceding three years.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. Members of the Financial Investment Committee met with the Board of Directors and representatives from J. P. Morgan over the year to review the investments of the Grand Chapter of Texas OES. We were furnished copies of the quarterly reports for our review and I forwarded these to the other members of the Committee who were not able to be present at the meeting.

We compliment the Board of Directors for their service to the Grand Chapter of Texas and their dedication to see that our funds are being handled in a manner to obtain the optimum return, while protecting our funds for the future. I thank the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to serve on this Committee. This was my third and final year and I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Board of Directors and the Financial Team from J. P. Morgan. I know our funds are in capable hands.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Fentress, Chairman, Ed R. Pickett and Brian Dodson. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I move the adoption of this report.

WGM Annette Curry: There is no vote required because this is a Committee Report. Thank you. (One rap) Sisters and Brothers, in this packet that we received there are eight more pages which is the cost of this and different things. There's another letter that we have here

that is dated March 23, 2010 and so to make sure that those involved in this that want all copies and there's not a problem there we're just trying to get the two copies the information on it, the letter and the amount of billing invoice so I believe that now we're going to send someone to the Grand Secretary's office, this would be I believe twelve copies to get the whole packet so is that where we are? We'll get a packet for the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors. They're going to get this in the mail by the time you get home, it's probably there now. But if you want it today, that's what we'll do at the Grand Secretary's office. That will be twelve copies, Bill Wyatt wants one. That will be thirteen. Anybody else want one? Okay, we'll make fifteen sets. I recognize the Chairman.

Brother Ron Zipp: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. It's very, very important that whoever receives copies of this letter and the attachments, which I have not seen, that they make sure that they use it for their eyes only until we can have an opportunity to dissect it. As I indicated, I do feel that there are some erroneous information in some of these exhibits I have not seen. But we do not want to go off half cocked and start spouting off things to other people in the TMRC or anywhere else trying to do things that may cause problems should we end up at the courthouse. Litigation is entirely possible on an \$800,000 bill. And I have represented many, many people in forty five years of practice of law and I can assure you that before you do anything, you get the facts. You see what is wrong, what is not wrong. Also you make sure that all credits and offsets and everything else are taken care of properly. This is something that we have to analyze. As the Worthy Grand Matron mentioned a moment ago, we just received this, we just received this. There has been no discussion on it. There has been no dissection, and I use that word dissection because any time I get a bill and I'm sure y'all are the same way, I dissect it. I want to see where every penny's going to go. And I think it's very important that we do that because this is the Grand Chapter's money. And I guarantee you before we pay one penny, in my personal opinion we want to know that George is going to squeal when we take him out of our wallet. That's for sure. That's all I have to say but please, we want to be confidential. Otherwise we might read about this in the Advance Sheets of the Law Books and I prefer that not being the case. Let's have our facts together. Let's not run to the other side and start spouting off stuff that may or may not correct and may or may not help us. That is the issue. We need to start planning now for a defense first and then probably for a counter offensive because I anticipate that to be the case. That's all I can say but this is not something to get jumping around about now so please don't go off half cocked. We need to get facts and this is where we are because we haven't even received all the attachments. Thank you very much.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you, thank you, thank you. We must prepare now for the...I'm going to tell the Tellers to go to the table. This is going to be table one, two, three, four, five, six (pointing to the different tables around the room). Those of you that received cards would you, please go to those tables now. Those that received appointments to be a Teller, please go to your table now. One, two, three, four, five, six. We must start these elections at 10:00. At table one, table judges...go ahead...

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, there will be more instructions given in a minute but I need those that received a letter to take your places at this time. And if we need to fill those tables, that will be done. But the table judges for table one are Betty Friend, Ray Hertenberger. Table two is going to be Elise Hammack and Jerry Trees. Table three is going to be Vi Griffin and Art Drescher. Now whenever you get to your table if you will just take your place, they will let me know what they need to fill. Table four, ladies, Table four,

five and six. Table four is going to be Betty Benham and Buddy Baker. Table five is going to be Joyce Nicklas and Mary Ruth White. Table six is going to be Naomi Wolfe and John Creel. I will explain to you in a little bit when I give you full directions that you will have monitors and for any questions there are two chairs that have been placed there. One of them is for Sharon Fentress and Edna Goettee. We are also going to have monitors at my machines and they are going to be Joyce Gilbert and Nancy Brown.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, Table one do we have everyone. Is everyone at Table one? We need three? We need one? Joan Miller, are you here? I know you are. Joan Miller Table one. How about Table two? Table two how many do you need? Table two needs how many? That should be Marquetta Whitfield, Mattie Schier, Nancy Reynolds, Mae Curry, Nita Norris, Dee Reynolds and Ruenell Jarriel, are those all there? And Beverly Self. Table one are you complete? We need one? Joan Miller? Table one you're full now? Table two? Kathy Eidson? Kathy Eidson? Table two is full? Table three? Call it out, I can't see. You need three? It should be Shelley Walker, Kenlyn Lawrence, Rita Landrum, Lee Ann Cain, Elaine Batchelor, Lynn Kearny and Annette Otremba. Okay, you still need three? One? Cindy Brisko. Brisko. Okay how about Table four? Debra Pharr was assigned to Table four, are you there? Joan Scott? Dorothy McClendon? You're fixed now? Okay, we'll give them a chance that someone may be on their way. Table five. Carla Smith. Barbara Gregory. Table six. One? Lisa Nystedt. Lisa? Okay, let's go back to one. How about one, ready? Complete? Two are you complete? Two are you complete? I'm sorry, I was looking at three. Table three, Table four, Table five? Table five? I called Carla Smith, Carla is there? Barbara Gregory? She's not here? No, there she comes. Okay, Table six. You're complete? I called Lisa for six. There she is. All the tables are complete? Table judges are ready? Okay. I need Credentials to be coming in and getting ready to give us their final or matching Report. Can someone tell Credentials. Credentials please come to the East and Registration Chairmen. Please come to the East.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers, good morning! It is a good morning and it is the Lord...it is a day for Him and it's a day for us and we are glad we are here. Are we not? Say yes! (Yes!) Alright. We're going to have a very, very busy day. You've got some instructions, if you will all just kind of take a place, sit down and observe. Worthy Grand Matron, I know protocol has been established a whole lot and it's half this page, so Most Worthy Grand Patron, we're glad you're here. Sisters and Brothers, I would like to ask you how many of you are voting for the very first time on a candidate? Would you please hold up your cards. That's pretty good. I am giving you instructions and all the remaining members in this room because we want you all to be on the same page, and observe and do the same thing. I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this honor and privilege of serving this membership. Before beginning the election let me state that the ballots will be hand counted. This is at the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron to save our Grand Chapter time and money. The printing cost and machine cost are so high and we will save the office time and you and I. Sisters and Brothers the Code of Laws are very specific when it comes to election. Let me briefly explain to you the requirements. When making a nomination only the name of the candidate, the name, number and location of the Chapter to which the candidate belongs and the office to which they are nominated shall be given. No member of this Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one office at any one Grand Chapter Session. If only one candidate is nominated, the election will be preceded by acclamation which is a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated, the election will be upon a ballot upon which you were furnished when you entered and registered, all voting delegates at Registration. A majority of the number of 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 shall be dropped. In the case there are two or more that tie for the lowest number of votes, and there are at least two candidates receiving a higher number of votes then all candidates tied for the lowest number shall be dropped. Subject to this regulation, the election shall proceed until a candidate receives a majority of all votes cast. The results of all votes will be declared by the Presiding Officer. We have a lot of moving around. Let's be real quiet while we're moving. Sisters and Brothers, according to, and we have instructed the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels according to the Law that no one will be allowed to enter or to leave the Grand Chapter room when a ballot is being taken unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be cooperative and understanding in this regard. Know that if you are caught outside during a ballot and are denied admission, our people are only faithfully performing the duties that have been assigned to them. Do not leave your seats without all of your credentials. These include your signed envelope, your ballot, your badge and your current dues card. You will need all of these to re-enter the room. I would like to remind the Pages, lovely ladies, that all the votes must be deposited inside the Chapter room. Members caught outside the Grand Chapter when the ballot is declared open will not be allowed to re-enter until the ballot is closed. The Assistant Grand Sentinels must step inside the room at the door that they are working at. The ballot box must not leave the Grand Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside the door at their station. The Assistant Grand Warders in each case will open the door as the Page approaches and the Assistant Grand Sentinel will be allowed to step inside and deposit the individual ballot in the Tellers Box and return to their station outside. Sisters and Brothers we have those who have been performing duties and they are Registration, Credentials and First Aid. These members will approach door No. 1, in the West Lobby. When they approach Assistant Grand Sentinels and Assistant Grand Warders know that they will be allowed to open the door for those individuals. Tellers will approach the door, always remaining inside and only the members of Registration, Credentials and First Aid Committee will be allowed to enter. Sisters and Brothers we believe that when the Credentials and Registration Committee finish that they don't have to go back work so I'm going to ask that they just kind of stay in the room if they would like to vote. The Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels, the only ones that will be left out there are the First Aid. And we have one Committee running and working in Room 9. The Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels will insure that no one else enters the room or leaves when the ballot is open. Now let me explain to you about the ballots. You have been given a packet with thirteen ballots. When voting on the candidates you will use A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I. When voting for "For" or "Against" use J, K, L and we've already used M. We would respectfully request that you keep these ballots as clean as possible. They will be counted by hand and they will be taken to the Tellers tables. This will cut down and we need them to stay as clean as and as straight as possible. So do not let your candy be stuck on your ballot. Your vote is important to you, to your Chapter and to your candidates. Do not mark your ballot until you are instructed to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron. She will announce the letter and she will declare the ballot open and at that time circle, circle the name that you are voting for. To write in a name, the space provided below, you will write the name and circle it. Please do not vote for Mickey Mouse. Please do not vote for anyone that is not on the ballot other than your write-in candidate. The President, Vice-President, Secretary of State are not running. Please do not fold your ballot. When your ballot is collected, simply place the ballot face down. The Worthy Grand Matron has requested that no one deposit a ballot for anyone else. You have one ballot. It is your ballot and it will be your ballot. The ballots are

important. The Worthy Grand Matron has also allowed you to sit, the non-voters, wherever you are at. The ballots will be passed because of the aisle situation. Only the Tellers will be on the floor moving around when the ballot is on the floor. We have designated those who will be watching and observing the tables and we will count as many ballots as we are possibly able to. If you circle a name, you change your mind we will try to determine what you have wanted. But if you use the wrong letter, you circle two names or three names, your ballot will be void. Non-voting delegates, Warders and Sentinels, they do not have a packet. They do not have a vote. Please check their ballot, check their badge and let them in. Worthy Grand Matron we are going to get this done. Sisters and Brothers we want to say thank you for what you are doing and all of those on the tables we appreciate your help. Worthy Grand Matron I believe it's time to go to work. (Applause) Worthy Grand Matron, let me state that we have eight computers with spread sheets that will be running. Every vote will be tabulated on two different machines with two different people and we have monitors so there will be four tables running machines at all times.

Sister Lou Lewis: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve as General Chairman of the Credentials Committee. It has been a very rewarding experience. I would like to thank those who have been responsible for all the help they have given in seeing that the set-up for the Credentials and Registration tables and all the other things that were needed for us to be able to serve effectively any time we requested help they were there. Thank you Leisa Martin, Registration Committee Chairman for all the help, phone calls, and our working together to make the job much easier. The Registration Committee and Credentials Committee have worked together, laughed together and pulled together and generally made the challenging task enjoyable and as well as successful. The Grand total of votes is 2,028. Thank you Charlotte Beall and others from the Grand Secretary's office for all your help. Most of all, I want to thank the membership for their patience, kindness and understanding. The number of 1 votes will be 1,188. The number of 2 votes 329 times 2. The number of 3 votes 65 times 3 for a total of 2,028. The Secretary's office has been very helpful in everything that we do. They have been courteous and friendly.

WGM Annette Curry: We have to start at 10:00 so I want to thank this Committee very, very much and I will give you more later, but thank you so very much.

Sister Lou Lewis: I move the adoption of this report.

WGM Annette Curry: (One rap) Committee Report. Thank you. I invite those that have been nominated to come to the East at this time. Worthy Grand Patron I invite you to preside. It is 10:00.

WGP Bill Crews: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Nominations are now in order for the office of the Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I'm Annette Curry, a Past Matron of Haltom City Chapter #982 and North Fort Worth #684. It is with pleasure that I nominate Sister Jayne Yenger, a Past Matron of Vashti Chapter #32 and a member of Lott Chapter #594 for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year.

WGP Bill Crews: Sister Jayne Yenger has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Jayne Yenger to the office of Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing year please let it be known by saying Aye (Aye). Those opposed, No. (None) I declare Sister Jayne Yenger elected to the office of Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing year. (One rap) Sister Jayne Yenger, do you accept?

AGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Patron. This is very humble to me and with the belief in our Order and the belief in our membership, thank you I do accept.

WGP Bill Crews: Thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: I am Bill Crews, Past and Present Worthy Patron of Polytechnic Chapter #420. It is with pleasure that I nominate Brother Trey Smith, a Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249 and a member of Big Spring Chapter #67 for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Brother Trey Smith has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor electing Brother Trey Smith to the office of Worthy Grand Patron, please let it be known by saying Aye. (Aye) Those opposed, Nay. I declare Brother Trey Smith elected Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. (One rap) Brother Trey Smith, do you accept?

AGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron it's with a humble heart and with much gratitude that I do accept and I pray that we can go forward into this next year and work as one group and we will do our best to make sure that that happens. And for the two that voted against me...(Laughter)...I will pray for them. (Laughter and Applause).

WGM Annette Curry: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron.

AGM Jayne Yenger: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Jayne Yenger.

AGM Jayne Yenger: I am Jayne Yenger. I am a Past Matron of Vashti Chapter #32 and I place in nomination the name of Sister Cheryl Albrecht, a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820 for the office of Associate Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Cheryl Albrecht has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Cheryl Albrecht to the office of Associate Grand Matron, let it be known by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. I declare Sister Cheryl Albrecht elected to the office of Associate Grand Matron for the ensuing year. (One rap) Sister Cheryl Albrecht, do you accept?

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron with the support of these Sisters and Brothers, I do accept and thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Trey Smith. I recognize...I'm sorry.

Sister Ann Teague: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Ann Teague, an Affiliated Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. It is my pleasure to place the name of George Gwaltney, Past Patron of Schertz Chapter #911 in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Brother George Gwaltney has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Brother George Gwaltney to the office of Associate Grand Patron, let it be known by saying Aye. (Aye) Those opposed, Nay. I declare Brother George Gwaltney elected to the office of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year. (One rap) Brother George Gwaltney, do you accept?

Brother George Gwaltney: Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept humbly and I promise to serve with honor, dignity and honesty. And thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Now before we go into the next election, if you have written down that we have 1,188 one votes, is that right? How much is 329 times 2, how many? (658) And how much is 195 times 3...65 times 3 (195). Okay we have two things here. I wrote down this: 1,188 one votes, is that right, what you have? Do you have 329 times 2? (Yes) Do you have 65 times 3? (Yes) And do you have 2,028? (No) What do you have? Do you have 2,041? (Yes) Where is Vi Griffin? Okay, you have 2,041 right? But that lady a while ago said 2,028, didn't she? We need Registration and Credentials to come back in please. How much is 2,028 from 2,041? (13) Thank you. So we have thirteen unaccounted for, is that right? (Yes) Thirteen. We need to see Credentials and Registration match or something. She has written on this Report 1,188, number of two votes 329 times 2, and then she has 65 times 3, total ballots issued was 1,582. I think this is just an error in addition because this is what she actually shows. I think it's just added wrong. It's 13, is the difference? Grand Choir? Grand Choir can you sing? (Laughter) We just can't go forward with the ballot until we get this settled. Thank you.

(Grand Choir sings Amazing Grace)

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize someone. You have a question?

Sister Linda Guy: Yes ma'am. Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Linda Guy, Past Matron of Jacksonville #377 and I was just wondering, you stopped the elections before we got through with the Grand Conductress are we going to wait on that? We were just wondering why we haven't went ahead and elected a Grand Conductress.

WGM Annette Curry: Ask me again...what now?

Sister Linda Guy: Some of us are wondering why we have not already elected a Grand Conductress before we go into our balloting.

WGM Annette Curry: I wonder too. (Laughter) Why did you wait so long to ask that? I'm so sorry.

AGC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron are you trying to tell me something? (Laughter)

WGM Annette Curry: I'm so sorry, Jerre. Where are we? You're not in my book. (Laughter – that nomination was left out of the podium book) You are not in my book. Where is my Secretary? (Laughter)

AGC Jerre Lucas: Worthy Grand Matron aren't we going to do the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer first?

WGM Annette Curry: Well, yes. I think that's why we're waiting isn't it? Oh, dear. So we elected Associate...what have we elected? (Laughter) We've elected a Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, so we're waiting on the Secretary. Linda Guy this is what we are doing. We're waiting on the ballot to ballot for Grand Secretary. That comes before the others. Is that right?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron that's what we're going to do.

WGM Annette Curry: Any other questions?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron when we get that Credentials and Registration Committee in here, why don't you close down Lost and Found so we don't have to go get them. Rob Morris is already gone. We don't have to run out and get any more people than we did yesterday. But if Registration and Credentials is finished then they can come and sit back there in the back and load up after we get through.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay. But they haven't got in here yet.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: We're going to keep them when they do.

WGM Annette Curry: That's right. Okay. Thank you. It's not easy being Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter) Okay, Sister Grand Organist, you can play again.

(Piano music by Mary Alberts)

WGM Annette Curry: Okay we're going to go ahead with another election at this time. If everyone will be seated. We'll give everyone a chance to get back in and be seated. I'm so sorry. I invite the...

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers if you will take your places. Those that are at the door will you announce out the door that we're going to start an election and we're going to lock the doors. Would you on door No. 1 go outside the door and holler this election is beginning to begin again, if you want to vote, please enter.

WGM Annette Curry: We'll give them just a few minutes to get back in.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: We have people on the stage that we can take care of and we can expedite this and move right along. Is everybody for that? (Yes).

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Brother Grand Sentinel, as soon as the hallways get cleared, and everybody understands to come back in we'll have to lock the doors. (One rap) Will you please, Brother Grand Sentinel, see that the doors are secure now for our election.

Sister Lou Lewis: I have a corrected vote tally. 1,199 one vote, 317 times 2 for the two votes, 65 times 3 – three votes for a total of 2,028.

WGM Annette Curry: Wait just a minute. 1,188 should have been 1,199 and number of 2 votes should be 317, that would be a total of times 2 - 634, and 3 votes is 65 times 3 which is 195, a total of 2,028. Is that 2,028? (Yes) Thank you! Computer froze up and everything

else went wrong and Lou, thank you, thank you, thank you. So we have 1,199 with one vote, 317 times 2 is 634, 65 times 3 for three votes is 195 so it's 2,028. Okay. Nominations are now...are the doors sealed? Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary for the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year.

Sister Pam Johnson: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Pam Johnson.

Sister Pam Johnson: I am Pam Johnson, Past Matron of Everman Chapter #624. I have the pleasure to place then name of Sandy Trimble, Past Matron of Everman Chapter #624 in nomination for the office of Grand Secretary for the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Sandy Trimble has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations?

Sister Janet Travers: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Janet Travers.

Sister Janet Travers: I am Janet Travers, Worthy Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. I place in nomination the name of Marlene Scholari, a Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959 for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Marlene Scholari has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Teas for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations for the office of Grand Secretary closed. (One rap) We will now proceed to ballot on ballot "A". Tellers, we will pass the ballot box down the rows but it will always be in view. I invite those, Marlene and Sandy to come here please. Sandy Trimble, Marlene Scholari. Best wishes. I now declare the ballot open. Deputies when you have made your rounds to where you're going please take your ballots to tables one and two and just stand there for further instructions. They will be placed on tables one and two. So continue.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers as you were instructed earlier that they're meeting in Room 9, we are sending one of the DD's to Room 9 and Credentials and Registration and First Aid as I instructed you. They will be allowed to come in Door No. 1, entrance 1. They will also have to step back out, they cannot stay. And there will be a Page ready to pick that ballot up.

WGM Annette Curry: We need a Page posted at that door and stand there until those folks come in to vote. One Page go and stand at the door please.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Anyone that has not cast their ballot please hold up their hand, I don't want to see the card because I don't want the one behind you to know how you voted. How about that? So you wave at the pretty ladies in pink and they will pick up your ballot.

GW Nancy Jo Estill: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I can't see where you are.

GW Nancy Jo Estill: Grand Warder

WGM Annette Curry: Grand Warder, yes.

GW Nancy Jo Estill: The people in Room 9 are here so we don't need to send someone down to Room 9 to pick them up. They're at the door.

WGM Annette Curry: Has the DD come back? Re-send her there.

GW Nancy Jo Estill: But there's no one there in Room 9.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, thank you.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sisters and Brothers guess what? I'm back. Y'all are going to get tired of me before the day is over. But, all of the Chapter Representatives would you please stand. Chapter Representatives please stand. Worthy Grand Matron it looks to me like you have a beautiful quorum. Sisters and Brothers do you agree we have a quorum? (Yes) Then if you agree we have a quorum we can continue. Now, Worthy Grand Matron that's handled.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Have all voted who are entitled to vote?

WGM Annette Curry: Have Credentials and Registration voted?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: The doors are closed. Registration and Credentials are y'all back there? Raise your hand if you're here. Okay, they're over here.

WGM Annette Curry: Y'all are all here?

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron I'd declare that ballot closed.

WGM Annette Curry: I declare the ballot closed. (One rap)

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Tellers deposit your boxes. They are going to go back to their area to get ready for your next one Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year.

Sister Gay Lynn Nave: Worthy Grand Matron I am Gay Lynn Nave, Worthy Matron of Canyon Lake Chapter #1103. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Lorrie Owens an Affiliated Past Matron and Endowed Member of Canyon Lake Chapter #1103 and a Dual Members of New Braunfels Chapter #771 for the office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Lorrie Owens has been nominated for the office of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Lorrie Owens to the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Texas please vote by saying Aye. (Aye) Those opposed No. I declare Sister Lorrie Owens elected to the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. (One rap) Sister Lorrie Owens, do you accept?

GT Lorrie Owens: Worthy Grand Matron, I'd like to thank this membership for their continued support and encouragement. With a grateful heart I do accept and will do my best to my ability. With your help I know we'll all succeed. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of placing in nomination the name of...

WGM Annette Curry: Uh...Who are you? (Laughter)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: I don't know. I'm not sure any more.

WGM Annette Curry: Neither do I. We start out by saying "I am..." (Laughter)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: No, no, no...I'll start out by saying Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Cheryl Albrecht.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: I am Cheryl Albrecht a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Jerre Lucas, a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911 for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Jerre Lucas has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Jerre Lucas to the office of Grand Conductress let it be known by saying Aye. (Aye) Those opposed, Nay. I declare Sister Jerre Lucas elected to the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year. (One rap) Sister Jerre Lucas, do you accept?

AGC Jerre Lucas: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Thanks be to God, to Schertz Chapter and to this fine membership. Thank you, I accept. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

Sister Ruby Lee: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Ruby Lee.

Sister Ruby Lee: My name is Ruby Lee and I am Worthy Matron of Loyal Chapter #648. I have the pleasure of placing the name of Melissa Hudman, a Past Matron of Loyal #648 in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Melissa Hudman has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations?

Sister Simone London: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Simone London.

Sister Simone London: I am Simone London, Jr. Past Matron of New Braunfels Chapter #771. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Sandra Zipp, a Past Matron of New Braunfels #771 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Sandra Zipp has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations?

Sister Shirley Alexander: Worthy Grand Matron

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Shirley Alexander.

Sister Shirley Alexander: I am Shirley Alexander, Associate Matron of Wills Point Chapter #366 it is my pleasure to nominate Sister Susan Bigham, Past Matron and Endowed member of Wills Point Chapter #366 and Dual Member of McKinney Chapter #518 for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Susan Bigham has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations?

Sister Wanda Heard: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Wanda Heard.

Sister Wanda Heard: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I am Wanda Heard, Worthy Matron of Friendswood #1131. It is my pleasure to place in nomination Christine Armstrong, Past Worthy Matron of Alvin Chapter #15 and Friendswood Chapter #1131 for the office of Associate Conductress for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: You mean Associate Grand Conductress?

Sister Wanda Heard: For the Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Christine Armstrong has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations?

Sister Patricia Bruce: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Patricia Bruce.

Sister Patricia Bruce: I am Patricia Bruce, Worthy Matron of Cypress Chapter #1102 and a Past Matron of Cypress. I wish to place in nomination the name of Sharon Mosmeyer a Past Matron of Cypress Chapter and an Endowed Member of Cypress Chapter #1102 in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Sharon Mosmeyer has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations for the office of Associate Grand Conductress, Closed. (One rap) We will proceed to ballot. In the meantime I would ask those to come stand here in order please. Melissa Hudman, Sandra Zipp, Susan Bigham, Christine Armstrong, Sharon Mosmeyer. Thank you ladies, good luck, best wishes. (Applause) We will proceed to vote on ballot "C". Ballot "C". Do not mark your ballots before we call ballot "C". I now declare the ballot Open. (One rap). Tellers...not Tellers...Pages, Deputies. Sisters and Brothers, you need to be very careful on your ballot. Do not pre-circle your ballot. Do not pre-circle the name on your ballot.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: The Worthy Grand Matron is explaining to you what we've already found in the boxes. And that is that I have one vote for one of the Associate Grand Conductresses race. So evidently they pre-circled their ballots when they had them in their packet and when they turned them in they turned in the wrong letter, the wrong race and now it is an invalid vote. We've also had ballots turned in with the little words "I don't care".

(Laughter)

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers, that is not funny. This is not funny.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: You do care. These people have dedicated and given their name, their life to Eastern Star because they are running for something or they would not want this, because they love you and the Order of the Eastern Star. So every ballot is important. You do care. We've also had them where they are writing in at the bottom instead of circling the name. That's fine. It was one of the two candidates so you're going to be counted but Sisters and Brothers this world was founded on "I care". Don't forget, I care. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Have all the ballots been collected. If yours has not, please hold up your card. First Aid? Credentials and Registration are in here who can notify First Aid. Have the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels voted? Pages take your ballots to tables five and six. Five and six. Now has First Aid voted? Has the Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels voted? Yes. Has First Aid? Yes. So all have voted? Anyone in the Chapter room that has not voted or had your ballot picked up? I now declare the ballot Closed. (One rap)

Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District One of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Sister Janice Herridge: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Janice Herridge.

Sister Janice Herridge: I am Janice Herridge, Past Matron of Farmers Branch Chapter #687 and Associate Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Brother Ray Hargis, Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959 and Bonham Chapter #852 for the Board of Directors of District One.

WGM Annette Curry: Brother Ray Hargis has been nominated for the Board of Directors, District One. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Brother Ray Hargis for the Board of Directors, District One, let it be known by saying Aye. (Aye) Those opposed, Nay. I declare Brother Ray Hargis elected to the Board of Directors, District One. (One rap) Brother Ray Hargis, do you accept?

Brother Ray Hargis: Worthy Grand Matron, with a grateful heart and a pledge to the membership I do accept. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District Two of the Grand Chapter of Texas. What did I say? Board of Directors, District Two. Nominations are now open.

Sister Fran Johnson: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Fran Johnson.

Sister Fran Johnson: I am Fran Johnson, Worthy Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010 and Past Matron of Friendship Chapter #1008. I am honored to place in nomination the name of Deborah Land, a Past Matron and Endowed Member of Midland Chapter #253 and a Past Matron of Norman Read Chapter #1010 for the office of Board of Directors, District Two.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Deborah Land has been nominated for the Board of Directors, District Two. Are there other nominations?

Sister Karen Kidd: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Karen Kidd.

Sister Karen Kidd: I am Karen Kidd, Past Matron of Friendship Chapter #1008. I would like to place the name of Janice Kelley in nomination for Board of Directors, District Two.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Janice Kelley has been nominated for the Board of Directors, District Two. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations for the Board of Directors, District Two Closed. (One rap) We will now proceed by voting on ballot "E". I would invite them to come here. Deborah Land, Janice Kelley. (Applause) Someone check on First Aid also and make sure they have balloted and the Assistant Sentinels and Warders will y'all take care of that please.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron I know these people want to vote the right way, at the right time, on the right ballot but...I have ballot "B", I have ballot "D", and I have ballot "E" that they've already used. So please, now you have lost your vote in those three races.

WGM Annette Curry: And Sisters and Brothers we do care. Is there anyone that has not voted? Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels have their votes in? Are we ready? Are we okay back there? Everyone has voted? The Assistant Grand Sentinels and Warders, have they voted?

GW Nancy Jo Estill: Yes, all have voted Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I now declare the ballot Closed. (One rap) We will take those ballots to Tables three and four. Are we ready to place the ballots on the tables? (One rap) No one can enter or leave the Grand Chapter room at this time Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels. No one can leave, we're in the balloting. Thank you. Can we deposit those? Did First Aid vote? Thank you. Deposit. Sisters and Brothers, some of the things you're putting in the ballot boxes are really not very appropriate. The things we are getting in the ballot boxes are really not appropriate. Thank you. Okay, we're going to go ahead and vote on some Board of Grand Examiners. Are we ready to do that now? Sister Jimmie Lee? Thank you.

Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District One.

Sister Sherrie Fowler: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Sherrie Fowler.

Sister Sherrie Fowler: I am Sherrie Fowler, Worthy Matron of Palestine Chapter #395 and Past Matron of Fairfield #331. It is my honor to nominate Carolyn Martin, Past Matron of Palestine #395 for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District One for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Carolyn Martin has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District One. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Carolyn Martin to the Board of Grand Examiners, District One let it be known by saying Aye. (Aye) Those opposed, Nay. I declare Sister Carolyn Martin elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District One. (One rap)

Sister Carolyn Martin, do you accept?

Sister Carolyn Martin: Worthy Grand Matron it is with a humble heart that I accept this opportunity to serve the membership once again. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Two.

Sister Chris Puckett: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Chris Puckett.

Sister Chris Puckett: My name is Chris Puckett. I'm a Past Matron of Midland Chapter #253. I'd like to place in nomination the name of Carla Stringer, a Past Matron and current Worthy Matron of Midland Chapter #253 and a Dual Member of Big Spring Chapter #67 for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Two.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Carla Stringer has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Two. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Carla Stinger to the board of Grand Examiners, District Two let it be known by saying Aye. (Aye) Thos opposed, Nay. I declare Sister Carla Stringer elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District Two. (One rap) Sister Carla Stringer, do you accept?

Sister Carla Stringer: Worthy Grand Matron with a very humble heart and much love for the membership of Texas, I do accept. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Three. I will say this, Dr. Leslie Keilberg has resigned as Grand Chaplain and so she has withdrawn from this race so she is not a candidate. Dr. Leslie Keilberg.

Sister Beverly Self: Worthy Grand Matron. I am Beverly Self, a Worthy Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter #835 and it's my great honor and privilege to place in nomination the name of Donna Noe, a Past Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter #835 for the office of Grand Examiner of District Three for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Donna Noe has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Three. Are there other nominations?

Sister Charee' Null: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Charee' Null.

Sister Charee' Null: I am Charee' Null, I am a Past Matron of Wedgewood #756 and a member of Haltom City Chapter #982. It is an honor to place in nomination the name of

Lillian Sissy Furrie, a Past Matron of Wedgewood Chapter #756 and a Past Matron of Haltom City Chapter #982 for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners for District Three.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Lillian Sissy Furrie has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Three. Are there other nominations? I now declare the nominations for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Three Closed. (One rap) We will proceed to vote on ballot "F". I ask those to come and stand. Remember Dr. Leslie Kielberg has withdrawn. Donna Noe, Lillian Sissy Furrie. Thank you, ladies. (Applause) This is ballot "F". Ballot "F". I now declare the ballot open. (One rap) We will collect the ballots please. Have the Assistant

Grand Warders and Sentinels balloted and also First Aid? Yes? Okay, you're going to have to stand there and hold the ballots for a little while, okay. We have no place to put them. Just stand there. Thank you.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Sister Elise, quit hugging and bring me the tally sheets. Sister Elise. Sister Elise Hammack, bring me those sheets and quit hugging. (Laughter)

WGM Annette Curry: Ladies please take your ballot boxes to Tables one and two. One and Two. Please place your ballots on one and two. You can do that now. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four.

PGP Nelson Campbell: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

PGP Nelson Campbell: I'm Nelson Campbell, present Worthy Patron of Silsbee Chapter #298. I would like to place in nomination the name of Sister Sue Saunders, Worthy Matron of Spurger Chapter #315 and a Past Matron of Port Neches Chapter #677...I'm sorry. I thought you said Board of Directors. I'm sorry, Worthy Grand Matron. (Laughter)

WGM Annette Curry: Okay now where were we? I was trying to find if we had a ballot for that. What did you nominate? I mean for what? Come back please and say it again.

PGP Nelson Campbell: I thought you opened it for the Board of Directors. I'm sorry.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four. I recognize Sister Ruth Clifton.

Sister Ruth Clifton: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ruth Clifton a Past Matron and Worthy Matron of New Caney Chapter #1093 and I would like to place in nomination the name of Terri Rozell a member of Groves Port Arthur Chapter #953 and a Past Matron of New Caney Chapter #1093 for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Terri Rozell has been nominated for the Grand Examiners, District Four. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Terri Rozell to the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four let it be known by saying Aye. (Aye) Those opposed, Nay. I declare Sister Terri Rozell elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District Four. (One rap) Sister Terri Rozell, do you accept?

Sister Terri Rozell: Worthy Grand Matron it will be my honor and privilege to serve the membership as a Grand Examiner of District Four. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Five.

Brother Victor Christenson: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Brother Victor Christenson.

Brother Victor Christenson: I am Victor Christenson, Past Patron of Waelder Chapter #1023, Gonzales Chapter #403. It is my honor to place the name of Linda R. Christenson, Worthy Matron of Gonzales Chapter #403 and Past Matron of Waelder Chapter #1023 in nomination for the Board of Grand Examiners, District Five.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Linda Winn Christenson has been nominated for the Board of

Grand Examiners, District Five. Are there other nominations? Hearing none we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Linda Winn Christenson to the Board of Grand Examiners, District Five let it be known by saying Aye. (Aye) Those opposed, Nay. I declare Sister Linda Winn Christenson elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District Five. (One rap) Sister Linda Winn Christenson, do you accept?

Sister Linda Winn Christenson: Worthy Grand Matron I humbly and gratefully accept from the membership this opportunity to serve them once again as Grand Examiner, District Five. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners At Large.

PGM Naomi Wolfe: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: I recognize Sister Naomi Wolfe.

PGM Naomi Wolfe: I am Naomi Wolfe, Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741 and a Dual Member of Arlington Chapter #249. It is my honor and privilege to place in nomination the name of Laura Sharp, Past Matron of Andral Vann Chapter #741 for the office of Grand Examiner At Large for the ensuing year.

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Laura Sharp has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners At Large. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Laura Sharp to the board of Grand Examiners At Large let it be known by saying Aye. (Aye) Those opposed, Nay. I declare Sister Laura Sharp elected to the Board of Grand Examiners At Large. (One rap) Sister Laura Sharp, do you accept?

Sister Laura Sharp: Well, I'm still excited. Worthy Grand Matron, I certainly accept and thank you membership. (Applause)

AGP Trey Smith: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Where are you?

AGP Trey Smith: Right here in the West. Can the doors be opened at this time for people to come in and out?

WGM Annette Curry: We don't have a ballot on the floor right now. They're on the tables...Sister Jimmie Lee? Can we open the doors? There are no ballots being taken up, they're on the tables. It's okay? We will open the doors. Sister Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel the doors can be opened.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, we had designated door No. 1 and door No. 3 as entrances. Please continue that. Door No. 2 is being opened and we need to make sure everybody has their Credentials, their badge, their Registration and ballot with them. So they have to be checked. They went out and they have to have those items.

Sisters and Brothers, let us remember that the Bible is open. This is a Chapter room, please be respectful.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers, if everyone would take their seat and we're going to be closing the doors in just a few minutes so if you would take your seats.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Table three, Table four, make your move.

WGM Annette Curry: Everyone please take your seats. Is everyone in their places and the doors secured? Sisters and Brothers, is everyone seated and the doors secured? Sister Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel you'll see that the doors are secured, please. Are the doors secured?

GW Nancy Jo Estill: Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secure.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, we have more ballots that you have not used to vote on. Sisters and Brothers, please...the candidates appreciate your support. They appreciate what you are doing because you appreciate what they're doing but the only way to help them be the Associate Grand Conductress or to be on the Board is to vote correctly. Ballot "B" cannot be counted because you voted on the wrong ballot. Sisters and Brothers, the Worthy Grand Matron has been specific on which ballot to use. You have lost the one in this race and you have now lost the one in another race because I cannot count these later. Now Sisters and Brothers, it is very imperative that you pay very close attention to your Worthy Grand Matron. She will state the ballot and she will give you a name this time. If you're using "J", she's gonna say Jack. "J" Jack. So you will be very clear on which you are balloting. So please be very cautious in what you are doing.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers I'm going to announce the election for Grand Secretary. And as we bring in these results I'm going to ask you, no matter what ballot it is, be kind and please don't have demonstrations. This is for the Grand Secretary: Total votes cast 1,729. Needed to elect 865. Marlene Scholari 1,064, Sandy Trimble 665. Marlene Scholari is elected as Grand Secretary.

We will do some reports now. We can open the doors now can't we? I'm sorry! Do you accept that election, Marlene Scholari?

GS Marlene Scholari: Worthy Grand Matron and the membership thank you very much for your vote of confidence and I will continue to do the very best that I can to serve our membership. Thank you. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Is Susie Broughton here? Susie Broughton? No. Museum Committee, Yvonne Smith?

Sister Yvonne Smith: The report of the Museum Committee for Grand Chapter year 2013. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members, my Sisters and Brothers.

At the time the OES home was sold in 2005, it is my understanding that an offer to purchase most all of the items that are now in the storage units was made. After a number of items were removed from the offer, the Bidder withdrew his offer so the items have been in storage since 2005.

After questioning some present and former Board members about the cost of the storage lockers, as general chairman of the Museum committee I had an admittedly quick look inside the three storage units that Grand Chapter was renting. The brief look from the doorways at the items in storage such as Dining room tables and chairs, Buffets, upholstered settees and chairs, other furniture, lamps, boxes of figurines, linens, silver trays, punch

bowls, ladles, cups and candle holders, and many other assorted items that came out of the old OES home and museum, made me think that many of these items have suffered with age and probably not appreciated in value. It became obvious that the contents could be consolidated into just two storage unites.

During General Grand Chapter in November 2102, with the assistance of a Board of Directors member who had the keys to the storage unites, and three other men, the contents of the smallest of the storage units was moved into one of the other units. This was accomplished in under 4 hours thus saving Grand Chapter over \$100.00 per month. The remaining two storage units still cost \$319.90 per month or \$3,838.80 per year. Approximately \$40,000 has been spent on storage since the old OES home wa sold and vacated and items were placed in storage. The amount of money placed in the Moving Fund is being rapidly depleted as was reported in brief in the January 2013 Bulletin in the synopsis form report.

These storage units have a temperature controlled atmosphere between 60 and 90 degrees but do not have humidity control, I am told. I could not see the dresses of Past Grand Matrons which I believe are in these units also, but if they are, they will have suffered deterioration in the many years they have been stored, I am sure.

There was supposedly a complete inventory of the items that were placed in storage originally in 2005 and as full as these storage units are, it would be extremely difficult to re-inventory the items until such time as they are all removed and unpacked because they are stacked full with no walkway space and are two to three items and several boxes deep in most places. Some items are stored on shelves, but a great deal is just stacked. Some items are wrapped in blankets, bedsheets, towels etc. for protection; others are not covered.

Grand Chapter does not seem to have any plans in the foreseeable future for acquiring Museum space. As the 2012-2-13 General Chairman, I have spoken with the other members of the Museum committee and it seems to be the general opinion that there needs to be an auction or estate sale and sell most of the items with the exception of possibly the pieces that are of historical value and interest to Grand Chapter. Our membership does not seem to come to the Grand Secretary's office or TMRC with the intent or hope of visiting a museum and most museum items are of little interest to the general public.

If an auction is to be considered in the future, there probably should be an auction company or reputable antique appraiser contacted to do a rough estimate of the value of the contents and the cost of an auction and auctioneer or Estate Sale. I sincerely hope that the Grand Chapter membership and the Board of Directors will consider these suggestions in the near future.

With our decreasing membership and increasing expenses, we need to start thinking of our future with our purse strings, not our heart strings.

Mrs. Yvonne Smith, Museum General Chairman, 2012-2013

Mrs. Ethel Powell, District 1

Mrs. Sue Barnes, District 2

Mrs. Linda J.S. Koch, District 3

Mrs. Marceline Crenshaw, District 4

Mrs. Carol Coggins, District 5

Thank you for this appointment Worthy Grand Matron. I hope this suffices.

WGM Annette Curry: You've heard the report of the Museum Committee. There is no need, this is a Committee Report and there is no need and it will be filed with the Grand Secretary.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes, I recognize you.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Karen Morgenthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. In 2005, I was the Worthy Grand Matron and when the items... we went to the Home before we had gone to the sale of the Home. At that time we found many objects that had not been marked that needed to be marked. The gentleman that was there with the check in regards to what was left of the furniture at that time was \$5,000. I told him we saw many items that had not been marked that needed to be placed into storage for our Museum. I wanted to make clarification of that. The gentleman at that time said "I understand how you feel", he said "I back away from that". After the closing of the sale of the Home, my Worthy Grand Patron and I personally went back into the Home and we spent five hours marking items we felt needed to be in the Museum. We can have a Museum, Sisters and Brothers, we just need to figure out how to do it. But I disagree with that report to put those items into an auction. A Museum can be done and we need to do it. I agree to that and we can do it. I made the recommendation last year at the Grand Chapter Session that we could use the Grand Secretary's office that we have right now. The Conference Room that is in that office could be deemed to be the establishment of a Museum because the Board of Directors are allowed to use the larger Conference Room in the TMRC with no problems. It's a matter of do we want to go in there and make what we do. We can take the bigger pieces and display them in that office and put in what needs to be locked up on a daily basis into that room. It can be done. We just have to do it, Worthy Grand Matron. I just want the membership to know. I disagree with that about an auction. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

Sister Yvonne Smith: Worthy Grand Matron can I make a comment to this? From what I observed and with the gentleman that helped with the moving, if you were to take everything out of the two remaining storage units and spread it out so it could be displayed, you could not put it all in this Grand Chapter room right here, inside the labyrinth. It is that big.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

PGM Karen Morgenthaler: I am Karen Morgenthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. I have seen the two storage rooms. I was also there the day they made the decision to move items out of one because there were very few items in storage unit three to combine in two storage rooms. But Sisters and Brothers, when that move was made I felt that we had the understanding to have professional movers. I was not aware that we did not have a professional mover until we got up there and saw that we had one truck, one trailer and Board Members for packing it up. We need to get that stuff out of storage. I totally agree. It needs to be looked at whether or not we can take care of it, refurbish it, that's a decision that will have to be made. But we need to look at what we have first and start putting it in somewhere where it is protected and the membership have the opportunity to see

what we have. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. I call for the adoption of the ESTARL report. Terri Rozell can you bring the ESTARL Report, the final?

Sister Terri Rozell: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other Distinguished guests, my Sisters and Brothers. Before giving this report, Worthy Grand Matron, I just want to thank you for your gift in this wonderful appointment. It is an experience that I will always cherish, and I know the District Chairmen Daniel Caldwell, Marcia Benton, Terri Hugo, Charlene Butchee and Delia Whitefield all share in my expression of appreciation. I also want to say that it has been a true pleasure working with this committee.

As part of the Humanitarian program, to date we have received \$13,737.03 this year. Funds carried over from last year, returned scholarships and memorials sent in for the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons totaled \$8,626.00. In addition to the funds contributed, our Worthy Grand Matron allocated \$2,000 from her undesignated funds. In so doing we were able to grant twenty-three \$1,000 scholarships to very deserving men and women that will help them pursue their calling in a life of religious service. This, Sisters and Brothers is what our Order is all about.

From the generosity of our members last evening or Thursday, we received \$2,821.26. I have attached a list of recipients by District.

2012-2013 ESTARL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

DISTRICT ONE

Dustin Davis Benac	Plano#713
Roman J. Walley, III	DalCliff #574
Keven Spencer Porterwood	Richardson \$921
Jacob Hunger	Commerce #208
Daniel Scott Thursby	Ferris #508
Barry Stanford	Whitewright #939

DISTRICT TWO

Reagan Lynch	Norman Read #1010
Jonathan Sullivan	A.E. Shirley #986

DISTRICT THREE

Blair Elliot Lewis	Grapevine #26
Christian Messemer	Polytechnic \$420
Hanna Rebecca Priest	Everman #725
Timothy John Wang	N. Fort Worth #684
Taylor Cruse	Webb #1140
Joy Woodland Dister	Grapevine #326

DISTRICT FOUR

Jeffrey William Garner	LaMarque #979
Rebecca Love	Lufkin #382
Wade Harman	Woodville #462
Lindsay Smith	New Caney #1093
Eulis H. Hill	LaMarque #979

DISTRICT FIVE

Mark Anthony Camarillo	Pleasanton #133
Shaenelle Nicole Johnston	Violet #158
James Benson McGlone	Texas #35
Michael Ryan Stratton	Luling #55

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

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers you have heard the ESTARL Report, the adoption. Motion has been made and seconded to adopt this report. Any discussion? Those in favor let it be known by raising your purple cards. Those opposed. Thank you Terri, very much. I call for the report of the Grand Chaplain.

Sister Janell Trees: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, I also thank you for this opportunity of service. The full Report of the Grand Chaplain was given at the Memorial Program this previous night, therefore, I move the adoption of this report.

WGM Annette Curry: Motion has been made and seconded to adopt the Report of the Grand Chaplain Pro-Tem. Those in favor let it be known by raising your purple cards. Those opposed. Report adopted. Thank you. Mary Calvert, Mary Calvert are you ready?

Sister Mary Calvert: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we as a Committee again want to thank you for selecting us to serve in this position. We gave the report last night and I want to give a Partial Humanitarian Chairman's Report: As of May 31, 2012 we had 263 Chapters with a total membership of 30,380. Total given to the General Fund \$5,487.70. These figures are as of August 1, 2013, when I made my last trip to the State office to turn money in for the previous month. Benevolent Aid \$12,393.66, ESTARL \$13,737.03, Youth \$4,985.85, Education \$15,227.72. This is a total of \$51,831.96. Worthy Grand Matron, this is a partial report of the Humanitarian Committee. A final report which will include all donations made in August will be printed in the October 2013 Bulletin and in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter Session. And there is also some money that the Grand Secretary is going to relate to me the totals that reflect in the budget that I did not have. On behalf of the five District Chairmen and myself, I move the adoption of this partial report. Mary Calvert, General Chairman.

WGM Annette Curry: So we're not actually going to approve the Partial Report but thank you so much Mary Calvert, General Chairman and each one of you that served as a Humanitarian Chairman in your District. The Humanitarian Committee has lots and lots and lots of work, lots of mail, busy, busy, busy, but how we appreciate it and I want to tell the membership how pleased I am that we had \$51,831. for your donations to this fund. Thank you so very much each one of you.

Sister Mary Calvert: Well, I'm hoping by the end of August that we have \$52,000.

WGM Annette Curry: How much?

Sister Mary Calvert: It should be \$52,000.

WGM Annette Curry: \$52,000...still coming in so thank you Sisters and Brothers for your generosity to these programs. Thank you. (Applause) Can we have some special music at this time? Special music? While this is happening will the deputies please come to the East? Deputies to the East.

(Grand Soloist “One Day at a Time”)

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Grand Warder and Brother Grand Sentinel, will you secure the doors please?

GW Nancy Jo Estill: Worthy Grand Matron the doors are secure.

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, since your beautiful ladies in pink are busy right now because they're going to get their pictures made with our Worthy Grand Matron and do their report, we have some other beautiful ladies and gentlemen who are Pages. Installed Grand Officers, we're going to commandeer your Pages for a few minutes, is that okay? I know y'all just didn't vote on that but they're going to be picking up the ballots, thank you.

WGM Annette Curry: For the Associate Grand Conductress, we do not have an election. Total number of votes 1,728. 1,728. Votes needed to elect 865. 865. Melissa Hudman 280. Sandra Zipp 204. Susan Bigham 314. Christine Armstrong 276. Sharon Mosmeyer 654. We will ballot on ballot “B”, “B” as in Boy. Ballot “B”. You will drop Sandra Zipp. Okay, we're going to remove Sandra Zipp and we're going to ballot on Ballot “B”. Okay, the personal Pages are going to get the boxes and start, and I'm going to...the doors are secure? And you're going to collect the First Aid, and the Assisting Grand Warders and Sentinels. I now declare the ballot Open. (One rap) Assisting Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, have they voted?

GW Nancy Jo Estill: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM Annette Curry: And First Aid? Thank you. Have all the ballots been collected? Room 9, we need to go there and bring those members back to ballot at the door. We can do that but we can't take the ballot out of the room. You cannot take the ballot box out. Who will volunteer to go get the members...Jimmie Lee they say they are in the room. They are in the room. Okay. Jimmie Lee Past Grand Matron they are in the room. All the ballots are collected? I declare the ballot Closed and we will take those to Tables 6, 5 and 4. Okay, we can open the doors now? The doors may be opened. I now call for the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Matrons. District 1?

Sister Connie Bilby: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers.

What an exciting year of Service this has been.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for selecting ten very capable and dedicated ladies to serve as your Deputy Grand Matrons in District 1. Each worked diligently in her Section and had an outstanding School of Instruction. It was my honor and privilege to be associated with this group of ladies who exemplified the love and service of our beautiful Order. We hope that we served in a manner that has made each of you proud.

It is, indeed, a very special privilege to present the 10 Deputies from District One and my pleasure to present the District 1 annual report for 2012-2013. The Deputy Grand Matrons are:

Sisters: Bridget Barber Section 1
 Jo Ann Storie Section 2
 Kay Cunningham Section 3

Sue Shoemaker	Section 4
Alys Newsom	Section 5
Elizabeth Eppes	Section 6
Rosalie Randall	Section 7
Peggy McNeely	Section 8
Gloria Terry	Section 9
Judy Chitty	Section 10

Section 1: The “A Heffalump’s Day at School” School of Instruction was held October 22 and 23 at the Lewisville Masonic Lodge by Bridget Barber with 137 in attendance. There are 12 Chapters in Section 1 with a membership of 885.

Section 2: The “Ivory Stampede” School of Instruction was held October 26 and 27 at The Holiday Inn and Suites in Plano by JoAnn Storie with 149 in attendance. There are 9 Chapters in Section 2 with a membership of 729.

Section 3: The “Journey Through the Jungle” School of Instruction was held October 24 and 25 at the Greenville Masonic Lodge by Kay Cunningham with 156 in attendance. There are 10 Chapters in Section 3 with a membership of 630.

Section 4: The “We’re All Ears” School of Instruction was held November 16 and 17 at Oak Cliff Lodge in Dallas by Sue Shoemaker with 165 in attendance. There are 9 Chapters in Section 4 with a membership of 1,069.

Section 5: The “Trunks of Lessons” School of Instruction was held November 26 and 27 at Hella Shrine Temple in Garland by Alys Newsom with 141 in attendance. There are 14 Chapters in Section 5 with a membership of 1,293.

Section 6: The “Lessons from the Peanut Gallery” School of Instruction was held November 28 and 29 at Fairfield Masonic Lodge by Elizabeth Eppes with 61 in attendance. There are 5 Chapters in Section 6 with a membership of 397.

Section 7: The “Elephants Never Forget” School of Instruction was held November 14 and 15 at Athens Masonic Lodge by Rosalie Randall with 104 in attendance. There are 9 Chapters in Section 7 with a membership of 626.

Section 8: The “Unforgettable Memories” School of Instruction was held November 30 and December 1 at the Jefferson Transportation Center by Peggy McNeely with 117 in Attendance. There are 9 Chapters in Section 8 with a membership of 708.

Section 9: The “Working for Peanuts” School of Instruction was held October 29 and 30 at Texas Masonic Temple in Texarkana by Gloria Terry with 121 in attendance. There are 10 Chapter in Section 9 with a membership of 723.

Section 10: The “A Trunk Full of Sweet Memories” School of Instruction was held November 12 and 13 at Wills Point Masonic Lodge by Judy Chitty with 90 in attendance. There are 8 Chapters in Section 10 with a membership of 671.

Total attendance for the School of Instruction for District 1 was 1,241.

The Statistical Report for District 1 is as follows:

Chapters Assigned	95
Chapters Consolidated	0

Chapters Demised	0
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	95
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	10
Schools Attended by DDGM	20
Schools Attended by DGM	57
Letters Written	2,917
Miles Traveled	73,313

Thank you again, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving our beautiful Order as District Deputy Grand Matron; It was the opportunity of “A Lifetime.” The 10 Deputies of District 1, join me in thanking you for a wonderful year of “Memories.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Bilby, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1

It is now my pleasure to present Sister Chris Puckett, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2.

Sister Chris Puckett: District 2 Report.

Thank you, my friend, Connie Bilby, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 1. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers – it is my pleasure to bring the Deputies’ report from District 2.

I’d like to introduce the fine ladies I had the pleasure of working with this past year. The Deputy Grand Matrons of District 2 have definitely been my “Charms.”

- Clarissa Dallas - Section 3
- Peggy Ledinski - Sections 4 and 5
- Judy Parsons - Section 7
- Carol Melton - Section 8

The Deputy from Sections 1 and 2, Tammy Scroggins, was unable to join us for health reasons, and Billye Ellis, our Section 6 Deputy has family commitments.

As most of you know, the Section 10 Deputy, Candy Barnes, was killed in a horrible car accident on the way home from Grand Chapter last summer.

The Chapters of El Paso were given a choice by the Worthy Grand Matron and did not hesitate to say they wanted to continue on with the plans Candy had made and hold the school in her memory.

The Section 10 “Stars on the Oasis” School of Instruction was held in El Paso on October 5 and 6. Christel Fisher filled in as acting Deputy. There were 56 in attendance.

The “Making Memories in West Texas” School for Sections 4 and 5 was held in Lubbock on October 8 and 9 with Deputy Grand Matron, Peggy Ledinski. 62 people attended.

On October 10 and 11 the “Pach-a-derms Pack-a-dream” School for Section 8 was held in Odessa. Carol Melton was the Deputy in charge. There were 79 in attendance there.

The “Trunk of Memories” School, organized by Judy Parsons, Deputy Grand Matron, was

held in Abilene for Section 7 on October 12 and 13. Attendees numbered 144.

The school for Sections 1, 2 and 3 was held in Amarillo on October 15 and 16. Deputies Tammy Scroggins and Clarissa Dallas were in charge of the "Desert Elephant Trek." 64 were in attendance.

The District 2 schools ended in Section 6 when the "A Walk Down Memory Lane" School was held on October 17 and 18. The Deputy was Billye Ellis. 49 people were able to attend.

The total attendance at the 6 schools held in District 2 was 454.

Statistical Report for District 2

Chapters Assigned	31
Chapters Consolidated	-
Chapters Demised	-
Chapters Instituted	0
Chapters Inspected	31
Chapters Not Inspected	0
Schools Conducted	6
Schools attended by the DDGM	15
Schools attended by the DGMs	31
Official Letters Written	302
Miles Traveled by the DDGM	14,598
Miles Traveled by the DGM's	24,706

Overall, this past year, the 31 Chapters of District 2 gave well over \$35,500 to charitable projects and performed over 11,600 hours of community service. Though many of our chapters are small and struggling, the good work of Eastern Star members continues to stay strong.

Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank you again for the joy you have brought me with this special appointment. Serving as the District Deputy Grand Matron for District 2 has allowed me to get closer to the great members in my district, and with many sisters and brothers throughout the state. Memories from this year will hold a special place in my heart for a lifetime. I will always proudly be one of your DDs.

Worthy Grand Patron, your smile that greeted each day, no matter what struggles were going on behind the scenes, has been an inspiration to me. You'll never know how much those smiles and hugs meant. It has been such a joy getting to spend time with you this year.

Sister Kathey Crews, Grand Esther, we met years ago when serving as Deputies together. From that time, we have stayed close and I loved all the time we got to spend together this year traveling about the state.

District Deputies, one of my biggest joys this year has been getting to be in a group with you four ladies. We have studied together, laughed together, traveled together, supported each other, and become fast friends. I know we will continue as such for a lifetime.

Sister Carla Stringer, Grand Examiner District 2, my dear friend, your perfect renditions of the Secret Work are so inspiring and have encouraged me to work hard to make my memory work perfect too. I have truly enjoyed all the traveling we have done this year, both in

District 2 and around the state. I know there are many more road trips in our future.

Humanitarian Chairman, Sister Shirley Scholl, my special friend, I really enjoyed all the wonderful programs you brought to District 2 for the Worthy Grand Matron this year. Your love and knowledge of the Order has been an inspiration to me since I joined Eastern Star. It has been, and will continue to be, a special Star journey with you.

Sister Barbara Martin, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, it has been a real treat getting to know you this year. As we traveled through the district, I discovered a funny, loving, sassy, caring, and very strong lady. Memories of early morning trips to lodges to get things set up make me smile. I am so glad we have become friends.

Sister Melinda Richardson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, I have had such a good time with you this year when we got to be together. Your dedication to family is a wonderful example, and I admire your willingness to take on whatever little duty comes your way. I have great memories of selling 'wares' together. I know our paths will cross often and I look forward to that.

Members of District 2, thank you so much for your support this past year. Your acceptance, and encouragement have meant so much to me. We may be far apart, but our joy on seeing each other grows stronger with each meeting. I truly treasure the honorary memberships and am proud to be a part of all the District 2 chapters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Puckett, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2

It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Donna Noe, District Deputy Grand Matron, district 3 who will bring the next report.

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters and Brothers before we continue on, we're going to give you an election. This is, are you ready? This is the Board of Directors, District Two.

Votes cast 1,712. Votes needed to elect 856. Deborah Land 1,005. Janice Kelley 705. A write-in Sandra Hall 2. Deborah Land is elected. Sister Deborah.

Sister Deborah Land: Worthy Grand Matron, with a humble heart and the support of this membership, I do accept. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: This is for Grand Examiner District Three. Total votes cast 1,695. Votes needed to elect 848. Donna Noe 959. Lillian Sissy Furry 736. Sister Donna Noe is elected. Sister Donna.

Sister Donna Noe: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and thank you to this membership. I'm quite excited to accept. Thank you again. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: I invite the Deputies of District 3 to please give their report.

Sister Donna Noe: District 3 Report.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my sisters and brothers all.

I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for my appointment, being a District Deputy Grand Matron has been a joy. I have 8 wonderful girls that have a special place in my heart. Thank you for giving them to me.

District 3 held 8 Fraternal visits and 8 Schools of Instruction beginning January 30, and ending February 16, 2013. My first Fraternal Visit and School of Instruction was held in Hamilton, Texas and the Rock House Masonic Lodge, January 30 and 31. Section 7, Mrs. Jean Krempin as Deputy Grand Matron. 92 members attended the "I Remember When..." School of Instruction.

Section 5 held a Fraternal Visit and School of Instruction at the Brownwood Masonic Lodge in Brownwood on February 4 and 5. Mrs. Martha Hackney as Deputy Grand Matron. 92 members attended the "Chains of Love School of Instruction."

Section 8 held a Fraternal Visit and School of Instruction at the Killeen Masonic Lodge in Killeen on February 6 and 7. Mrs. Martha Clements as Deputy Grand Matron. 142 members attended the "Sound of the Gavel School of Instruction."

Section 9 held a Fraternal Visit and School of Instruction at the Eastern Star Temple in Waco on February 8 and 9. Mrs. Sherri Barrett as Deputy Grand Matron. 192 members attended the "Calling in the Heard" School of Instruction.

Section 6 held a Fraternal Visit and a School of Instruction at the Kingsland Masonic Lodge in Kingsland on February 11 and 12. Mrs. June Scott as Deputy Grand Matron. 107 members attended the "Memories of the Hill Country" School of Instruction.

Section 10 held a Fraternal Visit and a School of Instruction at the Cleburne Masonic Lodge in Cleburne on February 13 and 14. Mrs. Mary Jo Jaska as Deputy Grand Matron. 179 members attended the "Horton Hears a Who" School of Instruction.

Coming home to Section 1, the last for this District Deputy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Matron. A Fraternal Visit and School of Instruction was held in the Masonic Temple in Fort Worth on February 15 and 16. Mrs. Virginia Strong as Deputy Grand Matron. 320 members attended the "Making Magnificent Memories" School of Instruction.

Total Rob Morris money collected for District 3 was \$5,852.36. A great job done by all.

I would like to introduce the following Deputy Grand Matrons of District 3.

Section - Mrs. Virginia Strong

Section 2 - Mrs. Yvonne Alton

Section 5 - Mrs. Martha Hackney

Section 6 - Mrs. June Scott

Section 7 - Mrs. Jean Krempin

Section 8 - Mrs. Martha Clements

Section 9 - Mrs. Sherri Barrett

Section 10 - Mrs. Mary Jo Jaska

Worthy Grand Patron, what a year you have had. Thank you for sharing it with me.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you again for giving me one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life. What a great appointment. Thank You.

I would like to introduce my co-worker, Mrs. Judy Tucker, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Noe, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3

Sister Judy Tucker: District 4 Report.

Thank you Sister Donna Noe, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: It is my pleasure to present the District 4 report and to introduce those who have served as your Deputy Grand Matrons in District 4 this year.

Section 1 was served by Sister Delois Richardson. The “Stars on Safari” School was held at Lufkin on January 29, 2013. 156 were in attendance.

Section 2 was served by Sister Peggy Barrington. Sister Peggy is unable to attend Grand Chapter. The “Eastern Star and You... Making Memories” School was held at Port Arthur on January 18, 2012. 179 were in attendance.

Section 3 was served by Sister Joan Arrendell. The “Memories Through the Ages” School was held in Livingston on January 17, 2013. 99 were in attendance.

Section 4 was served by Sister Ruth Clifton. The “Stomping Through the Carnations” School was held in New Caney on January 26, 201. 191 were in attendance.

Section 5 was served by Sister Sharon Adams. The “Let It Shine” School was held in Houston on January 12, 2013. 186 were in attendance.

Section 6 was served by Sister Betty Carter. The “Florid Memories” School was held in Franklin on January 24, 2013. 124 were in attendance.

Section 7 was served by Sister Pat Chuber. The “Strolling Down Memory Lane” School was held in Montgomery on January 10, 2012. 123 were in attendance.

Section 8 was served by Sister Lynne Love. The “Memorable Moments” School was held in Caldwell on January 15, 2013. 91 were in attendance.

Section 9 was served by Sister Kathy St. John. The “Jungle Walk Safari” School was held in Sugar Land on January 8, 2013. 85 were in attendance.

Section 10 was served by Sister Sandra Losack. The “Trumpeting in the New Year” School was held in Lake Jackson on January 5, 2013. 168 were in attendance.

District 4 Statistics:

Chapters Assigned: 104

Chapters Inspected: 104

Chapters Not Inspected: 0

Schools Conducted: 10

Schools Attended by the DDGM: 18

Schools Attended by DGM: 79

Letters Written: 1,334

Miles Traveled: 65,083

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry, thank you for appointing me to this position and for the special times we have had traveling across District 4. I believe sincerely that I have learned more than I have taught and have met more sisters and brothers than I would ever have met otherwise. I have so many memories of all the travels in District 4, which will last for a lifetime. Know that you are a very special person to me and always will be.

Brother Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron, you are the glue that held all of us together. Your good spirits and encouraging words were greatly appreciated. You and Sister Kathy, Grand Esther, were always willing to assist in the schools in any way you could.

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer, Grand Examiner, District 4, your renditions of the Secret Work were always beautiful. I will always remember our shared travels together during the District 4 schools, including a number of humorous occasions. I wish you the best as you continue your Eastern Star travels as you leave the office of Grand Examiner, District 4.

Sister BJ Corwin, Humanitarian Chairman, District 4, it was always a pleasure to see you at each Fraternal Visit and many of the schools. I appreciate your willingness to participate during the school sessions along with all those in attendance locally.

Sister Barbara Martin, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, it was fun to start out the District 4 Schools with you. Although you had to leave us in District 4, it was not before you had everything organized for us. Thank you also for all of the emails that kept all five of us in the know. It was appreciated greatly.

Sister Margaret Wood, Grand Martha, you stepped in to assist the Worthy Grand Matron as her traveling secretary during Sister Barbara's absence. Your willingness to just jump in and your really good humor, kept everything on track. I am really glad I had the opportunity to travel with you during the District 4 schools. You made the trip a lot of fun.

Sister Melinda Richard, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, it was so good to see you come in from Fort Worth to assist with the schools when you could. I know your dad has relied on you and you have served the order well.

To the members of District 4, thank you for all of your hospitality, kind words, participation at our schools, and your willingness to listen and learn. It has been my honor to serve you as District Deputy Grand Matron this year. I will cherish the Honorary Memberships and look forward to looking through them again and again.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tucker, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4

I invite Sister Carlotta Fairchild, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5, to bring her report.

Sister Carlotta Fairchild: District 5 Report

Thank you Sister Judy Tucker, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 4, my co-worker and friend. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: It is my pleasure to present the District 5 report and introduce a truly dedicated group of Deputy Grand Matrons, my "Chickadees."

Sections 1 and 2 - Jeffie Roberts, who is unable to be with us today, held the first School of Instruction of the year, "Double M Ranch" in Robert Lee on September 8, 2102 with 119 in attendance;

Section 3 - Christy Kestler - "Friends in the Garden of Life" School held in Boerne on September 11 with 111 in attendance;

Section 4 - Donna Nair - "Elephants Gather in Del Rio" School held in Del Rio on October 4 with 54 in attendance;

Section 5 - Cynthia Brooks - "Elephants on Parade" School held in Pleasanton on September 13 with 89 in attendance;

Section 6 - Phyllis Wilson - "Traveling Down Memory Lane" School held in Austin on September 22 with 187 in attendance;

Section 7 - Julia Perkins - "Gathering of the Memory Makers" School held in San Antonio on September 29 with 343 in attendance;

Section 8 (my home Section) - Joyce Wadle who is also unable to be with us today - "The Elephant Walk" School held in Gonzales on September 15 with 119 in attendance;

Section 9 - Linda Carter - "Joyful Memories" School held in Rockport on September 18 with 87 in attendance; and

Section 10 - Betsy Foote - "Elephant Walk Across Texas School of Knowledge" School held in Harlingen on September 20 with 56 in attendance.

Statistical Report of District 5:

Chapters Assigned - 61

Chapters Consolidated - 2

San Antonio Radiant No. 3 with Alamo Heights No. 734

Port Lavaca No. 373 with Yorktown No. 945

Chapters Demised - 0

Chapters Instituted - 0

Chapters Inspected - 61

Chapters Not Inspected - 0

Schools Conducted - 9

Schools Attended by DDGM - 19

Schools Attended by DGMs - 30

Letters Written - 1,364

Miles Traveled - 79,066 miles

Sister Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron, please accept my most sincere appreciation for the honor you have given my Chapters, Waelder No. 1023 and Gonzales No. 403 for allowing me the opportunity to serve you, Grand Chapter, and District 5 with this most special appointment. I also thank you for bringing all these new friends into my life.

Brother Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron, your encouragement to always "Be Your Best" was truly an inspiration to me. Even though you were unable to attend all of the District 5 Schools, your presence was always warmly welcomed and appreciated.

Sister Kathey Crews, you have been a tremendous role leader as Queen Esther. Thank you for your friendship and sharing Brother Bill with the membership.

Sister Linda Winn-Christenson, Grand Examiner, my friend, your renditions of the Secret Work, ability to go above and beyond the call of duty, numerous phone calls at all hours of the night, and especially your sense of humor will be lasting memories. I'm sure we will still travel many roads together.

Sister Jean Thomas, Humanitarian Chairman, thank you for your program and attendance at each of the Schools of Instruction. Your dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star is greatly appreciated.

Sister Barbara Martin, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, it has indeed been a pleasure getting to know you and travel with you across District 5. I sincerely hope that our friendship continues to grow over the years. Thank you for everything that you did and continue to do for our Order.

Sister Melinda Richardson, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, it has also been a pleasure getting to know you. I know that you will always cherish the memories you have made with your parents during this special year.

To the membership of District 5, it was my honor to serve as your District Deputy Grand Matron. I always felt welcomed in your Chapters. The Deputies and I are most thankful for the Honorary Memberships and courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlotta Fairchild, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 5

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the five District Deputy Grand Matrons' Reports.

WGM Annette Curry: This is a Committee Report and it is adopted. Thank you. (Applause) I invite the Residents of TMRC to please stand. They are going to have to leave here in a little bit and we want to recognize them at this time. Residents of TMRC. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present them in back of Esther's Station so we can recognize them. (Applause) (Three raps) (One rap) To the residents of TMRC, thank you for being here today. I know you're going to get a chance to go back for a while now but we're so pleased that you spent the day with us and know how much we appreciate you and enjoyed the visits. I want to tell you especially how much we enjoyed the five visits we made during this year with you and I hope to be able to spend more time this next year. Looking forward to it. Thank you so much for being here. Worthy Grand Patron.

WGP Bill Crews: I also consider it a pleasure to be able to come out and visit with you. I enjoyed the Bingo games. You kept me on my toes and we always had a lot of fun every time we came out and visited. We wish you all the luck in the world. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you, they will be returned to their place in the Grand Chapter Room. Billy Losack are you in the East? I invite Billy Losack to come to the East. Jack York, Webmaster? If you're here, please come to the East. I've invited Billy Losack to bring a report this afternoon because it was a really, really special Ritualistic Competition and we took pictures and they're so many things and I believe letters to all the Chapters they spent a lot of time doing that and I want to give him the privilege of bringing this Special Report. Ritualistic Competition. Thank you.

Brother Billy Losack: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

It has been a privilege to serve as General Chairman of the Ritualistic Competition Committee for 2012-2013. This committee would not be successful without the support of the District Chairmen. At this time, I would like to introduce them.

District One	Jerrel Jones
District Two	Mac Benton
District Three	B.J. Young
District Four	Bill Richardson
District Five	Tery Miller

Thank you all for your hard work and would all of those who have given of their time on this committee, please stand. Thank you for your assistance, we could not have done this without the help from each of you.

We had a total of five hundred thirty-nine (539) members to take part in the competition. A complete list of those who participated in the Ritualistic competition has been sent to their respective Chapter(s). I would like to recognize by district the section and chapter who had the most participation:

District One - 184

District 1 Section 2 - 32
Quinlan Chapter No. 170 - 9

District Two - 28

District 2 Section 7 - 12
Queen Esther Chapter No. 833 - 8

District Three - 86

District 3 Section 10 - 20
Weatherford Chapter No. 21 - 6
Whitney Chapter No. 930 - 6

District Four - 185

District 4 Section 10 - 57
Alvin Chapter No. 15 - 13

District Five - 56

District 5 Section 3 - 11
Bandera Chapter No. 643 - 6

The overall Chapter who had the most participants in all five districts was Alvin Chapter NO. 15, District 4, Section 10 who had 13 to participate. Would the participants of Alvin Chapter NO. 15 who are here please stand.

Thank you my Sisters and Brothers for your interest in being a part of this GREAT ORGANIZATION.

The members of this committee wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity of service to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

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

Respectively Submitted,

Billy J. Losack, General Chairman, Ritualistic Competition Committee

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

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you Billy Losack. This is a Committee Report and it is accepted. (One rap) Thank you. (Applause) Can we have a song by the choir please.

(Grand Choir sings "I Come to the Garden Alone")

At this time we will recognize our 50 Year Members. This year we had 242 new 50 Year Members. And we looked through the Registration and I believe we might possibly have 20 new 50 Year Members present that actually came to Grand Chapter so I would ask them to stand and I would ask the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress to present them in back of Esther's Station. (Applause)

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron do you want them in any kind of order?

WGM Annette Curry: I'd like for them to be in alphabetical order. No, I believe in Chapter order.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: You want them in Chapter order. Chapter name or Chapter number?

WGM Annette Curry: Chapter number.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Chapter number.

WGM Annette Curry: Just line them up and we'll take care of it when they get up here please.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron. I have the pleasure of presenting the 50 Year and more than 50 Year Members of our Order.

WGM Annette Curry: How pleased we are and we recognize you for your many, many years of service. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

WGP Bill Crews: I also would like to thank you for being with us today. I hope I can make it to 50 Years where I can stand in that line back there, but that seems like a long way off but maybe it's getting closer. But we appreciate you being with us today and we appreciate your service to our Order. Thank you very much. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. How many do we have here? Laverne Davidson, Norma Blaylock should be here. There's eighteen here. Candice James. Gail Ford. Evelyn Tolbert. Deputy Linda Carter. Gloria Mann. Ed and Beulah Warner. Helen Dupree, N. Ft. Worth Chapter. Peggy Wicks. Cory Baker, Ann Bailleaux (couldn't pronounce) You know who that is...Betty Prater, Ray and Lou Lewis, Ann Kelly, Dorothy Kinsinger, Edna Adams, Carol Ricker, those are the newest ones on my list. Did I miss any? Mary Nell Ramsey, I thought you told me it was 61 years? 61 years (Applause) Mary Alberts who played our Prelude this morning and another time has 70 years. Margie Stewart 51. Betty Lynn 61 years. That's Alma's mother she just wasn't able to get up here. Willie Mae Shaw 61 years. Kate Richardson 64 years. We're going to take a picture.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron before you do that. You have a young lady here that's only been a member 72 years. Edna Goettee.

WGM Annette Curry: Edna Goettee 72 years.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: And Worthy Grand Matron, we also have one that's a member of my Chapter, Geneva Loper is a 72 year member also.

WGM Annette Curry: Photographer is going to take the picture in three shots so be still for three shots. (Laughter) We're going to allow them and as a courtesy to go down this side over here, that's fine. (One rap) Thank you. (Applause)

Brother: Worthy Grand Matron, over here in the Northwest. The Northwest.

WGM Annette Curry: Yes.

Brother: District 1, Section 8 has a 75 Year member, Kate Sledge. She is not able to be with us this year at Grand Chapter but she is a 75 Year member and we need to recognize that.

WGM Annette Curry: Kate Sledge. Thank you very much. I believe we were almost finished with all the reports. I'm going to ask the Grievance and Appeals Committee to please come to give their Report.

PGM Rosemary Swetland-Berry: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers. I wish to introduce those members appointed to serve with me on this Committee for the year 2012-2103. Sister Karen Morgenthaler, Past Grand Matron, District 4; Brother David Dibrell, Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master, District 1; and I am Rosemary Swetland-Berry, Past Grand Matron, District 4.

The duties of this committee are set forth in the Code of Laws, Page 106, Article 152-F. On Friday morning, August 16, 2013, after the opening of Grand Chapter, two grievances were received by this committee.

We have met with the two members who filed these grievances regarding their removal from the Board of Directors on May 17, 2013. Both members presented both written and oral testimony and alleged that their removal was invalid.

After a lengthy discussion and review of available documents presented, we regret that as a Committee, we were not able to resolve the grievances. We therefore recommend these grievances be referred to the Grievances and Appeals Committee of 2013-2014 who will have sufficient time to gather and review, in depth, all documentation, both written and oral, to make a fair and equitable decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Swetland-Berry, PGM - Chairman
Karen Morgenthaler, PGM
David Dibrell, PGP and Past Grand Master

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

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. This is a Committee Report. It is adopted. Thank you. This decision, we will not have an election for these two vacancies, they will be appointed by the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the unexpired term, I believe two years in District 3 and one year for District 4, for the Board of Directors. We will not have elections on that. Now I call on, for the Rob Morris Report. This Committee worked so hard and the membership was so good with the auction items and then we had this wonderful, wonderful banquet last night which Rob Morris paid for part of that. So thank you so very very much. Mr. Richard Hancock.

Brother Richard Hancock: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. Myself and my Co-Chairman Joan Miller here would like to express our appreciation to the entire Grand Chapter for what a great year we have had with the Rob Morris this year. My particular District Chairman chose to stay in the crowd because they said they worked all year for the Rob Morris program not for their own glory. So anyway we would still like to thank our

District One Chairman which is Bill Clabaugh. District One during their silent auctions at their schools collected \$7,202.50. Bob Stringer who was our District Two Chairman collected \$2,385. Betty Hancock District Three Chairman collected \$5,852.62 and I must also inform you that Betty Hancock is the one who picked out who would win the door prizes last night so if there's any complaint, please refer them to Betty. District Four, Frances Spirkoff she got \$10,880.50. And District Five Clarence Thompson got \$6,028.25. So the silent auctions at the schools got a total of \$32,348.87 which I think is a pretty good record. Then let's talk about our Rob Morris banquet last night. The first thing I have to say is our entire Committee's appreciation to Ginger Byrd. As many of you know, Ginger Byrd was the ticket Chairman. And that's a very, very difficult job but I have never worked with anybody that was easier to get along with or kept us informed as well or was just always in an up-mood even though she had a lot of responsibility. We certainly thank her work. (Applause) I would like to say as you probably well know, all those prizes that we gave away last night were all donated. And the Blackwood Gospel Quartet, they also came and did their performance at no charge. So we had a great time last night. For our door prizes which you all contributed to, we wound up with a total of \$2,215. was donated toward the door prizes, which makes the Rob Morris total contribution this year of \$34,583.87. Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

WGM Annette Curry: This is a Committee Report so it is adopted. Thank you Richard and all those members that worked so hard on the Ritualistic Competition, I mean the Rob Morris program and the membership for your donations of \$34,583.87. Thank you so very, very much. Thank you. (Applause) At this time can we have a final report of the Credentials and Registration Committee? Do y'all have that? These ladies have worked very, very, very hard and those of you that have served as Chairman and on Registration and Credentials you do know that and how much I appreciate you.

Sister Leisa Martin: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Registration Committee, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to serve the membership during this 131st Grand Chapter Session, Love Unity and Peace.

It is my sincerest hope that you and the wonderful membership of our order received only warm welcomes and smiling faces when picking up your items from Registration.

Total number of Pre-Registered Members - 1,649
Total Registered at Grand Chapter - 165
For a total of 1,814
Out of State Registrants - 121
Out of State Registered at Grand Chapter - 4
For a total of 125 Out of State Registrants
Total of other Grand Jurisdictions Represented - 19
Total number of TMRC Registrants - 22
Total Registration - 1,939
Total Registration Fees collected - \$19,180.00

At this time I would like to introduce the ladies and gentlemen who assisted me in Registration. From District 1 - Patsy Jones, District 2 - Barbara Brooks, Cindy Pearce, Jackie Stogner, District 3 - Margie Curry, Gelene Johnson, District 4 - Dale French, Jackie Schell, Susan Smith, District 5 - Skip Smith, June Thompson. I could not have completed this job without your assistance.

I want to thank Lou Lewis for her patience and help in ensuring we were balanced.

Thank you also to the Grand Secretary's office for your support and patience with all my questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Leisa Martin

General Chairman Registration

I move the adoption of this report.

WGM Annette Curry: Committee report. Report is adopted. (One rap) (Applause) I'm sorry, the Credentials Report was the final when she gave it before we balloted. We're going to have some awards and presentations. And I hope that we're going to get out of here in just a little bit and I hope that after we give this last election that you will not leave, that you will stay a little bit more while we recognize our Arrangements Committee. And I know that they are going to have an invitation so please, please stay with us. And Sisters and Brothers, be kind. This is the elections of the Associate Grand Conductress. Total votes cast 1,589. Total votes needed to elect 795. Melissa Hudman 229, Susan Bigham 325, Christine Armstrong 206, Sharon Mosmeyer 829. Sharon Mosmeyer is elected. (Applause)

Sister Sharon Mosmeyer: Worthy Grand Matron. To the membership thank you, thank you, thank you for your vote of confidence and I pledge to you to work my hardest for Eastern Star and I do accept. Thank you. (Applause)

PGM Jimmie Lee McMahon: Worthy Grand Matron, your Election Committee, your Tellers, and your machine operators would like to say thank you for the privilege of serving you in this capacity. We have enjoyed what we have done but if it were not for all the people on the floor working so hard to get this done and the machine operators back there we would not have been able to finish this (The machine operators were James Walker, Debra Miller, Thelma Bethard, Shelley Walker, Yvonne Wunsche, Dwight Phillips, Stephanie Hebert and Leslie Foreman). But I say thank you to all of them and we appreciate it and this election is finished.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank those at the tables and if you would like to go back to your seat and remain for some presentations. Thank you so very much Table Judges and those Counters, thank you, thank you, thank you. We'll try to get the tables off in a few minutes. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers it's always a joy and extreme pleasure and happiness for a Worthy Grand Matron to present those commissions to those deserving members...well, just a minute. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I need you at your Stations please. I'm going to invite several members to please stand and the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress will present you in back of Esther's Station. As I call your name please stand. Vic Christenson, Vic are you there? Please stand. Carlotta Fairchild, Connie Bilby, Ginger Byrd, Lura LeBove is not present her husband is very very ill. Jean James, Lou Lewis, Patricia Hart, Laurie Goldman, Melinda Richardson, Margaret Wood, Beverly Plante, Jeannie Tucker, Mary Ann Ivy, Nancy Jo Estill, Barbara Martin and Kathy Crews. You'll be presented in back of Esther's Station.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron, do you want these in Chapter Number Order also?

WGM Annette Curry: Yes...No! (Laughter) Alphabetical order, by state. You know how the Grand Reps are.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: No, would you like to give me the list and I can get them lined up?

WGM Annette Curry: No. Oh, just put them there. (Laughter) You can just put them in any order. Just line them up across the back and then they can get in alphabetical order. Okay? Line them up across the back and then as I call a state maybe you can put them in alphabetical order. When I call their names...just go ahead. Go on over there, please.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have in the West the people you requested.

WGM Annette Curry: Okay, you know, you're going to get a folder with a lot of information in it. We're going to close here pretty soon, as soon as we can. I'm going to read one but basically the others all say the same. The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star sends Greetings to the Grand Chapter, and gives your state, And the Grand Chapter of Texas seeking to promote fraternal relations between the Grand Jurisdictions and believing that that ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of our Order promoted, it's unity, integrity and strength be protected...

Sisters and Brothers, we have some Emergency Legislation and we need to have a quorum and we're doing it as fast as we can and we would appreciate it if you would stay here. We have Emergency Legislation that we need to present. If you would stay it would be nice. Please, please. We're rushing as fast as we can.

...Confirm by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other. Therefore, be it known as of our evidence of our trust and confidence and for the purposes of the aforesaid we do by presence these constitute and proclaim...And it goes on to say...and so then I'm going to read your name and they will put you in order which will help us up here a little bit. We have your information in here and we have your pin and I'm going to read your state and the commission. The first one is Brazil, Victor Christenson, December 31, 2015. (Applause) Carlotta Fairchild, Connecticut, December 31, 2014. (Applause) Connie Bilby, Florida, December 31, 2014. (Applause) Ginger Byrd, Illinois, January 31, 2015 (Applause) Lura LaBove (Indiana) is not here because of illness. Jean James would get Iowa but she had to leave to go to a funeral. Lou Lewis, Manitoba, June 30, 2016. (Applause) Patricia Hart, Missouri, March 24, 2015. (Applause) Lori Goldman, Nevada, December 31, 2014 (Applause) Melinda Richardson, New Brunswick, December 31, 2014. (Applause) Margaret Wood, New Mexico, January 1, 2015. (Applause) Beverly Plante, New York, August 1, 2015. (Applause) Judy Tucker, Ohio, January 1, 2015. (Applause) Mary Ann Ivy, Puerto Rico, May 16, 2015. (Applause) Nancy Jo Estill, Utah, December 31, 2014. (Applause) and we have two left? Oh, there are two more. (Laughter) To my Secretary, Barbara Martin, Virginia, December 31, 2014. (Applause) and to Grand Esther, Kathey Crews, Wyoming, December 31, 2014. (Applause) Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress they will be escorted to the East. Well, what did we do wrong? They go to the altar because they're new? Okay, go..go..just do it. However you have to do it.

GC Cheryl Albrecht: Worthy Grand Matron I have the pleasure of presenting these Grand Representatives who have just been appointed and I do not have cards for.

WGM Annette Curry: How pleased and honored I am to give each one of you these Special Commissions. I appreciate you so very, very much. And it's my joy and pleasure to present

these. You have worked so hard to Housing and Registration and all those things that you've done and plus your many years of service to the Order of the Eastern Star.

WGP Bill Crews: That's sure a lovely looking bunch out there. I've got two special ones out there I know I might have a trip myself in store. (Laughter)

WGM Annette Curry: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be escorted to the East. (Applause) (Three raps) It seems to me that we give them Grand Honors at Grand Chapter, yes? Let's salute them with the Grand Honors. (One rap) (Applause and lots of hugs and thanks.) These Grand Representatives will be returned to their places in the Chapter room.

Sisters and Brothers, as soon as they get seated we're going to have our Chairman of Jurisprudence is going to present some Emergency Legislation and then she's going to give her final report. Okay, we have some Emergency Legislation to be presented that this assembly must approve the presentation of the Emergency Legislation. All those in favor of hearing Emergency Legislation raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Okay, we'll have Emergency Legislation presented.

PGM Nancy Brown: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. If you were here yesterday there was quite a lengthy discussion wanting to see the fiscal year-end Financial Report. Right now we don't get those because at the time our books close those are not available. This is some legislation presented by Sharon Willingham of Texas City #626 and Terri Rozell, New Caney #1093. It has to do with Article 68, if you have your Constitution you might want to look at that on page 68, Article 68 on page 68. It's entitled Printed Reports and it says, "The Grand Secretary shall have printed in pamphlet form, the official Acts, Decisions, Irregularities, Discipline and Legal Acts of the Worthy Grand Matron, including the official acts of the Corporate Board, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, the Report of the Board of Directors, the Reports of the Jurisprudence Committee on Unfinished Business, the Proposed Amendments and the Proposed Budget for the ensuing year. The reports shall be ready for distribution at the opening of Grand Chapter. The Auditor's Report and all legal actions, especially those regarding the assets of Grand Chapter shall be printed in the Proceedings labeled as Legal Actions." So this other part is talking about the Advance Proceedings. This is what they want added to this paragraph, added to Article 68. They would add "The audited fiscal year-end Financial Reports shall be published each year in the Bulletin, within 60 days after the annual audit of the books of Grand Chapter is completed and the auditors have met with the Board of Directors." Do I need to read this again? Okay. This is in proper form and is ready for your vote. I move this amendment be accepted.

WGP Bill Crews: I second.

WGM Annette Curry: Motion has been made and seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron that this be accepted. Is there any discussion? All those in favor please raise your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion passed. (One rap) Now we will have your Jurisprudence Report.

PGM Nancy Brown: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers. I am proud to have served with these distinguished members who served with me even though they're not here. They were Joyce Gilbert, District 1, Betty Benham, District 2, Vi Griffin, District 4 and Jerry Trees, District 5. They're all here? Oh, come stand up here. I'm sorry I looked around and couldn't spot them. We certainly appreciate the concern and

interest you, the membership, displayed in the legislation of this Grand Chapter. Each of us has the good of the Order preeminent when we cast our votes. The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed all matters, including the decisions, irregularities and rulings of the Worthy grand Matron as reported to the Grand Chapter in the Advance Reports and Supplemental Reports. We find all to be satisfactory and approved by this Committee. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, my dear friend, for appointing us to this Committee and allowing us to have the privilege of service for this Grand Chapter. It has been a joy to work with you all year. Before I am seated, I have one other to recognize – Sister Frances Burbank, Secretary to the Jurisprudence Committee. I have never known anyone so willing to serve as Sister Frances, or so knowledgeable of our Constitution and Code of Laws. Thank you, Sister Frances from each of us on the Jurisprudence Committee. Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

WGM Annette Curry: This is a Committee Report and it is adopted. (One rap) Okay, at this time I'd all those that served on the Arrangements Committee, any Committee you served on, the Executive Committee, the Arrangements Committee, Housing, Credentials, those that had things on the Executive and Arrangements Committee would you line up in the West please. They're coming up here? Okay, they're coming up here with me.

WGP Bill Crews: Give them a hand everybody. (Applause)

WGM Annette Curry: I want to thank this Committee each one, Executive, Arrangements, Distinguished Guests and all those Committees. Thank you so very, very much. Thank you. (Applause) Now we're just about ready, I believe we're going to have, we're going to get out of here in just a few minutes and get ready for the Installation this evening so bare with us. There's a Constitution, Code of Laws here. It looks like it's Marsha...M A S something Hayes. There are some lost and found items over at the Grand Secretary's desk. Some glasses, some pins, some badges, etc. So they'll be there for a few more minutes or this evening. At this time I invite those to bring the invitation to the 132nd Grand Chapter Session. It's time for the invitation.

Brother D. W. Mike Hall: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. My name is D. W. Mike Hall and I am the General Chairman of the 2014 Executive Committee. I would like to introduce you to the rest of the 2014 Executive Committee: Neva Corbin – Co-Chairman, Bob Livingston – Secretary, Becky Thorn – Treasurer and Jerry Owens – Auditor. Also I would like to introduce Claude Ervin our Arrangements Chairman.

On behalf of Sister Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron Elect and Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron Elect, it is my privilege to invite all of you to the 132nd Grand Chapter Session in Waco, Texas...but before I continue, I have a question for you. What do Woolly Mammoths, the Brooklyn Bridge, Texas Rangers (not the baseball team), Dr. Pepper and Elizabeth Taylor have in common? I will tell you – they all have a connection to Waco. In 1978 a mammoth site was discovered in Waco where the remains of 24 mammoths have been excavated so far. This site is open to the public for viewing. The longest suspension bridge west of the Mississippi was built over the Brazos River in Waco in 1870 by the firm that would go on to build the Brooklyn Bridge. Waco has the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum and the Dr. Pepper Museum commemorating America's oldest major soft drink made by Waco pharmacist Charles "Doc" Alderton in 1885. I think that Waco will be a very interesting city to visit. Now you are probably asking yourselves what about Elizabeth Taylor. Well she is the

director of the Waco Convention Center which has just been newly renovated and she and her staff are eagerly awaiting the Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session in 2014. Waco has stepped up and is going to be a great host for our 132nd Grand Chapter Session. We are working closely with the City of Waco and I believe you will have a wonderful Grand Chapter Session there. The hotels are convenient to the Convention Center and there is plenty of free parking, shopping and restaurants near the Convention Center.

I would like to recognize two of Waco's own: Buddy Baker, our Past Grand Patron from Waco. Buddy, would you like to say a few words about Waco?

PGP Buddy Baker: You bet! I'd like to invite each and every one of you and all your friends, family and your dogs and anybody else to come to Waco and see the improvements that are being made and have been made since the Waco Indians settled on the beautiful cliffs looking over the Brazos River. There the Braves, they hunted and fished and played. And Squaws, they cleaned house, cooked and did all the rugs. And then all these improvements came along...the white eyes thought they could improve that. So come see how much improvements they've made on this. Y'all didn't catch that did ya? So saying that I'll ask y'all to take while you're there the magical waters of the Brazos River. Legend has it, that if you dip, take a little dip in it and you will never tell a lie. And with that said the only person I know that drinks here regularly is Alma Lynn. (Applause)

Brother D. W. Mike Hall: Our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Alma Lynn Bane, our Past Grand Matron from Waco. Sister Alma, do you have a few words.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: When we held Grand Chapter in Waco in 1999 it had been 80 years until Grand Chapter came back to Waco. This time it did not take as long. I do want to let each of you know and you have my permission to tell others who left early that my reception, my banquet as Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Bobbie White the Most Worthy Grand Matron has allowed me to have it in Waco next year and it will be just before Grand Chapter. I have hired a named entertainer to come entertain you. It is my gift to the membership of Texas. I look forward to seeing you at my banquet the night before our Grand Chapter opens. But I also look forward to seeing each and every one of you back in this Chapter room, especially those young people who care so much and are so brave to come to the microphone to tell us how they feel. Thank you Grand Chapter for everything you do and come to Waco! (Applause)

Brother D. W. Mike Hall: Okay so what time is it? Anybody have a clock back there? It is time to go to Waco for the 132nd Grand Chapter Session. Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the 132nd Grand Chapter Session be held at the Waco Convention Center in Waco, Texas on August 7th through August 9th 2014.

WGM Annette Curry: We have a motion and a second that we have the 132nd Grand Chapter Session in Waco August 7th through the 9th, 2014. All those in favor let it be known by showing your purple cards. Those opposed. Motion carried. (One rap) Sister Grand Warder and Brother Grand Sentinel we're fixing to close, we're fixing to close this 131st Grand Chapter of Texas, we're fixing to call it from Labor to Rest and so you'll see that the doors are secured at this time. See that the doors are secure for just a few minutes.

GW Nancy Jo Estill: Worthy Grand Matron, the doors are secure.

WGM Annette Curry: Thank you. Grand Officers I want to remind you to be sure you bring this badge over the Grand Secretary's desk and sign it in. We're fixing to try to close please.

I invite Brother Jerry Trees to bring our Benediction. (Three raps)

PGP Jerry Trees: If you will bow your heads please. Our dear gracious heavenly Father we are indeed thankful for this day and for all the many blessings in life that you give to each one of us. Thank you for your guidance through this week of Grand Chapter and put your special blessings on this new corp of Officers that are going to be installed tonight to lead this wonderful Order through the next year. Be with those that could not be with us today. Watch over and put your healing hands upon their shoulders. Go with us, guide us and direct us as we leave from here. We ask these things in thy holy name. Amen. (Amen)

WGM Annette Curry: Sister Grand Conductress you will close our Holy Bible. I now call this 131st Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas from Labor to Rest until 6:00 p.m. for the Installation of the 2014 Officers. Sister Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel you will inform the... Thank you Sisters and Brothers.. See you in a little bit.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2012-2013

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

The Bulletin Committee will encourage members to subscribe to “The Official Bulletin” and ensure that all Chapter line officers have a current subscription. They will carry forms with them to make it more convenient for those who do not take the Bulletin to subscribe. They should ask the Worthy Matron, before the meeting, for an opportunity to speak on the Bulletin, under Good of the Order, and explain the benefits and the information printed in the Bulletin. The bulletin subscription is \$15.00 per year.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE

The members on this Committee will sell the Pocket Calendars. The Calendar will provide the membership with the dates of the Schools of Instructions, Fraternal Visits, Chapter Anniversaries, Round-Ups and many other activities. The proceeds from these sales will benefit the National Diabetes Association with 25% going to the Grand Chapter General Fund.

CANCER AWARENESS COMMITTEE

This committee will collect and donate ring pull tabs from drink cans to support the local Ronald McDonald Houses. The Ronald McDonald House provides comfort and care to seriously ill children and their families by providing a home away from home. Members of this committee will promote and collect tabs from Chapter Members. They will notify their District Chairman of the “poundage” of the tabs presented to the Ronald McDonald House and the District Deputy. This will give us information to report to General Grand Chapter. The committee members are encouraged to ask Chapter Members to make lap blankets for the Ronald McDonald House and heart shaped pillows for heart patients. The committee will sell Breast Cancer Awareness Bracelets to benefit Breast Cancer Research. The bracelets are pink and have a word of encouragement and hope on each bracelet. They are available for a donation of \$4.00.

DRESS / BLAZER PINS

The dress/blazer pins will be available to those members who accept a Grand Chapter appointment. The Grand Chapter Officer, Board member or committee appointments will be given the opportunity of purchasing a “Dress Pin” in lieu of a dress or blazer to further support Grand Chapter. Some members, who will purchase the dress or blazer, will also donate and purchase a pin. The Pins are available in the following denominations and any or all may be purchased. Silver Bow Pin...\$50.00; Pink Bow Pin...\$75.00; Purple Bow Pin...\$100.00

These donations will go to the General Fund.

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP AND PIN COMMITTEE

This committee will encourage Chapter members to participate in the Endowed Membership Program by purchasing stamps for \$10.00 each or a \$500.00 Endowed Membership. Chapters will be encouraged to maintain an inventory of stamps and booklets in order to make it easy for members to purchase stamps. Committee Members, if possible, might keep some stamps in their possession for sales.

Before the Chapter meeting, these Committee members could ask the Worthy Matron for permission to speak under Good of the Order, on the stamps and booklets. They could point out that the stamps make wonderful gifts for those serving in the line and, also for the Deputy on her Official Visit. Many times, when the Associate Conductress starts through the line, if stamps are given at special times, she is able to purchase an Endowed Membership by the time she ends her year as Worthy Matron.

With each new Endowed Membership purchased, the new member will receive a certificate from Grand Chapter and a letter from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Included in this letter will be an Endowed Membership Pin, as a gift from them.

Endowed Memberships may be purchased in memory of deceased members who were in good standing at the time of their death. There is no limit to the number of Endowed Memberships that one Member can have; they may be endowed in more than one Chapter or more than once in their own Chapter. Endowed Membership Pins will be available for those who have previously purchased an Endowed Membership. An Endowment pin is available for purchase, for \$10.00, with the proceeds benefitting the Endowment Fund.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS COMMITTEE

This committee will encourage Members to purchase the Historical Highlights Book. They would explain how this book contains the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas, with pictures and information from our beginning. They could mention it is a great resource for programs on the history of Grand Chapter. The Historical Highlights Book is available for \$20.00 per book and updates are available for \$2.00 per page. Each member of the committee will be encouraged to purchase a book to show the membership. All proceeds will go to the General Fund.

MASONIC RELATIONS

This Committee is composed of Masonic members and is encouraged to promote Eastern Star membership in their local Lodges. Committee members are encouraged to attend Lodge meetings and ask if they may say something about Eastern Star at the end of their meeting. The members can assist in forging a good relationship with the Eastern Star Chapter in their areas.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

This Committee will offer the sheet music of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for a donation of \$5.00 each. Proceeds will benefit the residents of the TMRC for activities and/or needs. 25% of the proceeds will go to the General Fund.

PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE

This Committee will encourage Chapters to have study classes and practices, study the Constitution, Code of Laws and the Ritual. They will assist the Grand Examiner during the Schools of Instruction and help her in the distribution of the proficiency stickers to those who earn their certificates.

The Grand Examiners will have the proficiency stickers for a donation of \$1.00 each. Members may purchase stickers for their badge and certificate. The proceeds will go into the General Fund.

RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

The Ritualistic Committee is composed of members who are proficient in our Ritualistic work. They will encourage all members to participate in the following categories:

- Any 2 Prayers
- A Star Point Lecture
- Associate Patron Lecture, Long Form
- Associate Patron Lecture, Short Form
- Conductress, initiation to Candidate and verbiage to Star Point Lectures

Ribbons will be awarded for perfect rendition and participation.

ROB MORRIS CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

This Committee will assist in the auctions to be held at each School of Instruction. The General Chairman should keep in close contact with each District Chairman to ensure that information is given to the Chapters in a timely manner. Each member of the Committee should speak on behalf of the auctions and encourage members to donate items for the auction. The District Chairman should try to attend the schools in their District, if possible, to assist in the collection of the donations. At the close of the school, a Committee member will report the amount of the auction. All checks should be made out to Grand Chapter of Texas and forwarded immediately to the Grand Secretary. The Committee members should work with the Deputy Grand Matron to secure a place for the auction items.

The first \$15,000.00 will be used to reduce the cost of tickets for the Rob Morris Banquet at Grand Chapter. A Silent Auction will also be held at the Rob Morris Banquet at Grand Chapter. Any excess funds will go to the Worthy Grand Matron's undesignated fund.

SHINING STARS COMMITTEE

These are members on an honorary Committee. They have served our Order for many years and are deserving of our respect and thanks. They continue to serve and we are indebted to them.

TEXAS MASONIC FAMILY DAY COMMITTEE

This committee will assist with the activities of the annual Masonic Family Day to be held at TMRC on October 20, 2012. A booth may be considered for fund raising activities at the event.

THE TRAVELING ELEPHANT

The Traveling Elephant will encourage Chapter members to visit other Chapters. It will travel with the Deputy Grand Matron on all her Official Visits. The Chapter with the most members present will list their Chapter name, number and number of visiting members on the visitation log sheet that will be attached to the elephant. At her last Official Visit, the elephant will be awarded to the Chapter with the most members present. A dual member can count for both Chapters as long as they are NOT in a Chapter in which they can vote. In the event of a tie between visiting Chapters, the elephant will be awarded to the Chapter which has the next stated or special meeting. If a tie still remains, the Chapter that traveled the furthest will be awarded the elephant. The Traveling Elephant will be awarded at all meetings that are opened in Ritualistic form except Fraternal Visits during a School of Instruction in the section. The cutoff date for the Traveling Elephant is July 1, 2013. The Elephant will be awarded to the Chapter, which has the MOST entries on the visitation log. In the event of a tie, the Elephant Traveling Plaque" will be awarded to the Chapter with the LARGEST total number of members listed on the visitation log.

TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE

This Committee will plan and present parties for the residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The General Chairman should keep in touch with the Chairman of each District. The Chairman of each District will encourage Chapter members in their District to donate food, decorations and gifts for the party assigned to their District and participate in the planning and presentation of the parties sponsored by their District. They will plan some type of entertainment for the party. The Committee will offer battery operated fans, for a \$10.00 donation, with the net proceeds to benefit the residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

The dates for the District Parties are as follows:

District 5	Thanksgiving	November 18, 2012
District 3	Christmas	December 9, 2012
District 4	Valentines	February 10, 2013
District 2	Mother's Day	May 5, 2013
District 1	Independence Da	June 30, 2013

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

This committee will encourage all members to place ads, chapter information, and pictures in the Yearbook.

Committee members should ask permission from the Worthy Matron to speak, under Good of the Order on the Yearbook, and encourage each Chapter to place an ad and purchase a yearbook for their Chapter use. The committee members could remind the Chapter members that a Yearbook might be a nice gift at Christmas or other times, for members who are unable to attend Chapter meetings. They would enjoy the pictures and information in the Yearbook. The committee, throughout the year, would encourage continued participation in the Yearbook project for the 2013-2014 Grand Chapter year.

A donation of \$10.00 will be collected for each Yearbook and the proceeds from this sale will go to the General Fund.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

This committee will have available for purchase Sun Catchers, Night Lights, and Peanut Lapel Pins. Available for purchase from these committee members will be Elephant Sun Catchers for a donation of \$5.00; an Elephant Night Light for a donation of \$7.00; and the Peanut Lapel Pin for a donation of \$4.00. The proceeds will benefit the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM 2012-2013

TRUNK

T THE GENERAL FUND

These donations will provide for funds for the operation, expenses and support of Grand Chapter.

R BENEVOLENT AID

Remembering our Members in their misfortune.
Aid is given for emergency, long term and temporary assistance.

U ESTARL

These awards will be given to Ministerial students; only, whose legal residence is Texas. The awards will be given to Ministerial students who are in their third year or beyond in Religious study, who maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or above.

N YOUTH

These donations will be divided equally between the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and Order of DeMolay. It is important that we help in the support of these youth groups. They are our potential members and future.

K EDUCATIONAL FUND

These donations will be awarded for education to members of the Order in good standing in a Texas Chapter. In the form of scholarships to spouses, children, grandchildren, and orphans of Eastern Star members who are in good standing in a Texas Chapter, so that they may acquire additional education after graduation from a public high school in Texas.

For Chapters to become 100% in the Humanitarian Program, they must contribute \$1.00 for each member on their Chapter roll as of May 31st. Each Chapter will be encouraged to become 100% before the School of Instructions in their area. Ribbons will be awarded at the Schools to each Worthy Matron for her Chapter being 100%. Additional ribbons will be given for Chapters who reach 200%, 300%, and each additional 100%. Chapter donations may be divided within the different categories if desired. Memorials, contributions or honorariums may be made throughout the year. These donations will be added to the Chapter's total contribution and percentage. The District Humanitarian Chairman will send a card to the Chapter noting the contribution.

This Section contains

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**A PORTION OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT OUT OF THE OCTOBER BULLETIN.
WE HAVE INCLUDED THE REPORT, IN ITS ENTIRETY, IN HERE.**

The legislation of this Grand Chapter was completed with the following actions:
In conformity with the Code of Laws, Chapter 10, Article 152-E-1 (page 105), we hereby submit the Compilations of all changes to the Constitution, Code of Laws and directive actions enacted at the 131st Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas held in Arlington, Texas.
Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron
Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee 2012-2013

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

Amendments Nos. 1 and 4 were adopted and will require a second vote in 2014.
Amendment No. 2 was adopted as amended and will require a second vote in 2014
Amendment No. 3 was withdrawn.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF LAWS:

Amendments Nos. 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 were adopted.
AMENDMENTS No. 19 was adopted as amended.

AMENDMENTS DEFEATED:

Amendments Nos. 8, 9, 14 and 15
AMENDMENTS 12 and 13 were voided due to the adoption of
Amendment No. 11

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry, we, the members of your Jurisprudence Committee have completed our assigned tasks. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we commend you for your outstanding leadership and your courteous and gracious manners. Our sincere appreciation for the privilege of serving in this capacity this year.

Joyce Gilbert, District 1 Jerry Trees, District 5
Betty Benham, District 2 Nancy Brown, District 3, Chairman
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COMPILATION – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

If adopted, shall become effective from and after the adjournment of the 2014 Session of Grand Chapter (Article XIV, Sec. 1, a, page 47)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

ARTICLE IV, COMPOSITION OF GRAND CHAPTER, SECTION I a., (2) page 32

WHICH NOW READS:

- a. Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons
(2) If the Worthy Matron is absent from Grand Chapter, the Associate Matron, if

present, shall be entitled to represent the Worthy Matron. In case of the absence of the Worthy Matron and the Associate Matron, the Worthy Matron may appoint, as her proxy with full power of representation, any member of her Chapter. In case of the absence from Grand Chapter of the Worthy Patron, the Associate Patron, if present shall be entitled to represent the Worthy Patron. In case of the absence of the Worthy Patron and Associate Patron, the Worthy Patron may appoint as his proxy with full power of Representation, any member of his Chapter. In order for a member to be seated as a proxy, she or he shall present to the Committee on Credentials a Certificate of such appointment, duly certified to under Seal of the Chapter by the Secretary.

AMENDED TO READ AND ADOPTED ON FIRST BALLOT

a. Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

- (2) If the Worthy Matron is absent from Grand Chapter, she may appoint as her proxy as Chapter Representative, the Associate Matron. In the absence of the Associate Matron, the Worthy Matron may appoint any member of her Chapter to act as the Chapter Representative. This proxy applies only to the Chapter Representative's vote. In order to be seated as a proxy for Chapter Representative, she or he shall present to the Committee on Credentials a certificate of such appointment, duly certified to under Seal of the Chapter by the Secretary.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 – CONSTITUTION ARTICLE V, A, SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY, Page 34

As a result of the Operational Audit of 2007, several recommendations were made by Jefferson Wells International to mitigate risk and improve the management of the Grand Chapter Office.

Therefore, be it resolved that Article V, A, Section 3 be amended to read:

SECTION 3. Eligibility

- a. No Change
- b. No Change
- c. To be eligible to serve as Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer, a member must meet ONE of the following criteria.
 1. A college degree, at least a Bachelor's with a focus on business management, accounting, and finance or equivalent.
 2. A demonstrable ability to understand and explain financial documents. e.g. Income Statements and Balance Sheets.
 3. A minimum of five (5) years of non-clerical business experience with specific responsibilities for accounting or auditing.
 4. Holder of a Certified Public Accountant certification.
 5. A minimum of five (5) years experience serving the Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Lodge of Texas, an appendant body, or another Non-

Masonic non-profit organization in a position in which management of the Organization's day to day activities was a primary duty.

Adopted as amended on first ballot . Second and final ballot at 2014 Grand Chapter session.

**AMENDMENT NO. 4 – CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE X, SECTION 10. VOTING PRIVILEGES, page 41**

WHICH NOW READS:

- a. General. On all matters before Grand Chapter except as hereinafter provided in case of elections and on final adoption of Constitutional Amendments, each member of Grand Chapter shall have one vote.
- b. In Elections.
 - (1) Vote
 - (a) Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. Each Worthy Matron or her representative (either the Associate Matron or the Worthy Matron's Proxy and each Worthy Patron or his proxy shall have one vote. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of a U.D. Chapter, after Charter has been granted by Grand Chapter, shall each have one vote at that session of Grand Chapter only, but they do not thereby become members of Grand Chapter. They cannot appoint proxies.
 - (b) Past Matrons and Past Patrons. All Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Chartered Chapters, and Past Matrons and Past Patrons of U.D. Chapter after Charter has been granted at that Grand Chapter.
 - (2) Two Votes. Each of the following shall have two votes:
 - (a) A Worthy Matron who is also a Past Matron.
 - (b) A Worthy Patron who is also a Past Patron.
 - (c) A Worthy Matron holding the proxy of a Worthy Patron.
 - (d) A Worthy Patron holding the proxy of a Worthy Matron
 - (e) A Past Matron or Past Patron holding the proxy of either the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron.
 - (f) An Associate Matron (in the absence of the Worthy Matron) holding the proxy of the Worthy Patron.
 - (g) A member (not a Past Matron or Past Patron) holding the proxy of either the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron.
 - (3) Three Votes. Each of the following shall have three votes:
 - (a) A Worthy Matron who is also a Past Matron and holds the proxy of the Worthy Patron.
 - (b) A Worthy Patron who is also a Past Patron and holds the proxy of the Worthy Matron.
 - (c) A Past Matron or Past Patron holding the proxies of both the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron.

- (4) No one shall cast more than three votes.
- (c) Chapter Representative When Voting by Chapters and Amendments to the Constitution on Last Reading. In voting by Chapters, as provided for the final adoption of Amendments to the Constitution, each Chapter shall have but one vote. If the Matron is present, this vote shall be cast by her. If she is absent, then such vote shall be cast by the Associate Matron. If both the Worthy Matron and the Associate Matron are absent, then such vote shall be cast by the Worthy Patron. If all three are absent, then such vote shall be cast by the Associate Patron. If all four are absent and the Worthy Matron has no proxy present, then such vote shall be cast by the proxy of the Worthy Patron.
 - (d) Chapters in Arrears. A Chapter in arrears shall have no vote in Grand Chapter unless its indebtedness to Grand Chapter shall be remitted by a two-thirds vote of those voting at Grand Chapter.
 - (e) Chapters Failing to Make Report on Time. Any Chapter failing to make its Annual Report and pay its Per Capita Tax and other charges to Grand Chapter on or before the first day of the second month following the close of the Subordinate Chapter year shall forfeit the vote of its Chapter Representative. Voting privileges may be restored by a two thirds' vote of those voting at Grand Chapter.
 - (f) Voting ballots and badges shall not be issued to Chapter Representative of a Chapter in arrears or a Chapter failing to make its annual Report and pay its obligations to Grand Chapter on or before the first day of the second month following the close of the Subordinate Chapter year, except upon appropriate action of Grand Chapter in accordance with the above provisions. The Grand Secretary shall furnish to the Credentials Committee a list of all such Chapter so as to facilitate the enforcement of this provision.

WAS AMENDED TO READ ON THE FIRST BALLOT

ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10, VOTING PRIVILEGES, page 41

a. General. On all matters before Grand Chapter except as hereinafter provided in case of elections and on final adoption of Constitutional Amendments, each member of Grand Chapter shall have one vote.

B. In elections.

(1) One Vote

- (a) Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. Each Worthy Matron and each Worthy Patron shall have one vote. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of a U.D. Chapter, after Charter has been granted by Grand Chapter only, but they do not thereby become members of Grand Chapter. They cannot appoint proxies.
- (b) Past Matrons and Past Patrons. All Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Chartered Chapters, and Past Matrons and Past Patrons of U.D. Chapters shall have one vote.

DELETE; (2) a, b, c, d, e, f, g

DELETE; (3) a,b,c

DELETE (4) WHICH NOW READS:

- (4) No one shall cast more than three votes
(c.) Chapter Representative When Voting by Chapters and Amendments to the Constitution on Last Reading. In voting by Chapters, as provided for the final adoption of Amendments to the Constitution, each Chapter shall have but one vote. If the Matron is present, this vote shall be cast by her. If she is absent, then such vote shall be cast by the Associate Matron. If both the Worthy Matron and Associate Matron are absent, then such vote shall be cast by the Associate Patron. If all four are absent and the Worthy Matron has no proxy present, then such vote shall be cast by the proxy of the Worthy Patron.

BE AMENDED TO READ;

- B. (l) c. Chapter Representative When Voting by Chapters and Amendments to the Constitution on Last Reading. In voting by Chapters, as provided for the final adoption of Amendments to the Constitution, each Chapter shall have but one vote. If the Worthy Matron is present, this vote shall be cast by her. If she is absent, then such vote shall be cast by the Chapter Representative appointed by the Worthy Matron.
(4) d. e. and f. REMAIN THE SAME.

NOTE * * * * * If this Constitutional Amendment is adopted on this first reading, at the second and final vote at the Grand Chapter session next year would need to delete the phrase: “for the number of votes to which she or he is entitled.” found in Article 158, page 120 of the Code of Laws **which now reads:**

ARTICLE 158. ISSUANCE OF BALLOTS. Page 120 Each member of Grand Chapter, who is entitled to a vote or votes as prescribed in Article Section 10a, 10b, and 10c of the Constitution of Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S., shall be and hereby is, entitled to have issued to her or him by the Credentials Committee prior to, or during each Session of Grand Chapter, for use during said Session, one set of printed ballots, on forms prescribed by Grand Chapter for the number of votes to which she or he is entitled, provided that each of the following prerequisite is complied with.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 158. ISSUANCE OF BALLOTS. Page 120. Each member of Grand Chapter, who is entitled to a vote or votes as prescribed in Article X, Section 10a 10b, and 10c of the Constitution of Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S., shall be and hereby is entitled to have issued to her or him by the Credentials Committee prior to, or during each Session of Grand Chapter, for use during said Session, one set of printed ballots, on forms prescribed by Grand Chapter, provided that each of the following prerequisite is complied with.

AMENDMENT NO. 5 – CODE OF LAWS
CHAPTER 4, A. WORTHY GRAND MATRON, Article17,o.pages 57-58
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee directs and arranges for the Grand Chapter Session and can accomplish this from wherever they are located within the state with today’s communication abilities and

WHEREAS, not restricting who serves on this committee will allow the Worthy Grand Matron to draw from more of our membership's expertise in planning the Grand Chapter Session.

THEREFORE, we propose the following amendment to the Code of Laws:

WHICH NOW READS:

- o. Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session. Three or more members, one of whom shall be designated "General Chairman" All members of the Executive Committee shall hold membership within the District in which the Grand Chapter Session at which they are to serve shall be held.

BE AMENDED TO READ;

- o. Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session. Three or more members, one of whom shall be designated "General Chairman"

**AMENDMENT NO. 6 – CODE OF LAWS
DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 4, Article 17, Appoint Committees, x. page 58**

WHICH READ:

- x. Other Committees appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron shall be considered Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron with no expense involved shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the recorded membership in this Grand Jurisdiction as reported by the Grand Secretary in the Report of the Subordinate Chapters at the preceding Annual Session.

WAS AMENDED TO READ:

- x. Other Committees appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron shall be considered Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron. No expense shall be incurred by the Grand Chapter of Texas for Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron.

**AMENDMENT NO. 7 – CODE OF LAWS
CHAPTER 4, A. ARTICLE 37, MOTOR VEHICLE, d. Page 62**

WHEREAS, this does not explicitly specify which secretary shall be traveling in the van provided for the Worthy Grand Matron, we the undersigned do hereby recommend the following amendment to the Code of Laws.

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 37. MOTOR VEHICLE d. which now reads:

- d. The District Deputy, Grand Examiner and Secretary shall travel in the vehicle furnished

by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Any time the District Deputy, Grand Examiner or Secretary has an emergency or need which requires one of them to leave the vehicle, she may do so at her own expense. The District Deputy, Grand Examiner or Secretary will keep the Worthy Grand Matron informed of the emergency or need and her plans to join the Worthy Grand Matron.

BE AMENDED TO READ;

- d. The District Deputy, Grand Examiner and Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron shall travel in the vehicle furnished by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Any time the District Deputy, Grand Examiner or Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron has an emergency or need which requires one of them to leave the vehicle, she may do so at her own expense. The District Deputy, Grand Examiner or Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron will keep the Worthy Grand Matron informed of the emergency or need and her plans to rejoin the Worthy Grand Matron.

**AMENDMENT NO. 10 – CODE OF LAWS
CHAPTER 4, E, ARTICLE 69. NUMBER FURNISHED, page 68**

WHEREAS THE Copies of the Proceedings as the guidelines of the Article 69, Section c, 1, to be the same guidelines for Section c, g.

NOW THEREFORE be resolved that Chapter 4, Section E, Article 69, c, 1, NUMBER FURNISHED which now reads:

ARTICLE 69. NUMBER FURNISHED. Copies of the Proceedings shall be furnished, free of charge, as follows:

- a. One (1) copy of Proceedings to each Installed Floor Officer.
- b. One (1) copy to each Subordinate Chapter for Chapter files.
- c. One (1) copy of the Proceedings to each Past Grand Matron and each Past Grand Patron.
 1. Those wishing to receive a complimentary copy of the Grand Chapter proceedings as listed in categories A, B and C may do so by requesting in writing to the Grand Secretary's office within 90 days after the Grand Chapter session has been completed.
 2. Furthermore, the proceedings should be picked up at the next Grand Chapter Session, saving the Grand Chapter mailing cost.
- d. As many copies of the Proceedings to each Grand Jurisdiction as copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of each Grand Jurisdiction are furnished to the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas.
- e. One (1) copy of the Proceedings to the Library of the General Grand Chapter and one (1) copy to the Library of Texas Grand Lodge, A.F. & A. M.
- f. Five (5) copies of the Proceedings to each Junior Past Grand Matron and each Junior Past Grand Patron for personal distribution.
- g. All members may purchase copies by pre-ordering, using a form provided in the Official Bulletin.

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 69. NUMBER FURNISHED. Copies of the Proceedings shall be furnished, free of charge, as follows:

- a. No Change.
- b. No Change.
- c. No Change.
- d. No Change.
- e. No Change.
- f. No Change.
- g. All members may purchase copies by requesting in writing to the Grand Secretary's office within 90 days after the Grand Chapter session has been completed.

AMENDMENT NO. 11 – CODE OF LAWS

DIVISION IV, CHAPTER 7, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Article 143 Expenses, page 102

WHEREAS, Article 143 of the Code of Laws refers to funds appropriated by Grand Chapter each year for expenses in each District which shall be paid to the District Deputy Grand Matron immediately upon her appointment, and

WHEREAS, it is no longer the practice of Grand Chapter to provide the District Deputy Grand Matron with funds for expenses, and

WHEREAS, in order for our Code of Laws to accurately reflect the current practices of Grand Chapter, we, the undersigned, propose the following:

WHICH NO READS:

ARTICLE 143. EXPENSES. Grand Chapter shall appropriate each year from the General Fund such an amount, as it may deem necessary for the expense of each District.

- a. The entire amount so appropriated for such expense shall be paid to the District Deputy Grand Matron immediately upon her appointment, by voucher drawn by the Grand Secretary.
- b. In addition to her own expense, she shall pay out of the funds so appropriated to her District the expenses of the Deputy Grand Matrons, as herein after provided.
- c. The District Deputy Grand Matron shall travel with the Worthy Grand Matron in the vehicle furnished by Grand Chapter.
- d. Itemized expense accounts shall be sent by the District Deputy Grand Matron to the Worthy Grand Matron, and the amount of expenditure shall not exceed the appropriation made by Grand Chapter for that purpose.
- e. Any unused portion of such appropriation shall be returned, through the Grand Secretary's office, to the General Fund of the Grand Chapter.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 143. TRANSPORTATION DURING SCHOOL SCHEDULE. The District Deputy Grand

Matron shall travel with the Worthy Grand Matron in the vehicle furnished by Grand Chapter during the school schedule in her District.

**AMENDMENT NO. 16 – CODE OF LAWS
CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 204, d. DUAL MEMBERSHIP, Page 146**

WHEREAS, General Grand Chapter has approved Plural Memberships, making it possible for our members to join another Chapter, and;

WHEREAS, many Chapters are struggling to have a quorum at each meeting and there being visitors willing to pro-tem for the meeting to proceed. These visiting pro-tems do not count towards the 7 needed for a quorum and;

WHEREAS, there have been situations the Worthy Matron must call and try to get one or two more members to attend the meeting for there to be a quorum, and;

WHEREAS, there are Chapters that use pro-tems on a regular basis and if it were possible to hold a Plural membership, these pro-tems could join the Chapter they are supporting;

THUS, making it easier for a quorum to be at the meetings. Many members enjoy going to multiple meetings and by becoming a Plural Member they could participate even more in a Chapter by having a vote instead of being a pro-tem every time they attend.

THEREFORE, we propose that ARTICLE 204 which now reads:

ARTICLE 204. PETITIONS FOR AFFILIATION may be applied for on a DEMIT or GRAND DEMIT or TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP or DUAL MEMBERSHIP.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 240. PETITIONS FOR AFFILIATION may be applied for on a DEMIT or GRAND DEMIT or TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP or PLURAL MEMBERSHIP.

AND

d. DUAL MEMBERSHIP which now reads:

- (1) THOSE ELIGIBLE. Members of Texas Chapters and Members of other Grand Jurisdictions within General Grand Chapter who recognize Dual Membership, both of whom are in good standing and reside in Texas or a member residing in an adjoining jurisdiction (state) are eligible to apply for DUAL MEMBERSHIP, provided that no member can belong to more than 2 Chapters simultaneously (Parent/Dual).

BE AMENDED TO READ:

d. DUAL MEMBERSHIP

- (1) THOSE ELIGIBLE. Members of Texas Chapters and Members of other Grand Jurisdictions within General Grand Chapter who recognize Plural Memberships,

both of whom are in good standing and reside in Texas or a member residing in an adjoining jurisdiction (state) are eligible to apply for PLURAL MEMBERSHIPS, and may join as many Chapters as they choose.

- (2) FORMS FOR USE IN DUAL MEMBERSHIP which now reads:
- a. Petition for Affiliation....Form 141-S
 - b. Certificate of Good Standing....Form 140-S
 - c. Withdrawal of Membership....Form 142-S

BE AMENDED TO READ:

- (2) FORMS FOR USE IN PLURAL MEMBERSHIP

Forms a, b and c would need to be changed to remove the word Dual to reflect Plural as needed.

(3) WHICH NOW READS:

PROCEDURE FOR AFFILIATION AS DUAL MEMBER

BE AMENDED TO READ:

- (3) PROCEDURE FOR AFFILIATION AS PLURAL MEMBER

- (4) LIMITATIONS AND PRIVILEGES; (Now reads on page 147)

a. Dual members cannot serve as Worthy Matron, Secretary or Treasurer in TWO Chapters simultaneously. However, they may serve 2 Chapters simultaneously in ANY OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICE.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

a. Plural Members cannot simultaneously serve as Worthy Matron, Secretary or Treasurer in any Plural Chapters. However, they may serve their Plural Chapters in a combination of these offices as well as any other elective office in the Chapter.

(4) b. WHICH NOW READS

Dual Membership is not permitted for signing as a Charter member on a Petition for a new Chapter. However, once the Chapter has been instituted, members may affiliate with the Chapter by Dual Membership. These members will NOT be Charter Members of the Instituted Chapter.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

- (4) b. Plural Membership is not permitted for signing as a Charter member on a Petition for a new Chapter. However once the Chapter has been instituted, members may affiliate with the Chapter by Plural Membership. These members will NOT be Charter Members of the Instituted Chapter.

(4) f. WHICH NOW READS:

Before a member from another Grand Jurisdiction can petition a Texas Chapter for Dual Membership, said petitioner must request a Certificate of Good Standing (Form 140-S) to be filled out by the Petition's parent Chapter and returned as an attachment to the Petition for Dual Membership (in lieu of a signed Duplicate Receipt for Dues Card from a Texas Chapter). Such action will verify current mem-

bership and the other Grand Jurisdiction's concurrence in Dual membership.

BE AMENDED TO READ

f. Before a member from another Grand Jurisdiction can petition a Texas Chapter for Plural Membership, said petitioner must request a Certificate of Good Standing (Form 140-S) to be filled out by the Petitioner's parent Chapter and returned as an Attachment to the Petition for Plural Membership (in lieu of a signed Duplicate Receipt for Dues from a Texas Chapter). Such action will verify current membership and the other Grand Jurisdiction's concurrence with Plural Membership.

(5) WHICH NOW READS:

(5) SUSPENSION. A Dual Member suspended or expelled after Trial in one of the Chapters would have the same effect in both Chapters. The Secretary of the Chapter from which the member was suspended or expelled would notify the other Chapter under the seal of the Chapter. A Dual member suspended for non-payment for dues in the Parent Chapter would have the same effect in the Dual Chapter. The Secretary of the Parent Chapter would notify the dual Chapter under the seal of the Parent Chapter. If suspended from the Dual Chapter for non-payment of dues, then the suspension would NOT affect the Parent Chapter. The Secretary of the Dual Chapter would notify the Parent Chapter of such suspension under the seal of the Dual Chapter.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

(5) SUSPENSION. A Plural Member suspended or expelled after a Trial in one of the Chapters would have the same effect in all Chapters (Parent and Plural). The Secretary of the Chapter from which the member was suspended or expelled would notify the other Chapters under the seal of the Chapter. A Plural member suspended for non-payment for dues in the Parent Chapter would have the same effect in the Plural Chapters. The Secretary of the Parent Chapter would notify the Plural Chapters under the seal of the Parent Chapters. If suspended from a Plural Chapter for non-payment of dues, then the suspension would NOT affect the Parent Chapter. The Secretary of the Plural Chapter would notify the Parent Chapter of such suspension under the seal of the Plural Chapter.

(8) PROCEDURE FOR MAKING DUAL CHAPTER THE PARENT CHAPTER. WHICH NOW READS:

(8) PROCEDURE FOR MAKING DUAL CHAPTER THE PARENT CHAPTER. The member must request a Demit from the Parent Chapter. When granted, the Demit must be given to the Dual Chapter's Secretary and attached to the member's records, thus making the Dual Chapter the Parent Chapter.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

(8) PROCEDURE FOR MAKING PLURAL CHAPTER THE PARENT CHAPTER. The member must request a Demit from the Parent Chapter. When granted, the Demit must be given

to the Plural Chapter chosen as Parent Chapter's Secretary and attached to the member's records, thus making the chosen Plural Chapter the Parent Chapter.

WITH THE PASSING OF THIS AMENDMENT ANY SECTION OF THE CODE OF LAWS WHERE "DUAL" IS FOUND WOULD BE CHANGED TO REFLECT "PLURAL" MEMBERSHIP.

AMENDMENT NO. 17 – CODE OF LAWS
CHAPTER 4, Article 204, d. Dual Membership (c) page 147

WHICH NOW READS:

(c) Applications with proper accomplishments shall be received at a stated meeting, recommended by 2 members of petitioned Chapter, referred to an investigating committee, lie over for 4 weeks, and after report of investigating committee who MUST have seen the Receipt for Dues, shall be balloted upon and receive a unanimous ballot for election.

AND WHEREAS Article 216, Code of Laws now reads:

RESULTS NECESSARY. Three black cubes rejects a Petitioner for Degrees, Affiliation by Demit, Affiliation by Transfer, Dual Membership and Waiver of Jurisdiction. If no more than two black cubes appear, the ballot is considered clear. If three black cubes appear, a second and final ballot is ordered. In any case, only the Secretary notifies the petitioner.

Be it resolved that Article 204,d (c) is in conflict with Article 216, Code of Laws and the Ritual, pages 13 and 15 concerning a unanimous ballot.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Code of Laws, Chapter 4, Article 204 d. (c) be changed to delete "and receive a unanimous ballot of election".

AMENDMENT NO. 18 – CODE OF LAWS
DIVISION 4, CHAPTER 7, THE BALLOT, Article 218, a. (1), page 158

WHICH NOW READS:

ARTICLE 218. HOW CONDUCTED

a. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

(1) Only members of the Chapter in which the ballot is being taken are entitled to vote. Every member of such chapter present at the meeting when the ballot is taken must vote. Members are not allowed to retire unless excused by the Presiding Officer.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

ARTICLE 218. HOW CONDUCTED.

a. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) All members of the chapter, when present in the chapter room at the time of balloting are entitled to vote on the candidates for the degrees or for affiliation.

**AMENDMENT NO. 19 – CODE OF LAWS
THE BALLOT, Article 218 c. OBJECTION OR PROTEST, page 159**

WHICH NOW READS:

Any person who has petitioned for the Degrees can be protested by a member of the Chapter personally filing a written objection with the Worthy Matron any time before the start of the initiation when the Associate Conductress reports there is a candidate in waiting and,

WHEREAS Article 218 a. (4)

NOW READS;

A ballot declared by a Presiding Officer is final and cannot be reconsidered. After the Worthy Matron has announced the result of any ballot, it shall be immediately destroyed.

WHEREAS Article 218 c. (1) is in conflict as no ballot declared by the Presiding Officer can be changed or reconsidered, and after the ballot has been declared clear, the petitioner has been elected to receive the Degrees. The protest or objection must be given before the ballot is taken.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Article 218 c. (1) be deleted and (2) and (3) be renumbered as (1) and (2).

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

I move the following to be added to the Code of Laws, Chapter 4, Article 68, Printed Reports:

The audited, fiscal year-end financial reports shall be published each year, in the Bulletin, within 60 days after the annual audit of the books of Grand Chapter is completed and the auditors have met with the Board of Directors.

Sharon Willingham
Texas City #626

Terri Rozell
New Caney #1093

**Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star
131st Installation of Grand Officers, 2013-2014
The Golden Links Session
Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, Texas
August 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Worthy Grand Matron Jayne Yenger
Worthy Grand Patron Trey Smith**

Musical Selections

**Mary Alberts
Past Matron, Killeen #490**

Master of Ceremonies

**Vi Griffin
Past Grand Matron of Texas
GGC Committee**

Processional Grand Marshal

**Bess Caldwell
Past Grand Matron of Texas**

MC Vi Griffin: Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends of the Order of the Eastern Star, welcome to the 132nd Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. I know that Sister Jayne and Brother Trey are excited almost beyond measure. I also know that they want you to know how very much they appreciate your presence here this evening. Between our preparations and conversations we have been enjoying the delightful musical prelude provided by Sister Mary Alberts, a Past Matron of Killeen Chapter #490. Thank you Sister Mary. You make our hearts happy. I am especially pleased to introduce to you the Processional Grand Marshal. Who better for that job than the one who waltzed us across Texas in 2009-2010? Sister Bess Caldwell, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

As we come to the final assembly of this 131st Grand Chapter Session, we are ever aware that one ending is merely another beginning so we turn the pages of our Grand Chapter Memory Book and prepare to add another link in Memory's Golden Chain. Through the memories that we have made with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron these past few years are still fresh in our minds, we look forward to making new memories – Link by Golden Link. Processional Marshal, it is my privilege to invite you to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Annette Curry and our Worthy Grand Patron, Bill Crews. (Three raps) It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Annette Curry, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Bill Crews, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors. Sister Annette, I present to you the gavel that you may call this Session to Order.

WGM Annette Curry: I call this Session to Order. (One rap)

MC Vi Griffin: Processional Grand Marshal, you will present our Most Worthy Grand Patron. (Three raps) It is my pleasure to introduce Brother John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in saluting him with the Grand Honors. (One rap)

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. (Three raps) I am pleased to present Sister Rennie Oton, Past Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. You will join me in saluting her with the Grand Honors. (One rap)

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present our Distinguished Guests, the Officers and

Committee Members of General Grand Chapter.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present those Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons whom Texans are so proud to call their very own. (Three raps) It is my honor to present the Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Texas. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. (One rap)

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions. (Three raps) I am honored to present the Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will join me in saluting them with Grand Honors. (One rap)

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Special Appointments of General Grand Chapter.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Master, his Officers and the Past Grand Masters of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present the Adult Leaders and Presiding Officers of our Fraternal Youth Organizations.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present Presiding Officers of Appendent Bodies.

Processional Grand Marshal, you will present our Special Guests the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Lott Chapter #594 and Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Vashti Chapter #32. Our Worthy Grand Matron Elect is a Past Matron of Vashti Chapter #32 in Temple and a Dual member of Lott #594. It is my pleasure to present Norma Blalock, Worthy Matron of Vashti Chapter and Shirley Melton, Worthy Matron of Lott Chapter. Thank you ladies.

Our Worthy Grand Patron Elect is a member of Big Spring Chapter #67 and a Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249. It is my pleasure to present Mary Bond, Worthy Matron and Keith Mikeworth, Associate Patron of Big Spring and Monica Riney, Worthy Matron and Don Riney, Worthy Patron of Arlington Chapter. Processional Grand Marshal, you will present these Special Guests.

The Constitution and Code of Laws governing the Order in Texas provide for three Boards, each elected by the majority vote of the Grand Chapter, the Board of Directors, the Board of Grand Examiners and the Corporate Board.

The Board of Grand Examiners is composed of six members, elected annually whose area of responsibility is to encourage Proficiency in our ritualistic work and the administration and reporting of the Proficiency Examinations of our members. I am please to present the 2013-2014 Board of Grand Examiners...I would ask you to please hold your applause until all have been presented:

Carolyn Martin, District 1, escorted by Bill Wyatt
Carla Stringer, District 2, escorted by Bobby Stringer
Donna Noe, District 3, escorted by Dan Noe
Terri Rozell, District 4, escorted by Paul Haltin

Linda Winn-Christensen, District 5, escorted by Victor Christensen
Laura Sharp, Grand Examiner at Large, escorted by Richard Sharp

Please greet your Board of Grand Examiners. (Applause)

The Board of Directors is composed of ten members, two from each District, each elected for a term of five years. A position on this Board carries a variety of responsibilities including caring for the assets of Grand Chapter. Now serving on the Board of Directors are:

Becky Austin, Secretary, District 1, escorted by Don Austin
Ray Hargis, District 1, escorted by Linda Hargis
Audri Rowell, District 2, escorted by Keith Mikeworth
Deborah Land, District 2, escorted by Richard Ochs
Jean Hobbs, District 3, escorted by Bruce Hobbs
Gerry Sturtz, Vice-Chairman, District 4, escorted by Bill Sturtz
Ronald Zipp, Chairman, District 5, escorted by Sandra Zipp
David Ouelette, District 5, escorted by Gay Lynn Nave

Please greet your Board of Directors. (Applause)

We are particularly pleased that our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect has chosen to make an exceedingly special appointment to the Grand Chapter Family, please greet the 2013-2014 Grand Chapter Mom, Mrs. Betty Lynn, mother of our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, escorted by Ms. Sandra Lynn. (Applause)

In addition to the eight Officers who are elected by the members of Grand Chapter and compose the Corporate Board, our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect has selected honored members from our Five Districts to serve the appointed offices and one to serve as the Fraternal Correspondent. For many of these, tonight is a dream come true. It is my honor to present the Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent for 2013-2014 to you:

Fraternal Correspondent, Betty Scott, escorted by her husband Andy Scott
Grand Sentinel I.H. "Skip" Smith, escorted by his wife, Yvonne Smith
Grand Warder Chris Puckett, escorted by her husband Roger Puckett
Grand Electa Cathi Cannon, escorted by her husband Gene Cannon
Grand Martha Helen Sandeford, escorted by Gerald Blalock
Grand Esther Lesa Smith, escorted by Hon. Ken Curry
Grand Ruth Nell Casparis, escorted by her husband A. L. Casparis
Grand Adah Jennifer Bodnar, escorted by her fiancé, Kevin Radenz
Grand Organist Michelle Stegman, escorted by her husband Ronnie Stegman
Grand Marshal Susan Hall, escorted by her husband Mike Hall
Grand Chaplain JoAnn Snow, escorted by her husband Chuck Snow
Associate Grand Conductress Sharon Mosmeyer, escorted by her husband Gary Mosmeyer
Grand Conductress Jerre Lucas, escorted by Paul Zappe, III
Grand Treasurer Lorrie Owens, escorted by her husband Jerry Owens
Grand Secretary Marlene Scholari, escorted by her husband Joseph Scholari
Associate Grand Patron George Gwaltney, escorted by his wife Nanette Gwaltney
Associate Grand Matron Cheryl Albrecht, escorted by her husband Darrell Albrecht
Worthy Grand Patron Trey Smith, escorted by his daughter Ashley Shriver
Worthy Grand Matron Jayne Yenger, escorted by her son Joseph D. Yenger

(Applause)

The lessons of our Order are based on Scripture. The principles of the Order of the Eastern Star are portrayed in the five degrees of our Order. We are admonished to let the virtues of these tried and true servants of God find reflection in our lives. The narration of the Star Point emblems will be presented by Sister Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron and will be assisted by other Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and the musical accompaniment will be by Susie Smith. Sister Naomi.

PGM Naomi Wolfe: I'm looking at the Officers to be installed and what a beautiful line, don't you think? (Applause)

A Family Reunion – God's Family/Our Family Emblem Presentation

Insert info here.

MC Vi Griffin: Sister Alma, it is my pleasure to welcome you and to invite you to introduce those who will be assisting you in the Installation Ceremony this evening. Sister Alma.

RWGS Alma Lynn Bane: Thank you, Sister Vi. As she said my friendship with Jayne spans many years. We've learned that through our Order that first impressions are lasting ones. My first impression of Jayne was that we were two mothers travelling on a bus to El Paso with our daughters who were Rainbow Girls. So our friendship began as Moms but it has continued as Sisters. Sister Jayne is a very unique individual in our Order in as first she was a member in one of our Subordinate Chapters under General Grand Chapter in Germany. She has continued with her Eastern Star service wherever she lived and many throughout the world have known and loved Jayne as we do tonight. My first impression of Brother Trey involves two things, roller skates and wings. And those of you who were at Virginia Lynn Greene's roundup know what I'm talking about. These are two very special individuals and I want to say a thank you to you for having invited me to be your Installing Grand Officer tonight. Brother Henry was so pleased when you asked him to assist me and he and Opal shared with me that he knew he would not be able to be here this evening but he knew that I would bring to you his love and his wishes for a wonderful year. It is at this time that I have the wonderful pleasure to introduce those who will be assisting with our Installation tonight. Our General Grand Chapter Assisting Installing Grand Officer, Brother John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Washington. Our Obligation will be given by Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, our General Grand Chapter Installing Grand Marshal, Sister Betty Benham, a Past Grand Matron of Texas and a Bobbi's Forever Friend. Our General Grand Chapter Installing Grand Organist is Joyce Gilbert a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Our General Grand Chapter Installing Grand Secretary, Yvonne Brownfield a Past Grand Matron of Texas. I invite these Installing Officers to assume their stations. Excuse me, there is one that was not on the list. I also have assisting me tonight as General Grand Chapter Installing Grand Chaplain, Sister Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron of Texas. At this time there are those who will prepare our Chapter room with the chairs for our Installation and at this time I would remind them to be mindful that our Bible is open upon our altar.

INSTALLATION OF 2013-2014 GRAND OFFICERS

Those installed were:

Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron
Trey Smith, Worthy Grand Patron
Cheryl Albrecht, Associate Grand Matron
George Gwaltney, Associate Grand Patron
Marlene Scholari, Grand Secretary
Lorrie Owens, Grand Treasurer
Jerre Lucas, Grand Conductress
Sharon Mosmeyer, Associate Grand Conductress
JoAnn Snow, Grand Chaplain
Susan Hall, Grand Marshal
Jennifer Bodnar, Grand Adah
Nell Caparis, Grand Ruth
Lesa Smith, Grand Esther
Helen Sandeford, Grand Martha

Cathi Cannon, Grand Electa
Chris Puckett, Grand Warder
H. “Skip” Smith, Grand Sentinel

MC Alma Lynn Bane: Worthy Grand Matron, I present to you your gavel that you might seat your Grand Chapter.

WGM Jayne Yenger: (One rap)

MC Vi Griffin: Wow, this Grand Chapter is in for a great year because they're off to a great start with this beautiful Installation ceremony. Our ties with the General Grand Chapter are always strengthened by the active participation of our Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in the endeavors of General Grand Chapter. And we have been so proud to have Sister Rennie Ofton to serve as the leader of our General Grand Chapter. Sister Rennie, I invite you to bring greetings.

We're going to push the re-wind button.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Conductress, you will close our holy Bible. (Three raps) (One rap after the Bible has been closed)

PMWGM Rennie Ofton: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, General Grand Chapter family, and wonderful Sisters and Brothers. What a wonderful privilege it is and I thank you, Jayne and Trey for letting me be a part of your Installation and be a part of the home folks and know how much love and things we do in Texas that are so important to us. As I travelled around, you know Texans don't brag, I told it like it was. And I always had the pleasure of talking about some of our activities and this week has been a prime example of it. We are a fraternal family. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master has been here, in and out of our meetings. We have four, I think, Past Grand Masters who have, who participate actively. We have youth leaders, Rainbow leaders, and DeMolay leaders. They are here and we know that they are our future so for them to be with us and we can walk and talk with them and perhaps encourage them. So all of that is so important to our Order right now. Yes, we've dropped membership but I'm afraid some of us are getting old and we can't stop that. But we are having a lot of new ones come in and if they will pick up the gauntlet and run I think we might be able to turn it around, I would hope so. I noticed that we have so many of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. You know sometimes they said that the Past Grands just get in the way, but you know what? We sit on the sidelines and we have an awful lot of information. We have an awful lot of ideas, but nobody asks us anymore. (Laughter) But you just ask us to do something and we are very, very happy to do so. And as I look around the room right now, there is strength in this room. You have come, not only to honor Jayne and Trey but to show, okay, we have closed the pages on the last year. We have started new ones. They are brand new clean ones and we want to be here to help. So I wish for all of the Texas Grand Chapter a wonderful, wonderful year. I hope that our relationships with our fraternal families grows stronger because we can educate those that really don't understand Grand Chapter. We show them by our actions. So, Sisters and Brothers, it's wonderful to be back home. You know I was gone for three years mostly and I would see all the things going on and I wasn't worried about them. I was just worried because I wasn't here to order you and tell you what I wanted you to do. (Laughter) Y'all did it without me for three years. Well, I'm back. No, I promise to behave. But it was a wonderful feeling to have your encouragement and your support and how proud I was to represent Texas in this wide world that we have.

So to all of you, let us increase the strength we have in any way that we have an opportunity. And opportunities do come along if we just look for them. So, Sisters and Brothers, I want to say my little poem, you may be tired of it but I want you to know what to tell people when someone says "Well what do you do in Eastern Star?" you say: We are good people, doing good things, for good reasons and thoroughly enjoying it. And I have thoroughly enjoyed being with you this week and I hope that God will continue to bless us and that he'll continue to take care of our leaders and especially our military. Thank you so much. God Bless. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: Thank you Sister Rennie. A man of sophistication and dignity, John Grobler is a shining example of a dedicated Mason and Eastern Star. We have learned firsthand of his service when he stepped in to serve General Grand Chapter during the last triennium, Brother John, I invite you to greet this assembly.

MWGP John Grobler: Thank you, Sister Vi. Well, when I came down to Texas, Barbara and I came down to visit a lot of our old friends down here and some young ones too. And didn't realize you were going to put me to work. Seems like my association with Texas keeps me working, but we do enjoy coming down to see y'all. And I just want to say this evening is really Jayne and Trey's evening with their Officers. And I would like to implore all of you to give them all of your support because they are going to need a lot of help when they exercise or execute their plan for the ensuing year. I've seen the work that y'all can do and I know that you'll offer that to Jayne and Trey also. And we'll be back to see you and I'm anxious to come back next year and help Jayne and Trey and all of you celebrate your successes which I know you'll have. So it's great to be here. We've had a great time being with you. This was an unexpected pleasure for me to step in for Henry Martin, who incidentally is doing a little better now. But I thoroughly enjoyed it and I thank you for the opportunity. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: The Grand Lodge of Texas and the Grand Chapter of Texas work hand in hand, side by side, each no part of the other, yet unified in service to mankind. It is indeed an honor to have the Grand Master of all Masons in Texas. Please welcome Most Worshipful Walter Rogers. We await your greetings from the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Worshipful Master Walter Rogers: (Applause) Thank you Viola! (Laughter) For those of you that don't know, her and her husband and myself and my wife go back a long, long way. I've stayed in their house, we have a personal relationships. I'd like to say how good and how pleasant it is for all Appendent bodies to dwell together in unity. And I want you to know that the Grand Lodge of Texas does walk hand in hand with all the Appendent bodies. We're proud of Texas and we're proud of what Texas does and what Texas will do in the future. I want to congratulate the new Worthy Grand Matron and the new Worthy Grand Patron. I would like to say that we will walk hand in hand for the remainder of my term which is for those of you that don't know is one hundred and eleven days. (Laughter) But who's counting. I'd like to say that a lot of times we, newly Installed Officers and the Officers in general take ourselves way too serious. We have a body of Masonry in Texas that is equal to any in the world. We accomplish things that other jurisdictions marvel at. I bring you greetings today from the 851 lodges in Texas and the nearly 90,000 Masons in Texas. And believe me when I say Texas is a big state. But with that I'd like to say I'm very proud to be an Eastern Star member. I'm a Past Patron of my Chapter and I've been here, this is the fourth day I've been here and I wouldn't have missed it because it's been on my calendar for four years. I'm just proud to be here but with that I was telling you we take ourselves just a little bit too

serious. I'm going to tell you a little story. It seems out in the country at this little church out there, they were having a hard time getting preachers so they finally got a real elderly fellow to come in there and one day this couple invited him over to their house to have lunch. And so he got over there, the couple had a little boy. The couple was upstairs getting cleaned up and ready and so the preacher asked the little boy, he said "Son, what do you think we're having for lunch today?" The little boy said "I think we're having goat." The preachers said "Really? What makes you say that, son?" And the little boy said "Well, I was listening to my Mom and Dad this morning and my Dad said I guess this is just a good a day as any to have that old goat over." (Laughter) And with that I'll say, Brothers and Sisters it is indeed a pleasure to be here. I've enjoyed myself. Your hospitality has been great. My wife and I have really enjoyed it. We thank you for every bit of it. And with that I'm going to finish by saying God Bless America, God Bless Free Masonry and God bless each of you. Thank you.

MC Vi Griffin: We realize that the future of our Order rests in the hands of our youth. We are so proud of our Fraternal Youth Organizations. We are honored with the presence of the leaders and members of these Youth Organizations in Texas and will hear greetings from their representatives. It gives me great pleasure to present to you J. Weldon Clampitte, Past Grand Master of DeMolay International and Executive Officer of Texas DeMolay.

Past Grand Master J. Weldon Clampitte: Grand Master I think I have you beat. I have fourteen days left. It is with a sad heart that I now address you for the last time as the Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas. It has been a wonderful trip these last twelve or thirteen years. It's been great working with the youth. I promoted not only DeMolay but Rainbow as well. I think they are our future, there is no doubt in my mind that they are the future. I just wish that we had more people that felt like myself and Mother Weaver do. We need your support and I thank you for all that this Grand body and constituent Chapters throughout the state have provided for DeMolay and Rainbow to these last years. It is wonderful; you have been a great help to us. I look out, you buy our fans, it's just tremendous the way this Grand Chapter works with the youth. This will be our future and behind me I'm going to introduce to you our State Master Councilor, Joey McAteer, or Joeseph, he spells it a little different Joeseph. That's why we call him Joe-E. And he's a fine young man from Grand Prairie, DeMolay Chapter. It is my pleasure to introduce to you now Joe-E McAteer.

Mr. Joey McAteer: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers Past and Present, Distinguished East, Members, Visitors and Guests. I would like to start off by thanking you for letting me bring Greetings to you this evening. I would like to congratulate Ms. Annette Curry and Mr. William Crews on a successful year. I would also like to wish the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Trey Smith and Ms. Jayne Yenger on an upcoming year, on a great year. You know I was truly impressed with the ceremony that I just witnessed here. It really left a great impression on my mind. It was very good but before I continue I'd like to introduce my Officers that are here present and I'd like that the State Officers that are here would please rise so they can be introduced. Over here we have our State Jr. Councilor Dakota Wolfe, our State Sr. Councilor Tony Keebler, our Deputy State Master Councilor John Parker. And over here we have our lovely State Sweetheart Ms. Shelby Wall and I'd like to thank you guys for being here today. (Applause) As I mentioned in my speech on Thursday, Texas DeMolay has approximately 775 members and we are continuing to grow. We are currently the fourth largest jurisdiction in the world, something to be very proud of. But we need the continued support and guidance of our Masonic fam-

ily to continue to grow. But today I'm not here to talk about how you guys can continue to help guide us but how we as DeMolays will continue to give back to our Masonic family. As was previously mentioned, DeMolay is the gateway to future Masonic family – to the Order of the Eastern Star and to Masons. I know personally several people here that have gone on from DeMolay to become Masons and Eastern Stars. And I'm sure there are currently countless other people here who have done that as well. If you would give me a second, I'd like to share with you guys a brief testament of what DeMolay has meant to me. You see, my father passed away nearly fifteen years ago and throughout this whole time it's been just me and my single Mom. And when I joined DeMolay nearly six and a half years ago it just really opened my eyes and really touched me. The support and guidance of all of you guys both positive male and female role models. For which many people that don't know "Dad" Land founded this organization in 1919 during World War I for that sole purpose of giving back to their youth. And I'm truly honored and blessed to say thank you guys for giving me that support and leadership that I truly need. Without you guys I don't know where I'd be right now, certainly not here giving a speech to you guys today. This is why we need the continued guidance and support and truly your help of a Masonic family. One of my favorite Degrees that DeMolay puts on is something called the "Flower Talk". Many of you may have seen it or heard it but I would like to briefly explain a little bit of its general purposes. The "Flower Talk" is a Degree meant for our Advisors but especially for our Mothers. And for me coming from a single Mom family every time I perform the "Flower Talk" it is a special meaning for me. There is one part in the Degree towards the end that we ask the DeMolays to take either a red or a white flower from the altar which signifies if their mother is still living or is deceased. This is perhaps one of the most touching things you might ever witness. But I am here to say again, thank you guys for your continued support and help and we look forward to helping guide the next generation of future Masons and future Eastern Stars. And again thank you guys for having me here today. It's a truly honor. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: The International Order of the Rainbow Girls is alive and well in Texas, experiencing new growth. Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Nature and Supreme Liaison to Mexico, will please bring Greetings.

Sister Marlene Dibrell: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, very Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. I do appreciate this opportunity to bring Greetings from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. As a member of the governing body for the International Rainbow House of Gold, I can tell you that Rainbow is alive and well all over the United States and in our Assemblies worldwide. Of course we are most proud of our Grand Assembly of Texas who is the second largest jurisdiction in the world. In Rainbow we have a great product to sell at a time when all parents are concerned about the influences their children encounter and the peer pressures they face. Eastern Star and Masonic values and teachings and their role models and mentors of fraternal groups provide the right kind of influences for our youth in their most impressionable years. Masonic youth can indeed be Eastern Star and Mason in the future. That future has been for every generation is ours to mentor, shape and build. The girls that you will see this evening are showing outstanding leadership by their presence. They are striving to be the very best persons they can be. Rainbow lessons and Rainbow influences are the cornerstones of the lives of these beautiful girls who are participating this evening. I am proud of you and each member of this assembly gathered this evening is proud of you. I truly think that working with youth is God's work and we can be his hands in shaping each generation. I believe that one of the highest callings in fraternal work is working with youth. Our young

people are truly living stones for a house we can build that will be pleasing to the Almighty. Adults, your positive influence is apparent in Texas. Our assemblies are growing and they are prospering, so thank you for sharing your time, your talents, your treasure with our girls to give them the tools to succeed in life. Rainbow would not exist without your believing in our girls and helping them believe in themselves. So thank you sincerely with deepest appreciation because without you, quite honestly, there would be no organization called Rainbow. As the journey begins in 2013-2014, Supreme Assembly joined by Texas Grand Assembly congratulates Worthy Grand Matron Jayne Yenger and Worthy Grand Patron Trey Smith and pledge our support of the Golden Links of this Grand Chapter year. Paternal family, maternal family, fraternal family and eternal family, may His hands above be our shining stars and continue to inspire us, to lead us, to motivate us, to give us strength and wisdom to do his work as we look forward to the promising future that lies before us through the lives of our youth and our youth organizations. Thank you so very much.

MC Vi Griffin: We always look forward to watching the beautiful young ladies of Texas Rainbow and they have never disappointed us. I can tell you that their enthusiasm and energy are never ending and I wish I could find a way to bottle it. It is a pleasure to present Mrs. JoAnn Weaver, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Supreme Deputy JoAnn Weaver: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, very distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. I'm very pleased to be with you this evening to bring Greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and all of our young ladies in Texas Rainbow. Thank you for the privilege that you have extended by your invitation for us to participate in this beautiful evening. It is an honor to be a part of your celebration. Because of the examples of your right living, the charity and the service, which are all teachings within our fraternal families, Rainbow Girls look to you as the continued pathway for our Rainbow lessons. We set our goals high. We have very firm friendships and we are surrounded by fraternal teachings of love and kindness to each other. Texas Rainbow would like to thank you for being our sponsoring Orders, and for sponsoring and supporting our young ladies. With your dedication, your commitment and your extraordinary service, you have shown us great support this weekend by purchasing every little monkey that you have seen running around this Convention Center. We thank you for that. As the time and the money that you have spent, we in turn give back to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Thank you for being true and faithful friends of Rainbow. As together we will continue to support and hold the hands of our young ladies. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are looking forward to the support that you will give to Texas Rainbow in 2013-2014 Grand Chapter year and we do promise to support both of you and in your many accomplishments which we know will be successful goals. We especially invite the two of you to our 2014 Grand Assembly Session in Waco as we are planning our 91st Celebration and look forward to honoring you at that time. It is now with much Rainbow excitement that I invite the Rainbow Girls of Texas to enter this Grand Chapter room. (Applause) Thank you, girls. Before we continue, I would like to make one comment. Perhaps some of you have noticed that we have some very small little girls that have joined us on the floor this evening. So that is just a point of clarification for each of you. Rainbow is working diligently to grow our Rainbow girls to become Eastern Star members, also very diligently working with our Pledge Group of girls who range in the ages of 8 to 11 to replace our Rainbow girls who become Eastern Star members. So we are working with our youth of Texas today. (Applause) Sister Drill Leader, you will conduct the Grand Worthy Advisor, Ms. Cheryl Haston to the altar. Sister Drill Leader and Assisting Drill Leader

you will please conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the altar. Grand Daughter was giving instructions to Grandmother. (Laughter)

(At this time Ms. Cheryl Haston did the Bible presentation to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron but the microphone was not on and could not hear any of it)

(Three raps) Please join us in singing “My Rainbow.”

Sister Drill Leader and Assistant Drill Leader please conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. Thank you Rainbow Girls for coming from all over this great state and for the beautiful presentation this evening. You are incredible young ladies and remember that you each hold a special place in my heart. Thank you and you may retire.

MC Vi Griffin: The jewels of the Offices of Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are reminders of the honor and responsibility of those Offices. The immediate Past Grand Matron, Sister Annette Curry will now make the presentation of the travelling jewel to the Worthy Grand Matron. The jewel being presented tonight is the original Worthy Grand Matron’s jewel of the Grand Chapter of Texas and matched the jewel of the Worthy Grand Patron.

PGM Annette Curry: Thank you my friend Vi Griffin. I was going to mention that myself. Worthy Grand Matron, yes, the Worthy Grand Patron’s jewel is very similar to this. It’s quite lovely but the Worthy Grand Matron’s jewel in the last years has been smaller and has diamonds and jewels all around but I want to say that I had a little part in finding this jewel. And it’s been lost supposedly for many, many, many years. It was recently found and is quite beautiful. Quite beautiful, so, Jayne Yenger, our Worthy Grand Matron will be the first to wear this in many, many years and I’m so pleased, Worthy Grand Matron, to present this jewel to you this evening. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Worthy....Jr. Past Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: Brother Bill Crews, we will allow you to present the Worthy Grand Patron’s traveling jewel.

PGP Bill Crews: Brother Trey, would you meet me up here? Now, Brother Trey, this jewel has been around for many, many, many years. It is the original jewel of the Grand Chapter. Now, they told me I had to guard this with my life when I received it last year and it has not been out of my sight. I sleep with it. (Laughter) Just to make sure nobody gets away with it. But I’m going to put this on you right now. It’s very, very beautiful. It matches the other one and these two jewels are now re-married together. Protect it.

WGP Trey Smith: Thank you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: One of our Past Grand Matrons has often said “if you can believe it, you can achieve it.” And a precious reminder of all she has believed and achieved is the Past Grand Matron’s jewel. Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron will make the presentation to our immediate Past Grand Matron, Sister Annette.

PGM Elise Hammack: Thank you Master of Ceremonies. Sister Annette Curry, my wonderful friend of many years and I want you to know that others could have done this for you and could have done a better job but none would have enjoyed it more than me. I’ve watched you, I was proud of you, I am still proud of you and I’m always going to be on your team. You certainly haven’t tarnished the place of Worthy Grand Matron. You’ve done a

good job and we welcome you back to our Chapter in N. Ft. Worth. And Grand Chapter, you'll go there when you can too. But we appreciate all the efforts that you've put into this year. I seldom got to talk to her because she didn't have time to fool with me and I understood it. I know that you've had some difficulties but everyone does, that just goes with it. You know we have to make unpopular decisions when you're in places of position. And I know this in my heart and I know you've prayed about it a lot, so have I. Well, pretty soon now, like tomorrow, you told my husband you were going fishing. So she says she's going fishing now. When Kenneth Curry was living, they carried the kids to the lake and fished and loved it. And I live on the lake and never fish. Never have put a hook in the water, been there 29 years. We want you to come and fish and we want you to do whatever it is you like. But I want to tell you, you add much luster to the jewel that you wore because of your tenacity and your good work ethic and we're proud of you. And just welcome, welcome home and we hope you get lots of good rest. It is a joy for me to place the Past Grand Matron's jewel on your shoulder. Thank you for inviting me to do this and Annette, we're proud of you and welcome you home and Grand Chapter's proud of you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: Sister Annette do you have any remarks you'd like to make?

PGM Annette Curry: Thank you my dear friend Elise B. Hammack. I do want to thank the Grand Chapter of Texas for allowing me to serve as Worthy Grand Matron. It's been a joy. It's been a joy and the membership has been so good. So many of you have helped me along the way, you've given me words of encouragement. And it's times like that when things were not quite so pleasant that you were always there and I always came away from you feeling better. I am pleased to be able to go home. Be off for a while and although I'll be travelling. But I cannot express my appreciation to the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The contributions and the projects that we had, you have done more and more and more than I ever expected. And I hope and pray that I have never disappointed you as I served in any position and especially the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: Everyone of us knows that behind every good man is a good woman – and a surprised Mother-in-law. To present the Past Grand Patron's jewel is a really good woman. Sister Kathey Crews.

Sister Kathey Crews: Well, I'm not much of a talker. All I can say is I am proud of you, Bill and the integrity which you gave to this office and the work that you've done this year, standing by Annette all the way. (Applause)

PGP Bill Crews: Don't you run off, I want to talk to you. (Laughter) You know, it's been a real short ride, really. I thought it was going to be longer than that. But this has been a very important part of my life and my wife has stood beside me every bit of the way. If I needed something done, she was right there to do it for me. And I could never give her enough credit for what she does in my life. She is my Queen. I've called her Queen all year and she's still my Queen. And I get to come home now honey to be your King. (Laughter & Applause) One other thing I'd like to say while I'm here is that I'm very honored that Annette chose me to walk this path with her. She has been a shining light in my life and we have had many, many good times together. We've caught fish. She made me take the fish off the hook. But we had lots of fun and I know she's going to catch a big one when she gets home. I don't know who's going to take it off the hook for her, but....(Laughter) If she needs me to she can call me to come take the fish off the hook. But we have certainly enjoyed this year and

we are so honored for Eastern Star and what they mean in our lives. And we will always be here to give back to Eastern Star. Thank you very much. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: Every Grand Chapter year is unique and represents the individuality of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The individual portions of the program for 2013-014 and will be presented by several of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Presenting the Worthy Grand Patron's Dedication is Elise Hammack, our Elite Lady.

PGM Elise Hammack: Thank you, Trey for this nice honor of presenting your Dedication. This is written by Trey and is very sweet and meaningful.

I am very hopeful that this year of service will be a positive experience for all of our members in Texas. I will give the very best I have to offer. I want to dedicate my service as Worthy Grand Patron to these special people. Each one of them is very important to me.

First my bride, Lesa – You have been my source of love, support, happiness and understanding. I am grateful you are my wife and especially because you still laugh at my jokes. I love you!

To my daughter, Ashley – You are a beautiful young woman and I am proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You have a great future ahead of you and I know you will achieve all of your dreams!

To my parents, Bobbie and Junior – You are the best in the world. You are both great examples of a wonderful life! You are generous beyond bounds and loving beyond words and I thank God for you both every day.

To my Mother-In-Law, Lynda and my extended family and friends - I appreciate your support and the love you have always shown me.

To my Secretary, Jerre: my Grand Escort, Susie; and my Pages, Donnie, Philip and Tom – You are awesome to me and you all are the best. Thank you.

To the members of Big Spring Chapter #67; all members of District 2, the members of Arlington Chapter #249; and all members of District 3 – Your support over the years has been strong and very much appreciated. I covet your prayers and continued support.

To all members of our Order – I am dedicating this year of service to each of you. Your calls and words of encouragement are far more than one man could ever expect. I will gladly serve you with a cheerful heart.

To Sister Jayne, our new Worthy Grand Matron – I pledge all of my support. We have always been friends and will always be friends. I am very grateful you asked Lesa to be your Grand Esther. Oh, yes, I will help carry your bags – limit of three please! (Laughter) I will also do everything I can to honor the love and memory of my Father-in-law, Leland; my birthday girl, Wanda and my friend, Gayle. I know they are my guardian angels.

Thank you, Trey for letting me to do this. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: The Dedication of our Worthy Grand Patron's March is Bill Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona and now an official Texan.

PGP of Arizona Bill Rhyan: "The Guiding Star of the East March", arranged and composed by me, J. William Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona.

This march is dedicated to Trey's grandmother "Mimi." She loved music and she was one of the most caring and appreciative ladies he has ever known. She was a living example of a devoted Christian. Mimi was continually giving of herself. She was patient, and willing to teach. She was wise and did her best to impart life lessons to Trey. One of the greatest was – always treat others as you would like to be treated. Another was to stand still and hear God talking to you, sharing His 'Whispering Hope.' The song "Whispering Hope" is for her.

"Amazing Grace" is one of the songs Trey loves to hear Lesa sing. It is such an amazing song that shares a great message. It is so simple to trust in the Lord, but folks just make it seem difficult.

The other two songs are his parents' favorites. It was always great fun to hear his Dad request "Wabash Cannonball". He would grin from ear to ear when he heard this song. It makes Trey grin even now when he hears it. The other song is "The Lily of the Valley." His mother has said for years that this song meant so much to her growing up. It is the wonderful story of a person's life and how the Lord talks to us and is continually guiding us on our journey.

I hope you enjoy this march and that you hear the *whisper*, the *jingle-jangle*, the *Peace of God*, and feel His *amazing grace* every time you hear it played. Sister Rosemary.

("The Guiding Star of the East March" played by Rosemary Swetland Berry)

(Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: Each Grand Chapter year, our Humanitarian Program is a focal point of our benevolent endeavors. Our Worthy Grand Matron has prepared a Humanitarian Program which will afford the membership the privilege of providing needed service to others. Our Treasured Friend, Sister Mary Ruth White will present the 2013-2014 Humanitarian Program.

PGM Mary Ruth White: The Humanitarian Program is entitled "Peace for Our Nation." The "Peace for Our Nation" Humanitarian Program for 2013-2014 will focus our energies on the following areas of concern of our Worthy Grand Matron. Each Subordinate Chapter is encouraged to become 100% by contributing \$1.00 per member on their Chapter rolls as of May 31, 2013 to one or more aspects of the "Peace for Our Nation" Humanitarian Program. Chapters can continue to collect contributions throughout the year in the form of Honorariums and Memorial gifts. Each Chapter will be recognized at the Fraternal Visit in their Section and the Worthy Matrons will be awarded ribbons for 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500% participation by their Chapters. Our Worthy Grand Matron has given us the word "PEACE". And each letter of this word represents components of this year's Humanitarian Program.

P - Provide Benevolent Aid for our Sisters and Brothers. We are able to assist those who need temporary to more permanent aid. This fund will enable us to continue with this effort which averages over \$35,000 a year of aid to our members and also to contribute to disaster relief.

E - Education – Scholarships for our members and youth. Members and their children/grandchildren are encouraged to apply for scholarships. Information and applications are available on the Grand Chapter website.

- A - Assist with operating expenses of the General Fund. Our Per Capita tax does not cover all the expenses of the General Fund which pays for the daily operation of Grand Chapter and our Grand Secretary's office. This will help bridge the cost of these undertakings.
- C - Care for our Ladies residing at TMRC. Our Per Capita tax does not cover all the payment to TMRC for the care of our ladies. This fund will supplement the cost of providing these services to the ladies whom we are obligated to support.
- E - ESTARL The Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership provides scholarships to those who are entering the various aspects of the ministry. A Chapter must sponsor any person who is seeking this award to continue her/his religious studies.

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for allowing me to read your Humanitarian Program tonight. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: The Dedication of our Worthy Grand Matron will be presented by Nancy Brown, Past Grand Matron, who surrounds us with her love and reminds us that we are surrounded by God's love.

PGM Nancy Brown: (This was written by the WGM) This year is dedicated to all the LINKS in my GOLDEN CHAIN. The four LINKS of my CHAIN represent my FAMILY –

Paternal, Maternal, Fraternal, Eternal.

The first LINK represents my Paternal Family. My father was a proud 50 year Mason and member of the Eastern Star and my connecting LINK to the Order.

The second LINK represents my Maternal Family. My mother was a 75 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star at the time of her death, and I was proud to call her my Mother, my Sister, and my Friend.

The third LINK represents my Fraternal Family. The membership., each of my Sisters and Brothers.

The fourth LINK represents my Eternal Family. Whom I know I will join again in my Father's house.

My Fraternal LINKS: Members of Vashti Chapter #32
 Members of Lott Chapter #594
 Members of District 3, Section 8

THEME, EMBLEM, FLOWERS, COLORS

THEME

United We Stand

EMBLEM

Golden Chain

FLOWER

Peonies in all colors

COLORS

Blue and Gold

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:5

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on thine own understanding; In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct our paths.”

WATCHWORDS

Believe in our Order

Hope for the Future

Joy for the Children

Peace for the Nation

“These things have I spoken unto you – that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full.”

“This is my commandment, that we love one another as I have loved you.”
John 15:11-12

LOVE

LOVE beareth all things for the good of the Order

LOVE hopeth all things for the good of the Members

LOVE endureth all things that the Order and Members may prosper

LOVE is the connecting LINK to our beloved Order

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: The Worthy Grand Matron’s March Dedication will be presented by Betty Y. Friend, Past Grand Matron, still our favorite Starlight.

PGM Betty Y. Friend: Thank you, Sister Vi. Worthy Grand Matron I appreciate the opportunity to bring to the membership the Dedication of your music. Our Worthy Grand Matron has two marches this year. The first is called the “Links of Love Grand March”. Arranged and composed by Michelle Stegman, Grand Organist, 2013-2014 and transcribed by J. William Rhyan, Past Grand Patron of Arizona.

And the Worthy Grand Matron says:

“Sister Michelle, thank you so much for composing this march. I will always be reminded that you thought of me in this way. And then put it to music! Yes, I will dance my way to the Grand East. I want you to know that it meant so much to me to have Brother Paul included. That was special and he would have been so proud. The military part would have been his favorite and would have made him stand tall. I can picture him when I hear it played. Thank you again for being my Sister and my Friend.”

The second march is called the “Golden Chain March” and this march was one of our former Past Grand Matron’s, Sister Agnes Lee Howard and this she has done in memory of Sister Agnes Lee Howard.

“This beautiful march was one of my favorites as I came up through the line. I can picture Sister Agnes Lee sitting by the window sharing some of her favorite Eastern Star treasures. She was a special lady and I am pleased to bring back her march and share it with the membership. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have. Thank you, Sister Agnes Lee”.

Please listen as Grand Organist, Michelle Stegman presents the first march selection.

(Michelle Stegman, Grand Organist played LINKS of Love Grand March)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you so much, Sister Michelle. That was beautiful. Paul would have loved it.

(Sister Mary Alberts played Golden Chain March)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Mary Alberts.

MC Vi Griffin: For a child, there is nothing more special than a special gift for Mom. For a Mom, there is nothing more special than a gift from your children. I believe that Jennifer and Joey have a special presentation for the Worthy Grand Matron.

(Jennifer Bodnar and Joey Yenger make the presentation)

Joey Yenger: I love you, Mom.

Sister Jennifer Bodnar: Worthy Grand Matron, inside this new box is something that is going to contain 100 years of our family history. I’m going to present to you, your gavel that has been in our family for 100 years. Your great Aunt Nelly Mann, this gavel was made from the crib that she slept in as a baby, the cradle. In 1938 it was presented to her when she served for the first time as Worthy Matron. In 1972 when you served as Worthy Matron in Peace Chapter #2 in Stuttgart, Germany, your mother, Nina Horne presented it to you. When I served as Worthy Matron in Katy Chapter #1121 in 2007, you presented it me. So this gavel, this old gavel has made quite a bit of travels and it’s travelled to the Grand East in the great state of Texas. And I present it to you on behalf of Joey and I and your family. We love you. And I want you to know that a very special person in my section, I told them about the gavel I was presenting and made this in just a couple of days. My little Page’s husband, Cindy’s husband made this for you in just a couple of days so we could present it tonight. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Sister Cindy and please thank your husband.

Sister Jennifer Bodnar: Tom

WGM Jayne Yenger: Tell Tom that this will mean a lot and I see it’s got some little critters in the bottom, like little penguins. Thank you. Thank you both. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: What better to follow a special gift than special music.

**(Lesa Smith, Grand Esther and wife to the Worthy Grand Patron, Trey Smith, sings
“Wind Beneath My Wings” to him.)**

(Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: And if he can utter one word now, it is my happy privilege to present our Worthy Grand Patron for Greetings.

WGP Trey Smith: Good grief. (Laughter) That's just really not fair is it? I just want to say first of all how much I do appreciate all of you being here and staying with us and staying awake with us. I know it's been a week but you know what, we survived it, we made it through it and we're going to go forward. And it's going to take all of y'all to help us do that. So I do appreciate it very much. It's a great testimony of what our Order is really all about and that is very special to me. I want to thank Sister Jayne for finally asking me to go this way with her. She asked me about three weeks ago. (Laughter) And that's the truth. She had asked my wife before this but it was nice to finally be asked. Thank you Sister Jayne. Lesa, you're just going to have to stop doing this at some point but not now. And I wanted to make sure I introduce to you because I didn't introduce her at our Luncheon and it cost me a dress and I'm still paying on that one so, it is what it is. You know I love you. To my Mom and Dad, my sister and my nephew, and my Mother-in-Law and my daughter. My nephew, Nicholas, it is very, very, very special that you're here. I know that Mom and Dad have gone through some hard times but we're all together and we're all here, and Dad's at home. And that's what's good. I love y'all. Thank you. To Big Spring Chapter #67 if you can stand still, I would appreciate it. I appreciate everything you've ever done and tell me that you're going to continue to do. It means a lot to me. I'm very proud of you and I'm very proud to be a member of District 2, Section 8 and Big Spring Chapter#67. You know we may be spread out pretty far out there but we do our best to get around and make ourselves known and we work hard at it. We have a great big heart to go with our area. But know I love you and know I appreciate you very much. Will the members of District 2, Section 8 please stand? You're very special to me and you're all part of our family. I consider us all a big family out there and it's nice to see you whenever I get to and we're looking forward to coming your way very soon. So I hope y'all are ready, you'll get ready. Thank you so much for being here. To Arlington Chapter #249, I would like for you to stand please. You took me in when I came down here and I started doing volunteer work at the Eastern Star Home. And you were my family away from my other family and it meant a lot to me and it always will. And I appreciate you very much for being here. I thank you for your support and all the love you have shown me. And I will be back soon I hope. It maybe won't be too long. Thank you for everything you have done for me. Thank you, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. I appreciate you. And to the members of District 3, Section 1, you know I feel like I'm twice blessed, because I do have two Districts that I belong to and two Sections. I think sometimes we put a little too much emphasis on what District we are from compared to really realizing I think that we really need to work together as one unified group. You know we don't need the borders and we don't need the separation. We really need to pull together and work for the better of our Order and do what's best for our Order. That's my prayer and that's what I hope all y'all will help me accomplish this year. I will do everything I can to make it happen. And I need y'all to help me with that. To our Installing Officers, you did an incredible job. It was very nice and very kind of you to help do this tonight to get us installed and especially you Brother John, we appreciate you being here, stepping in for Brother Henry. It was very kind

of you. Sister Rosemary, if you're over there somewhere. It meant a great deal to me for you to play my march. The first time I ever remember seeing you, you were dressed in yellow and you played for an installation that I helped with and you always told me that you would play someday for me and you finally did. And I appreciate it. More than you know. To the Board of Directors and the Board of Grand Examiners, please stand. I look forward to us working together doing what we have to do to do Grand Chapter's work and standing side by side doing it. I appreciate each and every one of you and each and every thing that you do and the sacrifices that you make. Thank you. You know, by this point I'm usually in the back with my feet...with my shoes off and my feet up waiting for someone like me to quit talking. (Laughter) That's been my story for quite some time. But I will leave you with this: God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, sun without rain, but he did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears and light for the way. Thank you and God bless you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: It is now my high honor to present to you Jayne Yenger, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas for her Greetings.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Distinguished East, Worthy Grand Patron, to each of you, my Sisters and Brothers. When I look out upon this assembly tonight you don't know what I carry in my heart. My Sisters, Brothers, Family, thank each of you. Almost 50 years ago I decided I wanted to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Both my Father and Mother were members along with many close friends. I joined and became very active. My Chapter in Germany needed a secretary, so caring for my two children during the day, I became a secretary by night, Marlene you know how that is. Paul became a Mason and joined soon thereafter. We were off and running. I worked very closely, yes Sister Alma, with the General Grand Chapter Right Worthy Grand Secretary. At that time it was Sister Mamie Lander, what a sweet lady. I had a Right Worthy Grand Matron visit Germany one time and we had somebody that was not a member try to get in to the Chapter room. And that Most Worthy Grand Matron as if she knew who Sister Mamie Lander was. And she said "No." so she said "Well, you're not a member of the Order of the Eastern Star." And I think one day Sister Alma, that's the way we'll feel about you. What I didn't know was that almost fifty years later that another Right Worthy Grand Secretary and close friend would be installing me as Worthy Grand Matron of the state of Texas, Sister Alma. I love you. WOW what a ride! I've enjoyed every minute of it.

At this time I would like to thank my family and friends for their love and support. For always being there for me, even though they might wonder why? Each of you knows what you have done and the part you played for me. I know I have Special ones who are looking down. I could not have walked this way without them. One will always be at my side, holding my hand. Yes, he is smiling. I would like to introduce my family and friends that are here this evening. My older brother Tom, yes I did say "older" (Laughter) and his wife Sister Lanie. My sister Pat Eschbach and my brother Ron, my "younger" brother although he's still older than I am, and his wife Lynn. I kind of call her Sis too. My two nephews, Shawn and Craig, are you out there? They are very special to me. And Craig's family, his wife and I don't think the little ones are here tonight. But especially my son Joey, his wife Sharon, my grandson Trey and two great grand-sons Jasper and Jason. To my daughter Jennifer, and two grand-daughters Tamara Wray and Sidney Marie and then the little great-grandson, Josiah. I have to also say I have some special and very dear friends here tonight and oh, how many years we go back. I guess almost fifty years, Brother Carl Haynes and his wife Pauline and their

very special daughter Carla. And some other friends that go way back to Germany, Brother Kurt and Sister Chris Ward. How special you are. Thank you. I love you all. (Applause) I would also like to thank my Worthy Grand Patron, and his family for walking this way with me. Sister Lesa, you know what you mean to me. I love you, Trey. And that's all I'm going to say about that. (Laughter) I want to thank the membership for electing me to this position and I will try my very best to fulfill my obligation and serve the order with the best of my ability. I want each of you to know that I am in this place of service because of you. I am beginning a long journey across the state, not that I haven't travelled that way before, but I am looking forward to being with the membership and greeting you each of you along the way. My inspiration comes from each of you and we will work together as a team. We will work together for our great Order. I would like to thank our Installing Officers. We could not have got through this evening without each of you. Sister Alma Lynn, Brother John, Sister Sharon, Sister Betty, Sister Bess and Sister Yvonne and the Star Point presenters you were beautiful. I would like you to know that Brother Trey and I have made a donation to the Scottish Rite Hospital in your names. Thank you so much for being a part of this Installation. And Brother Trey, and Brother Trey and I want you to know that United We Stand in the belief in our Order. Thank you. (Applause)

MC Vi Griffin: Worthy Grand Matron, you get to go right to work.

WGM Jayne Yenger: At this time we are going to have a short recess and to voice our Benediction this evening is Brother Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas. (Three raps)

PGP Bill Wyatt: Sisters and Brothers, take the hand of the one next you. Sisters and Brothers, always remember this is a Sister and Brother you can always count on. Our most gracious heavenly Father we will thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed on us. We want to thank you as we complete the business of this Grand Chapter this evening. Father we ask you to be with this new Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jayne and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Trey. Lead and guide them this year in the way that you see fit to bless this Order. Father we ask you to reach down and touch each and everyone's heart in here as we leave here tonight. Protect each one as we go back to our homes. And Father we ask you to bless this Order and we ask you to protect these Grand Officers as they travel this year. All these things we ask in your most precious name, Amen. (Amen)

WGM Jayne Yenger: We will now have a brief recess and those that are not members of the Order may retire. When you leave the parking lot, we have a gate open now on the West side. If you turn right at the top of the hill and then turn right and go to 30 East or West. So just remember we have one more gate open. Or we have one gate open.

Sister Vi Griffin: Lost and Found has a very pretty bracelet up here that someone lost in the parking lot. A beautiful tennis bracelet.

WGM Jayne Yenger: I don't know if you heard in leaving. We have a beautiful tennis bracelet up here that was found in the parking lot.

I would like to ask my Officers to assume their stations at this time. We still have to close Grand Chapter. Also I would like to remind the Grand Officers that when we close that you need to return your badges to the Grand Secretary's desk in the Southeast. I'm going to back up just a minute. Grand Officers, when we close I'm going to ask you to meet me at the altar and we will lay our badges upon the altar as we leave this Grand Chapter room.

Grand Marshall, when we close and lay the badges on the altar, you will deliver them to the Grand Secretary, get a count and sign. Can I ask everyone to be seated at this time we still have to close our Grand Chapter. Could I please ask you to take your seats at this time so we can close our Grand Chapter.

WGP Trey Smith: (One rap) All present who are not members of the Order will retire. Sister Tina, will you please close that door after they get out please.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Sister Grand Marshall you will retire the flag of our country.

**(Session reopened in Ritualistic form, the Grand Chapter proved,
and called from Rest to Labor)**

WGM Jayne Yenger: Do we have any presentations at this time?

Brother Ron Zipp: We most certainly do Worthy Grand Matron. We are truly blessed and I hope I'm one of the first to call you that right now. But we as the Board of Directors of this wonderful Organization, this beautiful Organization, we have the Eastern Star Van and we want you to be able to travel across Texas, use it like it needs to be used, I know its cleaned up and gassed up and all ready to roll because I know the prior Worthy Grand Matron had it all fired up for you. So it's all ready to go and here's the set of keys and I just want you to know, enjoy but be safe. May the good Lord always be with you, now and forever more, Amen. (Applause)

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Brother Ron and Brother Trey, there's two sets here.

Brother Ron Zipp: All these Board members are sharing all the excitement we have for you this year. We were excited last year, we're also excited this year. We're going to have a lot of wonderful teamwork and we'll work together.

WGM Jayne Yenger: Thank you Brother Ron and to the Board of Directors, I thank you so much. I'm looking forward to working with you this year. We have a couple of new members and I know it's going to be a good year. It's going to be a lot of hard work

But as I said before: United We Stand. And that's going to be kind of how we are going to go on throughout this year. And both Brother Trey and I are looking forward to working with each of you. Thank you. (Applause)

Are there any announcements? I have a couple of announcements. One is remember that we have a breakfast at 8:00 in the morning, a late breakfast from what we've been having. And we don't want to disappoint our new Associate Grand Conductress so let's all get some sleep and show up for breakfast. Then after breakfast, we have a very special meeting and we'd like to remind our Deputy Grand Matrons that we have a conference and both the conference and the Breakfast will be here in the Convention Center and I'd like to ask that all our Grand Officers and our Elected Boards and our Grand Examiners, please stop by. If you come by the Deputies meeting we will try not to keep you long. If you're there early we'd like to introduce each of you to our Deputy Grand Matrons so please be there for us. Thank you.

I would also, Brother Trey and I thank you for passing out the programs. We thank all that helped pulling this Installation together and those that are leaving out, have safe travels.

We will now have our Closing Ode "In the Garden".

Mizpah Benediction.

(Ritualistic Closing for the 131st Grand Chapter Session)

APPENDIX

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-2011

Year	WORTHY		WORTHY		ASSOCIATE		ASSOCIATE		GRAND		TREASURER
	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND MATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	GRAND PATRON	SECRETARY	GRAND		
1884	†Mrs. E.J. Talbot	†W.L. Holt	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Mrs. Wickham	†R. McPhail	†Mrs. A. McGregor				
1885	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P. Hawkins	†Mrs. May Swayne	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†Carr Forest	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. McGregor				
1886	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†P.H. Stevens	†Mrs. Sallie Wayde	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†D.H. Hightower	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. M. Hightower				
1887	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. B. McElroy	†Mrs. V. Tucker Essex	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. A. Schwartz				
1888	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.J. Kendrick	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.B. Snodgrass	†J. K. Ashby	†Mrs. Sarah L. Berflner				
1889	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†J.W. Ellender	†Mrs. M.M. Neeley	†Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†T.J. Neely	†Stephen Gould	‡Mrs. M.R. Marsh				
1890	*Mrs. Lizzie Hadley	†Stephen Gould	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	*Mrs. Jennie Cassill	‡Mrs. M.R. Marsh				
1891	†Mrs. Belle Moon	†A.F. Hicks	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†J.L. Miller	‡J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter				
1892	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†J.L. Miller	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†Mrs. M. Strehom	†J.W. Felbaum	‡J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter				
1893	†Mrs. P.C. Harris	†Tom Murrah	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†Mrs. E.C. Carpenter	†D. Ludlow	‡J.D. Slawson	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim				
1894	†Mrs. R.M. Swaim	†D. Ludlow	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†Mrs. S.A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Kate Birch				
1895	†Mrs. Sadies A. Hoskins	†L.S. Garrison	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph				
1896	†Mrs. Kate Birch	†J.K. Bowman	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. Ree Alvord				
1897	†Mrs. Jennie Randolph	†J.T. Atchinson	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Kearney	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh				
1898	†Mrs. Ree Alvord	†N.M. Kearney	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†S.D. Moore	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. W.P. Baugh				
1899	†Mrs. A.A. Garrison	†W.S. Hoskins	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†Mrs. A.V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne				
1900	†Mrs. Agnes V. Young	†W.S. Hellyer	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne				
1901	†Mrs. K.M. Bryan	†A.C. McDaniel	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. Laura B. Hart	†Mrs. M.A. Sherburne				
1902	†Mrs. M.E. Smith	†R.W. Lemond	†Mrs. A. Walker	†Mrs. A. Walker	†P.S. Park	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph				
1903	†Mrs. Alma M. Walker	†P.S. Park	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman				
1904	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle	†E.C. Canon	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman				
1905	†Mrs. E.J. Randolph	†John Orchard	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†Mrs. M.E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman				
1906	†Mrs. Mollie E. Gray	†F.M. Walker	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman				
1907	†Mrs. Carrah Johnson	†T.J. Tucker	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†J.H. Anderson	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. L.F. Seaman				
1908	†Mrs. Fannie V. Ward	†C.H. Thorn	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	*Mrs. Amelia Huvelle				
1909	†Mrs. Carrie B. Lane	†G.W. Glasscock	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson				
1910	†Mrs. Edith Findlater	†E.J. Hosey	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†Mrs. Mattie I. Hill	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Anna Johnson				
1911	†Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	†L.A. Heil	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen				
1912	†Dr. Mattie I. Hill	†Sam P. Cochran	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†M.T. Bell	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen				
1913	†Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	†M.T. Bell	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Cora Posey	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody				
1914	†Mrs. B.B. Huddleston	†S.B. Miller	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody				
1915	†Miss Cora Posey	†G.W. Hester	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†W.A. Christian	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Mrs. M.B. Moody				
1916	†Mrs. M.L. Eldridge	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson				
1917	†Mrs. Cora M. Cohen	†Dr. W.B. Halley	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson				
1918	†Mrs. Flora Penix	†Frank W. Lynn	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson				
1919	†Mrs. Maggie B. Moody	†C.P. Patrick			†John Findlater	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson				

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1920	†Mrs. Margaret L. Hosoy	†John Findlater	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1921	†Mrs. Mary E. Roach	†W.H. Mercer	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1922	†Mrs. Mattie A. Sebitts	†S.A. Penix	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1923	†Mrs. Norton B. Wellborn	†T.J. Holbrook	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1924	†Mrs. Stella C. Vodrie	†J. Dixie Smith	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. C.C. Leonard	†Miss W.I. Pierson
1925	†Mrs. Velma B. Halley	†J.D. Todd	†Mrs. Margery Wofford	†Frank Holt	†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	†Mrs. Margery Wofford
1945	†Mrs. Lillah Mae Vollus	†Norman H. Read	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1946	†Mrs. Hattie D. Gilbert	†Frank R. Phillips	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Miss Cora Posey	†Miss Blanche Earl
1947	†Mrs. Cheba Dewees	†Pat Boone	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1948	†Mrs. Esther B. Graves	†Dr. T.G. Rogers	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†Dean Gaudin	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Miss Blanche Earl
1949	†Mrs. Mabel Harle	†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. Saily Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1969	†Mrs. Saily Matranga	†Richard T. Porter	†Mrs. Frances Herrin	†Victor Jones	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1970	†Mrs. Frances Key Herrin	†J. Victor Jones	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Rebecca Miles	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1971	†Mrs. Aliene Houston	†Harold Todd	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill [†] Holmes	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1972	†Mrs. Katherine Harbour	†C.A. Bill [†] Holmes	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	Paul Huffhines	†Mrs. Agnes Lee Howard	†Mrs. Jettie Hinton
1973	†Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsup	†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. F. Hutson	†Mrs. Louise W. Armstrong	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1987	†Mrs. Sherrill Cain	†B. F. Hutson	†Mrs. Doris Efrid	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1988	†Mrs. Doris Efrid	†Harry G. Cunningham	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	Joe E. Jeffers	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1989	†Mrs. Betty Phillips	Joe E. Jeffers	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1990	†Mrs. Effie Mae Davis	Graham H. Childress	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	Glen Whitaker	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1991	†Mrs. Jane Gregory	Glen Whitaker	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Garland W. Rattan	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1992	†Mrs. Virginia L. Green	†Garland W. Rattan	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace
1993	†Mrs. Marcella Curry	†Leland Benefield	†Mrs. Wanda Fairchild	†Charles Morris	†Mrs. Frances Burbank	†Mrs. Lola Wallace

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LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS, 1884-2010

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
2010	Mrs. Mary Ruth White	K. Arthur Dresher	Mrs. Vi Griffin	Mr. David Dibrell	Mrs. Marlene Scholari	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens
2011	Mrs. Vi Griffin	Mr. David Dibrell	Mrs. Annette Curry	Mr. Bill Crews	Mrs. Marlene Scholari	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens
2012	Mrs. Annette Curry	Mr. Bill Crews	Mrs. Jayne Yenger	Mr. Trey Smith	Mrs. Marlene Scholari	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens
2013	Mrs. Jayne Yenger	Mr. Trey Smith	Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht		Mrs. Marlene Scholari	Mrs. Lorrie Faith Owens

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND
EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Consolidated Financial Statements

August 31, 2013 and 2012



Ratdiff & Associates, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Grand Chapter of Texas,
Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home (the "Organization"), a Texas nonprofit organization, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of August 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home as of August 31, 2013 and 2012, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Ratdiff & Associates, P.C.

March 24, 2014

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
August 31, 2013 and 2012

ASSETS		
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 355,134	\$ 351,976
Certificates of deposit	108,500	108,500
Interest receivable	88,626	92,307
Merchandise inventory	13,335	14,649
Prepaid expenses and other	<u>47,568</u>	<u>80,748</u>
Total current assets	<u>613,163</u>	<u>648,180</u>
Investments	1,495,501	1,665,779
Net property and equipment	28,684	48,041
Investments held in trust	3,140,688	2,989,880
Endowment investments	14,110,928	13,580,368
Other assets	<u>1,727</u>	<u>1,431</u>
Total other assets	<u>18,777,528</u>	<u>18,285,499</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 19,390,691</u>	<u>\$ 18,933,679</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 124,025	\$ 64,666
Deferred revenue	<u>149,177</u>	<u>159,092</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>273,202</u>	<u>223,758</u>
Funds held for others	<u>3,140,418</u>	<u>2,989,610</u>
Total other liabilities	<u>3,140,418</u>	<u>2,989,610</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	6,305,459	6,048,699
Permanently restricted	<u>9,671,612</u>	<u>9,671,612</u>
Total net assets	<u>15,977,071</u>	<u>15,720,311</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 19,390,691</u>	<u>\$ 18,933,679</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Consolidated Statements of Activities
For the Years Ended August 31, 2013 and 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets		
Revenue		
Gifts and donations	\$ 525,979	\$ 548,357
Dues	264,776	280,786
Grand Session revenue	195,676	149,589
Bulletin & supply sales	106,728	92,145
Investment income	387,886	417,643
Unrealized gains	238,831	514,447
Realized gains and (losses)	54,166	(151,386)
Recovery of loss on writeoff of Roberts estate	71,048	-
Interest and other income	2,887	1,787
Net assets released from restriction		
Satisfaction of program restriction	-	6,535
	<u>1,847,977</u>	<u>1,859,903</u>
Total unrestricted revenue		
	<u>1,847,977</u>	<u>1,859,903</u>
Operating expenses		
Program services		
Care of elderly members	776,081	774,422
Educational scholarships	51,000	50,750
Benevolence	69,962	65,587
Fraternal activities	315,945	284,697
Supporting services		
Management and general	354,349	354,221
Fundraising	23,880	28,187
	<u>1,591,217</u>	<u>1,557,864</u>
Total operating expenses		
	<u>1,591,217</u>	<u>1,557,864</u>
Increase in unrestricted net assets	<u>256,760</u>	<u>302,039</u>
Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		
Investment return	-	180
Net assets released from restriction	-	(6,535)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,355)</u>
Decrease in temporarily restricted net assets		
	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,355)</u>
Increase in net assets	256,760	295,684
Net assets at beginning of the year	<u>15,720,311</u>	<u>15,424,627</u>
Net assets at end of the year	<u>\$ 15,977,071</u>	<u>\$ 15,720,311</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended August 31, 2013 and 2012

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Cash received from donors, dues, memberships and other	\$ 1,160,860	\$ 984,057
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	<u>(1,433,974)</u>	<u>(1,542,153)</u>
Net cash utilized by operating activities	<u>(273,114)</u>	<u>(558,096)</u>
 Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sale of certificates of deposits	-	29,501
Purchase of fixed assets	-	(41,137)
Purchase of marketable securities	(1,821)	(108,979)
Proceeds from sales of investments	278,389	664,717
Investment in other assets	<u>(296)</u>	<u>(278)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>276,272</u>	<u>543,824</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,158	(14,272)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>351,976</u>	<u>366,248</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 355,134</u>	<u>\$ 351,976</u>

**Reconciliation of Increase in Net Assets to
Net Cash Utilized by Operating Activities**

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	<u>\$ 256,760</u>	<u>\$ 295,684</u>
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash utilized by operating activities		
Depreciation	19,357	29,240
Unrealized gains on sale of investments	(238,831)	(514,447)
Realized gains on investments	(442,052)	(266,257)
Investment fees	44,033	34,880
Change in interest receivable	3,681	(72,014)
Change in inventory	1,314	2,846
Change in prepaid expenses	33,180	(35,292)
Change in accounts payable and accrued expenses	59,359	(15,963)
Change in deferred revenue	<u>(9,915)</u>	<u>(16,773)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>(529,874)</u>	<u>(853,780)</u>
Net Cash Utilized by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (273,114)</u>	<u>\$ (558,096)</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended August 31, 2013

	Care of Elderly	Educational Scholarships	Benevolence	Fraternal Activities	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs:							
Compensation	6,553	-	-	6,601	-	110,038	123,192
Payroll taxes	641	-	-	646	-	10,766	12,053
	<u>7,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,804</u>	<u>135,245</u>
Care of the elderly							
Allowance to home members	9,590	-	-	-	-	-	9,590
Funeral	10,755	-	-	-	-	-	10,755
Infirmary and TMRC housing	736,008	-	-	-	-	-	736,008
Scholarships	-	51,000	-	-	-	-	51,000
Benevolence	-	-	46,082	-	-	-	46,082
Chapter benevolence	-	-	23,880	-	23,880	-	47,760
Special funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fraternal activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand officer's expense	-	-	-	13,350	-	-	13,350
Grand session expense	-	-	-	162,527	-	-	162,527
Past Grand Matron/ Grand Patron Jewels	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
General Grand Chapter per capita	-	-	-	30,380	-	-	30,380
Postage	523	-	-	7,005	-	7,812	15,340
Printing	-	-	-	64,459	-	-	64,459
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	17,040	17,040
GGC International Headquarters	-	-	-	5,025	-	-	5,025
Management and general	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Auto	-	-	-	6,595	-	347	6,942
Depreciation	1,936	-	-	968	-	16,453	19,357
Insurance	5,655	-	-	2,828	-	48,070	56,553
Investment trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	44,900	44,900
Audit and taxes	-	-	-	-	-	31,957	31,957
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computers and technology	-	-	-	-	-	17,923	17,923
Office supplies	-	-	-	5,813	-	6,989	12,802
Other	27	-	-	1,468	-	1,840	3,335
Rent	3,575	-	-	5,609	-	30,587	39,571
Repairs and maintenance	211	-	-	105	-	1,792	2,108
Telephone	227	-	-	113	-	1,926	2,266
Utilities	380	-	-	190	-	3,226	3,796
Bank Fees	-	-	-	763	-	2,288	3,051
Sale of Property	-	-	-	-	-	595	595
	<u>768,887</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>69,962</u>	<u>308,698</u>	<u>23,880</u>	<u>233,545</u>	<u>1,455,972</u>
	<u>\$ 776,081</u>	<u>\$ 51,000</u>	<u>\$ 69,962</u>	<u>\$ 315,945</u>	<u>\$ 23,880</u>	<u>\$ 354,349</u>	<u>\$ 1,591,217</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended August 31, 2012

	Care of Elderly	Educational Scholarships	Benevolence	Fraternal Activities	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs:							
Compensation	\$ 7,691	-	\$ -	\$ 7,121	\$ -	\$ 111,548	\$ 126,360
Payroll taxes	565	-	-	523	-	8,195	9,283
	<u>8,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,743</u>	<u>135,643</u>
Care of the elderly							
Allowance to home members	10,640	-	-	-	-	-	10,640
Funeral	6,228	-	-	-	-	-	6,228
Infirmary and TMRC housing	735,101	-	-	-	-	-	735,101
Scholarships	-	50,750	-	-	-	-	50,750
Benevolence							
Chapter benevolence	-	-	37,400	-	-	-	37,400
Special funds	-	-	28,187	-	28,187	-	56,374
Fraternal activities							
Grand officer's expense	-	-	-	13,350	-	-	13,350
Grand session expense	-	-	-	125,556	-	-	125,556
Past Grand Matron/ Patron Jewels	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
General Grand Chapter per capita	-	-	-	32,110	-	-	32,110
Postage	345	-	-	10,155	-	9,881	20,381
Printing	-	-	-	58,207	-	-	58,207
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	3,779	3,779
GGC International Headquarters	-	-	-	5,470	-	-	5,470
Management and general							
Auto	-	-	-	9,947	-	524	10,471
Depreciation	2,924	-	-	1,462	-	24,854	29,240
Insurance	6,336	-	-	3,168	-	53,855	63,359
Investment trust fees	-	-	-	-	-	34,637	34,637
Audit and taxes	-	-	-	-	-	34,326	34,326
Legal and professional	650	-	-	-	-	1,308	1,958
Computers and technology	-	-	-	7,055	-	27,136	27,136
Office supplies	-	-	-	3,630	-	6,956	14,011
Other	35	-	-	4,603	-	1,823	5,488
Rent	3,300	-	-	16	-	28,050	35,953
Repairs and maintenance	33	-	-	-	-	277	326
Telephone	184	-	-	92	-	1,568	1,844
Utilities	363	-	-	181	-	3,084	3,628
Bank Fees	27	-	-	551	-	328	906
Sale of Property	-	-	-	-	-	2,092	2,092
	<u>766,166</u>	<u>50,750</u>	<u>65,587</u>	<u>277,053</u>	<u>28,187</u>	<u>234,478</u>	<u>1,422,221</u>
	\$ 774,422	\$ 50,750	\$ 65,587	\$ 284,697	\$ 28,187	\$ 354,221	\$ 1,557,864

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

To the Administrative Board,
Grand Chapter of Texas,
Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas:

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and Eastern Star Home of Texas as of and for the years ended August 31, 2013 and 2012, and our report thereon dated January 24, 2014, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those consolidated financial statements appears on page one. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The Consolidating Statements of Financial Position and Consolidating Statements of Activities included herein on pages 18 to 21 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

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March 24, 2014

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Consolidating Statement of Financial Position
August 31, 2013

ASSETS

	Chapter	Home	Eliminations	Consolidated
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 354,624	\$ 510	\$ -	\$ 355,134
Certificates of deposit	108,500	-	-	108,500
Interest receivable	88,118	508	-	88,626
Merchandise inventory	13,335	-	-	13,335
Receivable from Chapter	-	27,698	(27,698)	-
Prepaid expenses and other	47,568	-	-	47,568
	<u>612,145</u>	<u>28,716</u>	<u>(27,698)</u>	<u>613,163</u>
Total current assets				
Investments	682,045	813,456	-	1,495,501
Net property and equipment	28,684	-	-	28,684
Investments held in trust	3,140,688	-	-	3,140,688
Endowment investments	14,110,928	-	-	14,110,928
Other assets	1,705	22	-	1,727
	<u>17,964,050</u>	<u>813,478</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,777,528</u>
Total other assets				
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,576,195</u>	<u>\$ 842,194</u>	<u>\$ (27,698)</u>	<u>\$ 19,390,691</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 67,100	\$ 56,925	\$ -	\$ 124,025
Payable to home	27,698	-	(27,698)	-
Deferred revenue	149,177	-	-	149,177
	<u>243,975</u>	<u>56,925</u>	<u>(27,698)</u>	<u>273,202</u>
Total current liabilities				
Funds held for others	3,140,418	-	-	3,140,418
	<u>3,140,418</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,140,418</u>
Total other liabilities				
Net assets				
Unrestricted	5,831,154	474,305	-	6,305,459
Permanently restricted	9,360,648	310,964	-	9,671,612
	<u>15,191,802</u>	<u>785,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,977,071</u>
Total net assets				
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 18,576,195</u>	<u>\$ 842,194</u>	<u>\$ (27,698)</u>	<u>\$ 19,390,691</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**
Consolidating Statement of Financial Position
August 31, 2012

ASSETS

	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 181,089	\$ 170,887	\$ -	\$ 351,976
Certificates of deposit	108,500	-	-	108,500
Accrued interest receivable	91,421	886	-	92,307
Receivable from Chapter	-	(15,078)	15,078	-
Merchandise inventory	14,649	-	-	14,649
Prepaid expenses and other	80,748	-	-	80,748
	<u>476,407</u>	<u>156,695</u>	<u>15,078</u>	<u>648,180</u>
Total current assets				
Investments	756,603	909,176	-	1,665,779
Net property and equipment	48,041	-	-	48,041
Investments held in trust	2,989,880	-	-	2,989,880
Endowment investments	13,580,368	-	-	13,580,368
Other assets	1,409	22	-	1,431
	<u>17,376,301</u>	<u>909,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,285,499</u>
Total other assets				
Total Assets	<u>\$ 17,852,708</u>	<u>\$ 1,065,893</u>	<u>\$ 15,078</u>	<u>\$ 18,933,679</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 8,317	\$ 56,349	\$ -	\$ 64,666
Payable to home	(15,078)	-	15,078	-
Deferred revenue	159,092	-	-	159,092
	<u>152,331</u>	<u>56,349</u>	<u>15,078</u>	<u>223,758</u>
Total current liabilities				
Funds held for others	2,989,610	-	-	2,989,610
	<u>2,989,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,989,610</u>
Total other liabilities				
Net assets				
Unrestricted	5,350,119	698,580	-	6,048,699
Temporarily restricted	-	-	-	-
Permanently restricted	9,360,648	310,964	-	9,671,612
	<u>14,710,767</u>	<u>1,009,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,720,311</u>
Total net assets				
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 17,852,708</u>	<u>\$ 1,065,893</u>	<u>\$ 15,078</u>	<u>\$ 18,933,679</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Consolidating Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended August 31, 2013

	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets:			
Revenue			
Gifts and donations	\$ 199,476	\$ 326,503	\$ 525,979
Dues	120,706	144,070	264,776
Grand Session revenue	195,676	-	195,676
Bulletin & supply sales	106,728	-	106,728
Investment income	382,268	5,618	387,886
Unrealized gains and (losses)	244,547	(5,716)	238,831
Realized gains and (losses)	54,870	(704)	54,166
Recovery of loss on writeoff of Roberts estate	-	71,048	71,048
Interest and other income	2,227	660	2,887
	<u>1,306,498</u>	<u>541,479</u>	<u>1,847,977</u>
Total unrestricted revenue			
Operating expenses			
Program services			
Care of elderly members	19,728	756,353	776,081
Educational scholarships	51,000	-	51,000
Benevolence	69,962	-	69,962
Fraternal activities	315,945	-	315,945
Supporting services			
Management and general	344,948	9,401	354,349
Fundraising	23,880	-	23,880
	<u>825,463</u>	<u>765,754</u>	<u>1,591,217</u>
Total operating expenses			
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	481,035	(224,275)	256,760
Net assets at beginning of the year	<u>14,710,767</u>	<u>1,009,544</u>	<u>15,720,311</u>
Net assets at end of the year	<u>\$ 15,191,802</u>	<u>\$ 785,269</u>	<u>\$ 15,977,071</u>

**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS**

Consolidating Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended August 31, 2012

	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets			
Revenue			
Gifts and donations	\$ 233,104	\$ 315,253	\$ 548,357
Dues	124,996	155,790	280,786
Grand Session revenue	149,589	-	149,589
Bulletin & supply sales	92,145	-	92,145
Investment income	399,334	18,310	417,644
Unrealized gains and (losses)	524,584	(10,137)	514,447
Realized gains and (losses)	(165,625)	14,238	(151,387)
Interest and other income	1,465	322	1,787
Net assets released from restriction			
Satisfaction of program restriction	6,535	-	6,535
Total unrestricted revenue	<u>1,366,127</u>	<u>493,776</u>	<u>1,859,903</u>
Operating expenses			
Program services			
Care of elderly members	21,776	752,646	774,422
Educational scholarships	50,750	-	50,750
Benevolence	65,587	-	65,587
Fraternal activities	284,697	-	284,697
Supporting services			
Management and general	346,868	7,353	354,221
Fundraising	28,187	-	28,187
Total operating expenses	<u>797,865</u>	<u>759,999</u>	<u>1,557,864</u>
Increase in unrestricted net assets	<u>568,262</u>	<u>(266,223)</u>	<u>302,039</u>
Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets			
Investment return	180	-	180
Net assets released from restriction	(6,535)	-	(6,535)
Increase in temporarily restricted net assets	<u>(6,355)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,355)</u>
Increase in net assets	561,907	(266,223)	295,684
Net assets at beginning of the year	<u>14,148,860</u>	<u>1,275,767</u>	<u>15,424,627</u>
Net assets at end of the year	<u>\$ 14,710,767</u>	<u>\$ 1,009,544</u>	<u>\$ 15,720,311</u>

Corporate Board Minutes

Corporate Board Meeting
August 25, 2012

Worthy Grand Matron called the Corporate Board /Jurisprudence Meeting to order at 2:00pm.

Worthy Grand Patron offered an opening prayer.

Attending:

Worthy Grand Matron - Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Patron - Bill Crews
Associate Grand Matron - Jayne Yenger
Associate Grand Patron - Trey Smith
Grand Secretary - Marlene Scholari
Grand Treasurer - Lorrie Owens
Grand Conductress - Cheryl Albrecht
Associate Grand Conductress - Jerre Lucas

Jurisprudence Members:

Nancy Brown
Nelson Campbell
Jerry Trees
Betty Benham
Joyce Gilbert

Worthy Grand Matron stated that this meeting was called to discuss the issues she would like to see put to rest.

1. Worthy Grand Matron discussed the rumors that were going around about the sale of the Eastern Star property.
2. She passed out packets on information concerning the sale of the property to all present. The Worthy Grand Matron went over all information in the packet with everyone present. Discussion was had on the contents of packet.
3. Worthy Grand Matron asked everyone present to please keep the information that they were presented to themselves until she was able to discuss the information with the Board of Directors.
4. Also she stated that the committee appointed by the Past Grand Matron, Vi Griffin would continue and there would be a report printed in the bulletin when completed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

Corporate Board Meeting
October 19, 2012

Worthy Grand Matron called the Corporate Board to order at 2:00pm.

Worthy Grand Patron offered an opening prayer.

Attending:

Worthy Grand Matron - Annette Curry

Worthy Grand Patron - Bill Crews

Associate Grand Matron - Jayne Yenger

Associate Grand Patron - Trey Smith

Grand Secretary - Marlene Scholari

Grand Treasurer - Lorrie Owens

Grand Conductress - Cheryl Albrecht

Associate Grand Conductress - Jerre Lucas

1. Worthy Grand Matron discussed the Line Officers Guideline book. It was a consensus of the 3 line officers that they should be the ones to be responsible for the Guideline book. They will take this book over and update the book with the assistance of the Grand Secretary.
2. Grand Treasurer, Lorrie Owens informed the board that she had sent out an email that stated the renewal dates of the 3 CD's located at BBV Compass Bank. She also stated that the dates of the 3 CD's were in the advance report handed out at Grand Chapter. Discussion was held on the CD's.
3. Grand Conductress, Cheryl Albrecht mentioned that she had not received the Board of Directors meeting minutes. She inquired if anyone else had not received them.
4. Worthy Grand Matron informed everyone about the request that had been made of the Grand Secretary to run sets of the bank statements for the chairman and the use of the printer's at the September board meeting. Discussion was held on the banking access that the chairman and co-chairman have to the accounts.
5. Worthy Grand Matron discussed some of the chapters that were having problems.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

Corporate Board Meeting
February 16, 2012

Worthy Grand Matron called the Corporate Board to order at 2:25pm.

Worthy Grand Patron offered an opening prayer.

Attending:

Worthy Grand Matron - Annette Curry

Worthy Grand Patron - Bill Crews

Associate Grand Matron - Jayne Yenger

Associate Grand Patron - Trey Smith

Grand Secretary - Marlene Scholari

Grand Treasurer - Lorrie Owens

Grand Conductress - Cheryl Albrecht

Associate Grand Conductress - Jerre Lucas

1. Worthy Grand Matron discussed the comments that had been brought to her attention about keys, etc. pertaining to the office. She explained the reason for the change of keys.
2. The question was asked about the Board of Directors minutes not being on the Website. Grand Conductress, Cheryl stated that she had looked at the site and they were not on the website as of that time.
3. Worthy Grand Matron talked about chapters that are talking about consolidation and changing sections. She stated that there have been about 5 chapters that had mentioned doing so at this time.
4. Worthy Grand Matron discussed fund raising in the chapters for designated funds such as scholarships and asked everyone about how they felt it should be handles when a chapter consolidates.
5. Associate Grand Patron asked for a copy of the letter that was handed out at the board meeting. Worthy Grand Matron showed the letter and discussion was held.
6. Grand Treasurer stated that the Board Chairman wanted to have a telephone conference call with the bankers. She was directed to send an email to the Bankers with a list of questions.
7. Associate Grand Conductress stated that there needed to be a sheet signed by the Board of Directors of their approval of email votes for transfers of funds and stated that they used to do that when she was on the board before.
8. Question was asked about who was to take minutes of the board minutes and that a recording of the meeting was to be done. It was stated that the appointed board secretary was supposed to be the one to do that. It was stated that she takes a transcript. We currently do not have an appointed secretary she resigned.
9. The members of corporate board asked for copies of the presentation that was given in August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Scholari

Board Director Chairman/Vice Chairman and Corporate Board Meeting
March 16, 2013

Called to order by Elizabeth Wise, Board Chairman to order at 8:00am.

Attending:

Worthy Grand Matron - Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Patron - Bill Crews
Associate Grand Matron - Jayne Yenger
Associate Grand Patron - Trey Smith
Grand Secretary - Marlene Scholari
Grand Treasurer - Lorrie Owens
Grand Conductress - Cheryl Albrecht
Associate Grand Conductress - Jerre Lucas
Chairman-Elizabeth Wise-First half of meeting.
Vice Chairman- Ron Zipp-First half of meeting.

1. Board chairman stated she wanted to thank everyone for attending. This was called for questions to be asked of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer on the issue of a rumor about using online banking.
2. Grand Secretary, Marlene Scholari informed the board that the system of the accounting is online not our banking. The difference between the two was explained. Grand Secretary stated that she would never do anything to put Grand Chapter in jeopardy.
3. There was some discussion and the board chairman and vice-chairman stated they were satisfied that nothing was being done to violate any security issues that were first thought. The chairman and vice-chairman left the meeting and it was decided to continue and finish with corporate board business.
4. Worthy Grand Matron discussed issues and questions that concerned Associate Grand Conductresses round-up. A referral was made to a fundraiser and 4 hats. She said to refer to Article 173- No soliciting for gifts. Another question had been brought to her attention about Associate Grand Matron and Patrons' round-up pertaining to asking chapters for donations from District 5. Associate Grand Matron and Patron stated that as soon as they found out about it they shut it down and had any money received returned.
5. The Worthy Grand Matron handed out a transcript of the November board meeting. She instructed everyone not to share the information that she was giving us with anyone. It was decided that we would continue after the Board of Directors meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:00am.

Reconvened following Board of Directors meeting.

6. The Worthy Grand Matron asked everyone, if anyone had shown any of the items that she had given to anyone. Everyone said no. She went on to discuss the committees that the board had given each member of the board members and by having them was it was a conflict with the committees appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron and they were constitutional committees. She referred to several Articles of the Constitution and Robert's Rules of Order.
7. A discussion about the cost of the cover of the bulletin being printed in color and its cost difference in printing in black and white. A motion was made by Jerre Lucas that it be the decision of the Worthy Grand Matron if it was to be color or black and white. Vote was 8 for and 0 against. She said she would think on it. Further discussion on several topics.

Meeting adjourned 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

Worthy Grand Matron called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Worthy Grand Patron offered an opening prayer.

Attending:

Worthy Grand Matron - Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Patron - Bill Crews
Associate Grand Matron - Jayne Yenger
Associate Grand Patron - Trey Smith
Grand Secretary - Marlene Scholari
Grand Treasurer - Lorrie Owens
Grand Conductress - Cheryl Albrecht
Associate Grand Conductress - Jerre Lucas
Jurisprudence Committee Members-
Nancy Brown-Chairman
Nelson Campbell
Joyce Gilbert
Jerry Trees
Parliamentarian-Willie Mae Shaw

1. Worthy Grand Matron thanked everyone for attending. She stated that she had some handouts to give to everyone for this meeting and when the meeting was over she wanted them returned to her. Also the reason for the meeting was to discuss problems with two of the board members. First we would talk about the issues concerning Darla Dunaway. The documents were handed out and she began going over the information that she handed out.
2. There was very lengthy discussion of all the documentation that was handed out that concerned the board member in question. Many questions were asked and information was presented by others that were in attendance. Nelson, Trey, Cheryl and Jerre suggested calling Darla in to ask questions.
3. The Worthy Grand Matron Called for a vote to remove Darla Dunaway from the board of Directors. Further discussion was held. She again called for the vote of removal of the board member Darla Dunaway.
4. The vote was taken and was as follows: Corporate Board members was 7 Yes and 1 No to remove. Nancy Brown, Chairman of Jurisprudence placed the vote of Betty Benham with her directive. Jurisprudence Committee was 3 Yes and 1 No to remove.
5. Worthy Grand Matron continued to go over the documentation concerning Elizabeth Wise Chairman and her concerns of actions taken by the Chairman. After lengthy discussion and presentation of all documents that concerned her actions. The suggestion was made that we call Elizabeth in and ask questions concerning her actions that have been discussed.
6. Elizabeth was asked many questions by the Worthy Grand Matron and other members. She answered the questions asked and some of the questions were asked more than once to confirm the answers given by Elizabeth. Several statements were made by Elizabeth concerning the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and the bankers. Elizabeth was dismissed from the meeting.
7. The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote of removal of Elizabeth Wise from the board of directors.
8. The vote was taken and was as follows: Corporate Board members was 7 Yes and 0 No to remove, one member absent. Jurisprudence Committee was 4 Yes and 1 No to remove.
9. The two members of the board were brought into the meeting and removal letters were presented to Darla and Elizabeth. They left the room and the meeting continued.
10. Worthy Grand Matron appointed Jerry Miller and Mickie Campbell to fill the positions on the board for the unexpired term.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

Worthy Grand Matron called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Attending:

Worthy Grand Matron - Annette Curry
Worthy Grand Patron - Bill Crews
Associate Grand Matron - Jayne Yenger
Associate Grand Patron - Trey Smith
Grand Secretary - Marlene Scholari
Grand Treasurer - Lorrie Owens
Grand Conductress - Cheryl Albrecht
Associate Grand Conductress - Jerre Lucas
Board of Directors-
Ron Zipp-Chairman
Gerry Sturtz-Vice Chairman
Jean Hobbs-Secretary
Jack Beall
Becky Austin
Audri Rowell
Keith Mikeworth
Jerre Miller
Mickie Campbell
David Ouellette
Jurisprudence Committee-
Nancy Brown-Chairman
Joyce Gilbert

1. Worthy Grand Matron thanked everyone for attending. She stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of verifying that all the Jewels of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were present and accounted for. The Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Chairman of the Board, Grand Secretary, PGM Nancy Brown, Associate Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Patron to go the Grand Secretary office and get the key for the Boards fire proof locked cabinet. The officers returned to the Board room. The contents of the file cabinet were removed from the file cabinet and brought into the board room. The Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron Nancy Brown proceeded to go thru the contents that were removed from the file cabinet. Pictures were taken of all the Jewels and our Associate Grand Patron did a quick appraisal of the jewels as he is a jeweler. There were 8 Past Grand Matron jewels and 6 Past Grand Patron jewels.
2. Among the items found was the original Worthy Grand Matron's Jewel, which matched the Worthy Grand Patrons jewel. This jewel had previously been reported as lost. The items were returned to the file cabinet by the same individuals and the keys were returned to the lock box.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

Corporate Board Meeting- August 16, 2013

Worthy Grand Matron called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

Attending:

Worthy Grand Matron - Annette Curry

Worthy Grand Patron - Bill Crews

Associate Grand Matron - Jayne Yenger

Associate Grand Patron - Trey Smith

Grand Secretary - Marlene Scholari

Grand Treasurer - Lorrie Owens

Grand Conductress - Cheryl Albrecht

Associate Grand Conductress - Jerre Lucas

1. Worthy Grand Matron thanked everyone for attending. She stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of reading and approving the meeting minutes. Seven sets of minutes were read and approved as corrected.
2. A discussion was held on the letter read, at the being of the Grand Chapter session. Worthy Grand Matron was asked to share the letter and attached information. The board members, who wanted to read the information, did so. It was stated by the Grand Secretary that she would get all them a copy of the letter and attachments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Scholari
Grand Secretary

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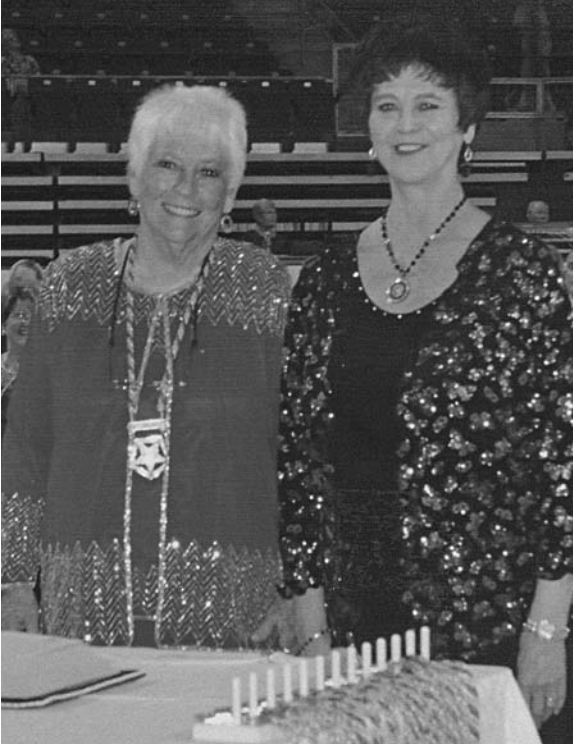
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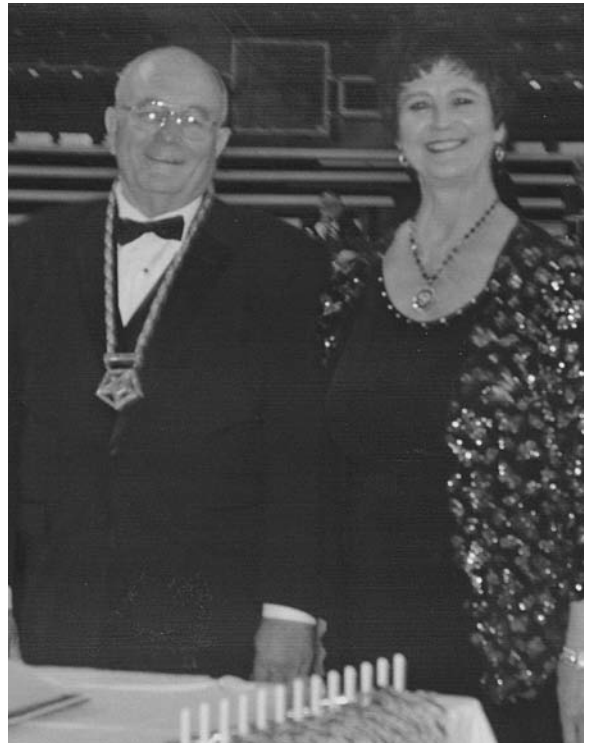
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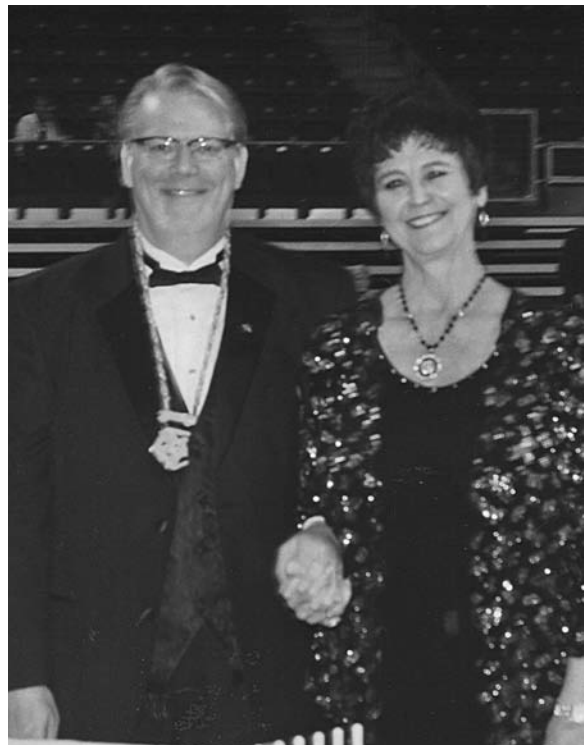
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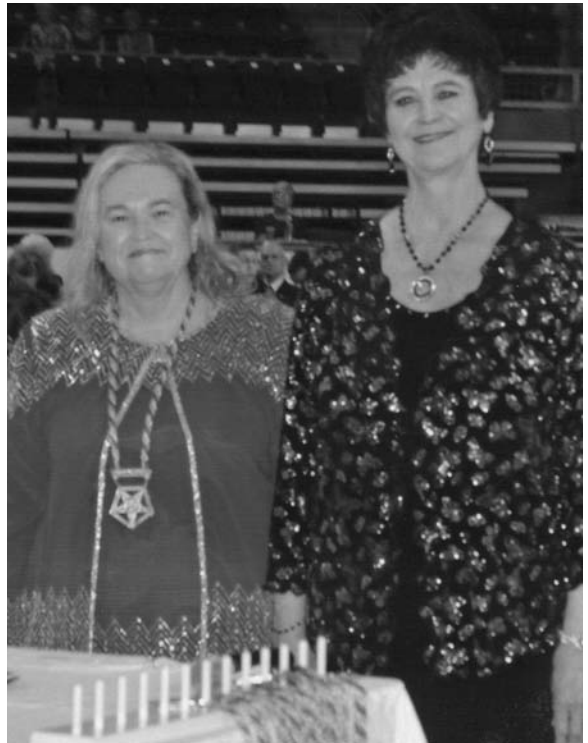
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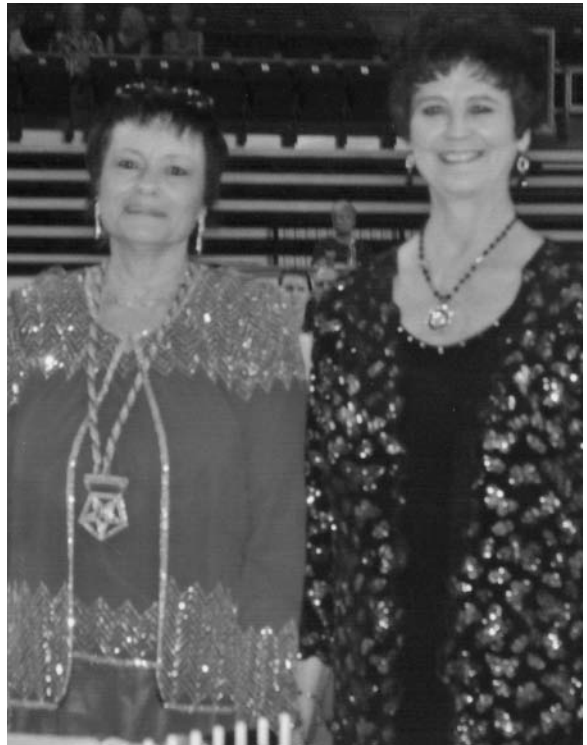
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Associate Grand Conductress Jerre Lucas and Grand Conductress Cheryl Albrecht



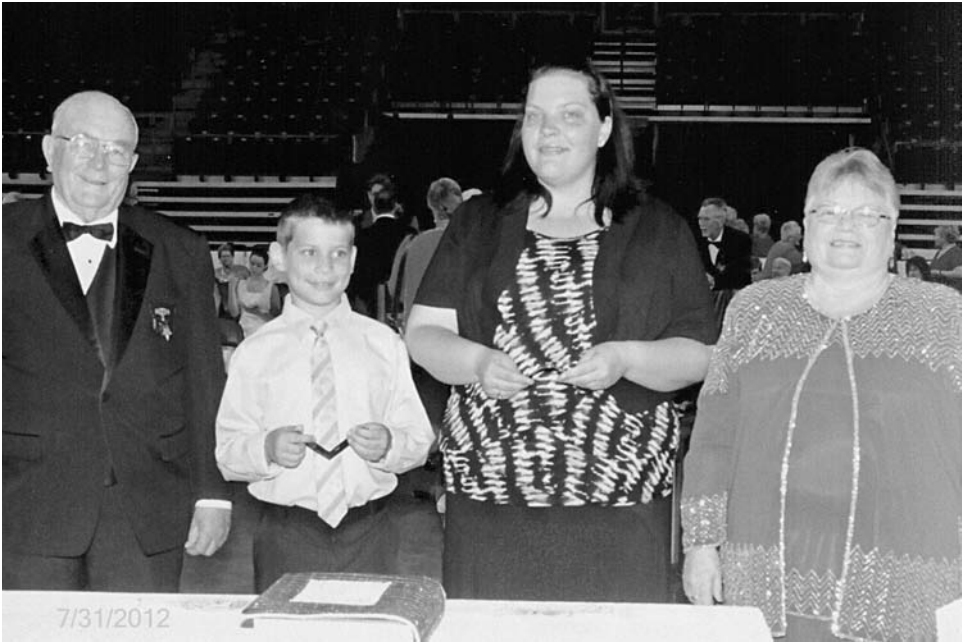
Grand Chaplain
Leslie Keilberg



Grand Marshal
Lori Goldman







Worthy Grand Patron, Bill Crews; Great Grandson, Brenden Carter; Granddaughter, Amanda Carter; Grand Esther, Kathey Crews



Worthy Grand Matron, Annette Curry with Grandsons Jacob, Benjamin and Samuel Jones



Barbara Martin, Secretary to Worthy Grand Matron, Annette Curry



Melinda Richardson - Daughter & Secretary of Worthy Grand Patron Bill Crews



Newly Commissioned Grand Representatives



The East



Rainbow



DeMolay



Worthy Grand Matron is escorted to the East



Worthy Grand Patron is escorted to the East



Most Worshipful Grand Master Walter Rogrs



Most Worthy Grand Patron John Grobler



Humanitarian



Board of Directors



Jurisprudence Committee



ESTARL Committee



Deputy Grand Matrons District 1

Bridget Barber, S1; Jo Ann Storie, S2; Kay Cunningham S3,
Sue Shoemaker, S4; Alys Newsom, S5; Rosalie Randall, S7;
Peggy McNeely, S8; Gloria Terry, S9; Judy Chitty, S10

Connie Bilby, District Deputy Grand Matron; Carolyn Martin, Grand Examiner



Deputy Grand Matrons District 2

Clarissa Dallas, S3; Peggy Ledinski, S4; Judy Parsons, S7; Carol Melton, S8;
Candace Barnes, S10;

Chris Puckett, District Deputy Grand Matron; Carla Stringer, Grand Examiner



Deputy Grand Matrons District 3

Virginia Strong, S1; Yvonne Alton, S2; Martha Hackney, S5; June Scott, S6;
 Jean Krempin, S7; Martha Clements, S8; Sherri Barrett, S9; Mary Jo Jaska, S10

Donna Noe, District Deputy Grand Matron; Donna Hill Pope, Grand Examiner



Deputy Grand Matrons District 4

Delois Richardson, S1; Peggy Barrington, S2; Joan Arrendell, S3;
 Ruth Clifton S4; Sharon Hill Adams, S5; Betty Carter, S6; Pat Chuber, S7;
 Lynne Love, S8; Kathy St. John, S9; Sandra Losack, S10

Judy Tucker, District Deputy Grand Matron; Sharon Mosmeyer, Grand Examiner;
 Laura Sharp, Grand Examiner At Large



Deputy Grand Matrons District 5

Christy Kestler, S3; Donna Nair, S4; Cynthia Brooks, S5; Phyllis Wilson, S6;
Julia Perkins, S7; Joyce Wadle, S8; Linda Carter, S9; Betsy Foote, S10

Carlotta Fairchild, District Deputy Grand Matron;
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